

**ANNUAL REPORT OF  
DISTRICT 5NW 2019 -2020  
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“We Serve”



International Lions President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi’s theme this year includes the Lions motto, “We Serve through Diversity”. District 5NW reflects diversity through our membership with women being a strong presence. Our District leads the Multiple District in Women as Lions. The 2019-2020 District Governors started their leadership training by LCI in a new way, by attending training in Chicago, Illinois at the Q Center the February before our DG year. This training was inspiring and helped my year to get started in a truly awesome way!

My theme is “On Fire to Inspire!” My goal is to inspire Leadership and Service in our Lions Clubs during my Governor Year and going forward.

GAT: Leadership: GLT

The year began with Zone Training before our first District Meeting on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. Five out of the six Zone chairs participated in the excellent training provided by our GLT Leader, IPDG Ginney Jones. The sixth Zone Chair completed the training at home. This was the first goal completed for District 5NW.

Another goal was to have at least 10 people attend leadership training throughout the year. DGE Kevin Bean and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE elect Jeanette Bean attended the USA Canada Leadership Forum and 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Scott Ressler attended the Advanced Lions Leadership Forum, while IPDG Ginney Jones had applied for and was accepted into the Faculty Development Institute. I am hoping that other Zone Chairs and leadership of the future will attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institutes of District MD5M and District 5NW or the Summit at the MD5 Convention.

The Leadership Team and GAT Team have met monthly by Go-to-Meeting with the Zone Chairs and LCIF Chair to keep track of what is happening in the District.

We also added a Leo Representative to the Cabinet. Leo Liberty Hurley, President of the Mandan Leo Club stepped up to this leadership role. Leo Liberty and other Mandan Leos were in charge of a breakout session at the ND State Lions Convention. I hope this leadership role is continued in our future cabinets.

Leo Liberty was nominated for the MD5 Leo of the Year by her Leo advisor, Lion Mathilda Goetz. She was approved at the multiple district level and moved on to the LCI Leo of the Year. I was honored to pass on the International Lions Presidents’ Leo Award to Leo Liberty at a Mandan Lions Banquet.

Another part of leadership for our district, is the planning and continued success of our Spring Rally Leadership Training. Due to Covid-19, the DG Teams from 5NW and 5NE combined their efforts and

organized the First Virtual ND Lions Spring Rally Leadership Training. We started our training on Friday evening, June 12<sup>th</sup> with the inspirational presentation by my friend 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE for District 22D. I met Lion Daniel at ELLI-ALLI Lions Leadership Training and was inspired by him. He has sponsored over 150 Lions since that time. His message speaks of joining with other organizations to make a difference in your community and to embrace the diversity of our neighbors to help realize that goal. Saturday morning we had an introduction and some strategic planning about the new NAMI Initiative from IPID Pat Vannett, PID Robert Littlefield and PGD Rob Hill. In the afternoon we had presentations about President, Secretary and Treasurer training plus an LCI Club Orientation and discussion about Service in the community during Covid-19.

#### GAT: Membership: GMT

At the ND State Convention District 5NW put out a membership challenge to District 5NE and we won that challenge by 3 Lions. One of the primary reasons we won that challenge was because we achieved another goal; we gained a fourth Leo Club. The Beulah Lions Club had the Charter Night for the Beulah Miners Leo Club on October 20<sup>th</sup> and over 60 of the 85 Leos were present. What a wonderful celebration. By starting this Leo club the Beulah Lions Club gained 11 new Lions, who assist with the several projects of the Leo Club.

With the assistance of our GMT Leader, PCC Arlen Fetch, we had positive membership in the first quarter. As the second quarter was winding down we had positive numbers until the end when we lost a Lions Club. Try as we may the Glen Ullin Lions didn't want to add women or try any other ideas we had to regenerate their club. This pushed the District into negative numbers.

On a brighter note, we are in the process of saving the Beach Lions Club. They are in Priority Designation with a Guiding Lion and we had our first membership drive. We will have another membership drive in the spring. At the May Club visit I inducted a new Lion into the Beach Lions Club. We are continuing to help this club with service and visibility and it is paying off.

The middle of March we are finally getting back into positive membership. District 5NW has another Club Membership Challenge in the works. The Lions Club that gains the most new Lions before the Spring Rally will earn 3 registrations for the State Convention next October and the club who takes second in the challenge will earn 2 registrations. We have had this type of challenge the past 2 years and it has been pretty successful.

We were hoping to have a couple more membership challenges/ drives yet this year, but due to the Covid-19 breakout in the US we are on lockdown and are not supposed to have gatherings, so we could not do this. I did attempt to get a Leo-Lion Virtual Club started but was unable to get any interest. I will continue to pursue this in the future.

#### GAT: Service: GST

District 5NW does so much Service! I'm so proud of all the Lions Clubs that are actively doing service in their communities and slowly we are beginning to document it more in MyLion. This continues to be a struggle. I commend GST Gary Morel for stepping up to the plate, attending Zone Meetings and Lions Clubs, presenting service ideas and the importance of documenting the service in MyLion. He has placed articles in the North Dakota Lion. The service we do encompasses all the 5 LCI Service Areas. Sight 4 Kidz program, eye glass collection and cleaning ditches, park improvements, Strides Walks for Diabetes Awareness, sending Diabetic Children to Camp Sioux Diabetic Camp, benefits to help Children with Cancer, and also food drives for the Local Shelters and homeless. This is just a sample of the amazing service that District 5NW does.

GAT: Leadership, Membership, Service:

It takes all three of these Lions qualities to put together a ND Lions State Convention. The Convention Committee, which consisted of Lions from several Clubs in Zone 3A did an exceptional job of putting together a very wonderful, memorable convention.

Another goal for District 5NW was to have a Women's Symposium. There hasn't been a Women's Conference or Symposium since 2006 and this has been not only a goal but also a dream to be a part of planning this symposium. Seven Lion Women are on the committee to plan this event. We were hoping that Covid-19 wouldn't destroy our efforts, but had to reschedule the 5NW Women's Symposium for October 2020. I am going to be the GMT for 5NW and this project will continue to be very important to me and the women that are creating it.

GAT: LCIF:

I need to thank PDG Mark Koller for being the LCIF beacon of our District. We have accomplished gaining three Model Clubs for LCIF. They are Bismarck Lions club, Stanley Lions Club and Beach Lions Club. We have a very generous district to our Lions Organization. I am very proud to be a part of the leading district in Multiple District 5 for contributions to LCIF.

Another one of my goals for LCIF was to establish the First Annual North Dakota Lions Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The goal was to have Lions throughout ND to get together and celebrate in their communities with Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Suppers, etc. and split the earnings to the club and to LCIF. The goal was to also get the word out in the communities about Lions. We received a Proclamation from Governor Burgum, Governor of ND, declaring June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 ND Lions Day. I'm very proud of this accomplishment.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Lions in District 5NW for their support, friendship, and hospitality during this past year. It has been very enjoyable visiting clubs throughout the District individually, at Zone meetings and other functions. Each club whether small or large has their own unique way of serving their communities and every one of these communities benefit by having an active Lions club.

I would also like to thank my District Governor Team, DGE Kevin Bean and 1st VDGE Scott Ressler, who have worked diligently visiting clubs and attending Zone meetings allowing us all to have a successful year. I commend all of my cabinet members who have worked so hard in their respective positions. District 5NW would not be as strong as we are without this great team of Lions.

Last but not least, I thank my Lion partner, PCC Arlen for being my support through all things and for his contribution along this wonderful journey. I am so proud to have you by my side. Through you I have learned that, "Amazing Things Can Happen!"

As my year comes to a close, I would like to introduce the District Governor Team for next year; District Governor Elect Kevin Bean from the Mandan Lions Club, 1st Vice District Governor Elect Scott Ressler from the Bismarck North Star Lions Club and 2nd Vice District Governor Jeanette Bean from the Mandan Lions Club. A great District Governor Team, all very qualified and devoted Lions, will serve our District well. I offer them my full support and wish them all very successful terms as the Leaders of District 5NW. For we are ALL "Lions On Fire To Inspire!"

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