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Special Club Spotlight on Williston Korner Lions Club

The Williston Korner Lions are growing their membership and serving the community.

Things are happening out in the NW part of the state. The Williston Korner Lions Club is growing their membership by leaps and bounds. We have inducted one new member in January, three in March, and have four or five people who want to serve their community to be inducted in May. We are so fortunate to have so many new members that see the value and satisfaction of serving their community.

We are entering our busy months

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Lions and other volunteers that grilled and served at the middle school teacher appreciation luncheon



(L to R) Medrein Sandvold, sponsor of new member, Kristina Haugen (center) and Korner Lions president, David Juma.



Lions serving and grilling at the new elementary school.



Two new Lions were inducted in March. (L to R) Lion Eric Nelson, conducted the ceremony for new members Lisa Wiedner and Joanna Daz (right). Lion David Juma is pictured between the new members he sponsored.



Two new Lions were inducted in February. (L to R) President David Juma, sponsor Roni Gravgaard, new members Kathy Harger and Pam Cote and Kent Reiersen, who conducted the ceremony.

Club News

Leo



The Dakota NFL Lions partner with our sponsored Leo club at each NSDA tournament to provide a service project related to Lions themes. The LEOs Club is made up of a group of students who participate in speech, student congress, debate, and theater. However, they also place a large focus on serving others before, after, or alongside these projects. In the fall we focus on either hunger or diabetes, at the winter debate event, we focus on Childhood cancer and make tied blankets for the Roger Maris Cancer Center. At the spring speech tournament, we focus on an environmental project. This year we made 550 dog toys to be distributed to shelters from recycled t-shirts. Our Dakota NFL Lions and Leo chapter also sponsor at least two speech tournaments helping provide trophies and volunteer judging. We also collect food items and glasses. Any money raised goes to support speech students in ND. Finally, the Leos chapter helped at two middle school tournaments this year supplying judges and helping with the administration of the tournament.

Bismarck



District 5NW and the Bismarck Lions Club hosted Dining in the Dark tonight! Such a meaningful event raising awareness for vision impairments. We're grateful to the North Dakota Association of the Blind-NDAB for bringing this incredible experience to our community! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the night so special.



We had such a great time at the Bismarck/Mandan Elks Lodge #1199 for our Puzzle Contest. Thank you to everyone who came out to play and to all of our fellow Lions who showed up to support the event. We loved seeing the community come together! Congratulations to our winning teams: Every Day I'm Puzzling – 33:00, We Come In Pieces – 33:30, Piece Be With You – 37:00. We kicked things off at 6:30 PM, and by 9:01 PM, every single puzzle was complete. Incredible! A HUGE thank you to our amazing sponsors who made the night possible: Puzzle Sponsor: Brady Martz, Venue Sponsor & Host: Bismarck/Mandan Elks Lodge #1199, Door Prize Sponsors: Scotty's, Farmer's Union Insurance, Plant Perfect, Texas Roadhouse, and the Bismarck Lions Club. We're so grateful for the support and can't wait to do it again!

2026 North Dakota Lions Convention

Greetings Lions of North Dakota! Our 2026 Convention Committee is moving forward with plans for a tremendous Convention at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, October 23-24, 2026. A diverse program is being planned that will include specialized and advanced training for those currently involved and those wishing to be more involved with the Sight4Kidz Program. Our trainer comes from the Plus Optix company where we purchased the cameras used in our highly successful vision screening program. Some of our favorite presenters from past Conventions will keep us informed on the advances in Diabetes and Dakota Lions Sight and Health. Other options such as Childhood Cancer, Specialty Clubs and Mission Trips are in the works among other sessions yet to be finalized. From the world leadership level, International Director Melissa Washburn will give us the opportunity to hear about her journey in Lions and how important it is for us at the State, District and Club level to become involved in SERVICE and participate on all levels of Lionism. I can't wait for you to participate in the Ice Breaker dinner and activities provided at the North Dakota Vision Services, School For The Blind on Friday evening!

You might ask, what does "Soaring In Service" mean in relation to Lions? Well, it's personal with me, as a military service veteran. Many Lions in my South Forks Lions Club are veterans and I dare say, many Lions across the state are also vets. Just a few miles from the city of Grand Forks we find the Grand Forks Air Force Base, headquarters of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing.

I have submitted a request for Commander Col. Alfred Rosales to tell us about the History and Mission of the 319th Reconnaissance Wing. The 319th is the home of Global Hawk aircraft, Space Communications and Development and Point Defense Battle Lab to mention some of the incredible forms of SERVICE performed not only near Grand Forks but around the world just as Lions SERVE around the world in our own unique fashion. I've asked Col. Rosales to also talk about how SERVICE by the men, women and indeed, the children in this command are impacted by commitment to Service. I know from my own military experiences that it is life changing. With that in mind, what I envision bringing to this year's Lions Convention is for us to hear about not only Lions service projects but also the broader side of service, that being of service to our country carried out right here in the forefront by the United States Air Force. I requested a keynote address for the Saturday opening and if possible, a break-out session Saturday morning. Given the state of world events and the involvement of the US Air Force at the present time, we might have a problem getting the Commander but I feel assured from my contact that we will have a highly qualified representative.

I hope this somewhat alteration of how a Lions Convention usually revolves will be exciting for each and every one of you! WE SERVE! Lion Del Hager, Convention Chair

See Registration form on page 7 for rates and motel information.

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of the year, so we are thankful to have so many new members. Just this week, eight Lions cooked and served 500 hamburgers and 300 hotdogs at the new elementary school that will open in the fall. A bonus is that we likely gained a new member. The Lions impressed the new school principal so much she wants to join our club. The next day, seven Lions cooked and served 200 people at the middle school teachers and staff appreciation luncheon. We have one more school grilling on the last day of school plus grilling for a sports event in

May. We will also be doing a vision screening at Kids Day Out which attracts a large crowd.

The next five months, we will be running around town with our blue grill which is very visible with our large Korner Lions signs and canopies, with the Lions logo, that we were able to purchase with help from a Lions Foundation of North Dakota grant.

"Just Ask" has been thrown around for a few years, to bring in new members, but we are seeing that it does really work.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Recent Donors

Anonymous to Foundation Endowment	\$206
Grand Forks Lions Club (Lifetime Donor)	\$300

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

North Star



Have you heard about the North Star Lions Bike Kindness Initiative? Check out this news story that aired on KFYZ it's on their website. This project was made possible with help from a Community Impact Grant from Lions International.

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Wishek



On May 3rd, the Wishek Lions held a Sunday breakfast at their Civic Center; serving 200 people with their town's famous German sausage, scrambled eggs, french toast and pancakes. Thanks also to the local boys and girls FFA chapter for helping to with dishing out the food to the public.

Minot



The Minot Lions spent the morning volunteering during City Wide Cleanup, picking up trash in the community! Pictured are Lions Wenjing, Lisa, Deb, and Trampes!

Spring Volunteer Day



We had 52 attendees who contributed to 15 tasks. Jud, Grand Forks, Fargo Gateway, Wishek, and Fargo Roamers 4x4 Lions Clubs were represented.

Club News

New Rockford



On Palm Sunday members of the New Rockford Lions club, visited at Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd and handed out Easter baskets to each of the residents containing a stuffed lion, a little bag of candy and lots of smiles.

Oakes



Oakes Lions Club Annual Cake Auction

On Tuesday, March 17th, the Oakes Lions Club of Oakes, ND hosted their annual cake auction. This event is a longstanding tradition for the club and serves as a highlight of their yearly activities. The theme of the night was St. Patrick's Day. Eleven cakes (made by the Lion member) were aucitoned off and successfully raised a total of \$1,100.00. Representatives from the Jud Service Dog organization, accompanied by a service dog, attended as guests. They delivered an informative presentation explaining the role of service dogs and the assistance they provide to their handlers. The \$1,100 raised from the auction waas donated to Jud Service Dogs of Jud, ND. This contribution will help cover expenses related to training and housing the service dogs. On April 21st the Oakes Lions celebrated their 100th Anniversary.

Lehr



Members if the Lehr Lions Club filled Spring/Easter bags with cookies and various other goodies on March 31 and delivered them to the elderly and shut-in in Lehr and surrounding area. They decided to do spring bags versus Christmas bags in December. Back row, left to right: Lions Robert Ziebart, Donna Ruff, Mark Butler, Pam Morrisson, Eugene Reosler. Front, left to right: Lions Melanie Lloyd, Betty Zieart, Marlyn Roesler, Bonnie Wiskus. (Submitted by: Lion Bonnie Wiskus, Sec/Tres; Lehr Lions Club)

Lake Metigoshe

Metigoshe Melt Contest Results 2026!

Submitted by: Mary Grosgebauer,
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Once again, our Metigoshe Melt contest was a huge success! We had a total of 198 entries for the winning date of April 23, 2026. Ticket winners were from North Dakota to Florida. Total number of tickets sold were 4,875.

Plunge time – 9:30 AM., April 23, 2026. Winner: Joe Henry, -prize of \$12, 187.50 (his time entry-April 23, 9:32 AM), 2nd place: Rod Parrill – Gas Grill (\$1,600.00), 3rd place: Robert Kimball, \$500, 4th place: Harley Getzlaff, \$250, 5th place: Dwight Olson, \$250 and 6th place: Linda Shelver, \$250 (17 additional prizes were awarded, all prizes are based on the plunge time!) Total gross sales were \$24,375.00.

Huge THANKS to our sponsors, partners, ticket sellers, and buyers, and Melt Committee Chair Cedric!



Winner of the Metigoshe Melt Jackpot, Joe Henry (Middle) with Lions Mary and Larry Bullinger, Trudy Marum, Craig and Jane Nelson, and Cedric and Sue Jacobson.

Article VI

Section 1. Composition. The Council of Governors, hereinafter referred to as the Council, shall be: A) The Current District Governors.

B) **State or Provincial representatives.** Three immediate Past District Governors and/or Past District Governors from the previous four years, which number cannot exceed one-half of the number of District Governors who shall have been elected by the voting delegates of their respective province or state at the Multiple District Convention meeting of the previous fiscal year. There shall be at least one (1) immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous four years each from Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The State or Provincial Representatives shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again.

C) **The Vice Council Chairperson, who shall have been elected by the current Council of Governors, the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors at the third quarterly(spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year in which the election was held. The Vice Council Chairperson shall be an immediate Past District Governor or Past District Governor from the previous four years.**

D) The Council Chairperson, who shall have been elected by the current Council of Governors, ~~and the First Vice District Governors-elect and the Second Vice District Governors~~ **at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year. The Council Chairperson must have been a District Governor a Vice Council Chairperson in Multiple District 5 in the fiscal year in which the election was held. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. Each member of the Council shall have (1) vote, including the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors.**

Section 2. OFFICERS

The officers of the Multiple District shall be:

A) The Council Chairperson. In the event a vacancy in the office of Council Chairperson the position shall be filled by the Vice Council Chairperson.

B) The Vice Council Chairperson. ~~filled by the state or provincial representative of the state or province hosting the next Multiple District convention.~~ In the event a vacancy in the office of Vice Council Chairperson the position shall be filled by

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election of the current Council of Governors, the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors. See Section 1(C) qualifications.

C) The State & Provincial representatives.

D) The Secretary-Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be, after application and interview process and if more than one qualified applicant, shall then be elected at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year serving a three (3) year term (limited to a maximum of 2 terms). These positions are subject to an annual review and may be replaced if deemed necessary. No salary shall be paid to any officer or member of the Council except for the Secretary Treasurer or Secretary and Treasurer.

NOTES: The persons who can fill the position by election is set out in the Bylaws.

Bylaws

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Election of Council Chairperson

The Council Chairperson who shall be elected by **voting members of the current Council of Governors, and the District Governors-elect the First Vice District Governors and the Second Vice District Governors** at the third quarterly (spring) meeting of the previous fiscal year shall be elected by the District Governors and First Vice District Governors ~~o~~ **of the Multiple District provided that such chairperson shall be an immediate past district governor have served as Vice Council Chairperson** when he/she takes office. The Council Chairperson shall serve for a one-year term only and cannot serve in that capacity again. A meeting of the district governors of the multiple district who will be in office during the term of the council chairperson elected shall be called following the multiple district annual convention, but no later than 30 days following the closing of the International Convention for the purpose of selecting a council chairperson.

Section 2. ELECTION OF VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Upon the expiration of the term or upon resignation of the Council Chairperson, the Vice Council Chairperson shall become the Council Chairperson.

The Vice Council Chairperson shall be elected by voting members of the current Council of Governors, **First Vice District Governors, current First Second Vice**

ARTICLE III

Duties of Multiple Council of Governors and Committees

Section 1. MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS.

The Council of Governors shall: (a) Make all contracts and approve all bills

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Saturday, June 13, 2026

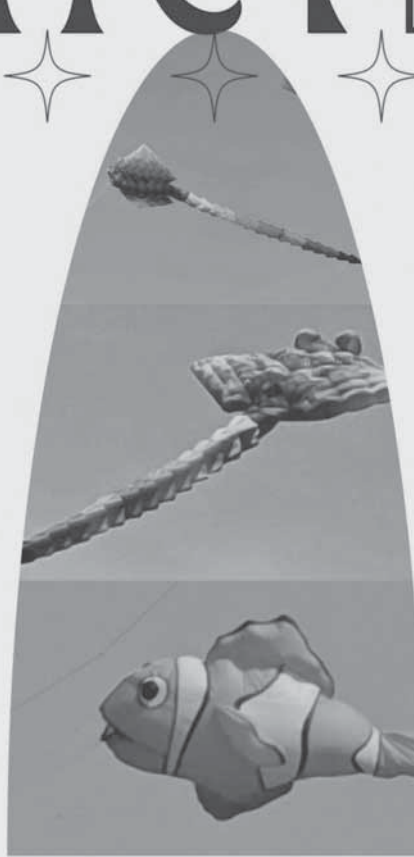
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2026 ND State Lions Convention

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October 23-24th, 2026



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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY REGISTRATION FORM

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

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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 25th) _____ @ \$125.00 – Regular Attendees

Post Convention Rate will be \$150.00 through July 2026

August 1st 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 22nd- \$94.00, Oct 23rd - \$104, Oct 24th - \$144 +tax

Make Checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund

Send to: South Forks Lions

P.O. Box 58206-6164

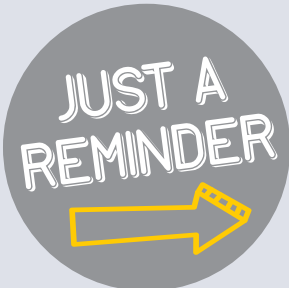
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ND Lion deadline is the 5th of the month.

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relating to multiple district convention administrative expenses.

(b) Designate a depository for multiple district funds.

(c) Determine the amount of surety bond for the council secretary-treasurer and approve the surety company issuing said bond.

(d) Receive financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently, from the council secretary treasurer, and provide for a review or audit at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the council secretary- treasurer.

Section 2. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.**

The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district Council of Governors.

In cooperation with the Council of Governors, the council Chairperson shall,

(a) Further the Purposes of this association.

(b) Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:

(1) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator.

(2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.

(3) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams

(c) Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events.

(d) Document and make available the goals and long-range plans for the Multiple District as established by the Council of Governors.

(e) Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings.

(f) Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention.

(g) Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the Council of Governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors.

(h) Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and by-laws.

(i) Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and

(j) Facilitate, at the close of their term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to their successor in office.

Section 3 **MULTIPLE DISTRICT VICE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON. (NEW SECTION)**

The Vice Council Chairperson shall:

(a) Perform all duties of the Council Chairperson in the Council Chairperson's absence, incapacity, or upon resignation.

(b) Perform all duties assigned by the Council Chairperson and the Council of Governors.

(c) Perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and bylaws.

(d) Regularly communicate with the Council Chairperson, accept mentoring from the Council Chairperson and position himself or herself for a smooth and successful succession into the position of Council Chairperson.

Section 4. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY-TREASURER.** Under the supervision and direction of the Council of Governors, the council secretary-treasurer shall: **(renumber section)**

Section 5. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT PROTOCOL CHAIRPERSON. Renumber section only**

Section 6. **GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDI-**

NATOR. **Renumber section only**

Section 7. **GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM (GMT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only**

Section 8. **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM (GLT) MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only**

Section 9. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT MARKETING CHAIRPERSON Renumber Section only**

Section 10. **LCIF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR. Renumber Section only**

Section 11. **LEO or LEO-LION COUNCIL LIAISON (OPTIONAL). Renumber Section only**

Club News

Tuttle



Tuttle Lions Club members purchased and installed this playground in the Tuttle City Park with financial help from a North Dakota Lions Foundation Grant for \$2500 and a LCIF District and Community Impact Grant for \$3000 as well as lots of Club fundraising and private donations. Minot Magic City Lions donated \$3500 to the project. THANK YOU TO ALL!



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- \$5 donation per day your club hosts the Lion. The donations support and should be mailed to **Service Dogs for America; 920 Short St. Jud, ND 58454.**
- The Lion must be hand-delivered to the next club. *No mailing or shipping.*
- Share the journey: Share photos and stories on YOUR social media and TAG Service Dogs for America, so we can track the traveling lion.
- Keep it moving – the goal is to reach as many clubs as possible!





CONNECT

Visit Lions clubs wherever you go.



SHARE

Share our club, our missions, and our impact.



INSPIRE

Show the world the power of service and friendship.

TAKE THE LION. PASS IT ON.

Snap a photo. Share the journey.
Let's see how far our Lion can go!



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