



## Area Club News

### Gateway



Fargo Gateway Lions celebrate a Pre-Giving Hearts Day. Pictured are over 50 Gateway Lions and guests at their annual Pre-Giving Hearts Day event. The Lions gave away over \$22,000 to fifteen local charities to kick off the Giving Hearts Day annual event on February 8. The charities all fell into the five key causes of Lions International.

### Minot



The Minot Lions had a fun January and were able to induct three new members this month! From left to right: Robertta Bennett and her sponsor Lisa Michels, Mark Ras-musson as inductor, Jennifer Shirley and her sponsor Barb Hankla, and lastly Brenden Bergquist and his sponsor Jacob Thrailkill. We also held a club wide orientation day at one of our meetings and enjoyed stories from current members about past Lion events, projects, and fundraisers!

### Tioga



Five Tioga Lions with the assistance of two Korner Lions screened 243 students at the Tioga Elementary school resulting in 42 referrals. Pictured: Korner Lion Lois Reiersen and Tioga Lions Terry Skalicky, Kari Skalicky, Shelby Davis, Kristin Iverson and Korner Lion Liz Bustad. Not pictured: Ricky Raan

### Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions President Reid Wilson presents Mike Nolan the Melvin Jones Progressive Award.

### Steele Club Charter Night



Lion Larry Leier, a 50 year member of the Valley City Lions Club and Lion Lorraine Piatz, a 10 year member of the Napoleon Lions Club, attended the Steele Club Charter night on January 31st.

## Dacotah Mandan



The Dacotah Mandan Lions Club donated a meat and cheese tray to the St Joseph's Catholic Montessori School which is one of their service projects. From left to right: Lion Shirley Schafer, Lion PCC Arlen Fetch, Principal Zachary Kuznia, Administrative Assistant Becci Cunningham, Lion PDG Sherry Fetch and Lion Berna Smith.

## Korner



The Korner Lions cooked and served a meal to welcome Ukraine residents that are part of the Bakken Grow program. The North Dakota Petroleum Council (NDPC) is responding to the workforce shortage for its oil and natural gas company members by creating a new program called Bakken GROW (Global Recruitment of Oilfield Workers) which will be an innovative way to bring new workers to the Bakken region through immigration.

### March is Women's History month

Did you know that women have been Lions members since 1987? If your Lions club has female members, here are a few suggestions to show appreciation for their years of service in your community:

- 1) Pay for their meal during the March meeting
- 2) Give each lady a flower at the meeting
- 3) Host a luncheon on International Women's Day- March 8



Hi my name is Kerry Swanson, I'm secretary and Treasurer of the Braddock Lion's Club. We are a tiny club of 7. During Christmas my nephew Jameson Koehn was hospitalized in Bismarck. Jameson was born with Marfans Syndrome. He has the most rare and sadly a very symptomatic case. He has had one heart surgery and is scheduled for another, he has had many other surgeries as well. While in the hospital the last time my brother in law Jason Koehn was humbled by the kindness of others, Jameson was gifted so many wonderful toys that made his stay so much less scary. Jason decided to do a toy drive through his employers Montrail Williams Electrical Company. It has been a great success so far.

I put in an application for funds to purchase toys from the Braddock Lion's Club and discussed that I would like to continue the toy drive by incorporating it with our annual 4th of July party we do here in Braddock. I've also applied to several other clubs for donations and will purchase more toys with those funds to donate to local hospitals and Ronald McDonald houses. It is my hope that our little Lion's club can make a few more children's hospital visits a little less scary, boring and even traumatic by giving medical staff toys for the children and their families.

If you would like to donate. Please do so by sending donations to Kerry Swanson-Jameson's Journey Braddock Lion's Secretary Treasurer 1817 53rd Street SE Braddock ND 58524

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# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions and Happy February,

Another month has flown by and the North Dakota winter has still been great. We did have that cold snap and when she got cold, IT WAS COLD! My brass monkey is now neutered.

February is Presidents Day month so remember to honor your country and all of our Presidents. It is also Giving Hearts Month, so give all that you can.

Speaking of giving, we have an ongoing project going on right here in our district. It is called the "Haiti Eye Mission". These volunteers do awesome work in the poor country of Haiti where they get very little care. They need our help. We are trying to get them funding and were wondering if all or most MD5 Clubs would consider a \$5 per member signed pledge for 5 years. I am calling it the "Give Me Five" initiative. We would like your comments and feedback.

Again, this last month, I had great visits with some wonderful clubs. Keep up the good work. And don't forget "INVITE-SHOW-FUN. Invite someone to your next meeting, show them what Lions do, and have fun while doing it. Our district is growing, so let's keep the momentum going.

Speaking of growing, Wednesday night, January 31st our district grew by 22 members, with a possibility of 2-3 more, as we celebrated the "Steele Area Lions Club" at their charter night. Someone should write a song, "Oh What a Night". Around 90 people representing 26 different clubs from both 5NE and 5NW, Minnesota and South Dakota came with gifts and wisdom to help the new club celebrate and get off to a good start. There were also gifts sent from clubs that couldn't be there. Our Vice District Governor, Lion Kirk Tingum from Grand

Forks South Forks Lions and Immediate Past District Governor, Lion Scott Hildre from Fargo Gateway Lions had both planned to attend but due to family health reasons, had to cancel. Please keep both families in your prayers. PCC Jay Norby from Perham, Minnesota was our keynote speaker. He did an excellent job. PCC Jay was instrumental in guiding us through this process. His lovely wife DG Linda Norby accompanied him. We had two Past International Directors there. PID Pat Vannett and PID Bruce Schwartz did the swearing in of the new members. We were honored to have our current candidate for International Director PCC John Emmett from Aberdeen South Dakota with us. We were also privileged with the presence of our MD5 Council Chair Jeanette Bean and her husband PCC Kevin Bean. There were numerous Past District Governors in attendance, including PDG Joe Sowokinos from Grand Forks South Forks Lions who chaired our committee and PDG Rick Swenson from New Rockford Lions, who also served on the committee. Also, in attendance were both of the Steele Area Club's Certified Guiding Lions, 2nd VDGE Lion Kristi Swenson from New Rockford Lions and Lion Jewell Mehlhoff from Tuttle Lions. There were 7 Lions present from Tuttle Lions Club as the sponsoring club. A great big thank you to everyone that attended and contributed to the new club's success. A special thank you to our GET committee for helping get this done and a very special thank you to GET Chair Lion Crystal Dueker of Fargo Gateway Lions and Lion Paul Erdelt from Steele for all your

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hard work in this endeavor and for keeping everyone refreshed at the party.

The new Steele Area Lions Club President is Lion Leland Ham, who chartered another club 50 years ago in Chaffee ND. His son Lion Loy Ham who is the current President of the Chaffee Lions Club and his wife joined us to help celebrate. Also from Chaffee was another Charter member and our district pin chairman for 39 years, Lion Arlo Anderson and his wife Lion Doris.

At every gathering, there must be hecklers. The Ashley Lions Club fined me twice for bad jokes. This club is eating way too much sauerkraut and wouldn't know a good joke if Johnny Carson arose from his grave and told one himself. I haven't been to Ashley yet this year. When I go, I will be bringing my turbo-charged jokes, and THEY WILL LAUGH. It didn't help matters

that they were sitting by the Carrington Lions Club. Then to top it all off, my own club, the Tuttle Lions Club fined 2nd VDG Lion Paula Swanson of the Fargo Lions Club "who did a great job on this project and that night," for not getting to eat soon enough. It is great to see clubs having so much fun. That's what Lionism is all about.

February is also Valentine's Day month. Do something special for that someone in your life. Last year I asked my wife what she wanted to do for Valentine's Day. She said "Take me somewhere warm and cozy that I've never been before". So, I took her to the kitchen and turned on the oven. My nose healed quickly but my broken finger took a lot longer.

DG Rick Stark

## Club News

### Chaffee



The Chaffee Lions held their annual white elephant auction Jan 11th. This year was the 50th anniversary of the auction and the 50th year that Steffes Auctioneers has been the auctioneer for our sale. The Lions presented Scott Steffes with a plaque in appreciation for the time donated to the Chaffee Lions over the years to help our sales be more profitable. The money raised from our auction is used throughout the year for our donations.

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## Pairie Rose



At a recent meeting the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions completed work on 20 fleece tie blankets to be distributed in the local area. Some will go to the Bismarck Cancer Center and some to Ministry on the Margins, which serves homeless individuals in Bismarck.

## Lake Metigoshe



Vision, being one of Lions main missions, makes being part of the Sight 4 Kidz Vision Screening project so important! Our club has provided this service since 2018 using a borrowed screener until this year when we acquired a Plusoptix portable screener to facilitate vision screenings. Lake Metigoshe Lions conducted a vision screening on Oct. 13, with 42 Kindergarten students taking part of which there were two referrals. Pictured L to R: Mary Bullinger, JoAnn Linrud and Chairperson Meg Fleck.

## Tuttle



Six Tuttle Lions Members received chevrons at our January meeting; Lion Tracy Magstadt-45 years, Lion Ed Bickel-35 years, Lion James Bickel-35 years, Lion Norman Bickel-25 years, (Not pictured—Lion Christ Gerr-35 years, Lion Kevin Price-10 years).

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

Lions Oscar and La Dell Sorenson	\$50
Chaffee Lions Club	\$150
West Fargo Lions Club	\$350

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



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, Mahnomon, 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.

# 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

February Greetings Lions of Western North Dakota (also known as 5NW)

January did come in like a LION and go out like a lamb, didn't it? Wow, a really cold ten days, then it has been pretty mild and lately lots of fog. Most of my life, Marlene my wife would write down the fog days, then flip the calendar ahead three months and write down rain or snow. An old Farmer's Almanac trick that seems to hold true, so March and April should bring lots of snow?

How was your January fellow Lions? This Lions year is officially half over. Has your club had enough fun yet? I want to challenge you to include F.U.N. in all of your service! Or just have one event for fun this year because your community and your club need to see you as the group that gets things done while having some fun. Maybe a Valentine's Party with meatballs and spaghetti at your club? The more you integrate fun with service, the more area people notice Lions and may want to join you. Our Past International President Doug Alexander once said if you are not having fun as a Lion, you are doing something wrong. So, let's make More Fun one of our goals this year. Invite one friend to a Lions meeting because more friends in Lions means more fun and service and better communities.

We in 5NW just had our annual January winter Cabinet Meeting in Bismarck. Normally, this is a Zoom meeting but not this time because sometimes we need to come together and regroup, and we did. The theme of the meeting was "The Boys in the Boat". Have you seen this movie? It is a new movie out that my wife and I saw about teamwork. It does have a little love story in it also (that my wife liked). It is depicted in 1934 at Central

Washington University where a young student was living in an old car and trying to attend college for engineering. He had little money and could hardly afford to eat and attend college and his friend told him about the longboat tryouts. If he qualified, he could get tuition, room, and board for college. WOW, what an opportunity for him so he went to tryouts and over 100 other kids had the same idea. Longboats have 8 members on a team. The front and back people steer and the middle 6 provide speed and power for the boat. This was a junior varsity team and he was chosen as one of the team, because of his hard work. You as a Lion are part of a team, aren't you? This young man had to go through unbelievable physical training to make and stay on the team, but he made it. Part of his journey was just fitting in on the team as the coach gave all of them tasks to be better rowing members. I think about our clubs and as we get new members, are we welcoming them to feel like they are part of our team? We need to include them in meetings and service so they feel needed and part of this great organization, right? Okay back to the boat. They gelled as a team, challenged the varsity team regularly and beat them. They were rowing in the same direction and having success! Our 5NW team was not rowing in the same direction but I believe we are now. Communication is so important. Are we talking to our new Lions and encouraging them enough to get more involved? They are our future, and we need to think about our future. Okay, back to the movie. The coach had to make a hard de-

cision whether to go with the varsity team who had been working for a few years (and whose parents were probably big donors for the college with some pull?) or go with the JV team who was better because they were rowing in the same direction as a team? I think about our new Lions. Are they better than we give them credit for because we see them as new and not experienced like us but maybe they have the energy and passion to lead us in new directions? With their new ideas and energy, could our boat take a whole new direction as a Lions club? Okay, back to the boat. The coach goes to the National Championships for longboats on the college level with his JV team and almost loses his job because of his decision. But his boys WIN the USA national championship trophy and, in the process, qualify for the Olympics in 1934 which was the first time ever a JV team did this. Now all of a sudden, they have to raise money to go to Germany so they try but can't get it done. At the last minute their biggest competitor college comes up with the money to attend the Olympics to represent the USA. So, Lions, who are we not asking to represent us as Lions in our communities? This Longboat Rowing Team changed the

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world being the first JV team to qualify. They did, and they won a GOLD Medal! In 1934, in the middle of the great depression, Jesse Owens was named the fastest man alive when he won 3 Gold Medals. Hitler was just coming into power in Germany at these Olympic games and he was furious that these young students could beat his German team and the USA let black Americans compete and win in his country! Great movie! Are we thinking outside the box in Lions SERVICE and MEMBERSHIP and are we being progressive enough? This year's theme has been, «Lions be Strong and Courageous». Be strong in membership and courageous enough to do the right thing in your community. Do the cancer victim benefit and help out the person that has had a fire or some other tragedy in life. You are changing the world every day through LIONS! But remember we don't need just the Boys in the Boat, we need the girls too! All of us working together with a common cause=====WE SERVE====ALL====

Have a great February and don't forget your Valentine, if you have one!

DG Lynn Grabow

## North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame

North Dakota Lions clubs: Don't forget to nominate that special Lion for the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. The application is printed elsewhere in this paper. Applications must be sent to PDG Lion Tim Thueson by April 10, 2024.

For further information please contact PDG Tim at 701-391-2704 or tthueson@bis.midco.net.

# KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND



## 2024 MD5 Convention May 16-18, 2024 - Minot, North Dakota at The Sleep Inn & Suites

Registrant Name - include preferred name and titles (ex. PID, 2VDG) - *this will be used for your badge*

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

District            5NE             5NW             5SE   
                          5SKN             5SKS             5SW

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs            No             Yes             List \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday evening meal preference:  
                          Chicken             Beef             Vegetarian

**Convention Registration:**

Register online at: <https://givebutter.com/2024MD5Convention> (add'l processing fee)

Early (postmarked by 03/15/24) - # of participants  x US \$ 140

Regular (03/16-05/18/24) - # of participants  x US \$ 160

(Cash or Check) Total Enclosed: US \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Note:** Refunds available until April 15, 2024 by request. Refunds after this date will be considered with Convention approval

**EVENT LOCATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Sleep Inn, Minot (701) 837-3100  
 2400 10th Street SW (attached to Dakota Square Mall)  
[www.sleepinnandsuites.com](http://www.sleepinnandsuites.com)  
 Block of Rooms under MD5 Convention, \$89/night

**Mail Registration and check payable to:**

2024 MD5 Lions Convention  
 c/o Minot Lions Club  
 PO Box 1671, Minot, North Dakota 58702

Check MD5 Lions FB group for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1373774700060818/>

Questions? email MD5 Convention Committee at [minotlions@gmail.com](mailto:minotlions@gmail.com)

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

# 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**

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### Steeter

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The Steeter Lions held their annual Thanksgiving/Awards night on November 7th, 2023. Awards were presented to (L to R) Lion Clyde Reister (attendance), Lion Lloyd Veil (50-year membership) 5NE District Governor Rick Stark, Lion Elray Fercho (attendance), Lion James Anderson (attendance) and Lion Tim Dewald (attendance).

### Napoleon

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The Napoleon Lions recently donated \$1000 to the Napoleon FFA Alumni & Supporters for the Agricultural Education Department construction project. The construction project will begin this spring with the moving of the propane tank and dirt work. Pictured is Richard Bjerklie, Lions treasurer presenting the check to Brian Schneider, Lions president and Napoleon FFA Alumni secretary.

Minot Lions Club Annual  
**Dining in the Dark**  
Friday, May 17, 2024 ~ 5:00 pm ~ Minot State University  
\$60 per person, \$500 per table. In partnership with the 2024 MD5 Convention.  
Proceeds benefit the ND Association of the Blind and local vision projects.  
Visit [www.minotlions.com](http://www.minotlions.com) for details and tickets