

## Area Club News

### Korner



Korner Lion David Juma presented a \$5000 check to the Williston School District for their food pantry. The funds were generated from the club's 1st annual Bonspiel. We thank our sponsors for their contributions. We commend our school district for its dedication to children and families.

### Hazen



A very successful fleischkuechle benefit was held Sunday, April 27th at the Hazen City Hall to help Tasia Wiest (second from right) as she continues to battle metastatic breast cancer. The benefit was put on by the Hazen Lions Club and friends of Tasia. Two of those friends intend to become members of the Hazen Lions Club.

### New Rockford



On May 31, the New Rockford Lions provided and served lunch for about 200 of the National Guard soldiers. They were in the field doing training exercises at Fort Grafton South. Shredded beef and pulled chicken were served along with potato salad, chips and cookies. Everyone had a great time and no one went away hungry.

## Club News

### Emerado Arvilla



The Emerado Arvilla Lions Club is honored to add 3 new members. Pictured is Kaden Snyder who joined in May. He is sponsored by his father President Jon Snyder. Lion Larry Hagen inducted Kaden. Not pictured are new members Odella and Jeff Fuqua who joined in April. Their sponsor is Larry Hagen.

#### DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE JULY 2025 LIONS YOUTH CAMP IN SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN?

The Enderlin and Sheldon Lions as well as the State Lions Foundation are sponsoring a FREE bus ride to any interested camper.

The gathering point will be a to-be-determined North Dakota city or cities, and the bus will take care of the final 600-700 miles of the trip. And you can't beat the price! The camper must hold a valid U.S. passport, a notarized parental release letter and confirmation of acceptance from the Youth Camp.

**If you need help with the application or want to reserve a ride, call Lion Mike Martin (701)437-3259 or Lion Charlie Russell (701)840-8223.**



### Dacotah Mandan



The Dacotah Mandan Lions Kite Fly for Pediatric Cancer Awareness was a great success! Thanks for all the "Big Kite Enthusiasts" who helped make the day so magical!! It was wonderful to see so many families participating. Great fun!!

## ND Lion deadline is the 5th of the month

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## 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

### *Lion Gran Flanders Advice Column*

Lion Gran is on vacation and filling in for her this month is District Governor Kirk Tingum.

Dear DG Kirk

In your first article about a year ago, you encouraged us to become better Lions. Now that your term is almost complete, what advice do you have for us to Be a Better Lion.

Signed the Clubs of 5NE

Dear Clubs of 5NE

This past year has been a very successful one because of your efforts, but there are several things that the clubs of our district can do better to make our clubs and the district run better.

Pay your club dues when you receive the billing. The bill may need to first be approved by your club, so put payment of that bill on the agenda as soon as the bill is received and pay it right away after it has been approved. I cannot tell you the number of unnecessary hours that your District Governor and the District Governor's team spent calling clubs months after the dues were delinquent trying to keep your clubs from being placed on suspension by Lions Clubs International.

Report your new officers on the Portal before July 1 each year. If you do not, then Lions International does not have an address or email address to send out bills and other correspondence to your club. Instead it is sent to the District Governor who must then track down who the bills and correspondence must go to and then turn around and mail it to your club. Vast improvements have been made to the Portal and it is much more user friendly. If you are still having trouble then contact our District Admin-

istrator, Kristi Swenson. Lion Kristi's phone number is 701-302-0155.

Be responsive to your district leaders. This means having the courtesy to return phone calls and responding promptly to e-mails. Don't ignore. Communicate. Almost always, the substance of our calls can be taken care of with just a few minutes of your time.

Keep your District leadership team in the loop. Don't spring surprises on your District leaders. If your club is having difficulty, call the District leaders. We have resources and ideas that can address your club's concerns. It is not fair to your club or the district to call the District Governor and say "We have voted to disband". There is a process that must be followed in those situations and there are options available to the club members. Disbanding can require that a new club start from scratch, when it only takes one Lion willing to continue to keep a club alive and rebuilding can start from there. Lions International is also willing to send assistance into your community to help revitalize a club.

Take Mission 1.5 to heart. When I hear about growing Lions internationally by 1.5 million members, that is hard for me to grasp. Break that down on a club level. If every club in North Dakota can grow by an average of 1.5 members each year we will do our part to meet that goal. Growing means that you must ask and not be afraid that someone might say "no". I said "no" for 3 years before I said "yes". It was the service project that I was invited to that sold me, not so much the

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club meeting. The other part of Mission 1.5 is that we limit our dropped members. This means talking to your members who have not shown up recently or who have not paid their dues. Call them or take them out for coffee and find out why they have stepped away. Many times those reasons can be fixed. If we had saved half of the members that were dropped last year, think of the even greater success and more service we

could have had.

Keep up the good work. Take advantage of the training that is offered each year by our district and know that every Lion makes a difference.

Signed, your District Governor, Kirk Tingum

## Club News

### Magic City



The Magic City Lions are proud to once again be recognized as a Premiere Sponsor of Norsk Høstfest! Our sponsorship helps provide invitations for local schools to participate in "Høstfest in the Schools," supports kid and family programming, and offers free admission for children 16 and under. One of the most exciting benefits of our sponsorship is access to an exclusive VIP room at the festival—just for Lions club members. It's a comfortable space to relax, enjoy refreshments and treats, and connect with fellow Lions from around the world. Pictured left to right; LeAnn, Holly, Marsha, and Tracey.

## 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

As I write this I am reminiscing about the many great things you as Lions have done this year. New clubs, new members, memorials, and countless service projects. You have made my year as District Governor a blessing. I just returned from the Multiple District 5 Convention in Whitecap Saskatchewan where we shared the joy of Lionism with our fellow Lions of South Dakota and Saskatchewan. We had a great North Dakota State meeting where we discussed history from the 1927 state convention, ideas for hosting the MD5 in 2027, a potential vision exhibit in the proposed Fargo Science Museum, LCIF, membership growth, leadership training, future plans for this newsletter, and plans for the proposed 2025-2026 virtual North Dakota Lions Directory.

Our efforts to start a new club in the Mohall area have leapt forward, and we anticipate chartering a club by the end of June.

We will be submitting our 5NW Disaster Preparedness grant application this month. Thanks again to the Mandan Lions for making the Disaster Relief Trailer available to all our clubs! We have established a Disaster Relief Advisory Committee to help with the grant application and operation of the program. Thank you Lions Rick, LeAnne, Jodi, and Troy for sharing your time and expertise! Thank you to the Lions clubs that have already contributed to the District 5NW Disaster Relief Fund! If our plans stay on schedule we will have a fully functional Disaster Relief Program before another wildfire or flood season arrives.

Please check out our District 5NW website for lots of new information, new features, and upcoming events.

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I'm told that sometime next year District 5NE will join us in hosting a North Dakota Lions website that will not only let all of us check out what is happening at our 5NW website but also let us click on 5NE to access a similar communication and information hotspot.

26 clubs now have landing pages on the website, many include links to their Facebook page and / or their club website. This is a great place to find out what Lions are doing in your neighboring communities. If you have a member who likes graphic design you can build a page and send it to me as a pdf or image, and if not just send

some photos and information that our 5NW website team can use to develop a landing page for you.

We had the privilege of marketing Lions on AM 1100, AM 1270, and AM 550 again in May. Thank you Lion Roger for highlighting the Minot Lions Meals on Wheels service project and Lion Mandy for telling us about the amazing work of the Great Plains Food Bank and how Lions support Hunger Relief through it. June is Vision month and we look forward to telling North Dakota about what Lions do as Knights of the Blind.

Every 5NW Lion is needed to work on membership gain,

marketing, and leadership development.

Member retention continues to be our biggest issue. Please find a Member Retention Chairperson for your club who will call, text, or send a note to members that stop participating in service projects and/or meetings.

Please continue to "Make Your Mark" this year by wearing your badge and handing out cards on every "We Serve Wednesday".

WeServe!

5NW DG Lion Lynn Helms, PhD

## Club News

### Napoleon



The Napoleon Lions Club handed out carnations to area mothers on Mother's Day, May 11. Receiving carnations were left to right, front row: Barb Hilzendeger, Donna Bitz, Mary Lou Hilzendeger; back row: Gloria Wipperling, Luella Wangler and handing out the flowers was Lion Lorraine Piatz.

## Club News

### Gateway



In early May, members from the Fargo, Moorhead, Dilworth, Horace, Barnesville, and Gateway Lions clubs assisted the YWCA in setting up and installing additional playground equipment at the shelter. The funds for the new equipment were raised by 23 Lions clubs in the Cass-Clay area. Thank you to all who helped!

### Oakes



Again, this year on Saturday, May 10th, the Oakes Lions delivered 35 carnations to all the Mothers living at the Good Samaritan Home and the Assisted Living facility in Oakes. The Lions put a flower in each vase with a card from the Lions club wishing them a Happy Mother's Day. The staff then delivered the flowers to all the mothers living at the facility. This has been a good and worthwhile Oakes Lions' project and is appreciated by both the Good Samaritan home and the mothers who receive the flowers. Pictured above (L to R) are Lion Kevin Carlson, Good Samaritan employee Elsie Voightman and Lion Gary Schnell.

### Lake Metigoshe



On Monday, May 19, 2025, Lake Metigoshe Lions held their annual spring cleanup of ditches around Lake Metigoshe with 22 members and one guest participating. Our evening of fellowship followed with grilled hamburgers and brats along with a variety of side dishes and desserts. Special thanks to our grilling master Lion Dennis Hanson. Our evening was topped off with a special surprise ice cream treat being donated by Donnet Sivertson owner of Lulabelle's Ice Cream.

# Club News

## Minot



The Minot Lions awarded their first annual High School Scholarship to an area senior. The club enjoyed hosting Mikayla to one of our weekly meetings and got to hear about her plans for the future! Pictured is recipient Mikayla along with the scholarship committee Lions Nadine, Diann, Wengjing, and President Jake.

# SAVE THE DATE!

- 7TH ANNUAL -  
**LEGEND OF LOFTY CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
HOSTED BY THE  
**BISMARCK LIONS CLUB**

**LEGEND OF LOFTY**  
Golf Tournament

Hosted by:  
Bismarck Lions Club

SCAN TO  
REGISTER ONLINE!

Riverwood Golf Course  
**Monday, July 21, 2025**  
Questions? [bislions001@gmail.com](mailto:bislions001@gmail.com)

# New Guidelines

## Guidelines for Submitting an Announcement with a Picture

### ✓ Summary Checklist:

- 100–200 word announcement
- 1–2 sentence photo caption with names
- Clear, high-resolution photo attach a .JPG- do not submit screenshots or embed the picture in the word doc.
- Contact info for follow-up


Submitted to [northdakotalion@gmail.com](mailto:northdakotalion@gmail.com) by 5<sup>th</sup> of the month

## How to write a great blurb for the North Dakota Lion Newspaper

### ■ 1. Write a Clear, Concise Announcement

Keep it short and informative. Include:


- **Who** is involved (names and titles)
- **What** the announcement is about (event, award, new member, etc.)
- **When and where** it happened (date and location)
- **Why** it's noteworthy (community benefit, recognition, etc.)

 *Length: 100–200 words is ideal for basic announcements.*

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### ■ 2. Craft a Strong Caption

- Describe who is in the photo (left to right if applicable)
- Mention the occasion or action in the photo
- Keep it to 1–2 sentences

 *Example: "Pictured from left: Club President Jane Doe, new member John Smith, and Membership Chair Mike Olson at the Mohall Lions Induction Ceremony on June 1, 2025."*

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### ■ 3. Photo Guidelines

- ✓ Use a **high-resolution image** (300 dpi if submitting for print)
  - ✓ Make sure the **photo is well-lit** and everyone is visible
  - ✓ Group shots are fine — try to avoid cluttered or blurry backgrounds
  - ✓ Submit **original digital photos** (attach a .JPG— do not submit screenshots or embed the picture in Word docs)
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### ■ 4. Provide Contact Information

Include:

- Name of the person submitting
- Email or phone number in case the editor has questions
- Club or organization name

 *Example: Submitted by Karen daSilva, Mohall Lions Club, karen@email.com, (701) 555-1234*

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### ■ 5. Submit by Deadline

- Deadline for submission is the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. The newspaper will be printed the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.
  - Submit Pictures, captions and no more than 100 words to: [northdakotalion@gmail.com](mailto:northdakotalion@gmail.com)
  - Follow instructions for email or online submission
  - Use a **clear subject line** (e.g., "Lions Induct New Member – Photo & Caption")
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## Guidelines for Submitting a Feature Article to the North Dakota Lion

Submitting a feature article to the North Dakota Lion is a special opportunity reserved for club events that demonstrate exceptional community impact or offer unique insights that benefit the entire district. Because of the limited space and the importance of maintaining high editorial standards, all feature articles must be preapproved.

Feature articles are longer-form pieces—up to 800 words—and may include 1 to 3 high-quality photos. To request consideration, please email [northdakotalion@gmail.com](mailto:northdakotalion@gmail.com) at least one month in advance of your event. Submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and acceptance will depend on available space and editorial relevance.

If your request is approved, you will receive detailed submission guidelines to help you prepare your article.

Please remember, this is a privilege, not a guarantee. We look forward to showcasing your most meaningful service efforts!

## **WHERE THERE IS A NEED, THERE IS A LION**

We know Helen Keller asked Lions to become the Knights of the Blind  
Did you know she was also born deaf?

There is a 1 ½ year old boy in 5NE also born deaf. He has gone through the process of obtaining cochlear implants; however, he will need some help with continued costs for therapies, appointments, and other necessary resources that regular insurance does not cover. Therefore, the Ellendale Lions are challenging all North Dakota Lions clubs to donate to the Medina Child Fund.

**Send donations to:**  
**Medina Treasurer Bruce Rau**  
**5772 40th ST SE**

It will be monitored by the president and treasurer of the Medina Lions.  
We ROAR in service to others