

Area Club News

Minot



We had a pride of Minot Lions volunteer at our community symphony's The Lion King production! We had to put our own spin on the shenanigans and Lion Kristin dressed the part! She's pictured here with Lion John.

Napoleon



Napoleon Lions Club members, Lorraine Piatz (left) and Sally Johs assisted in filling over 2,400 Easter eggs with prizes for the April 19 Easter Egg Hunt in Napoleon. There were over 200 youth who searched for the hidden Easter eggs in the Napoleon City Park.

Leonard



The Leonard Lions Club recently inducted two new members. Pictured (L to R): club president Carl Piper, new member Dakota Marsaa, sponsor Paul Anderson, zone chair Crystal Dueker, sponsor Keith Lynnes, and new member Jacob Brown.

Club News

Hebron



District Governor Lynn Helms (center) presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Hebron Lion Kevin Nelson. Lion Kevin was selected by his fellow Lions to receive the fellowship. Club President Curt Hartmann assisted with the presentation.

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.



Robinson Lions 50th Anniversary

Saturday – June 14, 2025 - Main Street in Robinson, ND

5 PM – Celebration - Foxhole Cafe

Food served 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Cornhole and fun activities

RSVP – Contact Susanna Ongstad for details and cost

(701) 226-6249 or susanna.ongstad@gmail.com

Saturday, June 7th, 2025
MANDAN MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

KITE FLY

Event presented by **Decotah Mandan Lions**

Come and bring the whole family!
10-4 pm
***Kites available by Prairie Winds Kites**

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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

2025 International Youth Camp and Exchange

This year's International Youth Camp and Exchange is being held in Northern Saskatchewan from July 6-12. Our Lions work very hard on this project and we would like to see better and better attendance. This is a great opportunity for our Lions to host an amazing young person and a great opportunity for youth from North Dakota, as well, to participate in fun activities, to meet new friends and to be inspired by those from other cultures. Make sure that all attendees take advantage of the free bus transportation that is being provided to and from the camp. You will find more information in an ad published in this issue. Continue to spread the word about this opportunity and let those interested know that they should not delay. If you know of any young person who might be interested or if you have any questions, contact Lion Mike Martin – phone 701-437-3259. Before travel, make sure that the proper travel documents are obtained, a passport, a certified copy of a birth certificate and notarized travel consent letter signed by the parents. Check www.canada.ca for all requirements.

Inspiration from Around the District

My past newsletters have concentrated on providing a few inspirational items and suggestions to help with membership and service within your clubs. This month I am going to change things up a bit. This month the inspiration will not come from a pep talk but from seeing what other clubs in our District area are doing.

I visited 5 clubs this past month and each of them provides some inspiration for all

of us.

Edgeley Lions Charter Celebration.

Last month I sent a birth announcement for a new club in our District. This month I want to report on the celebration of a club that has reached 100 years of service. On April 25, 2025 I attended a commemoration of the Edgeley Lions 100 year anniversary of their club charter along with Lions and community members from Edgeley and Lions from one of the oldest clubs in North Dakota. Among the clubs represented at the festivities were Kulm, Medina, Jud, LaMoure, Tuttle, South Forks, Grand Forks, Red River, Fargo Gateway, Valley City, Mandan, Lehr, Jamestown and New Rockford.

Edgeley Lions really know how to throw a party. Rick Gutschmidt and Bill Wieland were emcees. Bill assured us that he was not a charter member from 1925. An excellent dinner was served and Andie Peterson, the granddaughter of Lion Bill Weiland, provided musical entertainment. I had the pleasure of addressing the group and tail twisting. Melissa Powers gave a presentation on Service Dogs. Over \$500 was raised on the evening for Service Dogs and another \$400+ in tail twisting money was raised for LCIF. It was a memorable evening with eight past district governors attending as well as the current District Governor and our current 2nd VDG, 2nd VDG elect and current Global Extension Team Coordinator. We look on this occasion as the beginning of a new and even better century of service for the Edgeley Lions.

Valley City Lions Ham and Beef Supper

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I ate very well this month. On April 22, 2025, I attended the Valley City Lions Ham and Beef Supper. The Lions of Valley City banded together for a very successful fundraiser. They served ham, very tender beef, potatoes, vegetables, salad and ice cream. Throughout the night, meat was raffled. None of the approximately 300 people served went away hungry. I never know who I will meet when I attend an event. I was pleasantly surprised to catch up with Lion Tom Goven of the Valley City Lions. I have known Tom for over 40 years and it has been almost as long since I last saw him. Seeing the service Tom and the rest of the Valley City Club are providing makes me proud to be a Lion.

Braddock Lions

You do not have to have a large club to make a difference in your community. Braddock Lions assist their community with bingo, a 4th of July fireworks and potluck event, and a ham supper. When I attended their meeting there was a visitor who was impressed with what that club is doing. He was asked if he wanted to join the club and I inducted him on the spot. This is proof that all you need to do is ask.

Cassellton Lions

This club has a Sausage Sale fundraiser, runs a golf tournament, donates to the local food pantry and senior

meals and has made eye referrals. By attending I was able to point the club to a vision grant program for eye exam referrals through the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. The high school runs a Robotics Team and when the need was expressed at the meeting the Lions readily stepped forward to provide a donation. This, like the others on this list, is a very responsive club.

Ellendale Lions

This is a club that, like many in our district, has had some membership challenges. Through those challenges they have looked for opportunities to grow. They are forward looking and are looking to a new business that is coming to town as well as a steak fry for June 4 and that may allow the possibility of inviting the new prospective workers to a service project to see first-hand what Lions do. This club is a club that identifies the needs and plans and together they will meet those needs.

As you can see, every club that I visit is different and that is what makes Lions great. It is "Your Club, Your Way". Keep up the great work that you are doing, and of course, contact our District Governor's Team if your club needs assistance. DG Kirk

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent donations

Bowman Lions Club \$250

Valley City Lion \$100

Honoring Edgley Lions 100 years

Lion K. Swenson

Memorial honoring Lion Gunlikson

Thank you to Lions Clubs and to individual Lions for your generous contributions.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Happy May Day Lions of 5NW,

Spring has finally arrived in North Dakota! Your club officers were recently made aware of Community Impact Grant ideas and funds available. Please give some thoughts to how your club can use grant funds to grow your service or start a new service project in your community. Your district cabinet members will help you write your grant application and expedite approval.

I am excited to let you know that we will soon charter the Dakota Diabetes specialty club in Bismarck!.

Our efforts to start new clubs in Mohall are once again underway, so please let me know if you have a friend or family member in or near those communities that we can invite to become a Lion.

Work is well underway to prepare and fund an effective Disaster Relief program in 5NW. Thanks again to the Mandan Lions for making the disaster relief trailer available to all our clubs! We are quickly putting together an advisory board and Disaster Preparedness grant application. Please watch for a request to make a small donation to a grant match / immediate needs district fund. Keep checking the district website for information and opportunities to serve.

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

Thirteen clubs now have landing pages on the website, many that include links to their Facebook page and or their club website. Three more clubs that I visited recently are sending photos for us to build them a landing page. 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 April. A big thank you to Lion Darrell for highlighting the Mandan Lions plastic recycling project and to Lion Tom for telling us about the amazing Williston Lions Pollinator Box project. The May theme is Hunger Relief and we look forward to telling North Dakota about what Lions do to relieve

hunger.

We still have a lot of work to do on net membership gain, new club extension, marketing, and leadership development.

Member retention continues to be our number one issue. I can't overstate the need for every club to find a Member Retention Chairperson who will call, text, or send a note to members that stop participating in service projects and/or meetings.

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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

Dacotah Mandan Lions Club



Burgers in the Park



Tuesdays, June 10th – August 12th

No Burgers 4th of July Week.

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm



Mandan Dykshoorn Park

511 Main Street

Burgers in the Park

Honoring Veterans with a FREE MEAL!

Tuesday, July 29th, 2025



Stay and Listen to the Music!



Club News

Lake Metigoshe



Metigoshe Melt Contest Results! Plunge time –2:53 AM., April 21, 2025. Winner: Don Cameron - \$11,305 (time-April 21, 3:01 AM), 2nd place: Kenneth Deraas – Gas Grill, 3rd place: Brain Knudson - \$500, 4th place: Jill Watson - \$250, 5th place: Kenneth Deraas - \$250 and 6th place: Susan Sehrienko - \$250. 24 additional prizes were awarded to lucky drawn winners! Total gross sales were \$22,610. A huge THANKS to our sponsors, partners, ticket sellers, buyers, and Melt Committee Chair Cedric!

Williston & Korner



The Williston and Korner Lions joined forces to help in the Clean Williston event. Pictured (L to R): Randy Schlossin, Keefe Lovgren, Leamon Ferrell, Kent Reiersen, Howard Miller, Roni Gravgaard and Stuart Langager. Not pictured: Momcilo Babic and children along with his neighbor and his 2 children, and Shelly Lutz and daughter. Good turnout!

Vision Grant Program Change

At its April 26th meeting, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota (LFND) board of directors implemented a change to its Vision Grant Program going forward. Effective for FY 2025-2026, vision grant reimbursements per club per year will be limited to a maximum of \$1,000. This is a reduction from the previous limit of \$1,500 per club per year. The total vision grant funds available from LFND for FY 2025-2026 remains at \$7,500.

Korner



The Korner Lions recently had the opportunity to induct three new members. Pictured (L to R) new members Ben and Kim Poeckes, zone chair Kent Reiersen, sponsor Jill Kleven, and acting club president David Juma. Not pictured: new member Alex Monk and his sponsor Eric Nelson.

Club News

Wishek



On May 4th, the men and women from the Wishek Lions served up pancakes, French toast, scrambled eggs and their famous sausage at a Sunday brunch to hundreds of hungry tummies at their community center. They were joined in service by the Wishek FFA members. Lions from Fargo Gateway and Lehr Lions helped clear tables as a service in fellowship.

Dacotah Mandan



Dacotah Mandan Lions Membership Event was successful as we gained two new Lions! From left to right: Lion President Ewell Madry, Lion Gary Heaton, Lion Steve Moore, PDG Lion Sherry Fetch, Lion Mary Courchene, Lion Rick Willoughby, and PCC Lion Arlen Fetch. Fun was had by all.

Gateway



In early April, the Gateway Lions helped with a vision screening event for elementary students at the Oak Grove Lutheran School in Fargo. Our members screened over 300 students in around an hour with excellent results. The week after we helped, Oak Grove celebrated screening their 3,000th student for this school year.

**Carrington Lions Club
Dakota Central Telecommunications
Family Vision Center**

"AL LARSON MEMORIAL"
4 Person Scramble Golf Tournament
MALE...FEMALE...CO-ED

Friday, June 6, 2025

CrossRoads Golf Course
Carrington, ND



*Registration starting at 10:30AM Shotgun Start at 11:15AM

ENTRY FEE: \$60 a person/\$240 a team

*Includes Green Fees, Mulligans, Lions String, Prizes, Lunch & Supper

*Free snacks on the course

*Golf Carts available for rent @ 701-652-2601

CASH TEAM PRIZES:

\$1200-Team Prize Money *[prizes may vary slightly based on entries]*

HOLE PRIZES: *[Contests on most holes]*

Register Early- Only 36 Teams Deadline: Wed, June 4, 2025

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

NAME _____ PHONE _____

Send registration to: Karla Michaelson, 268 2nd St. N, Carrington, ND
58421 or call 701-652-5710 or email Karla.Michaelson@k12.nd.us

Club News

Robinson



The Robinson Lions Club recently inducted a new member. Pictured L to R: President Dustin Peterson, Bob Bowerman, District Governor Kirk Tingum, new member Susanna Ongstad, Bill Bender, Secretary Dan Giroux, and Treasurer Ray Munson.