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Horace Lions make a splash at Convention

Even though the pool was closed for repairs, the Horace Lions made a "splash" with 11 members and 3 spouses attending the 2022 North Dakota State Lions Convention at Spirit Lake.

Many of the members were 'First Time' Lions convention attendees. They all agreed that the Convention Committee did a fantastic job in presenting the convention. Several members also brought along displays from organizations they are involved with besides the Lions membership.

Lion Kristin Follman and Lion Kevin Benson set up a display for the Haiti Eye Mission. Glaucoma and cataracts are at epidemic levels throughout Haiti and our annual medical mission provides the only source for surgical procedures, glaucoma drops, and eyecare for the central plateau region of Haiti including the city of Pignon. Haiti Eye Mission has treated thousands of patients, performs approximately 330 surgeries each year and distributes hundreds of bottles of glaucoma drops to the families living in and around Pignon.

Our commitment to cure and prevent CURABLE blindness in Haiti is the driving force behind our annual mission trips!

Lions Arlin Fisher, Sarah Fisher, Arlan Kakac and Bonnie Kakac fielded many questions about both 'Crosses for Cameron' and The Healing Garden. Crosses for Cameron is dedicated to the memory of Cameron Bolton and his donation of various parts of his body after his passing. They promote Organ Donation throughout the area. They have made presentations to Lions clubs in ND and MN plus many more organizations. The Healing Garden is a dedicated quiet place for providing a place for families to grieve following the loss of a loved one. Phase one is complete and phase two is planned for next year and beyond.

Lion Marty Johnson was the winner of the 'Patch-work' Quilt. This quilt was made from squares that most of the clubs in District 5NE submitted. Lion Allan Peterson also provided a display from the

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Lion Kristin Follman standing by the display for the Haiti Eye Mission.

Lion Pedersen receives award

Lion Greg Pedersen joined the LaMoure Lions Club in 1997. As Club Secretary and Treasurer for the past 13 years, Greg is an example of how to promote his Lions Club by showing support for community projects. Lion Greg also promotes various service projects in the local newspaper.

The LaMoure Lions Club is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Greg places the LaMoure Lions logo alongside other businesses in the local newspaper and on posters for community events. The LaMoure Lions logo appears in newspaper ads to support various high school sports events throughout the year. The LaMoure Lions logo is used in ads to promote upcoming dinners cre-

ated by Lions members. Greg uses the local newspaper to list the Lion members who are scheduled to perform a certain task during their club's sponsored food event, or which Lions will be helping with a ditch clean-up service.

Finally, Greg led the way to acquire a used snowmobile trailer and got an approved budget for its transformation into a much needed people mover to help the elderly and others with mobility problems get assistance during park and community events. Various sponsors have shown their support to the LaMoure Lions by paying for ads placed around the outside of the Lions People Mover. Congratulations Greg and thank you for your service!



Lion Pedersen receives District Lion Marketing Award. Presenting LaMoure Lion Greg Pedersen with his certificate is District 5 NE Governor Scott Hildre and Crystal Dueker, 5NE New Voices/Services Chair.

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Action – those we take and those we don't-determine the positive or negative impact we make.

As the holiday season approaches and we take Action to rekindle friendships and reunite with family I wonder if we are doing the same with our Lions family all year long.

Let me share a story of Lion Linda. Linda, a club membership chairperson, noticed that Lion John had not been to a club meeting or service project for several months. She even heard, through other mem-

bers, that John would probably drop his membership.

Linda has two choices: No Action OR Action. Let's see what the potential outcomes of each are.

No Action was taken. Lion John did just what the club members thought he would do – dropped his membership. Two other members dropped, as well, because they also felt the club was not engaging them as members. Disengagement is contagious.

Action was taken. Linda called John to let him know he

was missed and invite him to a service project at a local animal shelter. John thanked her for the call and said he would be there. He renewed his membership and encouraged a friend to do the same.

Does your club have a designated Lion, Membership Chairperson, assigned to make sure that all your members feel engaged and welcomed? I hope that all the Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5 will act NOW to make sure you elect a very positive person as your Membership Chairperson to



ensure that every Lion feels welcome and that their voice is heard. Action makes a difference!

Blessings to each of you during this Holiday Season,

In Service with all you Lions of MD5,

Lion Pat Vannett, Past International Director

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Club News

Korner

The Korner Lions celebrated their annual Christmas gathering by inviting Zone 1 Lions to join them.



The Christmas committee takes a break to pose for the camera. L to R: Lions Carolle Wells, Roni Gravgaard, Kathy Molland, Sandy Hampton and Chris Brostuen.



Lion Chris Brostuen (R to L) inducts new members Kevin and Teresa Putchio while Lion sponsor Kathy Molland looks on.



Alexander Lion, Doug Nenow, leads the group in singing Christmas carols.



Ashley Lions serving line (L to R): Lions Jim Delzer, Stan Schnabel, new member Tyler Feil, Lyle Fey, new member Randy Woehl, and Secretary Kirk Rueb, manager of Ashley Super Valu who provided the food.

Two Days of Service Projects with Two Lions clubs

**BY SNE SERVICE
CHAIR CRYSTAL DUEKER**

This was the first year I attended the Ashley Lions Deer Hunters Appreciation dinner. These dedicated Lions knew that preparing to serve up to 400 people started the day before with setup. The day of the event teams of Lions and other volunteers from the community worked together to prepare the meal. Twenty Future Business Leaders of America members from the school cleared over 350 trays of food and poured coffee refills. At the end of two hours, most of the 350 attendees stayed to play bingo. It was a successful event for the Ashley Lions.

The following day, the Jud Lions held their soup and

sandwich fundraiser at the Community Hall with a free will donation box. It was exciting to see Lions and their spouses showing support at this Lions event including Lions from other clubs. Over 80 people attended for a meal, dessert, raffle drawings and bingo games.

It warms my heart to see neighboring Lions club members cross over in support of service projects and fundraisers. WE SERVE should extend past our own invisible borders to help other Lions, especially in small towns. Please consider being an extra pair of hands to clear trays and wipe off tables or whatever you can do to help in service at other Lions projects. Your efforts are appreciated.

5NE Environmental Honor Roll

BY PDG STEVE JOHNSON, DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIRPERSON

A review of MyLion reporting shows the following additional environmental service projects by 5NE clubs:

- Enderlin Lions Club - Baxter Park display
- Mapleton Lions Club - Holiday lights for Meridian Road
- Wahpeton Headwaters Lions Club - Chahinkapa Park Field
- Carrington Lions Club - West Side Park Restoration
- Carrington Lions Club - Highway 281 ditch cleaning
- Harvey Lions Club - Highway 3 ditch cleaning
- Grand Forks Red River Lions Club - I29 ditch cleaning

Club News

South Forks



On November 29th, South Forks Lions Club members Mike Hergert and Del Hager delivered almost 200 pounds of food and \$1,066 in cash to Mickey Monson, Executive Director of St. Joseph's Social Care and Thrift Store in Grand Forks. The food and cash were donated by South Forks Lions Club members, with a financial boost from November 22nd visitors from the Fargo Gateway Lions.

Carrington



The Carrington Lions Club handed out free popcorn at the Market on December 5. The Market was held in the Carrington Library in conjunction with the Light Parade. Pictured are Lions Mary Struxness and Shelly Skytland.

Korner



New Korner Lions members Kevin and Teresa Putchio ring bells for the Salvation Army while Lion Sandy Hampton contributes to the kettle.

Edgeley



Club Secretary Diane Greiman helped oversee the high school students as they served the 11th annual Thanksgiving community dinner sponsored by the Edgeley Lions club. The club purchased 18 turkeys, which were prepared by community members. The roasters were brought to the school gym, along with all the fixings plus over 30 pies to provide a delicious meal, free of charge, to under 400 people. That included 42 meals to the Manor for retired folks plus Lions delivered 22 meals to shut ins. There are 12 Lions who helped set up tables and chairs on prep day and helped with serving the meal along with 14 students. A large number of food items were collected for the local food pantry. All the thanksgiving meals were free.

Gateway



Members of the Gateway Lions Club helped patrol the Winter "PARADE OF LIGHTS" in downtown Fargo on Saturday, December 3rd. The temperature was a balmy 5 degrees

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Seasons Greetings!

I can not believe the last month of the year is upon us which also tells me that my District Governor year is half way through!

I have continued my club visits and all our fall/winter conventions are tucked away until 2023. So, now we move on to a few holiday parties with 3 clubs this week, which I am looking forward to having a little fun. I love to see the different fall activities there are within the clubs such as the Wilton Lions Turkey Bingo & Meat Wheel. They also held their last movie of the summer in September. Minot Magic City Lions packed Backpack Buddies to help serve the community and packed 20 thanksgiving baskets for a few community members. Minot Lions held their Dining in the Dark which was a huge success and they have a gun raffle going on so hit them up for a ticket! Bismarck Lions continue to serve breakfast at the Dream Center a few mornings a week which is greatly appreciated! Mandan Lions are busy selling their Christmas Trees and they are going fast! Dacotah Mandan Lions will



continue their tradition of Santa Day in Solen and will distribute presents to the children and help serve a nice meal to the community. Halliday held their Lion's Santa Day and Parade of Lights this last weekend and I am sure it was a wonderful celebration! Beulah Lions Club sold out their Night at the Races which will be in January! These are examples of some of the events we can hold for our own clubs, keep the community involved, the club active, and most of all we need to have FUN! So many other clubs are giving back to their communities to help out the less fortunate. These are just a few of the service projects going on in 5 NW.

The 51st Mandan Lions Wrestling Tournament was held

this last weekend and President Kevin Bean and I handed out the awards. Above is a picture of the 2022 champions from Sturgis South Dakota. What a fun event! Not sure if you can see but some of the wrestlers were pretty banged up!

One date I would like all of the clubs to put on your calendar is March 21st and April 1, 2023 FRIDAY FUN NIGHT & SPRING RALLY ON SATURDAY in Beulah & Hazen. District Governor Elect Lynn Grabow is most certainly going to have one heck of a Spring Rally so don't miss this FUN!

Now for an update on the possible Tioga Lions. We have had three meetings with the members who have signed up/



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paid for their membership. In January, we are having a pie/ice cream social for the city of Tioga! This is their first social event and they are so excited about bringing in more members. We have put our hearts and souls into this club and I am looking forward to having their charter night soon! I want to thank Lions Lynn G, Terry O, Kevin B, and Lois R for their hard work and dedication. More updates to follow!

My pledge for all clubs in our district, is to ask one person to come to a service project. This is a great opportunity for them to see how much FUN the lions are!

As always my DG Team is here for your club and members. Please do not hesitate to contact us! Remember to be heard, be seen, and make a difference.

From our home to yours, the Bean's would like to wish you all a wonderful and safe Holiday Season!

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NDAB, North Dakota Association of the Blind.

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November has come and gone. In the moment it seemed to drag on, but in reality, it sped by as months with holidays in them seem to do.

It was a hard month for a few of us that lost a loved one way to soon. We don't always think about it, but in a group as large as ours, I am sure that our Lions family have members that lose loved ones almost every month. May God be with all those families and friends as they go through the Holidays without their loved one.

Some of you have been working hard to help achieve our membership goal. Our district is up 29 members for this Lions year. We have 41 new members which is great as we reach the half way mark in our year. We have lost 12 so far. I

am sure that many of you are working on the plan to replace yourself.

We have asked every Lions member to find one new member. It can be a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker, some one you just met or any person you think would make a good Lion or deserves to have as much fun as we do or feel as good as we do after helping others.

We are still looking to find a community that could use a new service club. Please help us identify places to start a new Lions Club.

We visited The Streeter Li-

ons on the first of November, helped with eye screening on the 8th, attended the Council of Governors Zoom meeting on the 19th, entered a Chili in the Mapleton Lions chili cook off on the 20th, and visited the Grand Forks Red River Lions Club with other members of the Fargo Gateway Club on the 22nd.

As we all know this is a time of giving. There are more families in our local communities in need this year than ever. The local food pantries are seeing more people than they have ever seen. Think about the families that can't afford to put



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food on their table and if they have children, they can't afford Christmas gifts either.

The Fargo Gateway Lions Club always takes a week about this time of year to help out every day at the food pantry and we collect children's gifts from our members to give to families that come to the pantry.

May all of you be as blessed as we are this Holiday Season. Merry Christmas to you and may you have a blessed New Year.

Gateway



Members of the Gateway Lions Club as they show off their "BOXES FOR KIDS". These boxes have presents for the kids. The boxes will be taken to the Emergency Food Pantry and given to the kids shortly before Christmas.



Newest members of the Gateway Lions Club as they are being inducted by President Mike Little (left to right) Fowzia Adde, Lion Crystal Dueker (sponsor) and Jihan Brifki.



Members from the South Forks Lion Club from Grand Forks and the Gateway Lions Club from Fargo. The South Forks Lions members made a visitation to recover their bell. They then presented a traveling Lion that will be used to secure funds for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Pictured (left to right) 2nd VDG Kirk Tingum (SF), Gelaine Orvik (G), President Mike Little (G), President Frederick Kitko (SF), John Lee (SF), DG Scott Hildre (G), Darrell Costain (G) and THIEF.

Club News

Headwaters



Headwaters Lions Club operates the concession stand every fall at the Wahpeton 5th - 8th grade and junior varsity football games. Pictured here are club members Linda Braun (L) and Karen Eichhorn (R) serving up hot fresh popcorn during a game this fall! A majority of the funds raised are donated to Wahpeton Parks and Recreation.



Headwater Lions Club recently donated \$600 to Wahpeton Parks and Recreation from the concession stand proceeds at Chahinkapa Park field. Pictured is Lion Sandy Eichhorn, Concessions Chair, presenting a check to Keith Blattenbauer, Recreation Director.

Williston



Lions Kevin Beard, Rachel Johnson, Joseph Irvine, and Howard Miller hand out candy at the annual Halloween drive-thru at Spring Lake Park.



Lion Stuart Langager and his wife Pam hand out candy at annual trunk-or-treat event.



Lion Kevin Beard packs meals at the annual Feed My Starving Children event in Williston.



Williston Lion James Bervig (L) receives a \$3,000 donation from the local Moose Lodge as part of the annual Christmas wreath fundraiser.

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in your district
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Dacotah Mandan



The Dacotah Mandan Lions celebrated with the 2022 Peace Poster winners. The first place winner, Kai Villbrandt, went on to the District 5NW competition and took first there also. We are so proud of him! From Left to right: 3rd place: Sophia Responde, 1st Place: Kai Villbrandt, 2nd Place: Margaret Baumgartner and Honorable Mention: Abagaile Davis.



Dacotah Mandan Lions inducted New Members Jonny and Amy Nguyen on Monday, October 24th. Left to right, PDG Sherry Fetch, Jonny Nguyen, Amy Nguyen and President Lion LeAnn Eckroth. Sponsor Lion Claire Henke is not pictured.



New Lion inducted into the Dacotah Mandan Lions Club. Back row from left to right: Lion Rick Willoughby, Lion Ewell Madry, Lion President LeAnn Eckroth, Lion Steve Moore, Lion Sally Helms, and 1st VDGE Lion Lynn Helms. Front row from left to right: Lion Darwin Smith, Lion Berna Smith, PDG Lion Sherry Fetch, New Lion Michael Meuer, PCC Lion Arlen Fetch and Lion Barb Braun.