



New England Lions getting ready for the Christmas season

By Mark Koller

The New England Lions Club has an annual event that the club has been doing for many years. The club gets donations from the local businesses to purchase candy and peanuts. During the December club meeting our Lion members have fun packing the bags with candy and goodies that will be handed out by Santa Claus at the annual Christmas program at the New England School.



Christmas tree lit up at night in New England

With the new challenges of COVID-19 in the area, the school is not having a Christmas program this year. Our club has decided to do what we have always done by purchasing the goodies, packing the bags of candy and delivering the candy bags to our school. The faculty will hand the candy to the students, without Santa Claus. We will

notify Santa Claus that he should not come to New England for his own safety.

The New England Lions club has another project. Several years ago, at the New England Memorial Hall grounds on Main Street, a large beautiful evergreen



New England Lions packing candy bags

tree had to be removed because it was so large. It created a danger of falling on a building because of possible storm damage. One of our Lion members, Butch Frank, took it upon himself to engineer and build a Christmas tree from PVC pipe. The Li-

ons club took on this project and every year club members help erect the material and decorate it with Christmas lights. It has turned into an awesome Christmas display next to our Memorial Hall. Thank you Lion Butch for this great Christmas project!

Horace Lions make donation

The Horace Lions recently purchased over 100 gifts which were then donated to the Essentia Hospital Foundation. These gifts will be given to children that may be in the hospital during the Christmas season. This is the third year the Lions have made this contribution. It is never fun to be sick and, in the hospital, especially during the Christmas season. We hope these gifts help to brighten their stay.



A sign is lit

By Mike Martin,
Lions Secretary

The Enderlin Lions official letterhead cites the Club's motto: "People Helping People". Lion Gary Daub proved to the world he knows what these words mean.

Earlier this year the Enderlin Lions, urged on by then President Grant Patterson, bought and erected 2 signs on

our town's Highway 46 east/west approaches. These signs welcome travelers to Enderlin, courtesy of our churches.

Part of the plan was to light them for our long winter nights. But, alas, negotiations with Otter Tail Power and the City of Enderlin were fruitless. Their offerings were

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5NE New Voices celebrates Lion Paula Swanson-Western

By Co-chair Crystal Dueker

For details about New Voices from the break out session at North Dakota virtual convention October, please go to: <https://youtu.be/2wOPdLutTBU>



Back in the September issue of ND Lion, you may remember that Lion Paula Swanson-Western, Fargo Lions, introduced the readers to a new club in 5NE called The Fargo Roamers 4X4 Lions club. DG Grant, 1st VDG Joe Sowokinos, 2nd VDG Scott Hildre and various Lions from other clubs attended charter night on October 7th.

Did you know it was just 6 months after her efforts to help charter the Mapleton Lions club? Because of her successful actions linked to bringing over 50 new Lions into 5NE this year; you can understand why I recommended that DG Grant Kahlbaugh honor her with the 5NE New Voices Membership certificate and pin. She was humbled as well as surprised by our unscripted presentation to her at the end of charter night.

In her own words, this is Lion Paula's story:

"Growing up watching my parents in their Lions journey absolutely is the reason that I decided to become a Lion. When I was young, we attended several conventions, but the only thing I really understood about them was that

they always gave away free pop! (Hospitality rooms)

Once I had moved away to college, it was only then that I really started to pay attention to what Lions was and all the wonderful things that my parents did with the Lions organization. I decided to join the Lions, along with my 3 sisters, at the January 2011 convention; the year that my father was the District Governor. Soon after that, my family moved from the Minnesota metro area to Fargo.

When I moved to Fargo, I had the option to join a Moorhead club or a Fargo club. At that time I decided that I loved everything my parents were doing in Lions. But I wanted to create my own path; so I joined the Fargo club, where I would not be in the same Multiple District as they are. This is what has given me so many opportunities to meet new Lions and form such great friendships all across North Dakota.

After my transfer in 2013 to Fargo Lions, it was followed by becoming their secretary

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Lion Lowell Latimer celebrated his 90th birthday on 10-20-20! We celebrated during one of our Monday meetings. The club enjoyed cake and listened and shared many stories about Lion Lowell. He has made a huge impact within our club and his community!

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2 separate power meters, two minimum bills and the end game to the Lions would be "No good deed goes unpunished".

So Lions Gary stepped up to the plate. He jury-rigged a power line out of his property and placed a spotlight on a timer and did the deed on his own time and dime.

"It's my donation to my Lions Club and to the local

churches" Lion Gary said.

What's not to like? Maybe next year the Lions will help him get his feeder line underground to avoid lawn mower encounters. And maybe, just maybe, Otter Tail Power can be half as generous and one third as imaginative as Lion Gary Daub in lighting the remaining unlit west Church sign....

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5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Season's Greetings to you and your families.

I have asked the two region chairs to contact all the zone chairs in 5NW and encouraged all the clubs to participate in the Project Stock the Food Pantry. I have heard of some club's ability to donate money to help their communities. We love to see the pictures and to hear the stories of all the clubs that are participating. Feel free to email the stories and pictures to me so they can be shared. This time of year has always been a great time to extend some assistance to those who are struggling to get by. What a great way to serve the communities!

Here is some exiting news from Lions Club International: Until December 31, 2020 all entrance fees are waived. No charter entrance fees, no fee to join an existing club and no fee to transfer clubs. Now is the time to invite friends, families, and neighbors to join the world's largest service or-

ganization.

Now some more good news from our MD5:

The six MD5 District Governors came together a few months ago and had a discussion on how we can help our clubs/districts move forward during this pandemic. I drafted a letter to the MD5 finance committee last month, asking for forgiveness of the 2nd half of the Multiple District dues. It was voted on at our Council of Governor's meeting on November 21st and passed with flying colors. We hope it will have the same support at the district and club levels. Hopefully, the DG's will follow suit at their next cabinet meeting and discuss how to forgive the 2nd half of the district dues as well.

How can we keep moving forward with doing service safely in our communities?

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The answer is, in many ways. Some examples are sending out thank you cards to your local hospital staff, sending out get well cards to your local hospitals, helping your zone restock the local food banks, and what about drive through gifts for kids. People are hurting and begging for attention!! We as Lions provide a service of caring, hope and love with a smile. If we do not do it, who will? Lions of 5NW, let us rise above this virus and not allow it to stop our momentum and take this threat as an opportunity to serve more people in our communities. What if we do not do our yearly eyeglass recycling someone may go without proper eyewear. What if we do not do our yearly Stride Walks – someone could go without getting tested for diabetes. What if we do not do our Vision Screen-

ing – some child could possibly not get the proper eye care. This is just a few things Lions do for our communities, and I am hoping and praying that we are still doing these despite this virus that we are dealing with.

From our house to yours I would like to wish everyone Season Greetings and a Glorious and Happy New Year!!

Remember two effective words.... JUST ASK!

In Lionism
DG Kevin Bean

Anyone can be diverse, and anyone can be kind, but it takes guts to do both! Let us execute this union together! "Beverly Bean"

Club News

Napoleon



At their November meeting, members of the Napoleon Lions Club brought non-perishable food items which will be delivered to the Logan County Food Pantry. Lions members, left to right: John C. Johs, Sally Johs, Richard Bjerklie, Andy Piatz, Willie J. Piatz, Anton Braun, Christine Schwartzenberger, Brian Schneider and Lorraine Piatz.

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for a year. Then I was asked to join the Lions Foundation Board in 2015; serving two (three year) terms and my time on the Board will end this summer. While on the Foundation, I served as Secretary for two years. Then I became the Fargo Club President in 2016-2017. For the past two years, I have been the Global Membership Team chair for the district. Currently, I am the Guiding Lion for both Mapleton and the Fargo Roamers."

Lion Paula continues to move forward in Lions on her own path. She is dedicated to her club and district. We thank her for her service and are confident she will continue for many years.

Gateway

The Covid-19 Pandemic has really caused concern in the world. The pandemic has caused many changes in the lives of people, businesses, schools, churches, organizations and even Lions Clubs. With that said the Gateway Lions Club has had to POST-PONE two very important events. The Mid-Year Social and Awards Night set for December 11 has been postponed. The Gateway Lions Club was chartered on January 6, 1961, 60 years ago, and with that in mind the club was going to have a 60th anniversary celebration on January 22, 2021. That celebration has been postponed as well. The club started out the year by having their weekly meetings on a face-to-face basis, but the last month have changed to a Zoom platform type meeting. Even with the Covid-19 Pandemic in progress the Gateway Lions Club has keep rather busy. Below are listed a few of the activities that has kept the club members busy.

Clean Woodbury Park: The Gateway Lions Club has an agreement with the Fargo Park District to clean the Woodbury Park in South Fargo. On October 6, ten members of the club cleaned the park. The club cleans



The Gateway Lions Club members as they cleaned the Woodbury Park in South Fargo. The members did this service project on October 6.

the park in the fall and the spring.

Willow Park School: The Gateway Lions Club has adopted the Willow Park Elementary School in West Fargo and helps them with donations. The club recently made a donation of \$1,500 to the school. This money is to be used by the school to purchase healthy snacks for the students.

Peace Poster Contest: The Gateway Lions Club sponsored two contests. The contests were held at Oak Grove Middle School and Bishop Sullivan Middle School. Gift cards from Barnes & Noble were awarded to 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place for each contest. We are happy to report that Sawyer Anderson, a student from Oak Grove, won 3rd place in the



Sawyer Anderson, a 6th grade student, from Oak Grove Middle School won Peace Poster Contest for the Gateway Lions Club. Her poster went on to win 3rd place in the 5NE District contest.

5NE District contest.

Fill the Dome: The Gateway Lions Club made a \$400 donation to Oak Grove High School for this project.



Mary Payne, Willow Park Elementary School Administrator, (left) accepts a donation for healthy snacks for the school which was presented by Lion Mary Ann Zwinger (right).



Left to right: Lion Mary Ann Zwinger, Alex Linster and Lion Duane Zwinger as they present a donation to Oak Grove High School for the Fill the Dome project.

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Phil Sallberg, Gwen Sallberg and Duane Zwinger as they prepare to work their "shift" at the Emergency Food Pantry.



Left to right: Lions Scott Hildre and Paul Fleming as they are ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army.

Club News

Bismarck



Lion Brian Messmer is installed as a member of the Bismarck North Star Lions club by 1st VDG Scott Ressler. Also pictures in Brian's sponsor, David Beck.



1st VDG Scott Ressler installs 3 new members into the Bismarck North Star Lions at their November Meeting. New members and their sponsors from left to right: Shane Lennick, Ben Imdieke with sponsor, David Beck and Chase Geer with sponsor, Jed Geer.

Carrington

The Carrington Lions Club and the Haunted Fall-out Shelter donated \$400 to each of the following organizations: Carrington Youth Center, Carrington Preschool, Carrington Pool Committee, and Carrington Public Library. Representing the Haunted Fallout Shelter are Ryan Larson and Josh Sherman.



Carrington Lions president Karla Michaelson presents a check to Jan Bakke for the Carrington Daily Bread food pantry.



Carrington Youth Center board member accepts the check from Lion President Karla Michaelson and Ryan Larson



Carrington Public Library director accepts the check from President Karla Michealson, Ryan Larson and Josh Sherman.



Carrington Pool Fund committee member accepts the check from President Karla Michaelson, Ryan Larson, and Josh Sherman.



Carrington Preschool Board member, Nicole Harildstad accepts the check from President Karla Michaelson, Ryan Larson and Josh Sherman.

Emerado Arvilla peace poster contest



1ST PLACE WINNER OF \$25.00 - EMILY SAMUELSON



2ND PLACE WINNER OF \$15.00 - MORGAN VOORHORST
3RD PLACE WINNER OF \$10.00 - ALLISON LARSON

PRIZES PRESENTED BY EMERADO, ARVILLA LIONS CLUB MEMBERS MARVIN HOLWEGER AND REID WILSON

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Lions! I hope your Thanksgiving Holiday was safe and filling.

I am strongly recommending all clubs and members at this time to pause their in-person activities until such time as the COVID-19 situation calms down.

WE SERVE was never meant as a call to put yourself in harms way. I believe at this time it would be best for all of us to drastically reduce our unnecessary public exposure.

As an organization that prides itself on its commitments to community safety we need to lead by example and not gather in person for meetings, fundraisers, dinner parties, or any other close quarter affair that may put our fellow members,

loved ones, or members of our communities at risk.

I understand this is normally a time of togetherness and celebration. We all understand that. But this crisis will not go away without our help and I believe the best way for us to safely serve is to comply with the current guidelines and just pause for at least the next 30 days and help the district bring those case numbers down.

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much. Please let it be your guide moving forward. We need each other to be healthy enough to continue on doing what we love to do, SERVE!

Stay safe, lead others to be safe. Properly wear a mask around others and follow the guidelines as they are presented.

If there are clubs in current projects please maintain social distant and masking guidelines.

I encourage all clubs in the district to maintain communication via Zoom, email or phone.

I wish all Lions a very Merry Christmas and a hap-

py New Year!!

Until next time and remember "We Serve."

"We are United in Kindness and Diversity" Lions International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



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"Fill the Dome" is a project in which students from schools in the Fargo-Moorhead area collect food or cash to be given to the Great Plains Food Bank.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing: The Gateway Lions Clubs volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at various locations. The club will ring the bells

at West Acres, Hornbachers, Scheels and Fleet Farm. We will do 18 different sessions of 2.5 hours each session. There will be two Lions at each session.

Emergency Food Pantry: The Emergency Food Pantry is in need of volunteers to help distribute food to clients. The Gateway Lions Club has volunteered to have

four members from the club be at the facility on Monday of each week. Each session will run from 1:00-4:00 PM.

Clean & Sort Glasses: The Fargo Lions Club have a warehouse that they collect used glasses from all of the Lions of Eastern North Dakota. On the evening of December 1st, five members from the Gateway Lions Club

helped clean & sort some glasses. The club will help some more.

These are a few of the activities that the club has been involved with over the past few months. We hope that all of you will stay safe and healthy during these very trying times.

Club News

Hebron



Let's welcome our new members into the Hebron Lions Club. Left to right: Lion Kevin Staiger - sponsor, Lion Doug Schneider - new Lion, DG Kevin Bean, Lion Jay Rehling - new Lion, Sponsor Lion Judy Rehling.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donations

Gold Club \$500-\$999
Williston Korner Lions Club
Williston Lions Club
Diamond Club \$1,000 +
Fargo Gateway Lions Club

NOTICE Due to the lack of news and photos to fill a 16 page newsletter, this edition was reduced to 8 pages. If you don't see your club's news in this issue, watch for it in coming issues.

This is a poem written by Vermillion Lions Club member Lion Esther Weightman. Lion Esther joined the Vermillion Lions Club in February 2017. She has served as club Diabetes chairperson and as a vice-president. Lion Esther also was a Diabetes seminar presenter at the 2019 South Dakota Lions State Convention.

A Lion

Lions are a part of life,
 Sometimes more than wildlife!
 There are lions to be seen,
 In the wild safari, the mellow
 community, and other places in
 between.
 What, you say?
 I haven't seen a Lion today!
 Don't sneer.
 Perhaps, there is one near.
 Listen! Can you hear the roar?
 I think it's right outside your
 door!
 These Lions are your neighbors,
 Always working to love with labors.
 These community Lions come
 bearing gifts,
 Of sight and hearing—giving hu-
 manity lifts.
 There's always organization or
 coordination or creation of some
 type,
 But, my guess, is that you'll miss

all the hype.
 They are intent, powerful, gen-
 erous workers,
 Stupendous networkers!
 Men and women of impeccable
 character!
 Uniting kindred spirits,
 Excluding outward merits.
 Promoting and providing the
 very best,
 Righting causes for the rest.
 These special Lions are encour-
 agers,
 Sometimes, even nourishers!
 They'll teach you about diabetes,
 To see if you can avoid or beat it.
 Taking an interest is what they
 do best,
 Barely stopping to take a rest.
 And, the end of the day,
 The Lions will lie down and say,
 "I wouldn't have it any other
 way!"

Lion Esther • 10.30.20



WORLD DIABETES DAY

- India has over 65.1 million diabetics.
- Within 2 decades, the number will touch 100 million.
- On an average, an Indian gets diabetes 10 years earlier than his Western counterparts.
- Diabetes patients are two to four times more prone to coronary artery disease (CAD)

Support Lions Diabetes Programme

Diabetes

Join Now

422 million people worldwide have diabetes and this is expected to double in the next 20 years.

Every 5 minutes, an Australian is diagnosed with diabetes.

1 million
Around 1 million Australian adults have type 2 diabetes

2 million
Around 2 million are pre-diabetic and at high risk of developing the disease

Lions fight against Diabetes

The GLOBAL BURDEN of DIABETES

IN 2015

- 415 MILLION ADULTS have diabetes
- 46% of adults with diabetes are UNAWARE they have diabetes
- 12% of global health expenditure USD 673 billion spent on diabetes
- 1 in 7 BIRTHS is affected by GESTATIONAL DIABETES, which increases risk of TYPE 2 DIABETES in both mother and child
- 542,000 CHILDREN have TYPE 1 DIABETES
- TYPE 1 DIABETES in children is INCREASING BY 3% annually

BY 2040

642 MILLION will have DIABETES

We need to ACT NOW

All figures from the IDF Diabetes Atlas 7th Edition

HALT the diabetes EPIDEMIC
 Join Lions fight against Diabetes

Club News

Magic City



New member induction November 24th Marsha Dupre.



Annual Thanksgiving basket shopping on November 24th increased this year to help 21 families in need in the Minot area.



Bell ringing for Salvation Army with Lions JeAnna Rynestad and LeAnn Tennyson.