

# DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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Hello to my favorite/favourite Lions!

We are in full swing of our Lions year, how does it feel? us your talents!

I have been busy with club visits and it's amazing what our clubs are accomplishing! If you want some new ideas or need your Lions tank filled, ask a neighboring club if you can help on a project they have coming up. Or go to a meeting, it's so much fun to just sit and observe how another club does things, and you may get a completely different idea to bring that back to your own club.

Another way to fill up your Lions tank is to attend our Mid-Winter Convention! It is January 27-28, 2023, in Winnipeg. You can find all the forms on our district website [www.lionsdistrict5m11.org](http://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org)

The convention theme is "Don't stop Believing"

Our service project is for the homeless in the Winnipeg area. We are asking for socks, stocking hats, gloves and scarves. On Saturday afternoon we will sort everything and put it into Ziplock bags with a note attached to the front talking about our district and Lions Clubs. It is a great need in the Winnipeg and surrounding area, especially as winter will be in full swing.

What does this mean for you? Start shopping, look for these items on sale, or bring up to your club to donate money for someone to shop for these items. Bring these items with you to the convention and help us get

organized with putting them into bags!

Friday night's party is showing your Lions Pride! How much fun will it be to get a shirt made up for your club that shows how much you love being a Lion, and you can wear it to club functions as well! I'm looking forward to seeing what creative ideas we come up with!

Friday night entertainment begins with a corn hole tournament \$20/team donation (US or Canadian) all money will be donated to Dog Guides. We have a DJ and will also have karaoke for those that want to show

This is just a glimpse into what we have planned, so you don't want to miss this great event where we can celebrate successes and learn new ways to do things.

I hope to see all of you there!

DG Lion Kami Anderson

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## PICTURES FROM AROUND 5M11



Above: Fosston-Lengby Charter members honored



Lions volunteers gathered on opening day at the Roseau County fair in July to do vision screening of children. Volunteers included, left to right, Jackie Oslund, Wannaska Lions, DG Kami Anderson, Karlstad Lions, PDG Allen Bertilrud, Red Lake Falls Lions, 1VDG Mike Hagen and Karen Hagen, Wannaska Lions, Shirley Burian, Greenbush-Badger Lions, and Dan Vandeventer, St. Hilaire Lions, MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation Director. The screening event was hosted by the Wannaska Lions.



Lion Tamie Rue receives a District Governor's Award from PDG Allen Bertilrud



Below: DG Kami Anderson receives a DG Award from PDG Allen Bertilrud. Kami was recognized for her service to the district as 1st VDG, 2021-22.



CONGRATULATIONS, LIONS TAMIE & DG KAMI!!!



**BELOW: W.ST.Paul Lions is once again able to hold its' bravery scramble raffle. Brenda A. won \$500.00 in free groceries. Brenda will race the clock, 5 minutes, to accumulate \$500.00 in her cart(s) Good luck Brenda!**



**Brenda A, winner of WSTPaul Lions \$500.00 grocery scramble is getting ready to run at the Main Street IGA at 7:25 AM. L - R Brenda, Lion Pat and Lion Jay.**



**Above and to the right: For the second year, the Grow A Row Vegetable Drop Off in Whitemouth on September 10<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Just under 1000 lbs was collected...plus some dry goods and cash donations. Everything was delivered to the Lac Du Bonnet Food Bank. This project was a joint collaboration with the RM of Reynolds Food Bank, who had their own drop off on the same day, and involved four local organizations, including Whitemouth & District Lions Club. We very much appreciate the volunteers who collected and delivered these donations, as well as the wonderful generosity of our community.**



**Above Right: Barnesville Lions member, Vern Barker is shown giving a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Scott Nelson, Barnesville Ambulance Manager and Lion member. The money will be used toward the purchase of stair climbers, units that move patients up or down stairs. Each stair climber costs approximately \$9,000 and Scott currently has raised enough to purchase one unit, his goal being two units, one for each ambulance. The most recent fund-raising raffle that the Lions conducted was well received by the community, allowing the Barnesville Club to make donations like this and exemplifying the Lions international motto, "We Serve."**



# PEACE POSTERS

West St. Paul Lions sponsor Peace Poster Contest. Winners pictured below:



Above Left: Lion Fran with the 1st winner from West St Paul School Myranda L

Above Right: Lion Fran with 2nd place winner from West St Paul School Kaitlyn C



Above Left: Lion Fran with Ralph Brown's 1st place winner Peaches R

Above Right: Lion Fran with Ralph Brown's 2nd place winner Diane M

**IF YOU HAVE PICTURES OR ITEMS  
THAT YOU WISH TO BE PUBLISHED IN  
THE DISTRICT NEWSLETTER, PLEASE  
FORWARD THEM TO:**

[lions5M11news@gmail.com](mailto:lions5M11news@gmail.com)

Lions club of West St. Paul fall supper on Oct 23,2022



## Mid-Winter Convention Service Project Announced

DG Lion Kami has set a service project for all of us for the Mid-Winter convention.

We are gathering NEW winter items for homeless adults:

- socks
- toques (beanies for USA folks)
- gloves/mittens
- scarves

Each set will be bagged in a zip-lock and labelled from us. Looking at *Main Street Project* and probably *Siloam Mission*.

Up here in Canada, your best bang for your buck is probably *Dollarama*. Maybe Wal-Mart or Giant Tiger.

PLEASE contact Lion Jan

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if you have questions.

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The district is still looking for a 2nd Vice District Governor. If you are interested, please contact District Governor Kami or 1st Vice District Governor Mike.



# COMMENTS AND GREETINGS FROM 1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR, MIKE HAGEN

Dear Fellow Lions:

What a busy couple of months! We attended the Red Lake Falls Lion Corn Feed on September 7th. The corn, burgers and such were good, and visiting with fellow Lions was great. We then left for Calgary, Alberta in Canada for the USA/Canada Lions Forum. We met Lions from throughout the USA and Canada. Many interesting visits and seminars. Thanks to IPDG Allen Bertilrud for doing most of the driving. We saw much different scenery between home and Calgary. If you have never been to a USA/Canada Forum you should think of going next year in Reno, Nevada.

I was back home for 3-4 days, then flew to Detroit, Michigan to tour the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility in Rochester Hills. What an experience. While blindfolded we were led by a Leader Dog, also used a white cane to walk around a corner and obstacles. The highlight, maybe low light, was eating supper while blindfolded. Give it a try at your next meal.

October 6 and 7 we had Lions District Governor training at Craguns in Brainerd. It was intensive training with mandatory fun in the evenings. It was great to spend time with the other 1stVDG's again. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the Council of Governors was held. Interesting to be an observer to the meeting and again fun to be with Lion friends.

The month of November will find me participating in virtual training with Lions from throughout the world. This training is in preparation for our February training by Chicago. With the beginning of the new year, Karen and I plan to attend some of the MidWinter Conventions throughout Minnesota. I encourage each of you to attend our MidWinter Convention at the end of January in Winnipeg. It sounds like it will be several fun-filled days. As a service project during the convention, we will be packing items for the homeless of Winnipeg.

Please consider donating socks, gloves, mittens, scarves, caps and such for the homeless.

Wishing each of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Blessed Christmas.

Thank you for being a Lion and for your service. Have fun serving.

Thank you.

1stVDG Mike



What a great way to start off the 2022-23 year for the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. We have 5 new members to bring you news of what the foundation is doing this year.

Please ask them to come to a club meeting sometime in the next year, if you haven't done so yet. Both old and new members are anxious to share all the good news we have in research and outreach.



Minnesota State Fair Hearing Foundation booth in the Education building, PDG Tom & Lion Michele Plagman, handing out information and earplugs



## DISTRICT GOVERNOR KAMI VISITS AREA CLUBS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR KAMI ANDERSON VISITED SEVERAL CLUBS IN DILWORTH ON OCTOBER 27th. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DILWORTH LIONS, DILWORTH LOCO LIONS, DGF LEOS, GLYNDON LIONS, MOORHEAD LIONS AND MOORHEAD MIDDAY/CENTRAL LIONS WERE IN ATTENDANCE.



**ABOVE:** New Lions receiving their pins from their sponsors. L to R- New Lion Rob Kupec, Lion Darin Sundstrom, Sabin Lion Jim Aasness, new Lion Ryan Weiser.

**BELOW:** DG KAMI WITH FOUR NEW MEMBERS AND SPONSORS, TWO EACH FROM THE MOORHEAD LIONS AND THE DILWORTH LIONS, FOLLOWING THEIR INDUCTION CEREMONY ON OCT. 27th.



Below: PDG Deanne Williams of the Dilworth Loco Lions Club presenting Dilworth Lions President Darrell Vasvick a check for \$60, commemorating the Dilworth Lions 60th Anniversary in October!



**Above:** DG Kami, with Dilworth Lions President Darrell Vasvick, being presented with gifts at the multi-club Governor's Visitation on October 27th.

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Did you know that the Lions of District 5M11 (You!) have donated over \$100,000 to various causes since July 1st, 2022? Way to go LIONS !



Dear CC Glenn and Members of the 2022-23 Council of Governors,

I write as Chairman of the TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation to ask the MD5M Council to add the TEAM Sheehan Foundation to the list of Service Activities found on pages 6 and 7 of Chapter 1 A 5 in the MD5M Policy Manual.

The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation was formed on March 17, 2022 and received its 501c3 designation on June 23, 2022.

The Foundation has a 13 member Board of Directors with staggered terms consisting of myself (5M6), Vice Chair PID Bruce Beck(5M9), Secretary PDG Joan Blank (5M2), Treasurer PDG Marty Athmann (Bird Island Lions Club), PCC Earl Orvik (5M1), PDG Vickie Radloff (5M3), PDG Kent Biessel (5M4), PDG Rob Rand (5M5), PDG Pat Kennedy (5M7), PDG Donna Mae Landwehr (5M8), PDG Larry Winner (5M10), Lion Jenifer Spielman (5M11) and PDG Cheryl McKitrick (5M13), as well as Advisers Lori and Brian Sheehan.

In the past, LCI Presidents were presented extravagant gifts at the end of their terms by their Multiple District to thank them for their leadership and service. Recent examples have included a car, a tree with leaves of gold, and a golf cart and club membership. You may recall that IPIP Doug Alexander received a check in the amount of \$50,000 from the Lions of New York to be distributed to charity(s) of his choice.

Lion Brian has made it clear he does NOT want a present. He's asked us to set up a charity that would help Lions. That is what we have done and are funding; hopefully with the help of Lions and clubs in MD5M.

The TEAM Sheehan Charitable Foundation's mission is to help local Lions clubs fund projects and activities with matching grants; at least initially of \$3,000 or less. These activities are usually too small to be considered for LCIF grants. One of our goals is to build sufficient funds to use earnings only to purchase awards, such as medals or pins, as acknowledgments of contributions.

Unfortunately, since the LCI Board of Directors is meeting at the same time as your Council of Governors meeting, the only member of our Executive Committee that will be able to attend the October CoG meeting is Treasurer Marty Athmann who will be there to answer any questions you may have.

With the Council's endorsement, the Foundation is hoping it will be considered in Clubs Parade of Green at their Mid-winter conventions. IRS regulations require the Foundation to take in less than \$50,000 a year during its first 3 years and the Foundation's first year ended June 30, 2022. This means it is not looking for large contributions, perhaps an average of \$4,000 per district or less than \$100 per club.

Thank you for your consideration.

***Lion Mike***

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# 2023 - 5M11 Midwinter Convention

## Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre

### January 27th - 28th, 2023, Winnipeg, MB, Canada

Don't Stop Believing

Date Rec \_\_\_\_\_

## Convention Registration Form

(Fill out one form for each attendee)

Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest ☐ 1<sup>st</sup> Timer ☐

Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov. \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

District & Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

After Dec. 31st, 2022  
rates are \$135. USD  
and \$160.00 CDN  
Register early for  
best price !

**Special Dietary Needs:** Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

I am attending the convention but **NO** meals are required, \$0.00 cost to attend ☐

**Full Hospitality Book** (Inc. Friday night Karaoke, Saturday Breakfast voucher, Saturday Lunch & Banquet.)

(There are no convention functions on Sunday)

	<b>Until December 31st, 2022</b>		<b>\$ AMOUNT</b>
<b>Full Hospitality Book</b>	\$140. CDN	\$120. USD	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet only	\$60. CDN	\$50. USD	<input type="text"/>
	<b>After December 31st, 2022</b>		
<b>Full Hospitality Book</b>	\$160. CDN	\$135. USD	<input type="text"/>
Saturday Banquet	\$75. CDN	\$60. USD	<input type="text"/>
	<b>Totals</b>		<input type="text"/>

\*\*\***NO** meals available after January 21st, 2023 Make cheques payable to "**Lions Convention**"

Mail form & payment (do not send cash) to **2023 Convention Registration % Dave Hollyoake, Box 204, Arnes, Manitoba, Canada R0C 0C0**. E-transfers accepted in Canada or online registration available from PDG Dave Hollyoake. Send e-transfers to dave's email address below.

Cancellations prior to January 1st, 2023 will have a 25% processing fee applied, NO Cancellations after January 1st, 2023

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** **Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre**, 1808 Wellington Ave. Winnipeg, MB R3H 0G3

Call **204.786.4801** or **1.877.842.4667** email [winnipeg.vicinn.com](mailto:winnipeg.vicinn.com) Ask for **Lions Club Conference** rates

For more information call: Convention Secretary PDG Dave Hollyoake e. [dave@hollyoake.ca](mailto:dave@hollyoake.ca) or cell **1.204.797.5930**

## 2023 Parade of Green Donations Lions 5M11 Mid-Winter Convention January 27-29, 2023

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE AS LISTED BELOW AND TAKE TO **MID-WINTER CONVENTION** OR

**MAIL TO NADINE MYERS, 5M11 TREASURER, 1351 COUNTY HIGHWAY 36 TWIN VALLEY MN 56584 USA**

**DO NOT SEND DIRECTLY TO THE FOUNDATION AS OUR 5M11 REPRESENTATIVES NEED TO RECORD DONATIONS FROM 5M11**

CLUB NAME:	
FOUNDATION	DONATION AMOUNT
MN Lions Vision Foundation* (on Pay to the Order of line)	
Children's Eye Clinic (on memo line)	
Macular Degeneration Center (MAC on memo line)	
Lions Eye Institute (on Memo line)	
MD5M Lions KidSight Foundation* (US)	
MN Lions Hearing Foundation* (on Pay to the Order of line)	
Children's Hearing Center (on memo line)	
MN Lions Diabetes Foundation *	
Can Do Canines	
Leader Dogs for the Blind	
Project New Hope Lions Foundation of MN *	
Lions District 5M11 (on Pay to the Order of Line)	
5M11 Leo Clubs (on memo Line)	
5M11 Youth Activities (on memo line)	
MN Lions Childhood Cancer Foundation *	
LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) US	
Team Sheehan Charitable Foundation* (provides grants to Lions Clubs)	
LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) Canada	
MD5M Lions Children's Cancer Foundation of Canada	
Diabetes Canada	
Lions Foundation Canada Dog Guides	
Lions Foundation of Manitoba & NW Ontario (on Pay to the Order of Line)	
Vision (on memo line)	
Hearing (on memo line)	
KidSight Canada (on memo line)	
Helping Hands (on memo line)	
Serenity Suites (on memo line)	
*Foundation has 501(c)(3) nonprofit status	<b>TOTAL</b>





## 103rd Annual MD5M Multiple Convention

May 5-7, 2023  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
St. Cloud, MN



**Complete 1 form per attendee**

**May 5-7, 2023  
Holiday Inn & Suites  
St. Cloud, MN**

[www.lionsmd5m.org](http://www.lionsmd5m.org)

Registration Questions? contact Dennis Heinen  
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Nikki Fisher, Visit Greater St. Cloud  
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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK

Name

Title

Your District Club & Name

Phone Number

Address

City  State  Zipcode

Email

Are You A... Lion ☐ Leo ☐ First Timer ☐

Will you require Braille Documents at the Convention? YES ☐ NO ☐

PRICE INCREASES TO \$160.00 MARCH 1, 2023

**\$AMOUNT**

### Full Hospitality Book

**\$150.00 USD**

includes all meals and registration fee

Registration is included in any meal chosen below:

**Friday Night Social**

**\$25.00 USD**

**Saturday Breakfast**

**\$30.00 USD**

**Saturday Lunch**

**\$35.00 USD**

**Saturday Banquet**

**\$55.00 USD**

**Sunday Brunch**

**\$30.00 USD**

### CIRCLE Saturday Banquet Option

Stuffed Chicken

Roasted Pork Shoulder

Wild Mushroom Fettuccine

Special Dietary Needs:



Make Checks payable to Lions MD5M Convention

PCC Dennis Heinen 12069 Bluegill Drive  
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Cancellation fees apply - NO cancellations accepted  
after April 1, 2023



## **REGISTER ONLINE**

**If you plan to pay by check, it is kindly requested you fill registration out online. Details for mailing the check are included there.**



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