



District 5NW Peace Poster Winners



First Place: Emily Grist sponsored by the Mott Lions Club.



Third Place: William Pavlicek sponsored by the South Heart Lions Club.



Second Place: Faith Crosby sponsored by the Williston Korner Lions Club.

Thank you to District 5NW State Convention 2023

District 5NW stepped up by donating a total of \$6,060 to LCIF at the ND Lions State Convention. \$4,380 was by Lions Clubs at the Parade of Green and personal donations from Lions totaled \$1,680. We also gave awards from LCIF to Lions Clubs who have fulfilled their Model Club commitment. Alexander, Beach, Bismarck, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Beulah, Hazen, Mandan, Minot Magic City, New England and Stanley Lions Clubs all received this honor.

Area Club News

Headwater



The Headwater's Lion's Club operates the concession stand every fall at the Wahpeton 5th - 8th grade and junior varsity football games. Pictured here is Lion Karen Eichhorn serving several customers!! A majority of the funds raised are donated to Wahpeton Parks and Recreation.

Club News

Elgin



Elgin Lions welcomed three new members. L to R: new member Diane Haugen, sponsor Dr. Alan Lindemann, sponsor Steve Schadler, new member Karen Weber, new member Wanda Stoller and sponsor Mildred Rath.

Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions inducted new members. Robert Hewitt with sponsor Larry Hagen and Jeff Holmgren with sponsor Reid Wilson.

Robinson



Krissy, Lion Dustin Peterson's wife, teaches Special Ed at the Kidder County school. A student told her about a need for new glasses. The Robinson Lions Club was made aware of the need and agreed to purchase the glasses. The Lions main mission is to help children with vision needs. Lion Wes is pictured with the eye clinic employee when he presented the check for the student's glasses.

North Dakota Association of the Blind Seeks Nominations

NDAB is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award which was established to recognize Bob's dedication as a Lion serving people with sight loss. In his memory, NDAB is seeking one nominee from each Lions Club.

Include the following information: submitter and nominee's name and contact information, club name, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss, Lions involvement, and letter from the club president.

Mail to Mary Lou Stip at 4212 Estate Dr S. Fargo ND 58104 or email maryloustip@midco.net by March 15, 2024.

The award will be presented at the NDAB convention.

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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



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Greetings,

Call 911 and get an extinguisher, because 5NE IS ON FIRE! What a month we have had. As I write this, we have gained 53 new members so far and have a net gain of 21. WOW! We are working on a new club in Steele and have 13 charter members signed up already. Dakota National Forensic League Lions is working on sponsoring a statewide Leo club. How exciting! Keep up the good work and don't stop now. At the State Convention, we won the shoot-out and member challenge. Congratulations to 5NW as they also had a gain in membership. The challenge between 5NE and 5NW will continue. I understand that DG Lynn Grabow and I will be jousting at the MD5 convention in Minot in May. To make the pot even sweeter, PID Pat Vannett and PID Bruce Schwartz announced at the convention that they will be cooking for the winning district cabinet in this challenge. Thank you so much and make lots of food because we at 5NE love to eat. Who thought when I challenged 5NW DG Lynn Grabow to this dual in the July Newsletter, it would take off like this. It's been fun.

Speaking of the State Convention, what a super job Minot Magic City Lions did in putting it together. We can't thank them enough for all their hard work. I think everyone had a great time, I know my wife and I did. Lots of information and

loads of fun. Game Night was hilarious, the food was excellent, and we had terrific speakers and break-out sessions. 5NE's own Lion Kristin Follman of the Horace Lions Club gave an impressive and informative speech about The Haiti Eye Mission. I got to visit with Lion Kristen and Lion Kevin Benson, also of the Horace Lions Club, about their mission when we were at the International Convention in Boston, back in July. I decided then, after seeing their passion, that I would try to get them more funding.

We had two wonderful guests at the convention, PID Connie LeCleir-Meyer and her husband Mike from Wisconsin. What a nice couple. PID Connie gave inspiring speeches, and both were always eager to participate. I can't thank them enough for being there and for serving so generously and graciously.

During the State Convention, 5NE elected some superb leaders. Lion Kirk Tingum of the Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club was elected to serve as District Governor next year, along with Lion Kristi Swenson of the New Rockford Lions Club for 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. This year's 2nd Vice District Governor Lion Paul McDonald of Valley City Lions resigned just before the

convention, due to work conflicts and personal reasons. He is a pleasant person to work with and we will miss him. Lion Paula Swanson Western of the Fargo Lions Club, bless her heart, accepted the nomination to fill the current 2nd Vice District Governor position. She will move up to 1st Vice District Governor next year. She makes this change easy, as all I have to do is, with a permanent marker, add an A to Paul on the name badge. I am so proud and excited to work with these great leaders.

Lion Paula is also a chair for next year's state convention in Fargo, "Fiesta in Fargo". Boy, was she getting people to register! She told us if she got 20 registered, she and MD5 Council Chair Jeanette Bean would jump in the pool with their clothes on. She hit that mark right away, and they jumped. Paula's husband Mark said he would jump if they hit 50 which they did and he jumped. 5NW DG Lynn Grabow said he would jump at 55 registered and he also jumped. They wanted me to jump, but I said, "no way in my new Walmart clearance sale jeans". I offered to go to the room and put my Speedo on, but people started asking for their registration and

money back.

I had some fun visitations this month. The Carrington Lions invited my wife and I to join them for their 40th anniversary celebration. We had a delicious meal and since it was October and getting close to Halloween, they had the "Scary" IPDG Scott Hildre speak. He did a fabulous job, as always. I was also invited to the Rugby Lions for their charter night and 95th anniversary. I still can't figure out why there were no charter members present! We had a great meal and a great time. We inducted 4 new members and awarded two 25-year chevrons. Yours truly even spoke a little.

November is the month of Thanksgiving. We should all give thanks (unless you're a turkey) for our blessings. I know I should try to be more thankful all year long. When I mentioned turkey, I didn't mean PDG Joe Sowokinos.

My grandkids told me to stop telling Thanksgiving jokes, but I told them I can't just quit cold turkey!

Have a Happy Thanksgiving,

DG Rick Stark

New Voices ROAR

5NE DG Rick Stark

SERVICE Jihan Brifki-Fargo Gateway: vision screenings

MEMBERSHIP Stephen Beauclair - Davenport: sponsored 5 members

LEADERSHIP Dylan Schnabel - Kulm: now club secretary

MARKETING Paul Erdelt - Medina: free ads for Lions in his newspaper

5NW DG Lynn Grabow

MEMBERSHIP Kathy Brandt-Prairie Rose: 3 members

LEADERSHIP Kristen Iverson/Charter member Tioga Lions

SERVICE Hilda Hinderer -Flasher Lions

MARKETING -Marlene Grabow-Prairie Rose: does all of DG's media posts

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donors

Including 10/21/2023 Parade of Green PDG Steve Johnson, Treasurer, LFND

Bronze Club \$100 - \$299: Hazen, Jamestown, Lake Metigoshe, New Rockford, North Star, South Heart

Silver Club \$300-\$499: Carrington, Prairie Rose

Gold Club \$500-\$999: Fargo, South Forks, Washburn, Williston Korner

Diamond Club \$1,000 +: Fargo Gateway, Rugby, Magic City

Life Member \$300: LeAnn Eckroth by Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, Berna Smith by Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, TBD by New England Lions Club

Thank you, Lions. Your gifts make it possible for LFND to provide project grants to North Dakota clubs.

Club News

Dacotah Mandan



Dacotah Mandan Lions Small Service Project

The Dacotah Mandan Lions Club donated a meat and cheese tray to the new Mandan School, Lakewood Elementary. Left to right. Administrative Assistant Janel Volesky, Counselor Kaley Schwab, Lion Berna Smith, Principal Pat Beckman, Lion Shirley Schafer and PDG Lion Sherry Fetch.

Tuttle



It was a fun time at the Tuttle Lions Club Trunk N Treat Event on October 29. Due to weather, the event was moved indoors. The walls were lined with 24 festive trunks from businesses and individuals from around Kidder County. Face painting, pumpkin painting, and pumpkin bowling were a big hit! Approximately 55-60 kids came for generous amounts of treats handed out. Delicious pies were served by the Lions club as a thank you to the surrounding community for their continued support.

Gateway



Hey, where did everyone go!. Here's a picture of President Dave Dougherty trying to get a group picture but to no avail. The Fargo Gateway Lions had another great turnout for our state convention in Minot. Nine members in total made the trip. The Gateway Lions club took home a number of awards again this year including Club of the Year. Let's hope we get a great turnout for the Fiesta in Fargo for next year.

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An update as reported at State Convention on my grandson Keaton after his dirt bike accident, he is still in pain but doing better. With five vertebrae fractures, he is home with a back brace and he may resume school as tolerated by doctor's orders. Thank you all so much for the cards and well wishes. Rick and Kristy Swenson, they cried at your get-well message.

November brings a thought of Veterans Day, and thank you for your service! My dad was a veteran, and I had many uncles, cousins and nephews who were in the military. I have so much respect for anyone who has served our country. Because of ALL veterans we have freedom like no other country in the world. So many sacrificed by giving their life for our freedom. Many came home disabled, physically or mentally. Those with PTSD may never be the same because they were loyal to our country like no one else. So, I say again "Thank you for your service"!

November also makes me think about the upcoming holidays like Thanksgiving, and how Blessed we are as Americans. But some people are not as fortunate as we are. Please consider your local food pantry as a place to provide additional groceries either personally or as a club project. Two years ago, Lions did a Food Pantry Blitz in November and December. Let's do that again Lions! Please stop in and ask at your local food pantry what is their greatest need. Maybe you could challenge your club to provide 25 to 50 hams or turkeys if that what is needed. Just ask and see if there is a need.

November is also diabetes awareness month. Is your

club doing anything to provide education or service to diabetics? There is a lot of diabetes in my wife's family, so we are always aware of the illness in our community and area. My wife's nephew, the last couple of years of his life, had a service dog because he was blind and it was huge for him to have his dog as a companion and friend to help him every day. Lions are "Changing the World, every day"! Are you reaching out and offering your services to the people that need it the most?

Ok, lets back up the bus for a minute. October was a busy month! The Flasher Lions Club is on the move again! We had a fun birthday party, as they are 50 years old and coming back as strong as ever! Lion Vern Frederick is a Past District Governor, a charter member, and a Melvin Jones Fellow, but he was the last lone member of the club. But the club is now rebuilding. My challenge is that they double their club size by year end by each asking one additional friend to join them to really make a difference in their community!

October was also our North Dakota State Lions Convention. I must personally thank 5NE District Governor Rick Stark as he was crucial in its success! He was and is a great friend and partner in this event along with his wife Bobbie and my wife Marlene! I feel the convention was a success even though there may have been some mistakes. And how about the FFA students from Berthold who added to

our convention with correct parliamentary procedure. They were fun! We wanted this convention to be positive, educational, motivational, and FUN and I think it was. We want more to attend next year and I think more will because of this year's event. A big thank you to the Magic City Lions, who did an awesome job, of hosting and to Lions Christy Miller and Josh Ressler for co-chairing! All of our speakers such as IPID Connie LeClair Meyer, Lion Kristin Follman on her Haiti Eye Mission, DGE Lion Lynn Helms on his Ukraine Mission and the challenge to our Lions, Marty Douglas on Service Dogs for America program, and PID Pat Vannett on "Mission 1.5!". Also, a big thanks to DGE Kirk Tingum and DGE Lynn Helms for the very nice and meaningful Memorial Service and to Lions Jed Geer and Julie Schwartz for their music at that service. Thank you all, IT WAS GREAT!! Also, many quality sponsors and vendors had booths for us that were excellent! Let's keep our energy going as we move toward year end and don't forget to just ask a friend to join you at a club meeting for potential new members.

You probably heard 5NE did beat 5NW on new Lions members by State convention, but we did accept the challenge for the Dec 31st year end member goal. Can they beat us twice? I sincerely hope not because the west is resilient and I hope we can and will have more new Lions by year end.

And finally, I must report that I attended my first "Li-

ons Night at the Races" in New England. What a fun night we had. That New England Lions Club knows how to have fun and entertain the area with this event! Their club did an AWESOME job working together. I might consider someday going to an actual Kentucky Derby, it was so fun. Also, we had some new Lions attend from the Hettinger Lions Club that is close to chartering. They loved the event and are planning to do the same in Hettinger after they charter. And better yet, the New England Lions offered to help them out with not only the derby event, but they are sponsoring and being Guiding Lions for the new Hettinger Club! A big thank you to PDG Mark Koller and all of the New England Lions for making us feel so welcome and putting on such a great event.

So, Lions of western ND, lets enter November with new service, new energy and show our communities we really care! And yes Lions, thank you for your Service! You are changing the world through Lions!

Be Thankful Every Day!
DG Lion Lynn

Club News

North Star



Lion James Bumann, North Star Lions Club member, was the 53rd inductee into the North Dakota Lion's Hall of Fame. This honor was posthumously presented to the North Star Lions Club on behalf of his family during the North Dakota State Lion's Convention held in Minot.

Napoleon



McKlayne Rau, (right) Napoleon, Public School 6th grader won the Napoleon Lions Club "Dare To Dream" local poster contest. Napoleon Lions Club President Brian Schneider presented a gift card to Rau for winning the local contest. Her poster has since advanced to the State Lions Convention. Students were asked to show how they'll turn their dream of a peaceful world into reality. Other Napoleon students who entered a poster were Bennett Gerhardt, Shaniaa Johnson, Brinley Kleppe, Hailey Kleppe, Kynlie Vetter and Brealle Weigel.

Williston



Williston Lions Howard Miller and Harry Wallner volunteering at the annual Feed My Starving Children meal packing event.

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

**ND Lion
deadline is
the 7th of
the month**

Club News

Grand Forks



Grand Forks Lions Club recently inducted three new members. From left: sponsor Lion Myron Barnes, new member Don Schempp, sponsor Lion Joe Sowokinos (South Forks Lions), new member Brian Emerson, sponsor Lion Connie Osowski, new member Pam Kylo, induction official Lion Steve Johnson.

Carrington



District Governor Rick Stark presents a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lions Jennifer Wede and Karla Michaelson at the Carrington Lions 40th anniversary dinner on October 7.

Parade of Green Raises \$56,400

PDG Steve Johnson, Treasurer, LFND

The annual Parade of Green, part of the 2023 State Lions Convention in Minot, was a big success. One hundred eight donations were received from twenty Lions Clubs. Numbers of gifts and subtotals for the fourteen recipients are:

Lions Clubs International Foundation (11)	\$10,400
Service Dogs for America (16)	\$8,975
Lions Foundation of ND (17)	\$9,200
Leader Dogs for the Blind (16)	\$7,525
Dakota Lions Sight & Health (17)	\$6,950
Sight 4 Kidz (8)	\$5,300
ND Vision Services/School for the Blind (6)	\$3,650
ND Association of the Blind (5)	\$1,150
Gateway to Science (2)	\$1,000
Video Magnifier Program (1)	\$500
MD5 Youth Camp (3)	\$500
Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (1)	\$500
Eyeglass Recycling Program (3)	\$400
Vision Start (2)	\$350

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:

Harvey Lions Club – ditch cleaning

Fargo Lions Club – fall cleanup

Grand Forks Lions Club – litter pickup in Greenway segment, Kannowski Park, and Rydell Skatepark
Note: To be acknowledged here, clubs must identify projects as "Environmental" when posting in MyLion

Oakes Lions Geoff Rath Memorial Pheasant Hunt

- Oakes Lions Club will hold the third annual Geoff Rath Memorial Lions Pheasant Hunt on **Saturday December 2nd, 2023**
- Teams may consist of 4, 5, or 6 members. One dog per hunter will be allowed
- **The entry fee will be \$50.00 per hunter to be paid by the team captain no later than November 25, 2023**
- The rules meeting will be held at the Angry Beaver Lodge in Oakes, ND at 11:00am on December 2nd. We will then draw for the land parcels for each team to hunt on.
- The hunt time will be from 12:30 to 4pm all hunters will return to the Angry Beaver Lodge for the awards, drawings and dinner with a cash bar.
- Tagged roosters will be placed on each parcel of land. The hunters harvesting the tagged birds will have their names entered into a drawing for the grand prize.
- If no hunter harvests a tagged rooster all hunters names will be entered into the drawing.

For more information and where to send fee please contact:



Club News

Minot



The Minot Lions had a wonderful time at the State Convention in October hosted by the Magic City Lions! Our club received the FUN award from District Governor Lynn Grabow. Jacob Thrailkill was elected as the 2nd Vice District Governor Elect. We can't wait to see everyone in Minot once again for the MD5 Convention! Register at [https:// givebutter.com/2024MD5Convention](https://givebutter.com/2024MD5Convention).