

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



Monthly focus: **Environment**

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## Lions Global Week of Service: Caring for Our Environment in North Dakota

Each year, Lions Clubs International encourages clubs around the world to participate in Global Weeks of Service. These weeks highlight Lions’ major global causes and create a moment when thousands of Lions serve their communities at the same time. The Environmental Global Week of Service takes place during the week of **Earth Day (April 22)** and focuses on protecting the land, water, and natural resources that sustain our communities.

Here in **North Dakota**, caring for the environment is part of everyday life. Many Lions are farmers, ranchers, and stewards of the land. We understand that healthy soil, clean water, and respect for nature are not just environmental ideas—they are part of our livelihood and heritage.

Because our spring weather can be unpredictable, North Dakota Lions may want to plan **flexible service projects** that can work indoors or outdoors. Here are a few ideas clubs could consider during the Environmental Week of Service:

**1. Community Clean-Up Days**

Organize a roadside, park, or river-

bank cleanup in partnership with your city, county, or local school groups. Even a short cleanup effort can remove hundreds of pounds of trash from the environment.

**2. Tree or Shelterbelt Projects**

Work with local conservation districts or schools to plant trees. Shelterbelts and tree plantings help reduce wind erosion, protect wildlife habitat, and beautify communities.

**3. Farm & Ranch Stewardship Conversations**

Host a coffee gathering at the local community center or library where farmers and ranchers share ideas about soil health, conservation practices, and responsible land management. Lions can help facilitate respectful discussions about protecting the land for the next generation.

**4. Recycling or E-Waste Collection**

Set up a collection day for old electronics, batteries, or scrap metal. Rural communities often lack easy recycling options, so Lions can fill an important gap.

**5. Youth Education Activities**

Partner with schools or libraries to host activities about caring for the environment. Simple projects like seedstarting kits, pollinator gardens, or conservation talks can inspire young people.

**6. Indoor Projects for Bad Weather**

If April brings snow or wind, consider assembling pollinator seed packets, creating conservation education displays, or planning future environmental projects.

Environmental service reflects a value that North Dakotans understand well—respect for the land that feeds and sustains us. Whether you farm thousands of acres or care for a small backyard garden, stewardship connects us all.

When North Dakota Lions join thousands of other Lions worldwide during this week of service, we demonstrate something powerful: service to the environment is service to our communities, our agriculture, and our future.

Let’s show the world how North Dakota Lions care for the land we call home.



Local Lions Partner with ND Association of the Blind to Host  
“Dining in the Dark” — A Powerful Vision Awareness Experience

[Bismarck, ND] — In a unique and transformative community event, local Lions are partnering with the **North Dakota Association of the Blind** to present *Dining in the Dark* — an immersive dining experience designed to give participants a firsthand understanding of what it is like to eat with vision impairment.

This marks the **first time** this type of event has been held in the area, reinforcing Lionism’s longstanding commitment to supporting individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

**Date: Friday April 24, 2006 • Time: 6:30 Social, 7:00 Dinner • Cost: \$45.00**

**Place: Municipal Country Club 930 N Griffin St Bismarck, ND**

During *Dining in the Dark*, guests will enjoy a full meal while experiencing simulated vision loss. Each table of six will be guided by a host who is blind or visually impaired. These hosts will not only assist

diners through the experience but will also share personal insights into how they confidently navigate dining out and everyday life. “This event is about more than just a meal,” said a Trampes Brown a Lion and member of ND Assoc of the Blind. “It’s about building understanding, empathy, and awareness. Vision is at the heart of Lionism, and this partnership allows us to highlight the lived experiences of our neighbors who are blind or visually impaired.” Vision has been a core focus of Lions Clubs International since its founding. From supporting sight-saving a ves and providing eyeglasses to leading global blindness prevention efforts, Lions worldwide are commi ed to improving quality of life through service.

By collaborating with the North Dakota Associa on of the Blind, the event ensures authen city and meaningful engagement. The evening will offer participants:

- A guided dining experience without sight · Personal stories from vision-impaired hosts
- Increased awareness of accessibility challenges · A deeper appreciation for independence and resilience

The Lions hope this inaugural event will inspire ongoing conversations, future collaborations, and stronger community connections. Tickets are limited due to the inmate table format. Community members are encouraged to reserve their seats early and be part of this impactful evening.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact: DG Karen daSilva 701-471-2204 or [kdasilva@bis.midco.net](mailto:kdasilva@bis.midco.net)

For Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dining-in-the-dark-tickets-1983648568266?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl>

2026 ND State Lions Convention



Soaring In Service

October 23-24th, 2026



CanadInn 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Convention Package (includes all meals)  
Make checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund

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Convention Rate ONLY (Valid through Midnight Oct 25<sup>th</sup>) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$125.00 – Regular Attendees  
Post Convention Rate will be \$150.00 through July 2026  
August 1<sup>st</sup> to Convention rate will be \$175.00  
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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, 2024 no refund will be made.

The Rooms at the CanadInn are \$189.00 per night + taxes  
The Sleep Inn nearby has a block rate for Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>- \$94.00, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> - \$104, Oct 24<sup>th</sup> - \$144 +tax

Make Checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund  
Send to: South Forks Lions  
P.O. Box 58206-6164  
Grand Forks, ND 58201  
Contacts:  
Del Hager  
[del714@hotmail.com](mailto:del714@hotmail.com)  
218-779-4971

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

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Fellow Lions,  
As we move into March, it is hard not to feel the energy of spring just around the corner. The days are getting longer, the snow is slowly beginning to melt, and Lions across our district continue to demonstrate the incredible impact that service and fellowship can have in our communities.  
This time of year is always a reminder that while the weather may change, the Lions commitment to service never slows down. Thank you to all the clubs who continue to host fundraisers, support local needs, and show up for your communities in big ways.  
One exciting opportunity coming up is our Service Carnival in Devils Lake on March 28th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. This event is a fun, hands-on way for Lions and community members to serve

together. Participants will have the opportunity to work on several meaningful service projects including making cakes kits, tying blankets for the cancer center, and assembling hygiene kits for those in need. Service events like this remind us that helping others can also be joyful, creative, and bring people together. If you are nearby, we would love to see you there!  
Looking ahead to April, please mark your calendars for our Spring Rally on April 11th in Steele, ND. The Spring Rally is always a wonderful opportunity for Lions from across the district to come together, share ideas, celebrate our accomplishments, and recharge our commitment to service. Whether you are a longtime Lion or a newer member, these gatherings are a great reminder that we are part of something bigger than our individual clubs.

I encourage every club to consider sending members to the rally. The connections, inspiration, and laughter that come from these gatherings are invaluable.  
As we continue through the second half of the Lions year, I am incredibly proud of the work happening across our district. Your dedication to service, leadership, and community truly embodies the Lions motto: We Serve.  
Thank you for all you do, and I hope to see many of you in Devils Lake and Steele in the coming weeks.  
Yours in Service,  
Paula Swanson 5NE District Governor

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

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Lions of Western North Dakota are really kicking it up a notch! One of the greatest privileges of serving as your District Governor is the opportunity to visit clubs across our district.  
Everywhere I go, I see Lions making a real difference. From community projects to local partnerships, our clubs are doing amazing things to serve their neighbors and strengthen their communities. Thank you for the energy, dedication, and heart you bring to Lionism.  
March brings an exciting opportunity for all of us with March Membership Madness. Our challenge is simple: each club adds just one new member. Imagine the impact if every club brought in one new Lion who shares our passion for service. PDG Mark Koller has already sent information about this challenge to every club, and he will be following up with phone calls to encourage and support your efforts. I know we can meet this goal together.  
Last month I also emailed each club a Marketing Order Form to help you increase your visibility in your community. Items such as Lions flags, tablecloths, and license plate covers are great tools for letting people know who we are and what we do. Visibility leads to conversations, and conversations

lead to new members and new opportunities to serve. I look forward to hearing back from every club.  
Several clubs have asked about banners they can carry in parades and at hometown events. I’m pleased to share that we now have custom parade banners available so Lions can proudly represent their clubs at community celebrations and gatherings.  
Looking ahead, we also have our Spring Rally in Minot coming up. This is a wonderful opportunity for both new and seasoned Lions to learn, connect, and grow. Best of all, the event is covered by your district dues, so I encourage every club to take advantage of

this valuable experience.  
Thank you for everything you do for your community and for your commitment to service.  
Your dedication truly makes Western North Dakota a stronger and more caring place to live.

Lions of 5NE

Spring Rally

April 11<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Steele, ND

Kidder County Public School

JOIN US ON APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> FOR A DAY OF LIONS LEARNING AND CAMARADERIE!

RSVP BY APRIL 1ST TO KRISTI SWENSON

KRISTI.SWENSON0155@GMAIL.COM

OR TEXT 701.302.0155

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donors

|                    |       |
|--------------------|-------|
| Stanley Lions Club | \$500 |
| Medina Lions Club  | \$250 |
| Lehr Lions Club    | \$120 |

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

JUST A REMINDER

ND Lion deadline is the 5th of the month

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

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Club News

Washburn



Book Across the Bay, Chapter 29 is complete. It was our pleasure to help register skiers, snowshoers, walkers and runners.

Williston



Lion Kent Reiersen inducted Kathy Harger and Pam Cote sponsored by Lion Roni Gravgaard as the newest members of the Korner Lions Club. We welcome them and look forward to serving the community together. For more information on joining the Williston Korner Lions Club, reach out via Facebook Messenger, and someone will get back to you! Pictured below from left to right: President David Juma, Roni Gravgaard, Kathy Harger, Pam Cote and Kent Reiersen.

Elgin



The Elgin Lions club held their annual awards night in conjunction with its Valentine's Day party on February 15. Awards of Melvin Jones was given to Lion Rick Michels, and Lion of the Year was presented to Lion Rita Anderson. Thank you much!!!

Enderlin



Lion, Robert "Bob" Gruman was recently endowed a Melvin Jones Fellowship by the Enderlin Lions Club. Bob lives in rural Enderlin with his wife Mary and is a retired building contractor he has provided Lions involvement and leadership for decades. He is the Club's Current first vice president and is the Club's incoming president. The Enderlin Lions are honored to single him out with the Lions highest honor Lions founder Melvin Jones name is forever associated with a worthy lion who has made a difference in his community and who daily proves "We Serve" is just cause pictured is Lion Karlton Stordalen, Endelin Lions President, Bob Gruman being awarded is Melvin Jones fellowship and Lion Tom Nord. The presentation took place at the Club's membership meeting Tuesday, February 24 at the Enderlin fire hall

Grand Forks



Val Sussex of the UND Alumni Association and Champions Club Director was presented with the Lions Club Melvin Jones Award at the Grand Forks South Forks Lions meeting. Presenting the Award is Pete Tunseth, President of the South Forks Lions. Val was recognized especially for her assistance with the annual Lions on the links Golf Tournament. The tournament was inspired by the passing of Lions Wayne Westlund and Lowell Schweigert. The tournament benefits local charities and the Lowell Schweigert Memorial Football Endowment.



# STRIDES

FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

Blood Sugar Testing  
Provided by the Dakota  
Diabetes Champions.

## Dacotah Mandan Lions Strides Walk

Help Send Diabetic Children to Camp Maverick, ND Diabetic Camp.  
We help Parents pay the \$700.00 cost for each child.

**Mandan Middle School**  
2901 12th Ave NW, Mandan, ND

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
1:30 PM: Registration  
2:00 PM: 3-mile or 5-mile Walk

Walk will be on the track at the school  
But if Inclement weather:  
Mandan Middle School Gym

**\$20.00 per participant**

Send Your Donation to:

**Dacotah Mandan Lions Club**  
3801 Memorial Hwy, Suite A, PMB 136  
Mandan, ND 58554

Call or Email: Sherry Fetch 701-426-3432  
[joyfullion2@gmail.com](mailto:joyfullion2@gmail.com)



LeAnn Eckroth 701-770-6341  
[ljeckroth@gmail.com](mailto:ljeckroth@gmail.com)



Club News

Dacotah Mandan



*Dacotah Mandan Lions Celebrate Charter and “Soups On Competition”*  
Back row, left to right: Lions Ewell Madry, LeAnn Eckroth, Duane and Cindy Sandvick, Ed Carr, Barb Braun, PDG Lynn and Lion Sally Helms, Michael Meuer, PCC Arlen Fetch. Front row, left to right: Lions Gary Heaton, Shirley Schafer, Kathy Runge and PDG Sherry Fetch. Soup Competition Winners were: 3rd Place- Lion LeAnn Eckroth; 2nd Place- Lion Sally Helms; 1st Place: DG Karen DaSilva.

Horace



The Horace Lions Club showed up in a big way with a \$10,000 donation to Anne Carlsen for Giving Hearts Day! This generous support makes a real difference for the individuals and families we serve across North Dakota. Thank you for believing in our mission and standing with us.

Dakota Diabetes Champions



The Dakota Diabetes Champions held their first A1C screening hosted by the Beulah Lions club. If your club is interested in hosting a screening message the club through Facebook.

Club News

Gateway



An eye consultant and Lion Doug Stip (left and right) are sitting together in the consultant's office and smiling at the camera. The eye consultant's left arm is wrapped around Doug's shoulders.

Life-Changing Milestone for Club Member

Submitted by James Palmer  
Fargo Gateway Lions Club

Fargo Gateway Lions Club is thrilled to announce a life-changing milestone for member Doug Stip. Legally blind since birth, a recent referral led Doug to a Minnesota Eye Consultants facility in Blaine, MN, where he received incredible news: he was a candidate for a cornea transplant! The surgery, performed on March 4th with tissue provided by the Dakota Lions Sight and Health Facility in Sioux Falls, SD, offers Doug the hope of significantly improved vision and greater independence.

Lake Metigoshe



Metigoshe Melt Contest: Get your tickets Now!!!

Submitted by Mary Grosgebauer,  
Lake Metigoshe Lions Club

For the 27th 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 of the 50/50 jackpot received over \$11,300. (The contest has many other prizes.) Tickets are available at local businesses, from Lake Metigoshe Lions Club members and entry forms can be requested at [www.metigoshemelt.com](http://www.metigoshemelt.com) and need to be returned by April 1st. The following are the ice depth measurements to help make your predictions:

**ICE DEPTH**  
2-9-2026 - 28”  
1-31-2025-25”  
2-12-2024-20”



Sign up for 5NW Spring Rally

Saturday April 18th  
Trinity Health Minot 2305 27th Ave. SW  
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.

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Attending: Name/Club Officer Position if Applicable

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form by **April 13, 2026** so we can plan for breakfast & lunch  
Return form to: 1VDG Jacob Thrailkill  
Email: Questions? Call/Text [Jacob.thrailkill@nm.com](mailto:Jacob.thrailkill@nm.com) 701-833-4654



Lions of North Dakota,  
Please Consider Purchasing LCIF Raffle Tickets for Your LIONS Club.  
This is a friendly reminder regarding our annual LCIF District Raffle. *We know many individual Lions have already purchased tickets. Thank you for your support!*  
We would also like to encourage each LIONS Club to consider purchasing one or two books of tickets as a club. This is truly a win-win opportunity:  
• LIONS Clubs are eligible to win the cash prize, which may be deposited into the club’s administration account.  
• Approximately 60% of the net proceeds submitted to LCIF return in Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credit for your LIONS Club.  
• Your participation supports LCIF’s global service impact while building recognition opportunities within your own club.  
*It is rare to have a fundraising effort that benefits service, recognition, and club administration at the same time.* This raffle can do exactly that.  
Please consider purchasing a book or two of tickets on behalf of your LIONS Club.  
Thank you for your continued commitment to LCIF and the work we do together.  
The Prizes are: 1<sup>st</sup> ..... \$1,199.00 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> ..... \$700.00 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> ..... \$500.00  
10<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> ... \$300.00 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> ..... \$200.00

Both Districts 5NW and 5NE have drawings for the raffle on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Please return the sold raffle tickets to your LCIF Chairperson.  
If you have any questions please contact:  
PDG Sherry Fetch, D5NW LCIF Chair  
[joyfullion2@gmail.com](mailto:joyfullion2@gmail.com) or 701-426-3432  
Mail to: 406 4<sup>th</sup> Ave NW,  
Mandan, ND 58554  
PDG Rick Swenson, D5NE LCIF Chair  
[virus\\_of\\_h@yahoo.com](mailto:virus_of_h@yahoo.com) or 701-302-0483  
Mail to: 414 1<sup>st</sup> Ave North  
New Rockford, ND 58356

# North Dakota Lions Clubs Invited to Submit Hall of Fame Nominations

Dear Lions, This is your last chance to honor that special Lion in your club by nominating that individual to the ND Lions Hall of Fame. Applications and supporting documents need to be sent or emailed to PDG Lion Tim Thueson by March 31, 2026. If any questions, call or email him.

## 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 (list year & 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 <b>Club Awards</b> (list award & year)                 | 1.0          |
| 18 Each year President of Lions Eye Bank (list year)                     | 2.0          | 41 Other <b>District Awards</b> (list award & year)             | 1.5          |
| 19 Each year Secretary and/or Treasurer of Lions Eye Bank (list)         | 1.0          | 42 Other <b>International Awards</b> (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 200 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, 2026**. 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 19<sup>TH</sup> ST., BISMARCK, ND 58503

# Bismarck



# New England

*Gather your crew. Buy your tickets. Let's race!*

**LIONS INTERNATIONAL**

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**SERVICE CARNIVAL**

28 MARCH, 2026

**HOPE CENTER**  
**10:00-12:00**

**JOIN THE DEVILS LAKE LIONS IN A DAY OF SERVICE!**

- BIRTHDAY CAKE KITS
- THE BLANKETS
- HYGIENE KITS

**ALL ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE DEVILS LAKE AREA**

**HOPE CENTER 313 3<sup>RD</sup> ST NE, DEVILS LAKE**

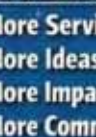




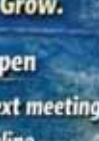
# ★ MARCH ★

## MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

*Let's Grow Our Pride!*

This March, we're calling on every club in  to bring in **2 NEW MEMBERS** 

### Why It Matters

- More Members =
-  More Service
-  More Ideas
-  More Impact
-  More Community

### The Goal

**2 New Members. One Month. Every Club.**

*Invite. Inspire. Grow.*

### How to Make It Happen

-  Invite a friend to your next meeting
-  Share your Lions story online
-  Bring a guest to a service project
-  Post why YOU became a Lion
-  Follow up personally

### ★ This Is Our Moment

**March 1 – March 31**

*Let's strengthen our clubs and expand our impact.*

*Because when we grow our membership...*

- ★ We grow our service.
- ★ We grow our leadership.
- ★ We grow our community.

**#GrowOurPride #2InMarch #LionsServe #StrongerTogether**