

# *The Lions Den*

## **5M3 District Newsletter**



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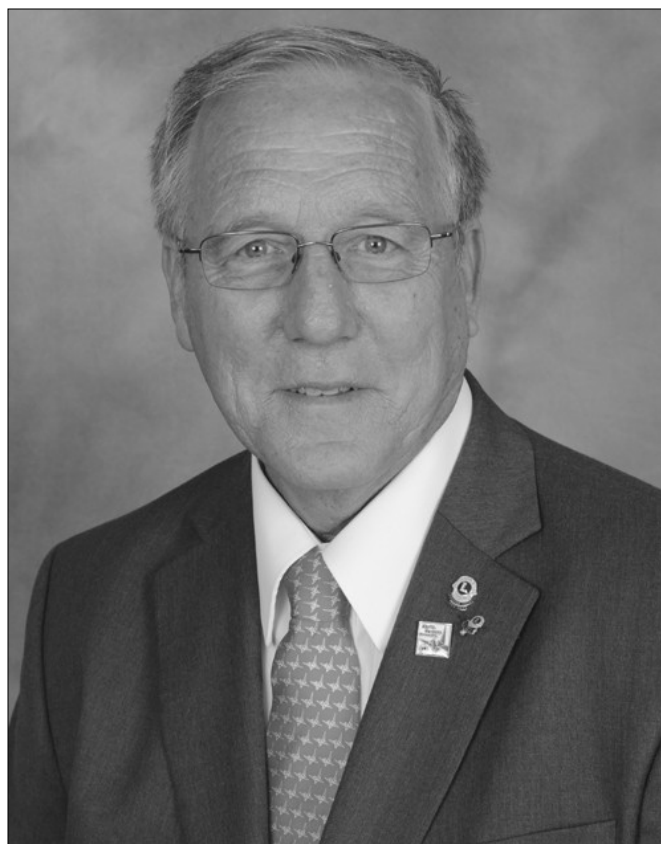
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## **Visiting Mid Winter International Director Bill Phillipi**

Bill Phillipi from Marysville, Kansas, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii, June 26 through 30, 2015.

Director Phillipi is a self-employed contractor.

A member of the Marysville Lions Club since 1974, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, secretary, treasurer, district governor, district convention chairperson, council chairperson, multiple district GMT coordinator and multiple district convention chairperson. He was also the associate chairman of the host committee for USA/Canada forum in 2013.



In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, Leadership Award and an International President's Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Phillipi is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Marysville Travel and Tourism Board, Marysville Main street Board, US Highway 36 Board of Directors and the Partnership for Growth Board of Directors.

Director Phillipi and his wife, Vickie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three daughters and nine grandchildren.

**"Spark to  
Serve"**



## Lions Den

District 5M3

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# A Few Words from DG Steve...

November is one of the best months -- despite the tendency for cold and snow. Thankfully, the weather has been pretty good so far -- and the outlook is looking OK! Thanksgiving is the typical start of the holiday season -- and it is a great time for us to reflect on the good things in life!

I continue to be thankful for the great things the Lions in our district continue to do for their communities. In my visits to clubs, I learn more and more about the district and see the dedication of our fellow Lions. It is amazing the number of fantastic things we Lions do for our communities here in Southwestern Minnesota! As we get prepped for the busy holiday season, I hope you all remember to save some time to keep these commitments in mind -- and to plan for the New Year!

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we tend to focus on family and friends and home, which is great. But remember to be thankful that Lions Clubs continue to do good things in 43 communities here in Southwestern Minnesota! I know from experience that in each of those communities, there are people who have been served by Lions and who are very grateful that those clubs exist!

We are deep into planning for the Mid-Winter Convention -- the theme this year is "Spark the Serve!" My goal is to motivate my fellow Lions to go back to their clubs and lead them into bigger and better service to their communities. In my visits, I have been challenging Lions to do a few things -- and I hope those challenges get answered! There is a lot of positivity out there -- which is not surprising. Our Lions Clubs are full of positive and motivated people who want only to do what's best for their communities!

I hope everyone has a very Happy Thanksgiving -- and if you are traveling, PLEASE BE CAREFUL! Eat lots of turkey -- and remember that there are many people thankful that you are a Lion! ROAR!

*-DG Steve*



Fairmont/Truman Lions



Marshall  
Lions



Worthington Lions





# 5M3 1st Vice DG Larry~

How much do 3 pumpkins usually cost? Well, it depends on the circumstances surrounding the sale of these pumpkins. I did fail to explain that a doctor did surgery on these pumpkins and that they were at the Lions "Thanksgiving for Vision" dinner in Minneapolis. I hope the picture is clear enough to show the pumpkins and the drawings that inspired the doctor to carve them. These three pumpkins sold for \$2000, no that is not a misprint, they really did sell for that amount! This event is put on each year to honor the contributors to the Lions 5M Vision Foundation, the cornea donors families, and to tell, in their own words, what it means to be a recipient of a transplant.



It is an awesome event with some fun thrown into further the cause of the Lions Vision Foundation. The pumpkin auction was won by the Monticello Lions Club and will enable them to award 2 Helen Keller aw4rds to whoever they would like to see get some well deserved recognition. Our District did have 6 Lions who received the Helen Keller award this year, unfortunately 5 of them were from the Jackson Lions Club. Why do I say unfortunately? I REALLY want to congratulate Jackson on their efforts, but I was a little

disappointed that there weren't more awards from other clubs in our District. We need to check with our Vision chairpersons and see if your club might be eligible to received this award. If you only contribute \$2 per member to the Vision Foundation it will amount up over the years and you might be eligible for this award! You also could donated \$1000 to the Vision Foundation so you could award this to a deserving member of your club. Wouldn't



it be nice to figure out who in your club would get the honor to be the recipient of the award?

When I go to events such as this, I sometimes wonder if the companies that make drops of dry eyes, in some ways, hate the Lions, because when you leave you don't have a problem with dry eyes, you have problem with wet eyes!

*Lion Larry*

Pictured: L-R: auctioneer PDG Larry Kounkel, Monticello President Chad Vokaty, and the carver extraordinary, Dr Erick Bothun

## 5M3 New Members

Club	New Member	Sponsor
<b>Canby</b>	Sig Armitage Lois V. Olson Kris M. Cleveland Brad R. Wollum	Lion Keith Kraft Lion Cheryl Mortenson Lion Keith Kraft Lion Keith Kraft
<b>Fairmont</b>	Craig W. Forster	Lion Allen Struck
<b>Jasper Quarry</b>	Keri A. Petersen	Lion Maggie Erickson
<b>Lakefield</b>	Timothy J. Ollerich Vickie L. Ollerich	Lion Donna Hage Lion Donna Hage
<b>Lake Benton</b>	Steven Hurd	Lion Roger Rudebusch
<b>Lucan</b>	Brett F. Benz	Lion Thomas Carlson
<b>Pipestone</b>	Jamilee Backlund Barbara Wekerfries Damian Dagel	
<b>Redwood Falls</b>	William T. Hermanson Linda K. Kruschel Jan Swoboda David M. Klabunde Cathy Morris Gene Schultz	Lion Dennis Moore Lion Cindy LaBrie Lion Jeannine Uhlenkamp Lion Dennis Moore Lion Jeannine Uhlenkamp
<b>Sherburn</b>	Samuel L. Hansen	
<b>Westbrook</b>	Arlene E. Erickson	Lion David VanLoh
<b>Windom</b>	Jeremy D. Janssen Theresa A. Jones	Lion James Krueger Lion Daniel L. Jones

Region1 Zone 4 now  
has their own website!

Check it out at:

[www.5m3-zone4.org](http://www.5m3-zone4.org)

# "Spark to Serve"

## at the 5M3 Mid Winter Convention

### Friday, February 19-21, 2016

### Ramada Inn, Marshall MN



*An evening Welcome Party in the pool area is currently being planned.*

*Make your hotel reservations today~  
Call 507-532-3221*

## Displays



## Entertainment

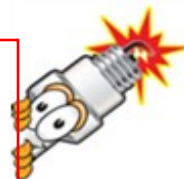


## Speakers

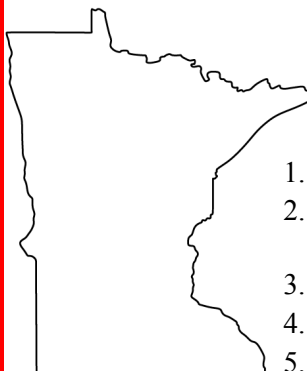
## Information



*If your club enjoys hosting a hospitality room, be sure to call and reserve your poolside room now!  
Rooms are limited.*



## ANNUAL CORPORATE FILING WITH THE MN SECRETARY OF STATE



This needs to be done by all of the Minnesota Lions clubs and districts by December 31 of each year. (Like your income taxes in April)

The instructions for the annual filing for Minnesota Secretary of State for corporate status are as follows:

1. On the internet, enter [https://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr/corp\\_annual\\_filing.asp](https://online.sos.state.mn.us/abr/corp_annual_filing.asp)
2. Enter entity File # that you received with the notice from the Secretary of State's office, and the entity type (NP—Non-Profit corporation) using the select button.
3. If entered correctly, click "continue".
4. Fill in the required information (President's name and address)
5. Click Submit Registration: click OK

And you are good for another year!



# 5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention February 19-21, 2016 Ramada Inn, Marshall MN



## Registration Form



**1st Timers Special! \$50.00**

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest ☐ 1st

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions District: \_\_\_\_\_

List Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first 5M3 Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No

EVENT: 

Before Jan 31	After Jan 31	# Attending	Amount
YES! I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals			

### DISCOUNTED BOOKLETS-

** Meal Booklet (all meals)	\$55.00	\$70.00		
** 1st Timers Special Price	\$50.00	\$60.00		
Friday Night Entertainment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Saturday Noon Luncheon	\$20.00	\$25.00		
Saturday Banquet	\$30.00	\$35.00		
Sunday Brunch Buffet	\$8.00	\$12.00		
"I WANNA BE A LEO" Meal Packet	\$45.00	\$45.00		
*No Registration Fees		Total Amount		

Make Check Payable to: 5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

Mail Completed Form and Payment to : 5M3 Lions Mid-Winter Convention

% Redwood Falls Lions Club, PO Box 64, Redwood Falls MN 56283

Rooms-\$85.00 + Tax

To Make Room Reservations- Contact: Ramada Inn, Marshall MN 507-532-3221

Make reservations early ~ Tell them you are with 5M3 LIONS Convention



**"Spark the Serve!"**



# Centennial Challenge



## Club President Excellence Awards

Comfrey ~ Lion Leroy Peterson  
Sleepy Eye ~ Lion Arnold Hinderman  
Tracy ~ Lion Larry Muenchow

## **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION:** Centennial Service Challenge Lion Daryl "Barney" Olson, District Centennial Coordinator

DG Steve Collins has appointed me to serve as the 5M3 District Coordinator for the Centennial Celebration. We are celebrating 100 years of Service as Lions. Befitting a centennial, the key number is 100: serve 100 million people. So we have before us a Centennial Service Challenge. Hopefully the Clubs of 5M3 will consider getting involved in this Service Challenge.

### What is the **CENTENNIAL SERVICE CHALLENGE**?

- 25 million people benefit in Youth Services
- 25 million people benefit in Vision Services
- 25 million people benefit in Hunger Services
- 25 million people benefit in Environment Services

Total 100 million people served by the Lion of the World.

The Centennial Celebration began in 2014 and will be ending in June of 2018. This Program brings Lions together to celebrate 100 years of humanitarian Service. At this point I'm not sure how many of the 43 5M3 Clubs are involved. Please let me know where your involvement is in the Celebration. You can reach me with your information and/or questions at my e-mail [andar13@mysmbs.com](mailto:andar13@mysmbs.com) or my phone (507) 847-2596 or cell (507) 841-1855.

Please check out the following:

### **Centennial Resources:**

- Visit** – lions100.org for everything Centennial, including planning guides, project ideas, presentations and videos to inspire.
- Join** – the Centennial Service Challenge at lions100.org/centennial service challenge.
- Invite** – new Lions to join you in Service and Celebration at lions100.org/centennial member.

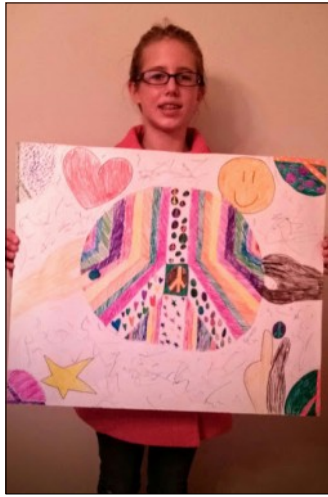
It's an exciting time to be a Lion. Let's Celebrate Together! Have you invited a new Lion to join us in Service?

~PDG "Barney"  
507-847-2596  
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# International Peace Poster District 5M3

**"Share Peace"**  
2015-2016  
Lions International Peace Poster Contest



**Fairmont Lions**— sponsored the Lion's Peace Poster local contest. Winner was Emma Gudahl, an 11 year old who attends Fairmont Elementary School. Locally she receives a PP Achievement Award certificate and a check for \$75.



**Milroy Lions** sponsored the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Advancing Winner was Katie Gobligh; Non-Advancing Winner was Sydney LaVoy. Both students go to the Milroy Public School. They received a certificate & gift of money. Lion Rose Warner— Peace Poster Chair



**New Ulm Lion Club** Peace Poster Contest Winners- Nevaeh Ubl, a 6 grade student at Washington Elementary School, has won 1st place in the local competition

of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the Lions Club of New Ulm. She received \$50 in Chamber Dollars for her first place entry. Siiri Rakowski 2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$20 and Malia Emerson 3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$15 in Chamber Dollars for her third place entry. Pictured, front row, left to right, Nevaeh Ubl, first place winner; Siiri Rakowski, second place winner and Malia Emerson, third place winner. Back row, left to right, Lions Peace Poster Judges, Lion Gayle O'Connor, Peace Poster Chairwoman; Lions President Glen Setterholm, Peace Poster Chairman; Lion Jan DeLeo, Peace Poster Chairwoman and Sheena Monson, 6 Grade Art Teacher. Not pictured, Judge Lori Krugge, Teacher.



**Pipestone Lions Club**  
Peace Poster Winners

**Hadley Lions Club** Peace Poster contest winners: L to R- Savanna Boerboom, 2nd place; Dawson Blankenship, FIRST place; Kiana Felber, Third place. Lion Mark Schleisman, Hadley Lions

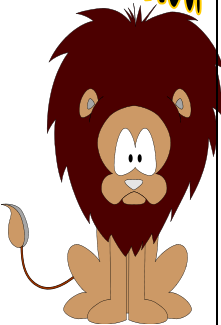


*I can't believe this is happening in our District!*

### Tracy Lions

#### **Soup Supper**

**Tracy Senior Citizen's Center**  
**Saturday, November 28th, 5 to 7 pm**  
 in conjunction with the parade of lights. The proceeds of the supper will be given to the 3 school libraries. We are serving chili, potato and wild rice soups and homemade goodies for dessert.



### Lake Bentons Lions

#### **Pancake Breakfast Benefit**

**Sunday, December 6, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**  
**Center Post in Lake Benton**

Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage,  
 Toast, Coffee, Milk

#### **Benefit for Tammy Busselman**

Tammy was admitted to Sanford Hospital in Sioux Falls on October 8, 2015 and is still in ICU for over a month. She has bleeding on the back of her brain and multiple strokes.

**SUPPORTING FUNDS FROM  
 THRIVENT FINANCIAL**



The **Lions Club of New Ulm** donated \$500.00 to "Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Brown County". These funds will be used to help returning military service members who are struggling with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). Pictured is Paul Severson, Beyond the Yellow Ribbon of Brown County Chairman, on the left, receiving the check for \$500.00 from Lion Wil Burdorf.

## **Comfrey Lions**

The Comfrey Lions Co-hosted a Pizza & Preplanning event with the Sturm Funeral Home at the Comfrey Community Center. The event was attended by thirteen Lion members and nineteen guests on Monday evening, November 9, 2015. A very interesting ninety minute presentation was made by Jeannie Durham and Joel while pizza and bars were enjoyed by all.





# TIME IS RUNNING OUT to schedule your District Governor Club Visit!

**December 1, 2015-June 30, 2016**

*It is VERY important that the District Governor visits EVERY Lions Club in his/her District. Please send this form to DG Steve Collins or contact him via email to set up your club visit.*

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Location of Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/Directions to Meeting place (Very Important):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dates in order of preference: 1st: \_\_\_\_\_;

2nd \_\_\_\_\_; 3rd: \_\_\_\_\_

Time meeting begins: \_\_\_\_\_

If a meal, when does it begin? \_\_\_\_\_

Will new members be inducted by DG?

\_\_\_\_\_ New Officers Installed?

*If yes, please have all information on hand or forward to the DG before the meeting.*

Is this a joint meeting with other Lions Clubs?

Who?: \_\_\_\_\_

Lion requesting the visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Position held: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: **DG Steve Collins**, PO Box 493,  
Morgan MN 56266; 507-430-4167  
[ssclawdog@yahoo.com](mailto:ssclawdog@yahoo.com)

## ~TRANSISTION~

Our District is BELOW the required 1250 members to remain a District. We are gaining new members but not retaining the members we already have. We **HAVE** to get our numbers up this year so **be sure to get out and Ask 1!**

# "ASK 1!"

~District 5M3  
Membership Update~

Number of Members:

**June 30, 2015 1255**

Number of Members:

**October 31, 2015 1239**

Members Added: +24

Members Dropped: -31

Net Loss/Gain: - 7

Number of Clubs in the District: 43

***Have YOU Asked Someone to be a Lion  
TODAY?***

## Passing of the Pride

Has your club had any of your members pass away since February 2015's Mid Winter Convention? If so, please send a photo of the deceased member along with their name, club name and a paragraph of information about the member to PDG Wayne Radloff. We need this for the Friday evening Service of Remembrance at the:

### 2016 February Mid Winter Convention

DO IT NOW! Before you forget. This service is a way to memorialize and pay our final respect to our Lions, Lioness and Leo families since we last met as a district.

[Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com](mailto:Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com)

***\*\*Please feel free to invite family  
& friends to the service***

# Who in your Club deserves recognition?

**WHICH AWARD CAN YOU GIVE?** Contact your 5M3 District Chairman to obtain your clubs donation status to District Charities so you can honor a club member.

**Hall of Fame Award**– Each District can award 1 per year. An application has be submitted to the DG in advance of the convention and is voted on at the business meeting. The winner is announced and awarded at the MD5M Convention in Rochester. Do you have a member who qualifies for this award? If so, go to our 5M3 website– Forms. Submit them before February 1, 2016 to DG Steve

**Al Jensen Award**– This is an MD5M award that is given at the MD5M Multiple Convention in Mankato on April 22nd. Only 2 are given in the Minnesota, Manitoba & NW Ontario area. Criteria for this award is listed at the 5M3 website under Forms.

**MD5M Diabetes Dream Catcher Award**– An accumulative donation of \$1,000 to the Diabetes Foundation or Camp Needlepoint or any other donation related to Diabetes will merit qualifications for an award. You need to track your own club activity in this area and notify Lion Mary Snobl at [marysnobl@llwb.coop](mailto:marysnobl@llwb.coop) (507-629-4734) OR Lion Bob Schirlinger at [bbschir@comcast.net](mailto:bbschir@comcast.net) (507-354-8940) to acquire the award.

**Melvin Jones Fellowships**– highest award that can be received by a Lion is the Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF). It was established in 1973 as a means to provide funds to Lions Clubs International (LCI) and also to establish the highest form of recognition for dedication and humanitarian service. Today, the MJF provide 70% of the funds provided for the LCI humanitarian programs such as relief to victims of earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, etc. The fellowship is obtained for US \$1000. and may be given to men or women , not necessarily Lions, in recognition for their service. The recipient receives an inscribed plaque and lapel pin. Financing needs to be completed within a five year period with a minimum of \$100 in any one year. For those who have a MJF, a Progressive MJF (PMJF) is available for each additional \$1000 with the recipient receiving a lapel pin with a “level” gemstone. This award can be presented at a club meeting or at our 5M3 Mid Winter Convention. More information regarding this award can be found at the 5M3 website or by contacting the LCIF District Chairperson PDG John Myers [myersjohn806@gmail.com](mailto:myersjohn806@gmail.com) (507-841-1573).

**Lions MD5M Hearing Foundation Award**– The MD5M Hearing Foundation gives the Fellowship award for \$1,000. This can be an accumulative donation to achieve the \$1,000 goal. Contact PDG Wayne Radloff at [Wayne.Radloff@yahoo.com](mailto:Wayne.Radloff@yahoo.com) (507-865-4732) OR Lion Cindy LaBrie at [cynl@outlook.com](mailto:cynl@outlook.com) (507-637-8267).

**Leader Dogs Founders Tribute**– This program allows clubs to honor an individual club member or event sponsor for his or her consummate service, dedication and commitment to Lionism and Leader Dogs for the Blind. The Founders tribute is available in three levels: Bronze- \$500; Silver- \$1,000; Gold- \$2,500. The award recipient is given a custom engraved Leader Dog Founders Tribute plaque and a commemorative Founders Tribute pin and patch. The plaques, pins and patches are tailored for each level. Contact: Lion Deloy King at [deloyellen@yahoo.com](mailto:deloyellen@yahoo.com) (507-831-5706).

**Can Do Canines**- “Top Dog” Award can be given to any club, member or non Lion’s member with a \$500. donation to Can do Canines. Contact: Lion Galen Engholm at [engholm@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:engholm@sleepyeyetel.net) (507-794-2443).

**Helen Keller Award**– are given to honor those who have distinguished themselves within your Lions Club for outstanding commitment or service to your club or community. This is an excellent way to honor a Lion, Lioness, non-Lion individual, business, or organization. A \$1,000 donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (for the MN Lions Eye Bank, Lions Children’s Eye Clinic, the MAC Center, the Fund to Prevent Blindness in Infants and Children, or other Vision Foundation projects) allows the donor to present a Helen Keller Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin, and the recipient’s name is displayed on the Helen Keller board in the University of Minnesota Eye Clinic. Both the donor and the recipient have the satisfaction of supporting worthwhile Lions projects. Established in 1992, more the 2000 Helen Keller Awards have now been bestowed on deserving recipients. Contact PDG LeRoy Levorson at [roy54vor@newulmtel.net](mailto:roy54vor@newulmtel.net) (507-354-5781) OR PDG Vickie Radloff at [thboss57@hotmail.com](mailto:thboss57@hotmail.com) (507-865-4732).

**Project New Hope**– Awards to individuals and clubs is a thank you for your generosity and caring for our veterans and their families. The awards look much like a military ribbon that would be worn on a uniform. Most have put them on club vests or jackets. We also have a PNH pin for a donation of \$25. The ribbon awards are red, white and blue ribbon with a rectangular medal that says Project New Hope. Levels of the award are Gold medal at \$300., Blue medal at \$600. and Red medal at \$1200. Black & White ribbon with red medal & our dog tag symbol with PNH Recognition of Service. Contact: DG Steve Collins [ssclawdog@yahoo.com](mailto:ssclawdog@yahoo.com) (507-430-4167)





Minnesota Lions  
Vision Foundation

#### 5M3 Chairs-

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PDG LeRoy Leveorson—[roy54vor@newulmtel.net](mailto:roy54vor@newulmtel.net)

## Thanksgiving for Vision

On Saturday, October 31 Lions of Minnesota gathered to hear reports from the Doctors at the University of Minnesota. They told us of their work, their research and their treatment of vision problems of their patients. This ranged from blindness to cancer in the eyes, to corneal transplants to ongoing investigations of vision. We heard and saw results of the Argus II and this has enabled 4 blind Minnesotans to experience limited sight. Some of the pictures and videos were graphic but revealing. Hearing from those benefiting from a Doctor's expertise is encouraging and remarkable.

At noon we enjoyed getting to know fellow Lions as we ate our excellent lunches. After lunch we were treated to stories about vision success efforts. A woman and a man, now married, who each had lost their first spouse, met and told their stories about spouse donation of eyes. A young girl, blinded in one eye by an accident, told her story of recovery and coping with the loss of an eye as she matured into a confident young lady.

Included in this article are two pages from the Vision Booklet that tells of the various programs of the Lions Vision Foundation. Note especially the section on the Minnesota Lions Surgery Center. We have pledged to raise \$4 million to fund the Surgery Center. This will save time for the Doctors who now have to travel to another site to perform eye surgery.

PDG Lion Vickie Radloff ([thboss57@hotmail.com](mailto:thboss57@hotmail.com)) and PDG Lion LeRoy Levorson ([roy54vor@newulmtel.net](mailto:roy54vor@newulmtel.net)) are ready and willing to visit your Lions Club to talk about our Vision Foundation.

## Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation

The Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation has worked to help the blind and visually-impaired since 1960. Through support of the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank, collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences, and work collecting and distributing used eyeglasses, the Vision Foundation helps people throughout Minnesota and the world.

### Minnesota Lions Eye Bank

The Minnesota Lions Eye Bank helps restore sight by providing corneas for transplant and eye tissue for research and medical education. In 55 years of operation, the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank has distributed more than 29,000 corneas for transplant and 28,000 eyes for research and education. Staff members work around the clock to offer people the option of eye donation.

### Lions Children's Eye Clinic

More than 8,000 children are treated every year at the Lions Children's Eye Clinic. With four pediatric ophthalmologists, the clinic is one of the largest and best-staffed of its kind in the country. The dedication pediatric team strives to give each child the best chance for a lifetime of sight.

Lions donations helped equip the clinic at its present location in the Park Plaza Building in Minneapolis. Funds have also been devoted to study gliomas (eye tumors that affect children under the age of 10 and retinoblastoma (eye cancer typically striking children 3 and under).

Long-time support by the Lions ensures the advancement of eye research, education, and patient care for our children and grandchildren.

### Lions Macular Degeneration Center

The Macular Degeneration Center studies and treats macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in the United States. "MAC" doctors provide the best possible clinical care for individuals with macular degeneration or other retinal diseases and educate tomorrow's patient care providers. "MAC" researchers study the biology of aging and work toward a cure for macular degeneration. Equipment purchased by Lions allows doctors to gather remarkably-detailed information on a patient's retina, enabling better treatment and outcomes.

### Lions-Funded Research: Tomorrow's Hope

New medications, improved surgical techniques, progress in the treatment and cure of diseases—all of these advances rely on research. Fortunately, the Lions have been generous and far-sighted in their support of ophthalmology research. In 1993, they gave \$3 million to help build the Lions Research Building on the U of M Minneapolis campus. The state-of-the-art laboratory building provides nearly 12,000 square feet of research space that includes services for an optic nerve rescue lab, a corneal dystrophy lab, and three labs working on aspects of macular degeneration. The Lion of Minnesota continue to support research, knowing that research is key to ending blindness.

## MN Lions Vision Foundation (cont.)

### Minnesota Lions Surgery Center

With the aging of our population, demand for the medical and surgical expertise of ophthalmologists will increase more than 33% in the next five years. Innovative new treatments now under development are also increasing the demand for specialized eye surgery. So in July of this year, the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation pledged \$4 million to fund the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center. Patients will greatly benefit from the improved service at this specialized surgery center and will once again owe a debt of thanks to the Minnesota Lions.

### Lions Used Eyeglass Collection

Globally, one child in four cannot see well enough to read without eyeglasses. Millions fail to reach their economic, educational, and social potential because they do not have the eyeglasses they need. The Vision Foundation coordinates eyeglass collection throughout Minnesota and works with the Minnesota Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center in Sauk Rapids and the Lions of Wisconsin to provide refurbished eyeglasses for the needy in developing countries.

Please help the Vision Foundation, a non-profit 501©(3) organization, in its *Mission for Vision*. Send your generous donations to:

**Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation**  
1000 Westgate Drive ~ Suite 260  
St. Paul MN 55114

### DG Challenge!

LCIF is in need of funding so **IF EVERY**  
**Lions Club in the District (43) donate at**  
**least \$25.00 to LCIF before June 30, 2016,**  
**DG Steve will donate \$500.00!**

Mail LCIF to: *PDG John Myers,*

806 Hwy 71 S, Jackson MN 56143

**ULTIMATE CHALLENGE— Donate to all 4**  
**Foundations**



**Morgan Lions** serving their Annual Fall Breakfast  
in the new Cedar Mountain School Cafeteria

**Help our veterans  
reconnect with their  
community by inviting  
them to serve with your  
club today!**

Veterans have made so many contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members returning home from serving in the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved. Veterans have a lot to offer, including practical and leadership skills, a strong sense of dedication and commitment and they know what it means to be part of a team.

**Ask now!** The Veteran Program runs from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2016. Join the 700 clubs that have already taken advantage of the program and given veterans the opportunity to continue serving, as a Lion.



**Can Do Canines™**  
ASSISTANCE DOGS

As the year presses on I have had the pleasure of scheduling several club visits.

I was in Worthington on the 9th of this month, went to Balaton on the 12th and am going to Pipestone on the 19th. I am looking forward to visiting your club.

Give to the max-day on the 12th of November was a great success. The next big fundraiser will be held on the 5th of December.

I am hoping to see you all at the midwinter in Marshall.

As the year presses on looking forward I am sending out a challenge to all the clubs in 5M3 to remember us in the parade of green at the midwinter. It is my goal to get every club in my district to donate to Can-Do-Canines.

Thank You for your support

*Can-Do-Canines Chair, Lion Galen*

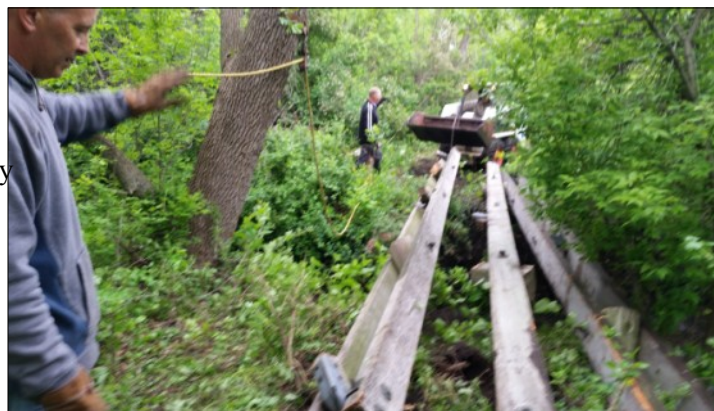
PS as always if you are in need of a program don't hesitate to call. 507-920-7129 ~Till next month



# Lakefield Lions Club Trail & Bridge



A trail and bridge was created at Spark's Park by the Lakefield Lions Club. This is a county park on the edge of Lakefield. The park has a few trails but we thought it would be nice to add another with a bridge across the creek for enjoyment and for increased steps when walking for exercise. We started constructing the trail late last fall and finished it early this fall. The trail is approximately 100 yards long and we constructed a wooden bridge which allows walkers to pass over the creek that goes through the park. It can now be enjoyed by all.



One of the Fundamental Goals of Lions:  
To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.....

and did you know you can do it by participating in the

## **Lions International Youth Exchange!**

As a club you can help by providing meals and or activities during the week-long camp that the 36 youth enjoy each July. As a club you can encourage families to host youth next July. As a family you can host one or more youth for their month stay here in Minnesota next summer.

Please add IYE to your Parade of Green donations.

Thank you for your continued support.

For more information contact:

*5M3 International Youth Exchange Chair Vicki Pals*

[dgpals@mail.com](mailto:dgpals@mail.com) 507-336-2155





Join Us at the  
**"Bend in the River II"**

97th MD5M Convention  
 April 22, 23, 24, 2016  
 Verizon Wireless Center, Mankato, MN  
 Hosted by District 5M-2



**Registration Form**

Please print

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

☐ Lion ☐ Lioness ☐ Leo ☐ Guest

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

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Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Check if this is your 1st Multiple Convention

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Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Will you need Braille convention material? yes or no

Meal	During 2015 MD5M Convention Only	Before March 1, 2016	On or after March 1, 2016	# Attending	Amount
Yes, I am coming to the convention but not staying for the meals. _____					XXXXXX
Hospitality Book	USD \$90.00	LSD \$100.00	USD \$110.00		
Friday night mixer	XXXXXX	USD \$15.00	USD \$15.00		
Saturday Brkfst	XXXXXX	USD \$ 20.00	USD \$25.00		
Saturday Lunch	XXXXXX	USD \$25.00	USD \$30.00		
Saturday Banquet	XXXXXX	USD \$40.00	USD \$45.00		
Sunday Brunch	XXXXXX	USD \$20.00	USD \$25.00		

Make checks payable to: MD5M 2016 Convention

Total Submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registrations to: Lion Charlette Abbas  
 312 Foothills Road  
 PO Box 133  
 Courtland, MN 56021  
 paandmaabbas@hotmail.com

Convention information:  
 Maynard Rucks @ king70@fronternet.net. or  
 Nancy Mathwig @ nmathwig@hotmail.com

Cancellations accepted and refunded prior to April 1, 2016. \$20.00 fee for cancellations.




**97th Annual MDSM Lions Convention**

*Come Join us at  
the Bend in the River  
II*

**April 22,23,24, 2016**  
**Verizon Center,  
Mankato, MN**

**Sponsored by Distriet 5m2  
Lions Clubs**

**Come Canoe with 5M2**




#### **New Ulm Lions Donate to NUMC Foundation**

The Lions Club of New Ulm donated \$2000.00 to the New Ulm Medical Center Foundation's Courage Kenny Rehabilitation Institute Expansion & Adaptive Playground Campaign at Herman Heights. The Adaptive Playground was highlighted in the Sunday, Nov. 8th Lifestyle section of "The Journal". This donation was made possible by all who supported our very successful Lions Club Fly-In Breakfast this past September. Carisa Buegler, NUMC Foundation Director, accepted the check from the New Ulm Lions Fly-In Committee.

Shown L to R: Lion Wil Burdorf, Lion Bob Schirlinger, Carisa Buegler, Lion Glen Setterholm and Lion Gayle O'Connor.

#### **MDSM Convention Hotel Information**

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling or booking online to your hotel of choice.

Rates will be guaranteed until March 21st, 2016 or until blocks fill up.

**Hilton Garden Inn**

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center



20 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.344.1111

Rate: \$90 +tax

**Holiday Inn Express**

3.5 miles away

2051 Adams Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.388.1880

Rate: \$99.99 +tax



**Mankato City Center Hotel**

Attached to Verizon Wireless Center



101 E. Main Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Phone: 507.345.1234

Rate: \$94.99 +tax

**Best Western Hotel**

1.5 miles away

1111 Range Street

North Mankato, MN 56003

Phone: 507.625.9333

Rate: \$94.99 + tax



Milroy's first "Little Library" was made by Lion David Shofner and installed on the main street across from the Milroy City Park.

**Milroy Lions Club**



**"We Serve"**







# World Diabetes Day!

Our MN Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc. would like to thank all of you Lions who volunteered at World Diabetes Day in Marshall, especially our Region 1, Zone 2 Clubs: Lake Benton, Marshall, Tracy and Tyler Clubs and Milroy and Morgan Lions Members!! Thank you to you if you attended as your club representative! Thanks to our District leadership 1VDG Larry and 2VDG Dan for coming and supporting this event. We know DG Steve had a prior commitment. 193 people turned in signed passports and participated by visiting the diabetes resource stations. Most people seemed interested in knowing if they were at risk for diabetes. They all seemed to enjoy getting the free fun bag donated by Novo Nordisk!

We hope you enjoyed this tremendous diabetes awareness day and that by strutting our Lions vests... we created some interest in new Lion members! ROAR!! Thanks Lion Cheri for the great photos of the day!! We sincerely hope our WDD theme "Unite for Diabetes - Act Today for Change Tomorrow" becomes a reality for those of us at risk for diabetes!







# Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

## 2015-2016 DISTRICT 5M2 PHOTO ENTRY FORM

*All submissions due by December 31, 2015*

DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OF CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF LION PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS CLUB OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS OF PHOTOGRAPHER \_\_\_\_\_

Please enter this photo into the following category (select only one):

- ☐ Animal Life
- ☐ Landscape (urban or natural)
- ☐ Plant Life
- ☐ Weather Phenomenon
- ☐ **Special theme:** *Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species*

*Please note: Only one photo will be accepted from each Lions Club in the 5M2 district*

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify this photo as the official entry from my individual club. By signing below I certify the photo is an original, unaltered photograph taken by myself and I grant permission for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest to use my attached photo for submission to further judging and any other showings and uses.

Club President (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Photographer's signature \_\_\_\_\_

**8" x 10" printed submissions must be mailed by December 31, 2015 to:**

*Lion Carrie Shofner, PO Box 31, Milroy MN 56263*

**Photos should focus on the following themes:**

*Animal Life*

*Landscape (urban or natural)*

*Plant Life*

*Weather Phenomenon*

Or the Special Theme:

*Dignity, Harmony, Humanity: Celebrating the peaceful coexistence of species*

Questions? Call Lion Carrie- 507-829-3568

**Next Lion's Den  
submission will  
be December 10**



5M3 District Governor  
Steven Collins  
PO Box 493, Morgan MN 56266



*Lion Steven*

*Is your club missing? If so, tell your club officers to sponsor the District Newsletter for \$40.00 a year.  
Payable to the 5M3 Treasurer PDG Mike Appel; (address on page 2)*

<b>Lamberton Lions</b> 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Lion Craig Wetter ~ President	<b>Morgan Lions</b> 4th Monday, 6:30 p.m. Lion James Lueken ~ President		<b>Fairmont Lions</b> 3rd Monday, 6:00 pm Duane Nawrocki ~ President
<b>Lakefield Lions</b> 2nd Monday, 6:00 p.m. Lion Donna Hage ~ President	<b>Hills Lions</b> 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Leonard Leenderts ~ President	<b>Jasper Quarry Lions</b> 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Lion Susan Eitheim ~ President	<b>Lake Wilson Lions</b> 4th Monday, 6:00 pm Lion Jack VanEck ~ President
<b>Milroy Lions</b> 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Lion Dan Leach ~ President	<b>Luverne Lions</b> 4th Monday, 6:00 p.m. Codie Zeutenhorst ~ President		<b>Lions of New Ulm</b> 1/2 Thursday, 6:15 pm Lion Glen Setterholm ~ President
<b>St. James Lions</b> 1/3 Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. Dr. Brad Holmberg ~ President	<b>Jasper Lions</b> 3rd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Lion Bob Quissell ~ President	<b>Sleepy Eye Lions</b> 1st Tuesday, 6:05 p.m. Lion Al Lang ~ President	
<b>Jeffers Community Lions</b> 1st Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Lion Bonnie Hanish ~ President	<b>Westbrook Lions</b> 3rd Monday, 8:00 p.m. Lion John Madson ~ President		<b>Walnut Grove Lions</b> 2nd Thursday, 6:00 pm Raymond Maeyaert ~ President
<b>Redwood Falls Lions</b> 1st/3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m. Jeannine Uhlenkamp ~ President	<b>Marshall Lions</b> 2/4 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Lion Jackie Meyer ~ President	<b>Lucan Lions</b> 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Lion Vern Klante ~ President	<b>Worthington Lions</b> 2nd Monday, 6:15 pm Susan Obermoller ~ President
<b>Granite Falls Lions</b> 1st/3rd Monday, 6:30 p.m. Lion Craig Opdahl ~ President	<b>Truman Lions</b> 1st Monday, 6:00 p.m. Lion Mike Laue ~ President	<b>Clarkfield Lions</b> 3rd Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. Lion Jim Lynner ~ President	<b>Comfrey Lions</b> 2nd Monday 6:15 pm Lion Gary Richter ~ President
<b>Hadley Lions</b> 3rd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Lion Ryan Beers ~ President	<b>Vesta Lions</b> 1st Monday, 6:30 p.m. Lion James Penske ~ President	<b>Windom Lions</b> 2/4 Wednesday, 6:30 pm Dean Schumacher ~ President	<b>Fulda Lions</b> 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm Lion Dean McNeal ~ President
<b>Tyler Lions</b> 4th Wednesday, 7:30 pm Lion Ted Kern ~ President	<b>Sherburn Lions</b> 2/4 Monday, 7 p.m. Lion Dean Tiam ~ President	<b>Mountain Lake</b> 2nd Monday, 6:15 p.m. Lion Vernon Goering ~ President	<b>Tracy Lions</b> 2nd Monday, 6:30 pm Lion Chris Kamrud ~ President