



## Blood, sweat, and tears! A Big Nome Project

**By Mike Martin,**  
Enderlin Lions Secretary

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, the Enderlin Lions Club went down the road a bit and met at the ongoing renovation of the Nome Schoolhouse.

Eighteen Lions, 15 spouses, and 15 Club guests sat down in the restored gym, ("Home of the Wildcats") for a meatball and potato supper. Lions First Vice President Bobby Geske welcomed all and Lion (also Reverend) Grant Patterson offered a meal prayer.

Following supper, the Lions and guests were split into two groups by the Schoolhouse's owners, Chris Armbrust and Teresa Perleberg, and two tours were given simultaneously. What followed was a lesson in planning and hard work. The existing main building was built in 1916, the gym was attached in 1949 and a tasteful and contributing under-construction two-story addition is



Following the tour of the schoolhouse, everyone stepped outside and lined up for a group picture.

part of it as well. All total, 27,000 square feet of building has either been built or renovated.

The business plan is a one-of-a-kind Dakota prairie hospitality center for meals, lodging, retail, educational seminars and events. The first mission of the Schoolhouse is to showcase the owner's passion for natural fibers and weaving, or in their words, the fiber arts. The owners currently have a farm east of Kindred, ND and

raise llamas, alpacas and sheep for shearing.

The Nome Schoolhouse will be the home of Shepherd Industries, LLC, Dakota Fiber Mill, and Bear Creek Felting.

The Nome Schoolhouse project is of massive scale. Yet, management is careful to honor the provenance of old Nome with local artifacts and curios proudly displayed. Even the old Nome Main Street movie theatre's flooring has been repurposed in the main room of

the new addition. Old classrooms are also remembered. In-house lodging has been well-planned with 11 hotel rooms on the top floor of the old building. These rooms range from a honeymoon suite to ones of more modest size. A new elevator will safely provide access. Another plus is a new kitchen providing a dining experience in the main lounge.

Like every construction project, the devil is in the details. the main

rehab and construction are behind them; the details await. Rental rooms are booked for a week away and the first wedding is scheduled for August 18.

The Nome School's website is [Nomeschoolhouse.com](http://Nomeschoolhouse.com) and a quick review will convince all of the project's uniqueness. There is nothing like it in the upper Midwest (or maybe in the world?).

A "must stop" for any returning relative or visiting friend.

# 2021 ND State Lions Convention highlights

The 2021 ND State Lions Convention is quickly approaching. The Convention Committee is working to make this a GREAT convention. Get your registration sent in and hotel room reserved. We have a great line-up of FUN and informational breakout sessions. The registration is in this edition of the newsletter. We wanted to clarify that all meals are included in the registration fee. The separate meal costs listed on the registration are fees for a guest. The guest fee for the Friday night ice breaker is \$20, which is not included on the registration form.

We are also offering organizations an opportunity to have a display table at the

convention. If your organization would like a table, please notify Lois Reiersen @ gramma\_lois@hotmail.com.

These are highlights of the convention:

**Friday night** – Teddy Roosevelt will welcome you to the convention, micro brews will be available from the local Stonehome Brewing and Dueling Pianos will keep you entertained.

**Saturday morning** – Fred Fridley Jr. has a great message to share.

**Saturday breakout sessions include** – ND School for the Blind, What's Happening in Oil Country, Diabetes Health and Wellness, Service Dogs for America, Dining in the Dark, Maah Daah Hey Trail, Glob-

al Membership Approach, NDAB and Camp Grassick, Technology and Lions, Sight 4 Kidz and Campaign 100.

**Saturday Hall of Fame Luncheon** – Lt. Governor Brent Sanford will be the featured speaker.

**Saturday Banquet** – ID Justin Faber will be our guest and featured speaker. He will

also have a Q & A breakout session earlier in the day.

**Saturday entertainment after the banquet** – Gene and Jessie Veeder will provide music for your entertainment and dancing.

GET YOUR REGISTRATIONS IN TODAY because you don't want to miss out on this great convention!

## Club News

### Edgeley



Edgeley Lions inducted four new members left to right: Jane Brandenburg, Jayette Young, Nicole Kolstad, and Jamie Lagodinski (not pictured) with DG Joe Sowokinos.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Fall Festival in Medina

**Friday, Sept. 10**  
**5 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
**Pitchfork Fondue at City Park and Silent Auction**

**Saturday, Sept. 11**  
**11 a.m.: Parade**  
**Noon: Meal - sponsor by Median Lions at American Legion (\$10 plate)**  
**1 p.m.: Truck & Tractor Pull**

**Sunday, Sept. 12**  
**Noon: Soup & Sandwich at American Legion**

Hey Parents! The Lions will have a bouncy house for your kids!

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# Great news to all District 5NW Lions Clubs

We have a Lions Club in Powers Lake, ND. PDG Kevin Bean put together a team of Lions to follow up on a request from the community. CC Kevin Bean, 1st VDG Jeanette Bean, DG Scott Ressler, 2ND VDG Lynn Grabow, and PDG Judy Beaudry went to Powers Lake to canvas the community and to seek interest.

We had a very receptive community and so meetings were planned and after two informational meetings were held. We had an application

meeting. The community gave us the 20 applications necessary to charter the new Powers Lake Lions Club. Judy asked them to search for five members as twenty-five members gave the new club a 75% better chance of sustaining.

During the meeting the Powers Lake Lions Club was chosen as their official name and officers were elected. Those serving will be President Mark Enget, Vice President Jason Nordloef, Secretary Bethany Letch and

Treasurer Nick Fredrickson.

The Powers Lake Club presently has thirty-six members. The club was chartered in June and also held their first community service project later that month. They held a vision screening for Powers Lake children and hosted a free will feed at the school's baseball field for an area wide Little League Tourney. They sold out of food. It was a great confidence builder as the community let them know they were going to be supported.

A Charter Party is planned for Sunday, August 15th at 2pm, in Powers Lake at Windmill Park. Follow the signs with directions from the edge of town to the park. Plan on attending the free will offering meal planned for the community and the Lions from 11:30 – 1:30 at the park. The charter celebration will begin at 2:00 pm at the park. Bring a chair and we'll see you there.

## Notice of a dues increase proposal

This notice is to the Lions of 5NW for actions to be discussed and voted upon at the upcoming 5NW meeting at the State Convention in Watford City on Saturday, October 23, 2021.

The 5NW District Executive Team has recommended, and the 5NW District Cabinet has approved, to present a dues increase to the 5NW Lions membership. Currently, our annual dues for the district are \$7.00 per member, per year. These dues are assessed twice a year in the amount of \$3.50. The dues are assessed in July and again in Jan. The proposal to be voted upon, is to increase that assessment to \$5.00 twice a year for a total of \$10.00 per year. The proposal is to put that increase into effect starting on Jan 1, 2022.

Please note that 5NW has not had a dues increase in many years. With costs increasing with everything we do, we believe this is a prudent time to ask the membership for this increase.



## Save the Date Celebrate with us

### Bismarck Lions Club 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party Celebration

Thursday September 30th  
Bismarck Municipal Country Club  
Social: 6:00pm, Dinner: 6:30 pm  
Cost: \$40 per person

Key Note Speaker will be  
PID Michael Molenda



## 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greeting fellow Lions, I hope you are enjoying a safe summer and enjoying being a part of the world's largest service organization. As Lions, we have enormous potential to unite the world in peace through kindness and service. Our fifty-two clubs in 5NE bring that same spirit of service to their local communities. Every issue of the ND Lion proves that our members are driven by our motto 'We Serve'.

In June, I attended the dedication of Sunset Park and ribbon cutting event hosted by LaMoure Lions. Food and entertainment were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The next day I had the pleasure of attending Gateway Lion's club 60th Anniversary and Awards Event. Congratulations, Gateway!

In July, I was invited to attend the 45th Annual Lions All Star Basketball Games event held in West Fargo, ND. It was organized by the Gateway and Bismarck Lions Clubs. It was a very well-run event with over 1,500 attendees. Kudos go to Gateway's president Gelaine Orvik, 1st VDG Scott Hildre, and all their members for a great event. PDG Grant Kahlbaugh and I helped with the awards presentation that followed the completion of the boys' and girls' games.

This fall, please check with

your local schools for those interested in participating in the 'peace poster contest'. The theme this year is 'we are all connected'. Club secretaries should order the number of peace poster kits they need. Your club will be billed if the district needs to purchase them for you. If you have questions call or email Carla Lein, peace poster chairperson (701-781-0743, carla.lein@yahoo.com).

Club secretaries should also order 'New Member Induction Kits'. They are free. Go to your SHOP icon on the LCI website and use the search tool to find them. I also have several if needed.

If you have not registered for the Lion's State Convention in Watford City October 22 & 23rd, please do this soon. The registration is presently \$115. At the door it is \$130. The committee needs this information to plan for events and meals. They have great fun planned for us. Their theme is "Rockin Steady with Teddy".

Each month I will highlight one of our 5NE goals that was briefly mentioned in the July issue of the ND Lion. This month it's the 're-establish-

ment of a ladder of leadership in our district'. We seemed to have fallen behind in preparing and training dedicated Lions to be our future leaders. I stepped-up to be 2nd VDGE in 2018 not because I was asked, but because no one else did. With nearly 1,200 Lions in our district, I wondered why a succession of leadership plan was not firmly in place. Below are five steps that, if implemented, may help to close this gap.

(1) New members should undergo an orientation program within the first six weeks of induction. This would provide them with information about the history of their club, their district, and LCI.

(2) New members should be assigned an experienced member of the club to be their mentor. This could be their sponsor or another member of the club.

(3) After a member has worked on at least one service project in the community and has been an officer in the club, they should be encouraged to attend an Emerging Lion Leadership Institute (ELLI). Remember, you are ineligible for ELLI once you have served as club president. Current club

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presidents, and past presidents, should be encouraged to attend an ALLI (Advanced) and/or a RLLI (Regional) Lion Learning Institute.

(4) The progression for a Lion to become 2nd VDG is as follows: member --- officer --- president --- zone chair.

(5) It is the responsibility of every club to identify dedicated members that have potential to be a future leader. Names need to be passed on to your zone chair and DG team. The process of preparing them needs to start as soon as possible. This would allow the DG team and members of their club to encourage them along the way.

"Lions do Magical things"



"Teamwork makes the Dream work"

## Club News

### Gateway



On July 24th, at the Fargo Airshow, Fargo Gateway Lion/ 5NE Service chair Crystal Dueker was one of the 400 volunteers who helped over 15,000 be admitted at the two day event. Later in the day, she had the honor of guiding Mrs. North Dakota, Amy Longtin from Fargo, around the air field. It was exciting for us to stand beside one of the Navy crew members.

### Glenburn



On the beautiful, balmy day of July 18, the Glenburn Lions Club hosted the second annual kids fishing derby. A lunch of burgers and hot dogs was served before the derby. Approximately 100 members of the community attended the event. 37 children participated in the fishing derby and 80 fish were caught- not to mention a random turtle. The local fire department opened a fire hydrant at the end of the derby, to allow kids and adults alike to cool off in the spray. Every child received a prize regardless if they caught a fish and enjoyed face painting and icee pops. A great time was had by all.



## Where there is a need there is a lion!

By Lion Jeanette Bean

Mandan Lions have partnered with the Mandan Fire Relief Team, which will now be ND Lions Emergency Relief. Lion Patty, Lion Gary, and Lion Leo have done a fantastic job helping the fire victims of many different apartment/house fires these last 2 years. The team was very instrumental in starting the Mandan Fire Relief when a Mandan apartment building was destroyed by a fire, and 1 year later the neighboring apartment building was destroyed by a fire. We received a relief trailer

through a fire victim who wanted to donate a trailer to the relief team.

The most current fire was on Sunday, August 1, 2021. The team assisted with a 3-unit apartment fire, where 7 people were displaced, by handing out clothing to the victims. This is a great opportunity for the Mandan Fire Relief Team to make a difference when individuals fall victim to a disaster.

Moving forward the goal for the Mandan Fire Relief Team is to have the ability to be onsite at disasters when needed.



Picture is a trailer that was donated to the ND Lions Emergency Relief by a victim who received assistance due to a fire.





# 2021 ND Lions State Convention

October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>

Watford City, North Dakota

**Convention Site: Rough Rider Center, 2209 Wolves Den Parkway**

## Convention Registration Fees

February 7 – July 31 - \$100

August 1 – October 22 - \$115

Day of Convention - \$130

## Meals Only (for guests, circle options)

Saturday Breakfast - \$15

Saturday Lunch - \$20

Saturday Dinner - \$30

## Questions Contact

Lion Lois Reiersen

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*Mail Registration to: WC Lions Club, PO Box 1659, Watford City, ND 58854*

**(Please use a separate form for each registrant)**

\_\_\_ I need special vision accommodations

\_\_\_ I need special meal accommodations

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ LION or GUEST (Circle One)

Preferred Badge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Teddy T-Shirt (Additional \$20)** Circle your T-Shirt size if you'd to like order one. S M L XL XXL XXXL

*Refund policy: E-mail your refund request to Lion Lois Reiersen (gramma\_lois@hotmail.com) no later than September 20, 2021. Registration fees are not refundable after September 20, 2021.*

## Lodging Information

Watford, ND

<https://www.visitwatfordcity.com/>

Roosevelt Inn and Suites • 600 2nd Ave SW • 842-3686 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Teddy's Residential Suites • 113 9th Ave SE • 842-6480 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Little Missouri Inn • 109 9th Ave SE • 842-6262 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

Comfort Inn & Suites • 600 3rd Ave SW • 842-6565 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

The Watford • 810 3rd Ave SW • 842-6800 • Room Rate: \$89/Night. Room Block: Lions State Convention

# Annual Dacotah Mandan Lions Herman Schafer Memorial Golf Scramble

**Mandan Municipal Golf Course**  
**1002 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Mandan, ND**

**Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Registration 12:00 pm, Shotgun start 1:00 pm**

**\$75.00 per person / \$300.00 per team**

**Includes golf cart/hamburger meal/ Wings & Rings**



We Serve



**Team Prizes: \$300-\$200-\$100**  
Longest Drive in the Fairway  
Longest Putt/Closest to the Pin  
Mulligans at \$5.00 (limit 2)  
Bully Pulpit Prize



Great Food. No Bull.

**Funds raised go to local causes:**  
**Pediatric Cancer**  
**Mandan School Food Pantries**



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## Annual Dacotah Mandan Lions Herman Schafer Memorial Golf Scramble Registration

**Team Member #1** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Team Member #2** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Team Member #3** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Team Member #4** \_\_\_\_\_

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## 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Service, Service and more Service

I believe we'd all agree that our biggest challenge is adding new members. My opinion is that the best and easiest way to add new members, and keep current members, is through service! Last year was a huge challenge and clubs that thought outside the box came up with different ways to accomplish their regular service projects. Those clubs that didn't think outside the box struggled.

Our motto "We Serve", says it all – it's what we do as Lions. For clubs that did not do much last year, it's time to kick it into gear and reignite your Lions. For clubs that were active, the challenge is always how can we do it better, and, gather momentum to be even better. I suggest that you look at your past service projects and find new way to do them and look for new opportunities to serve. When we do service projects, we give back to our community and so many people in

need, plus we have pride in what we do to serve others.

Through service projects, the community sees what we are doing and that gives us the opportunity to ask them to join us. In fact, it is a great recruiting tool to ask prospective members to join your club in one of your service projects. What a great time to shine and show them how fun and gratifying it is to help others. They get the chance to work with other members of your club and make some new friends. When they see how much fun your club is having, you can ask them to become a member.

It's interesting that so many Lions struggle asking others to join the club. It should be a simple step. If you like what you do and are inspired to be a Lion, it

should be simple to ask others to join you and your club. A lot of people are looking for ways to get involved but don't know how to get involved. When talking to people that have joined Lions, they say the reason they joined is someone kept asking them. If you have not invited someone to join Lions, you should ask yourself, why haven't I? When I've talked to Lions about explaining what Lions are, I get all kind of stories. Simply put, most stories about what Lions do are just too long. Keep it simple! Lions are local people getting together to help others. Is that something you would be interested in doing? We have a service project coming up, would you like to join us? Or, we have a meeting coming up, would you like to be my guest? Keep it simple but ask



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them if it is something they would like to do. If someone doesn't care about helping others, you don't want them to join Lions.

I'm proud to be a Lion and I recently asked a friend to join my club. He was interested because he wants to help others. He likes the service projects we do and wanted to get involved. He will make a good Lion but would not have joined if I hadn't asked him. It was the service projects that got him interested, then attending a meeting and meeting the club members. All in all, it worked out great. Service will add members – JUST ASK!

I look forward to seeing you all in Watford City at the state convention.

## Club News

### Mapleton



The Mapleton Lions Club was chartered in February 2020, just before the COVID lockdown, hosted its first annual kickball tournament June 4th, 2021.

Participants ranged in age from 8 to 60+. The club gathered prizes for the top 3 teams from local businesses, and raised \$500 in entry fees/donations for the club. This was an afternoon/evening event, with the temperature at 102 degrees F. Everyone stayed hydrated and in the shade and had a great time. Participating teams encouraged the club to host this event regularly so they plan to continue it annually.



# Club News

## Harvey



The Harvey Lions Club recently completed the Exercise at the Coulee Project, which is a set of outdoor exercise equipment. The project started when Joye Stolz and Shari Nyhus with the Wells County District Health Unit received a grant to purchase 12 different outdoor exercise machines. The purpose of the project is to get people outdoors and exercise to help prevent diabetes, heart disease and obesity. The Harvey Lions Club volunteered to assemble the equipment and install it. Lion Dennis Dockter was the chairman of the project and he lined up volunteers for the many nights it took to complete the project. After the equipment was assembled, we built the forms and poured the cement pads. The equipment was then installed on the cement pads. Lion Scott Swang was our go-to engineer to make sure the equipment was installed correctly. The Lions



Club put in over 300-man hours to finish the project. The final phase of the project was to have signs made and installed with instructions and acknowledgements. We would like to thank the Harvey Eagles Club for their donation to purchase material, Harvey Sand and Gravel for donating the cement and the City of Harvey for use of their equipment.







Members of the Gateway Lions Club as they prepare for their "JOBS" for the Lions All-Star Basketball Games.

# Lions All-Star BB Games

The 45th annual Lions All-Star Basketball games were recently held in Bismarck on July 12 and in West Fargo on July 13. The games are sponsored by the Bismarck Lions Club from Bismarck and the Gateway Lions Club from Fargo. This event is the largest fund raising project for both Lions clubs. Funds are raised by selling ads to businesses and individuals and then placing the ads in the game program. Bismarck Lion Allen Dockter and Gateway Lions Darrell Costain & Gelaine Orvik are the chairs for this event. The games pit the best senior basketball players from North Dakota, both boys & girls. The activities started at noon on Friday, August 9 with a kick-off banquet for the boys. The players introduced themselves, by saying which high school they were from and what college they are going to attend. The speaker for the event

was Darren Tighe, head basketball coach from Mayville State University. He gave a very informative and inspirational talk to the student-athletes and Gateway Lions members in attendance. The players were also informed about their schedule and the rules they are to follow. Some of the fun activities that the boys got to do included: going to Thunder Road (mini-golf, baseball cages, laser tag and go-carts), Gastropub (pool tournament and bean bags) and going to a movie. The girls had similar entertainment and food.

The games were played in Bismarck at Legacy High School on Monday, July 12 with the Class A girls winning over the Class B girls 75-54 and the Class A boys beating the Class B boys 82-68. The next night the games were played in Fargo at the West Fargo High School with the Class A girls winning again



(left to right) Craig Flagaan, DG Grant Kalhbaugh and Lion Jo Peterson. Craig won \$416 from the 50-50 drawing.

over the Class B girls 66-50 and the Class A boys won over the Class B boys 98-89. With the sweep of the games the records for the series is as follows: Girls; Class A, 46 wins and Class B, 29 wins and Boys; Class A, 53 wins and Class B, 26 wins. During the games at Fargo, those in attendance got to shoot 3-pointers at half-time for

a chance at an autographed basketball signed by all of the All-Star players. Fans could also buy raffle tickets for an autographed basketball and could buy tickets for the 50-50 drawing (the winner received \$416). The fans could purchase All-Star game T-Shirts

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Shoot around at half-time of the Lions All-Star Basketball Games. The winner won an autographed basketball.





Class B girls getting instructions from Grafton Coach Laurie Sieben.

and game programs. During the games, the Corporate Sponsor award was presented as well as two scholarships.

The games were entertaining and the student-athletes represented themselves well.



(left to right) Lion Jo Pederson (Chair), Shanley High School Seniors Ben Ostlie and Ingrid Otterson and Lion Darrell Costain (President). The Gateway Lions Club presented scholarships to Ben and Ingrid.



Nodak Insurance was presented the Corporate Sponsor Award (the equivalent to a Melvin Jones Fellowship) for being a corporate sponsor of the games for many years. (L to R) Joe Welsch, Lion Darrell Costain and Jim Alexander. Joe and Jim accepted the award for Nodak Insurance.

## Club News

### New Rockford



New Rockford Lions served a brisket dinner with all the fixin's on July 3rd during the city's annual 4th of July celebration. Approximately 200 people showed up for the event with all money raised going to the New Rockford bowling alley restoration project.



A total of \$3,000 was raised towards the project. An additional \$10,000.00 was given to the restoration project from the New Rockford Lions Club for a total of \$13,000!!

### Linton



#### *Linton Lions Club Demolition Derby*

After cancelling the event due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Linton Lions Club renewed its annual Demolition Derby on Saturday, July 3, at the Linton Rifle Range. After sponsoring a demolition derby sporadically between the early 1960s and 1970s, the Linton Jaycees made it an annual event during Linton's Diamond (75th) Jubilee and the United States Bicentennial celebration in Linton in 1976. The Linton Lions Club, which was established in 1978, took over sponsorship of the derby in 1979, and has sponsored the event annually ever since. *(Photo submitted by the Emmons County Sheriff's Department)*



## Club News

### South Forks



On Tuesday, August 3, the Grand Forks South Forks Lions presented Val Sussex, Director of the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks Champions Club with a check for \$8500 to go towards the Lowell Schweigert Memorial Football Endowment Fund. The donation is the result of the very successful "Lions on the Links" golf scramble that was held in June in memory of long time South Forks Lions Lowell Schweigert and Past District Governor Wayne Westlund. The golf event completely sold out with 144 participants and over 70 hole sponsors in addition to several major sponsors. Proceeds from the event help the South Forks Lions provide thousands of dollars in charitable contributions to Lions causes and to many local organizations on an annual basis in addition to the Lowell Schweigert UND Football Endowment. Sussex and her staff were instrumental in helping the South Forks Lions create a successful event. We wish to thank the Schweigert family, the Westlund family, the sponsors, the Kings Walk golf staff and of course the golfers who participated!



Lions on the Links planning team Val Sussex, Director of the UND Fighting Hawks Champions Club with Lion Brad Westrum, event Chairperson.

### Mandan



Lion Travis Messer from the Mandan Lions Club enjoying a rest on one of the club's Trex plastic benches. This bench was donated to Liberty Heights Senior Living!

### Robinson



Robinson Lions held the 20th annual Brock Bowerman Memorial Truck Pull on July 16th and 17th. Left to Right: President Bob Bowerman, Ray Munson, Jeff Dewitz, Service Chair Crystal Dueker, Chase Trautmann, Wes Trautmann, Rachel Flath, Austin Flath, David Flath, Dustin Peterson, Not in photo: Eldean Flath

## STEAK FRY IN ELLENDALE Friday, September 24 • 7pm

The Ellendale Lions will partner with the American Legion members to prepare a delicious meal with baked potato/ coleslaw/ dessert  
Dinner served at American Legion from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Cost: \$20 per person

**Reminder:**  
ND Lion  
DEADLINE  
is the 7th  
of the month!



# Club News

## Korner



The Korner Lions were showing their WE SERVE spirit and support for our community law enforcement by grilling at the National Night Out event at Davidson Park. L to R: Lions David Tuan, Stevie Broe, Wayne Retzer, Michael Kiriakon, Eric Nelson, Eric Kirby, Kathy Molland and Val Kirby.



Lion Tate Cymbaluk, Police Chief Dave Peterson and Williams County States Attorney Jaakan Williams serve burgers and chips to the public.



Lions Carolle Wells and Jackie Grubb man the condiments and cookie tables.



Korner Lion Michael Kiriakon, (center), was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at a recent club meeting. Lion Michael has been a valuable Lion that exemplifies the Lions "We Serve" motto. Lion Kent Reiersen, (left), presented the plaque and Korner Lion President Janelle Olson is pictured on the right.

## Carrington



Left to right: Millie Wald, Zeeland; Vivian Schaffner, Zeeland; Pres. Brady Weber, Linton; Zone chair Crystal Dueker, Fargo; Sec. Gary Wolff, Zeeland; Treas. Dean Weiss, Hazelton; Pres. Duane Leier, Braddock; Sec. Ray Nieuwsma, Strasburg; Treas. Gary Silbernagel, Strasburg; Pres. David Silbernagel, Zeeland; B. of Dir. Joe Shea, Hazelton; Mary Baumgartner, Strasburg; and Sec. Dan Weber, Linton. Not shown but attended the meeting: Pres. Gerry Kraft, Strasburg, and Sonja Schumacher, Strasburg.

On July 19th, the Strasburg Lions hosted the Zone 8 meeting with a delicious meal at the Blue Room. Most agreed they became Lions to help their community, or were invited by a friend. Treas. Gary Silbernagel joined because his father, Adam, was a charter member of the Strasburg Club. Each club shared stories about their service projects and joyful events held in their communities. Linton Lions President Brady Weber offered a suggestion: he has 20 friends in a text group who are reminded about upcoming service projects resulting in extra hands to help and even a possible membership.



### Medina



Lions Clyde Reister and Arlyn Schmidt with the cake.



PDG Dwayne presenting Medina Lion Val Flegel with The Lion of the Year Award for her outstanding work organizing the Lions blood drives in Medina and everything else she does for the community and Medina Lions.



Lion Crystal Dueker presented an \$80 check to Lion President Clyde Reister from the Fargo Lions.

# Medina Lions turns 80

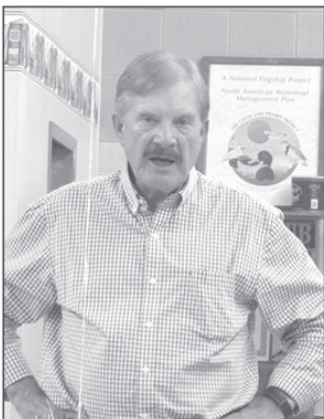
Last month, the Medina Lions Club celebrated their 80th year during a celebration at the American Legion building in Medina. Lions members from Fargo, Jamestown, Lehr, Streeter, and Gackle attended the event. Soury Schmidt and Brenda Guthmiller did a great job with decorating. The event was catered by Emmyt Hoffman and entertainment was

provided by Kendra Behm. Joel Zenker gave the prayer and Lion President Clyde Reister thanked all the members for their efforts. Lots of stories were told. During the conversations, we discovered Lion Arlyn Schmidt has over 60 years as a Medina Lion.

PDG Dwayne Heinrich was the guest speaker and assisted in the awards presentation.



Medina Lions Club members and special guests.



PDG Dwayne Heinrich of Jamestown Lions was the guest speaker. The Jamestown Lions sponsored the Medina Club 80 years ago.



Kendra Behm played the piano for our dinner enjoyment.



The Medina Cafe served a delicious steak dinner.



# Fargo Lions Club to celebrate 100th Anniversary

The Fargo Lions Club will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its charter on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the Spirit of the Sandbaggers Memorial, to be followed by a celebration meal in the early evening. All Lions are invited to celebrate the anniversary of North Dakota's first Lions Club founded in 1921.

The Fargo Lions Club was organized on May 7, 1921, by District Governor Frank C. Berry of Minneapolis. Its first officers included Ed T. Conmy, President; Fred M. Hector, Secretary and Treasurer. There were 42 charter members, two from each occupation (dentists, bankers, druggists, life insurance, undertaker, oculists, IRS collectors, surgeons, hotel managers, and capitalists – apparently trust companies weren't thought of very highly and the two members from Northern Trust took the label "capitalists" on the original charter).

The club has always met on Mondays at noon. First in the Commercial Club Room of the Old Chamber of Commerce Building at 502 1st Avenue North. Meals were 25-40 cents; then the club moved to the Blue Room at the Powers Hotel (100 members) and meals were 80 cents. In 1957, the club moved to the Town Hall of the Gardner Hotel (146 members). Since then, the club met at the Elks Building (where the new Courthouse is located) and now at the Radisson (over a two decades). Early membership records were lost in a flood, but all available records are now preserved at the North Dakota Institute for Regional Studies located at North Dakota State University.

The Fargo Lions Club has

sponsored several clubs, including Finley, Valley City, Hawley (MN), Casselton, Moorhead (MN), Mapleton, and Fargo Roamer 4 Wheel Drive. Several Leo Clubs have also benefitted from Fargo Lions Club sponsorship including the Oak Grove Leo Club and the Griffon Leo Club at Fargo Davies High School.

Twenty-four Fargo Lions have served as District Governors with their partners in service: E. T. Conmy, 1922-23; R. T. Trubey, 1929-30; Jake Mauer, 1948-49 (who was also MD5 Secretary Treasurer from 1951-1964); P. J. Carey, 1953-54; Mel Toussaint, 1955-56; Fred Hultz, 1957-58; Dr. Frederick Walsh, 1961-62 (Marian); Vernon Sjoquist, 1963-64 (Ruby); V. E. Kroeber, 1967-68 (Kay); W. J. Seifert, 1971-72 (Addy); Leo Eldred, 1972-73 (Alice); Lyle Swor, 1976-77 (Elaine); J. Leo Malony, 1979-80 (Blanche); Mayo Christianson, 1983-84 (Winifred); Ted Appel, 1986-87 (Marian) and MD5 Council Chair 1987-1988; Ed Morken, 1994-95 (Marian); Dave Butler, 1995-96 (Crystal); Katherine Tweed, 2006-07 and 2013-14 (Doug); John Dobbs, 2007-08 (Anita); Dr. Robert Littlefield, 2010-11 (Kathy) and MD5 Council Chair 2011-12 ; Mel Olson, 2012-13 (Kim); and Rob Lein, 2018-19 (Carla).

Six Fargo Lions have been inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame: Edward Conmy, 1982; Jake Mauer, 1982; Bill Seifert, 1985; Lyle Swor, 1991; Robert Littlefield, 2017; Mel Olson, 2019.

In the early history of Lions Clubs International, two Fargo Lions were listed as "international counselors": Ed Conmy and R. T. Trubey. Dr. Robert Littlefield was

elected as an International Director in Toronto, Canada and served from 2014-2016. In addition, he was appointed as a Trustee for Lions Club International Foundation representing the United States from 2016-2019.

Fargo hosted Melvin Jones as a guest in 1936-1937 and welcomed an International President—Frank V. Birch—in 1937. Fargo Lions attended its first district convention in 1922 and hosted its first district convention in 1926. Since then, the Fargo Club has hosted many district and multiple district conventions. The earliest recorded attendance of Fargo Lions at a national or international convention was 1930-31 in Boston, MA.

The Fargo Lions Club has received recognition as a model club in the SightFirst II Campaign (2005) and Campaign 100 (2021) sponsored by Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Early activities included projects for young people: For nearly 40 years (1920s-1940s), the club hosted a Christmas Party for the ND Children's Home; from the mid-1930s to the 1940s, served an annual turkey dinner for the St. John's Orphanage (108 pounds of turkey served); provided sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troup as early as 1929; offered a Student Loan Fund (\$3,000 on hand for NDSU students); supported 4H activities as early as 1929; provided milk to area children; and sponsored candidates to Boys and Girls State. Club members have supported the Salvation Army since 1928 (projects and bellringing). The club started purchasing glasses in 1931; and in the 1960s, "new eyes for the needy" was the slogan as hundreds of pairs

of classes were collected and checked. Records show that the club contributed to support causes in line with the times: Community Chest, unemployment relief, flood relief, defense bonds, Red Cross, books for service men, clothes for refugees. The club sold "nuts, bulbs, and brooms" for years and sponsored Journey for Sight, cake auctions, and a "Monday Night Football" raffle. The Fargo Lions Club built a cottage at the Y Camp and maintained a supportive relationship and helped with various cleaning and maintenance projects over the years. Under the leadership of Lion Mike Benson, the Fargo Conservancy Park began and has become an on-going signature service for decades to the environment and our community. Most recently, the effort to dedicate a tribute to the spirit of the sandbaggers who saved the Fargo community and surrounding region is being dedicated in conjunction with the celebration.

Through it all, the club has changed to meet the changing times. From its start in 1921, the Fargo Lions Club has created a self-portrait of leadership and service to the community and world. The club can be proud that the work of its founders and those who served over the past 100 years as Helen Keller's "Knights of the Blind."

More information about the event will be forthcoming. If you are interested in attending and receiving information about the dedication and celebration, please contact Lion Blake Strehlow by September 1st at [Blake@casscountyhousing.org](mailto:Blake@casscountyhousing.org).



5NW District Governor Scott Ressler's first cabinet meeting. Planning for the future!



(l to r): 1st VDG Jeanette Bean, DG Scott Ressler and 2nd VDG Lynn Grabow.

**Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE  
is the 7th of the month!**

*Come Celebrate!*  
**POWERS LAKE CHARTER PARTY**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH • 2PM**  
 WINDMILL PARK, POWERS LAKE  
 FOLLOW THE LIONS' SIGNS TO THE PARK  
 A FREEWILL OFFERING MEAL WILL BE  
 SERVED FROM 11- 1:30PM  
 PLEASE RSVP TO LION JUDY BEAUDRY  
 701-220-4410  
 CLUB ADDRESS: Powers Lake Lions • PO Box  
 154 • Powers Lake, ND 58773  
*Charter Night is a special event celebrating the  
 beginning of a new Lions Club. During the event, the  
 club is presented with it's charter and lions from the  
 surrounding area have the opportunity to show their  
 support. By support we are asking each club in Dis-  
 trict 5NW to attend and to honor the new club with a  
 cash gift to kick off their account. " Old Traditions"*