



Celebrating the People, Purpose & Impact of District 5M-10

District 5M-10 Celebrates Its First New Club Since 2017

Tower Soudan Lake Vermilion (TSLV) Lions Club is officially chartered and ready to serve. The celebration marked an especially meaningful milestone for District 5M-10: TSLV is the district's first newly chartered club since the Chisholm Lions Club was established in 2017.

Friends, family, fellow Lions and district leaders gathered to welcome the charter members into the Lions family. The evening celebrated more than the beginning of a new club - it celebrated people choosing to come together, serve their communities and build something new under the promise, We Serve.

President Kristine Jonas and Vice President Alyssa Mundle-Johnson will help lead the new club as its charter members begin creating their own traditions, projects and identity. Every new club brings new ideas, new energy and new opportunities for service, and TSLV represents an exciting new chapter in the story of District 5M-10.



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TSLV**



**WELCOME TO 5M-10,
TSLV!**



A Message from the District Governor



A new Lions year begins: IPDG Tom Antikainen passes the gavel to 2026-2027 District Governor Steve Kajala.

HELLO LIONS!

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT SUMMER. I'VE STARTED MY CLUB VISITS AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE CLUBS WHO I'VE ALREADY VISITED FOR THEIR AWESOME HOSPITALITY. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY MORE OF YOU SOON.

LET'S TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT OUR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM. DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR DISTRICT CABINET HAS 69 POSITIONS? THESE POSITIONS ARE HELD BY A TOTAL OF 39 LIONS AS SOME INDIVIDUALS WEAR MORE THAN ONE HAT. FROM SERVICE IDEAS TO NEW MEMBER RECRUITING TO CHAIRPERSONS FOR OUR AWESOME LIONS FOUNDATIONS AND ENDORSED CHARITIES, EVERY CABINET MEMBER IS HERE FOR ONE REASON: TO STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB. PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO US IF WE CAN HELP YOU OR YOUR CLUB IN ANY WAY.

IF YOU ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA, PLEASE LIKE/FOLLOW OUR DISTRICT PAGES BY SEARCHING @5M10LIONS ON FACEBOOK OR @LIONS5M10 ON INSTAGRAM. AND BE SURE TO JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP "LIONS DISTRICT 5M10 MEMBERS GROUP" TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR DISTRICT.

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO IN THE NAME OF LIONISM!



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Duluth Lions Support Diabetes Care in Haiti

For several years, the Duluth Lions Club has supported diabetes care and education in Haiti with an annual \$2,500 donation. This August, that continued support helped bring diabetes education, screening and medication to hundreds of people.

On August 7, a community diabetes gathering was held in Haiti, welcoming nearly 350 participants, including 230 people living with diabetes, along with family members, visitors and other members of the community.

The program was moderated by Ms. Vastie Philogène and featured three healthcare professionals. Dr. Leona Cadet spoke about diabetes and its complications. Nutritionist Cathina Estamar shared guidance on healthy eating and dietary considerations for people living with diabetes. Surgeon Joseph Guerrier discussed complications associated with diabetic wounds and the important precautions patients can take.

The event opened with welcoming remarks from Dr. Mareus Emmanuel, followed by the Haitian national anthem presented by Leosthène Mathieu.

In addition to the educational presentations, a diabetes screening session was conducted, medications were distributed, and lunch and refreshments were provided to all in attendance.

The successful event was made possible through the leadership of Dr. Judlyn Sylves, Dr. Leona Cadet and Ms. Pierre Winslove, along with the continued support of partners such as the Duluth Lions.

For the Duluth Lions, their annual contribution is more than a donation—it is helping provide education, screening, medication and resources to hundreds of people affected by diabetes in Haiti.

LOCAL LIONS. GLOBAL IMPACT.

We Serve



Participants enjoy lunch and refreshments during the event.



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Lions Clubs International
GLOBAL CAUSES



DIABETES
A GLOBAL CAUSE

Lions work to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and improve the quality of life for those diagnosed through education, prevention, screening and support.

Sioux Lookout LIONS CLUB



Starting the Lions Year Strong in Sioux Lookout

The Sioux Lookout Lions have been busy! Since our last newsletter, our club has completed more fundraisers, service projects and community donations than we could possibly fit into one update, so we're starting fresh with news from the new Lions year.

Several of our service projects continue throughout the year. Through Recycle for Sight, we collect donated eyeglasses and make deliveries several times a year to a CLERC location in Thunder Bay. Our Celebration Fundraiser offers yard signs for special occasions and has raised \$450 so far toward our \$1,000 goal by mid-October. Members also bring non-perishable food items to each general meeting, with donations delivered to the local food bank every month.

The new Lions year kicked off with one of our biggest community traditions—Canada Day! It's always a busy, crazy and fun day, and this year winds topping 45 km/h made things even more interesting. Unfortunately, the weather meant no fireworks that evening. A Restricted Fire Zone followed, and we're still working to reschedule the postponed display. We also held a weekend yard sale with items donated by Lions and friends to support our administration fund. Without even advertising it as a Lions event, the sale raised approximately \$1,800, giving our administrative account a terrific boost.

Our Lions were back in the community for the grand opening of PACE, where we hosted a BBQ and served 200 burgers and hot dogs.

The annual Blueberry Festival brought another full day of service. At the Trade Show, Lions provided KidSight



vision screenings for 56 children, with seven referred for follow-up. Then it was time for some fun! We joined Blueberry Bert's Birthday Party with our bouncy tent, dino ride, freezies, cotton candy and new bubble pool. We even added a Celebration sign display in honor of Bert's big day. And there's plenty more ahead. We'll be hosting a dinner for the local Legion's meat draw, beginning sales for our 50/50 draw and selling our newly arrived Green Capes calendars in support of the Lions Foundation of Dog Guides. We're also looking forward to welcoming District Governor Steve Kajala for a visit in September.



A Summer of Service in Bemidji

Greetings from the Bemidji Lions Club! It has been an action-packed summer filled with service, fundraising, fellowship and plenty of opportunities to make a difference in the Bemidji community.

Club members kicked off the season by cleaning up Highway 71 South through the club's roadside cleanup efforts. Lions also served brats and chips to coaches and staff representing high school teams from across northern Minnesota during the Lions Invitational Track Meet.

Of course, Bemidji Lions know their way around a griddle! In May, the club held its annual FlapJack Breakfast fundraiser at a local church. June brought even more pancakes as Lions helped with both the Farm Bureau Breakfast at the fairgrounds and the annual Fishing Has No Boundaries event.

One of the summer's biggest highlights was the club's donation of more than \$36,000 to Greenwood Cemetery to assist with damage caused by the June 2025 storm.

Fundraising efforts continued with the launch of the club's largest annual fundraiser—the ATV Raffle. Tickets are being sold for a chance to win a new Polaris ATV or \$5,000 cash, with the lucky winner to be drawn in November. The ATV even made an appearance in Bemidji's Fourth of July parade, where the Lions mascot rode aboard the club's newly painted trailer.

The Lions also helped serve food during the "Night We Light" event and celebrated a very successful DeFeet Walk in early June, which drew several hundred participants. June was also a time to celebrate the club itself during its annual Awards Banquet, where members were recognized for their accomplishments and service.

Vision screenings remained an important focus throughout the spring and early summer, with Lions providing screenings at area schools and other locations. Members also found time for some fellowship, gathering along the shores of beautiful Lake Irving for the club's annual picnic in early August.

And the Bemidji Lions aren't slowing down.

The club's budget for the coming fiscal year includes donations to 40 charities throughout the community. Members are also working toward establishing a Leo Club with the local high school, a Campus Club with Bemidji State University and a Branch Club with Sanford.

With 87 members and several promising new Lions joining the ranks, the club continues to look toward the future while building on a remarkable tradition of service.

It's an exciting time to be a Lion in the Bemidji community!

— Leon Nelson, Club Secretary



\$36,000

**DONATED TO
GREENWOOD CEMETERY
FOR STORM DAMAGE
RECOVERY**



**Our Lion mascot in the July 4th Parade
on the club's newly painted trailer!**



CHISHOLM *Lions Club*

THE CHISHOLM LIONS ARE STRONGER THAN EVER

Between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026, the Chisholm Lions Club proudly logged 955.52 volunteer hours, contributed \$6,575 back to our community, supported numerous local organizations and community events through in-kind donations, and helped keep Chisholm beautiful through our Adopt-a-Highway and Longyear Lake Walking Trail cleanups.

These accomplishments are especially meaningful because they reflect just how far we've come. Over the past two years, we have worked tirelessly to restructure and strengthen the Chisholm Lions Club, and we are thrilled and honored to see that hard work paying off.

Since January 2025 our club has grown by 12 members. As our club continues to grow, so do that opportunities we have to serve. We are proud to continue expanding community traditions like our Back-to-School Community Event, Polar Bear Days Pajama Party and our growing Lake Street Vendor Shows. These events bring neighbors together, strengthen community connections, and allow us to live out our motto: We Serve.

This year, we were honored to partner with the United Way during their Day of Action. Together, we sponsored and installed the Born to Learn Trail along the Longyear Lake Walking Trail and completed a home improvement project for a Chisholm resident. Both projects reflected our commitment to improving our community through hands-on service.

Community celebrations are some of our favorite ways to serve. We had a wonderful time participating in Bringing Light to Chisholm, which I proudly describe as our town's very own Hallmark movie event. By providing transportation between the downtown festivities and the Minnesota Museum of Mining, we helped connect neighbors, families, and friends throughout the celebration. We are honored to participate in community events like Polar Bear Days and Lake Street Trick-or-Treat, that create opportunities for local businesses, organizations, and residents to come together while strengthening the sense of community that makes Chisholm so special.

In August we had the opportunity to participate in Doc Moonlight Graham Days. We provided concessions at the Ghost Players game, participated in the parade, and assisted the Chisholm Chamber with Bouncin' Around Downtown. We are especially proud to be a sponsor of this year's fireworks display and enjoyed celebrating alongside our community.

Throughout this journey, we have learned what it truly means to be Lions. We have built a stronger foundation for a sustainable club while growing not only as volunteers, but also as leaders, individuals and friends.

In addition to serving our community, our members have invested time attending district events, conferences, and leadership training to deepen their understanding of Lionism and strengthen our ability to serve. These experiences have connected us with Lions from across the region, sparked new ideas, and reminded us that

The possibilities are truly endless when people come together with a heart for service.



**More members. More Service.
More Opportunities.**



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

DISTRICT 5M-10

Developing Lions for a Stronger Tomorrow

TOGETHER
WE LIFT
HIGHER.

Learn.
Grow.
Lead.
Serve.

Learning to Be a Knowledgeable Lion

Greetings from District GLT Lion Bob Woodke

If you are a Lion, you should be registered on the Lions Portal with your own account. This is for every Lion. With access to the portal, you have a world of Lions resources at your fingertips. In the Portal you can find contact information for club officers across your district as well as the whole district leadership. You can see your own Lions history. You can see who the historic leaders are, and you can access Learn where you can find out about what the jobs of club officers and directors are, what Guiding Lions do, and take courses in the learning paths for any job that interests you. And you can learn about Lions programs and service. Take some time and explore the Portal.

Every current club officer should take the learning path for their particular office. You will find that taking the training will make your job easier, as you won't have to learn things the hard way. When you take a module be sure you check the box in the upper right of the final screen to report that you have completed that training.

Regional Lions Leadership Institute is coming up in Roseville. We have 8 Lions from our district enrolled as I write this article, but there is room for more. Ask anyone who has attended RLLI before and you will learn that it is an awesome experience. The institute is set up for 50 students and there are about half of the spaces filled at this point. It's not too late for you to sign up.

Let's all grow together to be better Lions making the world and our communities better.

— District GLT Lion Bob Woodke

Use the Lions Portal – It's for You!

- Find contact information for club officers
- Access district leadership information
- See your own Lions history
- Take courses in learning paths for any role
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THE LIONS PORTAL

Your gateway to Lions resources, training, and so much more!

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— DISTRICT GLT LION BOB WOODKE



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LEAD TO SERVE. SERVE TO LEAD.

RLLI

REGIONAL LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

OCTOBER 16-18, 2026

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Roseville, Minnesota

Stronger
Leaders.
Stronger
Communities.



RLLI is an inspiring weekend of leadership development, teamwork, and personal growth designed to equip Lions to lead with confidence and make an even greater impact.

BENEFITS TO PARTICIPANTS

- Develop Your Leadership Skills**
Strengthen communication, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities.
- Build Lasting Connections**
Network with Lions from across the region and build lifelong friendships.
- Gain New Ideas & Inspiration**
Discover fresh approaches to serve your club and community.
- Grow in Confidence**
Step out of your comfort zone and discover your leadership potential.
- Make a Greater Impact**
Return to your club energized and ready to lead with purpose.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Lions, Leos, Lioness, and all Lions Club members
- New members and experienced leaders alike
- Anyone with a desire to grow, serve, and lead

INVEST IN YOUR LEADERSHIP!

COST: \$150

Registration includes all training materials, meals, and Saturday evening banquet.



Take the Next Step
IN YOUR LEADERSHIP JOURNEY!

Learn. Lead. Connect. Serve.

REGISTER TODAY! SPACES ARE LIMITED!



TOGETHER, WE SERVE. TOGETHER, WE LEAD.



SERVICE



DEDICATION TO EXCELLENCE



INTEGRITY



COLLABORATION



DIVERSITY



INNOVATION

LEAD

| LEARN

| CONNECT

| SERVE

We Serve

Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation



"Catch the Dream"
Life without Diabetes

Members of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation (MNLDF) Board visited Dr. Melanie Graham's laboratory at the University of Minnesota on July 31. Dr. Graham's lab conducts research in transplant immunology and xenotransplantation at the Schulze Diabetes Institute. Researchers study promising treatments and vaccines before they advance to human clinical trials. Non-human primates are used in this research because their genetic, biological, physiological, and behavioral characteristics closely resemble those of humans. This work is essential to advancing our understanding of disease and developing new treatments that may one day lead to a cure for diabetes.

The primates receive enrichment activities designed to keep them active, healthy, and engaged. They also participate in aspects of their own care, helping to build trust between the animals and staff while reducing stress. These practices contribute to improved animal well-being and more reliable research outcomes. During the visit, board members observed a dedicated and caring team committed to both animal welfare and scientific advancement.

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is currently funding four research projects at the University of Minnesota:

- Transplanting adult islet cells to cure Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes without the need for anti-rejection drugs (Dr. Bernhard Hering).
- Identifying potential organ transplant candidates who may benefit from clinical trials involving human antibody reactivity to pig antigens (Dr. Bernhard Hering).
- Determining why autoimmune diabetes develops in mice (Dr. Brian Fife).
- Controlling the inflammatory immune cells that destroy insulin-producing cells and contribute to Type 1 diabetes (Dr. Brian Fife).

One of the primary fundraising programs of the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation is the Dream Catcher Award. These awards recognize individuals and organizations whose service and financial support help Lions and the Foundation pursue their goals in diabetes research, treatment, and education. Dream Catcher Awards are a major source of revenue for the Foundation. As of July 1, 2025, a total of 1,453 Dream Catcher Awards had been presented. Each award represents a \$1,000 contribution to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation.

One of the earliest medical research projects supported by both the Duluth Lions Club and the MNLDF involved porcine islet cell research. The goal was to harvest islet cells from medically bred pigs and transplant them into human patients. Today, that pioneering work has advanced to clinical trials involving individuals with Type 1 diabetes mellitus. This research provides a promising new option for patients who continue to experience unstable blood glucose levels despite long-term disease management.

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation sincerely thanks its supporters for their commitment to diabetes research and for helping bring us closer to a cure.

The Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation was founded by the Lions Clubs of Minnesota and their dedicated volunteer members who are strongly committed to improving the lives of people with diabetes by raising funds and collaborating with partners to do diabetes research, diabetes education, and sponsor preventative health activities that provide a caring and valued community service while helping to find a cure for diabetes.

Dream Catcher Award

To qualify for a Dream Catcher Award, a Lions Club or individual must have accumulated \$1000 in donations to the Minnesota Lions Diabetes Foundation, Inc..



**EMERGENCY
RESPONSE**
LIONS HELPING
COMMUNITIES

Ready When Our Communities Need Us

PREPARE • RESPOND • SUPPORT • TOGETHER

Dear Lions and Clubs of District 5M10,

I hope this message finds you well. I am reaching out to ask for your support of an important district service initiative: our **Emergency Response Trailer**.

When emergencies strike, quick action can make a meaningful difference for families and communities in need. Our district's emergency response trailer is intended to help us deliver timely relief supplies and support local response efforts when emergencies occur. To keep this resource ready and effective, we are seeking donations from our district clubs.

Your club's contribution will help support the preparation, maintenance, and readiness of this trailer so that our district can respond swiftly when called upon. Every donation, large or small, will make a difference and strengthen our ability to come together in times of need.

The emergency response trailer will be available for use by all 5M10 clubs and members in good standing on a first come, first served basis to assist with emergency response anywhere in the US or Canada. Although the primary purpose of the trailer is to provide support within our district, it can also be used to provide support to any locale that you wish to support to such as storm recovery in the southeastern US or forest fires in Canada. Additionally, we encourage you to reserve the trailer to showcase at your major service events, town festivals, and parades.

If your club can contribute, please send your donation in a check payable to "Lions District 5M10" and mailed to 3919 W Tischer Road, Duluth, MN 55803. Please be sure to enclose a note or memo on the check indicating the funds are for the emergency response trailer. Additionally, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or ideas for how your club can further support this effort. Please note that if additional funds are raised, they will held in an account designated for purchase of future emergency supplies.

Thank you for your continued dedication to service and for all you do to make a difference in our communities. Together, we can be better prepared to respond when emergencies happen.

Thank you for your consideration,

Steve Kajala

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District Governor
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*Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors*

AVAILABLE TO ANY DISTRICT 5M-10 CLUB



**FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE
ANYWHERE IN THE USA
AND CANADA**



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Send donations to:

Lions District 5M10
3919 W Tischer Road
Duluth, MN 55803

Please note on the check:

"Emergency Response Trailer"

*"Together we can be better
prepared to respond when
emergencies happen."*

— DG STEVE KAJALA



Recognition

CELEBRATING SERVICE. BUILDING A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

MISSION1.5®

MORE MEMBERS • GREATER SERVICE • A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

District 5M-10 Earns Mission 1.5 Recruitment Recognition

District 5M-10 has been recognized by Lions Clubs International for its success in growing our association through new members and newly chartered clubs.

On June 4, then-District Governor Tom Antikainen received notification that District 5M-10 had qualified for the Mission 1.5 Recruitment Award, recognizing the district's success in membership growth and new club development.

As part of this achievement, District 5M-10 also qualified for one Leadership Medal, giving the district the opportunity to recognize a Lion who played a key role in reaching this milestone.

In describing the spirit behind the recognition, then-International President A.P. Singh emphasized the difference individual Lions can make when they put their unique strengths, talents and resources into action for good. The award recognizes Lions who take initiative in service, inspire others in their communities and help strengthen the humanitarian impact of Lions.



Tammy Wheatley Receives Leadership Medal

IPDG Tom Antikainen selected Tammy Wheatley to receive the Leadership Medal in recognition of her outstanding efforts and the vital role she played in the district's success.

Thank you, Tammy, for your leadership, passion, and unwavering commitment to Lionism. You inspire us all!

*Leadership
Creates Opportunity*

MELVIN JONES FELLOW

HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

Julie Antikainen Recognized as a Melvin Jones Fellow

IPDG Tom Antikainen had the honor of presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Julie Antikainen in recognition of her outstanding dedication to service, both within our district and beyond.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is the highest form of recognition a Lion can receive. It is named in honor of Melvin Jones, the founder of Lions Clubs International, and is awarded to individuals who demonstrate exceptional humanitarian service and a deep commitment to the ideals of Lionism.

Julie's continued service, leadership, and support have made a lasting impact on our district and the many communities we serve. We are grateful for her dedication and proud to celebrate this well-deserved recognition.



Congratulations Julie!

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

— MELVIN JONES
Founder, Lions Clubs International



PEOPLE
SERVICE
COMMUNITY
A STRONGER
TOMORROW



BE THE ONE.

One invitation.
One act of kindness.
One moment of service.
One Lion can change the world.

BE THE ONE

DENISE MARIE LAUDENBACH
 Candidate for International Director

THANK YOU FOR BEING THE ONE.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Denise Marie Laudenbach Announces Candidacy for Lions Clubs International Director

Longtime Lions leader and Past Council Chair of MD5M launches "Be the One" campaign for the April 2027 MD5M ballot.

NISSWA, Minn. — 8/18/2026 — Denise Marie Laudenbach, a member of the Nisswa Lions Club and Immediate Past Council Chair of Multiple District 5M, today announced her candidacy for International Director of Lions Clubs International. She will seek endorsement on the MD5M ballot at the Multiple District Convention in April 2027.

A Lion for more than 16 years, Laudenbach has served at every level of the organization — Club President, Zone Chair, District Secretary, District Governor of District 5M9, and Council Chair of MD5M. She is an LCIP Certified Instructor, RLLI and USA Lions Faculty member, a facilitator and moderator at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, and holds a Doctorate from Lions University. She currently serves as Group Leader for First Vice District Governors at the international level and as Secretary of the 2029 LCI Convention Committee.

Laudenbach has personally sponsored 26 new Lions and helped charter multiple new clubs. Her service innovations include Empower Hour, a program connecting nonprofit leaders with Lions clubs; a district-wide food packing event; a diaper drive; and community fundraisers. She is a champion for pediatric vision care, an advocate for survivors of trafficking, and a co-founder of 100+ Women Who Care. Her honors include the Melvin Jones Fellowship, the Helen Keller Award, the LCIF Leadership Award, and the International President's Award.

"I became a Lion because someone asked me, and I said yes without even knowing what Lions was," Laudenbach said. "That one invitation changed my life. My campaign, 'Be the One,' is about that power we each carry: one invitation, one act of kindness, one moment of service. One Lion can change the world."

Laudenbach brings a professional background in enterprise leadership spanning manufacturing, marketing, sales, and distribution, with expertise in strategic and succession planning. Her platform centers on growing Lions through innovation, inclusion, and purpose; strengthening clubs with training and support; expanding impact through service and LCIF; and assuring the long-term sustainability of Lions service worldwide.

Her campaign is managed by Dennis and Jacque Heinen. For more information, contact denisemarieforid@gmail.com or follow "Denise Marie Laudenbach for International Director" on Facebook and @denise_marieforid on Instagram.



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Denise Marie Laudenbach
for International Director

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THANK YOU FOR BEING THE ONE.



Revised Suspension Policy Important Information for Club Officers

In March 2026, the Board of Directors amended the suspension policy, effective July 1, 2026, that affects clubs that have not paid their club balances on time.

A club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club, whichever is less, outstanding past 90 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions Club. If the club does not reach an active status by the 28th day of the second month following suspension, their charter would be automatically canceled.

Clubs on suspension shall not:

- Conduct service activities
- Conduct fund-raising activities
- Participate in district and multiple district functions or seminars
- Participate in any voting procedures outside of the club
- Endorse or nominate a candidate for district, multiple district and international office
- Submit Membership Reports and report forms
- Sponsor a Lions club or organize a Leo or Lioness club

Clubs on suspension shall:

- Hold meetings to discuss the future of the club and identify the steps needed to regain active status.
- Make payments to clear the existing outstanding balance or request a payment plan.



How do I pay online?

Visit www.lionsclubs.org. Click the "Lion Portal" link, after logging in, click My CLUB, STATEMENT followed by PAY NOW.

Club Officers (Treasurer, President, Secretary) may pay by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, PayPal, and American Express. Debit cards are accepted.



Questions?

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 Phone: 630-203-3820

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Speaking Lion

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Meet the GAT

GLOBAL ACTION TEAM



We Serve

What is the Global Action Team (GAT)?

The Global Action Team (GAT) brings together Lions' efforts in membership, leadership, service and extension. GAT helps clubs and districts work toward a stronger, more vibrant Lions organization so we can make an even greater impact in our communities and around the world.

Four Teams. One Purpose. MORE LIONS. GREATER IMPACT.



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Focuses on strengthening membership — recruiting new Lions, engaging current members, and helping clubs grow and retain members.

Grow our membership.



GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM

Focuses on developing Lions as leaders through training, mentoring, leadership opportunities, and resources.

Grow our leaders.



GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM

Focuses on service — helping clubs identify community needs, plan meaningful service projects, report their impact, and expand our service.

Grow our service.



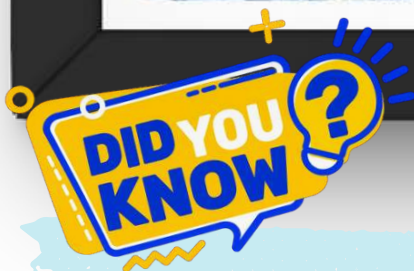
GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM

Focuses on starting new clubs and expanding Lions into communities or groups that aren't currently being served by a Lions club.

Grow our clubs.

Different focus areas. A stronger tomorrow.

TOGETHER WE SERVE



Lions Clubs adopted the official motto “We Serve” in 1954 — but it wasn’t the only idea! Lions submitted more than 6,000 suggestions in an international contest to choose the organization’s motto.

More than 70 years later, those two little words still sum up what Lions do pretty perfectly.



DISTRICT 5M-10 MIDWINTER CONVENTION

South of the Boarder

JANUARY 22-23, 2027

**MOUNTAIN IRON COMMUNITY CENTER
MOUNTAIN IRON, MINNESOTA**



Keynote Speaker

**International Director
Lion Deb Dawson**

Oshawa, Ontario

Join us for an inspiring weekend with International Director Lion Deb Dawson and Lions from across our district, Multiple District 5M, and beyond.



**FELLOWSHIP
& GROWTH**



SPEAKERS



**USA & CANADA
BUSINESS MEETINGS**



RAFFLES



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FIRST TIME CONVENTION ATTENDEES ATTEND FREE!

District 5M-10 will cover the cost for first time attendees to join us for this special weekend.

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Lions District 5M-10 2027 Midwinter Convention
January 22-23, 2027
Mt. Iron Community Center
8566 Enterprise Drive South, Mountain Iron, MN 55768



REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name: _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse
Full Name: _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse
Email Address: _____
Phone Number: _____
Club Name: _____

MEAL INFORMATION

First Convention? First-time attendees will enjoy complimentary meals!

Hospitality Book Package (Includes All Four Meals) – Please Indicate Quantity Needed

Early Bird Pricing: Prior to December 15th - \$75: _____ After December 15th - \$95: _____
Total # of Hospitality Books: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

Individual Meals:

Early Bird: Prior to December 15 th	After December 15 th
Friday Night Mixer - \$20: _____	Friday Night Mixer \$25: _____
Saturday Breakfast - \$15: _____	Saturday Breakfast \$20: _____
Saturday Lunch - \$15: _____	Saturday Lunch - \$20: _____
Governor's Banquet - \$25: _____	Governor's Banquet - \$30: _____

Total # of Individual Meals: _____ Total Amount: \$ _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- ☐ Pay via Check:
Make checks payable to Chisholm Lions Club
Mail check and registration form to:
Bailee Koehler 2027 Midwinter Convention
PO Box 21, Chisholm, MN 55719
- ☐ First-Time Attendees, please submit your registration form by email or mail.
No payment is required.

- ☐ Pay via Zeffy -
Scan the corresponding QR code to submit your payment
Email registration form to
lions5m10midwinter@gmail.com
- Before December 15th** **After December 15th**
-  

HOTEL INFORMATION

Comfort Inn & Suites
8570 Rock Ridge Dr, Mountain Iron, MN 55768
(218) 741-7411

Standard Room \$149/Night
Call to reserve and say you are a Lion!

Thank you for joining us for Service and Fun South of the Border!
Join the Lions District 5M10 Members Group on Facebook
for important convention updates, announcements, and event information.

A Note from the Editor



When we first started talking about bringing back a District 5M-10 newsletter, I said I was aiming for a monthly publication. As it turns out, I may have slightly underestimated what goes into putting one of these together!

Like most of you, Lionism is something I fit alongside work, family, community commitments and everything else life throws our way. While putting together this first edition, I realized that asking our clubs to submit something every month—and asking myself to turn it all into a newsletter every month—may be a little excessive in our already demanding lives.

More importantly, I want North of Ordinary to be something worth opening.

District 5M-10 is home to 36 Lions clubs and 4 Leos clubs across Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Ontario, and every one of those clubs has a story to tell. I want this newsletter to be a place where we can share those stories—where we learn from one another, celebrate each other's successes, discover new ideas and see just how much Lions are accomplishing across our very large district.

So, going forward, North of Ordinary will be published quarterly.

Please—share your successes, accomplishments and service with us! A submission does not have to be a full-page article or a perfectly written story. Send a few photos from a service project. Tell me about a member who deserves recognition. Introduce your newest Lions. Share a successful fundraiser, an anniversary, an award, a creative idea that worked for your club or simply something that made your members proud. Big or small, I want to hear about it.

If writing isn't your thing, that's okay too. Send me the information and photos. We can turn it into something together.

Our publication schedule will be:

December issue; submission deadline November 15

March issue; submission deadline February 15

June issue; submission deadline May 15

That means submissions for our December issue are due November 15.

My hope is that North of Ordinary becomes more than a collection of club reports. I want it to be a place where we share, enrich, learn and celebrate—and where a Lion in one corner of 5M-10 can see what a club hundreds of miles away is doing and think, “Hey, we could do that too.”

This first edition has already reminded me just how much is happening throughout our district. Thank you to everyone who contributed, answered my questions, sent photos and trusted me with your stories.

Now keep them coming. There are 40 clubs in our district, and I want to hear from all of you.

In Service,
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