



“A Panther Becomes a Lion”

BY PDG GINNEY JONES

Lion Dustin Ingold became a Glenburn Panther, long before becoming a Glenburn Lion. He became a Panther when he entered the third grade at Glenburn Elementary, where he continued until graduating from GHS in 2020. After graduation, Lion Dustin was invited to become a Lion, by PDG Ginney Jones. Little did she know what an asset he would become to the Glenburn Lions Club and the community of Glenburn. Since joining Lions in December 2020, he has shown he has a heart for service by donating time and energy into the community in various ways. This summer particularly, Lion Dustin has really stepped up and made a difference in his community. Lion Dustin has volunteered by mowing around the Glenburn community sign, assisted the Park Board with putting together new picnic tables, and has volunteered to lead service activities for the club, including the Lions food booth during the July Glenburn All-School reunion. Additionally, after noticing the local park flag pole remained empty for a lengthy period of time, Lion Dustin took it upon himself to purchase a new American flag and rope, and coordinated the installation of a new flag with the assistance of SRT. He also painted the light pole for the



light that shines on the flag. Lion Dustin currently serves as the Membership Chair, and the 1st Vice Presiden. When asked what motivates his service, he answered “respect for our country, care for our community, and ambition to show what Lions are about”. Clearly, the Glenburn Lions are proud to have Lion Dustin as a member of our club. His eagerness to help is refreshing and his service shows that he has the true heart of a Lion.



Club News

Dacotah Mandan



Dacotah Mandan Lions Club serve their community with burgers, brats and hotdogs every Tuesday night throughout the summer. We serve between 5:30 and 7:30 pm at the Dykshoorn Park on West Main Street in Mandan, ND. Come join us!



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(L to R): DG Joe Sowokinos installs the 2022-2023 officers, President Tim Dittus, Treasurer Steve Johnson, Board Member Henry Eslinger, Board Member Dan Monson, First VP Myron Barnes, Board Member John Lee, Secretary Larry Richards and Membership Chair Barb Nordstog.

Grand Forks Lions Club celebrate 100 Years of Service

Grand Forks Lions Club members celebrated the club's 100th anniversary with a special dinner, speeches, awards presentations and installation of new officers on Wednesday, June 22, at the Opal Events Center in Grand Forks.

Emcee favorite Lion Wayne Zink led the meeting with energy and fun. The agenda for the evening was an elaborate Lions Club meeting that included a rousing round of Tail Twisting by Lion John Clayburgh, plus



A 100 year old club has to have a 1920s theme and these attendees brought fun to the event. From left to right: Flapper Girls: Brenda Johnson, Mandi Johnson, Lion Crystal Dueker, Lion Barb Nordstog, Lion Connie Osowski and Lion Karen daSilva. Gangster Lion Steve Johnson added to the 1920s theme.

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A local dignitary and a local celebrity attended the event. From left to right: Grand Forks Mayor Brandon Bochenski and World famous American newspaper columnist and author Marilyn Hagerty. Plus a top Lion's Club supporter, Lion President Tim Dittus' wife, Sandra Dittus.



Emcee Lion Wayne Zink presented the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Life Donor certificate and pin to Lion Henry Eslinger. Lion Eslinger has been an active Lion for 41 years.

Korner



(L to R) Lion Stevie Broe, two community members, and Lions Michael Kiracon and Lois Reierson taking flags down at the end of the Memorial Day weekend. It started to rain so the Korner Lions were grateful for the help from two community members.



Lion Kent Reierson and grandson Cruz putting up flags at the park for the Memorial Day weekend.

Wishek



Front Row: PID Bill Gackle (Kulm) Mark Nies, Warney Becker, Crystal Dueker (SNE Service Chair/ Fargo Gateway), Steve Siebel, James Raile (Treasurer) Albert Saylor. Back Row: Delmar Zimmerman, Mark Butler (Zone 7 chair/Lehr), Don Weber, Roger Rieger, Cleo Boschee, Cody Cooper (Secretary), Perry Turner (President), Melanie Lloyd (Lehr).

Wishek celebrates 60 years of service

BY CRYSTAL DUEKER

On May 24th, at the local golf course, the Wishek Lions hosted a steak fry with their invited guests. President Perry Turner reached back to the 1970s,

explaining how they funded the school football field, sponsored summer activities for the youth, plus promoting education and sports. Other members stood up to share how the club helped recently upgrade the kitchen appliances

at the Senior Center, and their decades of helping to serve thousands of meals at the annual sauerkraut and weiners feed.

Club News

LaMoure



Club Sec. Greg Petersen says the LaMoure Lion's People Mover was a huge success at the Lion's Alumni BBQ held on June 25th at Sunset Park. 315 people attended and several had mobility issues. The public expressed gratitude to our Lions for creating this new item to serve the public at our community events.

Jamestown



District Governor, Joe Sowokinos, visited the Jamestown Lions club and installed their new officers for the 2022-2023 Lions year. Pictured from left to right are District Governor - Joe Sowokinos, 1st Vice President - Dwaine Heinrich, President & LCIF Coordinator - Kathy Boe, Director - Kevin Sortland, Secretary - Randy Lebahn, Treasurer and Tail Twister - Craig Thierer, Lion Tamer - Dale Ackland and Director and Membership Chairperson - Glen Nagel.



District Governor Joe Sowokinos made a visit to the Jamestown Lions Club to induct 2 new members. From left to right in the picture are District Governor - Joe Sowokinos, Sponsor - Randy Lebahn, New Member - Erik Laber, New Member - Dale Ackland, and Sponsor Glen Nagel.

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

Hi, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Scott Hildre, I grew up in McVillie ND in Nelson County. I live in Fargo and I am the new District Governor for 5NE. I have been a Lion for 47 years and belong to the Fargo Gateway Lions Club. My age is 72 and I have been retired for about 4 years.

I see my position as District Governor as one of service to each of the 50+ clubs in our district, every Lions member of our district, MD5 and Lions International.

Our District Governor team will do our best to visit each of our clubs at least once between now and June 30, 2023. So, if you have an event, you would like one of us at, please invite us, but give us plenty of lead time. I hope to see each club in my travels. Remember we have a limited travel budget.

My Goals are simple:

1. We need more

members. I am asking every Lion in 5NE to replace themselves. You have over 340 days to ask your spouse, children, best friend, barber, banker, gas station attendant, grocer, farmer, teacher, a retiree, your insurance agent, your medical people or even a stranger. Ask them to come to a project or a meeting to find out what we do. Remember they need to be asked to be a Lion, and only you can do that.

2. We need to keep the members we have. I am hoping to hold retention to no more than 8% loss. We know with the age of our average Lion that every year we lose some members to death. As sad as that is, it cannot be helped. The only other reason we should lose a member is because they are leaving

your community and then it should be a transfer.

3. Adding new clubs is always the hardest one, but we have over 50 clubs that are mostly in smaller communities. Within 60 miles of your club there must be a community without a Lions club. I am asking every club in 5NE to find a community that could benefit by having a Lions club. It could even be a branch club which only takes 5 members to start. We will have a team come out and help your club start a new or branch club.

4. We made great strides in reporting service last year. We went from 30+% to 70+%. I don't understand why every one of our club Presidents aren't making sure that the reports are done online. Each club

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has a club secretary whose job is to do an online membership report each month and report service on MyLCL. If your club officers do not have access to the internet, your club can have a club administrator that can submit it for them. Again, your district officers can help you if you need help. Let's be the district that gets 100% this year.

Thank you for being a Lion and for the service that you are performing. Our communities need us more today than they ever have.

Yours in service,
DG Scott Hildre
IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE
A LION
TOGETHER WE CAN

Lion Leon Comeau Lifetime Achievement Award

Lion Leon Comeau is presented with the FIRST South Forks Lions Lifetime Achievement Award. This Award is richly deserved. Lion Leon has been a tireless worker for the South Forks Lions and his community. Charter Member Lion Don Miller enrolled Leon as a Lion in 1976. Lion Leon has consistently and actively participated in multiple projects of South Forks Lions earning him progressive Melvin Jones awards.

Lion Leon's most significant work has been with Lions Christmas in the Park. Leon was on the planning of Christmas in the Park as well as going before the Grand Forks City Council to get approval. Leon is a master electrician and the founder of Comeau Electric

thus, with his planning, directions and personal help the Lions began trenching the electrical boxes and transformers in the old Lincoln Drive neighborhood which was destroyed by the flood of 1996.

Leon has also been instrumental in the success of the St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store. With his assistance St. Joe's was relocated to the site of the old Black's Bakery on 8th Avenue South in Grand Forks. He helped direct the remodeling of the building and has been a major benefactor in the ongoing success of the Thrift Store.

Without Leon's involvement, the Christmas in the Park project would not have been possible. He was not only involved in the redevelopment



Lion Leon Comeau receiving the South Forks Lions Lifetime Achievement Award

of Lincoln Drive with new wiring, but through Comeau Electric he has provided storage and assembly work space for many of the Lions displays. Leon was the primary builder

of the ticket booth used each year and he has been a hands-on worker, often going out in the rain and deep snow to find

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Sheldon



Club Officers installed into the Sheldon Lions Club: Back row L to R. Treasurer Dwight Krueger, Pat Stansbery, Ethan Bartholomay, Matt Bartholomay, Bruce Flatt, DG Joe Sowokinos. Front row L to R. Anna Mae Spiekemeier, Alice Marie Krueger, Darrell Evenson, and President Kent Bartholomay.



New member inducted into the Sheldon Lions Club: From L to R. President Kent Bartholomay, DG Joe Sowokinos, new member Austin Bartholomay, and sponsor Matt Bartholomay.

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out why a particular display is not lighting up. Every Lion who has helped to plan and execute the countless hours this project takes to clean electrical boxes, assemble and disassemble displays in Lincoln Park and multiple other tasks, knows that showing up at Leon's shop early in the morning meant coffee first and building Lion's comradery at the same time.

Christmas in the Park Committee Chair Lion Clair Zirnheld states, "Leon's contribu-

tion to Lions Christmas in the Park has been essential and invaluable. Without Leon there would be no Lions Christmas in the Park." His devotion, unselfish labor and dedication to Lions has led to significant contributions by the South Forks Lions to the Grand Forks Community and multiple Lions programs.

For all of his dedicated work, the South Forks Lions proudly present Lion Leon Comeau with the first, South Forks Lions Lifetime Achievement Award.

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Lion Larry Richards and DG Joe Sowokinos present Lion Paul Olson with a Melvin Jones Award. Lion Olson is the Superintendent at North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind.

speeches by DG Joe Sowokinos and Mayor Brandon Borchenski and of course singing Lion's tunes.

Helping people

PDG Steve Johnson attributes the longevity of the Grand Forks Lions Club to the allure of its purpose. "I think people naturally want to help others, as we say, our motto is 'We serve.' I think when you get people together who feel good when they help others, a club perpetuates,"

he said. "As you approach a milestone like this, though, you do pause and think back about it a little bit and recognize that you do need to celebrate – in this day and age when you say nothing is forever – that an organization that helps people is able to survive and stay active for a hundred years," Johnson added.

The Grand Forks Lions Club was chartered February 9, 1922.

Carrington – Al Larson Memorial Golf Tournament



Kitchen help consisted of volunteer Lexie McClean, Lions Jenni Wede, Joyce Wick, Lisa Weninger, Charlotte Nelson, and Dani McClean. Not pictured: Lion Sharon Paintner.



Tournament manager Lion Karla Michealson announces the place winners.



Clean up crew consisted of Lions Karla Michaelson, Julie Miller, and Susan Fangman.



The Lions Al Larson Memorial Tournament was held on June 10 at Crossroads Golf Course. The Wayne Shipman team placed first out of nineteen team. Lion Jane Fredrickson presents the winning check to Wayne Shipman, Jayden Shipman, and Cindy Hewitt.

Minot



Registration table and scoring was handled by Gateway Lions Neil Pederson and Jolean Pederson and Carrington volunteer Linda Erickson.



Lion Jacob Thrailkill being honored by our out going president, Lion Gene Kaseman for being named Lion of the Year.

Club News

Chaffee



The Casselton Fire Department approached the Lions Club about serving a meal for the State Fire Convention held in Casselton on June 1st – 4th.

This Convention is a conference held once a year at a different town in the state. They have lectures and trainings for volunteer firemen to attend every year the first weekend of June. This convention is bid by all fire departments. The 2023 convention will be held in Medora.

When the Casselton fire department approached us about serving the meal we

agreed to this project because we felt it was a way to give back to our community and local volunteers across the state for what they do for all of us. They furnished all the food and we did all the cooking, serving and cleanup. Loy Ham, Chuck Albright, Arlo Anderson, Tim Rose, Loren Jendro, Brian Rieck, Mark Levos, and Mark Dooley were the eight Chaffee Lions that showed up to help. We prepared 260 steaks and fixings. This was a service project that we weren't paid for. It was a way for us to give back to our community for all that they do for us.





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Greetings Fellow Lions!
Where to begin is a stumbling block I am facing as this is my first article for the ND Lion. Last week I returned from a spectacular International Convention in Montreal Quebec. The energy of so many Lions was contagious, amazing, thrilling, and heartwarming.

I would like to introduce the District Governor Team for 2022-2023 ~ 1st VDG Lynn Grabow, 2nd VDG Lynn Helms, Global Membership Chair Lion Scott Ressler, Global Service Chair Lion Karen DaSilva, Global Leadership Chair Lion Kevin Bean. The Zone Chairs ~ Zone 1 is open, Zone 2 Dawn Palumbo, Zone 3 Gordon Krance, Zone 4 Renee Renner, Zone 5 is open, Zone 6 Lynn Helms. South Region Chair is Lion Brock Seibel, and North Region Chair is Lion Terry Oxendahl. This year I have two fantastic District Champions, in the West part of the district is Lion Mark Koller and in the East part is Lion Pat Vannett. I believe this team is going to be amazing and with help make our district stronger! My district governor team is going to focus strongly on the GMA to assist all clubs in our district in growing membership, service, and bring back the "FUN" in being a lion! I would love to see clubs get out and visit other clubs to collaborate with each other on what is working. We, as a district are horrible in getting the word out regarding the "Fun" our clubs are having with burgers in the park, night at the races, demolition derbies to name a few. Get the word out to all the clubs so we can start attending and supporting your activities.

Our new International President's motto for 2022-2023 is "TOGETHER WE

CAN". So much more can be accomplished if we all work together as a club, zone, district, and multiple district. The Global Membership Approach (GMA) (previously the North American Membership Initiative) is a phenomenal tool that focuses on three objectives,

- Rejuvenate districts with new clubs,
- Revitalize clubs with new members,
- Re-motivate members with fellowship and exciting services.

GMA was the focus on my District Governor Training

for the last 8 months. Those Lions who attended the Spring Rally in April were introduced to just a glimpse of what to expect with the new leadership of Lions International. I understand it is not easy to accept change, but the GMA is a strong and fun tool to use for the good of our association. Succession planning is so important for the future of Lions of 5NW, so be on the look out for the amazing Lions who have the passion for leadership to take our district to a new level!

October is fast approaching along with our North

Dakota State Convention on October 21 – 22, 2022 in Devils Lake, North Dakota at the Spirit Lake Casino and Resort. This is going to be a spectacular convention so please get your registrations in and your rooms reserved: contact Lion Kristi Swenson at Kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com.

The District Governor Team is eager to visit your clubs. We will be contacting you to schedule a visit! Have a great rest of your summer!

Father's Day flower again with Dad's root beer

BY CRYSTAL DUEKER/
5NE Service chair
Fargo Gateway Lions

Many of you might remember that June 2020 was when the first-ever Dad's for Dads service project started in 5NE. It was a shared idea between Sec. Lorraine Piatz and me at a time most Lions were blocked from regular food projects. She agreed to hand out bottles of Dad's at the end of the driveway in Napoleon. Ten other clubs agreed this would be a safe way to show appreciation to the father's in their towns.

On June 18, 2022- Lorraine and I sat in her kitchen writing and taping notes to the neck of 40 bottles. Each said "Fathers take a Dad's root beer as a free gift from

the Napoleon Lions". That Sunday morning, she delivered 40 bottles to the White Maid restaurant at 7:30 am and they were all gone by 1 pm.

This was the 3rd year with this project flowing across 5NE. This was the first time for 5NW when PDG Arlen Fetch from Bismarck was in Fargo and called me to ask where to find cases of Dad's. The result was The Dacotah Mandan Lions Burgers in the Park served 50 fathers out of 114 people served on June 28th.

Enderlin Lions approved of Dad's being served at Traxside with the father's meals. Membership chair Roxy Johnson was running errands in Fargo anyway, so

adding a few cases into her van achieved her goal.

Then off to another first in Kulm with 2 restaurants stocking up when I delivered Dad's a few days before that special Sunday. Add in Strasburg where the Lions paid for 100 Father's Day meals and more Dad's flowed out to those smiling faces. The Davenport Lions provided Dad's to their Supper Club, The Bowdon Lions at their cafe, Ellendale Lions at their local restaurant, and Tuttle Lions served Dad's with each father's meal during community day. Braddock Lions, Sheldon Lions, and Chaffee Lions provided Dad's to hand out at their

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Rugby Lions

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“The Lions Parade Float -- A story of Appreciation, Rehabilitation and Generosity”

BY MIKE MARTIN
Secretary, Enderlin Lions Club

Any time you get nigh on 40 years of use out of anything, you know you owned a winner. Such is the case of the original Enderlin Lions parade float.

The Enderlin Lions Club was chartered in 1976 and original club members knew a parade float would be excellent public relations. Lion Matt Schlecht found a pair of cast iron Lions who were part of an ornate billiard table. They worked perfectly in holding the club's sign. Back in the day, signs were hand painted and Marsha (Johnson) Schlecht did the work which will be repurposed to portable advertising for Lions events.

This float first hit the road in the early 1980's and its legacy demanded an update. Despite many parades over the years, the float wasn't worn out but times and taste change. The Enderlin Lions are fortunate to have Lion Roxy Johnson on board and she is the proprietor of Creative Tz Signs & Foto Sports Ballz which can print color-

ful lettering and pictures via a high tech digital printer. Lion Johnson and Lions Grant Patterson and Mike Martin put together a dream shopping list to rehab ol' reliable and in March of this year the local Lions board gave the green light.

The Valley City Eagles were approached for charitable gaming funds and their generosity resulted with a \$3,000 check. Materials were bought at Enderlin Hardware Hank and Lisbon's Riverside Building Center. RBC salesman, Wyatt Fernow, gave the Club a constant discount on what was bought and Wyatt proved kindness can be infectious.

The actual construction took place in Lion Martin's and Lion Susan Dopp's quonset west of Enderlin. Lion Dean Torbenson "borrowed" the trailer for several days and did the metal work. Handrails and steps were fabricated and a longer tongue reach, hitch, jack and enhanced safety chains were installed. Enderlin solid citizen Raymond (Skip) Steedsman helped install vinyl planking and Lions



Terry Taylor and Gary Daub were out several days doing yeoman work. Lion Karlton Stordalen showed up one afternoon to help with heavy lifting.

Yet, the focus was Lion Johnson's eye-poppin' signage and the float is centered around them. Another feature is ergonomics for riders. The built-up island is an ideal height for sitting and the float enjoys a one-of-a-kind candy storage box, accessible from both sides and secured with swing down doors.

All was done by the Enderlin Lions' June 28 member-

ship meeting. Parade floatmeister Grant Patterson, like any new (and proud) first time parent, hooked his Toyota 4-Runner to this perfect float (much like that perfect baby) and pulled it out into the appreciating world.

The result is worth the cost and effort. What now remains is use and the Club needs kid candy throwers besides parades within an easy drive

The Enderlin Lions Club is committed to four more decades of putting Lionism on the road....

Club News

Oakes



On Tuesday, June 21st the Oakes Lions had their annual Lions fish fry. There were 28 Lions and guests that attended the event at Oakes Hockenberry Park.

The walleye was supplied by Lion Dean Atkinson and all brought a dish to pass.

The weather was great and all had their fill of fish, salads and dessert.



Napoleon



The Napoleon Lions gave away Dad's Root Beer on Father's day. Here, secretary Lion Lorraine Piatz (back) handed out DAD's to, (l-r): Steven Fettig, Roger Oldenberger and Ron Fettig.

South Forks



Jessica Rerick from Grand Forks, spoke at the South Forks Lions Club's June 14th meeting. She owns Craveable Kitchen, producing products such as brownie mixes, bread mixes, soup mixes, and herb/spice rubs. She is also Mrs. North Dakota America and will compete in the national competition in August, in Las Vegas.

Gateway



(left to right) DG Joe Sowokinos, President Gelaine Orvik, Lions Mike Little and Bob Baumann as Lions Mike & Bob received their Melvin Jones Awards. Lion Scott Hildre received a Melvin Jones Progressive award as well.



(left) President Gelaine Orvik and (right) DG Joe Sowokinos as they present the Lion of the Year award to Duane Zwinger for the 2021-2022 Lions year.

Gateway Lions Club Awards Banquet

The annual year ending Awards Banquet for the Gateway Lions Club was held on June 30th. The event was held at the Country Inn & Suites in Fargo. The evening was hosted by Manager Lion Brad Renslow and his staff. The evening started out with a social at 5:30 PM followed by a delicious meal of chicken on-a-stick, prime rib and trimmings at 6:00 PM. The first order of business was the induction of new members to the club by DG Joe Sowokinos. The Gateway Lions club had nine new members this year. They are as follows: John Postovit (transfer), Mylo Bakken (reinstated), Sallie Lou Anderson (associate member) and new members: Nathan Kaiser, Justin Wanzek, Dannell Dougherty, Judy Reger, Kevin Beganovic and Miriam Hildre. The next order of business was to install the new officers for the 2022-2023 Lions year. This installation was done by DG Joe Sowokinos. The officers are as follows: President-Mike Little, 1st Vice President-David Dougherty, 2nd Vice President-Rob Lein, 3rd



(left to right): DG Joe Sowokinos and President Gaine Orvik presented Outstanding Service Certificates to Darrell Costain, Mary Ann Zwinger, Evert VanEngelenhoven, Bob Baumann, Paul Fleming and Brad Renslow.



DG Joe Sowokinos installed the officers for the Gateway Lions Club for the 2022 – 2023 Lions year. On the far left is incoming President Mike Little.

Vice President-Richard Reger, Secretary-Brad Renslow and Treasurer-Reggie Stein. The final order of business was the passing of the gavel

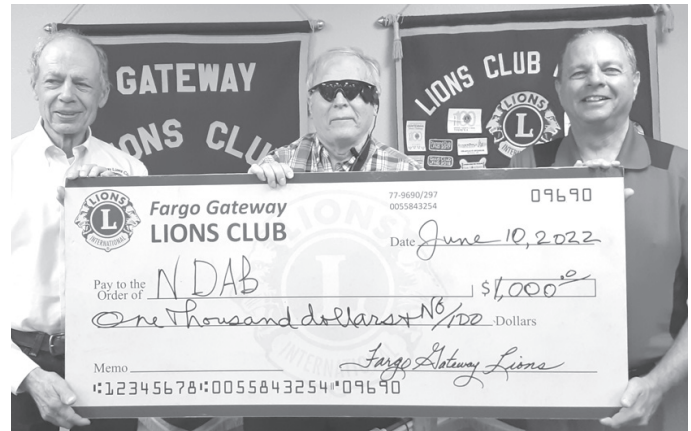
to President Mike Little from PP Gelaine. New President Mike gave a few closing remarks to conclude the evening. Everyone had a great

time at this banquet and are hoping that the 2022-2023 Lions year for the Gateway Lions Club is as successful.

Gateway



Gateway Lions Club members (left to right) Gary Pedersen and Paul Fleming. Lion Gary is being congratulated by Lion Paul for winning the Robert LaPage Award. Lion Robert was member of the Gateway Lions Club and did many service projects for the blind. This award is given by the North Dakota Association for the Blind. Lion Paul is the chair for this project for the Gateway Lions Club.



(left to right) are members of the Gateway Lions Club Lion Gary Pedersen, Lion Allen Pederson (member of the Horace Lions Club and a representative of the North Dakota Association for the Blind) and Lion Paul Fleming. The Gateway Lions Club made a donation to the NDAB.



DG Joe Sowokinos as in installs new members into the Gateway Lions Club. (left to right) Judy Reger (new member), Lion Dick Reger (sponsor), Kevin Beganovic (new member), Lion Byron Klebe (sponsor).



Golfers ready for the start.

Thank You - Lions on the Links

On behalf of the South Forks Lions of Grand Forks - thank you! On Monday, June 6th, the South Forks Lions held the 2nd Annual Lions on the Links golf scramble at Kings Walk Golf Course. Like last year all we can say is

WOW! It was a beautiful day to be out on the golf course having fun with friends. By all accounts a good time was had by all. Thirty-Six teams totaling 144 golfers enjoyed the beautiful weather and competition. Eighteen of the

36 teams received awards. Plus, additional door prizes and a very generous 50/50 drawing was awarded. Not to be lost on the day was a delicious pre-round meal and

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local establishments, to the delightful surprise of the guys!! The Harvey Lions set up a Father's Day display at their local golf course. A BIG THANKS to all those clubs!!

Thank you to Ashley Sec. Kirk Rueb for again displaying the Lions free gift of Dad's at his grocery store. Thanks again to the Hazelton Lions, serving 70 Dad's to the father's among over 200 people attending the School Reunion/ community picnic and parade. Thanks to the Linton Lions, Medina Lions, and Zealand Lions for supporting the Dad's project for three years.

Next year, this project might spread into a few of our big cities. If so, I will make sure Mac's Hardware in Minot, Jamestown, Bismarck, and Fargo as well as Hugo's in Jamestown and Grand Forks order enough Dad's so it is flowing across 5NE and maybe across North Dakota.

2022 state convention will be held in October

The ND 2022 State Lions Convention will be held Oct 21-22 at the Spirit Lake Casino complex. As of July 1st, the registration is \$115. You can mail your registration and fees to Kristi Swenson at 414 1st Ave. N, New Rockford ND 58356.

The District Cabinet, Lions Foundation of ND, and PDGA meetings will be

held on Friday morning and afternoon with an ice breaker in the evening. The tribal chairman will be with us at breakfast Saturday morning with district meetings and breakout sessions to follow. There will be a special meal for the Hall of Fame luncheon followed by additional breakout sessions. Look for additional information in the August ND

Lion.

The rooms are going fast, so register and get your room booked at the casino hotel. Book your room before Sept. 1st to get the \$75/ night rate.

We are hoping to see a lot of Lions there and to enjoy a great time with us.

2022 State Convention Committee

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another excellent post round steak dinner was served by the Eagle Crest Restaurant at Kings Walk.

A special thank you to our title sponsors this year: Bank Forward, Northern Plains Financial, ICON 20 and Grand Forks Subaru. Val Sussex and staff of the UND Alumni Association provided invaluable assistance with registration, signage and organization throughout the planning and event process. Without these entities this event isn't possible. With them we are able to have success at a relatively modest cost to the individual golfer yet raise important funds for the charitable work of South Forks Lions plus we are able to support the Lowell Schweigert Football Endow-



Steak dinner following the event.

ment Fund at UND. Incredibly, 82 Hole Sponsors were secured and are to be thanked as they represent a true community effort for this event. Twenty-one of the 23 golfers who played in the event were from the South Forks

Club plus three more who worked throughout the day to make sure everything ran as planned.

Finally, the reason we do it is because of our love and appreciation of our recently deceased Lions Lowell Schwei-

ger and Wayne Westlund. It is heartwarming to reminisce with the families and friends of these two fine gentlemen and to feel the appreciative of all the participants for hosting the event in their honor.