

NORTH DAKOTA LION



Monthly focus: **Planning your year**

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Dates to Help your Club Plan for the Best Year Ever

*This information has been compiled from several sources. Days and global causes appear duplicated during the year.
Except for the actual deadlines use this as a guideline, not a requirement.*

July—Park & Recreation Month—Environment
1st Beginning of new Lion year
August— Vision (Children’s eye health & safety)
September—Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
3—5 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Memphis TN
October - Blindness Awareness Month
All Peace Poster entries must be turned in prior to the state convention
8th World Sight Day
16th World Food Day
23-24 ND State Convention Grand Forks ND
November—Diabetes Awareness Month
14 World Diabetes Day
December
January - Membership Growth
Start preparing for the March Membership Contest
February—Childhood Cancer
1 If your club wants to bump up their marketing this is the online application deadline for the marketing grant. Campaign must be completed July 26 - Feb 27
4 World Cancer Day
28 club submit one nominated service project to the District GST Coordinator for Kindness Matters award
March—National Nutrition Month
March Membership Madness
Membership Drive and Contest
22 World Water Day
31 Kindness Matters Service Award will be selected by the District and forward to MD5 GST
April— Environment
7 World Health Day
22 Earth Day

30 MD5 selects and forward its winning nomination to Lions International
May—Celebrate Service
20-22 MD5 Convention Hankinson ND
June— Report Service & Celebrate Success
5 World Environment Day
30 Club Excellence awards and annual

achievement awards.
Make sure your club has all of the membership, service, leadership, and LCIF activities reported
July 2-6 2027 109th Loins Clubs Internation Convention in Washington DC

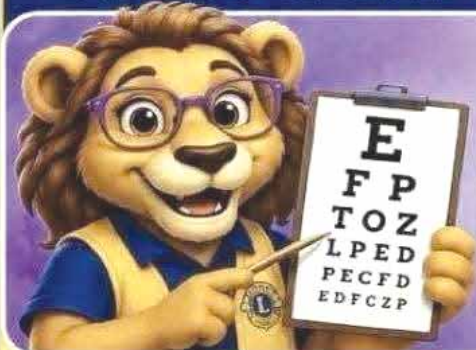


WEEKS OF SERVICE

THREE WEEKS. THREE POWERFUL CAUSES!

2026-2027

LIONS SERVE. COMMUNITIES THRIVE.  TOGETHER, WE CAN CHANGE THE WORLD!



VISION

OCTOBER 8-18, 2026

Opening eyes. Changing lives.

Promote eye health and support sight-saving initiatives in your community and around the world.



YOUTH

FEBRUARY 13-21, 2027

Empower today. Lead tomorrow.

Invest in our youth through service, mentorship, and programs that build brighter futures.



ENVIRONMENT

MAY 29-JUNE 6, 2027

Protect today. Preserve tomorrow.

Take action to care for our planet through sustainability, conservation, and clean community initiatives.

Foundation updates

Hello Lions of North Dakota!

This is Lion Kathy Boe and I am the President of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota for the 2026-2027 Lions year.

I wanted to start out the year by giving you a little information about what the Foundation has been up to over the last year and give you some information that you maybe did or didn't know about the Foundation.

The Foundation Board of Directors is made up of 14 Lions – 6 Lions from each district and the 1st Vice District Governor from each district. Each Lion can serve up to 2 terms, which are three years each. The 1st Vice District Governors are only on the board for the year they hold that role. There is also an Executive Committee within the Board. This year's Ex-

ecutive Committee consists of myself, Lion Kevin Bean – Vice President, Lion Lois Reiersen – Secretary, and Lion Steve Johnson – Treasurer.

The Purpose of the Foundation is to provide charitable & educational project funding for Lions clubs across the state and solicit, collect, and raise money for those purposes.

There are three programs that are under the umbrella of the Foundation – the Videomagnifier program, the Eyeglass Recycling Program, and the Sight 4 Kidz.

There are three types of grants awarded by the Foundation – Vision Grants, Traditional Grants, and Passthrough Grants. During the Lions year 2025-2026, 3 traditional grants were awarded totaling \$3,337.00 and 16 vision grants were

awarded totaling \$9,396.50. Lion Steve Johnson is also the Grant Manager for the Foundation and he can provide the most up to date information on any of the grant programs. The best way to contact Steve is by e-mail at steve@mid-century.com.

If you have any questions regarding grants or how to apply for them or any other questions regarding the Foundation, please feel free to reach out to me. The best way to reach me is by e-mail at kathyboe@daktel.com. You can also reach out of any of the other members of the Board as well. Any of us would be happy to answer any questions that you may have. I hope you all have an AMAZING year serving as Lions!

Club News

Strausburg



THANKS DAD! Did you know that Lions handing out a bottle of Dad's root beer for Father's Day was sparked as a service project during the COVID turmoil? This is the 7th year of putting smiles on the faces of Dad's on Father's Day. In June 2026, the tradition was delivered from Ashley Lions, Hazelton Lions, Medina Lions, Napoleon Lions, Linton Lions, and Zeeland Lions producing joy to hundreds of fathers as a thank you with Dad's root beer. Plus-Over 100 fathers were served a meal sponsored by the Strausburg Lions at the Blue Room.

ND Lion deadline

is the 5th of the month

Any questions contact the newsletter editor at kdasilva@bis.midco.net

Dacotah Mandan Lions Club

Burgers in the Park

Tuesdays, June 9th – August 11th

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 28th, 2026

Stay and Listen to the Music!

Lions MD5 is hosting a Lions International Youth Exchange Camp this summer from July 12 to 18, 2026 in Northern Saskatchewan. We would love to have the support of MD5 Lions Clubs.

We will be renting a bus and adventuring through beautiful Saskatchewan. We have youth registered from 15 international countries such as Finland, Brazil, Czech Republic, Latvia and Poland to name a few. We are looking for 20 to 25 MD5 campers.

Some of the camp activities will include ziplining, paintball, mini-golf, boating, swimming and a Pow Wow. There are two ways you can support our camp:

1. Sponsor a youth aged 14 to 18 to attend camp. The cost of camp is \$400 USD or \$550 CAD.
2. Make a monetary contribution of \$500 to \$1,000 to the camp.

Please reach out to either the camp chairman, Lion Darryl Oster or camp secretary Lion Candy McKerchar for more information or to support the camp.

Sincerely,
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Lion Candy McKerchar
lionsyouthcampsk@gmail.com

Lion Judy Beaudry, MD5 Youth Chair,
jbeaudry@westriv.com, 701-220-4410

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donors

PDG Gary Freier memorials:

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D. Dockter	L. or D. Huber
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J. & S. Paul	Mesa Sunl. Lions
E. Silbernagel	J. Miller
M. Johnson	N. Hill

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

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

KRISTI SWENSON, 701-302-0155, kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com

Greetings from New Rockford. I hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend and celebrated the USA’s 250 birthday. Our International President Mark Lyon has chosen for his theme this year is Rooted in Service. His slogan for the year is More Lions More Service. My theme for the year is Visions of Service. I truly believe: what the mind can conceive, the heart believe,

the body can achieve. This is made possible by working together for the greater good. As we look ahead to events the ND State Convention is Oct.23-24 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. The convention committee is planning a funfilled week-end so register and Soar High in Service. The 1st world wide week of Service is October 8th-18th with the focus on vision. It’s never too early to start planning.

Our District Governor team this year is Kristi Swenson-District Governor, Bryon Novotny-1st Vice District Governor, Tracy Wicken-2nd Vice District Governor and District Global Action team Coordinators Membership-Rick Swenson, Leadership-Paula Swanson, Service-Kate Lea and Extension-Scott Hildre. As we start our new year let’s create legacies for our communities and beyond.

5NE Event Calendar

Aug. 8: 10:00 a.m. - District Cabinet Meeting at the Elks in Jamestown

Aug. 15: 1:00-3:00 p.m. - Emerado-Arvilla Corn Feed at Emerado Main Street

Aug. 29: 2:00 p. m. - Robinson Truck Pull - Robinson ND

Sept. 13: 1:00 p.m. - 50th Anniversary picnic Pettibone Lions at the City Park

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

JACOB THRAILKILL, 701-833-4654, jacob.trailkill@nm.com



Club News

New Salem



Salem Sue (a service project created by New Salem Lions) welcomes all Country Fest Campers and said "Stay Mool" with ice from North Star Lions.

Club News

Magic City



Congratulations to the 2026-2027 Magic City Club Officers. Pres Christy Miller, VP Jennifer Jerauld, 2VP & Treasurer Shawna Knight, 3VP Tanner Dockter (not pictured), Sec Brandy Davidson, Recorder Kassie Rose.

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Club News

Leonard



(Leonard Lions built their park shelter in 1970, paying for a new roof a few years ago. The club purchased more picnic tables 2 years ago). Leonard Lions recently added 3 new members. The club held a community picnic on June 22nd with grilled hot dogs and brats, all the fixings, chips, potato salad and dessert. Over 100 residents enjoyed the togetherness with visiting Lions from Chaffee and Fargo Gateway. Leonard Lions sponsor summer projects: 30 children for Leonard T-ball games with purple shirts and caps. Also, 31 children ride the bus paid for by the club for 2 weeks of swimming lessons.

Napoleon



Danielle Johnson and the club meeting attendees are standing together and smiling at the camera. Danielle is holding the check awarded to her.

Submitted by James Palmer, Fargo Gateway Lions Club

The Fargo Gateway Lions Club awarded guest speaker Danielle Johnson \$1,000 for her work with Breakthrough T1D, formerly Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, during a club meeting in May. The foundation held its annual walk event on May 16th in West Fargo, ND, to raise awareness of Type 1 Diabetes and funds for research to find a cure.

Lake Metigoshe



Pictured from the left to right: Grosgebauer, Espe, Hansen, Wondrasek-Lane, Tratebas, Sec. S Jacobson, Treas. C Jacobson, J Borkowski, VP's C Miller, L Bullinger, P Olson, Pres. T Marum, DG K DaSilva

Charter Night at Lake Metigoshe

Submitted by Mary Grosgebauer, Lake Metigoshe Lions Club

June 8, 2026, at the Lake Metigoshe Christian Center DG Karen DaSilva was our Charter Night guest speaker. DG Karen encouraged growing our membership, community grants, Service as a Lion, specialty clubs -Diabetes Club and the Garden of Healing project. DG Karen inducted 2026-

2027 Lion's leadership team. Awards were given to Lions with 100% Attendance: Larry & Mary Bullinger, Terry & LeaRae Espe, Ken Hansen, Gale Wondrasek-Lane & Mary Grosgebauer. Lion Cedric Jacobson was awarded a Special Recognition plaque for his outstanding commitment to our club & achievement regarding the Metigoshe Melt for the last 27 years. NE District Rugby Lions joined us with 5 members for a night of camaraderie and fun.

Club News

Napoleon



Napoleon Lions Club Secretary Lorraine Piatz handed out bottles of Dad’s Root Beer on Father’s Day to these fathers, left to right, front: Clarence Moch, Willie J. Piatz, Jim Hilzendeger; back row, Ron Wilke, Andy Hilzendeger, Markus Wangler, Mark Wangler and Frank Braun.

Oakes



Submitted by Gary Schnell

The Oakes Lions Club celebrated its 100th anniversary on April 21 at the Angry Beaver Lodge in Oakes. The event included a free meal and program for community members and supporters who have contributed to the club's fundraisers, including calendar purchases and meat raffles. The Lions Club of Edgeley, North Dakota, served as the sponsoring club. Edgeley celebrated its own 100th anniversary last year. The original Oakes Lions Club charter was displayed during the celebration, along with other items highlighting the club's history. District Governor Paula Swanson and Scott Hildre attended the event and shared words of support for the Oakes Lions Club. Treasurer Dean Atkinson shared a recap of the Oakes Lions Club's accomplishments over the years. In the past 15 years, the club has donated more than \$200,000 to local organizations and supported a wide range of community needs. The club also recognized Garth Ziemann for 60 years of service as a Lions member. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Oakes Lions Club over the years. Your continued support has helped the club serve the community and carry forward its mission.

Where do the donations go?

Here is a snapshot of many our donations from 2010-2024

- Various other groups, including:
- Oakes Chamber of Commerce
 - Dickey County Fair
 - Lutheran Women's Missionary League
 - Oakes Wrestling Club
 - Youth Archery
 - Guelph Community Development
 - Oakes Education Association

- Tiny Tomatoes and Oakes Day-care Association
 - Girls State Sponsor
 - Growing Small Towns
 - CHI Foundation
- And a host of others going back to 1926!
- In just the last 15 years the Oakes Lions Chapter has donated back in excess of \$200, 000!!!

Williston



Newly crowned Miss North Dakota 2026, Emma Tong of Williston and Miss North Dakota Teen 2026, Addison Pringle of Surrey visited the Williston Lions Club on June 16. This is the 78th year of the Miss North Dakota competition, the 39th year it has been held in Williston

Minot



The Minot Lions awarded their second annual Lions Scholarship to Tochi U. this month! Tochi will be heading to Notre Dame this fall to study pre med! Also pictured is Lion President Lisa and Lion Secretary KayLee.

Bowman

The Bowman Lions are happy to congratulate Claire Erickson for winning our 2026 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Jamestown and studying Criminal Justice. We wish her great success in all her future plans!



Club News

Fargo Gateway



Fargo Gateway Lions Club celebrated the kickoff of the 50th Anniversary of the Lions All-Star Basketball Games. We can't wait for the game on Thursday at Fargo South High School! It was awesome to meet all the players and serve lunch.



WE SERVE

ROOTED IN SERVICE

LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL
2026-27

8 CAUSES

Diabetes

Environment

Hunger

Childhood Cancer

Vision

Humanitarian Effort

Youth

Disaster Relief

50TH ANNUAL

ALL STAR

BASKETBALL

JULY 8 - 2026

BISMARCK STATE COLLEGE
BAVENDICK CAMPUS

6:00 PM GIRLS • 8:00 PM BOYS

JULY 9 - 2025

FARGO SOUTH
HIGH SCHOOL

6:00 PM GIRLS • 8:00 PM BOYS

ND Lion deadline
is the 5th of the month

Annual Dacotah Mandan Lions
Herman Schafer Memorial Golf Scramble

Mandan Municipal Golf Course
1002 7th St. SW, Mandan, ND

Friday, September 18th, 2026

Registration 12:00 pm, Shotgun start 1:00 pm
\$75.00 per person / \$300.00 per team
Includes golf cart/ hamburger meal/ Wing City Wings

Funds Raised Go to Local Causes:
Help Kids with Pediatric Cancer
Help Kids Attend Camp Maverick Diabetic Camp

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Longest Putt/Closest to the Pin
Medora Prize

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2026 ND State Lions Convention

Soaring In Service

October 23-24, 2026



Alerus Center Grand Forks, ND
INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Club _____ Club Title _____ Lion____ Leo____ Non-Member ____

Name: _____ Club _____ Club Title _____ Lion____ Leo____ Non-Member ____

District or Other Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Guest Children: _____ Age: _____

Guest Children: _____ Age: _____

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Convention Package (includes all meals & breaks)

Make checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund

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Convention Rate is \$150 Through July 2026

August 1st to Convention On-site, Rate is \$175

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PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR BANQUET MEAL: Beef _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian _____

Any Special Dietary Needs? _____

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Cancellations will be charged a \$20 fee. Cancellations after September 15, 2026, no refund will be made.

Rooms at the Canad Inn are \$189.00 per night + taxes

Sleep Inn nearby, has a block rate for Oct 22nd- \$94.00, Oct 23rd - \$104, Oct 24th - \$144 +tax

Staybridge Suites nearby, rate for Queen Suite, \$159+; 1BdrmSuite King, \$179+;

1Bdrm Suite 2dbl beds, \$194+; 2Bdrm Suite, 2dbls & 1King, \$259+

Canad Inn 701-772-8404/888-332-2623 - 1000 S 42nd Street

Sleep Inn 701-757-2900/877-424-6423 – 1350 S 42nd Street

Staybridge 701-772-9000/877-238-8889 – 1175 S 42nd Street

Check websites for many other favorite nearby motels

Make Checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund

Send to: South Forks Lions

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Highlights from the Lions International Convention in Hong Kong



2026-2027 International President Mark Lyon and his partner in service Lynn Lion. PID Pat Vannett and IP Mark Lyon were in the same class of International Directors and have been very good friends for years.



PID Pat Vannett Lion Erin Beck, MD5 CC Paula Swanson Western.

