



## Area Club News

### Stanley \_\_\_\_\_



Thank you to Lois Reiersen and our group of Stanley Lions that did the Sight 4 Kidz screening of 127 students at the Stanley Elementary School on September 22nd.

### Dacotah Mandan \_\_\_\_\_



Dacotah Mandan Lions President, Lion LeAnn Eckroth presented Lion Duane Sandvick with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at our annual picnic.

### Minot \_\_\_\_\_



The Minot Lions held their annual TrySlothalon on August 19th! Not only did we have great participation from our community but we also had fellow Lions participate from South Dakota, Canada, and other parts of North Dakota! As usual, the shenanigans were unmatched and everyone had a great time!

# Club News

## Horace



District Governor Rick Stark installed the current officers of Horace Lions at our September 14th meeting. He also presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to charter member Jack Fjelstad for his continued service to Lions. DG Rick is challenging all clubs to increase their membership in line with the International President Dr. Patti Hill's goal of reaching 1.5 million members by June 2024.

## Ellendale



On September 9th, Ellendale Mayor Lion Don Flaherty, the Applefest Ambassador, stood with Global Extension Team coordinator Crystal Dueker to welcome the people to the festivities. Early riser Lion Jan Reuter, (no photo) in partnership with the Applefest committee, registered all the runners/walkers at the local golf course. Way to go, Lions Don and Jan!!

## Carrington



Carrington Lions help with the benefit held on September 30 for Lion Dani McClean who is waiting for a liver transplant.

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# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Hello 5NE Lions and Happy October.

Lots of fun fall festivities are going on. Our Tuttle Lions Club has a trunk-treat and pie feed, as do a lot of other clubs, and other events. It's always fun.

A teacher once told me I would never amount to anything because I procrastinate too much. I told her "Just you wait". Well Lion's, let's not procrastinate. Let's get new members coming to our clubs. How are we going to do that? First, we need to invite people. Second, we need to show them what we do, and make it fun and exciting for them. I am reminded of a 1989 movie called FIELD OF DREAMS. In the movie Ray Kinsella played by Kevin Costner keeps hearing voices say, "If You build it they will come." Well, I too am hearing those voices and no I am not smoking anything or spend-

ing too much time at the local tavern. But I believe if we present to everyone what we do and do it in a spirit of fun and celebration, people will want to belong to our clubs. Remember my personal goal for this year is for every club to grow by at least one member. Our district is also trying to start new clubs and has been approved for a 75% reimbursement grant as long as we recruit 25 new members district wide by December. Dr. Patti Hill, our International President is promoting Mission 1.5 whereas Lions worldwide membership will grow to 1.5 million members by 2027.

Also don't forget about the North Dakota State Lions convention on October 20th and 21st at the Grand Hotel

in Minot. I hear there are going to be some "Big Name" celebrities there, so come and join in the fun.

We need to nominate a 2VDG at our meeting at the State Convention. If you or someone you know is interested, please let one of our cabinet members know. It is a rewarding experience.

Don't forget about our 5NE District project, CANS to CANcel childhood CANcer. We are asking each club to collect aluminum cans and sell them to donate to LCIF Pediatric Cancer. 100% of the money will go to the cause. When sending in your check to LCIF, make sure to mark it in the memo "Pediatric Cancer".

Lions and other clubs have been busy collecting food for



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our food pantries. If your club has done something to help with hunger, please let our hunger chair IPDG Scott Hildre know. We would love to recognize it.

All clubs need to report their service. It is important to let Lions International know what our clubs are doing. The clubs in our district are amazing in all the service and donating they do.

That's about it for now. Have a safe and happy Halloween and remember, when one door closes and another one opens, your house is haunted.

5NE DG Rick Stark

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### Fargo



5NE Lions donated 350 Grandpa's White Cane books to schools, libraries, and doctor's offices throughout Eastern ND. The photo from Fargo Public Schools-Lions Jane Pettinger, Mary Ann Zwinger, and Milton Ota, Jen Hess and Dr. Rupak Gandhi of the FPS, and Lion Crystal Dueker. Contributors- Lion Duane Zwinger Memorial Fund, all Fargo and West Fargo clubs, Carrington, Devils Lake, Ellendale, Edgeley, Emerado-Arvilla, Kulm, Leonard, Medina, New Rockford, Oakes, and Valley City Lions Clubs.

# ND State Lions Meeting Minutes

*Spirit Lake Casino – St. Michael, ND*

*Saturday, October 22, 2022 – 3:00-4:30 PM*

Call to Order: DG Scott Hildre called the meeting to order at PM.

Pledge of Allegiance – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Welcome Guests and Greetings from District Governors – DG Scott Hildre and DG Jeanette Bean greeted all in attendance.

Approval of October 23, 2021, ND State Lions Meeting Minutes – Motion by Lion Mike Little and seconded by Lion Crystal Dueker to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2021, ND State Lions Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion by Lion Crystal Dueker and seconded by PDG Judy Beaudry to approve the agenda as presented.

Reports –  
2023 State Convention – Josh Ressler reported the 2023 State Convention will be held in Minot with the Magic City Lions taking the lead. TV games, as the ice breaker, are planned and he encouraged clubs to attend.

2024 State Convention – will be held in Fargo. Lion Paula Western is the Conventions Chairperson.

2024 MD5 Convention – PID John Daum reported on the upcoming Spearfish, SD MD5 Lions Convention. He reported the Guest Seaker will be ID Dianne Pitts. PID Pat Vannette reported via 'little birdie' said that Past International President Douglas X Alexander will be there.

Report on Election results

5NE Election results – DG Scott Hildre reported Rick Stark was elected to the DG Elect position and Kirk Tingum was elected to the 1st VDG Elect position.

5NW Election results – DG Jeanette Bean reported Lynn Grabow was elected to the DG Elect position, Lynn Helms was elected to the 1st VDG Elect position and Lynn Helms was elected to the 2nd VDG Elect position.

Dakota Lions Sight and Health election results

5NW Election results – Tracy Wicken reported PDG Mike Blazek had passed away and Ron Rand was appointed to the Dakota Lions Sight and Health Board. Arlen Fetch was elected to his 1st 3-year term.

5NE Election results – Tracy Wicken reported PDG Rick Swenson was re-elected to the Dakota Lion Sight and Health Board.

Lions Foundation of ND election results

5NW Election results – DG Jeanette Bean reported Lion Mac Beaudry, CC Kevin Bean and Lois Reiersen were elected to the LFND Board.

5NE Election results – DG Scott Hildre reported Lion Mark Western was re-elected to serve another term as President of the LFND Board. PDG Grant Kahlbaugh was elected to serve a 3-year term on the LFND Board.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota (LFND) – Lion Mark Western, LFND President, gave a brief talk regarding the state of the LFND. The LFND website has more detailed information.

Peace Poster Winners – Lead with Compassion; is the Peace Poster Contest theme this year.

5NW – PDG Sherry Fetch reported the first-place winner was Malaya Charger, sponsored by the Dakotah Mandan Lions Club. The second-place winner was Haley Egeberg, sponsored

by the Hazen Lions Club. The third-place winner was Layla Armstead, sponsored by the Williston Lions Club.

Essay Contest winners – 5NE was: 1st Meba Bach from Valley City, 2nd Jordan Tucan from West Fargo, and 3rd Lucas Devorac from Warren MN.

5NE- Lion Carla Lein reported the first-place winner was Mia Niece of Carrington. The second-place winner was Allison Shmeeta of Grand Forks. The third-place winner was Regina Mebus.

Dakota Lions Sight and Health Report –

Marci Dimond reported DLSH is doing well. 915 donors in our region. 914 were tissue donors and 707 were eye donors providing the gift of sight for over 1,000 people and impacting the lives of 40,000 people through tissue donation. They are working with twenty-six hospitals in ND with Sanford now being their largest contributor. Birthing Tissue is now being used for skin grafts. The merger helped create the best ocular and body tissue facility in the nation. Marcy Dimond continues to be the DLSH Executive Director. Scholarship Programs were launching in January, 2023.

Old Business – None  
New Business

DG Jeanette Bean reported there will be a reintroduction of the State Representative and Provincial Representative. PCC Kevin Bean was nominated for the State Representative from 5NW. 5NE did not put forward a nomination.

MD5 Council Chair Marianne Kramchynsky explained the reason for the Provincial and State representatives.

1st VDG Lynn Grabow reported on the upcoming 5NW Spring Rally to be held in Beulah, ND. The day before will be a bus tour to a coal mining operation and to be determined a power plant tour followed by a tribute drive to the Zip to Zap.

PDG Judy Beaudry reported on the July 16, 2023 International Youth Camp.

214 is the current attendance for 2023 ND State Lions Convention.

Recognition and Awards – Crystal Dueker – MD5 New Voices Coordinator recognized Lions in the areas of service, membership, leadership, and marketing.

5NW Membership – Deb Paterson from Bowman Lions Club – Deb brought in 4 members.

5NW Marketing – Lion Ceara Jenkins from the Scranton Lions Club

5NW Leadership – Lion Dawn Colombo from the Magic City Lions Club – Joined the Magic City Lions Club in 2017.

5NW Service – Renee Renner with the Beulah Lions Club

5NE Membership – Carla Mickelson with the Carrington Lions Club – Carla brought in 8 new members to their club.

5NE Leadership – Brady Weber with the Linton Lions Club – Brady has been a member for 3 years and serving as President.

5NE Service – Sue Anderson with the Fargo Lions Club – Vision Screening.

5NE Marketing – Greg Pedersen with La Moure – has been club secretary for 13 years.

Carrington and New Rockford Lions Clubs were recognized for organizing

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## 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Hey, Happy October!! No frost on the pumpkins yet but they're talking frost the end of the week. I'm sure the sunflower farmers would like to see one to pick up the harvest rate and maybe the corn farmers as well. Anyway, fall is in the air for sure.

October is State convention month. Are you going? I hope so. It has been so busy for Lion Rick Stark and I as the planning process is overwhelming. Thank God for the Magic City Lions who have done an AMAZING job in preparation for this convention. Lions Josh Ressler and Christy Miller and their crew have got this! They have committees and sub committees and all are on board to make this the BEST State Convention ever! The theme this year is "Its all Fun and Games" and there will be fun and games. Be there, OK? Our hope is you will attend and get information, energy, and a new passion for Lions. With this, you can go back to your clubs and communities as Dr. Patti Hill, our new International President, says you can be part of "Changing the World" through Lions! I see it all the time in my travels as District Governor. Small and large cities are constantly being changed because of you and Lions Clubs. And don't forget our duel at State Convention. My good friend DG Rick Stark has challenged us at high noon for the new member challenge. The loser goes down! This is all in fun as Rick Stark is a great guy, a good friend, a great Lion. BUT he doesn't deserve to win. We can do this so help me out if you can, OK? Lion Rick and I have had four trips back and forth to Minot planning with the committee for convention, have had many good visits and have become good Lion friends. His wife, Bobbie, and my wife, Marlene, also have a really cool

bond. This is one thing people take for granted. Lions can be your extended family. Marlene my wife has an unbelievable bond with her fellow Prairie Rose Lions. They are like family and she is so thankful for Lion friends. I have seen funerals in Stanley where 25 to 30 Lions come and sit together and fill 2 or 3 pews with yellow Lions vests to support the family, because we are family!

I was asked to give a eulogy once by a son whose dad was a Lion. He said Lions changed his dad's life for the better! I have also seen Lions clubs do surprise baby showers for new moms who are Lions. Can you imagine the joy to that mom?

This last month, the 5NW Lions hosted the first Lions area picnic in many years with 40+ Lions in attendance. We barbequed burgers, brats, and hotdogs, Lions members brought one dish to pass. There were some great salads and desserts! There was some great reconnecting, lots of visiting, and cornhole and axe throwing (plastic axes). A BIG THANKS to North Star Lions for the grill and to Lion Scott Ressler for his grill duty! The cool part of this event was afterwards, some kids on bikes were kind of hanging around looking hungry so we fed them and they were so appreciative. Lion Scott Ressler told them just remember when you grow up to become a Lion and do the same for someone else!! Wow what a great message, Changing the world through Lions again! Clubs represented were from all Bismarck Clubs, Washburn and Wilton. So, with about eight clubs it was a good turnout. There was also

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some talk about having a Lions picnic in the spring somewhere half way between Minot and Williston? Hmmmm, maybe STANLEY and piggyback this when they are doing their Burgers in the Park? We would warn you of this Stanley Lions and we could maybe add to your cause for the month. Just some thoughts.

Our International President Patti Hill told us that one of her goals is environmental issues. Before Covid some clubs used to do ditch cleaning so do we want to start that again? Just a thought. My wife Marlene is on my Lions Cabinet as my environmental chair. We have been working with Burleigh County on a 5NW possible tree planting in the spring. There is a Ducks Unlimited Park in NW Bismarck with a walking/biking path around a low marshy area. We found out they want to plant some 5-to-6-foot trees,

We as Lions may be involved in some labor and maybe financial contribution to help plant these trees. It's in the early planning stages. I may challenge each club to think about planting one tree in your area for each member in your club, just to help the environment in your area. Most USDA service centers have a spring tree sale on excess trees and they can be picked up very cheap. Ask your city council if they need a few planted now, so you're ready in the spring.

Your club may be contacted in the near future about a Zone meeting, I have the BEST zone chairs and region chairs I could ever ask for. Their job is to contact you and meet so you can meet other club officers to share what's

working and what's not in your area. Also, when was the last time your club did a visit to another club. I heard last week a car load of Magic City Lions' gals went to Stanley to the men's Lions Club and visited. It sounds like everyone had a great time. Thank you, Stanley, for being a good host!

Lions Clubs International has a foundation that does amazing things in our world every day. A recent memory for me is that lots of aid was sent to Ukraine the last few years because of their war. I was in Dist. Gov. training last February when the earthquakes happened. The very next day at our general session it was announced that the Lions International Foundation was sending \$250,000.00 to Turkey and Syria that day. Most recently Hawaii had horrible fires and Lions were involved right away. When you or your club sends money, there are no fees subtracted. All of your money goes to the cause. Lions International Foundation is a tax-exempt organization(501-C3), and you can use it like tithing and deduct it from taxes but consult your tax accountant first. Please consider our foundation for giving and helping worldwide causes, just put in the memo space where you want it directed. I think it was my Mom that said, "If everyone does a little, a lot gets done!". Or if you can give more, that's great too.

OK, that's probably enough from me. Enjoy your fall and I hope to see you at convention.

Lion Lynn G

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the convention.

5NW Lion Terry Oxendahl for the 4th highest achievement award.

5NW Lion Gordan Krance Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

5NW Lion Deb Paterson Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

5NW Lion Karen DaSilva Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

5NE Lion PDG Grant Kahlbaugh Presidential Certificate of Appreciation

PDG Scott Ressler received a plaque for District 5NW Leadership 2021-22.

PCC Kevin Bean & PCC John Emmett presented PID Pat Vannett with a Memorial M.J.F. Plaque in memory of PDG Kevin Vannette.

Resolutions – 5NW DG Jeanette Bean and 5NE DG Scott Hildre presented the following resolutions:

**RESOLUTION #1: THAT THE NEW ROCKFORD LIONS CLUB BE RECOGNIZED AS OUTSTANDING HOSTS OF THE 2022 NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS' CONVENTION.**

Whereas: The New Rockford Lions Club generously volunteered to host the 2022 North Dakota State Lions Convention; and,

Whereas: Planning for the North Dakota State Lions Convention involves hours of time working with local merchants, hotels, and officials to create a worthwhile and memorable event; and,

Whereas: Lions Kristy and Rick Swenson served admirably as chairpersons of the local host committee; and,

Whereas: Members of the local host New Rockford Lions Club deserve recognition for their efforts, Lions Tom Paintner, Sharon Paintner, Maryln Nicholson, Jennifer Suklow, Jennifer

Wade, Kristy Swenson and Rick Swenson.

Whereas: The 2022 ND State Lions Convention was destined to be an outstanding event that would long be remembered these Lions made it possible for the Lions of North Dakota to gather safely for the convention; and,

Whereas: In the spirit of true Lionism, the local host committee overcame many challenges to enable the business and service of North Dakota Lions to go on despite the ongoing challenges there of; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA** that the New Rockford Lions Club and local host committee chair Lions Kristy and Rick Swenson should be commended for their efforts to make sure the Lions of North Dakota would experience a memorable convention, and a sincere thank you be extended to the Devils Lake community for their invitation to host the 2022 Convention.

**RESOLUTION #2: THAT THE LIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA STRIVE TO REPRESENT THE HIGHEST IDEALS OF LIONISM AND EMBRACE THE GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP APPROACH.**

Whereas: Lions are called upon to Build a Team of visionaries in each of our Lions clubs; and,

Whereas: Lions are called upon to Build a Vision of the future of Service and Membership in their local communities; and

Whereas: Lions are called upon to create realistic plans to act upon and realize the Vision for continued service for generations to come; and

Whereas: The Lions are called upon to provide Fun and Fellowship and a welcoming environment for

ideas brought forth from their community, their partners and their members; and therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA** strive to build upon our long history of service by utilizing the Global Membership Approach and engaging in a diverse community of Lions in our future.

**RESOLUTION #3: THAT APPRECIATION BE EXTENDED TO INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DEB WEAVERLING FOR BEING AT THE 2022 NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION**

Whereas: International Director Deb Weaverling, from Leavenworth, Kansas, was invited to be our guest speaker at the 2022 North Dakota State Lions Convention; and,

Whereas: Director Weaverling has a distinguished record of service since becoming a Lion with the Leavenworth Lions Club in 1998 and,

Whereas: Director Weaverling serves our association with distinction of our Board of Directors; and

Whereas: In addition to her Lions Activities, Director Deb Weaverling is active in numerous civic and professional organizations including The American Red Cross, United Way and the women's division of the Leavenworth/Lansing Area Chamber of Commerce. She currently serves as a scholarship chairperson for the Chamber of Commerce Woman's Division. During her term as president of the Chamber of Commerce Woman's Division she was honored as the Athena Award recipient Woman of the Year. She is also the treasurer for the Leavenworth County United Way.

Whereas: In recognition of her service, she has received numerous awards including an International President's Leadership Award, an International President's Award, and has been honored by her club as an MD 17 Claude M. DeVorss Fellow. Director Weaverling is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Director Weaverling previously coached competitive swimming year-round for 17 years, twice being honored as the volunteer coach of the year. Director Deb Weaverling and her husband, Ron, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have 3 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LIONS OF NORTH DAKOTA** that International Director Deb Weaverling be commended for her service to Lions Clubs International and for sharing her message with us in North Dakota.

District Governor Scott Hildre and District Jeanette Bean, - These resolutions are presented for consideration and approval by the Lions of ND.

DG Bean moved and DG Hildre seconded to approve the resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
PDG Lion Grant Kahlbaugh

5NE Cabinet Secretary

### **Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donors**

Lion Ross Espeseth –  
R. Hagen memorial \$25

Thank you to Lions Clubs and to individual Lions for your generous contributions.

# FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Are you aware of the hunger needs in your community and the world? In our communities, food pantries are in need of the basics. We hear about schools not having enough funding to feed students and for some it might be their only meal that day. We can make a difference so check with your local food pantry or

school to see if you can help. Worldwide, the Feed the Starving Children program needs volunteers to help fill meal bags. It is easy and rewarding. PLEASE CONSIDER HELPING WHERE NEEDED  
*Scott Hildre*  
*District 5NE Hunger Chair*

## 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:  
**Carrington Lions Club** - Main Street flower watering  
*Note: To be acknowledged here, clubs must identify projects as "Environmental" when posting in MyLion*

## Club News

### Gateway



Lion Gelaine Orvik presents Lion Evert Van Engelenhoven with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

### Lions Foundation of North Dakota

Stop by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota table at the State Convention in Minot to say hello, pick up a treat and find out more about your foundation. You can also drop off your Parade of Green donations before the State meeting so the figures can be compiled and presented to the District Governors for announcement at the banquet.

Thank you and hope to see you all at the convention.

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### Korner

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Zone 1 Chair Lion Kent Reiersen (left) inducted 3 new Korner Lions members. L to R: Lions Lois Reiersen, sponsor; Kirk Schoepp and Ronda Peterson, new members; Phyllis Stokke, sponsor; Matt Elbert, new member; David Juma, sponsor and Sherri Hesel, president.

### Prairie Rose

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Prairie Rose Lions inducted 6 new members and 1 transfer at their monthly meeting. District Governor Lynn Grabow did the candlelight ceremony.