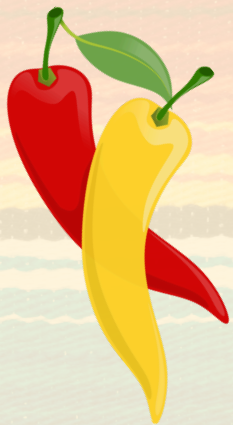
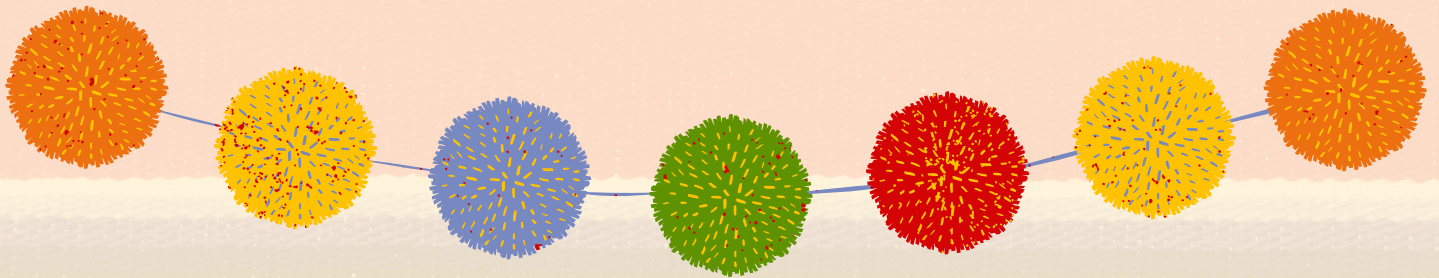


Lions District 5M6

47th Annual Midwinter Convention

January 10-11, 2025

Double Tree Hilton, St. Paul East
2201 Burns Ave
St. Paul, MN 55119



Lions with Impact ~ Making their Mark

A great 5M6 Midwinter convention for 2025 is being planned for you.



What's New in 2025?

Club Fashion Show
Pre-banquet Entertainment
Unique Inspirational Speakers



What's Back in 2025?

Saturday Night Banquet
Hospitality Rooms (Friday only) Mexican Theme
Charitable Gambling Seminar (Friday)
Celebration of Life Service (Friday)
Incredible Seminars
First Timer's Contest

All convention information will be available on our District website:
<https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation>

Don't miss out on this Fun & Enriching Convention!



Lion Cheryl Kelly
District Governor
Cakellylion@gmail.com

Lion David Dominick
Convention Chair
David.dominick@ymcamn.org

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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.

Did you know that District Governor Lion Cheryl chose a Mexican-themed Convention to warm you up to the possibility of YOU attending the International Convention in July 2025 in Mexico City? **She did!**



MEXICO CITY
107TH LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION **2025**



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 nd Floor Foyer
2:00 – 6:15 pm	Registration & Credentials 2 nd Floor (top of the steps)
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Cabinet Meeting Tartan
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	Mocking Birds Ballroom
8:00 – 9:00 pm	Registration & Credentials 2 nd Floor
8:00 – 12:00 am	Hospitality Rooms 5 th Floor

Saturday, January 11, 2025

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration & Credentials
7:00 am – 7:30 am	Meditation Yoga
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	PROTECT YOURSELF by Lion Matt Huggenvik Battle Creek
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Club Style Show Battle Creek
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon (Program at 12:30) Ballroom
1:45 pm – 3:30 pm	SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP by Lion Daniel Elkins Battle Creek
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	LEADERSHIP by Lions Glenn & Lisa Kaufmann Battle Creek
5:30 pm – 5:45 pm	LOS ALEGRES BAILADORES 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
	Wear Your Red
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Bingo Ball Room





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 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 member of the Stewartville Morning Lions Club in Stewartville, Minnesota. He has served his club as president, club secretary, and 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 around the world 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, both 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.





47th Annual Lions District 5M6 Mid-Winter Convention

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION



Lion Guest

Lion Guest

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

CITY: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

STATE/PROV/ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

CLUB: _____

CLUB: _____

Check if this is your first 5M6 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
CONVENTION FEE APPLIES TO ALL ATTENDING	USD 20	USD 20		
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	USD 30	USD 40		
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	USD 45	USD 55		
SATURDAY BANQUET	USD 55	USD 65		
CONVENTION PACKAGE Includes convention fee & all meals SAVE \$10	USD 140	USD 180		

Check # _____

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

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

Lions 5M6
PDG Lion Carol Farley, District Treasurer
1835 Fifth Street, White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967

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

**47th Annual Lions District 5M6
Mid-Winter Convention**

HOSPITALITY ROOM RESERVATION FORM

FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

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

**All Hospitality Rooms are to be decorated
in a Mexican Theme**



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 – 6 PM

Hospitality Suites Open: 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Tear Down/Check-Out: Saturday, January 11 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.
Once the form has been received, **the hotel will contact the Club** for payment.



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MENUS



SATURDAY BREAKFAST \$30 | \$40 after December 13th

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 13th

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

SATURDAY BANQUET \$55 | \$65 after December 13th

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



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 105th

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. He has been a steadfast servant since joining the Rockville Centre Lions Club in 1996. 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.

Outside of his Lions activities, Judge Paradiso is a man of diverse interests. 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. When not engaged in Lion service, he enjoys traveling, art appreciation, and sharing good food and wine with friends. 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 5M6 Mid-Winter Convention CLUB FASHION 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 Fashion Show. The show will take place on Saturday, January 11th, 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



This is a leaked image of Lion PDG Dennis Kelly's outfit! C'mon, you can beat this.

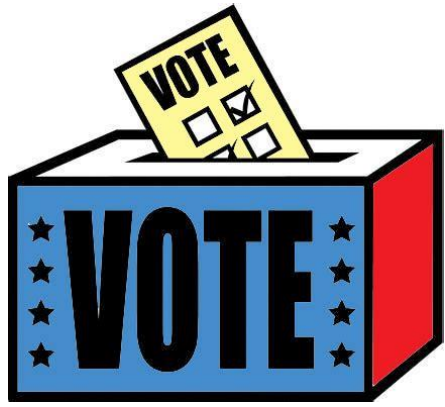
DID YOU KNOW: District 5M-6 has a wonderful website: <https://www.lions5m-6.org/>.

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 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. <https://www.lions5m-6.org/newsletters>



47th Annual
Lions District 5M6
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.

To be a delegate, each Lion must have been a member for at least one year and one day based on LCI records.

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.

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB SECRETARY SUBMITTING FORM _____

CELL NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

ALTERNATIVES:

_____	_____
_____	_____

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

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 on or before **Saturday, December 28th**.

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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

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

17349 Hayes Avenue, Lakeville, MN 55044-6115



47th Annual Lions District 5M6 Mid-Winter Convention

RULES OF PROCEDURE | FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 – SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

RULE 1

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. The majority of those certified delegates present in person at any session shall constitute a quorum.

RULE 2

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 3. 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 the 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 the club delegate's credentials. In carrying out this responsibility, the credentials committee shall have the powers. It shall perform the duties established by national custom and practice or as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur **January 10-11, 2025**.

RULE 4. 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 5. 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 a 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 6. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the offices of 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 7. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

- (a) Before the convention, the District Governor shall appoint and designate the chairperson of an elections committee 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 be provided a copy of the committee's report.

RULE 8. VOTING

- (a) Voting will occur at the business meeting on **Saturday, January 11, 2025**. Election for the District Governors, Vice District Governors, and MD5M Hall of Fame shall be by secret ballot.
- (b) To secure the right to vote, the delegate shall present their credential certificate to voting personnel for verification. Once verified, the delegate shall be issued a ballot.
- (c) The voter shall indicate their vote by placing a mark in the appropriate location in the name of the candidate of their 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 to receive the required votes to be elected or endorsed, additional balloting, as described in (d) above, shall occur until one candidate secures a simple majority vote.



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