



Lions Serve During the Christmas Season



Santa & children having fun at the New Year's Eve Party.

New Year's Eve at the North Pole!

Unfortunately, because of inclement weather the Tuttle Lions Santa Day had to be cancelled. The event was then re-scheduled as Santa invited everyone to his place (The North Pole) for a fun New Year's Eve Party!

Saturday, December 31, 2022, Santa greeted the children & adults and handed out 75 bags of candy. A festive time was had by all. Fun visiting, eating, and sleigh rides were enjoyed while fun winter and snow themed music could be heard echoing on the streets of Tuttle!

Lions members served over 100 sloppy joes with chips, cocoa, cider and lots of cookies were there to warm the tummies after a beautiful sleigh ride, where the trees were heavy with frost. It was like riding in a perfect postcard.



Sleigh rides were enjoyed by all ages.



"The Dacotah Mandan Lions Club provided service to the Salvation Army by ringing the bell for donations for them. They also served at the Spirit of Life Food Pantry for the week before Thanksgiving and Christmas by helping to fill food boxes for others."



Once again, the Horace Lions presented Santa Day in Horace. Over 200 children stopped by to visit with Santa, receive a gift bag of treats and even have their picture taken. We thank the many volunteers that make this event a success each year.



Carrington Lions held their annual Santa Day on December 10 at the Carrington Youth Center. Lions Shelly Skytland, Jane Fredrickson, and Illa Zink helped Santa by handing out treats to the children after they had their pictures taken with Santa. Around 80 children attended the event which also included a free movie sponsored by the Youth Center.

New England Lions host Recognition and Awards Banquet

The New England Lions Club hosted a Recognition and Awards Banquet in December, honoring area fire fighters, ambulance volunteers, and county law enforcement officers to thank these dedicated volunteers and professionals who keep us safe, and protect us and our property. The New England American Legion Post 66, and the Knights of Columbus provided financing, utilizing profits from their gaming machines in two New England bars. They paid the

bill and the Lions did the work.

A caterer provided the meal and a local bar set up a cash bar for the event. Posters encouraged the general public to attend to recognize and support the honorees. A near capacity crowd filled the city memorial hall building.

Invitations and two free banquet tickets were sent to each of the 82 honorees in the New England Rural Fire District and Department, the New England Ambulance Service, the Amidon Fire De-

partment, and the Hettinger County Sheriff's Department. Each department head was invited to recognize and present any awards to the members of their unit. Many were recognized for their years of service, with several having served more than 40 years. Certificates, plaques and other gifts were presented. Some brief department histories were also shared.

A deputy sheriff introduced their recently acquired dog which they named "Lion." That deputy recently

received extensive training with the dog for their Canine Program.

Several Lions worked together to present a slide show featuring emergency units and vehicles responding to various situations. Segments were shown at appropriate times throughout the evening.

In a letter to the Lions, an honoree responded, "What a wonderful idea to host an appreciation banquet for the First Responders. They all are worthy of recognition."

Vision Grant Reimbursement Increase

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota is pleased to announce the increase in the annual maximum vision grant reimbursement. The reimbursement amount increased from an annual maximum of \$1000 to \$1500 for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. A club may not

receive more than \$1,500 in Vision grant funds in any fiscal year. Grants will be 50% reimbursement match, up to \$1,500 (\$3,000 documented expenses of applicant) of club funds spent for vision-related activities/equipment/procedures.

In Remembrance



Richard Christensen, of Watford City, passed away peacefully on December 25, 2022. PDG Rich was a Lion for 53 years and served as 5NW DG in 2002 - 2003. He also served as the District LCIF Chairperson and Region Chair as well as serving as club president 5 times. Rich will be missed in the Watford City community and by his fellow Lions across the state.

5NE Environmental Honor Roll

PDG Steve Johnson, District Environmental Chairperson

A review of MyLion reporting shows the following additional environmental service projects by 5NE clubs:

La Moure Lions Club – Fundraising for swimming pool
West Fargo Lions Club – Cleanup of portion of Sheyenne St

Save the Date!

DISTRICT 5 NW SPRING RALLY

MARCH 31
APRIL 1, 2023
Beulah/Hazen

Let's Rally Together
Together We Can
You won't want to miss
this fantastic event. More
information to follow.

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Club News

Napoleon



The Napoleon Lions recently donated food and supplies to the Logan County Food Pantry. Members (l-r): Lorraine and Andy Piatz, Willie Piatz, Rich Bjerklie, Barb Braun, Brian Schneider, Anton Braun, John and Sally Johs and Christine Schwartzenberger.



The Napoleon Lions held their annual Christmas Turkey/Ham Bingo. Nearly a hundred people were in attendance and a fun afternoon was had by all.

Oakes

The Oakes Lions held their Christmas party on December 3, 2022. The celebration started by meeting at Growling Small Towns on Main Street in Oakes. Food and refreshments were available until the attendees headed to the Trinity Bible College in Ellendale, ND to attend the Medora Musical Memories show. The concert was great. After the concert, all headed back to the Angry Beaver in Oakes, ND for dinner. After dinner Dueling Pianos entertained the group. A very busy evening was enjoyed by all.



(left to right) are Gateway Lions Club members Gelaine Orvik and Darrell Costain as they ring the bells for the Salvation Army.

Gateway Lions ring bell

During the months of November and December the members of the Gateway Lions Club from Fargo helped the Salvation Army by ringing their bells to help fill their "RED KETTLES". The club had 40 slots. The club did about 200 hours of service work for this project. The club had time slots at Scheels Hardware, Cashwise Grocery Store, Fleet Farm and West Acres Mall. The project was chaired by Lion Gwen Sallberg.

During the December 9th meeting for the club, we had Anna Larson and Sarah Peterson as our speakers. They gave a talk about their organization CCRI (Creative Care for Reaching Independence). The mission of CCRI is to enhance and enrich the lives and learning of people with disabilities.. At the end of their presentation, they mentioned that they had a client that needed boots and other winter attire. Hearing about the need, a hat was passed around and the members at the meeting donated \$180 to help purchase the items. What a wonderful way to help someone during the Christmas season!

Carrington



Carrington Public School's elementary principal Jenna Helseth was a guest speaker at the January Lions meeting. She explained how the new pre-school program works and how it impacts the education of the students.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



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Happy New Year!

Hitting the ground running into the new year is a great feeling, sometimes it can be overwhelming at times. There is so much to do in the next 6 months, I am hoping that I will accomplish all the tasks I have.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."
~ Helen Keller ~.

I have found that delegating really isn't as hard as some of us think it is. Lately I have enjoyed giving others a chance to take on more responsibilities. To be honest it is better to work with others than working alone!

I am happy to report that we have added 56 members so far this Lion's year and dropped 41 members which gives us a gain of 15 members so far this year. It may not seem like much but my observation is the word GAIN! My question to the clubs who have dropped members is, are we finding out why those Lions have left? Knowing the reason why members are leaving our clubs will allow us to fix any issues that there may be. Remember it is your club your way, maybe it is time to send out an anonymous survey to your members on what is working/not working in your club. By sending out the survey and receiving the feedback from your members and those who have left the club, this will help to strengthen your club!

Remember, your club should be working on your new slate of officers for the upcoming Lions year by March. Seek out those members who have not held an office and give them the opportunity to grow into a stronger Lion. Remember we really need to stay away from recycling officers.

In this issue of our news-

letter please note 'Save the Date' for the Spring Rally that will be held on March 31st (an icebreaker is planned with many other activities). April 1st will be the actual rally with wonderful training and speakers. You do not want to miss this wonderful event, a great time to spend with other Lions from 5NW! More information will follow in next months newsletter. There is a block of rooms, BUT! They are only held until February 28th, so if you plan on staying over night please call the Coblestone Hotel and Suites in Beulah at 701-873-2370.

I will be holding another cabinet meeting this month and I am looking forward to having a working meeting to see where, what, why, we may need to make changes so our district can continue to be as strong as it can be. I have a fabulous cabinet and I can tell you everyone has a vision that will make the district more AWESOME!

I would like to give a shout out to Lion Devin with the Bismarck Lions for starting the Living Well With Diabetes (Diabetes Peer Discussion Group). The Bismarck Lions are sponsoring these events. Thank you Lion Devin and the Bismarck Lions for starting this group for the community!

Shout out to Lion Karen from the Bismarck Lions on the Gateway to Science project we have. Please remember that we have committed to funding this project and have asked clubs in 5NW to commit to \$500.00 to assist the district in this project. You can pay this in \$100.00 per year or 1 time of \$500.00.

Our journey with the future Tioga Lions has been a challenge with mother nature not taking her medication. As of today we have 5 members signed/paid up. We are heading up to Tioga on the 11th of January to support their Ice Cream and Pie social they are holding for the community of Tioga!

Please be mindful of our Lions who are sick/shut in's, and who have lost family members over the past year, or can not make it to our meetings. We all go through difficult times and a phone call or card can make a difference.

My pledge for all clubs in our district, is to ask 1 person to come to a service project.

This is a great opportunity for them to see how much FUN the Lions are! This was my challenge for last month but honestly, let's be honest, this is my challenge for the next 6 months. Remember if others see the fun we are having when we are cleaning ditches, doing a service activity, and giving back to the communities in some way. The energy can be addicting and they will want to join.

As always my DG Team is here for your club/members. Please do not hesitate to contact us! Remember to be heard, be seen, and make a difference.

'Start each day with a positive thought'

Club News

Dacotah Mandan



"The Dacotah Mandan Lions continue with their "Monthly Small Service Projects" at various service agencies/schools in the Mandan Community by recognizing and thanking these groups with a meat and cheese tray. In December the Mandan Elementary Mary Stark School was recognized. From left to right: The Principal at Mary Stark School, Chad Radke, Dacotah Mandan Lions; PCC Arlen Fetch, and Berna Smith."

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Goodbye to 2022 and Happy New Year to all of you. 2023 is going to be a great year for 5NE Lions.

My service as your District Governor is half over, so in the next 6 months I am going to try to visit the rest of the clubs in our District. I have been to over 20 of the clubs so far and have a few more scheduled. If I have not been to your club yet and if I am not scheduled to be there, please contact me at scott.davis.hildre@gmail.com or call 701-799-6400 and let me know what meeting you would like me to attend. Please understand that not all requests will fit in my schedule, but we will find a date that works.

The good news is that our membership is up. We have added 50 new members since July 1, but the bad news is that we lost 30 members in the same time frame. Our goal is for each Lions member to replace themselves, so find one new member to join your club. Please take that to heart and ask your friends and family members to join you in service. We as Lions do great things and could use their help.

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Our District is still in need of finding a Second Vice District Governor Elect. If you or your club know of someone that would make a good leader, please let us know, or if you have thought that you might like to be District Governor

someday, please let us help you start that journey. The Lion needs to have been President of a club and a Zone Chairman to be eligible.

December brought some rough weather, but we still had clubs doing projects.

We had Santa visits, Christmas parties, eye screening, buying eye glasses for someone in need, food pantries, Christmas toys for families in need, bell ringing, helping with crowd control at the Christmas parade, pancake breakfasts, snow shoveling and other projects. There were fund raisers like selling Christmas trees and wreaths, raffles, pheasant hunts, turkey bingo, and 50/50 ticket sales, just to name a few.

Thank you Lions of 5NE



WAKE UP SANTA: Lions served Christmas Joy

BY CRYSTAL DUEKER

5NE Service chair member
Fargo Gateway

Many of us start preparations for Christmas on the day after Thanksgiving. That is also when most 5NE Lions clubs started their Christmas-themed service projects and fundraisers to help families enjoy the holiday season. Let's take a look across the district:

*Robinson Lions- held their legacy Turkey Shoot at the town's old school. With over 200 people from the surrounding area; they enjoyed rounds of Roush card games and bingo. Each game's winner won a frozen turkey or other meat prizes.

*After Thanksgiving, Linton Lions sponsored Light Up the Night parade. Dec. 4th-Lions sponsor a Christmas Breakfast fundraiser to buy toys for the children of families in need. The packages are wrapped and delivered to Social Services.

*Hazelton Lions handed out 90 Santa Bags to school children and to numerous elderly people in town

*Pettibone Lions held their legacy Turkey Shoot with 200 people in their Community Hall.

*Hats off to Mapleton Lions for raising funds since April that helped replace the worn-out Christmas lights along Meridian Road coming into town. After the funds were raised, LED lights were ordered. At a November community event, the new lights were unveiled.

*Enderlin Lions- set up their Lions float in Baxter Park in the Parade that stays put for the entire Christmas season

*Grand Forks Lions, South Forks Lions, Red River Lions, and The UND Lions all work together to set up and volunteer manhours to

run their legacy Christmas in the Park for the month of December

*Sterling Lions held a Christmas party in their clubhouse for children and their parents including hot cocoa, goodies, and Christmas cartoons

*Medina Lions purchased a Christmas tree for the town. On Dec. 10th, people of all ages from the community helped the Lions set it up. After refreshments at the American Legion, the families gathered at dusk, to light the tree and gather around with Christmas songs. Not a grinch in sight!!

*Fargo Gateway Lions volunteered as Candy Patrol during the Holiday Lights parade in downtown Fargo. Lions rang the Salvation Army Bell throughout the city. They volunteered for one week at the Food Pantry where members also delivered 40 Christmas presents for the children of families in need

*The Fargo Lions and West Fargo Lions also rang the bells for Christmas in various locations

*Strasburg Lions- Dec. 10 was Santa Day with a Bouncy House and over 60 Santa bags given to children. Each child also went to a table to select one toy. Lunch was available to 120 people

*Emerado-Arvilla Lions rang the bells in Grand Forks

*La Moure Lions attended Santa Night at school while kindergarteners sang Christmas songs. Lions served pizza, beverages, cookies as Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus arrived at the party.

*Napoleon Lions held their legacy Christmas Turkey Bingo with 120 people and over 40 winners taking home a turkey

*Horace Lions handed out 200 Santa Bags with goodies and free treat certificates

from the new Dairy Queen. 200 coupons were handed out to parents from the 2 new club members and owners of The Grove Coffee and Wine. Santa stayed with the children for hours. Thanks Lion Bob Tanner. Lions also delivered 40 food baskets to local families in need

*Carrington Lions volunteered to help with the town's Light Parade

*Davenport Lions partnered with the Senior Citizen club for Santa Day

*Sheldon Lions brought Santa to town to visit with 60 children and handed out goodies and cookies in their clubhouse

*Wishek Lions set up Red Kettles throughout town as well as held Santa Day for children

*Wing Lions, Tuttle Lions, and Chaffee Lions handed out Santa Bags full of goodies to the children

*Rugby Lions- support Project Joy by taking tags

from designated Christmas trees and purchasing the item(s) requested. The Lions wrapped and delivered the gifts to Social Services

*Zeeland Lions gave Santa Bags at the school's Christmas concert. Later, they handed \$100 to the best Christmas-themed house in town.

*Streeter Lions raised funds to buy toys included in over 100 Santa Bags

*Ellendale Lions partnered with Chamber of Commerce at The Opera House for WAKE UP SANTA where they served hot cocoa and chili and gathered donations of non-perishable food items and funds that went to The Pantry. The Lions also sold Christmas Greenery to businesses and homes.

Whew!! What a list of festive projects and activities! Thank you, Lions, for all you have done to serve up Christmas Joy!

Club News

Horace



Three members of the Horace Lions were presented with Melvin Jones Fellowships at our December Christmas Party. Lion Kristin Follman and Lion Kevin Benson were recognized for their continued involvement with the Haiti Eye Mission sponsored by Lion Dr Lance Bergstrom. Each have travelled to Haiti several years to provide care to those affected by vision issues. Lion Ron Roos was recognized for his involvement in our club as the Pancake Flipper each year, board member, and for his involvement in many organizations outside of Lions in Watford City and here locally. We say a great THANK YOU for their commitment to the Lions Motto: WE SERVE

North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Application

Lions Club nominates

Two seconding statements are required: one must be from club president. (PLEASE ATTACH)

Section A- Minimum Requirements

Nominee has been a member of the Lions Club since _____.

Nominee has been a member of Lions for 20 or more years. Yes No

Nominee has been a member of a North Dakota Lions Club for 15 or more years. Yes No

Nominee has attended a minimum of 10 non-club rallies/conventions. Yes No

Section B- Basic Life as a Lion

Nominee has served as (Check all that apply): President Secretary Treasurer Director Fundraising chair Membership chair (pos. growth)

Nominee has been named by Club as: Lion of Year Times

Nominee's Convention Attendance (times): State Multiple District International USA/Canada Forum

District Leadership Rally attended: Rallies Other (list & city): _____

Nominee served in District as (indicate number): Secretary and/or treasurer Zone Chair Region Chair Committee Chair

Nominee served as Board of Directors (indicate number of years) ND Foundation ND Eye Bank

Nominee served as a MD 5 committee chair (list times) MD 5 committee chmn.

Nominee served as District Governor (list year): _____ as District Governor

Section C- Preliminary Selection Criteria

	Point values		Point values
1 Each year active Lions member (15 consecutive years min)	1.0	24 ND state conventions attended (list year & city)	1.0
2 Each year club president, secretary and/or treasurer (20 years max)	2.0	25 Multiple District conventions attended (year & city)	1.0
3 Each year club committee chair (30 year max)	1.0	26 International conventions attended (year & city)	1.0
4 Each year club board member (not include 2&3 above- 10 max.)	1.0	27 USA/Canada Forums attended (year & city)	1.0
5 Each year program presenter at district, state, or MD 5 convention	1.0	28 100% District Governor award (list year)	1.0
6 Each year chair of ND state or MD 5 convention (list year)	2.0	29 Club president's excellence award (list year)	1.0
7 Each year committee member of ND state or MD 5 convention (list year)	1.0	30 100% club secretary (list year)	1.0
8 Each year Zone or Region Chair (list year)	1.0	31 Melvin Jones Fellowship (list year)	2.0
9 Each year as Vice District Governor (list years)	1.0	32 Progressive Melvin Jones (list year)	1.0
10 Each year District Governor (list)	3.0	33 New members sponsored (LCI printout required)	1.0
11 Each Year international committee (list year & committee)	2.0	34 Each year Guiding Lion (list years & clubs-6 max.)	2.0
12 Each year member of District Cabinet (list year & chair)	1.0	35 Each year Leo Club Advisor (year & club-6 max.)	2.0
13 Each year District cabinet secretary and/or treasurer (list year)	2.0	36 Each year Campus Club Advisor (year & club- 6 max.)	2.0
14 Each year Chair of major Lions Function (list years & events)	1.0	37 Each year Club Branch Advisor (year & club- 6 max.)	2.0
15 Each year President of ND Lions Foundation (list years)	2.0	38 Each year Extension Award (year & club- 6 max.)	2.0
16 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer ND lions Foundation (list years)	1.0	39 Each year Rebuilding Club Award (year & club- 6 max.)	2.0
17 Each year board member ND Lions Foundation (year exclude 15 & 16)	0.5	40 Other Club Awards (list award & year)	1.0
18 Each year President of Lions Eye Bank (list year)	2.0	41 Other District Awards (list award & year)	1.5
19 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer of Lions Eye Bank (list)	1.0	42 Other International Awards (list award & year)	2.0
20 Each year board member Lions Eye Bank (year exclude 18 & 19)	0.5	43 Club Perfect Attendance (list years- max 20)	1.0
21 Each year MD 5 Council Chair (list year)	3.0	44 Hosted Foreign exchange student (list name, country, year)	3.0
22 Each year MD 5 Committee Chair (exclude sitting governors)	1.0	45 Hosted MD 5 Youth camp student (list name, country and year)	1.0
23 District Rallies attended (list year & city)	1.0	46 Chair of MD 5 Youth Exchange Camp (list year and camp)	3.0

Nominee must have a minimum of 125 points (non- district governor) or 225 points (past district governor) in order to proceed with application. If nominee exceeds the threshold, complete and submit the rest of the application. Nominees with applications exceeding the threshold and not selected as the winner will be included for consideration the following 2 years for which addendum materials may be included to update their application.

Section D- Lions Activities not covered in Section C (150 words max, 10 pts max.) please attach

This section requires written statement, not to exceed 150 words, in either outline or paragraph form covering anything not covered in Section C. Please attach.

Section E-Non-Lions Activities (250 words max, 25 pts max.) please attach

This section requires a written statement, not to exceed 250 words, in either outline or paragraph form regarding your community involvement as a citizen outside of Lions. Include community service, leadership activities and other community involvement. Please attach.

Section F- Biography (500 words max) please attach

Prepare a personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, and when and where you joined Lions. Include all achievements, volunteer work, other organizations you belong to along with personal recognitions. Your Biography will be judged on content, clarity, structure, and presentation. Although there is not a set number of points for this section, the selection committee will give significant weight to the biography as they evaluate the application. Must be written in narrative form with the optional 3rd person construction (250 words min/500 words max.)

Section G- Nominee Certification

Nominee Certification: I certify that the information provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken for personal, club and LCI records.

Name: _____ Date _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Signature _____ Email _____

Club Certification: We certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate rendering taken from club records and verifiable sources.

Club President _____ Club Name _____ Signature and date _____

Club Secretary _____ Email _____ Signature and date _____

Applications must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2023. The application must be completed in its entirety, signed by the appropriate parties, and include a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail to: PDG TIM THUESON, 3211 N 19TH ST., BISMARCK, ND 58503

Enderlin

Enderlin Lions... We Serve...and We Care!

BY LION MIKE MARTIN

The International Association of Lions Clubs' Constitution's motto is "We Serve". During the most recent Christmas morning the Enderlin Lions Club proved this motto is not just flashy words.

Lions Mike Martin, Susan M. Dopp and Terry Taylor delivered Christmas meals to community members. Lion Roxy Johnson originated a wonderful idea in time for Thanksgiving. If the local Meals on Wheels program doesn't provide Holiday meals, maybe the Enderlin Lions can? And maybe Lions volunteers will deliver them

directly to the table? Meals on Wheels recipients, were contacted and asked if they would like a holiday meal. There was no means test or screening, no prior application and nothing signed. The Enderlin Lions stood all costs. Eighteen meals went out for Thanksgiving and twenty-one for Christmas. Thanksgiving was turkey (of course) or ham and Christmas was a Dickinsonian feast of roast beef with all the fix-ins. It took about an hour on each holiday.

No matter how you judge this Enderlin Lions project, it was a hands down winner. "We Serve" should include "We Care".



100 year old Margaret Daggan receiving her Christmas meal



Lions Mike Martin and Susan Dopp holding Christmas meals.