

# Lions District 5M6

## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Convention

January 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026

DoubleTree by Hilton St. Paul East

2201 Burns Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55119



# *Servant Heroes*

## *Call To Action*

**LEAD TO SERVE | SERVE TO LEAD**

## ***Servant Leaders | Call To Action***

### **Welcome To Midwinter!**

We would like to welcome you to our 2026 5M6 Midwinter Convention. A great District Convention is being planned for you.

#### ***What's Back in 2026?***

- Hospitality Rooms (Friday only) **Super Hero Theme**
- Charitable Gambling Seminar (Friday)
- Celebration of Life Service (Friday)
- Incredible Seminars
- Inspirational Speakers
- First Timer's Contest
- Saturday Breakfast, Luncheon and Dinner

We hope to see you at our 2026 Midwinter Convention!

Lion Paul Jacobus  
District Governor  
[lionpauljacobus@gmail.com](mailto:lionpauljacobus@gmail.com)

Lion Dave Dominick  
Convention Chair  
[David.dominick@ymcamn.org](mailto:David.dominick@ymcamn.org)

All convention information will be available on our District website:

<https://lions5m-6.org/conventioninformation>

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## DoubleTree St. Paul East Welcomes You!

2201 Burns Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55119



**Call 651-731-2220 to make your individual room reservation.**

**Guest rooms will be \$109.00 + tax (16.875%)**

**A block of rooms reserved under Lions Club Group Event will be held through 12/28/25.**

**Hotel Booking Link:**

[Lion's Club Event](#)

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## Mid-Winter Convention Schedule

### Friday, January 9, 2026

1:00 – 2:30 pm	Charitable Gambling Seminar   Tartan 1
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Charitable Gambling Advocacy   Tartan 1
1:00 – 6:00 pm	Foundation Displays   2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Foyer
2:00 – 6:15 pm	Registration & Credentials   1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
4:30 – 6:00 pm	Pre-Game Hospitality Rooms open
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Cabinet Meeting   Tartan
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Hospitality Rooms 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 – 12:00am	Hospitality Rooms   5 <sup>th</sup> Floor

### Saturday, January 10, 2026

7:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration & Credentials
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast Buffet (program starts at 8:00 am)
8:45 am – 9:45 am	District Business Meeting   Ballroom
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Seminar A   Ballroom   Service Projects = Membership Growth & Retention
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Seminar B   Ballroom   Get Seen. Get Volunteers. Get Members.
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon (Program at 12:30)   Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Seminar C   Ballroom   Create a “Community Volunteer Day” Service Project
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Seminar D   Ballroom   Leadership is our Future
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Dinner, Awards & Closing Ceremony   Ballroom
8:00 pm – 9:30 pm	After Celebration   Hotel Lounge

## 2026 Mid-Winter Seminar Preview

### **Minimum One-Time \$25 Event Registration Fee for Attendance Access to all Seminars**

Full convention schedule follows all descriptions.

#### **Friday Jan 9, 2026**

##### **1:00 – 2:30pm Charitable Gambling Seminar | Tartan 1**

Designed for Gambling Managers and Lions involved with club gambling operations, this session will provide a current update and key information involving the latest updates in rules and regulations

##### **3:00 – 4:00pm Charitable Gambling Advocacy | Tartan 1**

**Allied Charities of Minnesota (ACM), Executive Director Rachel Jenner and President Amanda Jackson (Spring Lake Park Lions)** will be providing an update and outlook as to what lies on the horizon as it relates to possible changes in gambling statutes and policies in the state of Minnesota. The ACM serves as an advocate to educate elected officials and all Minnesotans about the benefits charitable gambling delivers. This group lobbies to provide guidance on new rules and regulations as well as to protect the interests of charities. Presenters. All Lions are encouraged to attend, not just those involved in charitable gambling operations.

#### **Saturday Jan 10, 2026 – Morning Seminar Sessions**

##### **10:00 – 10:45am Service Projects = Membership Growth & Retention | Ballroom**

**DG Paul Jacobus** will lead a panel discussion with our Global Service Team Leader (GST), **PPC Judy Zewers** and Global Membership Team Leader (GMT), **Lion Beckey Swenson** highlighting the facts and numbers that support how these two areas of focus lead to stronger club strength and improved community impact. The panel discussion will feature a few of our own 5m6 Club Service and Membership Chairs, revealing how this focus has resulted in outstanding community impact by discussing some of their most successful service projects.

##### **11:00 – 11:45am Get Seen. Get Volunteers. Get Members. | Ballroom**

**PCC Jodi Burmester is your facilitator**

Lions are out here doing real work. The problem is that a lot of that impact stays invisible. And if people don't see it, they can't join it. They can't share it. They can't get excited about it. That's where marketing comes in, and no, it's not "extra." It's how your service turns into momentum.

This session is all about the marketing side of Lions-led service projects. We'll break down simple, repeatable ways to promote a project before it happens, communicate clearly while it's happening, and show results after it's done. Because when you tell the story well, three big things happen: your current members feel proud and stay engaged, your community starts recognizing Lions as the leaders (not just the helpers), and new people show up ready to serve.

We'll zero in on the skills that move the needle the fastest:

- How to invite your community to volunteer with you (not just donate)
- What to post before, during, and after a project
- How to celebrate and share results so people want to be part of the next one

If we want more members and stronger clubs, we've got to lead the service and tell the story like it matters. Because it does.

## **Saturday Jan 10, 2026 – Afternoon Seminar Sessions**

**2:00 – 3:15pm      Create a “Community Volunteer Day” Service Project | Ballroom**

**PCC Judy Zewers** will lead this session by providing key information on how to develop and execute one of the most successful service projects that (1. Creates community impact) (2. Grows Members) and (3. Helps increase membership retainment.) Judy will cover the step-by-step process along with the tools needed to make this happen for your club in your community.

**3:45 – 4:30pm      Leadership is our Future – Learning is the Key to Great Leadership**

**PDG Dennis Kelley** will lead this top-line discussion to navigate the world of Lions and show what Lions Club International and your Multiple District have to offer in the form of On-Line and In-Person training available to all Lions.

## **Saturday Jan 10, 2026 – Meal Programs & After Party**

**7:30am - 8:30am      Breakfast – 8:00am Program Start**

**Hosted by 1VDG Lynnette Welsch**

Welcome/Opening

Peace Poster Program & Winner Acknowledgement

Preview of upcoming convention activities

**12:00pm - 1:30pm      Luncheon – 12:30pm Program Start**

**Hosted by 2VDG Paul Jacobsen**

Convention Updates

1<sup>st</sup> Timer Winner Announced

Years of Service Chevron Awards (20 years & Higher)

Individual Club Excellence Awards

Individual Club Membership Acknowledgements

Individual Club Service Acknowledgements

District Support for “Community Day of Volunteering”

**5:30pm - 8:00pm      Dinner**

**Hosted by PCC & Convention Chair Dave Dominick**

Dinner

Keynote: PID Jenny Ware

Awards

Convention Closing

**8:00pm - 9:30pm      After Party – Hotel Lounge featuring the music of Tim Howe**



**Lions District 5M6**  
**48<sup>th</sup> Annual 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		NUMBER ATTENDING	AMOUNT
Convention Fee <b>Applies to All attending</b>	\$25 USD			
SATURDAY BREAKFAST	\$30 USD			
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	\$45 USD			
SATURDAY BANQUET	\$55 USD			
Convention Package Includes convention fee & all meals	\$155 USD			

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

Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 15, 2025.

Mail this registration & check to:

PDG Carol Farley, Convention Finance Chair

Check payable to: Lions 5M6

1835 Fifth Street

White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967

**Meal cancellations accepted and refunded prior to December 29, 2025 with a \$10 fee for cancellation.**

**Lions District 5M6**  
**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Convention**  
**Club Registration Form**

Club President or Secretary – Please complete the following information and mail with a check payable to **District 5M6** with amount enclosed as calculated in the last column, to PDG Carol Farley at 1835 Fifth St., White Bear Lake, MN 55110-2967. **Please note any dietary / food restrictions on this form**

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check payable to: District 5M6

Meal registrations will not be accepted after December 29, 2025.

Meal cancellations accepted and refunded prior to December 15, 2025 with a \$10 cancellation fee applied.

## Special Dietary | Food Restrictions



# Hospitality Room Reservation Form

January 9th, 2025

Theme: Super Heroes

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

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Include my hospitality room on public poster (circle one) YES NO

## FRIDAY NIGHT ONLY

Hospitality rooms will cost be \$250 + tax (16.875%) along with single room rate of \$109 charge plus tax | approximately \$421 per single room. Two rooms will be charged \$109 per room plus appropriate taxes along with the Hospitality rate of \$250 + tax.

**Team up with another Club and have some Fun!**

**Setup: Friday, January 9, 2026 | 1 – 6 PM**

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

**Teardown/checkout: Saturday, January 10 before 11:00 am**

Decorate your room with the Super Hero theme. Create a FUN game for other Lions to participate. A contest for the best HOSPITALITY room too!

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

- Open flames, 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

**Deadline: December 15, 2025**

Please email form to: PDG Carol Farley. Once form has been received, hotel will reach out to Club for payment. Carol's email: [csfarley46@gmail.com](mailto:csfarley46@gmail.com)

**DO NOT BOOK YOUR HOSPITALITY ROOM THROUGH THE HOTEL – MUST GO THROUGH OUR DISTRICT.**

# CONVENTION MENUS

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST BUFFET** \$30 | **up to 12-29** | Save by purchasing the package.

## All American

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

**SATURDAY LUNCHEON BUFFET** \$45 | **up to 12-29** | Save by purchasing the package.

## Purely Minnesota

- Chicken and wild rice soup
- Chef's choice salad
- Grilled Lavash club wrap, roasted turkey, wood smoked bacon, lettuce & lemon-herb aioli
- Shore lunch walleye fingers along with tartar sauce/lemon wedges
- Crispy tater tots, sour cream, cheddar and Jack cheese and scallions
- Cookies
- Lemonade & ice tea & water

**SATURDAY DINNER BUFFET** \$55 | **up to 12-29** | Save by purchasing the package

## The Mediterranean

- Hearts of romaine, red cherry tomatoes, cucumber, crumbled feta, and red wine-oregano vinaigrette
- Caramelized cauliflower, baby-spinach, oven roasted red onion and red peppers, lemon herb dressing
- Grilled lemon-oregano chicken breast with lemon cream sauce
- Roasted salmon with tomato, olive, and pesto cream sauce
- Garlic and rosemary roasted red skin potatoes
- Fire roasted seasonal vegetable selection, fresh herbs and sea salt
- Water & coffee

## **SPECIAL GUEST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Due to some unforeseen medical issues Director Debbie Cantrell from Marshfield, Missouri, United States, will not be able to be our guest and our Mid-Winter Convention this year. We wish her a speedy and successful recovery.

**Our new International Guest will be PID Jenny Ware.**



Jennifer Ware, from Rapid River, Michigan, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan, June 24 through 28, 2016. Director Ware is a psychiatric nurse. A member of the Brampton Township Days River AR Lions Club since 1993, she has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, club director, district governor, council chairperson, district GLT coordinator and district Sight Preservation and Action chairperson. In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards including the Membership Key Award, an International Leadership Awards and an International President's Award. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Ware and her husband, Jeff, also a Lion, have one daughter.



**48<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid-Winter Convention  
District 5M6 Annual Meeting  
January 9-10, 2025**

**Delegate Registration Form**

Lions voting on issues at the convention must be designated by their Club as a voting delegate. Each club is Allowed one delegate for each 10 members. Five or more club members, rounds up to ten. For example, a club with 33 members is allowed 3 delegates; and a club with 36 members is allowed 4 delegates. Please list alternate delegates as well.

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

Delegates must pick up voting cards at the Convention Registration table no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the business meeting, which is Saturday, January 10, 2026, at 8:45 AM.

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

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CLUB SECRETARY SUBMITTING FORM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CELL NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LIST OF VOTING DELEGATES:**

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

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**MAIL TO:** Dave Dominick, Cabinet Secretary, 2701 Girard Avenue North, Minneapolis 55411 or **EMAIL TO:** Cabinet Secretary Dave Dominick at [david.dominick@ymcamn.org](mailto:david.dominick@ymcamn.org)

**Please Note: A club must be in good standing with LCI, with no financial balance pending in order to be able to vote at the District Business Meeting. A family unit counts as only one delegate. DEADLINE: December 15, 2025**

# Celebration of Life

**January 9, 2026**

District 5M6's Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, January 9, 2026 at our Mid-Winter Convention. If your club is honoring a deceased member, please fill out the below information. We would also ask that you email or mail a high-quality photo. Digital photos should be 300 dpi/ppi in size if possible. If the picture you are submitting is a group shot, please identify the deceased person in the photo. A formal or candid photo is fine. Please have family or your club representative present to honor the member of our Lion's Family.

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

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

All photos and bios need to be received no later than **December 15**. This is the deadline so that photos can be incorporated in the Celebration of Life Service.

Name of Deceased member: \_\_\_\_\_ How many years as a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments about your deceased member: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Person submitting: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact of Deceased Lion:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email photos (digital photos preferred) and bios to Kim McRunnel at [kmcrunnel@gmail.com](mailto:kmcrunnel@gmail.com)

Kim McRunnel  
440 Queenan Avenue South  
Lakeland, MN 55043-9101  
651-500-8266

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**RULES OF PROCEDURE  
MIDWINTER CONVENTION OF  
DISTRICT 5M-6, LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
JANUARY 9-10, 2026**

**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. A 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 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 and shall perform the duties as established by national custom and practice or as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.
- (b) The registration and certification of delegates shall occur on January 9-10, 2026

**Rule 4. Nominations**

- (a) 60 days prior to 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 prior to 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 contest at any time prior to the issuance of the final report of the nominations committee.

**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 officers of the club, 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 lieu 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 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) Prior to 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 only, but may not participate directly in the committee's decision making.
- (b) The elections committee shall be responsible for the preparing of elections materials, vote tabulation, 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 set forth 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; 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 take place at the business meeting on Saturday, January 10, 2026. 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 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 a number more than one-half of the total valid votes cast excluding blanks and abstentions. If a majority vote is not received in the unopposed election of district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor, a vacancy shall occur and Article IX, Section 6(d) of the International By-Laws shall apply. However, if there is more than two (2) candidates for any such position and none of the candidates 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. In the event any one candidate shall fail to receive the required number of votes to be elected or endorsed, additional balloting as described in (d) above shall take place until such time as one candidate secures a simple majority vote.