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Mel Olson to be inducted into the Hall of Fame

Lion Mel Olson of the Fargo Lions will be the 2019 inductee into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame at the state convention in Dickinson during the noon luncheon on October 26. A Lions member for over 20 years, Mel has become a familiar face at conventions and meetings of Lions-related organizations.

Mel originally joined the Capital City Lions in Bismarck in 1997, and worked on numerous committees and activities prior to moving to Fargo and joining the Fargo Lions in 2002. He was elected president of the Fargo Lions in 2006 and served on the board of directors of the

club for ten years. Mel has continued to be a very active club member with 100 percent attendance, serving on numerous committees and activities, and has received the "Lion of the Year" award and a Melvin Jones award. He served as Zone Chairman in 2005-2006, and then was 5NE District Governor in 2012-2013.

According to Past President Blake Strehlow of the Fargo Lions, if you ask Lion Mel what means the most to him about Lions, he's quick to reply," It's the service." So it's no surprise that after his District Governor year, Lion Mel continued tackling more projects, becoming the

chairman of the Sight 4 Kidz project from 2014 to 2018, chair of eyeglass recycling during those same years, and Information and Technical Director of his district in 2014-2015. He also served on the board of the Lions Eye Bank during its transition years to the current Dakota Lions Sight and Health, and was a director on the board of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota from 2012-2014. The Multiple District 5 Council of Governors has also appreciated his talents as Information and Technology chair and Webmaster from 2013 to 2018. He has packed a lot of service into the 22 years that he has been



a Lion

Lion Mel grew up on a farm in rural Montpelier, North Dakota. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Val-

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Those in attendance at the Bobcat tour were: Mike Martin, Ruth McCleerey, Tom Farnham, Dennis Lokken, Daryl Nellermoe, Roger Sandvig, Jerry Hanson, Robert Gruman, Herman Pederson, Adam Patterson, Grant Patterson, Sandy Mund, Rev. Juwle Nagbe, Sheila Weisgerber, Dalton Ertelt, Ashton Ertelt, Bentley Ertelt, Donna Scott, tour guides Kyle Olson and Dennis Dahl plus two other guys from Omaha, NE.

No bare legs, no cameras but enjoyable Bobcat hospitality

BY MICHAEL MARTIN Lions Club Secretary

The Enderlin Lions Club recently arranged a factory tour of the Bobcat facility in Gwinner, ND. On-floor tours of manufacturing factories are increasingly rare and it says much about Bobcat's commitment to engage the public and share this industry flagship. At 11:30am, Wednesday, July 31st, Enderlin Public school bus #13, driven by Nicole Miller, left

the Enderlin Inn parking lot bound for Gwinner.

Bobcat employees Kyle Olson (intern) and Dennis Dahl (full-time) were our guides and mandatory safety glasses were passed out. Safety ear plugs/ear buds to hear the guide were also distributed.

Tour guide Dahl welcomed the Lions and gave a background on what each on-site department was responsible for: "design/engineer", "plan-

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West Fargo Lions Club awards Four College Scholarships

West Fargo, ND – West Fargo Lions Club awarded 4 high school seniors each with \$700 college scholarships. Two (2) students from West Fargo High and 2 students from Sheyenne High school were recipients of the West Fargo Lions Club college scholarships given to students who plan to attend a technical college for trade careers.

West Fargo High School recipients are Alex Sanders and Cole Stoll, who are planning to go into auto body mechanics and law enforcement, respectively.

Sheyenne High School scholarship recipients are Conner Meckle and McKenna Spiekermeier, who are planning to go into heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning mechanics and dental hygiene, respectively.

"The West Fargo Lions Club is very excited to provide scholarships for students who are looking to further their education at technical schools. Students such as these serve immensely valuable roles in society," exclaimed Club President Brandvn Ehlis.

A member of the scholarship committee, Dr. J. Gregory Dye, stated, "We are proud to be able to aid these scholarship winners in their pursuits of productive careers."

The West Fargo Lions Club has 28 members and meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 6:15pm upstairs at The Blarney Stone Pub. Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the West Fargo Lions Club, please con-

tact Brandyn Ehlis at wflion-sclub@gmail.com or check us out on Facebook.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

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lev City State University. He later earned a Master's degree in education and worked 49 years in that field. During the early years, he served as a teacher and coach in Pembina, North Dakota, and then as a secondary principal and superintendent in Cavalier. Eventually, he became the North Dakota State Director of Career and Technical Education and the Executive Director of the North Dakota State College of Science campus in Fargo. He has since retired, but is on the ND State Investment Board and the ND State Teachers' Fund for Retirement Board.

Sports have always been a significant part of Mel's life and the life of his family. He played high school and college sports and continued on to coach numerous high

school sports. He also refereed for more than 20 years. Mel later went on to become the president of the board of directors of the North Dakota High School Activities Association and a member of the board of directors of the National Association of High School Leagues.

Mel and his wife Kim have a combined family of three children and four grandchildren. Kim has also spent much of her life working in education as a teacher and elementary principal, and is now retired.

Lion Mel has numerous hobbies including golfing, fishing, and working with stained glass. He also enjoys working out and jogging, and has run two to three miles a day for more than 45 years.

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ning", "accounting", and "production". 1,400 production employees and 250 office personnel work at the Gwinner site with additional production at Bismarck and in the former Czechslovakia.

Our group saw three production lines: two for skid steers (different models) and one for Bobcat's "Toolcat".

Throughout the tour Mr. Dahl emphasizes the Bobcat footprint with facts: the Gwinner factory's annual electric bill is 4 million dollars. The plant consumes 2-3 million dollars of components every day which translates into 35 semi truck loads, 40% of their products go overseas. If all the wire weld used in the Gwinner site last year was one continuous strand, it would encircle the globe 2.6 times. A

skid steer loader is currently produced every 7 1/2 minutes. A Toolcat is produced every hour. One of the skid steer production lines is made up of 27% female assemblers.

The final part of the tour was a summary of quality control and, again, computers and scanners deliver consistent results that were a dream only 20 years ago.

The group checked out the company gift shop before boarding bus #13. All were delivered safely home by driver Nicole Miller and our adventure was concluded by 3:45pm.

It is safe to say most were impressed by seeing first hand the inner workings of a globally-recognized manufacturing leader right in our backyard.

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Journey of Peace is the theme this year for the Lions Peace Poster Contest

SUBMITTED BY CARLA LEIN, Peace Poster Contest Chairperson for District 5NE

The Peace Poster Contest is for ages 11 through 13, and they must be 13 before Nov. 15. Judging is done at the local, district, multiple district and international levels. The grand prize for the international winner is \$5,000 and a trip to the United Nations. There are also 23 winners of \$500 prizes for honorable mention.

The important date to remember is October 25th for District 5NE posters to be judged at the state convention in Dickinson. If you can't hand-carry the poster to Dickinson, you can mail to Carla Lein, 5050 40th Avenue South, Apt. 237, Fargo, ND 58104. She can be reached at 701-781-0743 or carla.lein@yahoo. You can also mail posters to District Governor Kathy Clemens, 619 10th Avenue SE, Jamestown, ND 58401, or drop it off with DG Kathy.

Either Lion Carla or DG Kathy must have the Peace Posters by Oct. 21st.

The poster size is 20 by 24 inches. Please feel free to use bright colors, faces, animals, flags and symbols. No numbers, names, or religious or

The Napoleon
Lions Club will be
celebrating their
90th anniversary
on **Thursday**, **Oct.**3, **2019** at The
Downtowner Bar &
Restaurant. Please
RSVP how many
from your club
would be interested
in coming.

Jerome Schwartzenberger peewee@bektel.com political symbols, are allowed on the front of the posters.

Kits can be ordered through LCI until October 1st. The district also has a limited number on hand. Please contact District Governor Kathy Clemens at (701) 269-0234 or lionkathyclemens@gmail.com and she can get one to you.

Judging will be done Oct. 26th following the district meeting at the state convention.

Journey of Peace is also the theme for this year's Lions Essay Contest. The same age rules and deadline regulations apply, and it also will be judged at the local, district, multiple district and international levels.

The essay must be no longer than 500 words.

Likewise, the Essay Contest will be judged at the state convention in Dickinson.

Past Intl. Director to speak at Lions 90th birthday

Past Lions International Director Patricia (Pat) Vannett, Bismarck, will be guest speaker at the Napoleon Lions Club's 90th anniversary on Thursday, October 3. The event will be held at the Downtowner Banquet Room on Main Ave.

Patricia Vannett was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th international convention held in Chicago in 2017. A member of the Mandan Lions Club, and a Lion since 2003, she has held many offices, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and multiple district offices.

The Napoleon Lions Club was organized in October, 1929 with the Bismarck Lions Club being the sponsoring club. Twenty members were charter members and eight more joined the first month. Currently there are 18 members in the club with meetings held monthly.

The Napoleon Lions have helped in many events in the community through their 90 years. They were instrumental in getting a medical clinic built in Napoleon as their most notable project. Other projects include assisting in getting a toll free telephone exchange between Napoleon and Wishek, getting a road constructed and paved leading to Beaver Lake State Park, getting Highway 34 east of Highway 30 paved, assisted with surveys and other work to establish low cost rural housing, and the Napoleon nursing home, instrumental in getting lots within the city numbered and streets and avenues named so all houses and businesses in Napoleon could have a number.

The following District 5NW Cabinet Positions are Available:

- 1. District Global Service Team Chairperson POSITION FILLED by PDG Gary Morel
- Desire to inspire and motivate service in Lions Clubs in the District.
- Promote the five LCI Global Causes.
 - Diabetes Hunger Environment Sight Pediatric Cancer
- Help to encourage Lions of all ages to be involved in service in their communities.
- Seek out and share successful service projects in the District.
- 2. Hunger Chairperson (new position)
- Promote and encourage service projects in the District that pertain to Hunger.
- 3. Pediatric Cancer Chairperson (new position) POSITION FILLED by Lion Loris Freier
- Promote and encourage service projects in the District that pertain to Pediatric Cancer.
- 4. Contests and Awards Chair POSITION FILLED by Lion Shirley Schafer
- Promote MD5 and 5NW Contests and Awards.
- 5. 5NW Pin Chair
- Keep track of and promote the ND State Lions Pins for our District.
- 6. MD5 Youth Camp Chair (Can be co-chaired)
- Assist the MD5 Youth Exchange Chairs to promote and help organize the 2020 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp to be held in the Washburn 4H Camp.
 - 7. District 5NW Public Relations Chair
- Help to promote and support the 5NW DG Team and District through communications and social media.

Please contact DG Sherry Fetch if any questions about these positions at Joyfullion2@gmail.com Or call 701-426-3432.

Join our Team....We are...."On Fire to Inspire

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Greeting Lions of ND! I hope you are all still experiencing the "Sunshine"!

I have so much to say to all of you that I just don't know where to start!!

First of all, I want to encourage all of you to attend the ND State Lions Convention that will be held in Dickinson on October 25th and 26th. The convention schedule is jam packed with excellent seminars and speakers. I'm also very excited that there is a service project for Operation Christmas Child where we can help bring the "sunshine" to Dickinson. The very first state Lions convention that I attended was in Dickinson. I have attended every convention since that one. What does that tell you? The State convention is a good time where you get to meet new Lion friends and get reacquainted with your ever growing Lions family and you may even learn a thing or two.

District Governor Sherry Fetch from District 5NW challenged me and the rest of District 5NE to a membership challenge. The district that gains the most new Lions from August 1st to October 25th will be able to place the "The Funny Lion Hat" upon the losing district governor. Please, Please, Lions of District 5NE I am pleading with you to go out and get those new members in the next month. It will grow your club as you will have more hands to help with service AND my hair is crazy enough. I don't need to add a funny hat to it!

I want to encourage all of your clubs to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. There is something new and exciting added to the contest this year. There will be a calendar made with the 1st and 2nd place winners of the 6 districts of Multiple District 5. These calendars will be sold for \$10 each throughout the 6 districts. Just a reminder that the Peace Posters have to be turned in to the Peace Poster Chair, Carla Lein, or myself before or at the State Convention in Dickinson.

One last thing that I want to mention is My Lion. If your club is having problems logging in to My Lion or reporting your service activities, please reach out to myself, 1st Vice District Governor Grant Kahlbaugh, or District 5NE



District Administrator Jan Coca. I know that it has been a struggle for some of you, but with anything new there is growing pains, so be patient and it will get easier.

My HUGE THANK YOU this month goes out to Lion Crystal Dueker. She has been traveling throughout the district in her role as zone chair and spreading the New Voices message. She also recently accepted the position as the New Voices coordinator for the multiple district. She is doing an excellent job of spreading the "Sunshine" across the district. Thank you Crystal!

"Service Creates Sunshine"

A Service Project with a Heart: Operation Christmas Child

SUMBITTED BY CHUCK WHITNEY

Those who make the trek out to the Western Edge in October will have an opportunity to take part in a unique service project. Lion Dickie Jo Kubas of the South Heart Lions Club brought us a truly outstanding service project for the 2019 ND Lions State Convention in Dickinson on October 25 and 26. The name of this project tells you most of what you need to know about WHY we are doing it. We will be filling Christmas Boxes, originally called Christmas Shoe Boxes- with gifts to be given out around the world to children who most likely otherwise would get nothing for Christmas at all. I encourage you to visit the website, samaritanspurse.org to read some of the testimonials of

children, many of whom are now adults, and how these "shoe boxes" changed their entire outlook on life. We have already ordered 100 boxes for the project, and will need to find \$9.00 for shipping costs per box.

The list of suggested items for the shoe boxes starts off with what they call a "WOW" item, whose short list includes things like a small stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, doll, tov truck or a small musical instrument... see the website for a longer list. School supplies are always handyshort list would include items like pens, pencils, erasers, markers, crayons, solar calculator. powered play dough, stickers, puzzles, or jump ropes. Toys such as foam balls, kick balls with a pump, costume jewelry, toy

figures (dinosaurs, NON war related action figures etc), hacky sack, or etch a sketch. Clothing is always welcomesundress, shirts, socks, underwear, flip flops, or hair clips. Personal care items such as a comb, hairbrush, tooth brush- BUT NO toothpaste, bar soap, colorful band aids, wash cloth, small blanket or stick deodorant... THESE are only suggestions: see the website samaritanspurse.org for a more complete list.

There are a number of things that must NOT be in the shoe box: Candy, tooth-paste, gum, used or damaged items, ANYTHING war related: knives, military figures, guns, seeds, food, drink mixes (even dry powdered), medications of any sort, liquids, or aerosol cans. There is a more complete list on the website.

There are several Lions who have already stepped up: Lion Gary and Bonnie Morel have already donated 100 pencil sharpeners, 200 pencils, 100 erasers, and 200 small bars of soap.... THESE two lions caught the rest of us napping! The Dickinson Noon Lions have already pledged \$270 to cover the shipping on 30 boxes. They send forth a challenge to other Lions Clubs to meet or beat this challenge. The project will happen during the Convention and we will report on its progress during the State Meeting on Saturday afternoon, October 26th. SO What are YOU waiting for? We need YOU to come to Dickinson. Together we can make a huge difference in the life of the children of our world. See you There.

Minot



Pictured in the photo are left to right: Minot Lion and NDAB member Trampes Brown; Zelda Gebhard and Janelle Olson, NDAB members; and Minot Lion Perry Olson, organizer of Dining in the Dark.

"Dining in the Dark"

The Minot Lions Club presented North Dakota Association of the Blind with a check for \$2,588 in June at the NDAB State Convention in Minot.

The donation was the result of proceeds from "Dining in the Dark". This is the third year the Minot Lions hosted the event which was held in April. The public was

invited to enjoy a five-course meal at Elevation Restaurant without the use of their eyes. Blind members of NDAB assisted in the evening by joining diners at each table to assist and engage in conversation. This donation was also made possible with a grant from North Dakota Lions Foundation to help support the event.



Then-District Governor Ginney Jones, second from right, pictured with other diners and NDAB members.

Mandan



Mandan Lions Club President Marlene Brunelle presented Lion Marlo Anderson with the Be A Good Neighbor Program with a check for \$1,025.00 to help the displaced fire victims from the apartment fire in Mandan. WE SERVE ~ That is what LIONS do!

Convention Time is CLOSE!

OK, Lions of North Dakota! Everyone thrilled by the passage of Labor Day, PLEASE raise your hand. Now form a single file line and leave the building in an orderly fashion. More likely, WHO wouldn't be thrilled by having just ONE more month of Spring weather when everything is getting green but before the flowers fill our sinuses with ACHOO! pollen? Can I just once have the beauty of those flowers and their wonderful scents just by themselves? Hey fantasy is a wonderful state to live in, but so far google earth has vet to give anyone the directions! We all can appreciate the cool nights of autumn and the beautiful colors of the leaves just before they fall on the ground and make more work for most of us.... Here in Bowman, our harvest is LATE because of the wonderful rain we had most of the summer. While leaves are starting to clog Terri's lawnmower, there is still a wonderful compliment of them shading our back yard. Our animals love it! So maybe, WE are living in a suspended state of animation before the "real deal" shows up. The Latins used the term "Tempus Fugit" and we just sigh and say, "Time Flies", because before you can say Jack Robinson, it will be time to load up our vehicles and

head west to Dickinson. For most of us, it is vastly more accurate to say that the day after July 4 is September 1 which in turn is followed by Thanksgiving. While our days are full and sometimes our nights are too short, we need to plan ahead just a little. Have YOU registered yet? The Bakken crush is now more of a steady stream, so room rates are much more reasonable and rooms are available near the Convention Hotel of the Dickinson Ramada, Grand Dakota Lodge and Convention Center, if not at the hotel itself. We have a block of rooms set aside for you, but YOU need to call them (701-483-5600). There is a special Lions Rate until September 30.

Do YOU have any special needs? Do you want a table to display your Lions Stuff in the Mezzanine? Talk to us (Lions Gary: 225-8407, Chuck 523-3239)! We can't be of service to you if we don't know what you need. We have recently added even more sessions to the seminar roster. These will ALL be close by and easily reached. Come to Dickinson and be surprised! There REALLY is life west of the Missouri River and You'll be glad you came. See you in Dickinson October 25 and 26.



Journey of Peace

For over three decades, Lions Clubs International has been sponsoring a very special art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity. By entering this contest children join the more 600,000 children who will be 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, 2019. Contestants are asked to create a poster that visually communicates the contest's theme, "Journey of Peace." This offers an opportunity to see what peace looks like from the eyes of a child.

NEW THIS YEAR!! Two Peace Poster winners, the first and second place winners, from each District of Multiple District 5, will be placed in a 12 month Peace Poster Calendar, with the winning posters, artists, and sponsoring clubs featured. The Peace Poster calendar will be sold for \$10.00 each throughout North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan to promote the Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest and show the talent of the children in our communities. Please contact your District Governor Team if you are interested in a 2020 Peace Poster Calendar. They will be available beginning the end of November.

ND Lions District Challenge!!

District Governor Sherry Fetch from District 5NW Challenges
District Governor Kathy Clemens from District 5NE to a Membership Challenge!
The District Governor that Gains the Most New Lions
from August 1st until Friday, October 25th at 9 a.m.
will be able to place the "Funny Lion Hat"

will be able to place the "Funny Lion Hat"
upon the losing District Governor!
The "Funny Lion Hat" will be worn
by the Losing District Governor
Friday and Saturday at the State Convention
until the Saturday Evening Banquet.
I'm "ON FIRE TO INSPIRE" and the Challenge is On!



North Dakota State Lions Convention Service Project Operation Christmas Child

Bring Your "WOW" Gift for the Shoebox.

Start with a quality "WOW" item such as a

stuffed animal, soccer ball with pump, small musical instrument (such as a harmonica or woodwind recorder) or clothing outfit that will capture the child's attention the instant

he or she opens the box. Other items that can fill the box are: a comb, hairbrush, toothbrush, blanket, finger puppets, slinky, or etch-a-sketch.

(Pencils, sharpeners, eraser, and the bars of soap have been purchased.)

Do Not Include: Candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, warrelated items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself, your family, or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

2018 ND STATE LIONS MEETING

The 102nd Annual State Lions Convention is coming up soon and it will be another exciting time together! Recommendation was made at last year's convention to publish State Lions meeting minutes from the prior year. The following are minutes from the 101st Annual State Lions Convention:

Saturday, October 20, 2018 Alerus Center, Grand Forks ND Meeting called to order.

Announcement of officer candidates:

District 5NE - DG Rob Lein reported

Vice DG - Lion Kathy Clemens 1st VDG - Lion Grant Kahlbaugh 2nd VDG - no current candidate Lions Foundation - Lion Kristi Swenson

Lion Mark Western (to finish out Grant Kahlbaugh's term) Lion Kirk Tingum

Dakota Lions Sight & Health -

Lion Mel Olson Club of the Year - Fargo Gate-

way Lions Club District 5NW - DG Ginney Jones reported

Vice DG - Lion Sherry Fetch
1st VDG - Lion Kevin Bean

2nd VDG - Lion Scott Ressler Lions Foundation — Lion Gary Burrell

Lion Terry Oxendahl Dakota Lions Sight & Health -

Lion Mike Blaisek Peace Poster Contest winners District 5NE -

3rd place - Tillie Stuart - New Rockford

2nd place - Jackie Warraz - Larimore

1st place - Alissa Carlton Kress -Grand Forks District 5NW -

3rd place - Brianna Bratte -Bismarck

2nd place - Serenity Solet -Lake

Metigoshe

1st place - Kelly Shaw - Reeder Certificates to 5NW District -Guiding Lions Training recipients - Kevin & Jeanette Bean Arlen & Shirley Fetch

Thanks to Mark Kohler 2019 State Lions Convention - October 25-26 in Dickinson. Pre-registration - \$75

2020 State Lions Convention -Carrington. More information later.

2021 State Lions Convention - recommendation to be held in Williston.

Thanks to Grand Forks Convention Planning Committee PDG Dwaine Heinrich discussed the proposed changes to the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion by Lion Milton Ota to accept the changes as presented. Seconded by Lion

Joel Medd. Motion carried.

Supported unanimously by both 5NE and 5NW.

Review of changes to the Memorandum of Understanding. Motion to approve changes to addendum. Seconded by Arlen Fetch. Motion carried.

Comments:

Lion Marion Johnson - State Convention Minutes will be put in the ND Lion publication.

Lion Chuck Whitney - Vision USA

Lion Grant Kahlbaugh - 5:00 pm is the deadline for silent auction of pins.

Lion Carla Lein - Peace posters to return back to clubs

Motion by Lion Milton Ota to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Lion Sherry Fetch

Meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Lion Tracy Wicken, Secretary

District 5NE

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Hello Lions. Now is the time to serve your communities and make a difference. It's that simple. Service is the iournev we take through our Lions Clubs and individually that can make a difference for others in our communities. Lions in District 5NW have a history of uncommon kindness and putting the needs of our neighbors and communities first. Everyday our Lions Clubs are building on the legacy of 100 plus vears of Lion compassion for others. I can see many great services happening in our Lions Clubs now and in the future. Service is a personal journey that impacts the people serving and the people we serve. By being in the community doing the service we do; wearing our Lions vests, hats and polos; we can attract others to our clubs. Essentially, we need to advertise ourselves while we are doing our projects. We also can join with other clubs or partner with other community groups to accomplish our tasks. When doing this, don't forget to "Just Ask" the neighbor, the coworker, and those in your community to join your Lions Club. Often times we assume that others know all about our Lions organization. We would be surprised at how little they know about us. And remember we need to enter our service projects into MyLion. This is extremely important. I realize that I spoke about this topic before and that is because IT IS important. Presidents, Secretaries and Service Chairs of our Lions Clubs need to be entering our service into MyLion. You are responsible for documenting the service of your Lions Club. Why is it so im-

portant to do this? The service we do is very important not only for our community but also for our organization. Through our service we have developed partnerships with not only the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation but also Special Olympics, the Carter Center, Johnson & Johnson and many other organizations that provide services for those in need. The service that we record provide the ability to join with these partners and affiliates which increases our resources to give and serve more people. If you are challenged with the MyLion Site please contact our District Service Chair, PDG Gary Morel. Now I am going to switch focuses....It's Peace Poster Time!! If your Lions Club works with a school or youth group you should have a Peace Poster Contest! This year the top 2 Peace Posters from each of the six districts in MD5 will be put into a Peace Poster Calendar. What a wonderful way to show our district some of the talented young artists we have. If your Lions Club hasn't had a Peace Poster Contest, try it! It is so much fun getting involved with the youth in your community. As Lions We Are All Leaders! I want ALL LI-ONS to know that you can go on the Lions website type in Lions Learning Center, register and there you are! There are classes for anything you would like to learn in Lions! Many of these learning activities can help you in your work place too. So don't be afraid to check this out. Plus there is tons of information about Lions all over the website. If you want a different challenge you can go to the USA/Canada Forum and find the Lions University on the

site or you can "Just Google It" and it will come up. This site is also full of "Lions Learning Possiblities". You can earn a Lion's Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate Degrees that you receive at the USA/Canada Forum. These diploma's and pins are distributed by the International President. It is an awesome experience. Every Lion can do this.

Have you registered for the ND Lions State Convention yet? It is a fun time for ALL LIONS to Attend!! There are fun activities for all including the ND Lion District Challenge! The District Governor with the most new Lions from August 1st until Friday, October 25th at 9am will be able to Place the "Funny Lion Hat" upon the Losing District Governor! This "Funny Lion Hat" will be worn by the Losing District Governor until the Saturday Evening Banquet. I need you to help me with this challenge!! There are so many fun things to do... such as attend the Fluffy Fields Wine Tasting Tour on Friday for lunch and attend the "Rumble in the Jungle" Pulled Pork Social that eve-



ning. Wear your safari attire!! Saturday has a day filled with learning opportunities. Five breakout sessions, two in the morning and two in the afternoon! Everything from Leader Dog, ND School for the Blind, Baaken Boom, and Jungle Wellness. We have excellent presenters and many learning and growth opportunities. International Director Geoff Wade will be here Saturday evening to bring us current information from Lions Clubs International, You can even come and attend on Saturday only if you prefer.

Lastly, the District Governor Team is eager to get out and visit your clubs. When they contact you be sure to let them know if there is some special time you want them to be there .

Also, many of the Zone Chairs are arranging visits and meetings. Please attend these and learn what is going on in your Zone.

I'm proud of the Lions in District 5NW! Let's All be "Lions on Fire to Inspire!"

District 5NE & 5NW PEACE POSTER DEADLINE

The North Dakota District Governors have requested that your club's peace poster contests be completed in early October and the winning poster be sent to the District Governor so it arrives **before** the state convention OCTOBER 25, 2019. Your club's winning **poster may also be brought to the state convention** in Dickinson and given to the District Governor or your District Peace Poster Chairperson on October 25. Please alert your District Governor what you are doing.

Posters will be judged at the state convention to determine the 5NE & 5NW winners. Those posters will then be judged along with the other winners from MD5 to award a winner for our Multiple District. This poster will then be sent to represent our MD5 in the LCI contest.

Glenburn Lions end the Summer with Service

SUBMITTED BY PDG GINNEY JONES, Glenburn Lions Club Secretary

On the beautiful evening of 21 August, Glenburn Lions were busy performing service in their community. The summer of 2019 Glenburn Lions Burgersin-the-Park finale was a hit. A Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness followed the picnic. And finally, after all picnic guests made their way home, Lions Tom Miller, Brian Boschert, Rich Hensen, and Lance Johnson rolled up their sleeves and removed the fiberglass picnic shelter covers at the request of the Park Board Glenburn Lions are small in numbers, but we are strong in service for our little community!



Group photo at last BIP.



Strides Walk.



Service project - picnic shelter covers.



B-I-P

Prairie Rose



The Prairie Rose Lions Club of Bismarck recently awarded Lion Joanne Hill with a Melvin Jones Award. Pictured are PRLC President Julie Schwartz (left) and Lion Joanne Hill (right). Congratulations on this much deserved award, Joanne!

To the Lions of 5NW: as your 5NW District Administrator, I have the ability to help club secretaries who are having problems updating their club member information via MYLCI, so please contact me if you need help.

Also, I am willing to train on the My Lion App if you need assistance with this as well. I'm just a phone call away!

Yours in Service, PDG Ginney Jones, 701-833-2648. email: <u>ginney.jones2@gmail.com</u>



2019 – 2020 MD5 LIONS CLUB CONTESTS

VOTING ON THE CLUB NEWSLETTER,
CLUB SCRAPBOOK, AND CLUB WEBSITE
WILL TAKE PLACE AT YOUR DISTRICT CABINET MEETING IN THE SPRING.

We Need Your Entries!!

The following are general minimum guidelines:

MD5 LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER/ BULLETIN CONTEST

- 1. Newsletters must be placed in a loose leaf binder with the Club name clearly labeled on the outside of the binder.
- 2. Newsletters must contain a minimum of 6 issues during the year with the last issue not later than May 1.
- 3. Each issue should be placed in a plastic sheet.
- 4. Newsletters should be concise and informative.
- 5. Newsletters will be judged for quality of content, page layout, and publication design.
- 6. Photos may or may not be included within the newsletter.

MD5 LIONS CLUB SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

- 1. Scrapbooks must be clearly labeled on the outside of the book with the club name.
- 2. Photos contained within the scrapbook must have a brief description and people in the photos should be clearly identified
- 3. Scrapbooks will be judged on content, design and use of scrapbooking materials.

MD5 LIONS CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

- 1. Websites shall be a Club Website and not a State/ Provincial/ Zone/International website.
- 2. Websites will be judged for quality of content and design.

The District Winner will then compete on the Multiple District Level with the other five districts at the MD5 Convention, May 22, 2020 in Brookings, South Dakota .

SAVE THE DATE Annual Dacotah Mandan Lions Stride's Walk 2019

Saturday, October 12th, 2019

Mandan Eagles Universal Park - 100 14th St NE

Registration 9:00 am • Walk 10:00 am

Help send Diabetic Childen to Camp Sioux Diabetic Camp in Park River, ND \$15 per person



\$30 per Family/Group of 4 \$10 for each additional person

Like us on our Facebook page. **FUN FOR ALL AGES!** Diabetic Screening, Wind Socks/Kites

Send Donations to: Contact:

Dacotah Mandan Lions
Lion LeAnn Eckroth 701-770-6341
Attention: Stride's Walk
Lion Al Shreve 701-471-2983

PO Box 74, Mandan, ND 58554 Lion Sherry Fetch 701-426-3432

North Dakota State Lions Convention It's A Jungle Out There "Look Beyond The Horizon" Friday October 25, 2019

Friday, October 25, 2019								
9:00 am - 9:00 pm	State Convention Registration by Dickinson Area Lions	North Lobby						
10:00 am - 3:30 pm	North Dakota Lions Meetings							
10:00 am - 12:00 p	ND Lions District 5NW Cabinet Meetings	Liberty						
	ND Lions District 5NE Cabinet Meetings	Union						
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Cabinet Members Lunch (\$15 Per Person)	Freedom Hall						
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lions & Guests Lunch w/Wine Tour (\$20 Per Person) - 2708 21st St East Dickinson, ND	Fluffy Fields						
1:30 - 3:00 pm	Lions Foundation of ND Board Meeting	Legends BR						
3:00 - 3:15 pm	Break (Coffee and Snacks Available)	Gateway Hall						
3:15 - 4:45 pm	ND PDG Association Meeting	Legends BR						
4:45 - 5:45 pm	State Lions Choir Practice	Grand Dakota BR						
6:15 - 6:45 pm	Lions Memorial Service	Veterans Pavilion						
	Featuring: ND District Governors and 1st Vice District Governors							
	Stark County Veterans Pavilion (10 minute drive) 801 5th Avenue West Dickinson, ND Parkin							
7:30 - 9:00 pm	Rumble In The Jungle Social - Cash Bar & Pulled Pork w/Trimmings	Grand Dakota BR						
7:30 - 11:30 pm	BWE Music and Interactive Entertainment - Featuring: Brock White	Grand Dakota BR						
Saturday, October 26, 2019								
7:00 am - 5:30 pm	State Convention Registration by Dickinson Area Lions	North Lobby						
7:00 - 9:00 am	Opening Ceremony and Breakfast	Grand Dakota BR						
	ND Leadership Seminar Keynote Speakers, Dana Altendorf & Jed Geer							
9:15 - 10:00 am	ND Lions District Meetings							
	ND District 5NW Meeting	Medora/Elkhorn						
	ND District 5NE Meeting	Roosevelt/Mandan						
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Service Project	Lobby Conf. Room						
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	Morning Breakout Sessions	•						
10:15 - 11:00 am	Lions Clubs International Foundation, Mark Koller	Badlands						
10:15 - 11:00 am	Leader Dogs For The Blind, BJ Blahnik	De' Mores						
10:15 - 11:00 am	Leo's Jeopardy, Mandan High School Leo Club	Dakota						
10:15 - 11:00 am	Dakota Lions Sight & Health, Marcy Dimond	Liberty						
10:15 - 11:00 am	ND School for the Blind, 111 Years Of Excellence, Tracy Wicken	Union						
11:00 - 11:15 am	Break (Coffee and Snacks Available)	Gateway Hall						
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Bakken Boom and Lions Boom, Lynn Helms	Badlands						
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Service Dogs of America, TBD	De' Mores						
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Bridging the Gap with Social Media and MyLion Account - Kevin Bean & Grant Kahbaugh	Dakota						
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Women in Lions: You've Come A Long Way Baby - Ginney Jones & Crystal Dueker	Liberty						
11:15 am - 12:00 pm	Jungle Wellness: Be A Healthy Lion, Corby Wartman	Union						
12:15 - 1:45 pm	Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon	Grand Dakota BR						
	Haiti Mission Trip Keynote Speakers: Lance Bergstrorm & Kory Peterson							
2:00 - 3:45 pm	Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Service Project	Lobby Conf. Room						
2:00 - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Breakout Sessions							
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Lions Foundation of ND, Steve Johnson	Badlands						
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Leader Dogs For The Blind, BJ Blahnik	De' Mores						
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Bridging the Gap with Social Media and MyLion Account - Kevin Bean & Grant Kahbaugh	Dakota						
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Dakota Lions Sight & Health, Marcy Dimond	Liberty						
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Jungle Wellness: Be A Healthy Lion, Corby Wartman	Union						
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Jungle Talk, International Director Q & A, Geoffrey Wade	Badlands						
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Service Dogs of America, TBD	De' Mores						
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Leo's Jeopardy, Mandan High School Leo Club	Dakota						
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Women in Lions: You've Come A Long Way Baby Ginney Jones & Crystal Dueker	Liberty						
3:00 - 3:45 pm	ND School for the Blind, 111 Years Of Excellence, Tracy Wicken	Union						
4:00 - 5:30 pm	North Dakota State Meetings	Grand Dakota BR						
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5:30 - 6:00 pm	Parade Of Green	Grand Dakota BR						
6:30 - 7:00 pm	Social (Cash Bar)	Mezzanine						
7:00 - 9:00 pm	Lions Convention Banquet Dinner & Closing Ceremony	Grand Dakota BR						
	Featuring: ND State Lions Choir, Lauren Holder, Director							
	Violinists: Lauren Holder and Laura Walter							
	Keynote Speaker: Geoffrey Wade, Lions International Director							

Club News

Emerado Arvilla ____

5th Annual Corn Feed as part of the Emerado Community Endownment Fund Emerado days!

There are many events such as vendors, live muisc, car show, kiddie events and contests as well as lots of food. Former Lion Dick Nelson received the "Golden Kernel Award."



Emerado Arvilla Lions and Fire Department 2nd Annual Fun Run.



Lions Linda Schmidt and Marean help serve BBQ to participants after returning from the run.



Past president Lion Joel Linneman putting up Lion banner.



Lion members cooking the 101 dog served!



Lions Linda Schmidt and Becky Holuegen serving the corn.



Emerado Arvilla Lions celebrate 50 years of service! April 18th 2019 charter night Lion President Joel Linneman presenting District Governor Rob Lein an appreciation certificate.



Gateway.



Pictured above are members of the Gateway Lions Club as they gathered at the enterance of Woodbury Park in Fargo.

Gateway Lions Club Picnic

SUBMITTED BY DUANE ZWINGER Gateway Lions Club President

The Gateway Lions Club held a picnic at the Woodbury Park in Fargo on Thursday, August 1st. (Woodbury Park is the park that the Gateway Lions Club has volunteered to help keep clean for the Fargo Park District.) The evening was a very fun affair with plenty of food, company and sharing.

The main purpose of the evening was to give some awards to very deserving members. The first awards given were the 100% attendance award. Many members received this award. President David Pederson

then gave his "PRESIDENT APPRECIATION" award to Lion Mike Brand. Lion Darrell Costain was then presented with the "SETTING THE STANDARD" award. The next award given by President David was the Gateway Lions Club "LION OF THE YEAR" award which was presented to Lion Mary Ann Zwinger. The final presentation for the evening was the awarding of the Presidential gavel for the 2019-2020 Lions year to incoming President Lion Duane Zwinger. This picnic was a very fitting way to close out the past year and to kick start the 2019-2020 Lions year.

Thanks for your GREAT cooperation.



Pictured above is Lion Mary Ann Zwinger as she received her "LION OF THE YEAR" award from President David Pederson.

GET THE WORD OUT!

Send in the detail of your Club's upcoming events and they will be featured in the monthly Lion's newspaper!

Let us know what your Club has been up to — submit photos and write-ups and share the great ideas and successes with Lions readers!

Alerus Center, Grand Forks ND

Saturday, October 20, 2018 – 9:10 AM

Call to Order and Welcome – DG Ginney Jones called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

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

Grant Voting Rights - The motion was made and seconded to grant voting rights to all delegates present. Motion carried.

Approval of November 2, 2017 5NW District Meeting Minutes - The motion was made and seconded to approve the November 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Old Business: None New Business:

- 1. Spring Rally Announcement 1st DG Sherry Fetch reported the 2019 Spring Rally will be held in Beulah on April 6th at the Beulah Middle School.
- 2. 2021 State Convention Site DG Ginney reported they are still working on a site for 2019. Williston is considering hosting the 2021 convention. PDG Brach Johnson noted the PDG Association has a checklist and he is willing to meet with any clubs considering hosting the convention.
- 3. MOU DG Ginney reported the proposed MOU as amended by PDG Dwaine Heinrick was posted in the ND Lion. The revisions are clean-up with no major changes. Motion and second to approve the MOU as written in the ND Lion. MC
- 4. District 5NW LCIF Report PDG Mark Koller submitted a written LCIF report to the Cabinet Team. Our District does well with donations to LCIF. Contact Mark with Campaign 100 questions

- 5. District GLT Report PDG Mark Koller reported 5NW is encouraging Leadership Training. Zone Chair training was completed. He will work with Sherry on club officer training at the Spring Rally. There is a training opportunity coming up in Mahnomen, MN on November 2nd 3rd, 2018. Contact Mark if there are Lions interested in the Emerging Lions Leadership Training.
- 6. District GMT Report PCC Arlen Fetch reported that membership is down in the district. He is willing to visit clubs and talk about membership growth. LCI is encouraging more women in Lions. 38% of the Lions in 5NW are women.
- 7. Peace Poster Winner Lion Karen Koller reported the first place winner is from the Reeder Lions Club, 2nd place winner is from the Lake Metigoshe Lions and the 3rd place winner is from the Capital City Lions.
- 8. Voting Procedures
 Dave Czywczyinski and
 Lewellyn Rustan

Must be by written ballot

- 9. District Nominating Committee Report PDG Lewellyn Rustan reported for the Nominating Committee. The Committee received one letter of intent and letter of support for each of the DG Elect positions. All criteria was met for each of the candidates that submitted their intent. No nominations from the floor will be accepted since there is a qualified candidate for each position.
- 10. DG Ginney Jones to call for nominations for 5NW District Governor Elect DG Ginney called for nominating and seconding speeches for District Governor Elect. Lion Karen Koller moved to nominate Lion Sherry Fetch with her nomination speech. The motion was seconded

by PID Bruce Schwartz with his nomination speech. Motion carried. Following written ballot, DG Ginney announced Lion Sherry Fetch as the DG Elect.

- 11. DG Ginney Jones to call for nominations for 5NW 1st Vice District Governor Elect – DG Ginney called for nominating and seconding speeches for 1st VDG Elect. Lion Jeanette Bean moved to nominate Lion Kevin Bean with her nomination speech. The motion was seconded by Lion Jackie Hawes with her nomination speech. Motion carried. Following written ballot, DG Ginney announced Lion Kevin Bean as the 1st DG Elect.
- 12. DG Ginney Jones to call for nominations for 5NW 2nd Vice District Governor Elect – DG Ginney called for nominations for 2nd VDG Elect. PDG Brach Johnson moved to nominate Lion Scott Ressler with his nomination speech. The motion was seconded by PDG Jan Froemming with her nomination speech. Motion carried. Following written ballot, DG Ginney announced Lion Scott Ressler as the 2nd VDG Elect.
- 13. DG Ginney Jones to call for nominations for the Dakota Lions Sight and Health - DG Ginney called for nominations for the Dakota Lions Sight and Health Board. Lion Colin Keeler. President of the DLSH Board, indicated the process for election to the board is to submit a letter to the DLSH Board along with a letter from the Lion's Club. This would be for a three year term from July 2019 - June 2022. PDG Mike Blazek has met the criteria with the letter of intent and club letter. PDG Chuck Whitney moved to nominate Mike Blazek for the DLSH Board position.

PDG Brach Johnson seconded. Motion carried. DG Ginney called 3 times for other nominations from the floor. By a show of hands PDG Mike Blazek was elected to the DLSH Board.

PDG Chuck Whitney is being appointed to fill the board position vacated by Derik Czywczyinski.

14. DG Ginney Jones to call for nominations for the Lions Foundation of ND -DG Ginney called for nominations for two positions for the Lions Foundation of ND. Lion Stuart Langager moved to nominate Lion Terry Oxendahl from the Williston Lions Club. Terry would be serving his 1st 3 year term on the board. Lion Lee Gunlikson seconded. Motion carried. DG Ginney called for other nominations from the floor. PDG Mark Koller moved to nominate PDG Gary Morel.

PDG Gary would be serving his 1st 3 year term on the board. PDG Chuck Whitney seconded. Motion carried. Motion and second that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Oxendahl and Gary Morel. Motion carried.

Motion and second to destroy all written ballots. Motion carried.

Other Business – PDG Mike Blazek reported on the Lithuania Orphanage that 5NW financially supported in 2014/2015. The orphanage project, Erica's, is complete and is home to 43 kids with 8 kids to a room. The kids range in age from 7 to 17. A thank you certificate was received for our support.

Meeting declared adjourned at 11:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted Lion Lois Reierson 5NW Cabinet Secretary

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION 2019

Ramada Inn Grand Dakota Lodge | Dickinson ND | October 25 & 26, 2019 |



REGISTRATION FORM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please complete one form per conference attendee or guest. (print clearly)

First Name			Last Name		Lions Club District		
Mailing Addre	225						
City				State			Zip Code
Phone				Email			Date
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☐ Convention Package					\$		
	☐ Friday Lunch at Fluffy Fields Winery w/Tour			\$20.00	\$		~ Icebreaker ~
	☐ Friday Icebreaker Pig Roast			N/C	\$		→ PIC ROAST→
	Friday Icebreaker Pig Roast (Guest)			\$15.00	\$		**
	☐ Limited Package				\$		~~, # 11 ~~
	☐ Saturday Breakfast at Grand Dakota Lodge			\$10.00	\$		We're going "HOG WILD"!
	Saturday Lunch at Grand Dakota Lodge			\$15.00	\$		Get ready for a
☐ Saturday Banquet Dinner at Grand Dakota Lodge			\$25.00	\$		WILD ADVENTURE!	
				TOTAL DUE	\$		

Payment: Full payment must accompany the registration form. Please make checks payable to: North Dakota State Lions Convention

Mail registration & payment to: Ken Davis | 767 1st Ave SE | Dickinson, ND 58601 | Email: hawkback33@yahoo.com | Phone: (701) 690-1530

Refund Policy: Mail or email your refund request to Ken Davis no later than September 30, 2019. Registration fees are non refundable after September 30, 2019.

CONVENTION HOTEL: Hotel reservations are the responsibility of the registrant. A block of rooms is being held at the Grand Dakota Lodge for Oct. 24 - 26. <u>The block of rooms will be released on October 3. 2019</u>. Please make reservations directly with the hotel. A list of Dickinson hotels is available at: http://www.dickinsoncvb.com/lodging

Ramada Inn Grand Dakota Lodge

1532 15th Street West Dickinson, ND 58601 Phone: (701) 483-5600

State Lion's Convention Rate: \$79.00 + Tax

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chuck Whitney, Co-chairman | Bowman Lions Gary Morel, Co-chairman | New England Lions Bonnie Morel, Member | New England Lions Ken Davis, Treasurer | Dickinson Lions John Carlson, Member | Dickinson Lions Stephanie Carlson, Member | Dickinson Lions Contact: Chuck Whitney | (701) 440-8835 | carguy1949@hotmail.com or Gary Morel | (701) 290-8407 | brokenarrow57.gm@gmail.com

It's a Jungle Out There....Look Beyond the Horizon

Club News

Headwaters





Headwaters Lions Donates Park Bench to Chahinkapa Zoo

SUBMITTED BY BECKY LANKOW Bench Project Chair

Headwaters Lions, which chartered in January 2001, takes pride in their contributions to their community. A beautiful sturdy park bench placed in the shade for zoo visitors to enjoy, was recently presented to Chahinkapa Zoo Director, Kathy Diekman. Five of the club members gathered at the zoo to see where the bench location was chosen. Just down from the shaded bench area is "Roary" the lion fountain, donated by the club in 2015. Along with club project funds, Lions Foundation of North Dakota graciously contributed \$900.00 toward the cost of the bench.

We are proud of our club and the many things that we support, such as United Way, Relay for Life, Wahpeton Parks & Recreation, Vallev Lake Boys Home, Leader Dogs for the Blind - just to name a few. Our annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch, held the first weekend in February, along with providing concessions at fall elementary football games are our main fundraisers. We also sell Taco in a Bag at the annual Relay for Life with all profits going to that worthy cause.

Traditionally, Lions Clubs are comprised of mostly male



members, but our club is very unique with the majority of our members' being female. Our noon meetings are at Prante's Fine Dining every 2nd and 4th Wednesday. If you would like more information about joining our club, contact President Sandy at 701 671-1554. We would love to have you!