



DISTRICT 5M-6



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# Sizzl'in



at the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6  
Mid-Winter Convention



Friday, January 10, 2025  
Saturday, January 11, 2025

**THIS IS YOUR ACTION PACKET.**

Please **register** and **submit** the appropriate forms as directed.

# YOUR 2025 MID-WINTER CONVENTION!

## WELCOME

As a valued member of District 5M-6, you are invited to attend a two-day convention in St. Paul. District Governor Lion Cheryl Kelly and fellow Lions have organized a fun, educational, and lively convention.

**Please register now for this fun Mid-Winter celebration!**

## WHAT'S NEW IN 2025?

**A Saturday Club Style Show, a Saturday Night Banquet, Awards, and Closing Ceremony**—Our time together for this celebration promises to be a spectacular snapshot of what has already been achieved in the first half of the 2024-2025 Service Year. As **LIONS WITH IMPACT**, will you or one of your fellow Lions in service be recognized for your dedicated hours serving your community? Make sure you sign up for this uplifting finale of your Mid-Winter Convention and wear **RED**.

## WHAT'S BACK IN 2025?

- Hospitality Rooms (Friday only) **Fun in the Sun-Themed**
- Charitable Gambling Seminar (Friday)
- Celebration of Life Service (Friday)
- First Timer's Contest
- Valuable Seminars
- Inspirational Speakers



**I love Lions and their  
Hospitality Rooms!**

**YOU and your fellow Lion members** will ensure this convention's success. We eagerly anticipate your attendance, as well as that of hundreds of others, **at your 2025 Midwinter Convention!**

**Lion Cheryl Kelly**

District Governor

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



**Lion Dave Dominick**

Convention Co-Chair

[David.Dominick@ymcamn.org](mailto:David.Dominick@ymcamn.org)

**All Mid-Winter Convention information  
(including making an online payment) is available on our District website:  
<https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation>**

# YOUR INDIVIDUAL ROOM AWAITS AT THE



## St. Paul East

2201 Burns Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55119

Conveniently located on South of I-94 at McKnight Road



Call **651.731.2220** to make your room reservation.

Guest rooms will be

**\$109.00 + tax (16.875%)**

A block of rooms reserved under the **Lions Club Group Event** will be held through **12/18/24**.

Hotel Booking Link:

<https://group.doubletree.com/8i11wp>

We had such exciting feedback from the Lions that attended the 2024 Mid-Winter Convention, we quickly booked this hotel for **2025** and **2026**! Escape to the East Side of St. Paul for two days with people you like and people you want to know better.



District Governor Lion Cheryl's light-hearted-themed Convention is to warm you up to the possibility of **YOU** attending the **107<sup>th</sup> Annual International Convention** in ~~Mexico City~~, now **Orlando, Florida**, which will be held **July 13-17, 2025**.



# ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA

107TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION **2025**

With your \$20 Convention Fee, you get a wonderful wristband.  
Please wear it throughout the convention!



**DISTRICT 5M-6**



# Your Sizzl'in Mid-Winter Schedule

## Friday, January 10, 2025

1:00 – 2:30 pm	Charitable Gambling Seminar   Tartan 1
1:00 – 6:00 pm	Foundation Displays   2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Foyer
2:00 – 6:15 pm	Registration, Credentials & <b>Wristbands</b>   2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor (top of the steps)
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Cabinet Meeting   Tartan 1
4:30 – 6:10 pm	<b>Fun in the Sun</b> Hospitality Rooms Open
6:10 – 8:00 pm	All Hospitality Rooms are to be closed
6:30 – 8:00 pm	Opening Ceremony & Celebration of Life Service   Ballroom
8:00 – 8:15 pm	First Timers Contest Orientation   Ballroom
8:00 – 9:00 pm	<b>Mocking Birds</b>   Ballroom
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration & Credentials   2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
8:00 – 12:00 am	Hospitality Rooms   5 <sup>th</sup> Floor



## Saturday, January 11, 2025

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration, Credentials & <b>Wristbands</b>
7:00 am – 7:30 am	Meditation Yoga   Tartan 1
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (program starts at 8:00 am)
8:45 am – 9:45 am	District Business Meeting   Battle Creek
10:00 am – 10:45 am	<b>PROTECT YOURSELF</b> by Lion Matt Huggenvik   Battle Creek
10:00 am – 10:45 am	<b>CLUB PRESIDENTS MEETING</b> with ID Judge Anthony W. Paradiso   Tartan 1
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Club Style Show   Battle Creek
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon (Program at 12:30)   <b>David McNally</b>   Ballroom
1:45 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>SERVICE &amp; MEMBERSHIP</b> by Lion Daniel Elkins   Battle Creek
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	<b>LEADERSHIP</b> by Lions Glenn & Lisa Kaufmann   Battle Creek
5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	<b>LOS ALEGRES BAILADORES</b> performance   Ballroom
This Mexican folkloric dance group has presented vibrant and truly authentic performances throughout the Twin Cities and the greater Minnesota area for over 40 years.	
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Banquet, Awards & Closing Ceremony   Ballroom
	<b>Wear Your Favorite Red Attire</b>
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Bingo   Ball Room



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**DISTRICT 5M-6**



**PROTECT YOURSELF by Lion Matt Huggenvik**



Phishing, whaling, and other forms of cyber-attacks are increasingly prevalent in our digital world. As members of non-profit organizations, you and your club are often targeted due to your access to funds and your civic-minded nature. However, by learning to recognize and prevent these attacks, you can play a crucial role in protecting your club from cyber-criminals. Lion Matt is a Stewartville Morning Lions Club member in Stewartville, Minnesota. He has served his club as president and club secretary, as well as in various other positions. Currently, he is the club administrator and first Vice President.



He has been employed at the Mayo Clinic for nearly 23 years, where he currently works as an Enterprise IT Architect specializing in Business Architecture. Lion Matt and his wife Tracy will celebrate their 23rd wedding anniversary in October. They have two children: a son, Nolan, a Junior at UW La Crosse, and a daughter, Keenah, a high school junior.

**SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP by Lion Daniel M. Elkins**



Lion Dan specializes in Community Engagement, Motivational Speaking, Coalition Building, and Narrative Direction. He is a Delaware Lion who took a club of five and built it to over 100 members! Doing good, having fun, and knowing how to tell a story are keys to his success. Lion Dan is a current Board Appointee to the International Board of Directors at LCI and is famous worldwide for his moving talks about service and membership.



**LEADERSHIP LESSONS FROM 1980's ROCK (Big Hair Bands) by Lions Glenn & Lisa Kaufmann**



Learn leadership lessons from your favorite 1980s big-hair rock bands and how you can apply them to your clubs and districts! (We'll try to keep the riot quiet).



PCC Lion Glenn Kaufmann is a 14-year Lion, and DG Lion Lisa Kaufmann is a seven-year Lion from the Chanhassen Lions Club (home of Prince!). They love spreading the joy of Lions wherever they can by putting the "u" back in fun. Lion Glenn is a 20-year Air Force veteran and a current Department of Defense employee, and Lion Lisa leads a team of account managers at UnitedHealthcare. Both have been presenters at the USA/Canada Forum and the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.



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# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M6 Mid-Winter Convention

## INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

**PAYMENTS NOW  
ACCEPTED AT:**  
[https://lions5m-6.org/  
conventioninformation](https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation)



Lion  Guest

Lion  Guest

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Check if this is your first 5M-6 Convention

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

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MEAL	EARLY BIRD COST	AFTER 11/30 COST	NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
<b>CONVENTION FEE</b> APPLIES TO ALL ATTENDING	<b>USD 20</b>	<b>USD 20</b>		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	USD 30	USD 40		
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	USD 45	USD 55		
SATURDAY DINNER	USD 55	USD 65		
<b>CONVENTION PACKAGE</b> Includes convention fee & all meals <b>SAVE \$10</b>	<b>USD 140</b>	<b>USD 180</b>		

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 14, 2024.**

Please make the check payable to  
Mail this registration & check to

**Lions District 5M-6**  
**PDG Lion Carol Farley**, District Treasurer  
1835 Fifth Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967

**LIONS, THERE IS NO CONVENTION FEE IF YOU ONLY ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE OR BUSINESS MEETING**

**Meal cancellations will be accepted and refunded before December 14, 2024.**

Please note that there will be a **\$10** cancellation fee.

### Special Dietary | Food Restrictions

NAME	GLUTEN-FREE	VEGAN	LACTOSE-FREE



# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6 Mid-Winter Convention CLUB REGISTRATION



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

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

LION'S OR ATTENDEE'S NAME	First Timer Yes/No	Lion Yes or No	Spouse Partner Guest	Convention Fee <b>\$20</b>	Saturday Breakfast \$30 by 11/30 \$40 after 11/30	Saturday Luncheon \$45 by 11/30 or \$55 after 11/30	Saturday Dinner \$55 by 11/30 Or \$65 after 11/30	Convention Package \$140 by 11/30 Or \$180 after 11/30 SAVE \$40	TOTAL

**LIONS – IF YOU ATTEND THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE OR BUSINESS MEETING ONLY – THERE IS NO CONVENTION FEE!**

**NOTE:** Club President & Club Secretary Check # \_\_\_\_\_ amount enclosed as calculated in the last column

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 Mail this registration & check to **PDG Lion Carol Farley, District Treasurer**  
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HOSPITALITY ROOM RESERVATION FORM**



**FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY**

Hospitality rooms are \$250 + tax (16.875%)

**All Hospitality Rooms are to be decorated  
with anything that sings **Fun in the Sun!****

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Include our hospitality room on the public poster (circle one) YES NO**

Feel free to organize **a game** for our fellow Lions to play. Once again, you can also **team up** with another Lions Club to make a more significant and sizzl' in impact and enjoy more of the convention with fellow Lions!

**Setup: Friday, January 10, 2025, | 1 – 4:30 PM**

**Hospitality Suites Open: 4:30 PM–6:10 PM, 8:00 PM–12:00 AM**

**Tear Down/Check-Out: Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> before 11:00 am**

**The following items are NOT allowed in Hospitality rooms:**



- Open flames and cooking equipment (hot plates, burners, griddles, etc.)  
Crockpots and warming devices ARE acceptable.
- Nails, push pins, tape on walls. The only tape that is acceptable to use on hotel walls is **Masking / Painters Tape**
- Dangerous materials, glitter, confetti, and fog machines



**Each hospitality room is responsible for providing their own:**

- Food and Beverage
- Serving utensils (forks, knives, spoons, plates, bowls, napkins, cups, etc.)
- Coolers

**The deadline for Hospitality Room Reservation is December 14, 2024**

Please email this form to **PDG Lion Carol Farley**, District Treasurer, at [CSFarley46@gmail.com](mailto:CSFarley46@gmail.com).  
Once the form has been received, **the hotel will contact the Club** for payment.





# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6 Mid-Winter Convention



## MENUS

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST \$30 | \$40** after December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Save** by purchasing the package.

### AN ALL-AMERICAN BREAKFAST BUFFET



- Scrambled eggs with cheddar cheese
  - Breakfast Potatoes
    - Bacon
  - Silver dollar pancakes
- Hot tea and caffeinated coffee service

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON \$45 | \$55** after December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Save** by purchasing the package.

### EL MERCADITO BUFFET

- Crisp tortilla chips and salsa
  - Taco fixings
- Fajita grilled steak, roasted onions and peppers
- Cilantro lime chicken breast, roasted onions and peppers
  - Warm flour tortillas
- Mexican fiesta rice and pinto beans
  - Cookies
- Lemonade & iced tea & water



**YOUR MISSION, YOUR POTENTIAL - David McNally, Speaker**

**SATURDAY DINNER \$55 | \$65** after December 13<sup>th</sup>

**Save** by purchasing the package.

### LIONS BUFFET

- Roast beef
- Mashed potatoes & gravy
  - Vegetables
- Served with mixed green salad with dressings
  - Dinner rolls & butter
  - Water & coffee



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**DISTRICT 5M-6**



## Mid-Winter Convention

### SPECIAL GUEST SIZZL'IN LION

#### INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

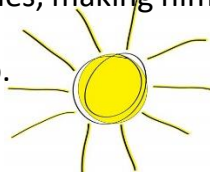
#### JUDGE ANTHONY W. PARADISO

**Judge Anthony W. Paradiso** from Rockville Centre, New York, USA, was elected to serve two years as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, in 2023. Director Paradiso has more than 30 years of law experience and is currently a district court judge responsible for adjudicating criminal cases in Nassau County, New York. As a district court judge, he has presided over numerous cases and earned a reputation for his fair and just decisions. Judge Paradiso's commitment to community service is truly inspiring. His deep-seated desire to give back to his community, a sentiment rooted in the support he received from scholarships for his higher education, led him to Lions Clubs International. Since joining the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996, he has been a steadfast servant. His leadership at the district level, including his roles as multiple district council parliamentarian and Lions Clubs International's representative to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime from 2010 to 2023, is a testament to his influence and impact. He has also been a group leader for multiple District Governor Elect (DGE) seminars, a panel moderator for LDUN, and a forum presenter.

In recognition of his service, his Honor has received numerous awards, including the Brandel-Murphy Miracles Through Service Award and the Robert J. Uplinger Award. He is also the recipient of multiple International President's Awards and International President's Leadership Awards and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Judge Paradiso is a man of diverse interests outside his Lions activities. He is active in numerous professional and community organizations, serving as an executive director and past president of the Columbian Lawyers Association of Nassau County, a past director of the Nassau County Bar Association, and a past president of the District Court Judges' Association. He enjoys traveling, art appreciation, and sharing good food and wine with friends when not engaged in Lion service. These personal interests provide a glimpse into the man behind the titles, making him more relatable to all who read about him.

Please take time to greet Lion Judge Paradiso.



**Lions District 5M-6**  
**Mid-Winter Convention**  
**SATURDAY LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER**  
**YOUR MISSION, YOUR POTENTIAL - David McNally**

David has graced stages in numerous countries, delivering powerful messages to individuals in various global organizations on the transformative power of purpose, the significance of personal contribution, and the pursuit of living the life of one's dreams. His compelling presentations inspired audiences to harness their potential, align their actions with their deepest values, and impact their lives meaningfully.



Married twice, his first wife, the mother of his five children, passed away from ovarian cancer. His second wife recently succumbed to Alzheimer's disease. David has personally survived head and neck cancer. He is no stranger to life's challenges.

David believes, however, in the transcendent nature of the human spirit. No matter our age, we can stay engaged in life in a way that ensures living is always meaningful and fulfilling. These are the lessons and wisdom to be encountered in his groundbreaking new book: ***IF YOU'RE ALIVE-Your Mission on Earth Isn't Finished.***



**Lions District 5M-6**  
**Mid-Winter Convention**  
**CLUB STYLE SHOW**



**Show Off Your Club's Clothing Attire**

Attention all fashion-forward club members! You are cordially invited to participate in this year's Club Style Show. The show will be on **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 11 AM. Make sure to arrive on time to secure a great seat and witness who flaunts their club pride in style. Show off your Club Shirt, Jacket, Swimsuit, T-shirt, Sweatshirt, Club Vest, etc. We are confident that your participation will inspire many and make for a fun and fast-paced event!

Let **Zone Chair Lion Tyson Marlette** know your Club will be in the show. [TysonMA007@gmail.com](mailto:TysonMA007@gmail.com)

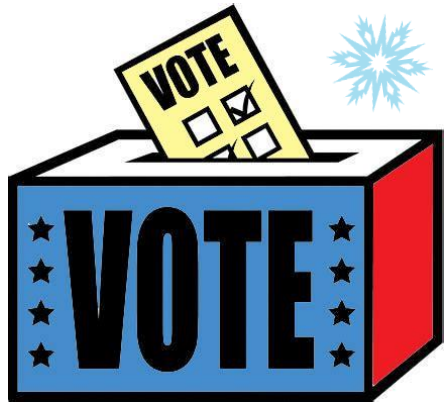
**DID YOU KNOW:** District 5M-6 has a wonderful website: <https://www.lions5m-6.org/>.

Your District 5M-6 Facebook site is <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090758980414>

As **Lions with Impact**, you have a front seat to what makes our District keep moving forward.

Let **Lion Latisha Moening** at [Latisha.Moening@gmail.com](mailto:Latisha.Moening@gmail.com) know what you are doing and what success you reap for online promotion.

Let **Lion Jason DeMoe** know for our District 5M-6 Newsletter at [JVDeMoe@gmail.com](mailto:JVDeMoe@gmail.com). <https://www.lions5m-6.org/newsletters>



# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6 Annual Meeting Mid-Winter Convention

8:45 AM | Saturday, January 11, 2025  
**DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM**

For Lions to vote on issues at the convention, they must be designated by their Club as a voting delegate. Each club is allowed one delegate for every ten members. The number is rounded to ten if a club has five or more members. For example, a club with 33 members can have three delegates, and a club with 36 members can have four. Additionally, please provide a list of alternate delegates.

**According to LCI records, each Lion must have been a member for at least one year and one day to be a delegate.**

Delegates must pick up their voting cards at the Convention Registration table no later than 30 minutes before the business meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at 8:45 AM.

**Past District Governors automatically receive a voting card and do not need to be counted or listed on your delegate registration form.**



**MUST BE RECEIVED BY LION DAVE DOMINICK NO LATER THAN NOON ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024**

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB SECRETARY SUBMITTING FORM \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES:

_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____

ALTERNATIVES:

_____	_____
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**MAIL TO:** Lion Dave Dominick, Cabinet Secretary, 2701 Girard Avenue North, Minneapolis 55411-1318  
or **EMAIL** Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Dominick at [david.dominick@ymcamn.org](mailto:david.dominick@ymcamn.org) on or before **Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.**



**47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6  
Mid-Winter Convention**



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**6:30 PM** | Friday, January 10, 2025

**All photos and biographies must be received by Saturday, December 28th.**  
This is the deadline for incorporating photos into the Celebration of Life Service.

Please provide the following information if your club is honoring a deceased member. Also, kindly email or mail a high-quality photo. When submitting a digital image, ensure it is minimally 300 dpi/ppi. For group photos, please identify the deceased person. Both formal and candid images are acceptable. Lastly, please have a family member or club representative present to honor the members of our Lion’s Family.

**NAME OF LIONS CLUB** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF DECEASED LION** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include 3 or 4 bullet points about your deceased member, such as:

- Charter or regular member and number of years serving as a Lion
- Club/offices and awards received
- Favorite projects or notable accomplishments
- Why this Lion was special to your club

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SUBMITTED BY \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY CONTACT OF DECEASED LION**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

RELATION TO LION \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Please email photos (digital photos preferred) and this form, and if necessary, any additional biography to  
**Lion Latisha Moening** at [Latisha.Moening@gmail.com](mailto:Latisha.Moening@gmail.com)  
17349 Hayes Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044-6115



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LIONS DISTRICT 5M-6, MID-WINTER CONVENTION  
RULES OF PROCEDURE | FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

**RULE 1. FUNDRAISING** No Lion or Lions Club shall sell or solicit sales of raffles or other fundraising activities. District 5M-6 has made an exception to this rule this year to allow fundraising by the 2029 LCI International Host Committee led by PCC Dave Dominick and our 5M-6 Team Captain PDG Tracy Braaten to sell convention merchandise and organize special fundraising events anytime during the year, starting at our 2025 Midwinter Convention at every Convention through 2030 Midwinter Convention. Advertisements for club and Foundation fundraisers are not only allowed but encouraged. Fun games of chance or skill, which may involve an entrance fee of up to \$1.00 to go to a club's administrative fund, are permissible.

**RULE 2. PARADE OF GREEN** Representatives of Foundations and projects that collect funds at the Parade of Green shall total the funds received at the convention. At the representative's discretion, they may add any other funds they consider Parade of Green donations to the convention total, provided they were received during the current Lions year. The Parade of Green total, determined by the Foundation or project representative, shall be transmitted to the District Governor no later than 4:00 pm on the Saturday of the Convention.

**RULE 3. ORDER OF BUSINESS** The District Governor shall arrange the order of business for the district convention. Except for registration and certification hours, which may not be changed, deviation from the announced order of business shall be made only by consent of three-fourths (3/4) of the certified delegates assembled at any session at which a quorum is present. A majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

**RULE 4. GOVERNANCE** Except as otherwise provided in the Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, Multiple District 5M Constitution and By-Laws, District 5M-6 Constitution and By-Laws, national custom, and practice or these rules, *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern all questions of order and procedure.

#### **RULE 5. CREDENTIALS**

(a) The Credential committee shall be composed of the District Governor as chairperson, the cabinet secretary, and two other non-officers of the district appointed by the District Governor, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the district, and shall not through the duration of the appointment hold any district or international office either by election or by appointment; provided, however, the District Governor may designate any other committee member as chairperson. The credentials committee's primary responsibility shall be to verify club delegate credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee shall have the powers to perform the duties established by national customs and practice or as outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

(b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on Friday, January 10, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. | Saturday, January 11, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

#### **RULE 6. NOMINATIONS**

(a) Sixty days before the convening of the convention, the District Governor, unless otherwise provided, shall appoint and designate the chairperson of a nominations committee consisting of three (3) members. It shall be the committee's responsibility to review the qualifications of each nominated candidate within thirty (30) days before the election and rule on the eligibility of the same. In reviewing the qualifications for District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and Second Vice District Governor, the committee shall use the qualification forms set out in the Standard District By-laws as Exhibits D, E, and F, respectively.

(b) Candidates may withdraw from the contest at any time before the nominations committee issues its final report.

#### **RULE 7. REPLACEMENT OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

(a) To replace a delegate and/or alternate delegate already certified, the replacement must provide a certificate signed by two club officers certifying that the replacement is eligible as an alternate delegate.

- (b) On the day of voting, a duly certified alternate delegate shall be allowed to obtain a ballot and vote in place of a duly certified delegate from the same Lions club by presenting his/her copy of his/her alternate credential certificate together with the copy of the certified delegate's credential certificate to the voting personnel at which time the voting personnel will make the necessary notation on the credential records marking that a substitution has been made on the respective club's delegate entitlement. Alternate delegates who were not certified cannot replace a certified or uncertified delegate.

**RULE 8.** Nominations for the offices of the District Governor and Vice District Governors and such other offices to be filled by the convention shall be limited to one nominating speech not to exceed five (5) minutes for each nominee and one seconding speech not to exceed three (3) minutes for each nominee.

### **RULE 9. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

- (a) Before the convention, the District Governor shall appoint and designate the Chairperson of an elections committee consisting of three (3) members. Each duly nominated candidate shall also be entitled to designate one (1) observer through his/her club. The observers may oversee election procedures but not directly participate in the committee's decision-making.
- (b) The elections committee shall be responsible for preparing election materials, tabulating votes, and resolving questions concerning the validity of individual ballots. The committee's decision shall be final and binding. The committee shall prepare the ballots in conformity with the forms outlined in Exhibit G of the Standard District Constitution and by-laws.
- (c) The elections committee shall prepare a comprehensive report of the election results containing the following components: date, time, and place of election; specific voting results by candidate; and signature of each committee member and observer. The District Governor, council chairperson, and all candidates shall receive a copy of the committee's report.

### **RULE 10. VOTING**

- (a) The voting will occur at the business meeting at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 11, 2025. Election for the District Governors, Vice District Governors, and MD5M Hall of Fame shall be by secret written ballot.
- (b) To secure a ballot card, the delegate shall present his/her credential certificate to voting personnel for verification. Once verified, the delegate shall be issued a ballot.
- (c) The voter shall indicate his/her vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location by the name of the candidates of his/her choice. The mark must be placed in the proper location to constitute a vote. Any ballot containing votes for more than the specified number of offices to be filled in any section shall be declared invalid to that particular section.
- (d) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect the district governor, first vice district governor, second vice district governor, and MD5M Hall of Fame Nomination. A majority is defined as more than one-half of the total valid votes cast, excluding blanks and abstentions. Suppose a majority vote is not received in the unopposed election of the district governor. In that case, a vacancy shall occur for the first and second vice district governor, and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws shall apply. However, if there are more than two (2) candidates for any such position and none receives a majority, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be dropped off the ballot, and a revote shall be taken. This process shall be repeated until one candidate receives a majority of the votes.
- (e) A majority vote shall be necessary to elect all other candidates. If any candidate fails as described in (d) above, additional balloting shall occur until the candidate secures a simple majority vote to receive the required votes to be elected or endorsed.

REVISED 10/28/2024



Like YOU!

**Lions with Impact** are **Sizzl'in!**

# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions District 5M-6 Mid-Winter Convention WE NEED YOUR CLUB'S HELP

## BUILD A BASKET

As you can see, your District Lion representatives have packed a great deal during this two-day Mid-Winter Convention. We are asking each District 5M-6 Club to **build a basket** for a gift. Part of the complement of the attendee's participation will be recognized in various ways. One of these is through giving a gift basket made by your peers. Suggested value: \$25-\$50!

## GIFT CARDS

Throughout your convention, there will be several times when there will be a competitive challenge. One way we are hoping to reward the winners is to provide them with a **gift card**. We are asking each club to donate a gift card. Suggested value: \$25+!

## PARADE OF GREEN

The **Parade of Green** is the greatest fundraising element of the Mid-Winter Convention. District 5M-6 supports these organizations annually; your contribution is essential for each.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION (LCIF)** - Melvin Jones Fellowship

Empowering Service Fund – Supporting ALL LCIF causes (nothing on check MEMO line)

Disaster Relief Fund – can specify a specific disaster on check MEMO line

**CAMP CONFIDENCE, CAMP NEEDLEPOINT, CAN DO CANINES, INC.** – Awards Available – Top Dog  
**LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND, INC.**

**MINNESOTA LIONS' HEARING FOUNDATION, INC.** – Research Fellowship Award

**MINNESOTA LIONS' DIABETES FOUNDATION, INC.** – Dream Catcher Award

**MINNESOTA LIONS' VISION FOUNDATION, INC.** – Helen Keller Sight Award

**MINNESOTA LIONS' CHILDHOOD CANCER FOUNDATION, INC.** – The Believe Award

**MINNESOTA LIONS' MISSIONS, INC.**

**MD5M LIONS KIDSIGHT FOUNDATION, INC.** – Sight Saver Award

**MD5M LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE FOUNDATION**

**PROJECT NEW HOPE**

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS, MINNESOTA, INC.**

**TRUE FRIENDS, INC.** (Formerly Camp Courage & Camp Friendship)

**TEAM SHEEHAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

Write in MEMO LINE: **LEOS** – Lion Leaders of Tomorrow,

**PEACE POSTER / ESSAY CONTEST, YOUTH EXCHANGE FUND** revised 10/11/2023

501(c)(3) Organizations with Gambling:

**CAMP CONFIDENCE** - Donations from Gambling accounts must have GCB approval with an **LG270** form

Write in MEMO LINE:

**PEACE POSTER / ESSAY CONTEST**

**YOUTH EXCHANGE FUND** revised 10/11/2023

**Please make checks payable to each 501(c)(3) Organization**

**Please make checks payable to District 5M-6 for NON-501(c)(3) Organizations**

& mail both no later than **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** PDG Lion Carol Farley, District Treasurer

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