



## Area Club News

### Oakes



The Oakes Lions Club held their third Geoff Rath Memorial Pheasant Hunt. The club released seventy banded pheasant roosters and fifty banded chukars. There were fifteen teams with 77 total hunters. 1st Place team with 12 birds was Jerry Praska, Steve Malmberg, Devin Loepp, Randy Burley and Keith Loepp. Everyone enjoyed the social hour at the Angry Beaver Lodge while exchanging their hunting stories of the day. All proceeds from this event will help support future Lions grants and humanitarian services with the surrounding communities.

### Stanley



The Stanley Lions served a pancake breakfast with music by local musicians on December 17th. This was a great success with free will donations to be used for ongoing programs.

### Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions President Reid Wilson presents Lion Ross Erickson with a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.

### Lake Metigoshe



Lake Metigoshe Lions Cedric and Sue Jacobson have been assisting with the Cheer Box project for 30+ years helping around 100 families per year who are in need! Cheer Box is a community driven project spearheaded by the Bottineau Study Club members with businesses and organizations contributing and helping fill boxes of 'Cheer' with groceries, clothing, quilts, and toys for those in need within Bottineau County for the holidays.

# Club News

## Napoleon



The Napoleon Lions collected and donated food to the Logan County Food Pantry recently. (L-R): Andy Piatz, Brian Schneider, Lorraine Piatz, John Johs, Rich Bjerklie, Sally Johs, Barb Braun, Anton Braun and Christine Schwarzenberger.

## North Star



North Star Lions honored two members with a North Star Legends Award for their years of service to the club and the Bismarck community. Lion Brach Johnson (right photo-center) is a North Star Lions Club founding member, and has served as president twice, District Governor, Past Council Chair, as well as a North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame inductee and a staple of our club at all events. Lion Joel Newgard (left-left photo) has been a North Star Lion since 2003. He served as club president from 2009-2010 and held positions in the club and on the board for many years. Congratulations!

## Enderlin



The Enderlin Community was pummeled by ice on Christmas Day. Besides the slick roads and downed power lines it meant no power to hundreds. Utility companies dispatched crews and their work was brutal, dangerous and never ending. Lion Roxy Johnson saw an opportunity and the Enderlin Lions acted. The club picked up the tab for a field lunch order at the TraXside Cafe. Good Food, good work and great appreciation. A simple act of kindness brought power to the people. Pictured are Lions Terry Taylor and President Grant Patterson.

### Anton "Tony" Dilger Gift

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota is humbled to announce receipt of a \$200,000 bequest from the estate of Anton "Tony" Dilger, longtime resident of Bismarck. In his will, Mr. Dilger asked that his gift be applied to the endowment of the Foundation with earnings to benefit the Sight 4 Kidz program. The Foundation is unable to identify any prior association between Mr. Dilger and Lions or the Sight 4 Kidz program, which makes his gift even more remarkable.



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## 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Happy New Year everyone. It's January already, normally the coldest month of the year. What a nice winter we have had so far, but I imagine we could get some cold weather yet. I hope everyone's heaters are working. I recently went skydiving and after I jumped my parachute wouldn't open. As I kept falling down, I met a fellow going up, so I yelled over to him "Do you know anything about parachutes?" He yelled back "No, do you know anything about gas furnaces?"

January 1st also marks the midway point of the Lions year. Like I have heard the famous philosopher Jon Bon Jovi say many times, "We're halfway there." What a great six months it has been. I have visited many clubs, met lots of great people, and heard about many wonderful projects. I know I can't mention them all, but I have to tell you about the Zone One Ronald McDonald House Lions Den project. These clubs all worked together to raise \$35,000 to sponsor a room at the new Ronald McDonald House in Fargo. The facility is awesome and well run. They have thought of everything to make life better for these families going through some of the hardest times of their lives with a sick child. Zone One clubs include Fargo, Fargo Gateway, West Fargo, Fargo Roamer 4 Wheel Drive, Horace, Mapleton, Wahpeton, Wahpeton Headwaters, NDSU Fargo and Dakota National Forensic League. Excellent job to all involved.

Like I said earlier, I can't tell of all the works Lions do, but I was told that Zeeland, Ashley, and Strasburg Lions all worked together on a benefit and raised \$80,000 for a family where both parents are struggling with health problems. Good job. I also want to give a shout out to the Enderlin Lions. They have re-

ally been working hard. They did three benefits within ten weeks of each other. On September 16th, they did a pancake and sausage benefit to help out a person with cancer. On October 22nd they did a chili and potato bar benefit for a fellow Lion and plumber with medical problems. Then on December 2nd they did another pancake and sausage benefit to raise money for the Ransom County Sheriff's Department to get a new police dog after their last one passed away from cancer. Kudos to you.

It's official, we have a new Lions club in Steele called the Steele Area Lions Club. I want to congratulate and welcome them to the largest and greatest service organization in the world. They are a bunch of energetic citizens wanting to do things for their community. Their charter night is set for

Wednesday night, January 31st at 6:00 PM. Come join in the fun and help them get off to a good start. We are sending out invitations to all the clubs and the information is on the 5NE Lions website.

I want to thank my cabinet, zone chairs and my GAT committee for making the first half of the year so great. No single person could do this, it takes a team, and what a GREAT TEAM you are.

January is hunger awareness month so support your food pantries. It is also the birthday month "the 13th" of Lions founder Melvin Jones.

Remember, we can't grow if we don't invite. Make a special effort to invite a friend or relative to join you at a meeting and show them what Lions really do and have fun while doing it.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and got every-

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thing they wanted for Christmas. A Grandmother who had saved up a little money, sent all of her 15 grandkids a check for \$100 for Christmas. She never heard from any of the grandkids afterwards. It hurt her feelings and she told her neighbor about it. You know how grandmothers are though, the next Christmas she sent them all \$100 checks again. To the neighbor's amazement all 15 grandkids stopped in and thanked their grandmother personally. The neighbor asked the grandmother why there was such a change of heart in all the grandkids in just a year. The grandmother replied, "This year I didn't sign the checks."

Always say Thank You.  
DG Rick Stark

## Club News

### Grand Forks



The Grand Forks Lions Club thanks the Lions Foundation of North Dakota for making possible the purchase of its North Pole display which is the newest addition to the Lions Christmas in the Park project. The Foundation granted \$818.40 of the \$1636.80 total cost of the display. Shown in the photo are club members and guests gathered after the Club's annual Christmas party. Drive-through guests were encouraged to use the new display as a backdrop for family holiday photos.

# Club News

## Carrington



Carrington Lions hosted Santa Day at the Youth Center on Dec. 16. Santa and Lions Jane Fredrickson, Mary Struxness and Suzie LaBelle handed out treat bags to 122 children. The kids posed for pictures with Santa and saw the movie Elf.

## Minot



The Minot Lions spent a day ringing bells for the Salvation Army and also enjoyed our Christmas party! And in true club fashion, we only got a picture of the shenanigans and FUN! From our club to yours, we hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Can't wait to see you all at our MD5 convention!

### **MD5 Council Chair 2023->24**

**Lion Jeanette Bean welcomes you to the MD5 Web Site!**

**Multiple District 5 Website information below**

<https://www.e-district.org/sites/md5/index.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1373774700060818/>

<https://www.minotlions.com/2024-md5lionsconvention>

**A Great Resource for Multiple District 5 Information**

## South Forks



South Forks Lions Club members Del Hager and Mike Hergert delivered \$300, and 135 pounds of food to Mickey Munson, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store in Grand Forks on December 19th. The food and cash was donated by South Forks Lions Club members.

## Horace



The Horace Lions provided for a visit with Santa on December 21. Santa visited with children, took pictures and each child was given a Santa treat bag with various goodies. Approximately 250 children took the opportunity to spend time with Santa.

## Gateway



Holiday Party and Project Child. It was a festive evening for the Fargo Gateway Lions. Members coupled this Christmas party with our annual Project Christmas Child Gifts Box program. Over 70 wrapped children's Christmas gifts came in from members during that week and most are in the hands of children that would otherwise have no gifts for Christmas.

# 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



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Well, 5NW Lions Welcome to 2024! We all have so much to be thankful for, in Lions and in our personal lives as well.

Our grandson Keaton who was injured during the Lions State Convention continues to heal, thank you for your thoughts and prayers! He continues to wear a back brace (mostly for protection from horseplay from fellow students). His five fractured vertebrae seem to be healing well and we are very thankful as his doctor told him if he were an adult he would be in a wheelchair. So, we are very lucky as it could have been so much worse.

As of Jan. 1st, my term as DG is half over and we need to reflect 5NW dreams and goals for last year. The first 6 months have gone well. I have been very busy with club visits and I truly enjoy this part of my DG responsibilities. Service seems to be up, but it is hard to track as reporting of service is not where it should be which is the case nationally. So, if you are reporting all of your service, Thank You! If you are not, I want to challenge you to try to report as much as you can. We in 5NW are doing a lot more than we think! I am so proud of all that we do through Lions! We were up 91 new Lions members as of year-end. BUT we had 66 dropped members due to death, moving or just dropped membership so we had a net gain of 27, which I am ok with. Our International President last year, Douglas Alexander, once said "Happy Lions don't leave our clubs". So why do some leave? Are we not asking them to be involved? Are we not listening to their ideas? Are we not encouraging them to be in leadership roles? Maybe we just need to, after they miss a couple of meetings, give them a call and say "we miss you, our meeting is coming up, please come"? I'm not sure, every club is different. Some clubs have

a membership chair, which I Love! I think one person, the F.U.N. one, could be the membership retention chair, as a follow up with newer members to make them feel welcome and part of Lions. It is sad to have members leave when we work so hard to build up our clubs. The bad news is 5NE (eastern North Dakota) did beat us by 6 or 7 Lions in our membership challenge. So, we in 5NW have lost both of the first two legs of our little fun race with the east half of ND. Kudos to them! They are doing very well! This competition only happened because my good friend DG Rick Stark and I challenged each other for fun because of recent trends in membership and the need to change for the better. They have done just that! More members, less work, and more F.U.N.! More fun, more retention and good service is a Win Win!

Another goal was to save a failing club which was down to ONE Lion. Flasher Lions now are at 11 or 12 members and some haven't been reported yet. The BEST people possible in Flasher are now Lions and it has been so fun! One new Lion, Hilda, wasn't a Lion for 2 days and she went and applied for a \$35,000 dollar ND Community Foundation Grant and has been accepted for half of it already! Great job Hilda! Also F.U.N. has been the process while chartering a new club in Hettinger. They are 24 members strong, and I am so proud of the leadership that stepped forward, just like in Flasher, and are leading the club! They have unbelievable new ideas and great possibilities in place to really make a difference in Hettinger! Can you see what new members and new ideas do?

December was filled with

opportunities to attend Christmas parties which were so much fun and a lot of club visits. Early Dec. we went to Bowman one day, the next day to Beach and that night to South Heart for a zone meeting/Christmas Ugly Sweater party. Thank God, Shelby, our daughter lives right in the middle because that saved a lot of miles for us with three clubs in two days.

So where do we go from here? New Years Resolutions? I'm not big on them, but here it goes. I promise to see as many clubs as I can in 2024. My dream is that my team will as well. We need to reconnect with all clubs as best we can because you have needs and we need to hear about them to help you! Please call if you have a question or a need. We now have 44 Lions Clubs in western North Dakota and I'm sure you all need something. But if you don't ask, we can't help you. We have a process at club visits to conduct a SWOT analysis. It is kind of fun and makes you think about who you are as a club and who you might want to be. Please call me at 701-629-0029 if you want to try it. It might open your eyes to your club and who you are.

Why not?

As we begin January and 2024 have you thought of how you can better serve your community? I'm really proud of my home club in Stanley who have for many years hosted a Lions Holiday Basketball tourney. Reclassification by the ND High School Activities Association changed who could play in the tourney. So, the coaches decided to cancel it, which canceled their major fundraiser for the club. So, they decided to start a Sunday brunch for the community after church on Sunday, most churches then supported Lions as well. Smart thinking Lions! The Wilton club I belong to now is also very involved and has numerous fund raisers all year long which make Wilton better. How can your club better serve your area. January is a good time to reflect on how you can better serve your area so take some time as a club to plan for a successful Lions year!

In closing I want to wish you all an AWESOME 2024, and lets ROAR! We are changing the world through Lions every day! Lion Lynn Grabow, your DG.

## New Rockford



New Rockford Lion Lisa Sullivan was our Tree of Giving volunteer this year. She was a thrifty shopper and was able to buy all the gifts that were asked for plus, a few extra for the children on her list.

## On a Mission to Grow to Serve More People All Lions

**MISSION 1.5 Sponsor Pin:** In addition to the traditional sponsor pin, Lions who sponsor a new member during MISSION 1.5 will also receive a special MISSION 1.5 Sponsor Pin designed to celebrate the achievement of welcoming a new member to your Lions club.

Qualifying criteria

- Sponsor a new member during MISSION 1.5

All new members and charter members who become Lions during MISSION 1.5 will receive a special member pin in addition to the traditional new member or charter member pin.

### All Clubs

**Member Retention Awards:** MISSION 1.5 is your opportunity to emerge as a Lion leader, put your club on the map and show that serving side by side means growing stronger together.

**Premier Club Award:** MISSION 1.5's Premier Club is a four-tiered, progressive award system with Premier, Silver, Gold, and Diamond levels. There is an opportunity to advance one tier every Lion Year, but to reach Diamond status by 2027, Premier Club status must be achieved in the first year.

Qualifying criteria:

- Gain a new MISSION 1.5 Premier Club award tier each year by achieving 100% retention, 10% growth, with a minimum of 5 new members

Premier Club Award winners at and above the Silver Tier will also be recognized in LION magazine and at international convention.

**Platinum Club Award:** There is a special place reserved at the top of the MISSION 1.5 mountain. It's an elite level only the most dedicated Lions clubs can attain. Lions always rise to the occasion. This is the occasion.

Qualifying criteria:

- Retain 100% of existing membership and double club size by adding at least 20 new members

Platinum Club Award winners will also be recognized in LION Magazine and at international convention.

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

Valley City Lions	\$200
Williston Lions Club	\$510
Alexander Lions Club	\$275
Sheyenne Valley Community Foundation	\$5,000

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

### STEELE AREA LIONS Charter Night

The Tuttle Lions Club along with the Lions of 5NE invite you to join us in the celebration of the newest Lions club in ND.

When: January 31st, 2024

Where: AMVETs, 114 1st St NW, Steele, ND

Who: Everyone is invited!!

Details: 6:00 Social; 6:30 Dinner will be served  
7:00 Program

Cost: \$20.00 per person

We have 22 new members that we will be inducted as Charter members of the Steele Area Lions Club on January 31st, and we would love to have you celebrate with us.

**RSVP: Please RSVP by January 20th to either:  
DG Rick Stark call or text 701-204-5905  
Paula Swanson call or text 952-201-5531**

If your Club is interested in donating to the new Steele Area Club either with gifts or financial donations, please let us know so that we may recognize your Club in the event program.



This institute is for Lions who wish to pursue leadership roles within their club. You will learn the history and goals of LCI and LCIF, develop strategies for being an effective leader, creative thinking, change management and collaborate with a diverse group of fellow Lions.

March 15-17, 2024  
Shooting Star Casino  
777 Casino Dr, Mahnomen, MN

The cost of the institute is \$100 USD which includes all training materials and meals. Lodging is available at the casino hotel for \$85 USD per night.

Additional details and the application can be found on the MD5M website: [lionsmd5m.org](http://lionsmd5m.org) under resources.

Contact Lion Dennis W. Kelly III, MD5M GLT Coordinator at [dkellylion@gmail.com](mailto:dkellylion@gmail.com) with questions.

# 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 <b>Club Awards</b> (list award & year)	1.0
18 Each year President of Lions Eye Bank (list year)	2.0	41 Other <b>District Awards</b> (list award & year)	1.5
19 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer of Lions Eye Bank (list)	1.0	42 Other <b>International Awards</b> (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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 tendering 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 10, 2024**. 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 19<sup>TH</sup> ST., BISMARCK, ND 58503

## Club News

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### Bismarck

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Bismarck Lions had fun times at the Christmas party held at Send It with cornhole tourney, ugly sweaters, prizes, a service project, and creating bags of items that could be needed for people living in the cold. The bags were handed out at the Dream Center. Welcome new members Lion Katie Johnson and Lion Ross Espeseth.

### North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame

Calling all Lions Clubs in North Dakota. Do you have that special Lion who has excelled in your club, Lions district, Lions MD5 and is highly involved in your community? Why not consider nominating that special Lion for North Dakota Lion's highest award: The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

This award started in 1982 is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon any North Dakota Lion. Nominees are ranked by their involvement, dedication, and service to their community, club, district, MD5, and Lions Clubs International. See the application form in this issue and nominate that dedicated Lion. Deadline for nominations is April 10, 2024.

For further information, please contact PDG Lion Tim Thueson, at 701-391-2704 or [tthueson@bis.midco.net](mailto:tthueson@bis.midco.net).