

DISTRICT 5M11 NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR MIKE HAGEN

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Hello 5M11 Lions:

We hope to see you at the MD5M Multiple Convention in Winnipeg April 19-21. International President Lion Dr. Patti Hill will be the featured speaker Saturday evening. An Old-Fashioned Manitoba Social will be held as well as a Corn Hole tournament, Diabetes Walk and Build a Mountain with canned goods to name just a few. The canned goods will be donated to the Manitoba Food Bank. Remember to have yourself registered so that you can vote. This year, we have two excellent Lions running for International Director. They are PCC Bert Nelson and PDG Dennis Kelly III.

Beginning April 12 our present MyLion, MyLCI and Insights will no longer be available. April 15-May 13 the new Lions Portal will be coming out. Invitations will be emailed out on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users. Watch your email for the invite. Dates are subject to change.

During the month of March, as your DG, I encouraged US clubs to donate to local Food Shelves/Banks because of the possibility that donations could be matched. Half of the US club responded back to me. The clubs, who responded back to me, donated over \$6,000. This does NOT include volunteer hours, backpack programs, and other types of donations.

Thank you 5M11 Lions.



IP Lion Dr. Patti Hill theme is Changing the World. She wants to see a cleaner and greener environment. She has requested that each district plant 500 trees this spring. The trees have been ordered and arrive around May 1st. Because the trees cannot cross the international border the US clubs will receive the trees from me, and the Canadian clubs will receive their trees at the Multiple. More info will be coming as to the delivery.

IP Hill encourages all clubs to consider a new service project related to the environment. To assist, she has developed pages on the following subjects: Tree Planting and Care, Environmental Cleanup and Restoration, Recycling and Waste Management, Environmental Awareness, Education and Advocacy and Clean Water and Sanitation. I have emailed these

pages and suggestions of service projects to club presidents. If you did not receive it, go to the Lions website and search "environment".

Our last cabinet meeting will be held on April 27 in Red Lake Falls. Prior to the start of this meeting, PDG's will be meeting to select next year's District Governor.

And finally, thank you to each of you - such amazing Lions of 5M11! My year is almost finished. It's been an interesting, fun year which has gone very fast. My wife and I have enjoyed visiting clubs, hearing about different projects and traveling to places we have never been to before.

Thank you for making us feel so welcome!

District Governor Mike

A Few Words from the 1st Vice District Governor-Elect

"Thank you all for voting for me as your 1st VDGE. I appreciate all of your support. As we enter the season of Spring where parts of our world will be covered with new growth as the flowers, trees, grass grow and new baby animals are born, let us all remember our International President Lion Patti Hill's vision of new growth in membership for our Lions Clubs. Be proud to share why you became a Lion and what inspires you personally to see your club grow. I am a strong Lion who loves to volunteer to support the needs of my community and surrounding areas. I love meeting the public and sharing why I became a lion. As Lions we should always be prepared to share why we became lions and try to remember to carry a membership application or two with you. Please ask your club secretary for some or go online and print your own. Try to always support your club with the projects they have planned and support your surrounding Lions clubs with their projects and fundraisers.

I am proud to be a member of my Lions club and am not afraid to tell people why. Be proud of yourself, your club and their vision. Lions rock and let us let the world see that. Let's ROAR with pride."

Lion Jan Nazarko
1st VDGE 5M11

MD5M CONVENTION IS APRIL 19-21 IN WINNIPEG

A link to the MD5M Convention Registration is:

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/events>



"Click" on FORMS



REGISTER NOW!

Get ready for the Lion Portal

Have you tried logging in to MY LION or MY LCI to report activities or membership, but were unsuccessful?

LCI is preparing to launch the new Lion Portal. See below for some key dates and be sure to check out our recently updated frequently asked questions and new resources.

Key dates

- **April 12 and beyond: MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights are no longer available.**
- **April 15 – May 13: Invitations to access the new Lion Portal via email on a rolling basis to existing Lion Account users.**
- **May 13 and beyond: All visitors attempting to access the previous digital tools will be automatically redirected to the new portal.**

PICTURES & EVENTS FROM AROUND 5M11



The Barnesville Lions fielded two teams for the Moorhead Lions annual fundraising bowling tournament. Pictured, bottom row L to R: Tom Sauvageau (soon to become a Barnesville Lion Member) Ken Bauer, Mike Quiggle, Matt Bailey; Back Row L to R: Pete Larson, Jason Mahrer, Vern Barker, Joshua Kadrmaz. It is a well run event and everyone has a good time. It certainly appeared to be a huge success, once again, this year.



Stephen Lions Club President, Roger Kazmierczak, is presenting a check payable to Leader Dogs for the Blind in the amount of \$250 to Lion Ken Bauer, chairperson for this 501C3 for the district. The money will purchase a brick to be laid in the "Walk of Fame," at the Leader Dog home office in Rochester Hills, Michigan, in memory of Luther Johnson, one of the founding members of the Stephen Lions Club. This is an excellent way for clubs to memorialize deceased members and has been used by various clubs. The club receives a miniature of the brick that is laid and Lion Ken often makes a presentation of this miniature to surviving family members.



At the end of the Moorhead Lions Annual Bowling Fundraiser, Leader Dog Chairperson, Lion Ken Bauer, posed for a picture with many of the club members and their "hardware" reflecting their club's support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. From L to R: Ken Bauer, Brent Berg, Dawn Westrom, Bill Hoehle (Holding a Leader Dog Founder's Tribute), Sharon Johnson, Brenda Houglum (Holding an additional Leader Dog Founder's Tribute), Corey Johnson (Holding a photo of a Leader Dog resting on bricks that make up the "Walk of Fame,") Sherri Berg, (Holding a miniature brick that mirrors the large brick in the "Walk of Fame,") Jacki Johnson, (Holding a photo of the Walk of Fame with a Moorhead Lions Brick in the photo), Deb Kinnen, Tori Johnson, (Holding Patch that reflects a Leader Dog Founder's Tribute,) Sue Hauglid, Sandra Carlson, & Jim Aasness. The Moorhead Lions run an excellent bowling fundraiser and routinely use a portion of their proceeds to support Leader Dogs for the Blind, a life changing 501C3.



Because of their generous contributions to Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Hitterdal Lions received both a Founder's Tribute Plaque, held by Lion Jenifer Spielman, and miniature duplicate brick, held by Lion Russ McDougall. The original sized brick will be laid in the Walk of Fame at the home office of Leader Dogs in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Lion Ken Bauer, far right, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairperson made the presentations. These three Lions all have one thing in common: They all have been inducted into the MD5M Hall of Fame and, whenever possible, attempt to exemplify the Lions motto of, "We Serve."



Another full house greeted the Barnesville Lions as they sponsored their 24th Sportsmen's Stag. It would be number 26; however, in 2021 and 2022 the club did a raffle because of the Covid Epidemic.

David Reiersen and his Leader Dog Teddy did the program for the Barnesville Lions Club recently. Teddy is his 3rd leader dog and he told about his experiences training with these life changing animals at the leader dog home office at Rochester Hills, Michigan. His story reflects how each leader dog has his own personality, with various likes and dislikes. This is the 3rd time that the Barnesville Lions Club has made "Top Dog" with Leader Dogs for the Blind, and the club embraces the challenge put forth by the late Helen Keller in 1928 when she confronted Lions clubs to become "Knights of the Blind."



Barnesville Lions enjoying the evening that reflected another full house for their annual stag are L to R: Archie Haus, Ticket Sales Chairman; Chris Seifert, Event Raffle Chairman; Chris Olson, Overall Event Chairman; and Jon Yeske, Master of Ceremonies for the stag. Area support was out in full force once again which will allow future financial support for various community causes.



Corey Stuvland, coach of the Barnesville trap team, brings the Barnesville Lions Club up to date on the happenings of the team. Assisting coach Corey are two of the trap team captains, Tyler Drees and Sierra Seefeldt. The Club was informed that there are currently 37 members on the team and approximately 10,000 high school trap shooters in the state of Minnesota with about 50,000 in the entire nation. The state trap shoot is held in Alexandria annually, and the Barnesville Club looks forward to the competition at this meet. Because of the excellent support the Lions Club receive from the community in their various fundraisers, they are able to contribute \$1,000 annually to assist the team in paying for ammunition necessary in keeping the club competitive.



01 April 2024 New West St Paul Lion Kenisha Choi-Yick with sponsor VP Lion Fran Anderson

TRF LIONESS LIONS CLUB ACTIVITIES



Thief River Falls Lioness Lions Club made a \$100 donation to the Thief River Falls Area Food Shelf. Pictured Left to Right: Lion Jeanette Walseth, Food Shelf Volunteer Roberta Looker, and Lion Janice Jauhola.

DILWORTH LIONS BOAST MEMBERS FROM AGE 19-95 and in every age bracket from the teens, twenties, thirties, forties, fifties, sixties, seventies, eighties and nineties! Pictured (below) on the extreme left, is newest member, Joseph Norberg (age 19) and on the extreme right, is Lion Glenn Craigmile (age 95). About half the club was present and lined up, in age order by decade, on Governor's Night to take a photo with District Governor Mike Hagen and Lion Karen Hagen.



Below: The St. Hilaire and Karlstad Lions teamed up to perform KidSight Vision Screening during the Kidz First Foundation Easter Egg Hunt at the Huck Olson Arena in Thief River Falls, MN on March 30th. Pictured left to right: Lions Kim Vandeventer, Avis Sele, the Easter Bunny, Lions Dan Vandeventer, Nancy Lysford, Virginia Anderson, Ron Anderson, and Todd Johnson.



Lion Edie Brandli presided over the Induction of New Member, Lion Anita Hendrickson. Lion Anita was sponsored by Lion Marlene Lund.

Thank you, Lions, as "Many hands paws make light work." Swedish proverb.

Pictured L-R: Lions Marlene Lund, Anita Hendrickson, and Edie Brandli



ELLI PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND THE MULTIPLE, MARCH 15-17 IN MAHNOMEN



Lion Avis Sele performs vision screening on the Easter Bunny

DISTRICT GOVERNOR VISITS DILWORTH

SIX CLUBS FROM MN, ND, IN ATTENDANCE!!!



Dilworth Lions President Kris Benioglu & wife Cori on left, District Governor Mike & Karen Hagen on right



Dilworth, Dilworth Loco, Glyndon, Moorhead, Fargo Gateway Lions & DGF LEOS enjoying the evening on March 14th (above)



District Gov. Mike Hagen presents a Melvin Jones Award to Dilworth Lions President Kris Benioglu (Above)



Lion Allen Skabo was presented with a Kidsight Sightsaver award from District Gov. Mike



Dilworth Lion Ken Wirtz receives a Helen Keller Sight award From District Governor Hagen



Glyndon Lions receive chevrons for various years of service



Above: Chevron for years of service with Moorhead Lions



The DGF Robotics Club demonstrated how their robot works. They won the state competition and will be competing in the World Competition in Texas, this month. Two DGF LEOS are on the Robotics Team.



Lion Kevin Spaulding & PDG Deanne Williams receive Chevrons

Below: New members from Dilworth & Moorhead Lions being Inducted by District Gov. Mike Hagen and Lion Karen Hagen

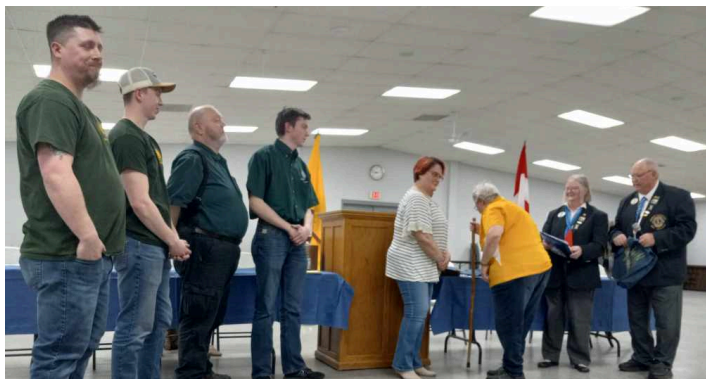


The DGF Robotics Club was presented with a \$500 check by Dilworth Lions President Kris Benlioglu to help with expenses for their World Competition. The Dilworth Lions previously donated \$1000, prior to their win at state!



UNFORTUNATELY, THIS WAS THE LAST EVENT FOR THE DILWORTH LIONS AT THE DILWORTH COMMUNITY CENTER. THE COMMUNITY CENTER IS BEING DEMOLISHED, THIS MONTH, TO MAKE WAY FOR A NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT STATION.

THE DILWORTH LIONS WENT OUT ON A HIGH NOTE, HOSTING OTHER CLUBS AND GUESTS, SERVING THEIR ITALIAN FARE, FREE OF CHARGE.



Above: New members and sponsors during induction ceremony

Lion Joseph Norberg (4th from Left, by podium) is a transfer from the DGF LEOS to the Dilworth Lions, the 4th LEO to join the Dilworth Lions!



LIONS - WE SERVE

DILWORTH LIONS - WE HAVE FUN SERVING!

PDG Dennis Kelly III for International Director



It's not about how long you've been a Lion. (28 years, but who's counting?) It's not about how many offices or positions you've held. It's not about how many awards, medals, or certificates you've received.

It's about your impact.

KidSight, a new program since 2016. Leading a team of Lions. Over 180,000 kids have had their vision checked. Over 22,000 have seen an eye doctor changing their lives. Changing the lives of hundreds of Lions.

MD5M GLT since 2019. Leading teams that have resulted in more training being done at the club and district level. Two leadership institutes happen every year rather than one institute every other year. The least number of vacancies in the District Governor, 1st VDG and 2nd VDG leadership position, only three, in the last five years.

That is my impact.

We are asking for your vote.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on our Multiple District and the lives of thousands of Kids and Lions through KidSight.

Please vote for the Lion who has made an impact on leadership development both in our multiple district and internationally.

Your vote for me will allow me to continue to make an impact in our multiple district and on the international level.

Please allow me to represent you and be your voice.

Please vote for PDG Dennis Kelly III for International Director.

We appreciate you and thank you for your support and your vote.

USA/CANADA FORUM

Visit the website: lionsforum.org and register today.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**NORTHERN PRIDE LIONS
FORUM**

ST. CLOUD KELLY INN
SEPTEMBER 20-21 2024

SEMINAR INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON.
SPREAD THE WORD - WE'RE BACK!

Next District Newsletter is due out in late June

Bert Nelson for International Director

two USA/Canada Forums. In Calgary, Bert organized a successful Strides Walk for Diabetes.



Bert has the qualifications needed to be International Director, but more importantly, he wants to collaborate with other Lions from around the world to keep our organization running smoothly. He will listen to their concerns and try to come to an agreement that will work for all, but he is not afraid to speak up for what he believes to be right. He knows that LCI is an international association that has to work with many cultures to get to the ultimate goal of We Serve.

Please stop by Bert's campaign table at the MD5M convention and chat with him. He wants you to be able to vote with confidence when you vote for the endorsement of our next International Director from our multiple.

This letter is on behalf of PCC Bert Nelson who is running for the endorsement for the office of International Director from MD5M. The voting will take place in Winnipeg, MB at the MD5M Convention on April 18-21, 2024.

We are excited to endorse Bert Nelson for the office of International Director from MD5M:

Bert grew up on a four-generation dairy farm near Hillview, MN. His father, Syd Nelson, was a county commissioner and state representative. Bert learned the value of volunteerism at an early age. He participated in the 4-H club where he received the highest award, the Key Award, given to a member. He also joined FFA in high school. He volunteered for the forestry service as a watcher in a fire tower near his home. After he married Pamela, Bert was elected as a township treasurer for 20+ years, was a church trustee for 18 years. He is still a fire warden for his county. Bert is an honest, hardworking Lion that will always do his best at whatever task he is working on.

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| Scott Rolfe | Jamie Huttunen |
| Jay Norby | Jim Arvidson |
| Gloria Anderson | Eldon Bergman |
| Judy Brasgalla | Tom Plagman |
| Michele Plagman | Peter Van Erp |
| Margaret Van Erp | Don Hendrickx |
| Rick Johnson | Adolph Kukowski |
| Dick Labraaten | Ole Nelson |
| Rose Puckett | Dick Stebbins |
| Steve Swantz | Les Swift |
| Dale Johansen | Carroll Kukowski |
| Bill Wilson | Sue Mullen |

Bert has been on the District Cabinet for 28+ years fulfilling several positions. In the most recent position as the GET and GLT chairs, he is credited with getting five new Lions clubs chartered.

Contact PCC Bert at:

lionbert.a.nelson@gmail.com Cell: 218-298-0599

Bert has also been involved at the Multiple Cabinet level for 20+ years, currently as the LCIF Coordinator. He has successfully guided his team of District Coordinators to raise funds for LCIF to keep MD5M in the top three multiple districts for Constitutional Area 1 (United States).

Bert has worked with Lions at the International level when he was on the planning committees for

DIABETES TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation and District 5M-11 are seeking a trustee to fill the vacant trustee position that Lion Sandy Bertilrud has held for the last 6 years. Please contact DG Mike or Lion Jim Johansen (jkjohansen55@gmail.com) if you have any interest in filling this role.

REMEMBER THESE 2 KIDS?



It's TIME TO WELCOME THEM HOME!

FRIDAY, JULY 19th

BEST WESTERN PLUS KELLY INN

**100 - 4th Avenue S.; St. Cloud, MN; (320)
253-0606; Rooms: \$115/night**

https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.24113.html?groupId=1H4EB8R3

TIME: Warm up: 6:00 pm

Dinner: 6:45 pm

Program: 7:30 pm

DRESS:

Black & White attire

(Notice we didn't say

"black tie")

COST: \$15.00 PER

PERSON (Not a typo!);

CAPACITY: Only 280

**NO GIFTS PLEASE:
THEY ALREADY NEED TO BUILD AN ADDITION
ONTO THEIR HOME!**

BUT, IF YOU INSIST:

**Consider bringing a check payable to
"LCIF" or "TEAM Sheehan Charitable
Foundation"**

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Name(s) _____

District # _____

Email Address: _____

Dinner Choices:

Top Sirloin _____ Chicken Breast _____

Vegetarian _____

Please mail the completed form and your check for
\$15/person payable to "Lion Brian Campaign Fund"
to:

**Mike Molenda
1462 Featherstone Court
Hastings, MN 55033-9181**



Can Do Canines to Host Open House May 18

Can Do Canines invites you to attend an open house on Saturday, May 18, from 12-2 p.m., at its Can Do Canines campus (9440 Science Center Drive, New Hope, Minnesota). Potential volunteers, clients, or anyone who might be interested in supporting the organization are invited to attend to learn how an assistance dog changes the life of a person with a disability.

Through a self-guided tour, attendees will be able to watch a trainer working with an assistance dog, hear from a volunteer dog host, talk with staff members from the volunteer department, pose questions to client services coordinators about the application process, and meet graduate teams from each of the five types of areas Can Do Canines trains dogs: hearing, mobility, seizure, diabetes, and childhood autism.

There is no pre-registration for this event, though attendees will be asked to share some contact information when arriving.

To request a sign language interpreter for the Open House, please contact Laurie at lcarlson@candocanines.org or 763-331-3000 at least two weeks in advance. We'll do our best to accommodate late requests, but availability is not guaranteed.

More information about Can Do Canines is at www.candocanines.org.



5M11 CABINET MEETING SCHEDULED

This Lions year's final cabinet meeting will be held April 27, at Bethany Lutheran Church 1315 6th St NE Red Lake Falls, MN.

Lunch will be served at approximately 11:30 am with the cabinet meeting to follow.

An RSVP to PDG Kevin (kwrrlf@gmail.com) is needed by **April 22** for the meal count. The cost will be \$20 US.

Why don't I see any pictures or articles about my club in the Newsletter? The likely reason is that we didn't receive any. If you want to see pictures or articles about your club, please submit them to:

lions5m11news@gmail.com

Our goal is to publish a bi-monthly district newsletter. This will usually be towards the end of the month, in even numbered months. Depending on the timing, it may come out early in the odd numbered months.

LIONS DISTRICT 5M11 WEBSITE

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/>

You can find forms, events, newsletter archives and more. Check it out!

For a list of District Cabinet members, go to:

<https://www.lionsdistrict5m11.org/cabinetmembers>

5M11 LIONS



GLOBAL ACTION TEAM SUMMIT

MAY 18TH 9:00AM-4:00PM

Sauk Centre American Legion

128 Main St S, Sauk Centre, MN 56378

LUNCH PROVIDED

GREAT IDEAS FOR

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH CHAMPIONS

SPECIAL GUEST PCC JODI BURMESTER

FROM WISCONSIN'S MD27

RSVP WITH CC ROB WIENER

NO LATER THAN MAY 12TH

5M4lionrob@gmail.com

ALL LIONS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

