

## Area Club News

### Mapleton



The Mapleton Lions Club hosted the 3rd Annual Christmas Lighting Party on December 1st. Families enjoyed decorating cookies, making crafts, sipping hot chocolate and visiting with Santa. The event was capped off by counting down for the lighting of the Christmas lights along Meridian Road.

### Dacotah Mandan



Dacotah Mandan Lions Volunteer at the Spirit of Life Food Pantry preparing boxes for those in need for Thanksgiving. Lions Sally Helms, Gary Heaton, Cindy Sandvick and Sherry Fetch are shown. Those not shown who volunteered, Lions Ewell Madry, Rick and Melanie Willoughby, Shirley Schafer, Jan Froemming, Michael Meuer and Arlen Fetch.

### Korner



Korner Lion Kent Reiersen (right) inducted new member Andrea Placher (center). Also pictured is sponsor Lion Medrein Sandvold (left).

## Club News

### Napoleon



Napoleon Lions Club members, left to right: Christine Schwartzenberger, Sally and John Johs, Richard Bjerklie, Brian Schneider, Barb and Tony Braun and Lorraine Piatz recently donated items to the Logan County Food Pantry.

### Stanley



Last month, DGE Karen daSilva inducted two new Stanley Lions. Pictured L to R: DGE Karen, new member Brian Borud, Stanley Club President Steve Springan, new member Tuffy Sauber and sponsor Arlo Borud. Congrats!!



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# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

## LIONS PORTAL AIDS

In making my club visitations I am hearing about the great things that are happening within the District, but I am also hearing about the frustration that club secretaries, club administrators and officers are having in navigating the Lions Portal to update information and to make reports.

Lions International has now published step by step tutorials about reporting new members, club officers and most other specific topics that club secretaries and administrators will encounter. These guides include photos of the portal pages with directions and pictures of what exactly to click on. They can be found by searching "Lions Portal Updates" on your search engine. On the Portal Update website scroll down to "Learn with Training" and in the section "Quick Guides" you can select what you wish to do. A direct link is <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/digital-products/portal-updates>.

There are a number of other helps out there to guide you through the reporting process. There are training videos available on YouTube and a personal resource is our District Administrator Kristi Swenson who can be contacted at [kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com).

Here are a few step by step guides, but if you are still encountering problems I encourage you to seek out the quick guides I referenced above which contain pictures:

### Updating Club Officers

- Login to the Lion Portal
- Select My Club
- Under Member Actions on the right hand side select the blue Manage Club Officers box
- Select Create New Assignment and then click Next
- Select Current or Upcoming

ing Lion Year and then click Next

- For Officer Type select Officer
- Note – Select Administrator type to assign a Club Administrator
- For Title type select Official and then click Next
- Select an active member to assign the title to and click Next to complete the assignment.
- If the Title type is not shown under Officer Type then you are probably selecting a Local Title so select Local and follow the same procedure

### Adding Members

- Login to the Lion Portal
- Select My Club
- Under Member Actions on the right-hand side select Manage Club members
- Select Add, Edit, Transfer or Delete a New Member, then click Next
- Enter the First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth and Gender, then select Search. That will tell you if the information is being duplicated, possibly from a previous member

• Enter the rest of the Contact Information then click Next

• If adding a new member select the start date. Remember that the date selected must be within 3 months (the past two months plus the current month)

- Search for the member sponsor by name or by Lion ID if you have it
- Select the sponsor from the search and click Next
- Click Next to confirm the sponsor then the new member has been added

### Reporting Service

- Log in to the Lion Portal
- Select My Club
- At the very top in the

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dark Lions Portal Heading Click Service, then My Activities

- Click the Blue box at the top Create Service Activity
- Select the Box for your club and Click Next
- Enter a Title for the Service Activity and select the service type. Then click Next
- Near the top on the right side there is an edit box which will allow you to enter details. In the alternative you can click on the pencil icons to enter for each line.

• Enter all of the required fields

- Select the Report Complete check box if you are reporting an activity. If it is a Future Activity leave the check box empty

• Click Save and the service is reported

If you wish to access information about your club members it is found under My Club, then look for a row of options below the club name. Click on Data Export. That

will bring you to 4 options. Select what you want and the information will come up on the screen. It is easier to navigate if you then click on Field Editing Enabled and then Export. That will provide you with an Excel spreadsheet that you can organize as you desire and print.

Please make sure that all of your club's new members are promptly reported so that we can show the true progress toward achieving Mission 1.5 and please make sure to update your Service Activities. I have heard from several clubs that they have nothing to report. Remember that even Club Meetings should be reported. Lets get service reporting from 100% of our clubs this year.

District Governor Kirk Tingum

## Club News

### New England



New England Lions Club inducted 1 new member at our club meeting on November 13th. Our District Governor guest, District Governor Elect Karen daSilva inducted our new member Chuck Olson (center) shown with new member sponsor, Mark Koller. VDG Karen gave a fantastic message to our Lions members that evening.

## Club News

### Chaffee



The Chaffee Lions put together a service project to help feed the hungry. A group met at the late John Jackson and nephew Brandon Jackson garden. 3,260 lbs of potatoes were dug, bagged and delivered to two Fargo and the Casselton food banks. John Jackson was a local farmer that passed away Sept 2024 after losing his battle with cancer. John farmed all his life south of Chaffee and always had a large 5 plus acre community garden. John paid for the planted potatoes and donated the goods to the community. John touched a lot of people.

### Lake Metigoshe



**Metigoshe Lions host Gateway to Science**  
Bottineau Public School third and fourth graders took part in the Bismarck Gateway to Science event held at the Bottineau Elementary School. The STEAM presentation focused on science, technology, engineering, art and math. Activities included aviation, dentistry, construction, weight distribution, general medicine, basic sound effects and much more.  
The Metigoshe Lions financially supported and assisted with the program presentations. Students and Lions alike enjoyed this opportunity to learn about STEAM!

### Prairie Rose

Arlyce Marlarkey presented information about "Knitted Knockers" for breast cancer survivors to the Prairie Rose Lions at a recent meeting. Knitted Knockers are light weight knit or crochet bra inserts given to women after masectomy surgery. They are made by caring hands as a labor of love and given out to women free of charge. Visit [www.knittedknockers.org](http://www.knittedknockers.org) for information and ordering or contact Arlyce at [prosewplace@gmail.com](mailto:prosewplace@gmail.com) for further information on how to support North Dakota and help breast cancer survivors to "just feel normal",



### Watford City



Watford City Club President Hannah Langerud having some FUN at the monthly club meeting.

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

**Alexander Lions Club    \$275**

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



## Club News

### Harvey



The Harvey Lions Club held a breakfast on November 3, 2024 to raise funds for the proposed new pool in Harvey. We served about 300 people and raised \$4,000 which was donated to the Harvey Park Board.

### Enderlin



"Princess Fiona, Shrek and Donkey" spent Halloween Eve at Enderlin's TraXside Cafe. The trio greeted incoming "Trick or Treaters" and Donkey created quite a stir with his inner-city accent. Oddly enough, Princess Fiona mysteriously disappeared right before sunset. Enderlin Lions Jasmin Kasin and Mike Martin and Enderlin Donkey Elwin BACKSTOPPED this famous trio. Lion Roxy Johnson has a stand alone business, Cre8tive Tz in the TraXside Cafe building and served as a liaison between the real, the fairytale and the Enderlin Lions. Enderlin Lion Susan M. Dopp was the professional handler of Donkey and her services were greatly appreciated.



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#### LCIF Disaster Relief Support Update for the United States

Lions and Leos are the first to respond following natural disasters in communities across the globe. When communities need support, we provide solutions.

LCIF has provided an update following the impact of hurricanes in southeastern United States. **LCIF has awarded 13 grants totaling \$365,000 for US hurricane relief so far and more are anticipated.** 11 Emergency grants totaling \$165,000 for hurricane relief across Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee has been awarded. LCIF continues to work with Lions in additional districts and anticipate additional grant funding will be awarded. In addition to these 11 Emergency grants, LCIF has also awarded 2 Major Catastrophe grants. Multiple District 35 (Florida) and Multiple District 31 (North Carolina) were each awarded Major Catastrophe grants for \$100,000. Donations to the "General Disaster Fund" help LCIF award these grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. LCIF anticipates to grant support for Lions who continue hurricane relief activities. *Thank you to the Lions Clubs and individuals who have donated.*

*Wherever there is a need, there is a Lion or Leo empowered by LCIF. 100% of your donation is used for others in need.* Our global foundation enables us to expand our humanitarian service, respond quickly when necessary, and develop innovative projects with lasting impact. Your donations to our foundation make so much of this service possible.

In District 5NW, an example of "Community Service" is when New Salem, South Heart and Hazen Lions Clubs sponsored and participated in a Gateway to Science Project at their local schools, by utilizing the LCIF Community Impact Grant to help pay the funding of their projects.

*Every donation matters. Your support sustains our global mission.*

**Donate personally with a Christmas Donation in December. Donate online:**  
[lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive](https://lionsclubs.org/WaysToGive)

Thank you for your continued dedication and service. LCIF's impact is measured by individual lives transformed through you.

Lions Clubs of ND, please send your LCIF donations to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

Or to:

PDG Rick Swenson, LCIF Chair 5NE, 414 1st Ave N, New Rockford, ND 58356  
PDG Sherry Fetch, LCIF Chair 5NW, 406 4th Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554



## 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 MD 5 district and highly involved in your community? Why not nominate that special Lion for North Dakota Lion's highest award: The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

This award, started in 1982, is a way honor any North Dakota Lion for their involvement, dedication, and service to their community, club, District, MD 5, and Lions Clubs International. See the application form in this issue to nominate that dedicated Lion. Application deadline is March 31, 2025.

For more information, please contact PDG Lion Tim Thueson, at 701-391-2704 or tthueson@bis.midco.net.

## North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Application

----- Lions Club nominates -----

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

### Section A- Minimum Requirements

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

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

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

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

### Section B- Basic Life as a Lion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Section C- Preliminary Selection Criteria

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Section F- Biography (500 words max) please attach

Prepare a personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, and when and where you joined Lions. Include all achievements, volunteer work, other organizations you belong to along with personal recognitions. Your Biography will be judged on content, clarity, structure, and presentation. Although there is not a set number of points for this section, the selection committee will give significant weight to the biography as they evaluate the application. Must be written in narrative form with the optional 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 March 31, 2025. The application must be completed in its entirety, signed by the appropriate parties, and include a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail to: PDG TIM THUESON, 3211 N 19TH ST., BISMARCK, ND 58503**



## Club News

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### South Forks

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South Forks Lions helping kids select Christmas gifts for their families at Winship Elementary School in Grand Forks. L-R Lions Joel Medd, Clair Zirnhelt, Roger Johnson, Joe Sowokinos and Del Hager.

### Carrington

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Former Lion Shanna Barone, is pictured with her aunt Lion Karla Michaelson and other members of the Carrington Lions Club at a benefit held in October in her honor to help defray medical expenses for her fight against a malignant brain tumor. The Lions donated \$250 to the benefit. The Lions also donated the October 26th Haunted Fallout Shelter's proceeds of \$1,660 to Barone. Pictured are Barone with Lions Karla Michaelson, Jennifer Wede, Kristen Hewitt, Brenda Miller, Brenda Larson, Kristee Page and Lisa Weninger.

## Club News

### Gateway



#### *Gateway Lions Roar*

The weather was fantastic for the Holiday Lights Parade in downtown Fargo. Parade entries were in excess of 100. Here's a picture of Lions Byron Klebe and Mike Little along with Mike's three children. The club uses hockey sticks to send errant candy back to the kids for safety reasons!!

#### **NDAB Seeks Nominations**

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc. once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's award recipient was Janelle F. Olson, who has been a member of the Williston Korner Lions Club for 26 years. She has been an advocate for the blind and visually impaired in both her professional and personal life. She received her award at the 2024 NDAB convention banquet held at The Enchanted Castle in Regent June 8th.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was first established in 2008 to recognize the more than twenty-four years Bob was dedicated, as a Gateway Lion, to serving people with sight loss. In memory of Bob's service, we are asking one outstanding individual to be selected from each Lions Club across North Dakota to be considered to receive this award. All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members and one individual will be chosen to receive the Award. Please submit your nominee's application by March 15, 2025 and include the following information: the individual's name, club name and contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within your community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from your Club President. Typed correspondence would be much appreciated. Please send the requested information to the committee chairperson, Mary Lou Stip, at 4212 Estate Dr. S. Fargo, ND 58104, or via e-mail at [maryloustip@midco.net](mailto:maryloustip@midco.net). The recipient will be announced at a later date and presented at our annual convention which will be held in Bismarck June 6th-8th, 2025.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind visit our website: [www.ndab.org](http://www.ndab.org).