



2021 State Lions Convention: A Rockin Good Time

The 2021 State Lions Convention in Watford City, hosted by the Zone 1 Lions Clubs, is one that will be remembered for years to come. Although the registration was low with 149 registered, those that attended enjoyed all aspects of the convention. The theme of Rockin Steady with Teddy was chosen since Teddy Roosevelt was present to greet convention attendees at the ice breaker. Fun Pianos provided entertainment and engaged Lions to kick off a fun and educational convention. A silent auction was held with items donated by the Zone 1 Lions Clubs which netted \$1845 to benefit Service Dogs for America. A 50/50 raffle was held at the registration table with \$1079 raised and \$539 donated to Lions Clubs International Campaign 100. The Parade of Green collected \$37,065 for Lions and related charities.

We were fortunate to have International Director Justin Faber as the convention guest. He shared his insight and knowledge with Lions in a question-and-answer session and served as the banquet speaker. He also participated in a vision screening service project at Wolf Pup Day Care held prior to the convention on Thursday.



Watford City Lions celebrate with President Roosevelt. More pictures on pages 12-14.



The Lions Choir, led by PDG Craig Wollenburg, provide a few musical numbers during the banquet.

Lion Clarence Harris from Milwaukee, WI joined us and participated in the LCIF – Campaign 100 breakout session. The various breakout sessions provided something of interest for all Lions. Guest speakers also included Fred Fridley, Jr. and Lt. Gov-

ernor Brent Sanford who are both prior residents of Watford City. Lonesome Willy, a local band, provided music to wrap up the convention and send “Rockin” Lions on their way home, ready to serve their communities.

Mark your calendars for

the 2022 State Lions Convention at the Spirit Lake Casino in Devils Lake on October 21 and 22.

2021 State Lions Convention Committee

N.D. Sen. Cramer Visits Service Dogs for America in Jud

If you've ever loved a dog, if you've ever been loved by a dog, you know what it can mean to have a dog help someone 24-hours-a-day have a better quality of life. That is what a service dog does. Whether a person is a veteran who needs help, someone recovering from a medical issue or someone who has had to deal with any sort of trauma or stress, a service dog may be the ticket to a better life.

At Service Dogs for America in Jud, supported by Lions and others who care about people and dogs, wonderful things happen every day. One wonderful thing happened Oct. 13 when U.S. Sen. Kevin Cramer came to visit. He is a co-sponsor of a bi-partisan bill in the Senate, signed into law by President Joe Biden Aug. 25, called Puppies Assisting Wounded Service Members (PAWS) for Veterans Therapy Act. Cramer is a member of the Senate Veteran's Affairs Committee.

Cramer said SDA is the kind of program that can be a partner in the pilot effort to connect service dogs with veterans experiencing mental illness and SDA Executive Director Jenny BrodKorb, a veteran herself, said the school is ready to handle the task. The school has already matched veterans and dogs.

"Service dogs have

changed, and even saved, the lives of many veterans with mobility impairments and now they can do the same for those who grapple with mental health challenges," said Sen. Cramer. "My visit was proof of our legislation in action, and it was eye-opening to see how these service dogs are trained up to serve our veterans. Thank you to Service Dogs for America for the great work you do and for hosting us. I also appreciate the Lions for their dedication to this program. Their efforts are truly Kindness in Action."

Sen. Cramer said the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs is in the early process of developing the program. Cramer noted the sense of security, comfort and increased ease in social interaction for veterans who might have mental or emotional issues in social situations. SDA, said BrodKorb, trains service dogs for people with disabilities every day.

BrodKorb adds, "As Thanksgiving approaches, we at Service Dogs for America, which some know as Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, would like to express our sincere gratitude for the Lions and friends support and generosity. We could not complete our mission without you. Whether you give to us in time, talent or treasure – we are equally grateful for you,



N.D. Sen. Kevin Cramer smiles as he looks at the wall of photos of Service Dogs for America teams at the school in Jud, N.D. Executive Director Jenny BrodKorb and Service Dog Enzo escorted the Senator who visited the school Oct. 13 to learn more about the accredited non-profit provider of service dogs.

every day.

"With 2021 winding down, we would like to encourage you to remember Service Dogs for America in your end-of-year giving. Each dollar received by Service Dogs for America goes to ensure we can complete our mission. If end-of-year giving is not part of your financial planning, please remember Service Dogs for America on Giving Hearts Day, Feb. 10, 2022. This is our largest-fund raising event of the year and (in advance) greatly appreciate your financial support on that monumental fund-raising day."

Current numbers on what is happening at the school show 26 dogs in training at the

school in Jud, in three North Dakota prison programs and in foster homes. They are being trained in mobility assistance, seizure response and PTSD support.

The school receives approximately 17 to 19 preliminary applications each week. Because of Covid, placements have been a challenge. Staff and volunteers keep the on-site apartments ready for the three-week stay applicants have on campus for direct training with the dogs who choose them. SDA is one of the few schools where the dog chooses the person.

Work at Service Dogs for America continues and the need never ends.

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Club News

Bismarck

The Bismarck Lions Club celebrated their 100th Birthday on September 30th. Thank you to the many Lions, local and across the state, who attended. Thank you to our Lions Club members who helped with the event. Lions know how to have a roaring good time.



Lion Devin Melvie greeted guests at the door.



Lions Connie Bye, Dick Hansen, and Kay Link..



PDG Sherry Fetch, 5NE GST Crystal Dueker, Event Chair Karen DaSilva.



Lion Jenny Yearous and Lion Johtona Roehrl checked in guests.



PID Pat Vannett, 5NW DG Scott Ressler, 5NW 2nd VDG Lynn Grabow and Lion Marlene Grabow.



Club President Ken Slag welcomed everyone.

PHEASANT HUNTERS WANTED

Oakes Lions Club 1st Geoff Rath Memorial Lions Pheasant Hunt SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

*The hunter may have four, five or six members on a team.
One dog per hunter will be allowed.*

Entry fee: \$50 per hunter

*(paid by the team captain **no later than Nov. 15th**)*

Rules Meeting: at Angry Beaver Lodge in Oakes, ND • 11 a.m. • Dec. 4th

We will draw for the land parcels for each team to hunt on. The hunt time will be from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. All hunters will return to the Angry Beaver Lodge for the awards, drawings and dinner with a cash bar.

One tagged rooster will be placed on each parcel of land. The hunters harvesting the tagged birds will have their names entered into the drawing.

For more information and where to send the fees please contact: Dean Atkinson • 821 Juniper Ave, Oakes, ND 58474
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Get a team together and come to Oakes!

Leonard



On Oct. 25th, President David Strand of the Leonard Lions club presented Casey Johnson, from the town of Leonard, with a \$700 check for winning one of the Premium Prizes during the 4-H Animal Competition. Casey is a member of the McCloud 4-H club near Fort Ransom. He is looking forward to his second experience in next year's competition.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

WOW, the Lion's State Convention in Watford City was outstanding! Kudos go to the Chairman Kelly Peterson, Lois Reiersen, and the entire Watford City crew. Everyone seemed to have a great time. We have all been through so much this last year and a half. It was enjoyable to meet old friends and to make new ones in person.

I enjoyed assisting 5NW District Governor Scott Ressler in presiding over the convention. PID Pat Vannett played an important part by giving us the proper protocol to follow. Thanks, Pat. All guest speakers gave inspirational presentations. As for the entertainment, 'Rockin Steady with Teddy' and Duelling Pianos on Friday evening were the best. The country band on Saturday evening was also excellent. I even learned the Watford City two-step. Can you beat that?

I know many of you were not able to attend this great convention. For you, I provide a few highlights.

The Mayor of Watford City

talked about the improvements the city and area have made in services and infrastructure with monies received from the oil boom. The Rough Rider Convention Center, adjoining high school, and multiple sport complexes are examples.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday morning breakfast, Fred Fridley, Jr., reminded us to commit ourselves to our passion and use the 24 hours in the day effectively. He did say, "Some sleep was important". Fred is Vice President of operations for the Bismarck region of Sanford Health so I know they are in good hands.

Lion Michael Brand from Fargo Gateway Lions was the recipient of North Dakota's Hall of Fame Award. His contributions to Lions around the state are endless. He was the "glue", as PCC Duane Zwinger put it, "that held our district and multiple district together". "He was the Lion

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that knew the ins and outs of everything in MD5". Congratulations, Mike.

Our keynote speaker during the Hall of Fame Celebration was our Lt. Governor Brent Sanford. He is President of the Senate and serves on many boards, authorities, associations, and related committees. Brent is committed to expanding the agribusiness opportunities in our state. He mentioned it was essential to deliver natural gas to Eastern North Dakota to encourage industries to locate there. He also emphasized that to assist young families to settle in our communities, we need to jointly support the establishment of local child-care facilities.

At our Saturday evening banquet, International Director (ID) Justin Faber gave an inspiring story about his efforts to keep his local club in Michigan from folding. They started with four members and



they needed four to play cards. When one left, they were going to give up their charter. Finally, after much discussion, Justin suggested "Why don't we invite our wives"? They said that they would rather fold. Justin said "Really?" The bottom line is that they did not fold and now they have double digit members.

After listening to the young ID talk about his passion for what Lion's do, it was clear why he rose so rapidly as a 'Leader of Lions' on the international level. I was taken back by his response, however, to a question he posed to the audience. He asked, "What do Lions do"? Of course, we responded "Service". He responded, "No, really the best

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Club News

Minot



Packing for the Backpack Buddies Program run by Souris Valley United Way. We packed food for 279 local kids that would experience food insecurity over the weekend without this program.

Ella and her pink glasses

I'm sure the familiar saying; "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" resonates as you look at this photo of a baby named, Ella, sporting her new pink glasses. In fact, some of the words you might come up with are, "precious", "cute", and "sweet". Aside from those most adoring words, after knowing Ella's story, you might want to use words such as "Lions", "Vision Screening", and "Plusoptix". Obviously, not as appealing, but Ella and her pink glasses represent the fact that she was in need of glasses and her need was founded on a vision screening conducted by the local Lions Club.

Ella's First Screening

Kristi Voeller, of North Dakota, took her 6 month old daughter, Ella, for a vision screening conducted by the local Prairie Rose Lions Club at her MOPS Group in Bismarck. Kristi admits, she almost did not take baby Ella to get screened because she was only 6 months old and she had been seen regularly by the family pediatrician and there had not been any concerns. Since there was no one in line to get screened,

Kristi decided she would go ahead and take Ella. To Kristi's surprise, Ella was referred for further evaluation by an eye care professional. Even with the referral, Kristi thought it was some kind of fluke. However, she scheduled an appointment through the Infant SEE program for several months later. Not thinking there was any rush, she thought it was fine to wait until then. However, her husband, having to see the optometrist himself at about the same time, took Ella's referral information with him to his appointment and showed the optometrist the results of Ella's screening. Upon looking at the screening results, the optometrist suggested taking Ella to see her for a follow-up as soon as possible.

Ella Needs Glasses

After Ella was seen by the optometrist and given a series of tests, it was determined that Ella needed glasses. Kristi remarked at the difference in Ella's behavior after receiving her new pink glasses one week later. Ella became much more engaging, fascinated with her mommy's nose along with

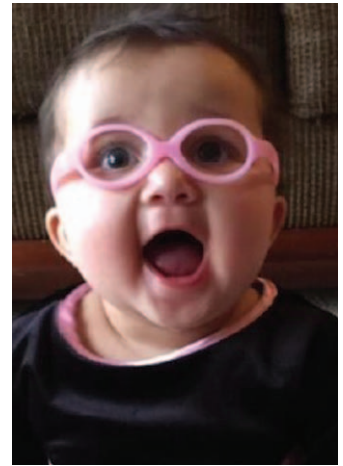
her toys, playing with the family dog and her big sister, 4 year old Emma. In addition, she had become more vocal, interested in her surroundings and environment by crawling more, and paying more attention to what is around her.

Ella's Glasses are Pink

How can you miss those pink glasses? Everywhere Ella goes; Kristi is stopped and asked about Ella's pink glasses. Ella loves her glasses and doesn't want to take them off. Ella's pink glasses have changed the way Ella sees everything around her. Not only does Ella look adorable, but even at 6 months old, Ella's sight has been improved all because of a vision screening conducted by the Prairie Rose Lions Club.

A Big Thanks to the Prairie Rose Lions Club

The Prairie Rose Lions Club, in keeping with the mission of Lions KidSight USA, conducts vision screenings with the Plusoptix vision screener. Plusoptix is a proud partner of Lions KidSight USA, a nation-wide program that brings Lions clubs across the country together to ensure young chil-



dren receive eye screenings and follow-up care when needed. The Plusoptix vision screener ensures that children are screened for the most prevalent risk factors that may lead to the development of Amblyopia or "lazy eye". An early diagnosis means early correction and treatment. Thanks to the Prairie Rose Lions Club and early intervention, Ella's vision has been improved.

For more information about the Plusoptix vision screener and Lions KidSight USA, please visit www.plusoptix.com and www.lionskidsightusa.org.

Lions will make a difference, and here's how!

BY DAVID CZYWCZYNSKI
MD 5 LCIF Coordinator

We have always supported the causes that Lions International holds dear to the heart. Whether we focused on sight related projects, our youth, or the global environment, we always give it our best effort! Strength in numbers really works! Whether we are talking about prayer, or how we will combat life's

obstacles, working together for a common cause gives us the strength to conquer the unknown.

Success does not come cheap. It takes a lot of financial commitment to put successful programs in place. It takes vision to look ahead into the future and analyze what will be needed to confront "the enemy" that is trying to disrupt our lives.

The leaders that support

the International Association of Lions clubs are constantly working on new ways to stay ahead of the misfortunes that plague our world. Only through a massive collection of financial support can we offer hope and truly make a difference. Lions International knew they had to build a stronger bank account to be able to support all of our causes. They needed fundraising efforts by the Lions

clubs, and they needed members to consider buying into fellowships. Then, the idea evolved of individual giving. We all paid our dues to become members of this great association, but we really were never asked to give a little more, individually. We already give individually to our church, other charities,

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Christmas projects starting across 5NE

By Crystal Dueker
Service Chair

November is a time when many Lions clubs start planning their Christmas activities and events. Some clubs including Wing, Tuttle, Hazelton, and Strasburg are known for Santa Days in their schools. Horace Lions have a Santa's Sleigh to use for family photos and something special for the students in their local school. Napoleon Lions are raising funds now for their legacy of Christmas Turkey Bingo. All 4 Lions clubs in Grand Forks will

unify to create and run their legacy "Christmas in the Park". Rugby Lions partner with local businesses for Project Joy to help families in need be able to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Across our district, Lions clubs will soon be preparing sign-up sheets for their members to ring a bell for the Salvation Army.

Last year, Fargo Gateway Lions members created a new project called "Christmas in a Shoebox". An individual Lion filled their own empty shoebox with small toys, books, puzzles, or other items. Then, the box

was wrapped, identified by a card for either girl or boy and then brought to a club meeting by a certain date. These donated packages were delivered to the Fargo Emergency Food Pantry for families in need of a gift for their child. The pantry executive director later shared the abundance of appreciation expressed by those parents, some in tears of gratefulness. This year, Gateway Lions are preparing to do it again by bringing wrapped boxes to our December 3rd meeting. If this sounds good to your Lions club officials, please give it a try. Or

consider doing this as a club service project and create a few Christmas boxes together and deliver to your designated community group helping others.

If your club already has a Christmas project, thank you for helping bring the joyful spirit of Christmas to your community. If your club is looking for an idea, please consider any of these mentioned projects. Your service to others is valued and puts smile on the faces of children. Thank you for preparing to spread the joy of Christmas.

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thing Lions do is to provide HOPE to people in need". I presume, he was referring to the hope we give to those who have vision problems, hope to those who are hungry, hope to those who have diabetes, hope to families where there is childhood cancer, and hope to those experiencing loss due to environmental disasters. I thought, he is right. Holding fundraisers enables us to provide the services to help people meet their basic needs, but HOPE for the future is the greatest gift.

Our 5 NE cabinet and district meetings were successful. Much information was exchanged and reports were given. PDG Mel Olson (Fargo Lions) was elected, again, to serve on our Dakota Lions Sight and Health (DLSH) board. Elected to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota (LFND) were Kristy Swenson (New Rockford Lions), Steve Johnson (Grand Forks Lions), and Janice Sowokinos (Red River Lions, Grand Forks). As DG, I wish them much success in continuing the great work these boards do.

The great news is that we

had a Lion step-up to be our 2nd VDG Elect at our state convention. What a pleasant surprise. In the past we have had to struggle to appoint someone mid-year. Thank you, Kirk Tingum (South Forks Lions). Your service over the years as an officer, president of your club, 2-year zone chair, member of our district cabinet, and on the DLSH board will help you to be a great DG for 5NE. Elected as our DG Elect is Scott Hildre (Fargo Gateway Lions), and as our 1st VDG Elect, Rick Stark (Tuttle Lions). Our succession of leadership in 5NE seems to be on the upswing. As Lion leaders, we are not an island unto ourselves. We are a team that supports each other and works together to provide for the needs of our fifty-two clubs in 5NE. Please call on us anytime. We are here for you.

There were two Presidential Certificates of Appreciation presented by ID Justin Faber to 5NE Lions. Receiving them were Tracy Wicken (South Forks Lions) and Kristi Swenson (New Rockford Lions). Kudos go to Tracy and Kristy for not only upholding

the vision and mission of Lions, but in also serving your families and your community.

Four outstanding Lions were nominated for the New Voices positions in district 5NE. They are as follows: Membership, Sharon Painter (Carrington Lions); Service, Mark Arndt (Emerado-Arvilla Lions); Leadership, (Lynnette Vollmer (Rugby Lions); and finally for Marketing, Mike Little (Fargo Gateway Lions). Congratulations and keep serving.

Thanks Watford City! Now it's on to Spirit Lake in 2022!

"We serve with love and compassion in communities around the World"

International President,
Douglas X. Alexander

"Lions do Magical things"



"Teamwork makes the Dream work"

Club News

South Forks



Candlelight induction of a new member into South Forks Lions Club, Grand Forks, ND. (R to L). President of South Forks Lions Brad Sturlagson, Sponsor Bryon Novotny, New member Peter Tunseth, and DG Joe Sowokinos.

Club News

Carrington



Lion Sharon Paintner and Lion Jenni Wede served as the admission crew at the State Girls Golf tournament held at the Crossroads Golf Course in Carrington on September 27 and 28.



Carrington Lions gathered on September 25 to clean the ditches south of town. Lions were Bob Erickson, Judy Swanson, Tom Paintner, Deb Leapaldt, Charlotte Nelson, Jane Fredrickson, Marilyn Nicholson, Joyce Wick, Howard Nelson, Henry Simons, Kathy Hendrickson, and Jackie Simons. Lions not pictured were Dani McClean and Sharon Paintner.



Perfect attendance awards were presented to the following Lions: Jenni Wede, Sharon Paintner, Tom Paintner, Jane Fredrickson, and Mary Topp.



The featured speaker at the Carrington Lions meeting on October 6 was Lion Randy Hooy. He explained the updates being made to the ball diamonds in the City Park.

Ashley



The Ashley Lion's Club just finished having their annual Ashley Lion's appreciation steak fry & meat raffle on November 5th. Helping us out this year again was the Ashley High School FBLA group. The event brought another packed house!

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

What is your Lions Club Legacy?

Greetings fellow Lions!

Wow! Here is my article for November. How fast the year is going. So far, the job of District Governor has not been so bad, and, to be honest, I wasn't expecting it to be. We have a great District Governor team and a great cabinet, and it's wonderful to work with every member of those teams. As much as I enjoy working with these people, I have to admit that the best thing about being the District Governor is visiting the clubs and talking to the members. I love hearing the stories about what the clubs have done and how they impact their community. All Lions Clubs make a big difference in their community and around the world. The Lions members of 5 NW do an awesome job in all things Lion!

Hearing all the stories about the history of what these clubs have done makes me wonder what life in those communities would have been like without a Lions Club? For many communities, the Lions club has been

the heart of the community. I see where, in the smaller communities, the Lion Clubs may have made the most impact vs. those in the larger communities. Everyone in a smaller community knows the Lions Club. People in Bismarck know there is a Lions Club in town, but many are surprised to learn that there are four clubs. In bigger communities, it's easier for a Lions Club to get lost in the shuffle of everything that is happening. Nevertheless, all Lion Clubs, regardless of the community size, make a difference.

Not long ago, I attended the 100th birthday party for the Bismarck Lions. In my remarks to those attending the party, I asked everyone to imagine how many lives just this one club has affected in that 100 years. Imagine how many service projects have been done and how much money was raised and donated back into the commu-

nity and to Lions. I would love to see those numbers. I know it would be impressive and the sheer number would shock many people and even Lions. But, now imagine that the Bismarck Lions Club was never founded. If you could see the list of everything they did.... and then take that all away! Would some lives over those 100 years have been affected? I believe so! What a tragedy that would have been. It would be wonderful to read stories of some of the people that were impacted because of Lions.

At a Street Fair this year in Bismarck, the North Star Lions were selling their Turkey Legs, which they've done for over 30 years. Someone came up and bought a turkey leg and was telling a few Lions members how a Lions Club changed his life though providing him with his glasses. He asked if we accepted credit card and proceeded to give us a \$100 tip after

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buying a \$10 turkey leg. We are hoping to follow up with this individual and hopefully provide more details about how he was impacted. His is only one story of which there are many about Lions "Serving" others. I would love to hear more stories like this. I would love to see a book written about how the Lions of North Dakota had an impact on someone. If you have a story like this, please send it to me and we can start telling our Lions story.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

In Lionism,
DG Scott Ressler

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birthday celebrations, and anniversaries. It makes us feel good when we do this!

The Lions Clubs International Foundation directors and staff worked diligently on a plan to make this happen. Campaign 100 is our answer for raising money that will make this world a better place. We are now entering our final year of working together to make dreams into realities. \$300 million is our goal, so we need your support! \$200 per Lions member times the 1.4 million Lions members would raise \$280 million! I know that would be idealistic, but not realistic. If we all decide that we could share some of our wealth through Campaign 100, we can and will truly make a difference!

Club News

Korner



Korner Lions serve the community by handing out candy for Halloween at Spring Lake Park. The LION showed up to help out but didn't scare the kids! L to R: Lions Jackie Grubb, Michelle Goebel, Phyllis Stokke, Lois Reiersen, Stevie Broe and Jim Stokke

Club News

Gateway



Pictured above are members of the Gateway Lions Club as they attended the State Convention in Watford City. (left to right) Scott Hildre, Duane Zwinger, Mike Little, Rob Lein, Carla Lein, Mike Brand, Darrell Costain, Crystal Dueker and Mary Ann Zwinger. This pictured was taken immediately after PCC Lion Mike Brand was inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.



Pictured (left to right) Lions Crystal Dueker & Jolean Pederson, Administrators Mary Payne & Ethan Ehler and Lion Mary Ann Zwinger. The Lions members are shown giving a donation to the Willow Park Elementary School to help out with clothing items and healthy snacks. The Gateway Lions Club has adopted the school.



The Gateway Lions Club conducted a Peace Poster Contest for Sacred Heart Middle School in Fargo. Pictured above (left to right) are the winners: Cambell Evenson, 4th place; Reagan Omane, 3rd place; Leah Sanden 2nd place and, Hailey Miranda, 1st place. Hailey's poster went on to compete in the 5NE contest at the State Convention.



Pictured above are Mapleton Lions Club President Andy Draeger (left) as he returns the GAVEL to Gateway Lions Club President Gelaine Orvik. You just can't trust the Mapleton Lions Club when they come to visit your club. The "RANSOM" fee was considerable.

New Voices



Pictured on the left is the MD5 New Voices Coordinator Crystal Dueker with the 2020-2021 New Voices nominees: (l to r) Kelly Peterson, Watford City Lions for Leadership 5NW; Sharon Paintner, Carrington Lions for Membership in 5NE; and, Mike Little, Fargo Gateway Lions for Marketing in 5NE. Not present or not in the photo were Lynette Vollmer, Rugby Lions for Leadership in 5NE; Mark Arndt, Emerado-Arvilla Lions for Service in 5NE; Bethanie Letch, Powers Lake Lions for Membership in 5NW. (Photos taken by Karen DaSilva from Bismarck Lions, nominated as New Voices for Service 5NW 2020-2021)



MD5 New Voices coordinator Crystal Dueker announced the New Voices nominees for 2021-2022 from 5NE and 5NW during the state meeting on Saturday afternoon.

Club News

Hazen



Hazen area residents came out Sunday for a fleishkueckle benefit put on by the Hazen Lions Club. The proceeds will go to help Lisa Layton, who lost her home in Hazen in a fire earlier this summer. *All photos credit of Daniel Arens*



The Hazen Lions Club presents a check to Anthony and Jamee Folk, after the premature birth of their twin daughters Leah and Luka. The Lions worked with family and friends of the Folks' to put on a fleishkueckle feed Aug. 29. Pictured here: Back row, left to right: Lion Sharon Olander, Lion Kathy Mettler, Anthony Folk, Lion Linda Myhra and Lion Doug Rothe. Front row, left to right: Jamee Folk (with son Lane and daughter Lynn) and Lion President Darlene Grimm. Very front row: Twins Luka and Leah.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

Glenburn



Glenburn Lions welcome new member Lion Lucero (Lucy)Pierce. Lion Lucy was inducted by 5 NW District Governor Scott Ressler at the 20 October 2021 monthly meeting. Pictured L to R: Lion Brian Boshert (sponsor), Lion Lucy Pierce, 5 NW DG Scott Ressler.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donations

Bronze Club	\$100 - \$299	Gold Club	\$500 - \$999
Bismarck North Star		Dacotah Mandan	
Carrington		Fargo	
Hazen		Red River	
Jamestown		Williston	
Lake Metigoshe		Williston Korner	
New Rockford		Diamond Club &1,000 - +	
South Heart		Capitol City	
Valley City		Emerado Arvilla	
West Fargo		Fargo Gateway	
Silver Club	\$300 - \$499	Minot Magic City	
Bismarck Prairie Rose		Life Member	\$300
		Bonnie Morel by New England	
		TBD by Grand Forks	

Thank you for your donations to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota that make it possible to support the work of North Dakota Lions Clubs

Club News

Carrington



October was a busy month for the Carrington Lions Club. They helped manage the Youth Center Movie Theater; worked the Great Plains food distribution; sent seven members to the State Convention in Watford City; and, took care of the admission for the Haunted House held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the last week of the month. Above are the Lions who worked at the movie theater: (front) Arlen Guthmiller, Jenni Wede, Lisa Weninger, Shelly Skytland, and Jane Fredrickson (back) Deb Leapaldt, Dani McClean, Kim Edland, Karla Michaelson, Joyce Wick, Dan Wick, and Marilyn Nicholson. Not pictured: Brittney Moravec, Josey Skytland, Kristen Hewitt, Charlotte Nelson, and Kara Brinster.



Lions attending the state convention were Tom and Sharon Paintner, Marilyn Nicholson, Heather Carr, and Judy Swanson. Not pictured Charlotte and Howard Nelson.



Great Plains Food workers: (front) Jenni Wede Sharon Paintner (back) Joyce Wick and Marilyn Nicholson.



Admission crew at the Haunted House: (front) Arlen Guthmiller, Jenni Wede, Lisa Weninger, Shelly Skytland (back) Dani McClean, Kim Edland, Karla Michaelson, Joyce Wick, Marilyn Nicholson, and Heather Carr.

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2021 STATE LIONS CONVENTION



ID Justin Faber takes in the local sites prior to the convention.



ID Justin screening 8 month old Wynnie.



ID Justin Faber participates in a vision screening service project at Wolf Pup Day Care. L to R: Lion Stacy Arndt, ID Justin Faber, and Lion Hannah and Wynnie Langerud.



Alexander Lions Artie Weber, Doug Nenow and Bob Johnson assist ID Justin Faber with registration.



Lion Clarence Harris from Milwaukee attended the convention and shared his passion for supporting LCIF and the opportunities available.



PDG Mark Koller and PDG Dave Czywczyński talk about the many grant opportunities available through LCIF. PDG Rick Swenson also presented but is not pictured.



Convention Chair Kelly Peterson welcomes Lions.



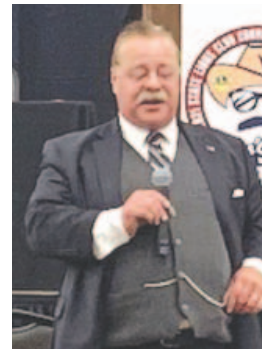
5NW winning Peace Poster.



Lion Janelle Olson and Loris Vanberkom ask attendees "What Would You Do if Helen Keller Visited Your Club?"



Lions Perry Olson and Janelle Olson talk about Dining in the Dark.



President Theodore Roosevelt entertains the crowd.

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ID Justin Faber showing off his musical talent.



Convention committee poses with President Roosevelt.



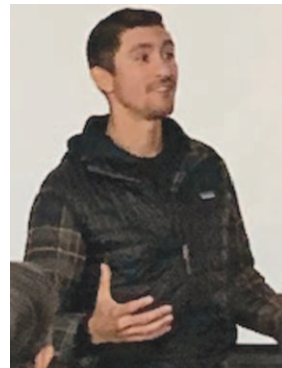
Lion Julie Schwartz accompanies the choir.



After the memorial service, Lions release balloons in remembrance of deceased Lions.



5NW DG Scott Ressler (right) presents CC Kevin Bean (left) with a plaque in appreciation for his service.



Nick Ybarra shows his enthusiasm for the outdoors and the Maah Daah Hey Trail.



5NE DG Joe Sowokinos takes an opportunity to thank committee member WC Lion Lion Hannah Langerud.

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5NW Lion Kelly Peterson (right center) is recognized with the New Voices Leadership Award. PID Bruce Schwartz, ID Justin Faber and PID Pat Vannett assist with the presentation.



CC Kevin Bean discusses the importance of Technology and Lions.



5NW Lions Kathy Kuylen (left center) and Dickie Jo Kubas (right center) were presented with Melvin Jones Fellowships. Assisting with the presentation were PDG and 5NW LCIF Chair Mark Koller (left) and Lion Clarence Harris (right).



Marty Douglas provides information about Service Dogs for America.



5NE Lion Crystal Dueker (right center) is presented with a Presidential Medal. PID Bruce Schwartz, ID Justin Faber and PID Pat Vannett assist with the presentation.



PID Pat Vannett and 5NW 1st VDG Jeanette Bean discuss the Global Membership Approach.



5NE Lion Kristi Swenson (right center) is presented with a Presidential Certificate. PID Bruce Schwartz, ID Justin Faber and PID Pat Vannett assist with the presentation.



5NE Lion Tracy Wicken (right center) is presented with a Presidential Certificate. PID Bruce Schwartz, ID Justin Faber and PID Pat Vannett assist with the presentation.



That's a wrap!! The 2021 State Convention Committee gathers to celebrate a successful convention!

Prairie Rose



Induction of Prairie Rose Lions Officers.



Prairie Rose Lions collected items for Ministry on the Margins.

South Heart Lions start a food fight

The South Heart Lions Club saw a need and responded. The area food pantries had shelves that were starting to look empty. The laundry detergent was all gone and the boxes of cereal were very limited. The Lions Club partnered up with the Student Council from the South Heart school and went into action! But why stop with just one food drive? They also partnered up with the Student Council from the Belfield School and Choice Financial Bank of Belfield to fill up the shelves at the Belfield Food Pantry as well!

Points were awarded for each item that was brought in as a donation. Each grade level competed to get the highest amount of points. The class from grades k – 6 and 7 – 12 received a class party sponsored and paid for by the South Heart Lions. It was a close battle at both schools! At South Heart School, the Seniors came away with the upper level party, whereas the 2nd grade class blew them all away with over 600 points, to secure the elementary party! As of print time, the final tally of points for the Belfield classes had not been made official yet, but they also accepted the challenge and brought in an abundance of donations! They are patiently waiting for the announcement of who earned the parties at the Belfield School.

The donations from the South Heart School and community were taken to the Amen Food Pantry in Dickinson. It was one of the largest donations they have received to date, weighing in



3,842 pounds of needed supplies! If there are any South Heart School parents that go to do laundry and are surprisingly out of laundry detergent, the S.H. Lions Club would like to say thank you. Chances are that your child brought it to school to earn points for the food drive! When Lion Arlen Kubas went to put a poster up advertising the food drive, the owner of Heart Country Store made a large donation of Coke products to the food drive!

The Belfield donations have not been weighed yet, but we do know that the classroom of Lion Lori Wagner, co-advisor for Belfield Student Council, had an explosion of donations piling up by the hour! Belfield community members were also dropping off donations at Choice Bank of Belfield. All those appreciated donations will go to the Belfield Food Pantry this week!

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Minot Magic City



In August we made a donation to the Minot Sunrise Rotary Club for their Fill the Bus event. This fundraiser and donation drive supports children in need with school supplies. Magic City Lions were awarded the trophy for largest donor to this fundraiser. We have held this title for several years.



On August 17th Magic City Lions presented The Minot Firefighters L1157 with a donation for their Fill the Boot fundraiser benefiting the Muscular Dystrophy Association.