

NORTH DAKOTA LION



Monthly focus: **Vision - Blindness Awareness Month**

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Get to know the North Dakota Association of the Blind

Mission Statement - We strive to enhance the way of life for people who are blind or visually impaired, to encourage employment opportunities and to educate the public about sight loss.

Motto - Not they who lack sight but they who lack vision are blind

NDAB priorities

Support - If you have vision loss, then it is often good for you to join a support group. Spending time with others who know and understand the struggles of sight loss and blindness will help you accept and adjust to your life. There are several support groups that meet together monthly across the state. Look on the NDBA.ORG website to see the listing of groups. You do not need to be a member of NDAB to attend any of these groups.

Educate - For students who are pursuing further education, NDAB has scholarships. Learn more about available scholarships here. We are here to help make life more livable.



Advocate - We also promote the awareness of sight loss through lobbying, fundraising, and conventions. Without fund raising or donations, NDAB would fail in its mission.

- How can your Lions Club help?**
- Make a donation**
 - Reach out to the visually impaired in your community and invite them to a meeting**
 - Host a Dining in the Dark Event**
 - Ask a Board member to speak at a club meeting**
 - Host a Walk for Vision service project**

How to get in touch with NDAB (North Dakota Association or the Blind)
NDAB
PO Box 824
West Fargo, ND 58078
Electronic – Visit our website: www.ndba.org



Walk for Vision



Dining in the Dark.

Calendar

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
8 - World Sight Day
16 - World Food Day
23-24 - ND State Convention Grand Forks ND

November

Diabetes Awareness Month

14 - World Diabetes Day

Seeking candidates for the Lions Foundation

District 5NW is seeking candidates for the Lions Foundation North Dakota Board of Directors. The Lions Foundation ND Board is made up of 14 Lions – 6 Lions from each district and the 1st Vice District Governor from each district serve for a one-year term. Each Lion can serve up to 2 terms, which are three years each.

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 Video Magnifier Program, the Eyeglass Recycling Program, and Sight 4 Kidz. There are three types of grants awarded by the Foundation – Vision Grants, Traditional Grants, and Passthrough Grants.

The LFND Board meets four times per year, two in Bismarck, one virtually and one in conjunction with the ND State Lions Convention.

The LFND positions will be elected, by nomination, at the District 5NW meeting at the State Lions Convention in Grand Forks on October 24th. The Lion being considered for election must be a Lion in good standing.

If you have questions regarding the LFND board, you can contact any LFND board member. If you are interested in serving or know someone who would be a good candidate for the board, please contact DG Jacob Thraillkill.

ND Lion Hall of Fame Recipient for 2026

PDG Jan Froemming was born in McClusky, North Dakota, on February 13, 1941. She attended country school through eighth grade and graduated from McClusky High School in 1959. She continued her education at Bismarck State College, earning an Associate of Applied Science degree in 2009.



Lion Jan was married to Dale Froemming for thirty years until his passing in 2024. Dale and Jan owned a bait shop in Elgin for many years and were both members of the Elgin Lions Clubs. They later moved to Mandan and joined the Dacotah Mandan Lions Club.

Lion Jan began her Lions service in 1991. In Elgin, she served the Elgin Dakota Lions Club as president for two years, secretary for three years, club committee chair for thirty years, and board member for five years. She also served as a board member of the Elgin Lions Club for two years and

the Dacotah Mandan Lions Club for three years. She was zone chair for four years and served four years on the boards of the North Dakota Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota. PDG Jan served on the District 5NW cabinet for twenty-three years as Leader Dog Chair. In that role, she presented Leader Dog programs nine times in District 5NW and six times at the North Dakota state convention. She served as District Governor for District 5NW in 2007–2008. Lion Jan has attended twenty-four district rallies, twenty-six state

conventions, sixteen MD 5 conventions, two USA/Canada Forums, and one Lions Clubs International Convention.

Lion Jan’s honors include the Melvin Jones Fellowship, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, District Governor’s Certificate of Appreciation, Leader Dogs for the Blind Founders Tribute, and an International President’s Commendation.

In addition to her Lions involvement, Lion Jan is a member of the Mandan Eagles and the American Legion Auxiliary. She has volunteered with the Salvation Army bell-ringing campaign, the Dacotah Mandan Lions Kite Fly for pediatric cancer, the club’s annual Stride Walk for Diabetes, and Burgers in the Park.

Lion Jan has two children and four grandchildren, who are the light of her life. She continues to serve her club whenever she can while residing at Mandan Edge-wood.

ND Lion Convention: Soaring in Service

Greetings North Dakota Lions from the 2026 Convention Committee.

On behalf of the Lions of 5NE and District Governor Kristi Swenson, we are honored to host the annual convention at the newly remodeled Grand Forks Alerus Center, recognized as one of the finest convention centers in the entire upper Midwest.

“SOARING IN SERVICE” is not just a theme. It exemplifies the spirit of Lions. It tells us that we SOAR beyond all service organizations in the world. There is another form of service we will highlight this year, that being military service in the form of our keynote speaker from the 319th Reconnaissance Wing at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, Command Chief Master Sergeant William Gruenes, a decorated serviceman with an important message for all of us.

our International guest will be International Director Melissa Washburn from New Mexico. Please take the time to join ID Washburn for a meaningful opportunity to participate in a Question-and-Answer breakout session and also to hear her remarks at the convention closing banquet. Time spent with International Directors are rarely available to most Lions. It will be a

time well spent!

The Hall of Fame Luncheon will honor PDG Jan Froemming, formerly Elgin Lions and presently Dacotah Mandan Lions. Lion Jan’s many accomplishments and dedicated SERVICE has earned her this high honor from all North Dakota Lions!

5NE 1st VDG Bryon Novotny, MC, along with 5NW 1st VDG Brian Beckers will lead the Memorial Service honoring the ND Lions who have passed away this year. Lion Paul Olson, Superintendent of ND Vision Services, School For The Blind will be the MC for the Friday night Ice Breaker at their facility located at the corner of 6th Avenue North and Stanford Road. Supper, a tour, and inspirational guest speaker(s) will surely amaze us all. (Driving details and/or bus rides will be provided).

The ND Lions Foundation will be recognized throughout the convention. In other state wide messages, you have been notified to respond to the Foundation if/when your club has received a Foundation Grant. Please respond to their request for photos and stories.

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Statue of Service: A North Dakota Lions Legacy in the Making

Exciting progress continues on the Statue of Service, a North Dakota Lions project that will honor the countless ways Lions have served people with vision loss in North Dakota and around the world. This life-size bronze statue will be located on the grounds of North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind in Grand Forks, creating a lasting place to recognize Lions service, educate visitors, and celebrate the gift of sight and independence.



The project is already gaining momentum! Approximately \$107,000 has been raised through donations and pledges—putting us half-way to our goal. Lions Clubs across North Dakota are stepping forward, and we want every Lion to see this as our project—a project created by North Dakota Lions and representing the service of Lions everywhere.

The completed site will include the bronze statue, landscaping, benches, donor-recognition pavers, evening lighting, and educational signage. An interactive Braille feature will invite visitors to experience “Literacy through Touch,” while signage will highlight the Lions’ commitment to being “Knights of the Blind,” inspired by Helen Keller’s historic challenge to Lions.

The Next Big Opportunity Is Coming!

At the upcoming North Dakota Lions Convention in Grand Forks, fundraising efforts will support the Statue of Service. This is an exciting opportunity for Lions from across the state to come together and help move this project closer to completion.

The Statue of Service will also be a Parade of Green giving opportunity, providing Lions another way to support this meaningful statewide project.

Every club, every Lion, and every gift can make a difference. Whether your club has already contributed or is considering its first gift, now is the time to get involved.

This statue will stand for generations as a reminder of Lions service, compassion, vision, and commitment to others. It is a North Dakota Lions project—and it represents all of us.

Watch for next month’s article as we continue to share the progress, the people behind the project, and exciting opportunities to help bring the Statue of Service to life!

Yours in service,
2nd VDG Lion Tracy Wicken
Chairperson, Statue of Service

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

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

Another month has flown by. IP Mark Lyon’s theme this year is “Rooted in Service”. I am amazed and humbled at the amount of service club members are performing in their communities. It has been my honor to present years of service chevronsto club members ranging from 10 years to 50 years. Thank you for the example you have stand continue to promote at home.

As we look to October make your plans to

attend THE ND State Lions Convention in Grand Forks. The theme for this year is Soaring in Service. The Zone 3 Lions are busy planning a great Convention. It’s a great time to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

5NE Lions continue to be rooted in Service. Thank you so much for all you do. The District Governor team is reaching out to schedule club visitations, if your club has a special

event and would like someone from our team to attend please reach out to:

Kristi (701)302-0155 email kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com

Bryon (218)779-2266 email bryonnovotny@gmail.com

Tracy(218)791-2466 email trwicken61@gmail.com

Have a great September.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR’S REPORT

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

Greetings Fellow Lions,

It is an incredible honor and responsibility to be your District Governor. As we begin our walk into fall and our lives becoming increasingly busier I hope there are moments that bring you peace. As Lions we are called to support and encourage our communities in normal times and times of crisis. I am happy to serve along side of each of you as you bring that same kind of peace to your communities. A few things I would like to put on your radar. State convention is happening in October, and this will be a great time to fellowship with our lions family.



DG Jake and his Partner in Service Lion Sophia at the International Convention in Hong Kong.



Come, learn, and see what the Lions of North Dakota a are doing. Your 5NW cabinet has met recently and are working hard to make sure we are able to support you in anyway that we can. My goal this year is to get the district firing on all cylinders and I could not have asked for a better team to get that done. Lastly, know that you are important to the work that we do and people’s lives are improving every day because of the kindness you bring to service.

Lion Jake

2026-2027 Excellence Awards

**New clubs chartered after January 1, 2027, are not eligible for the award.*

Club Excellence Award criteria

- Membership:**
- Achieved a net growth of two (2) members or 10% or more members (Reinstated members and charter members above the minimum 20 members will qualify.)
- OR**
- Sponsored a new Lions club or Club Branch
- Service:**
- Report a minimum of four (4) service activities. (Three (3) must align with our Glob..al Causes around Youth, Vision and Environment (one in each Global Cause) these service projects can be completed throughout the 2026-2027 Lion year.)
- Leadership & Organizational Excellence:**
- Clubs in Good Standing: not in Status Quo or Financial Suspension. Club dues paid and no unpaid balance with Lions International greater than US\$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- Report newly elected club officers for the 2027-2028 Lions year in the Lio_n Portal by May 15, 2027, of the current Lions year.
 - Club officers to attend instructor-led club officer training (in person or virtual), organized and reported in Learn by GLT coordinator, between March 1, 2026-October 31, 2026.
 - The club president for the current Lion year must not have served in that role more than two consecutive years.
 - 10% of the club's members complete any three (3) courses in the Lions Learning Center.
- LCIF:**
- Contributed to LCIF a minimum of the club's membership total at the start of the 2026- 2027 Lion year multiplied by US\$20.
- District, Region and Zone criteria**
- For the District, Zone Chairperson and Region Chairperson, 50% of the clubs must earn the club excellence award for them to receive this award.

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LEADER DOGS
FOR THE BLIND

Class of



2026


Stanley


Roger


Willow


Toni


Bobbie Jo


Thor


Miller


Paco


Frankie


Bree


Lasko


Laddie


Fuji


Kanjil


Hero


Lucas


Zion


Ginny


Xena


Goldie


Ranger


Blade


Kati


Ciro


Chandler


Kirby


Rookie


Gretel

HOME DELIVERY DOGS

To accommodate the wide variety of clients' lifestyles, we also offer **in-home delivery**. A guide dog mobility instructor travels to the client's home to provide one-on-one tailored instruction for up to 10 days. Instruction includes navigating the client's typical routes to work, school and medical appointments. This way, clients can continue to fulfill their home life obligations while being paired with a Leader Dog that helps them become unstoppable!


Leale


Wilbur


Delta


Karen


Zakk


Faith


Saylor

Congrats!



Cody

Please Sponsor the Class of 2027!



Thanks to our friends at AAA - The AUTO CLUB GROUP and COASTAL PET PRODUCTS for supporting our class of 2027 with generous matching gifts!

These remarkable Leader Dogs are now partnered with clients who are blind or have low vision, helping

A new class of puppies is already beginning their training journey. Your support is needed to provide these Future Leader Dogs with expert care, training and instruction so they can transform someone's life.

Fargo Gateway



Fargo Gateway Lion Crystal Dueker has been sharing information about the fun and excitement of being at the July 4th dedication of The Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library with the Enderlin club, Leonard club, and Wahpeton Headwaters club and answering questions from curious members. For example, you need to book a reservation of the day and time at <http://www.medora.com> to plan a tour to learn more about the incredible life of our 26th president of the United States. There are hotels, restaurants, shops and various activities to enjoy now that this landmark at the Baddest of the Badlands opened its doors. Did you know the TR Library has attracted over 95,000 visitors in just 10 weeks? Bully!

The estate of Betty and Clifford Bosak has provided a charitable contribution to the Fargo Gateway Lions Club to support their efforts in addressing vision needs for youth in the FMWF area. This generous donation will be distributed in the area over a 15 year period to provide long-term support for vision needs for the youth. One of the main focuses will be the Fargo Eye Consortium that is administered by the Fargo Lions Club. As a young woman, Betty

was a recipient of support for her vision needs and through this experience developed a true desire to give back to the youth in the FMWF area who are facing vision challenges. The Fargo Gateway Lions Club is extremely grateful to the estate of Betty and Clifford Bosak for this generous donation which will allow the club to continue, and even increase their support of one of the pillars of Lionism, which is "Vision".

Club News

Lake Metigoshe



Another successful day of service. Thank you Lake Metigoshe Lions club for inviting the Dakota Diabetes Champions to serve your community.



Left to right, back row: Lions Patricia Vannett and Joan Derras; front row: Lions Larry DaSilva and PDG Karen DaSilva.

A Healthy Turnout: Lions offer Diabetes Testing at Community Event

Submitted by Mary Grosgebauer, Lake Metigoshe Lions Club

On August 26, 2026, the 2nd Annual Community Outreach Event was held in Bottineau, giving community members an opportunity to visit with multiple service organizations. The event showcases the various emergency response teams, their equipment and the importance. There were 46 vendors,

music, food, and fun activities. The Lake Metigoshe Lions, together with the Dakota Diabetes Lions Club from Bismarck, North Dakota, provided A1C and diabetic retinopathy testing. During the two-hour event, they completed 23 A1C tests and 16 retinopathy screenings. Lions Joan Deraas, Gale Wondrasek-Lane, and Mary Grosgebauer helped with the event. It was a great turnout, with fun shared and service provided.



Left to Right: Lions Ron and Joan Deraas.

Rocking In the Park!

Submitted by Mary Grosgebauer, Lake Metigoshe Lions Club

On July 22, 2026, 14 Lake Metigoshe Lions traveled to Rugby, North Dakota, to serve the annual meal during the Rugby Lions’ “Mu-

sic in the Park” summer series at Ellery Park. The Lions served hamburgers, salad, and ice cream while guests enjoyed a relaxing evening of free music and community fellowship. The event drew 540 concert guests.

Ashley



Lion Denny Hoffman presenting Lions Dennis Schock his 60-year chevron. Congratulations Lion Dennis.

CONVENTION

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The convention breakout sessions will provide valuable information focused on Lions Mission: specifically, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Vision and Humanitarian Efforts; in addition to Recruitment to form Specialty Clubs. Please join us for an important State Convention! The future success of ND Lions Clubs depends upon the consolidation of efforts among all clubs in our two Districts. The State Convention is the only op-

portunity for all of us to gather on an annual basis. The registration form is included in this issue. Please call or email if you have any questions, or simply send your registration as instructed on the form. We promise you the opportunity for comradery, knowledge and a willingness to share your sense of Lions SOARING IN SERVICE! Lion Del Hager del714@hotmail.com 218-779-4971

2026 Lions Convention for Districts 5NE and 5NW

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2026 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION October 23 & 24, 2026 AT THE ALERUS CENTER IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS.

ND STATE LIONS/ND DISTRICTS CONVENTION RULES 2026

- 1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
- 2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedures. The host District Governor shall appoint a convention parliamentarian and a convention secretary.
- 3. **PRESIDING OFFICER** – The host District Governor (5NE, DG Kristi Swenson) shall be the designated officer to preside at the state meeting.
- 4. **QUORUM**– A majority of the registered certified delegates in attendance at the convention session shall constitute a quorum.
- 5. Lions in good standing must be registered and certified in order to vote on all convention matters. Voting members must be a member of a Lions club in 5NE or 5NW which is in good standing in accordance with the Lions Clubs International Board Policy Manual as set forth in Paragraph 11 below.
- 6. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
- 7. Credentials to vote at the District/ND State Convention shall be mailed to the respective District Cabinet Secretary for 5NE (PDG Lion Grant Kahlbaugh, 3393 Primrose Ct., Apt. 108, Grand Forks, ND 58201 or e-mailed to hatcollector2000@gmail.com) and 5NW (Lion Lois Reiersen, 1321 25th St. W., Williston, ND 58801 or e-mailed to gramma_lois@hotmail.com) or delivered upon arrival at the convention by 9:00 am CST on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the convention registration desk at the Alerus Center, 1200 S. 42nd Ave., Grand Forks, ND.
- 8. **CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA** – Article VII. 2. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members club or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to the respective convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the convention. All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing in this district. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the close of credential certification. Proxy voting is not permitted.
- 9. Solicitation or sale of club project items, with the exception of the host district is prohibited.
- 10. The Alerus Center is a smoke free facility.

VOTING AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS HELD DURING THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION

- 11. All voting at official meetings of the district and state shall be done by certified delegates present. A delegate must be present at the time of voting to have his/her vote counted in official results. If he/she cannot be present, his/her alternate shall take his/her place. The International Board Policy Manual provides the definition of "Clubs In Good Standing" that applies to the Club Delegate Formula. A club in good standing is one a) which is not in "status quo or financial suspension", b) which operates in accordance with the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws and International Board Policy; and c) which has District (Single, Sub-and Multiple) dues and fees paid in full; and no unpaid balance of International dues and fees greater than U.S. \$10 outstanding for more than 30 days; and no unpaid Lions Club International account balance greater than U.S. \$50, outstanding ninety (90) days or more. Clubs should identify their voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Mail this form to your District Cabinet Secretary for 5NE (PDG Lion Grant Kahlbaugh 3393 Primrose Ct., Apt. 108, Grand Forks, ND 58201 or e-mail to hatcollector2000@gmail.com) or for 5NW (Lion Lois Reiersen, 1321 25th St. W., Williston, ND 58801 or e-mail to gramma_lois@hotmail.com) or deliver it upon arrival at the convention by 9:00 am CST on Saturday, October 24, 2026 at the convention registration desk at the Alerus Center, 1200 S. 42nd St., Grand Forks, ND.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY PRIOR to coming to the Convention or BY YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR at the convention.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION: - Names of Voting Delegates and Alternates attending the 2026 District Convention and their Years in Lions.

Names of Voting Delegates (Please Print). <u>Attach additional sheets if needed.</u>	Years in Lions	Primary	Alternate
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		☐	☐
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Name
of Club

Signature
Secretary/DG



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: _____

Convention Package (includes all meals & breaks)
Make checks payable to: District 5NE Lions Convention Fund
Convention Rate is \$150 Through July 2026
August 1st to Convention On-site, Rate is \$175

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

Any Special Dietary Needs? _____

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
PO Box 6164
Grand Forks, ND 58206
Contact: Lion Del Hager
del714@hotmail.com
218-779-4971

Club News

New Rockford



Members of the New Rockford Lions Club possess in front of the new high school baseball concession stand / crow's nest. The Lions donated \$25,000. For the construction of the building.

Bismarck



The Bismarck Lions club had a great day of service help prepare and serve at the Heaven’s Helpers Soup Cafe.

Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions picking corn and husking corn getting ready for the 12th annual corn feed August 15th in Emerado. We had great help as many Lions were available to work. We picked close to 150 dozen of corn and all was gone at the corn feed. Very successful day.

5NW C & B Change

5NW Lions,
A change to the 5NW Constitution and Bylaws is being proposed and will be presented to the membership for a vote at the 5NW District meeting which will be held on October 24, 2026 in Grand Forks at the ND State Lions Convention. The change being proposed is indicated below in red.
Qualifications for Zone Chairperson (B) is proposed as follows:
(b)Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as region or zone chairperson as president or secretary of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years.

“Rooted in Service”

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Tracy(218)791-2466 email tr-wicken61@gmail.com
Have a great September.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

Recent Donors

PDG Gary Freier memorials:
C. & D. Berg

PDG Dwayne Heinrich \$500

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

Parade of Green

The Parade of Green is a joint 5NW/5NE fundraising program. The Lions Foundation of North Dakota manages the collection and distribution of theses donations during the North Dakota Lions State Convention each year.
Occasionally a question arises about entities receiving donations at the Parade of Green. There is no "official" list of eligible parties. Any agency associated with North Dakota Lions Clubs or their related causes is eligible to participate. The list below includes past donation recipients plus two new entities this year (2026), ND Lions Emergency Relief Club and Statue of Service.
Leader Dogs for the Blind Gateway to Science
Service Dogs for America (Jud) ND Assn of the Blind
ND Lions Eyeglass Recycling NDVS/School for the Blind
Dakota Lions Sight & Health MD5 Youth Camp
Lions Clubs Intl. Foundation Video Magnifier Program
Lions Foundation of ND Am. Diabetes Assn.
LFND Lifetime Donor Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund
Vision Start Haiti Eye Mission
Sight 4 Kidz Statue of Service
ND Lions Emergency Relief Club

The Lions Foundation publicizes the results of the Parade of Green at the State Lions Convention banquet and in the ND Lion newsletter.

Minot Lions Club

Celebrating 100 years!

Friday, October 2nd

5:30-7:30 PM

The Moose Lodge, Minot

RSVP HERE: minotlions100th.rsvpify.com