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**Donate Your
Old Eyeglasses**

lionsclubs.org/recyclesight



WORLD SIGHT DAY October 13, 2022

Vision

Ever since Helen Keller inspired us to champion the cause in 1925, we've served and advocated for the blind and visually impaired. Nearly a century later, this long-standing mission continues unhindered.



LEARN

Vision Facts

253 million people are blind or have moderate to severe distance vision impairment (MSVI)
1.1 billion have near-vision impairment simply because they don't have a pair of glasses
>75% of all blindness and MSVI is avoidable
89% of people with visual impairment live in developing countries

Visit: www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/vision



DISCOVER

We Have a Plan

We have a long history of serving the blind and visually impaired, and remain committed to continuing this mission into our next century of service.

Our Strategic Objective

Prevent avoidable blindness and improve quality of life for people who are blind and visually impaired.



Passing of the Pride...

Have any of your club members passed away since our 2022 convention?

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 **2023 February Mid Winter Convention**.

Wayne.radloff@yahoo.com



DG~Don Kuehl~

Notes from Your Governor

Hello Lions of 5M3. Well fall is coming, football has started, cooler nights, farmers are getting equipment ready for harvest, activities are ramping up. Hopefully your clubs are actively getting into your fall service projects. Visited with the Westbrook Lions last week and they are active with their projects. Had a fun evening, did their officer installations, and presented longevity awards to several of their members. I have three more club visits scheduled and have room for more. Please drop me an email or call to get your club scheduled.

Speaking of service projects, our district wide childhood cancer blanket and pillowcase project is off and running. I think at this time we have purchased over 60 blanket kits but need club donations to purchase more. If your club is thinking about supporting this project, please send your donation to district treasurer, Lion Denise Nelson. Thanks.

Just got the Club Health Assessment report for August. At the end of the month, we are at -3 members, 8 YTD adds and 11 TYD drops. Shout out to Jasper, New Ulm, and Tracy Lions Clubs for posting new member adds in August. Lots of goose eggs for everyone else. Need to try and get that changed for September.

Just a heads up, Zone meetings are being planned for September and October. Watch for details from your Zone Chairs regarding dates, locations, and time. Remember this isn't just for Secretaries and Presidents, ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to attend. I have memories from when I first joined Lions that the clubs in our zone always tried to have the most members present for the zone meetings, and we had FUN. Just another way to learn what's happening in the district and multiple.

I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank-you" to everyone for what they do for Lions in your club and community. It's because of your service that we continue to make our communities better. International President Brian Sheehan's message is "Together We Can" and my theme for this year is "Achieve New Heights". Teamwork (working together) we can achieve new heights in service, leadership, and membership.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know. Till next month, continue to "Achieve New Heights" in your club and community.

DG Don

Upcoming Governor visits and meetings:

October 5th—Mid-Winter Convention Planning Meeting

October 6th-Jeffers Lions Governor's Night

October 8th-COG at Brainerd, MN

October 25th-Marshall Lions Governor's Night

November 14th-Tracty Lions Governor's Night

Contact DG Don Kuehl to set up a visit with your club! 507-847-3126 ddkuehl@msn.com



1VDG~Patty Peterson

I love this time of year: warm days, cool nights, the fall decorating, the harvest. October is a very busy month for me. A few Lions training sessions, a family wedding, a family bridal shower, and unfortunately a family funeral. Some of these events overlap, so I will have to miss something. That makes me sad, so I'll focus on the positive. One of the things I am really enjoying in my new job is the zone meetings. They are a great chance to meet fellow Lions, share ideas and concerns, and maybe even learn something! Your leadership team is willing to do whatever we can to help you. Please consider attending a zone meeting in your area, especially if you are a club officer. I believe it will be worth your while. Until next month, enjoy the beauty of the autumn season. Have a safe, abundant, breakdown-free harvest!



LCIF -- Lions Clubs International Foundation

Good News, Good News, and Unfortunate news.

Good News – Campaign 100 is ended and over. Campaign 100 started out as an aggressive 3 year fund raising campaign, turned into a 4 year fund raising campaign, to raise \$300 million worldwide. The campaign ended June 30, 2022 at 11:59:59 pm.

A couple months before the end of the campaign, the total seemed to be stuck around \$275 Million, and I personally didn't think the goal would be made. Silly me. Hindsight says I should have had more faith in Lions.

Good News – after the push at all the Mid-winter Conventions and the International Convention, the dust settling, and all accounts and gifts accounted for – the end total was \$324,687,263 and a few odd cents. The worldwide goal had been met!

Unfortunate news – Worldwide disasters have not stopped, and the need for helping others goes on. Fires, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, wars, diseases – the list, unfortunately, goes on and on. The need continues.

So please continue to give to LCIF.

IPDG Gordon Mulder – LCIF District Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Jul 31, 2021.....1,013

Aug 31, 2022.....1,032

YTD Members Added: 8
YTD

Members Dropped: ... -11 YTD

Net Loss/Gain: -3

35 clubs



Club Sponsor Page

To have your Club listed on the sponsor page, send your **\$40.00** to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266 Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor.

NOTE: Clubs can be sponsored in more than one box.

From the Global Service Desk

Welcome to the late summer and nice fall weather that is taking place and really a nice place to live. Fall harvest is going to start very soon in the area, just everybody be careful. Enjoy the great fall weather, cool at night and comfortable in the afternoon.

Lions Clubs are meeting and zone meetings are happening also. Zone meeting in Marshall last night and a terrific job by Zone Chair, 1VDG Patty Peterson. Great turnout at the meeting and service reporting was up for discussion. The question was how to do the reporting and is it worth the effort. Here is some information about service reporting. Details give stories power. Saying you fed 90 families is more powerful than saying you organized a food drive. Saying your club contributed 1,350 hours volunteer hours is more powerful than saying your club serves the community. When your club reports service, you collect the details needed to share powerful stories of your club's impact. We have 11 clubs reporting this month. Let's see if we can get up to 15 clubs by the time the next newsletter is printed. Service reporting is very easy to do. Any questions, let me know.

Lions Clubs Reporting	Service Activities	People Served	Funds Donated
Canby			
Comfrey	1	160	300
Fairmont			
Hadley	6	400	1700
Jackson	2	445	3560
Jasper	22	800	350
Luverne			
Marshall	10	1904	
Morgan	6	233	
New Ulm	12	250	3548
Pipestone			
Redwood Falls			
Sherburn	2	700	
Sleepy Eye			
Springfield Area			
St. James	2	22	
Tracy	10	327	2980
Windom	5	260	1125
Recap:	Total Activities 95	Total Served 7,926	Funds Donated \$6,286

Our District has over half the clubs that haven't reported anything in the last couple years. We are working with some clubs and hope to improve the reporting that can be done. I am willing to help. Just let me know. The first month, I David, will enter them for your club. My number is (507)236-2480.

Thanks for your service.
GST David J.



*Transforming Vision Care Through
Comprehensive Eye Health Solutions*

LCIF and Johnson & Johnson Vision

Support our Mission



Since 2002, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has partnered with Johnson & Johnson Vision to implement the largest-known, school-based eye health program, Sight for Kids. The program mobilizes Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools, currently in seven locations throughout the world; Thailand, Philippines, Kerala, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Florida, and Kenya. The program provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education, perform a visual acuity test, and screen for common eye conditions. Students identified with potential vision impairment or eye ailments are referred to healthcare providers for evaluation.



Real Impact: By the Numbers

This program has created tremendous impact in communities worldwide. Today, LCIF and our partners at Johnson & Johnson Vision have proudly achieved multiple successes, including:

**42
MILLION**

students screened around the world

**3
MILLION**

students reached annually

**500
THOUSAND**

pairs of eyeglasses provided to children
in need

**600
THOUSAND**

students treated

**200
THOUSAND**

teachers engaged



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 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

Happy fall,
I know this is later than expected, or earlier, but there is a lot going on in Lions and in my life, as I know it is also in yours. This was an amazing summer for growing stuff. I am going to have 8 gallons of grape juice to make jelly in the next few months--never had so many grapes!

So this newsletter can just go in your next newsletter edition.

Thanks for all you do to support the Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation. We have some very good news for you in the coming months. Please encourage your hearing trustees in what they do--theirs is a very important part of our mission of helping those with hearing health issues.

Enjoy these last warm days, as we all know what is coming!

Sincerely,
Lion Michele Plagman, chair
Minnesota Lions Hearing Foundation
"Believe and Be Heard"



In every Leader Dog lies the heart of a Lion.

Members of the international humanitarian organization, Lions Clubs International, founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time. Over 4,900 Lions Clubs both nationally and internationally contribute financially to Leader Dog. Lions identify people in their community who could benefit from Leader Dog's services, offer assistance to our clients and widely communicate information about our programs throughout their hometowns and districts.

Lions step forward to support the people we serve in significant ways, acting as Leader Dog Chairs in their districts, as puppy raisers and hosts for our breeding stock dogs and as advocates for the community of people who are blind or visually impaired.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service organization, a global leader in serving people who are blind or visually impaired, and a valued partner to the Leader Dog mission. We are deeply grateful for our longstanding relationship with Lions and proud of our collective impact.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Our array of specially tailored recognition programs are designed to acknowledge the outstanding fundraising efforts of Lions on both an individual and club level. Review the options below and call us today for more information on how your club can help make more people unstoppable. Contact the Lions department for details at 888-777-5332.

Annual Club Contributions



All clubs contributing \$100 or more annually receive a banner patch. [Make a donation.](#)

Top Dog Club Award



Demonstrate your club's leadership by joining this elite list. Make a total annual donation of \$5,000 or more and receive a Top Dog award. [Download a donation form.](#)

Puppy Sponsorship



[Puppy sponsorship](#) includes photos of your chosen puppy, your puppy's profile, banner patch and certificate.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Featuring **Ben Marti Jazz Group**

Wine Pull • Appetizers • Cash Bar

\$30 per person • \$50 per couple

Cash or Check

Semi Formal/Business Attire

Contact Lion Deb Bialke at liondebblake@gmail.com

Earle Brown Heritage Center

Captains Room

6155 Earle Brown Dr,

Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

7:00pm - 9:30pm

**Can your club donate wine for our wine cork pull?
Contact Lion Deb Blaike at liondebblake@gmail.com**



NOVEMBER 15, 2022

**POSTMARK DEADLINE TO SUBMIT
WINNING PEACE POSTER FROM CLUBS
TO DG DON**

The district **Public Relations Kit** is available for clubs to use for special events and fundraisers. If your club would like to arrange to use a kit, please contact Lion Denise Nelson at 507-227-1712 or dlnelson0714@hotmail.com



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts with annual gross receipts less than US\$50,000 that are not otherwise required to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as the 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

Remember to verify with the MN Secretary of State website that your club name is registered.

Lions: Please remember that all Lions clubs, districts and multiple districts that have annual gross receipts of less than US\$50,000 and do not have to file Forms 990 or 990-EZ must file the e-Postcard (also known as 990-N). If your Lions club, district or multiple district has a foundation, which is a separate legal entity, the appropriate form will need to be filed as well.

All filers must register at IRS.gov prior to filing their next Form 990-N. This is a one-time registration if the designated Lion files annually. If the designee changes from a prior year, the new designee must register with the IRS.

Please refer to the following chart regarding annual filing requirements:

2020-2021 Tax Year*	Form to File
Gross receipts normally \$50,000 or less	990-N
Gross receipts greater than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts \$200,000 or greater or total assets \$500,000 or greater	990

The e-Postcard is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of your tax year. Lions clubs operate on a fiscal year, July 1-June 30, and the e-Postcard is due by **November 15** each year. Please note that *an organization cannot request an extension for filing the Form 990-N*.

If you do not file, you risk losing your tax-exempt status. Any Lions club that fails to meet its annual reporting requirement for three consecutive years will automatically lose its tax exempt status. A club may [apply](#) for reinstatement of its tax exemption even if it originally fell under a group exemption.

Every club and/or district (single, sub- and multiple) must have an employer identification number (EIN), even if it will not have employees. The EIN is a unique number that identifies the organization to the Internal Revenue Service. To apply for an EIN, you should obtain a Form SS-4 and its instructions from the IRS. You may also apply for an [EIN online](#), by telephone (1-800-829-4933) or by fax (fax number at the location accepting applications from your state). It is important that clubs and districts use the correct EIN for their annual filing.

For frequently asked questions about tax issues and regulations affecting Lions clubs and leadership, visit the [Lions Tax FAQ](#). Visit www.irs.gov/efo for complete details and to sign up for Exempt Organization's free email newsletter, *EO Update*, to receive up-to-date information posted on the charity pages of irs.gov.

Legal Division
Lions Clubs International

* Prior to December 31, 2010, gross receipt limits for filing the 990-N was \$25,000.

5M3 HAPPENINGS



On Aug 28 **Jackson** Lion Diana Kuehl led Childhood Cancer Pillowcase training in Worthington. Lions from **Hadley** and **Luverne** attended and gained knowledge of the simple pattern. They brought material home to finish on their own to be later delivered to Sioux Falls Children's Hospital. **If you are interested in learning to make these pillowcases, please contact Lion Diana. ddkuehl@msn.com**



Lucan Lions held a dinner meeting with speaker Sheriff Deputy Caitlin Jorgenson.

Retention is the key to keeping your membership numbers. You cannot run your programs without your members. Talk to them, see what keeps them and what makes them leave. Meet their needs.



Westbrook Lions Club with DG Don



DG Don Kuehl installed officers of the **Westbrook Lions Club**. Pictured right L-R: DG Don, Lion Darren Peters (Treasurer), Lion Russ Gundermann (President), Lion Arlene Erickson (Secretary) Lion John Madson (2nd Vice Chair), Not pictured Lion Connie Rupp (1st Vice Chair)



Left: Kidsight screening at St Annes Catholic School in Wabasso by **Lucan Lions**

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Thursday night (9/15), the **Lions Club of New Ulm** had their annual picnic at Shirley's Park and Country Retreat. Thanks go out to the Misfits band for playing great music all evening long. Special thanks to Lion Keith Richter and his wife Trudy for hosting the event!

New Ulm Lions Fly-In is Big Success

The Lions Club of New Ulm hosted their 48th annual Fly-In Breakfast on Sept. 11th. The New Ulm Lions hosted over 1600 guests for a pancake, sausage and applesauce breakfast and had over 70 airplanes fly in. Our new mascot, "Roary", was a big hit. "Thank You" to all Lions and friends for working together to create this very successful event. And, most of all, "Thank you" to all who attended our Fly-In for your support!



Above: **Kidsight** screening was done on Sept 19th at Milroy Public School by **Lucan and Milroy Lions**.



Right: **Kidsight** screening at Echo Charter School by **Lucan Lions**

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Lucan Lions walked road ditches in Lucan area on Sept. 18.



VDG's Patty and Deb helped served at **Lamberton Lions** Burger Feed.



Kidsight screening was run by **Lucan Lions** on Sept. 21 at Wabasso Public School.



New Ulm Lions Welcome Karen Schewe

Lion Karen Schewe was inducted into the Lions Club of New Ulm on September 8, 2022.

Pictured Above, L to R: **New Ulm Lions** Club President, Brad Kirk; Lion Karen Schewe; and Lion Karen's sponsor, Keith Richter.



The **St. James Lions** had some unique visitors at its booth during Uniting Fiesta celebration in September.



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**HUMANITARIAN
EFFORTS**



HUNGER



VISION



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan**

Dear Lion,

One of the best parts of being a Lion is that every day you can see how your service changes lives right outside your door. But that's only the beginning. Because whether your focus is local or global, your impact goes far beyond your community. Especially when we serve our global causes.

Our global causes unite the talents and innovation of every Lion and Leo around the world. So if you're looking to take on an ambitious new service project, consider one of our global causes. And no matter how you serve, keep it up because Together We Can starts with you.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President

St James Lions 1st Wed; 6:00 pm Eagles Club #320 701 1st Ave S St. James Lion Brad Holmberg Pres.	Springfield Area Lions 2nd Thurs; 6:30 pm American Legion Lion Deb Miesen, Pres.		Luverne Lions 2nd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Charles Egland, Pres.	Tracy Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. The Caboose Lion Quinn Horvath, Pres.
	Jackson Lions 2nd & 4th Mon; 6:15 pm Jackson American Legion Lion Mark Walter, Pres.	Sleepy Eye Lions 1st Tues; 6:05 p.m. Railway Bar and Grill Lion John Cselovszki, Pres.	Wabasso Lions 3rd Wed; 6:00 pm Community Center Lion Mike Eichten, Pres.	
Comfrey Lions 2nd Mon; 6:00 p.m. Comfrey Comm Ctr Lion Nathan Hesse, Pres.	Redwood Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. VFW-Redwood Falls Lion Caitlyn Krueger, Pres.		Hadley Lions 3rd Tues; 6:30 p.m. Hadley Community Ctr Lion Lisa Saner, Pres.	Morgan Lions 4th Mon; 6:30 p.m. Lions Community Ctr Lion James Lueken, Pres.
Vesta Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Vesta Café Lion Jim Penske, Pres.	Bringing the District news to you! If your Club is not listed, be sure to send in \$40.00 to District Treasurer, Denise Nelson at 405 S St, Morgan MN 56266. Memo line: Newsletter Sponsor. NOTE: Clubs can sponsor more than one time!			

5M3 Lions Clubs Sponsor Page



Lions of New Ulm 1 & 2 Thurs; 6 p.m. Turner Hall Lion Brad Kirk, Pres.	Marshall Lions 2 & 4 Tues; 6 p.m. Lion Jackie Meyer, Pres.	Jasper Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Stonewall Bar & Grill Lion Tim Houg, Pres.		Westbrook Lions 1st Wed; 8 p.m. Senior Center Lion Russell Gundermann, Pres.
Truman Lions 6:00 p.m. 1st Mon; Jan-May and Oct-Nov 2nd Mon; Sep and Dec Church of Christ Lion Ann Erdmann, Pres.	Granite Falls Lions 1 & 3 Mon; 6:30 p.m. Trolley's Bar & Grill Lion Camille TeBeest, Pres.	Fulda Lions 3rd Mon; 6:30 p.m. Fulda Sr Citizens Ctr Lion Michael Zins, Pres.	Canby Lions 2nd Mon; 6:30 p.m. PK Egan's Lion Gene Bies, Pres.	Lucan Lions 2nd Thur; 7 p.m. Knotts Corner Lion Bradley Salfer, Pres.
Sherburn Lions 2 & 4 Mon; 7 p.m. Sherburn Legion Lion Nate Kilma, Pres.	Fulda Wood Duck Festival  June 16-19 2022			Lakefield Lions 1st Mon; 6:30 p.m. Multi-Purpose Bldg Lion Dewayne Hage Pres.
Jeffers Community Lions 1st Thurs; 6:30 p.m. Jeffers City Hall Lion Susan Goeman, Pres.	Clarkfield Lions 3rd Tues; 7:30 a.m. Friendship Café Lion Jim Lynner, Pres.		Windom Lions 2 & 4 Wed; 6:30 p.m. Jack Slades Lion Alan Saffert, Pres.	Fairmont Lions 3rd Mon; 6 p.m. Pizza Ranch Lion Allen Struck, Pres.

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