



Lion Kevin Vannett gets things done

Lion Kevin Vannett, a quiet leader who just gets things done. He is a leader that has encouraged leadership among new Lions and recognized Lions with words of encouragement and praise for their work.

Kevin served his first term as a District Governor in 2000-2001, when there were three districts in North Dakota. He served his second term in 2009-2010 following the last minute resignation of the vice district governor, when there was no time for a new candidate to be trained.

As an IPDG in 2002, he worked with the current district governor to develop the first District Spring Rally. That program has continued providing leadership training and personal growth opportunities to hundreds of Lions.

Perhaps best known

state-wide, is his dedicated service through the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Founded in 2002, the first grant was awarded in 2009 after reaching the financial corpus amount deemed needed to earn necessary funding. Kevin served on the LFND Board of Directors and as the first Executive Director. He recognized the need for a Board of Director's Handbook, and provided the information needed to make it a valuable resource for board members and a Standard Operating Procedures section to guide board decisions. He served on the planning committee for the Video Magnifier Program in 2010 and stepped up to serve as the Program Manager. His well-developed lease program has enabled the program to grow so there is no longer a 'waiting period' for

those who want a video magnifier. When conducting the annual audit, fellow Lions have been amazed by Kevin's orderly and precise book-keeping procedures, dealing with monthly lease payments made by well over 100 magnifier users. Kevin's hundreds of volunteer service hours are unmatched. Kevin also managed the Eye Glass Recycling Program. Thousands of eye glasses collected by Lions clubs throughout the state are sorted and cataloged to be taken on mission trips providing free eye glasses to people in poverty situations in other lands. His reward is experiencing the joy of people that can finally see with their "new" glasses.

Kevin has served on the Multiple District 5 Board and Several committees, and shared his financial expertise as the MD5 Treasurer. Kevin



Lion Kevin Vannett

was inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame in 2012.

The LFND Board of Directors would like to thank PDG Kevin for his many years of service and wish him well as he steps down from his role as the program manager for the Eye Glass Recycling and Video Magnifier Programs. He has been a leader and mentor to many during his years as a Lion.

Celebrating the Spirit of Lionism

Greetings Lions!

Lions of Zone 4 in District 5NE are excited to host the 2022 North Dakota Lions Convention, scheduled for Oct. 21-22 at the Spirit Lake Casino and Event Center south of Devils Lake. These Lions have been busy planning a fun-filled and learning experience.

Convention registration, until July 1, is \$85 per person

with banquet meal choices of chicken cordon bleu or Swiss steak. Please indicate your meal choice on the registration form.

Registration forms will be available in upcoming North Dakota Lion newsletters and at both districts' spring rallies.

Rooms have been blocked for Oct.20-22 at the rate of \$75 per night. Tell the folks

at the casino and event center you are registering for the "Celebrating the Spirit of Lionism" event. There are 123 rooms in the motel.

A quilt is being assembled by the Lions of District 5NE. Clubs are asked to please send a 9x9-inch square representing your club. Squares are due April 1, and they can be mailed to Kristi Swenson, 414 1st Ave. N., New Rock-

ford, ND 58356.

Convention T-shirts are available at \$25, pre-order only. Please call a member of the convention team (listed on the form) to order a t-shirt.

We hope to see you in October to celebrate the Spirit of Lionism.

2022 State Lions Convention Team

NDAB Seeks Nominations for Robert John LePage Service Award

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc. is once again seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Donna Ruff of the Lehr Lions Club, received her award during NDAB's state convention, which was held virtually in June of last year. She was honored for her work with the Sight4Kidz program, which provides free vision screenings for preschoolers.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was established in 2008 in honor of the more than twenty-four years of service that Bob had contributed to people with sight loss. In memory of Bob's service, NDAB is asking that the various Lions Clubs of North Dakota consider submitting the name of one of their members who exemplifies Bob's spirit of selfless, but generally unrecognized, assistance to people who are blind or who have low vision. The person who will be chosen for this award is not necessarily the one who has held the most offices or who has been recognized in other ways, but the one who has been working quietly behind the scenes in providing humble, yet very important, service to people who are blind or who have low vision. Please feel free to resubmit the name of someone who

has not been selected in the past, as it has always been difficult to make a selection from so many worthy nominees.

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the award. Please submit your nominee's application by April 15, 2022, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club President.

Please send nominations to:

Mary Lou Stip, Committee Chairperson

4212 Estate Dr. South Fargo, ND 58104

Or via e-mail: maryloustip@midco.net

The recipient will be announced at a later date and be honored at NDAB's annual convention which will be held in Fargo from June 10-12, 2022.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit its web site at www.ndab.org.

The Ashley Lions Club is challenging all North Dakota Lions clubs to donate \$100 to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. St. Jude's does a great job with research and helping families with children who are suffering with cancer.

St. Jude's Children's Hospital
501 St. Jude Place
Memphis, Tenn, 38105

After you donate, please send a note to Ashley Treasurer Warren Martz so he can keep track of the clubs accepting the challenge.

Warren Martz,
Box 313
Ashley, ND, 58413
(or email dwmartz@drtel.net)

SAVE THE DATE

2022 District 5NE Spring Rally

You are invited to the 2022 District 5NE Spring Rally. It will be held on Saturday April 9th, in Or Lady Hall located on the University of Jamestown Campus.

Registration will be from 8:30-9:00 AM. Welcome and Introduction will be at 9 AM.

Our International Guest and Keynote Speaker will be Past International Director Lion Pat Vannett. She is one of our own. Lion Pat and her husband Past District Governor Lion Kevin live in Bismarck.

Even if you have been to a Spring Rally before or if you think you know all there is to know about being a club officer, please join us. We promise to give you something new to take back to your club. Come and meet your District Governor team!! Let us know how we can help you

as a Lion or your club with any issue. You will also have the opportunity to meet other Lions Club officers from your Zone and your district. Let's talk about issues you or your club may have. Share ideas about service projects for fundraisers. We can all help each other to be better Lions and to embrace our Motto "We Serve".

We will be having breakout sessions for Club Officer Training.

PRE-REGISTER AT:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4BAFAC29A4FC1-joint>

If you have any questions regarding the Spring Rally, please contact DGE Scott Hildre at (701) 799-6400 or email at lionscotthildre@gmail.com

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STERLING SERVICE: a Lions Legacy

By Crystal Dueker

The next time you are driving near Exit 180 (I-94 east from Bismarck or west from Steele), please take a minute to turn south to explore the Sterling community. It's a small town of less than 50 people, with an elevator for their local farmers, The Flash Bar, Topp's Motel, and the Cenex Tri-Energy Truck Stop.

These questions might whirl in your mind. Where could local parents hold birthday parties for their children? Where could local

women work on their quilting projects or do their scrap-booking? What activities are available to keep families occupied? One of the answers is located on the northside of the Truck Stop parking lot in a refurbished bank building made of bricks. It is known as the Sterling Lions Clubhouse which provides many of these services to the community.

On December 4th, a Christmas party was celebrated with 15 families enjoying hot food and hayrides with Santa Claus.

The Lions donated the use

of their clubhouse for 3 days for the Hunter Safety classes for 20 kids. Some people came from Bismarck because these classes were booked up in Bismarck.

From early October to the end of March, on the 2nd and 4th Monday, the Lions have bingo games. A steady base of 10 to 12 players can be counted on, plus others might arrive from Hazelton, Linton, Tuttle, Driscoll, and Steele. This year, most games included a blackout to win a turkey or a ham.

Now consider this scenario. You live in Sterling and

have invited over 30 of your relatives for Christmas and New Year's. Where else but the clubhouse could you feed everyone and gather in one large area? One local family did it this past December and showed their gratitude by cleaning the kitchen and scrubbing the floors making the clubhouse ready for the next event.

THE NEXT EVENT WAS HELD on February 12th, with a Sweetheart dinner. The Lions hired someone

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Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble

Male · Female · Co-ed

Friday, June 10, 2022

CrossRoads Golf Course · Carrington, ND
393 Highway 281 NE (about 1 mile
North of Carrington)
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

Entry Fee:

\$60 a person/\$240 Team
Includes Green Fees, Mulligans, Lions String,
Prizes, Lunch & Supper
FREE SNACKS ON THE COURSE
Golf Carts available for rent at 701-652-2601

Cash Team Prizes: \$1,200 Team Prize Money (prizes vary slightly based on entries)

Hole Prizes: (Contest on each hole)

REGISTER EARLY FOR THIS TOURNAMENT ALMOST FILLED UP IN 2021!

REGISTER EARLY · Only 36 Teams - Deadline: June 7, 2022

Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Phone _____

Send registration to: Karla Michaelson, 268 2nd ST. N., Carrington, ND 58421
or call 701-652-5710 or email Karla.Michaelson@k12.nd.us

Visit CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway at www.crossroadsgolf.com

Club News

Gateway



The crowd that attended the Pre-Giving Hearts meeting of the Gateway Lions Club. The meeting was held on Thursday, January 27. There were representatives from 12 different organizations and \$13,000 was given as part of the GIVING HEARTS DAY program.



(left to right) are Gateway Lions Club members Scott Hildre, Duane Zwinger, Gelaine Orvik, Bob Baumann (standing and chair for this project) and Dick Reger. They are pictured screening students at Oak Grove Elementary School. The Gateway Lions Club has screened almost 3,000 students to date.



PCC Lion Mike Brand (left) as he receives his Melvin Jones Progress medal from Gateway Lions Club President, Gelaine Orvik. Lion Mike was just recently inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. Congratulations Lion Mike!



Pictured above are Gateway Lions Club members (left to right) Darrell Costain, Evert VanEngelenhoven and Duane Zwinger. These Lion members are presenting and accepting the check from the Gateway Lions Club to Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley as part of the Pre-Giving Hearts Day meeting. Lion Evert is founder and President and Lion Darrell is the Vice-President of FMRRV.

Headwaters



Headwaters Lions Club donated \$600.00 to Wahpeton Parks and Recreation from the proceeds of the concession stand at Chahinkapa Park Field. Headwaters Lions members provide concessions for 5th & 6th grade though Junior Varsity home football games. Pictured is Sandy Eichhorn, Concessions Chair presenting a check to Keith Blattenbauer, Recreation Director.

Club News

Horace



The Horace Lions had another busy meeting in January. We also inducted three new members.



Guest speaker for the evening was Miss North Dakota, Reyna Bergstrom.



We presented Years of Service pins to several members.



The Horace Lions Board of Directors presented several organizations with donations to be used during Giving Hearts Day on February 10th.

Contests and awards for Lions clubs of 5NE

Lions Clubs of 5NE, this is a reminder about the April 30, 2022 deadline for the 2021-2022 Lions year contests. These contests are also part of the MD5 Contests.

The contests are as follows: 1) Club of the Year Contest, 2) Lions Club Newsletter/Bulletin Contest, 3) Li-

ons Club Scrapbook Contest and 4) Lions Club Website Contest.

The forms, rules and guidelines for these contests are listed on the 5NE website. Many clubs take part and do these activities, so why not get credit for your work?

Please send your entry to 5NE Service Contests and Awards Chair, Duane Zwinger at 3790 25th Street South Unit 15, Fargo, ND 58104. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact Lion Duane at 701-650-9697 or email concerns to dmazwinger@midco.net

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



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Greetings Fellow Lions:
Happy Valentine's Day to all Lions. If you are one of those incurable romantics, February is a great month for you. It is in step with our International President Douglas Alexander's theme of SERVICE FROM THE HEART. It is also the month where we can take advantage of Giving Hearts Day. It allows us to double our donation impact to the needy organizations and charities in our communities.

When Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg was 87 years old, she said something that all Lions should take to heart. She said, "Fight for the things you care about but do it in a way that will lead others to join you. Do something outside of yourself, something to repair tears in your community. Something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That is what I think a meaningful life is --- living not for oneself, but for one's community." Ruth would have made a great Lion since she articulated perfectly our mission in

Lions.

Our 3rd 5NE district cabinet meeting was held virtually on January 15th. Twenty dedicated Lions gave their progress reports. The district governor team (Joe, Scott, Rick, Kirk, and Grant) talked about their accomplishments and their goals for the latter half of our Lions year. Get to know these people, they are here working for you.

A zone chair learning session was held on Sunday, February 6th. The 1, 2, 3-step process for recording service hours on MyLion was reviewed. This information will be conveyed to club secretaries that need assistance. Presently, only 20 of our 52 clubs (38%) report their clubs service projects to MyLion. Our district's goal is to double this to 80% by June 30th. Remember, your club can appoint a 'Club Administrator' who can assist your secretary in reporting service activities. If you need this one-page form, please

email me. A high percentage of clubs reporting service is the sign of a healthy district.

Our 5NE Spring Rally will be held in Jamestown, ND on April 9th, at the college. DGE Scott Hildre is organizing a great program for those attending. PID Pat Vannett will be our keynote speaker. ALL CLUB OFFICERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. There will be concurrent training sessions for presidents, secretaries, and zone chairs. Please see the 'Save the Date Notice' in this issue of the ND Lion.

As we journey through our last half of our Lions year we must "plan for success" and "focus" on LCIs' 2021-2022 global priorities. These priorities are summarized by our International President Douglas Alexander. They are:

(1) MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT---To grow, we must not only bring in new members, but we must also keep

our current Lions engaged and active.

(2) SUPPORT OUR FOUNDATION---The generosity and support of LCIF is empowering our service around the world as we bring HOPE to those in need.

(3) COMPASSIONATE SERVICE---Lions have a new and great opportunity to lead by example.

(4) COMMUNICATION---We must continue to focus on our connections to one another, to those we serve, and to the organizations that support us.

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

International President, Douglas X. Alexander

"Lions do Magical Things"

"Embrace the Service Journey, Don't Stop Believin"

SAVE THE DATE!

District 5 NW - 21st Annual Spring Rally
Saturday, April 2, 2022 • 8 p.m.
Wilton Public School
504 Dakota Avenue, Wilton, ND 58575

Bridging the Gap through Service



You do not want to miss out on an awesome opportunity to get together with Lions of 5NW! We have a great speaker along some great training scheduled and maybe even a service project.

More information will follow along with the registration form. We need to break last year's attendance! WE CAN DO IT!

LCIF and CAMPAIGN 100 HELPING THE WORLD

I would like to share a story I read in a Lions magazine. It made the front cover of the Lions International magazine a few years ago. Some of you can probably remember. (Don't stop reading now, go ahead and finish reading...please). It takes place in the country of Tanzania, Africa. It shows a mother and daughter carrying water on their heads. Water to take back to their home because they have no fresh water. The water they were carrying came from a river 3 miles from their home. Can you imagine carrying water, a round trip of 6 miles, every day to be used for cooking, drinking and cleaning? The girl could not attend school because her mother needed her 13 year old daughter to help. I could not imagine my daughter staying home from school because she was needed at home to help.

Two Lions clubs in Turkey found out about the villages in that area in need of fresh water, and applied for a grant from LCIF to dig/drill several water wells and install a water tank on top of a large hill nearby. It was a \$75,000 grant from LCIF that changed their lives in those small villages. Now that teenage girl can go to school and learn like other children learn, and everyone else in those villages can do more than just sur-

live. Fresh water is taken for granted back here at home; however it changes people's lives in places where they do not have fresh water. I hear it all the time, that I will give to a cause that stays here at home...I believe we can do both, take care of our needs, and help people on the other side of our planet. I think of the \$55,000 grant that was awarded to both Lions District's in North Dakota to purchase vision screening machines from LCIF. A match from our Lions Foundation of North Dakota and Lions Clubs International Foundation. I think of all the vision screenings that our Lions have done since the beginning when those machines started being used. I think of all the children's lives we changed so those kids could get their vision corrected early in life from the referrals.

I am happy to tell you...this year's Lions Scheels raffle was another great success! Here are the results of the District 5NW Scheels raffle showing the value of the prizes and Lions Club that sold the winning ticket:

1. \$999.99 Mandan Lions Club
2. \$749.99 Stanley Lions Club
3. \$599.99 Elgin Lions Club
4. \$579.99 Bismarck Capital City Lions Club

5. \$593.95 Elgin Lions Club
6. \$529.99 Minot Magic City Lions Club
7. \$529.99 Reeder Lions Club
8. \$499.99 Bismarck North Star Lions Club
9. \$424.99 Killdeer Lions Club
10. \$424.99 Williston Korner Lions Club
11. \$399.99 Mandan Lions Club
12. \$399.99 Beulah Lions Club
13. \$399.99 Killdeer Lions Club
14. \$200.00 Minot Lions Club
15. \$200.00 Scranton Lions Club
16. \$200.00 Minot Lions Club
17. \$200.00 Mandan Lions Club

We had a total of 1309 tickets sold in 5NW with the net proceeds totaling \$17,904.00 that has been sent to LCIF's Campaign 100!

Thank you to all the Lions that put the extra effort in selling those raffle tickets! Also, thank you to all of the 35 clubs that participated in the 5NW Scheels Raffle I want you to think about how important you are when you make a donation to LCIF, knowing you are helping someone here or someplace else in our world.

Thank you again for your support to LCIF now and in the future.

District 5NW LCIF Coordinator,
Mark Koller

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to prepare a delicious meal. The members added decorations in celebration of Valentine's Day to share with their sweeties. It was the return of their traditional annual event to give their wives or girlfriends a gift of a night out for dinner with a touch of romance.

WHERE DID THE CLUBHOUSE COME FROM?

In October 1978, Past District Governor Hadley Seeklander, from the Hazelton Lions, guided the Sterling Men's Club to transform into the Sterling Lions Club. The charter members included Donald Lang, his young son Bruce Lang, and Floyd Seibel. Now 44 years later, although Donald passed on,

the Langs now include Club Secretary Bruce and all 4 of his sons.

Back in the early 1980's, the building was acquired by these newly chartered Lions who saw an opportunity to create a place for holding club meetings and community events. With "sweat equity", many of the members added a full kitchen and remodeled the interior into a wide useable repurposed space, turning the building into the Sterling Lions Clubhouse of today. Its legacy of service by the Lions will continue providing a place for use by many from the community, and the surrounding area for another 44 years.

Please send us your comments, letters to the editor, what's new, etc.

Send us your pictures!

Email: Specialprojects@bhgnews.com

Everyone likes to see friends and club members pictured doing important Lions work.

Send us your photos for publication. Send by e-mail PLEASE if you send by e-mail send photos as jpgs. **and name them**, any copy as rtf. - with no formatting.

Any questions call 463-2201!

Thank You!



Bowman



(Left to right) Bowman Lions Reps: Ken Braun, Tom Nordberg & Vicky Swanson, recipient JR Schade and Scranton Lions Reps: Carleen Ensign, Sierra Jenkins & Jerry Aase

Joint venture earns gold for benefit

By Bowman Lion
President Debbie Patterson

The Bowman and Scranton Lions Clubs in southwest North Dakota teamed up and held a medical bene-

fit for JR Schade on January 23rd. It was an event that provided a great breakfast, silent auction, and a live auction that was very successful with over 200 people attending.

JR was injured in a baler accident in late fall and required several surgeries.

By the time the Scranton Community Center was cleaned up, the two Lions Clubs were feeling very

proud. Not only by what their clubs did to make this event happen, but the surrounding communities earned the GOLD for their generosity!

Eye glass recycling in Bowman

As you may already know, the Lions were challenged by Helen Keller at the 1925 Convention held in Cleveland, OH to become her "Knights for the Blind". As a direct result of that challenge, the Lions of the world have been instrumental in starting and maintaining schools for the blind, schools to train Guide Dogs, as well as Eye Banks to recycle the Corneas of organ donors. On a more local level, the Lions have programs to assist with eye exams and eye glass purchase for those in need for almost as long. One of the more fabulous outreaches of our Lions organization has been our "Vision Missions" to underserved parts of our world. These Missions have usually

included Optometrists and Ophthalmologists along with volunteer Lions who establish temporary Vision Clinics to examine and, as best possible, treat these underserved people. Our part on the local level is to gather, clean and categorize the glasses given to us in local donation sites.

Lion Ken Braun built a box that is used for eye glass recycling. In years past, several of our local Lions who have businesses in the community have also been drop off points. The "uptick" in donations since Lion Ken made that box has been remarkable. Some recent statistics clearly demonstrate

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Lion Chuck Whitney does a visual check, holding glasses up to the light. If there are no scratches, then on to Mandan. If scratches are seen, another attempt at cleaning and if still there, then placed in the box to be sent to Minnesota.

Bowdon Lions Club Food Fair

By **Lion Loretta Weckerly**,
Club Secretary

The Bowdon Lions Club held their annual Food Fair on Sunday, January 30, at the Bowdon School Gym. The vendor's enthusiasm was not detoured by the rescheduling from the previous week due to weather conditions.

The Food Fair was well attended with over 12 vendors present. A variety of foods were shared with the community, including burgers, cheesecake, knephla soup, mini donuts, spatzle & sauerkraut, bread pizza & gourmet breads, along with a variety of homemade goodies plus water, coffee, pop and more!

The Lions hosted their usual Pie and Coffee booth with quite a showing of pies.

There were over 15 pies to choose from with ice cream, chocolate sauce or whipped cream toppings available. The show stopper was Lion Dorothy Schaubert's homemade juneberry pie!

A well-attended and quite lively event of bingo followed the Food Fair. Lion Larry Crowder did a great job in generating excitement as the bingo caller. The winners celebrated with great enthusiasm! For those who had difficulty in walking to gain their winnings, other bingo players celebrated the victory run for them.

What an enjoyable event and opportunity for the Bowdon Lions Club to serve the surrounding communities. A good time was had by all!



Lion Marlyn Schaubert, new member Lion Candis Hatch and Lion Laverne Bruer.



Lion Dorothy Schaubert – the baker of the juneberry pie!



To the far left in the picture is the Bingo Caller Larry Crowder. Sitting at the table is Charles Bruer, his wife and fellow Lion Laverne Bruer and Lion Darla Peterson.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



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Greetings, fellow Lions!
We are off and running in the second half of our Lions year. Even with the challenges we've faced, Lions continue to do a wonderful job of serving others. No matter what we encounter, we take it all in stride and just continue to move forward. We don't lose focus on our mission which is to help and serve others. Lions is a great organization and I'm proud to be a Lion.

As I work on different ideas for my District Governor monthly article, I try to write something that will reach everyone as a way to motivate them. It is not easy motivating people that always do such an amazing job. As the District Governor, you tend to look at how things are done and what the future will bring and hold for Lions. I'm not one that is concerned about how my year will be looked at - if it was successful or not. I'm more concerned about implementing things that can make Lions better

and help grow membership in the long run.

What can we do that will benefit our Lions organization? I'm so proud of everything that Lions do, but I will admit that I get concerned about what happens if we don't grow membership. How will communities be affected if, in 10 or 20 years from now, a Lions club is no longer there to serve? Will it really matter? I see the impact that all clubs make in their communities and, yes, it will matter. I've heard too many stories about how a Lions club made a big difference in someone's life! So, what can we do?

I believe that, as Lions, we all need to take a good look at ourselves, individually. Are we, each one of us, including myself, doing what we can to help our clubs and Lions? At a

recent zone meeting, to push this point, I asked the group "when was the last time you invited a guest to join you at a meeting or invited someone to join Lions"? If it has been a long time, maybe that is a sign that you could do more? Many times, we get in the habit of letting other Lions take care of that or we think we've done our share of all those things, and it's time for others to do it. I don't believe in that kind of logic at all. Every Lion is an important part of the club. We need every Lion to be active, even if we are a little slower and don't bend as easy as we used to. Our years of knowledge are so important! We need to become more flexible, not just in bending over, but in our minds. Life changes and we need to make sure we are accepting and making some

of those change also, for the benefit of our Lions clubs.

New Lions will do things different than what some of the more experienced Lions have done in the past and that is okay. Change can be good if you accept it with the right attitude. Life, overall, is better with the right attitude! Change is important if we want membership to grow and Lions overall to grow. I just want to encourage all Lions to look at what they are doing. Are you the best Lion you can be today? We are proud to be Lions! We want many others to have that opportunity and for Lions to continue serving for the next 100 years and beyond.

Until next month,
Scott Ressler, 5NW District Governor

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this growth. My office, Tri-State Chiropractic Center, has been a drop off point for years. Many people have continued to drop used eye glasses off at my office, but THAT is not as convenient as the grocery store! I have been gathering these glasses for many decades now, and I took 56 pair of good glasses to the 2021 State Lions Convention in Watford City on October 21-22 this year. I sent 29 pair of damaged glasses to another recycling

center in Minnesota. In addition, there were 15 pair of sunglasses. Now, that number represents almost an entire year's worth of gathering.

Since October, several additional glasses were sorted to be sent to Mandan and Minnesota.

Clearly Lions Ken's recycling box has produced some outstanding results. We look forward to ongoing stellar results.

LOOKING FOR LIONS MEMORABILIA

We are building a Lions float for parades!

If you have Lion memorabilia gathering dust, give us a call! Of particular interest would be a retired Lions Water Fountain or anything that declares "Lionism" in a Big Way!

Enderlin Lions Club,
VP Ruth McCleerey
(701-793-2692)

REMEMBER:

**ND Lion
DEADLINE is the
7th of the month!**

5NE LCIF Scheels Raffle

By LCIF Chair Rick Swenson

5NE Scheels Raffle winners for 2021:

1. The Louisiana grill to Charlotte Suko sold by the Rugby Northern Lights.

2. Franchi Affinity semi-auto shotgun to Roger Lubik sold by the New Rockford.

3. Leupold VX-3HD Duple scope to Brett Allmaras sold by the New Rockford.

4. Savage 110 Apex Creedmoor rifle to Claire Zimhelt sold by the Grand Forks South Forks.

5. Perception Sound Kayak and Whisper paddle to the Jamestown Lions club.

6. Callaway Epic speed driver to Dalton Weber sold by the New Rockford Lions.

7. Taylormade Sim 2 driver to Jeff Hannestad sold by the Fargo Roamers Lions

8. Vortex Rage Optic Binocs to the Grand Forks South Forks.

9. Big Frig 70 qt. Cooler to Deb Claus sold by the Enderlin Lions.

10. Big Frig 70qt. Cooler to Bruce Storhaug sold by the Grand Forks South Forks.

11. Outfitter Rod to Charlotte Suko sold by the Rugby Northern Lights Lions.

12. Outfitter Rod to Danelle Condry sold by the West Fargo Lions.

13. Theragun Elite Massager to Dennis Dockter sold by the Harvey Lions.

14. Scheels gift card for North Face to Steve Johnson sod by the Faro Roamers Lions.

15. Scheels gift card for Under Armour to Preston Gilderhaus sold by the West Fargo Lions.

16. Scheels gift card for Nike to the Jamestown Lions.

17. Scheels gift card for Carhartt to Wade Anderson sold by the Harvey Lions.

I was reminded that the winners weren't announced last year. 5NE Scheels Raffle winners for 2020:

1. Ruger American vortex rifle to Brad Westrum sold by the Grand Forks South Forks Lions.

2. Remington shotgun to Roger Kubik sod by the New Rockford Lions.

3. Two outfitter rods to Derrick Hust sold by the Gackle Lions.

4. Vortex Range optic Binocs to Roger Maras sold by the Enderlin Lions.

5. Yeti 65 Cooler to Rodney Suko sold by the Rugby Northern Lights Lions.

6. Hypervolt Massager to

Preston Gilderhaus sold by the West Fargo Lions.

7. Calloway Maverick Driver to Joe Neis sold by the Edgeley Lions.

8. Taylormade Sim Driver to Paula Swanson-Western sold by the Fargo Lions.

9. Oakley Flak Sunglasses to Rodney Suko sold by the Rugby Northern Lights ions.

10. Trek Men's Mountain bike to Glenda Hartje sod by the Streeter Lions.

11. Trek Women's Mountain bike to Mary Schneider sold by the Napoleon Lions.

12. Scheels gift card for Patagonia wear to Wally Rode sold by the Jud Lions.

13. Scheels gift card for Nike to Bob Ames sold by the Fargo Lions.

14. Scheels gift card for Under Armour to Red River Lions.

Message from 5NW Global Service Team Lion Karen daSilva

FUN SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Volunteers needed for the Gateway to Science

Free Family Day.

Date: **Saturday February 26th**

Time: **12:30 to 4:00 pm**

Place: **Gateway to Science**, 1810 Schafer Street, Bismarck

Contact: **Lion Karen daSilva** kdasilva@bis.midco.net or 701-471-2204

Responsibilities:

- Staff one exhibit area during the event. Each area will be geared towards families and are very, very easy.
- Give a very quick demonstration as families walk up to your area, then you let the families explore/build/play on their own.
- Your main responsibility is to keep the area stocked if they are using materials and clean up after each group leaves.
- Training will be given

Wear your Lions club vest or shirt and HAVE FUN!

It's fun,
it's cool,
it's awesome.
It's science!

The Hazen Lions Club Coordinated 4 Community Benefits in 4 Months

The Hazen Lions Club was busy during the fall of 2021, completing four separate benefits for individuals and families during a span of four months.

The first benefit was held on August 29, 2021. A Fleischkuechle Fundraiser and silent auction was held to benefit the Folk family, whose daughters were born premature at 19 weeks after a lifesaving surgery. The proceeds were to provide funds to help with numerous medical and travel expenses. The event was very successful. Over 1400 Fleischkuechle were served. The silent auction coordinated by the Folk Family raised over \$8,000 and the meal gross proceeds were over \$25,000. The net benefit of the fundraiser was \$28,875. This benefit was one of the most successful ever for the Hazen Lions Club.

The second benefit was held on October 3rd in conjunction with a monthly Jam Session. It was also a Fleischkuechle Fundraiser to benefit Lisa Layton Kilde, whose home and most of her belongings were lost in a fire on June 19th. The proceeds were to provide funds to help with new home and living expenses. The benefit netted \$2,331 for Lisa's family.

The third benefit, a drive-by Fleischkuechle fundraiser occurred on October 25th at the overhead entrance canopy at the Sakakawea Medical Center. It was coordinated and organized by Deb Weir, an SMC lab coworker of Charmaine Jabonete, whose husband Jerome, was diagnosed with advanced stage brain cancer. The Jabonete family had arrived in Hazen from the Philippines in



Volunteer workers for Jabonete benefit.



Benefit Community drive-by patrons at benefit.



Folk twins after release from hospital.



The benefit.

March, 2020. The benefit net proceeds of \$4,955 provided assistance with expenses for medical needs and travel for numerous appointments in Bismarck and at the Mayo Clinic. (Deb Weir also became a Hazen Lions Club member after this benefit.)

The 4th benefit was a pancake and sausage feed fundraiser at the Hazen City Hall on November 14th for Rainey Hahn. Rainey suffered from some significant health problems including blindness in one eye with partial vision loss in the other, osteopo-

rosis, and back problems. She was finally diagnosed with Neuromyelitis Optica or NMO, a rare disease targeting the spinal cord and damaging the optic nerves

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Club News

Korner

Korner Lions shine at the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Korner Lions Jim and Phyllis Stokke and Dubi Cummings were recently recognized with Williston Chamber of Commerce Awards. Korner Lion Chris Brostuen was also a nominee for the Distinguished Western Star Award. Congratulations to these Korner Lions!!



Chamber President, Jessica George, presents Korner Lions Phyllis and Jim Stokke with the Chamber Community Engagement Award. The recipient best represents the values of community engagement through participation in events and committees in both Chamber and non-Chamber activities. It is presented to an individual or organization in the Williston area for outstanding volunteer service and positive influence throughout the year.



Chamber President, Jessica George, presents Korner Lion Dubi Cummings with the Chamber Connector Award. The recipient best represents the values of networking and connecting Chamber membership with the community. This individual or organization stands out as an ambassador for the Chamber and the Williston Area, participates in Chamber events, and adopts the Chamber's principles throughout community.

Carrington



Five members of the Carrington Lions Club gathered at the Dakota Central building to help distribute food from the Great Plains Food truck to the residents of Foster County. Lions helping were Dan Wick, Joyce Wick, Jenni Wede, Sharon Paintner and Tom Paintner.

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responsible for eyesight. She wasn't able to work and was collecting unemployment and applying for disability. The Hazen Lions were contacted by her daughter, Sunny Brennan, who helped coordinate the benefit for helping Rainey with numerous medical and travel expenses. Sunny's family, employer, and relatives assisted with this benefit event, which netted \$3,499.

The combined metrics for all 4 Hazen Lions Club benefits were \$39,660 net proceeds, 14 community family members served, 69 Lions members and other volun-

teers involved, and 315 total volunteer hours. The Hazen community participants in the benefit fundraisers were very generous and supportive. The successful completion of these benefits was very satisfying and a source of pride for our 16 Hazen Lions Club members. These benefits also raised the status and reputation of our club within the Hazen community. The involvement of benefit family relatives and co-workers may also result in potentially 3 or more new members being added into our club.

TEAM DANELL BENEFIT

11 AM Doors Open, 12 PM Meal, 2 PM Bingo, 4 PM Auction Ends
Horace Senior Center, 214 Thue Ct, Horace, ND 58047
Saturday, February 26, 2022



Danell Dougherty, wife of Lion Dave and Treasurer of the Lions All-Star Basketball Game, has been diagnosed with Terminal Stage IV Brain Cancer and has already endured surgery and ongoing treatments.

The purpose of this benefit is to help the Doughertys with their growing medical expenses.

Ways you can support Danell:

Attend the Benefit!

Make a free-will donation to attend.

Give Online:

lendahandup.org/give/danell599

**Gift Noncash Items:
(Food for meal, Bingo Prizes, & auction Items)**

Call Duane at 701.650.9697 or mail to:
3790 25th St. S. #15, Fargo ND 58104

Cash or Check to:

Danell Dougherty, Gate City Bank
3800 51st Ave S, Fargo, ND 58104



Gifts supporting Lend A Hand Up fundraisers are boosted 20%
Learn more and give LendAHandUp.org

Raising help and hope for families in medical crisis

Benefit hosted by the Fargo Gateway Lions Club
Contact: Mike Little at 701.610.0571 with questions or for more information.



Attention all Lions:

It is time to start accepting applications for the Multiple District 5 Council of Governors positions for the 2022-2023 Lions year. Letters of intent are due before February 15, 2022. For the job descriptions and duties, please contact Council Chair Kevin Bean at lionkevinbean@gmail.com.

The positions open are:

- Council secretary
- Council treasurer
- Global Leadership Team coordinator
- Global Membership Team coordinator
- Global Service Team coordinator
- Information Technology coordinator
- Lions Opportunity for Youth coordinator
- Youth Exchange coordinator
- Public Relations/Lions Information coordinator
- New Voices coordinator

Other MD5 council positions available are:

- Diabetes coordinator
- Environmental coordinator
- Hunger Relief coordinator
- Childhood Cancer coordinator
- Vision coordinator

Please email your letters of intent with the application to MD5 Council Chair Kevin Bean, at lionkevinbean@gmail.com. Thank you.

Application Form

Multiple District 5 Committee Chairperson

GMT, GLT, GST, LOFY, New Voices, Youth Exchange, Pin, Information and Technology, Public Relations/Lions Information

(Please circle the above position you are applying for)

NAME: _____ DATE APPLYING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (Cell) _____

HOME LIONS CLUB: _____

DISTRICT: _____ PROV/STATE: _____ YEARS IN LIONS: _____

1. List the positions held in Lionism (Club, District, MD & International levels)

2. Describe your experiences & accomplishments in area applying for

3. Why are you interested in being appointed to this position?

- Include two letters of recommendation with your application -- one letter from home club & one letter from another Lion).
- Use additional sheets of paper as needed for this application.
- After reviewing the application an interview may be set up.
- Due date: February 15, 2022

Council use only:

Date received _____

