



Lions Clubs in Grand Forks hold Annual Christmas in The Park Event

By Joe Sowokinos
DGE-5NE

For the 19th year in a row, the Grand Forks, South Forks, Red River and UND Campus Lions Clubs sponsored the Christmas in the Park (CIP) event. CIP requires the efforts of 35-40 Lions and 12-14 spouses and family to organize and run the event each year.

All funds raised go to charities supported by the four Lions clubs. These include area youth programs, area camps for handicapped individuals, Third Street Clinic, the Community Violence and Intervention Center, local food cupboards, the School for Blind Foundation, the Grand Forks Senior Center, eye exams and glasses for needy children, just to mention a few.



Christmas in the Park Committee, left to right: Clair Zirnhelt, Treasurer Dan Monson, Leon Comeau, Chairperson Wayne Zink, DGE-5NE Joe Sowokinos (not pictured: Barb Nordstog, Mike Coleman, Jeremy Dombrowski)

It was at a Red River Lions meeting twenty years ago that Elwin 'Al' Kahlbaugh brought up the idea of forming a Christmas celebration of lights. Lion 'Al', who died late in 2019, was a former district governor of 5NE and is the father of our present district governor, Lion Grant Kahlbaugh.

Lion Leon Comeau from Comeau Electric, Inc., was instrumental in designing and setting up the electrical boxes and transformers that made CIP possible. Besides doing annual repairs to keep things running, Leon provided his place of busi-

ness for committee meetings and for assembling displays. This year meetings were held at the 'First International Bank & Trust' hosted by Lion Wayne Zink, chairperson of the CIP committee.

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Meet 1st VDGE Scott Hildre: A Lion in Action

By Crystal Dueker,
SNE Service Chair

On Nov. 5, at 4 a.m., there was a devastating fire sweeping through an apartment building in Fargo. Imagine hearing those blaring sirens with red lights flashing! It's a horrible experience for any family but this tragedy impacted almost 30 people, including children. They literally escaped with the clothes on their backs!

What happened next and where did they go? Here are some answers.

A fire relief group located in Mandan contacted Dist. 5NW 1st VDGE Jeanette Bean, Mandan Lions, to locate a Lion in Fargo who could be of help during this emergency. The call went out to District 5NE 1st VDGE Scott Hildre, Fargo Gateway Lions, who grabbed

his Lion's vest as he and his wife, Miriam, jumped into their car. Perhaps the Lion's vest can be seen as part of his symbolic uniform in preparation to SERVE during this humanitarian crisis.

By 9:30 a.m., they arrived at the Delta Hotel, where the fire victims had been given rooms, paid for by the American Red Cross. Lion Scott had been asked to secure a spacious meeting room at the Delta to handle the arrival of the relief truck from Mandan later in the day. The truck contained donated items for these people who lost all their possessions.

These special guests probably woke up in wonderment at what happened to them. Some might have taken warm showers to wash away a bit of their ordeal. Others headed to the lobby in search of food. They were greeted by

Lion Scott and Miriam, guiding them toward the meals at the Delta dining area, also paid for by the Red Cross.

Another Gateway Lion, Bruce Harmon, arrived later in the afternoon to help when the truck arrived. Lions Scott and Bruce shared information with the families about the Furniture Mission in Fargo being available to help get gently used household furniture to start over when they had a house or apartment. They also listened to the stories by members of all the families, offering sympathy and information about other places available to assist them.

Carol Johnson, the general manger at the Delta, said, "All of the victims from the fire received toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, comb and all amenities. They received large bot-

tlies, too, if they wanted them. It was heartwarming to see the Lions and the Red Cross volunteers working together to help others at this time of need." She added later the Red Cross also gave these families money to take care of their immediate needs.

At 4:30 p.m., the truck arrived and was unloaded. 1st VDGE Scott, Miriam and Lion Bruce sorted all the donated clothing, shoes, blankets, toys and other items by size, gender and age group. Soon it was ready to be selected by the fire victims.

By 8:30 p.m., it was the end of a long day. Thank you, Lion Scott, Miriam and Lion Bruce for volunteering your service. You are living examples of the Lions Motto: Where there is a NEED, there is a LION!



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New England



PDG Lewellyn Rustan with a pickup load of groceries being delivered to the New England Community Food Pantry.

The New England Lions “Food For The Hungry” drive was successful, with more than \$1,500 donated. The Lions club donated \$300, and individual members and others donated another \$1,200.

Three special ‘food baskets’ were prepared for families in need. Each basket included items for a complete holiday dinner and more, with a total value of more than \$65. They were delivered by Hettinger County Social Services.

The remaining funds were given to the New England Community Food Pantry to purchase food to restock the pantry from time to time.

The New England Lions Club joined efforts and projects of other clubs throughout the state, to provide food for hungry families during this holiday season.

Elgin

The Elgin Lions voted to donate \$500 to the Elgin Community Cupboard Food Pantry. They also encouraged Elgin Lions members to assist the food pantry in unloading the delivery truck from the Great Plains Food Bank and help with the distribution of the food in December. Three Elgin Lions members volunteered.

The Elgin Lions also will donate \$500 each to the Jacobson Memorial Hospital, the Dakota Hill Care Center and the Elgin/New Leipzig Ambulance Service to assist them in their purchases of Personal Protective Equipment.



New England Lions members at the grocery store Sunday afternoon shopping for the Food For The Hungry program. Pictured are the items in one of the three food baskets, with shoppers: Dave Koller, Joe Bohlman, Mark Koller, Lewellyn Rustan, and Gary Morel.

New England Lions filling candy bags for children



New England Lions filling candy bags, while observing mask and distancing guidelines.

The New England Lions typically bag candy for Santa to give children after the New England Public School Christmas Concert. Several hundred children have the opportunity to sit on Santa’s lap, have a picture taken with Santa, and get their bag of candy and peanuts.

This year, due to the COVID-19 situation, the concert was not held. Instead, the Lions took the bags of candy to the school, to be distributed by the teachers. Bags were also distributed at the Senior Citizens Center.

The candy and peanuts are purchased with donations from area businesses. When that fund gets low, businesses are invited to contribute. The response is generous enough, that requests for funding only need to be made at two to four year intervals.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Lions! I hope your Christmas and New Year Holidays were filled with joy and happiness.

I am looking forward to the vaccine's to be distributed to all Lions throughout the world. I am filled with hope. I am encouraged to get out and start visiting clubs next month. The ND State restrictions are going to yellow level beginning the 8th of January. I still encourage all Clubs to meet safely and please let your District Governor know if you would like an in person visit. I need about a one month notice so I can get time off from work.

As I look back on 2020, I am reminded of all the awesome service District 5NE Clubs and members have done. I am filled with joy and so much excitement. My service chair came up with this great idea to "Ring in Christmas Cheer," by going outside

on your front porch and ringing a bell for 5 minutes to ring out the negativity and ring in the Christmas Spirit and new hope for the new year. On the night of Christmas Eve, at 6:00 PM, I went down to our local Christmas in the Park. It was 0 degrees out with a wind chill. I had donned my red District Governor jacket and rang my bell for about 8 minutes. I recorded on Facebook Live and it is on my Facebook page if anyone is interested in watching it. Please read the article submitted by Service Chair, Crystal Dueker, who talks about the accomplishments of clubs and communities.

It's hard to imagine six months have passed as being your District Governor. I am looking forward to the next

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six months. I am excited that I have registered for the 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention that will be in Montréal, June 25-29, 2021. I am looking forward to getting back to somewhat of a normal social life and attending social events. I also look forward to the Spring Rally training to be held on April 10th, 2021. We hope to have jam-packed training sessions and great speakers from Lions Clubs International. I am also planning our District Cabinet meeting, with date and time to be determined. We are still in search of succession to our District Governor Team. If you have been president of your club and a zone chair or Cabinet Secretary, please reach out to any of us on the District Governor Team so we can chat a little bit

about what you can expect. I am also looking forward to celebrating Lions Club anniversaries soon. I would also like to point out there will be a Save the Date for the Multiple District Convention submitted by Lion Del Hager MD5 Convention Chair.

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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CIP ran from the day after Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve. It opened at 5:30 PM and closed at 10:00 PM nightly. Admission was \$6 per car, \$10 per limo, and \$20 per bus. The sixty displays that lined the half-mile loop in Lincoln Park were sponsored by local businesses, churches, individuals, and other organizations. With headlights turned off, cars made their way slowly past the displays on both

sides of the road. An animated light display at the end of the route was synchronized with holiday music.

According to Lion Clair Zirnheld, member of the CIP committee, this was our biggest and best year ever. About 5,935 vehicles drove through CIP which was more than 1,700 vehicles higher than any previous year. CIP allowed people to get out of the house into a safe environment with proper social dis-



tancing.

Although this is a fundraising event, it provided a wonderful service for Greater Grand Forks residents along with people from surrounding communities. Each person was given a candy cane

along with a sheet listing the displays. Our canine visitors also received a treat provided by "Treat Play Love" in Grand Forks. Seeing the smiling faces of the children that go through CIP makes all the effort worthwhile.

Horace



Santa drive thru visit was a great success

Because of the dedication of so many volunteers, the Horace Lions Visit with Santa continued its tradition. We say thank you to the ladies of the Horace Senior Citizens, Bob Tanner for his continued dedication to the event and the many other members who provided help through the day. The ladies packed 275 gift bags in less than 2 hours on Thursday. Bob Tanner planned the event with support from the city of Horace. A beautiful sleigh was on loan from Bonanzaville filled with Christmas wrapped boxes. Holy

Smokes Que and Catering donated sandwiches at 5:00 PM for the volunteers. They were so delicious and just what we needed to refresh ourselves during a long day. The Horace Fire Department provided a Fire Truck for kids to visit and we thank the many first responders that provide service to our community. Our first visitors came at 2:30 and our last was at 7:10. We had planned for 275 but served over 360 so a quick trip to purchase more supplies at 4:20 and a scramble to pack the gift bags resulted in only a 10-minute



delay to visitors. It was a fun day.

Thank you to the commu-

nity of Horace for your continued support of the Horace Lions.



We delivered 24 Christmas baskets around the Horace area before Christmas! Many thanks to all the folks who made this happen:

Horace Lions Club for sponsoring the baskets; Hornbacher's at Osgood for donating the baskets and delivering the food to Horace Lutheran Church; Heritage Middle school Key Club for making the Linus Blankets that went with baskets; Horace Lion's Cub members who helped put the baskets together; and Jesse Jahner and the Cass County Deputies who helped deliver the baskets.

Great team effort here. Thank you everyone.

Project Joy continues tradition for Rugby families

By Sue Sitter

The Pierce County Tribune

(Reprinted from The Pierce County Tribune)

A decades-long Christmas tradition continued in Rugby Dec. 15 when the Rugby Lions and other organizations brought joy to area families facing tough times for the holidays.

Organizer Lila Harstad said the Lions have spearheaded the project since the 1990s. Former Tribune Editor Mark Carlson, who was active in the Lions during that time, based Project Joy on a family tradition.

“His father, Oscar Carlson, was a farmer north of Rugby,” Harstad said. “He used to always tell his family they couldn’t have Christmas unless they had given to someone else first.”

“Mark carried it down to his family,” she added. “I remember reading in the Tribune he’d say John and Sarah, his kids, would have to give some of their toys to less fortunate children and then they could have Christmas.”

“Other people would call the Tribune and say, ‘Can we do the same thing?’ Gently used toys were brought to the Tribune and then it grew bigger,” Harstad said. “They moved (the toy drop-off) to the hospital conference room. Then, about that time, Mark Carlson was district governor for the Lions, and it became a Lions project.”

Carlson died in 1996, but many traditions he began, including Project Joy, lived on.

Harstad said Project Joy evolved over the years into

a program to bring gifts to needy families. Pierce County social services now partners with Project Joy to help families provide gifts for their loved ones by sending wish list forms to households receiving services.

Families return the wish lists after filling them out, and the social service office sends them to Project Joy. Harstad said she and other Project Joy participants make tags to hang on Christmas trees in local businesses. Each tag has a corresponding wish list, and shoppers who choose the tags get the opportunity to buy toys and gifts for the needy families.

“This year, we put this information, including the age and whether their children are male or female along with their wish lists on trees at Hardware Hank, Fashion and Flair Outlet, Market on Main and Home of Economy,” Harstad said.

Each family’s wish list is assigned a number. The Lions bundle together gifts for each number and make the bundles available for the families to pick them up. For the past several years, families have picked up gift bundles from Lions members at Dakota Farms.

“Last year, we had 45 families and 144 individuals pick up gifts,” Harstad said. “This year, we had 30 families and 103 individuals for Project Joy. So, it’s down a little bit. I think the most we had was 60 families in the past.”

“I was talking to Vonnie (Degenstein) at the food pantry, and she said her numbers were down a little bit, too with gift baskets



Sue Sitter/PCT

Rugby Lions and Project Joy volunteer Lynette Vollmer stands near bags of gifts for area families.

they’re giving out Dec. 19,” Harstad said, noting she hoped the numbers were down due to improvements in the economy.

“I think the community’s been generous,” Harstad added. “Sometimes the wishes may not all be granted, but I feel like this year, people who filled the tags went way above and beyond.”

“It was a nice addition to have Home of Economy this year,” Harstad noted.

“I think the community was very supportive and it’s due to a lot of groups and organizations, not just the Lions,” Harstad added. “Ely Elementary and Little Flower school kids have collected money this past month for this. There were a lot of cash donations given at the fi-

nancial institutions. I heard of one ladies’ coffee group that instead of buy gifts for each other this year, they got tags from the trees and filled them.”

“There’s an individual who I think is originally from Rugby but now lives in California who sends me a check every year,” Harstad added. “It’s about \$120. I really should call him. As a young child, was he gifted from Project Joy? Is he giving back?”

“But every year, I get a check,” Harstad added. “He always calls me and asks if we’re ‘doing that Project Joy.’”

More information on Project Joy is available from Rugby Lions members or Harstad at 776-5254.

South Heart



Food items purchased to be donated to various pantries.

The South Heart Lions Club purchased food for local families and food pantries. The South Heart Lions heard about the needs in the community and decided to purchase \$100 worth of food items for a couple of families to help out over the holidays. Donations were received from the club members that assisted with the cost of the items. The total raised was \$740 for the service projects.

The other projects the South Heart Lions support are K – 5th grade Christmas gifts and a movie for the students at the South Heart School.



Lion Pat Kuylen with a cart full of items that he and Lion Kathy purchased and delivered to the Amen Food Pantry in Dickinson.



Lion Arlen Kubas with a cart full of items that he and Lion Dickie Jo purchased and delivered to the Belfield/Medora Food Pantry.

Fargo Roamers Lions roll into 5NE

by Crystal Dueker
part of The Global Membership Team

On October 7th, an exciting event took place at The Bowler in Fargo. The 32 new members of the Fargo Roamers 4 X 4 Lions Club were inducted by DG Grant Kahlbaugh, welcomed by Past International Director Pat Vannett, and celebrated by Guiding Lion Paula Swanson-Western.

Did you know the Fargo Roamers is a group of men and women who enjoyed their mud runs during Mapleton Days which are sponsored by Davenport Lions? The charter night was the product of months of effort by Global Membership Team Chair Paula, and Davenport Lions Club President, Dan Albright. Thank you both for your dedication to service and bringing the JOY of new members into 5NE.

REMEMBER:

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5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

HAPPY NEW YEAR
LIONS OF 5NW!
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Lions of 5NW,

Your roars were heard loud and clear! I want to thank each member and club that donated to the \$3,200 raised for the FIRST ANNUAL DISTRICT 5NW FILL THE PANTRY DAY on December 18, 2020. We were able to donate 1755lbs of food and other requested item to Aid Incorporated in Mandan, Heaven Helpers Soup Kitchen in Bismarck, and Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Bismarck. And thank you to all other individuals, clubs, and members that donated food, gift cards and many other items within their own communities so that someone's Christmas would be incredibly special during a difficult year. A big thank you to 1st Vice District Governor Elect Jeanette Bean and 2nd

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Vice District Governor Elect Lynn Grabow for your help in making this a great day. Special thanks to future Lion Marlene Grabow and IPID Pat Vannett for helping with shopping and delivery.

As we move into the 2021 year let us continue to walk together arm in arm with pride and endurance. *"The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it does not matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark."* –Barbara Hall

Let us move forward with a purpose, action, and passion!

Thank you 5NW lions for continuing to "Just Ask One" and bring new members into our organization that are willing to serve even during the pandemic. I believe that

is very crucial, especially during times of uncertainty for families and Lions members.

YOUNG LIONS

Your fresh ideas and passion are needed and wanted. Our next group of servants and leaders can continue to build a program that is designed to help, encourage, build, promote, and maintain the core values of excellence that the 5NW leaders are known for! Our district is struggling to recruit new, zone chairs for the upcoming years. This is a one-year term, but the second year is really when the fun starts so I recommend staying on for a second year. The zone chair is a liaison between the District Governor Team and the clubs. In other words, they are an extra pair of eyes and ears for the district. Included at the end of my article will



be a link to the job description for the zone chair position. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You must have been a club president to hold the office of zone chair.

This link is for current and upcoming zone chairs.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/88445730%20>

This link is the updated LCI Orientation PowerPoint.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/v2/resource/download/95669737>

District Governor Kevin Bean

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

Club News

Lehr

For the last 30 years the Lehr Lions' commodities have been stored in the Lehr branch of the Security State Bank. A freezer, refrigerator and shelving were added to store the dry, frozen and refrigerated items. The club presented the bank President Loren Henke with a plaque to show their gratitude. Thank you for providing space for the Food Pantry at the Lehr Security State Bank for the past 30 years (1990-2020). The club sponsors two food distribution projects for citizens of the Lehr Community. The Senior Foods



Left to Right: PDG and Lehr Food Pantry Coordinator James Ruff, Security State Bank President Loren Henke, Lehr President John Wiskus and Secretary/Treasurer Bonnie Wiskus.

project was added about 10 years ago. The Great Plains

Food Bank truck brings the commodities to the bank

every 3 months.

Gateway



Members of the Gateway Lions Club as they presented the "BOXES for KIDS" to the Emergency Food Pantry. Members (left to right) are President Darrell Costain, Duane Zwinger, Bruce Harmon and 2nd VDG Scott Hildre.



Lion Duane Zwinger as he presented GIFT CARDS to a nurse at Sanford Hospital.

Gateway involved in service projects

The Covid-19 Pandemic has caused many changes in the world. The pandemic has also had an affect on Lions Clubs including the Gateway Lions Club from Fargo. Our meetings have been by the ZOOM platform. We have had to curtail some of our fund raising projects as well as some service projects. Never the less the Gateway Lions Club has moved ahead. We have been involved with three service projects during the past few months; Ringing the Bells for the Salvation Army, "Boxes for Kids" and "Gift Cards for Nurses".

Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army:

The Gateway Lions Club really expanded their "bell ringing" this year. We rang bells at

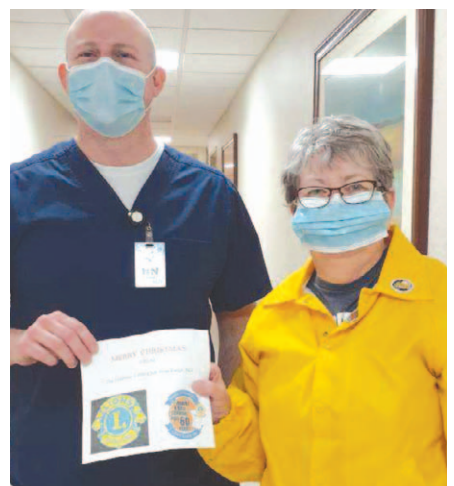
four locations; West Acres Mall, Hornbachers Grocery, Fleet Farm and Scheels for a total of 100 hours of service.

Boxes for Kids

The Boxes for Kids project consisted of members purchasing some items that kids ages 2-6 would enjoy. The list included small toys, stuffed animals, books, coloring books, candy, games, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc. The members then put the gifts in a shoe box and wrapped the gift in Christmas wrapping paper. The "boxes" were then presented to the Emergency Food Pantry for distribution to some less fortunate kids. The Gateway Lions Club was able to give 26 "boxes", making 26 kids have a little better Christmas.

Gift Cards for Nurses

The Gateway Lions approved purchasing \$600 worth of \$20 gift cards. These gift cards were purchased from Happy Joe's Pizza, Buffalo Wild Wings and Texas Roadhouse. (These 3 businesses provide meals for the student-athletes during the Lions All-Star Basketball games.) The \$20 gift cards were then given to nurses at Sanford Hospital, Essentia Hospital and Sanford Dialysis Center. This project had two purposes, 1) help businesses during this time of the pandemic and 2) show appreciation to nurses during this time of the pandemic. There were 30 gift cards purchased so we showed our appreciation to 30 nurse.



Lions "Ring in Christmas Cheer"

By Crystal Dueker/
5 NE Service chair

Looking back on 2020, it was a time of increased needs across our district. Yet many of us, as Lions, refused to give up on service because now more than ever "where there is a need, there is a Lion".

Christmas is very important in our communities, so even if a few clubs could not hold actual meetings, Lions were still focused on bringing joy into the lives of children. Some club leaders still communicated (by using zoom, email, text, and phones) with their members about ways to create, continue or modify their Christmas projects. My special THANK YOU and my appreciation goes to all the clubs who found creative ways of stepping up to help people throughout our district. Your generosity and all your service had the joyous impact of celebrating Christmas in these communities.

The Streeter Lions gathered in the early morning of Santa Claus Day including one member of 55 years who donated 5 hours, to prepare a continuous stream of free sack lunches. Over 400 people were served in their cars from Kulm, Medina, Napoleon, Gackle, Bismarck and even Jamestown. Gift bags with toys were delivered to many of the children that day by 2 little elves wearing their green suits, pointy boots, and tiny hats.

The Strasburg Lions, on Santa Claus Day provided 80 gift bags for their children at the Blue Room; along with door prizes and ham giveaways to the people attending the event.

The Zeeland Lions went Christmas caroling with some children; stopping



Santa Paul Erdman, rides in his sleigh. On left is Aiden, with twin brother Anthony, helping their father, Lion Tony Balderas hand out Christmas gift bags to the children along the streets of Davenport. Not pictured - Lion Noel Balderas, wife of Tony, is driving the truck pulling the sleigh.

at every home in town and handing out gift bags. There was also a children's concert with more gift bags handed out by Lions.

The Gackle Lions asked for help from elementary children in decorating Christmas sacks. This was for their annual Christmas distribution of fruits and goodies placed in all those sacks for delivery to the widows, widowers, and the elderly in their town including at the Gackle Care Center. There were groups of 3 Lions that sang Christmas songs as they delivered sacks across their area.

The Lehr Lions created gift bags for the elderly, including a Christmas ornament and treats inside. Plus they wrote Christmas cards to the elderly in their town.

Enderlin Lions donated \$300 in gift cards for their community "Giving Tree", \$500 to the children in Lisbon, and \$200 to the Salvation Army. Valley City Lions, Kulm Lions, and Ashley Lions donated funds to the Salvation Army, too.

The Valley City Lions also

donated funds to the "Stocking Stuffer" project for gifts to the elderly at the Sheyenne Care Center.

The Linton Lions modified their Legacy Toy Project. Since their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser was canceled, they reached back into their leftover charitable funds to purchase toys for the children of families in need. Then they dropped them off with Emmons County Social Services. These Lions delivered joy to many children who might not have had much of a Christmas in 2020.

The Fargo Gateway Lions, West Fargo Lions, and Fargo Lions have donated hours of time these past weeks by ringing the bells at the Salvation Army kettles throughout Fargo.

The Lions members in the towns of Kulm, Horace, Sheldon, Wing, and Davenport provided various safe visits with Santa, talking with children and offering a bag of treats.

The Davenport Lions made a special agreement with Santa to postmark "North

Pole" on all of his letters to the children in their area. Davenport Lions also created a new Christmas project. For every decorated exterior of a house, they put the names of those head of households into a box. Five names were drawn and each won a \$20 gift certificate at the local supper club generating more Christmas spirit.

The Hazelton Lions created 75 gift bags for pre-k up to the 6th grade; delivering them to the schools for the children on Santa Claus Day.

Many Lions clubs have donated money to the Emergency Food Pantry in Fargo as well serving as volunteers; creating boxes of donated food for families in need. Linton Lions, Lehr Lions, and Kulm Lions donated large amounts of funds toward feeding those in need in their towns. Kulm Lions also donated 50 turkeys to local families.

The Ellendale Lions pre-sold over 200 pieces of Christmas wreaths and garland to raise over \$1,500 to help charitable groups.

The Jamestown Lions completed an essential blood drive, delivered Meals on Wheels and donated over \$2,900 to local charities. Ashley Lions, Grand Forks Lions, Grand Forks Red River, and Grand Forks South Forks also served Meals on Wheels.

DG Grant Kahlbaugh and I created "letters to the Editor", which appeared in a few local newspapers and an email blast was sent out to numerous Lions clubs. We asked readers and Lions that if they wanted to welcome

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2021 MD5 Convention

100 Years of Unity Through Diversity
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Korner



The Korner Lions continue to serve even during the COVID pandemic. Korner Lions (left to right) RaeAnn Schaan, Kathy Molland and Sandy Hampton ring bells for the Salvation Army.



Korner Lions (left to right) Kylie Lutz and Lois Reiersen get fitted with masks and receive instruction from an UMDHU employee prior to assisting the Upper Missouri District Health Unit with COVID testing in December.

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the arrival of Christmas, they could step out on their front steps at 6 p.m. on Christmas Eve and ring a bell for 5 minutes. I have been told many Lions did it!! The best example was achieved by Rugby Lion Dale Niewoehner, who rang his 15 foot bell tower at 6 pm on the eve as well as 9 am on Christmas morn-

ing. By ringing in the start of Christmas, and these services performed by Lions, we have shown we are looking forward with joyfulness and hope for a better and more healthy New Year! Together we inspired and achieved a renewal of the Christmas Spirit!

2021 marks the 100th anniversary of Multiple District 5 as demonstrated by the choice of this year's theme: 100 Years of Unity Through Diversity. In 1921 the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions, Fargo Lions, Bismarck Lions, Aberdeen Lions, and the Rapid City Downtown Lions became the first clubs to be chartered in Multiple District 5. These clubs deserve special recognition along with clubs from Saskatchewan who will be celebrating their centennial as a constitutional area. **Throughout all of MD5, we are asking clubs to award 100 Melvin Jones Fellowships during the 2020-2021 Lions year.** These Lions will receive special recognition during the Convention.

Various "live" events will be on tap as deemed appropriate and necessary but at this time, participation by registered Lions or guests will be solely from your home or other remote locations of your choosing and viewed

on the Zoom platform. Eligible voters will be able to cast their votes using an electronic system. Training sessions, award and memorial ceremonies will mostly be pre-recorded.

Perhaps the single greatest benefit of a virtual convention lies in the lower cost of attendance. There will be some costs associated with the 2021 convention but we have set an affordable **registration fee of \$25 per person.** Registration will be conducted through an online system that will take into account the Canadian/United States monetary exchange rate.

We encourage ALL Lions in Multiple District 5 to register!!

Details for every part of the 100 Years of Unity Through Diversity MD5 Convention, will be made clear as we proceed.

Do not for a minute think that we're forgetting to have FUN. Lions SERVE but we also know how to have FUN! Stay tuned!

"Just how important is the loss of one club member?"



In community service measurement,
it is the loss of hands, energy, and project progress.

For people in dire need of help...

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EVERY LION IS IMPORTANT!!

First Annual Fill the Pantry Project



(L to R) 1st VDGE Jeanette Bean, DG Kevin Bean and PID Pat Vannett shopping for the Fill the Pantry project. Food was donated to Aid Inc., Heaven Helpers Soup Kitchen, and Good Shepherd Church.



Lions unload food at Aid Inc.

Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions Mike Nolan, Reid Wilson, Clifford Ludwig and Salli Lou Anderson volunteered 18 hours bell ringing for the Salvation Army to aid in fund raising. Lion Salli Lou Anderson also spent 15 hours transporting rescue dogs to foster homes and 4 hours delivering Meals on Wheels. Lion Salli Lou accepted the Service Dogs of America board position to replace deceased PDG Dennis Anderson.

Club News

Minot



The Minot Lions had a busy December! Volunteers rang bells 11-7 for the Salvation Army! As you can tell by the picture (Deb and Kristin Michels), it was a fun time! Volunteers delivered Meals on Wheels before our Christmas party! It was festive with great food, music, and lively conversations!

Stanley



Stanley Lions Club in conjunction with Thrivent purchased food from CashWise and donated the groceries to the Mountrail County Food Pantry.



Lion Lynn Grabow being interviewed by KX12.

Dacotah Mandan



The Dacotah Mandan Lions Club President, Lion Arlen Fetch (far right) and Steve Moore (far left) present a Christmas Holiday Donation of \$300.00 to the Spirit of Life Food Pantry in conjunction with the District 5NW Lions Zone 6 Food Donation Project. At these strange times in our world and community the Dacotah Mandan Lions Club recognize the great work our local food pantries are doing to provide food and goods to the needy in our community.

Visit
www.e-district.org/sites/5nw
to see what's
happening
in your
District
5NW

Committee Chair Application

NAME: _____ DATE APPLYING: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (Cell) _____

Home lions club: _____ DISTRICT: _____

PROV/STATE: _____ YEARS IN LIONS: _____

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

Describe your experiences & accomplishments in area applying for _____

Why are you interested in being appointed to this position? _____

Include two (2) letters of recommendation with your application
(one (1) letter from home club & one (1) letter from another Lion).

*** Use additional sheets of paper as needed for this application.*

*** After reviewing the application an interview may be set up.*

NOTICE to Lions of Multiple District 5 - Position Openings

1. MD5 Council Secretary (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
2. MD5 Council Treasurer (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
3. MD5 Youth Exchange Chairperson (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
4. MD5 Public Relations Chairperson (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
5. MD5 Global Leadership Chairperson (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
6. MD5 Global Membership Chairperson (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
7. MD5 Global Service Chairperson (Begin July 1st, 2021) 1 year term renewable
8. I. T. Chair,
9. Pin Chair

DEADLINE TO APPLY: February 15th,
each year by letter or Email to Council Chair or C/Secretary

**District 5NW Clubs
New Lions Membership Challenge**

Where There's a Need, There's a Lion



We Need NEW LIONS!!

FIRST PLACE

To the Lions Club with the most **NEW LIONS MEMBERS**
Registered by the Club Secretary in MyLCI
Between **January 1st and April 9th, 2021** will receive:
3 FREE Registrations
for the ND State Lions Convention in Watford City, ND.

SECOND PLACE

will receive: **2 FREE Registrations**
for the ND State Lions Convention in Watford City, ND.

Prizes will be Awarded
at the Spring Rally in Halliday, ND April 10th, 2021.

Club News

Glenburn



Glenburn Lions received Milestone Chevron Awards (L to R): Lion Tom Miller (35 years), PDG Ginney Jones (10 years), 5NW DG Kevin Bean, Lion Lance Johnson (10 years).



5NW DG Team visits Glenburn Lions Club during December 2020 meeting. (L to R): VDGE Scott Ressler, 1st VGDE Jeanette Bean, and DG Kevin Bean.

Carrington



Glenburn Lions welcome a new member! (L to R): 5NW DG Kevin Bean, Lion Preston Alder, and sponsor, Lion Brian Boschert.



Scott and Celine Fetch (Five Spot) donated \$1000 to the Carrington Lions Club from the proceeds of their gaming. Pictured are Scott Fetch and President Karla Michaelson