

## *In Remembrance*



Our good friend and fellow Korner Lion Lee Gunlikson passed away in January. He was a Lion

for 41 years and served as club president for 3 years as well as a LFND board member. He was our top fruit and raffle ticket salesman. He promoted Lions in the community and sponsored many new members. His humanitarian and community service were recognized with a Melvin Jones Fellowship presented by the Korner Lions. He was a gentle giant, both in stature and in heart. He was our Leader of the Pack and he will be missed.

## Minot

## Area Club News



In January, our Global Cause Coordinator Lion Cheryl Coyle set up a wonderful event for the Minot Lions to volunteer at the Souris Valley United Way. Lions packed bags for SVUW's Blessing Bank which helps provided hygiene and other basic necessities to community members in need.

## South Forks



The South Forks Lions presented four Melvin Jones Fellowships at their January 21st Meeting. (Lions from L to R), Club President Bryon Novotny, DG Kirk Tingum, Pete Tunseth and Jeff Larson with MJ plaques, and Rex Huss and Roger Johnson, Progressive MJ recipients.

## Club News

### Lake Metigoshe



For the 26th year, Lake Metigoshe Lions will host the Metigoshe Melt Contest predicting when the 'can' will fall completely through the ice on Lake Metigoshe. Last year's winner received over \$10,200. (There are many other prizes.). Tickets are available - at local businesses, from Lake Metigoshe Lions Club members & entry forms found at [www.metigoshemelt.com](http://www.metigoshemelt.com) Due: April 1st. See ice depth measurements to help you:

ICE DEPTH: 1-31-2025 – 25";  
2-12-2024 – 20"; 2-10-2023 – 24.5"

#### Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent donations

Memorial honoring life and service of Lion  
Vern Fredrickson from PDG Dockter

**Medina Lions Club     \$250**  
**Williston Korner Lions Club     \$500**  
**Stanley Lions Club     \$500**

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

### New England



Pictured from L to R, Leaders and presenters: Bob Jechorek, Dennis Heiden, Rebecca Reindel, I.D. Bert Nelson, and Anita Hart. Lions of Multiple District 5M hosted a Regional Lions Leadership Institute in Detroit Lakes MN on November 15-17, 2024. The New England Lions Club 1st VP Rebecca Reindel attended this great learning event.

## Celebrating Women Who Serve

**SATURDAY MARCH 8, 2025**

**11:30 SOCIAL ~ 12:00 LUNCH**

**COST - \$10.00**

**930 Griffin Street Bismarck**

Our program will include women who have  
grown personally and professionally  
through Lions

There will be a service project benefitting  
Dakota Children's Advocacy Center

**We encourage you to bring a guest**

RSVP by March 3, 2025

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## 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

### *Membership Retention*

We are in the midst of Mission 1.5, a mission to grow membership in Lionism. Globally we are losing ground, and the latest membership numbers show that we are losing ground in our District 5NE membership. 74 Lions members have been dropped from our District roll since July 1. That is about 6% of our members that have left Lionism. A decrease in membership will decrease the amount of service that our clubs can do. These members must be replaced and some bright news is that 45 new Lions have joined clubs in our district. While we should be bringing some new clubs online shortly, we have had a net loss of 29 members in the district.

Certainly there are valid reasons for someone leaving a club. Our membership is aging and about 20 to 30 Lions pass away each year. Others move away. There is nothing that we can do about those types of losses, but we must do a better job about retaining our other members.

How do we retain members?

1. Of primary importance is communication. If you have not seen a member for a while, then contact them. Don't stretch this beyond two months. Don't assume that everything is good. Make a contact. A phone call or a personal visit is far more impactful than e-mail or a text message. Go out for coffee and directly ask if there is a reason for their non-participation.

2. Recognize the accomplishments of the Lions in your club. Give an award for exemplary service. Even for the little things it is important to thank and recognize those who are helping. Sometimes a thank you note

or recognizing service at a club meeting can help make a Lion feel appreciated.

3. Mentor new Lions. Each Lion has a sponsor when they are inducted into a club. That Lion should be introducing the new Lion to the rest of the club, explaining the workings of the club and encouraging the Lion to participate in club activities. Too often a new Lion is left to sink or swim once they have been inducted. Being a sponsor is an ongoing commitment.

4. Invite your members to participate in service projects. If someone is on the fence, a personal invitation is more apt to get that Lion involved.

5. Have an orientation for your members. Orientation is not just for new members. There are probably several members in your club that can benefit from learning more about Lions.

6. Evaluate your club. Take a look at what you are doing and where you can improve. In our District we have several people who can help your club with a SWOT Analysis. That examines your club's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Contact your District Governor if you would like to spend a couple of hours examining your club to make it better.

7. If someone is leaving your club, do an exit interview. Find out what the good experiences were and what needs to be improved. If they are moving away, help connect them to another club.

8. If dues are a problem for an older Lion, then your club can consider a Lifetime membership for that Lion.

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in North Dakota for all that they do, from the big things right down to the little details. Join us in Bismarck on March 8 for a celebration of Women in Lions. Further details are in this issue.

### *Lisbon Charter*

We also celebrate a new Lions Club in District 5NE. Lisbon Area Lions will be celebrating Charter Night on Friday, March 14, 2025 at the Opera House in Lisbon. All Lions clubs are invited and we encourage your club to make a donation to Lisbon Area Lions to help get them off to a flying start. In order to plan for food, please RSVP to Kristina Dick (Phone 701-793-2279) if you will be attending.

### *Fundraiser for Lion*

#### *Vicki McMahon*

Where there is a need, there is a Lion. Vicki McMahon, a Jud Lion for 21 years and an employee of Service Dogs for America for over 20 years is facing some medical challenges. This is an opportunity for individual Lions and Lions Clubs to help one of our own in a difficult time. Jud Lions are sponsoring this Fundraiser. Please consider a donation payable to Jud Lions, c/o Darrell Pfaff, Treasurer, P.O. Box 516, Jud, ND 58454.

### *Women's Day*

March 8, 2025 is International Women's Day. Women are making a huge impact in Lions International and in the clubs in North Dakota. In District 5NE our next two District Governors will be women. Women are also taking an increasing number of positions in our District Clubs, such as President, Secretary, Treasurer and as Board Members. In the recent past we have had 2 women International Presidents and Pat Vannett from North Dakota served on the International Board of Directors. March 8 is a day to honor the women Lions

**ND Lion  
deadline is the  
7th of the month**

## 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Happy Ground Hog Day! Puxatony Phil saw his shadow, predicting 6 more weeks of winter. Unfortunately for those of us in North Dakota if he sees his shadow it means 8 more weeks of winter and if he doesn't see his shadow it means only 2 more months of winter.

February is a very busy month for District 5NW Lions. The holiday season slow-down is behind us and it is time to jump back into action at full speed with club extension, fund-raising, leadership training, marketing, membership, service, club visits, and zone meetings.

Information for the 2025 state convention in Bismarck October 24&25 and your Spring Rally in Dickinson April 5 is now available on our 5NW website with more details to follow as it becomes available.

Your district leadership team has generated job descriptions and guidance with a month by month action plan for the volunteer positions that will make our district successful for years to come. We are actively recruiting new team members to make sure your district Makes Your Mark this year, next year and the following year as well.

The information you provided at the District Strategic Planning Session has developed into a District 5NW Strategic Plan with SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely) goals and action plans to Strengthen District Governance, Grow Service, and Strengthen Member Recruitment and Retention. Your District has achieved 100% of your LCIF fundraising goal, 53% of your club service reporting goal, and 44% of your new member recruitment goal. However, we have a lot of work to do

on net membership gain (0% of goal means member retention needs to be much better), new club extension, and zone chair & club officer training (this usually happens at Spring Rally so please plan to be there).

We held our first talk radio session on AM 1100 and are working to schedule one on AM 550. We will let you know in advance if possible so you can listen live, but will also post recordings on our District website.

Our efforts to start new clubs in Mohall and Garrison are ready to get back underway. Again, please let me know if you have a friend or family member in or near those communities that we can invite to becoming a Lion.

Please regularly check our District 5 NW website. New information gets posted every week. About one fourth of our clubs now have a landing page on the website to communicate service, fundraiser, and leadership ideas plus links to their Facebook pages and/or Webpages. We hope every club takes advantage of this marketing and communication tool.

<https://www.lionsdistrict5nw.com>

Your GLT Lion Mark Koller conducted Certified Guiding Lions training recently

and we now have 8 new and recertified Guiding Lions to help clubs Make Their Mark! Thank you Lion Mark and all those who participated. Please let me know if you think your club could benefit from this vital service.

Please continue to "Make Your Mark" this year by wearing your badge and

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handing out cards every "We Serve Wednesday" this Lions year.

WeServe!

5NW DG Lion Lynn Helms, PhD



### Dacotah Mandan Lions Strides Walk

Help Send Diabetic Children to Camp Maverick, ND Diabetic Camp.  
We help Parents pay the \$600 cost for each child.

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| <b>Mandan Middle School</b><br>2901 12th Ave NW, Mandan, ND<br><br>Sunday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2025<br>1:30 PM: Registration<br>2:00 PM: 3-mile or 5-mile Walk<br><br>Walk will be on the track at the school<br>But if inclement weather:<br>Mandan Middle School Gym<br><br>\$20.00 per participant | <b>Send Your Donation to:</b><br><b>Dacotah Mandan Lions Club</b><br>3801 Memorial Hwy, Suite A, PMB 136<br>Mandan, ND 58554<br><br>Call or Email: Sherry Fetch 701-426-3432<br><a href="mailto:joyfullion2@gmail.com">joyfullion2@gmail.com</a><br><br> LeAnn Eckroth 701-770-6341<br><a href="mailto:ljekroth@gmail.com">ljekroth@gmail.com</a> |
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## SAVE THE DATE ~ 5NW Spring Rally

**Saturday April 5th**

**Trinity High School in Dickinson**

**8:30—2:30 Breakfast & Lunch Provided**

**Free for all 5NW Lions**

It is very important that every current and incoming club President, Secretary, and Treasurer make an effort to attend.

**There will be lots of interesting sessions for ALL Lions.**



## Club News

### Gateway



The Fargo Gateway Lions held their annual "Pre-Giving Hearts Day" event. This year we celebrated 15 local non-profit organizations that will receive over \$22,000 from our club on Giving Hearts Day (February 13th). We also provided each of the organizations the opportunity to speak about their mission with TV coverage.

### New Rockford



New Rockford School technology teacher Melody Volk (left center) accepts a \$5000 check from Lions members, president Lisa Wallace, Rick Swenson and Jodi Hirschert. The money will be use to purchase new lap tops for students in web design classes.

### Prairie Rose



The Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions recently provided \$1,000 in warm weather clothing to the Bismarck Public Schools Foundation for children in need. This was provided through an LCIF grant and a Thrivent grant. Pictured are Annella Monson and Joanne Monson, co-chairs of the PRLC Service Committee.

### Dakota National Forensic League



The Dakota National Forensic League Lions Club sponsored a Debate Tournament raising funds for youth projects. Over \$1,200 was raised and more than 50 hours of Lion service were recorded. President Lion Rusty Bender presented awards to the students.

## North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame

Be a special Valentine by nominating that special Lion to North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

**Completed applications must be sent to PDG Lion Tim Thueson by March 31, 2025.**

For further information please contact PDG Tim at 701-391-2704 or [tthueson@bis.midco.net](mailto:tthueson@bis.midco.net).

Application on page 7.



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

**Lions of North Dakota,**

**When you joined Lions Clubs International, you became part of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. It is YOUR foundation. 100% of the donations that come into OUR foundation go towards eight global causes. Vision, Hunger, Environment, Youth, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Humanity and Disaster Relief & Preparedness.**

Several Lions Clubs in District 5NW have received District & Club Community Impact Grants to bring the mobile Gateway to Science to their local schools. The vision screeners used for the "Sight for Kidz" program was possible because of an LCIF Grant. Several areas of disaster have received Disaster Grants in ND.

**The United States has had several disasters that have impacted many people in our nation. Donations to the general disaster fund help LCIF award grants immediately to Lions who are impacted by natural disasters. LCIF anticipates additional funding requests will be received and awarded to help support Lions in the relief needs following these hurricane and fire disasters, including the fires in District 5NW.**

We are excited to bring to you a **fun way** that your Lions Club can donate to LCIF by participating in an **LCIF Money Raffle!** Districts 5NW and 5NE are having separate money raffles. It is **\$20.00** a ticket. The Prizes are:

***We can all help LCIF make a difference!***

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup> .....</b>                  | <b>\$1,199.00</b> |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> .....</b> | <b>\$700.00</b>   |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> .....</b> | <b>\$500.00</b>   |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> ...</b>  | <b>\$300.00</b>   |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> .....</b> | <b>\$200.00</b>   |

*Please follow the information that arrived with your raffle tickets.*

**You can sell the tickets to anyone; they do not have to be sold to Lions only.**  
**Both Districts 5NW and 5NE have drawings for the raffle on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**

**If you have any questions please contact:**

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**LIONS LCIF RAFFLE 2025**



# North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Application

Lions Club nominates \_\_\_\_\_

Two seconding statements are required: one must be from club president. (PLEASE ATTACH)

## Section A- Minimum Requirements

Nominee has been a member of the Lions Club since \_\_\_\_\_.

Nominee has been a member of Lions for 20 or more years. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Nominee has been a member of a North Dakota Lions Club for 15 or more years. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Nominee has attended a minimum of 10 non-club rallies/conventions. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

## Section B- Basic Life as a Lion

Nominee has served as (Check all that apply): \_\_\_President \_\_\_Secretary \_\_\_Treasurer \_\_\_Director \_\_\_Fundraising chair \_\_\_Membership chair (pos. growth)

Nominee has been named by Club as: \_\_\_Lion of Year \_\_\_Times

Nominee's Convention Attendance (times): \_\_\_State \_\_\_Multiple District \_\_\_International \_\_\_USA/Canada Forum

District Leadership Rally attended: \_\_\_Rallies Other (list & city): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee served in District as (indicate number): \_\_\_Secretary and/or treasurer \_\_\_Zone Chair \_\_\_Region Chair \_\_\_Committee Chair

Nominee served as Board of Directors (indicate number of years) \_\_\_\_\_ND Foundation \_\_\_ND Eye Bank

Nominee served as a MD 5 committee chair (list times) \_\_\_\_\_MD 5 committee chmn.

Nominee served as District Governor (list year): \_\_\_\_\_as District Governor

## Section C- Preliminary Selection Criteria

|  | Point values |   | Point values |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| 1 Each year active Lions member (15 consecutive years min)               | 1.0          | 24 ND state conventions attended (list year & city)             | 1.0          |
| 2 Each year club president, secretary and/or treasurer (20 years max)    | 2.0          | 25 Multiple District conventions attended (year & city)         | 1.0          |
| 3 Each year club committee chair (30 year max)                           | 1.0          | 26 International conventions attended (year & city)             | 1.0          |
| 4 Each year club board member (not include 2&3 above- 10 max.)           | 1.0          | 27 USA/Canada Forums attended (year & city)                     | 1.0          |
| 5 Each year program presenter at district, state, or MD 5 convention     | 1.0          | 28 100% District Governor award (list year)                     | 1.0          |
| 6 Each year chair of ND state or MD 5 convention (list year)             | 2.0          | 29 Club president's excellence award (list year)                | 1.0          |
| 7 Each year committee member of ND state or MD 5 convention (list year)  | 1.0          | 30 100% club secretary (list year)                              | 1.0          |
| 8 Each year Zone or Region Chair (list year)                             | 1.0          | 31 Melvin Jones Fellowship (list year)                          | 2.0          |
| 9 Each year as Vice District Governor (list years)                       | 1.0          | 32 Progressive Melvin Jones (list year)                         | 1.0          |
| 10 Each year District Governor (list)                                    | 3.0          | 33 New members sponsored (LCI printout required)                | 1.0          |
| 11 Each year international committee (list year & committee)             | 2.0          | 34 Each year Guiding Lion (list years & clubs-6 max.)           | 2.0          |
| 12 Each year member of District Cabinet (list year & chair)              | 1.0          | 35 Each year Leo Club Advisor (year & club-6 max.)              | 2.0          |
| 13 Each year District cabinet secretary and/or treasurer (list year)     | 2.0          | 36 Each year Campus Club Advisor (year & club- 6 max.)          | 2.0          |
| 14 Each year Chair of major Lions Function (list years & events)         | 1.0          | 37 Each year Club Branch Advisor (year & club- 6 max.)          | 2.0          |
| 15 Each year President of ND Lions Foundation (list years)               | 2.0          | 38 Each year Extension Award (year & club- 6 max.)              | 2.0          |
| 16 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer ND Lions Foundation (list years) | 1.0          | 39 Each year Rebuilding Club Award (year & club- 6 max.)        | 2.0          |
| 17 Each year board member ND Lions Foundation (year exclude 15 & 16)     | 0.5          | 40 Other Club Awards (list award & year)                        | 1.0          |
| 18 Each year President of Lions Eye Bank (list year)                     | 2.0          | 41 Other District Awards (list award & year)                    | 1.5          |
| 19 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer of Lions Eye Bank (list)         | 1.0          | 42 Other International Awards (list award & year)               | 2.0          |
| 20 Each year board member Lions Eye Bank (year exclude 18 & 19)          | 0.5          | 43 Club Perfect Attendance (list years- max 20)                 | 1.0          |
| 21 Each year MD 5 Council Chair (list year)                              | 3.0          | 44 Hosted Foreign exchange student (list name, country, year)   | 3.0          |
| 22 Each year MD 5 Committee Chair (exclude sitting governors)            | 1.0          | 45 Hosted MD 5 Youth camp student (list name, country and year) | 1.0          |
| 23 District Rallies attended (list year & city)                          | 1.0          | 46 Chair of MD 5 Youth Exchange Camp (list year and camp)       | 3.0          |

Nominee must have a minimum of 125 points (non- district governor) or 225 points (past district governor) in order to proceed with application. If nominee exceeds the threshold, complete and submit the rest of the application. Nominees with applications exceeding the threshold and not selected as the winner will be included for consideration the following 2 years for which addendum materials may be included to update their application.

## Section D- Lions Activities not covered in Section C (150 words max, 10 pts max.) please attach

This section requires written statement, not to exceed 150 words, in either outline or paragraph form covering anything not covered in Section C. Please attach.

## Section E-Non-Lions Activities (250 words max, 25 pts max.) please attach

This section requires a written statement, not to exceed 250 words, in either outline or paragraph form regarding your community involvement as a citizen outside of Lions. Include community service, leadership activities and other community involvement. Please attach.

## Section F- Biography (500 words max) please attach

Prepare a personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, and when and where you joined Lions. Include all achievements, volunteer work, other organizations you belong to along with personal recognitions. Your Biography will be judged on content, clarity, structure, and presentation. Although there is not a set number of points for this section, the selection committee will give significant weight to the biography as they evaluate the application. Must be written in narrative form with the optional 3<sup>rd</sup> person construction (250 words min/500 words max.)

## Section G- Nominee Certification

Nominee Certification: I certify that the information provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken for personal, club and LCI records.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Certification: We certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate tendering taken from club records and verifiable sources.

Club President \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

Club Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Signature and date \_\_\_\_\_

Applications must be postmarked on or before **March 31, 2025**. The application must be completed in its entirety, signed by the appropriate parties, and include a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail to: PDG TIM THUESON, 3211 N 19TH ST., BISMARCK, ND 58503



## Club News

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### Horace

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Pictured are Horace Lions and local scouts that helped at the Horace Lions Club pancake breakfast on January 12