



Spirit of the Sandbagger display

In the spring of 1997, Fargo faced down the most threatening flood in recorded history. Volunteers, many of them Lions, battled rising waters up and down the Red River Valley. Sandbag dikes, created by people handing sandbags one to another, tried to hold back the roiling water. Sometimes homes, businesses and farms could be saved. Sometimes not.

Fargo raised sandbag dikes in 2001, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2019 and prepared sandbags for 2020.

Now it is 2021. The Fargo Lions Club was chartered in 1921. To celebrate the club's 100th anniversary, it sought a legacy project. The club's legacy project took shape as a gift to the community of public art, a memorial and a piece of history itself.

The Spirit of the Sandbagger public art came to be. To honor those who played a role in protecting Fargo and the area from historic flooding, the club embraced the idea of Fargo Lions Mike Benson to create a lasting structure to be placed on two existing pillars at Riverside Gardens to the east of Fargo's city hall, itself a new building with public art.

Lion Jane Pettinger heads the Fargo Lions Club committee that has been working with Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney and city of Fargo staff.



Spirit of the Sandbagger public art is a Centennial Project of the Fargo Lions Club.

Fargo Lions Club members and other flood fighters, including a city firefighter, modeled for artist Karen Bakke who created initial concepts. Brock Davis is at work in his shop right now, using Bakke's creation, making the aluminum gateway arch that celebrates the spirit, determinization and success of residents of all ages and backgrounds who fought the flood.

The archway will highlight the importance of the city's relationship with the river – through turmoil and calm – and provide a lasting legacy for the community.

Sometime this spring the Spirit of the Sandbagger will be dedicated. Its dedication will reflect the Fargo Lions

Club 100-year history of helping and honoring others, of serving and service, of building community.

Once completed, the artwork structure will be more than 28 feet long, two feet deep and more than six feet in height. Installed on the pillars, it will be 17.5 feet high. It will be lighted at night.

Previous public projects by the Fargo Lions Club include the original Statue of Liberty near a downtown bridge for its 50th anniversary, establishment of the Lions Conservancy Park in south Fargo on land that flooded and the Nature's Playland structure at the Red River Zoo.

Everyone is invited to keep up with the project on

the Fargo Lions Club Facebook page, Instagram, Lions E-Clubhouse or website, spiritofthesandbagger.com.

The North Dakota Lions Foundation has given a grant to the Spirit of the Sandbagger. Fundraising continues through the Fargo Moorhead Area Foundation where you can click on a donation button, or donations can be sent directly to the club: Fargo Lions Club, PO Box 21, Fargo, ND 58107.

The Gateway Lions Club and Horace Lions Club have donated.

Lions together, community together, serving together, creating a legacy together – the Spirit of the Sandbagger.

Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley

Back about two years ago Lion Evert Vangelhoven was working on a case for the Red Cross. The family had lost everything, even one of their small children by a fire. Evert thought that there must be something more we can do for this family. So he did some investigating and found out about the Furniture Mission of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He took a group of caring, helpful and Christian individuals to look over their project. That is how the FMRRV got started. It took much ground work to get the project started, but it is going full steam ahead now. Things really got going in May of 2020. What is FMRRV? It is a North Dakota non-profit corporation and a 501c(3) tax-exempt organization. We will accept gently used furniture from individuals, businesses, etc. and store these items in our warehouse. We have a truck that will pick-up the furniture or the parties can deliver their items to the warehouse. Then families or individuals that are in some form of crisis (disaster, divorce, starting over, getting out of jail. etc.), after being referred by an agency, may come to the warehouse and pick out furniture items that they need to get a new start in life. This is all done "free of charge" to everyone. The FMRRV, as stated earlier,



Gateway Lions (front row- left to right) Roger Stein, Neil Pederson, Jolean Pederson, Duane Zwinger, Evert VanEngelhoven, Jon Mund, Gelaine Orvik & Larry Odegaard. (Back row-left to right) Bruce Harmon & Dave Dougherty. These Lions cleaned the Woodbury Park in South Fargo. The Gateway Lions Club has adopted this park as a "special" service project.



Gateway Lions Club members (left to right) Mary Ann Zwinger, Duane Zwinger, Darrell Costain, Evert VanEngelhoven and Roger Stein. These Lions members volunteer at the Furniture Mission of the Red River Valley on a regular basis.

has been in full force since May, 2020. We have received over 3,100 pieces of furniture and served over 220 referred

clients, giving those clients about 2,200 pieces of furniture to date. To learn more about FMRRV you may go to

the organization's website: www.furnituremissionrrv.org

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Korner



The Korner Lions inducted a new member! Pictured l to r: Chris Brostuen, membership chair; Shelly Lutz, new member; Janelle Olson, President; Kylie Lutz, new member sponsor.

Scranton



Scranton Lions held a Blood Drive March 15, 2021. Lions Mike & Jodi Green, Lori Jenkins, Vivian Pendergrass and Susan May

Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble

Male • Female • Co-ed

Friday, June 11, 2021

CrossRoads Golf Course • Carrington, ND
393 Highway 281 NE (about 1 mile
North of Carrington)
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

Entry Fee:

\$60 a person/\$240 Team
Includes Green Fees, Mulligans, Lions String,
Prizes, Lunch & Supper
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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Lions! Happy May and Happy Mother's Day!! I was able to make three visitations in the month of April. I went to the Sheldon Lions Club on April 12th. I went to the Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club on April 15th with District Governor Elect Joe Sowokinos. He wanted to check out what I did for a visitation so he could learn from that experience to incorporate into his year. I also made a visitation to the Kulm Lions Club and was able to induct three new members into their club. PID Bill Gackle was gracious to allow me a room at his house. Thank you PID Bill

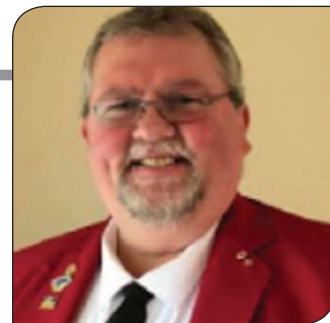
for your hospitality.

The MD5 Virtual convention will be held this month. I hope you will be able to attend as there will be no travel cost but there will be a small registration fee. This will be our 100th anniversary and we hope we can honour our founder Melvin Jones by getting 100 Melvin Jones Fellowships to very deserving members in our six districts. It should be a very easy number to reach, and it is looking to be a very fun and exciting time.

You all should have re-

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ceived a request from Lion Butch Frank regarding directory information for the 21/22 Lions' year. He would like all club secretaries to get their new officer information entered in MyLCI by May 15. The reason for this is to allow enough time for him to get the information from the LCI website.

Please keep service in mind during these strange and uncertain times and try to do something good for others who are less fortunate.

I encourage all who are reading this to please remember to consider your friends and family who are not in this great Lions Association. Invite them to a service project and get them involved with your club. Let them experience what you experience as a member. When you are going about your daily lives think about

putting on your Lions vest and see if you can strike up a conversation with others at the store, mall, or restaurant. It would seem we are the best kept secret in some of our bigger communities but its time to change that.

Please stay safe and keep in touch with your family, work family and Lions family!! See you next month!!

Until next time and remember "We Serve."



"We are United in Kindness and Diversity" Lions International President Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Club News

New Rockford



The New Rockford Lions donated \$1000 to the East Central Special Education BOB program. This program takes children with special needs on outings throughout the community and the area to further their social interaction with the world. R to L: Vickie Becvar, PDG Rick Swenson, and Ashly Wolsky.

Secretary Kristy Swenson presents the Lions lifetime membership pin to Mary Gehrtz in honor of her late husband Dennis. He was a devoted Lions member and a great friend.



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Thank you for your support of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota that makes it possible to support the work of North Dakota Lions Clubs.

NOTICE Due to the large amount of contributions of news and photos from Lions Clubs from across the state, and the many forms for various Lions conventions, rallies and events, some club news and photos were held. If you don't see your club's news in this issue, watch for it in coming issues. And, thank you for sending your Lions news to the N.D. Lion.

Club News

Emerado Arvilla



Emerado Arvilla Lions new officers were installed by District Governor Grant Kahlbaugh. Pictured L to R: Mark Arndt, 2 yr. Director; Mike Nolan, Program Chairman; Larry Hagen, President; Reid Wilson, Past President and Dorinda Hagen, Lion Tamer. Not present were Vice President Cliff Ludwig, Secretary Marian Kays, and Treasurer Francis Ophaug.



Emerado Arvilla Lions participated in a work day May 1st to spruce up the Emerado Church. The Emerado Fire Department purchased the church with the plan to have the main part of the church as a museum and the lower level a food bank. The church was power washed and the inside painted. The Emerado Fire Department, Emerado community members, volunteers from the Grand Forks Air Force Base and the Emerado Arvilla Lions joined forces to complete the project. Lions present were Mike Nolan, Reid Wilson, Darrell Herberg and Dorinda Hagen.



Emerado Arvilla Lions participated in the Service Dogs for America annual volunteer day on May 1st. in Jud, ND. Pictured is Linda Schmidt working with one of the dogs. Others present were Marvin Holweger, Becky Holweger, Mark Arndt, Henry Smith and Salli Lou Anderson. A student cabin was dedicated in PDG Dennis Anderson's name.

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Pictured L to R: Lions Rhonda Ost, Mark Butler (sponsor), Melanie Lloyd, and PID Bill Gackle. With a touch of humor and Lions history, PID Bill Gackle inducted Lions Melanie Lloyd and Rhonda Ost.

**CALLING ALL LIONS!!
SAVE THE DATE**

Please join The Medina Lions for their 80th anniversary!!

Friday, June 25• 7pm

American Legion Hall/ Medina

Cost: \$25 for a delicious steak dinner

Please RSVP by June 10th

Contact Arlyn Schmidt

701-486-3420 or bullman7n@gmail.com

Club News

Glenburn



Glenburn Lions Stay Busy Serving during April

Glenburn Lions took to the ditches on 21 April 2021 for the annual spring ditch clean-up. Pride for our service is a common element of our service.



Glenburn Lions hosted a Pancake Breakfast benefit for the Glenburn Fire Department that had to a fire in their building in March. \$6,500 in donations were raised to assist with replacement costs of firefighting equipment and renovation of the facility.

Beach



Dacotah Mandan Lions PCC Arlen Fetch, PDG Sherry Fetch, Lion Ewell Madry, and Lion Shirley Schafer were on hand to assist with the benefit.

Beach Lions have a successful benefit for local Beach resident

The Beach Lions Club had a successful benefit by serving sloppy joes and having pie and silent auctions. They raised \$15,000 for a local resident that needed assistance with

medical expenses. The support from the community was overwhelming. Five members of the Dacotah Mandan Lions were on hand to assist with the benefit.



Beach Club President, Lion Paul Ridenhower.

Club News

Stanley



The Stanley Lions Club had a busy April. With the COVID pandemic shutting down many events this past year, the Stanley Lions had some catching up to do on awards, and recognitions, as well as the Ladies Night event. April 12th meeting conducted by 2nd VDGE Lynn Grabow included a new member induction ceremony and perfect attendance and service awards.



Lion Chancey Henin receives a 15-year membership pin from Lion President Arlo Borud.



A very nice group of Lions and their spouses attended the ladies night supper on April 26th at the Pines in Stanley.



Treasurer Gary Evans and past Lion Secretary Gordon Aas presented Lion Gene Hanson and Lion John Gaebe with Melvin Jones Fellowships. Pictured L to R: Gene Hanson, Gordon Aas, John Gaebe, Gary Evans. A Melvin Jones Fellowship had also been awarded to Lion Robert Stenejehm last summer. Lion Robert passed away last year.



2nd VDG Elect Lynn Grabow presented awards to 4 Stanley Lions for sponsoring new members. Left to right: Lions Lynn Grabow, Arlo Borud, Bill Whitmore, Roger Gjellstad, and John Anderson.



Years of service awards were presented. Pictured L to R: Lions Arlo Borud (10), Gene Hanson (10), Lane Evans (15) and Bill Whitmore (20). Not present: Lion Todd Heidebreder (20).

**GET THE
WORD OUT!**



Send in the detail of your Club's upcoming events and they will be featured in the monthly Lion's newspaper!

Let us know what your Club has been up to – submit photos and write-ups and share the great ideas and successes with Lions readers!

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Thank you 5NW for your forward progress!

Hooray, Hooray, after a 4-year drought the 5NW Lions will be chartering a new club in Powers Lake, ND. What an exciting time for the Powers Lake community, our district, multiple district, and association. Thank you to PDG Judy Beaudry and 2nd VDGE Lynn Grabow for the great leg work and follow through with a designed plan from LCI. It sure did not hurt that these two Lions new half of the town as well. A shout out to DGE Scott and 1st VDGE Jeanette for their help with a few of our trips up to Powers Lake. It is great to know my DG team works so well together to get it done! The Stanley Lions Club will be the sponsoring club and congratulations to Lions John Gaebe and Gary Evans, of the Stanley Lions for stepping out of there comfort zone and becoming the Guiding Lions for the Powers Lake Club so that the new club will have the help and support they need especially during the first few years of existence. I hope many lions will travel to Powers Lake on

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PROGRESS**

June 21st to show support and encouragement, during the charter festivities and induction ceremony. There will be more information to follow as we work out the details.

2021 Spring Rally

The 5NW Spring Rally, was one for the books, the Halliday Lions hosted a fantastic rally. The day was full of energy and lots of hugs and a few kisses as well. A big thanks to DGE Scott Ressler for putting it all together and "Reigniting" everyone with some great break-out sessions such as Service, Succession Planning, Membership and President and Secretary training. Thank you to all our trainers Lion Ryan Townsend, Lion Brock Seibel, Lion Scott Ressler, Lion Jeanette Bean and Lion

Sherry Fetch. There were many awards presented to some well deserving Lions for their amazing years of service, dedication, and commitment to serving and helping others. Our guest speaker PDG Lion Jay Norby did a great job with an encouraging message concerning membership and service. I am confident that the Lions that attended the rally will take the information back to their clubs and build a stronger membership! Chad Howieler with Dakota Lions Sight and Health spoke regarding the new and exciting information regarding the recovery of even more tissue to help heal the human body! As we move into our busy months of service projects, fundraisers and just some down right summer days, lets do what we do best and that is to SERVE. Remember to take a few trips to visit other clubs, visit with other Lions and just have fun! Thank you all for a successful



month!

Just a few reminders of events to come!

MD5 Virtual Convention
– May 20-22, 2021 (registration is required)

New England Lions Night at the Races – June 12, 2021 (Please contact the club to purchase your tickets)

Powers Lake Charter Night – June 21, 2021 (if you can not make it, I suggest a card with a monetary donation to the club to show your support!)

Virtual LCI Convention 2021 – June 25 – 29th (registration is required)

DGE Scott Ressler's Induction – June 29, 2021

USA/Canada Forum
– September 9-11th, Des Moines, IA

North Dakota State Convention – October 22-23, 2021 Watford City

Service Dogs honors PDG Dennis Anderson

By Crystal Dueker
5NE Service Chair

On Volunteer Day, May 1st, in the town of Jud; Service Dogs for America dedicated one of their student cabins to PDG Dennis Anderson. It was to honor his 27 years of involvement with Service Dogs for America; and his 25 years as a member of its Board of Directors. Sadly, Lion Dennis passed on Aug. 5, 2020.

During those years of service; he and his wife/Lion Salli Lou, maintained their purpose, along with other dedicated Lions, to help establish a firm foundation supporting the growth and the success of SDA. He will be missed. Thank you, Lion Salli Lou, for your strength and determination to carry on in support of Service Dogs for America.



May 1st was also May Day; a time for Lion Salli Lou Anderson and Lion Crystal Dueker to celebrate the life of PDG Dennis Anderson and celebrate Spring in their floral headwear.

HALL OF FAME BANQUET



Family and friends gather to honor PID Pat and PDG Lewellyn.



(Center L to R) PDG Kevin Vannett, PID Pat Vannett and CC John Emmett visit with family and friends at the banquet.



Hall of Fame honoree PDG Lewellyn Rustan and his guest, Jean Beyer



CC John Emmett addresses the group at the Hall of Fame Banquet.



PDG Steve Johnson, addresses the group as PDG Rick Swenson looks on.



PID Bruce Schwartz presents PID Pat Vannett with her Hall of Fame plaque. PID Pat chose to forego the receipt of a Hall of Fame ring and donate the \$1000 to Sight 4 Kidz.



PID Bruce Schwartz (right) presents PDG Lewellyn Rustan with his Hall of Fame plaque. PDG Lewellyn chose to forego the receipt of a Hall of Fame ring and donate the \$1000 to Service Dogs for America.



PID Pat Vannett (front/center) with her family that attended the Hall of Fame Banquet.

Club News

Fargo



The Fargo Lions Club and their families cleaned ditches along South University Drive and tidied up the Lions Conservancy Park. We Serve in wind and cold -- next time you are in the area, visit the Lions Conservancy Park. It is filled with native grasses, wildlife and birds. It is a lovely little spot on a bow in the Red River.



PDGA Officers



PID Bruce Schwartz(front) inducts the new PDGA officers that will take office on July 1, 2021. L to R: Grant Kahlbaugh, Director; Kevin Bean, Director; Rob Lein, President; Sherry Fetch, Vice President; Lewellyn Rustan, Secretary; Rick Swenson, Past President. Not pictured: Kathy Boe, Treasurer



MD5 Lions
NORTH DAKOTA - SOUTH DAKOTA - SASKATCHEWAN



2021
100 Years of Unity through Diversity
MD5 Convention
MAY 20-22, 2021

Registrations are easy to complete simply click on the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-lions-multiple-district-5-annual-convention-registration-142715007429>

In the event of limited or no internet access, Lions may use this document as an official Registration Form

Mail to: Lion Rex Huss, 1396 48th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201
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Please complete a separate form for each person registering

Name _____

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I am a voting delegate Yes ____ No ____

Registration Fee check payable to: 2021 MD5 Convention.

US \$25

Refund Policy: A full refund may be requested 30 days or more prior to the opening of the Convention. A full refund will be granted for emergencies such as illness or death. Please submit a written request or email to the MD5 Convention Committee Treasurer Lion Rex Huss. Send to: 1396 48th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201. r_huss@msn.com (218-779-3774) Refund requests after May 30, are to be directed to MD5 Council Treasurer Kevin Vannett, 3401 Sharloh Place, Unit 7, Bismarck, ND 58501. No refund requests will be accepted after June 22, 2021.

Questions may be directed to Convention Chair Lion Del Hager, del714@hotmail.com, 218-779-4971

5NW 2021 SPRING RALLY



DG Kevin Bean presents a breakout session on Membership.



DGE Scott Ressler greets attendees to kick off the 5NW Spring Rally held on April 10th in Halliday.



PDG Mark Koller, 5NW LCIF Coordinator, provides LCIF information for the attendees.



DGE Scott Ressler presents a breakout session on Service.



PID Pat Vannett presents 2nd VDGE Lynn Grabow with a Global Action Team pin.



DG Kevin Bean presents PDG Jan Froemming with a District Appreciation Plaque for her 20 years of service as the Leader Dog Chairperson. PDG Jan had 100% participation from the Lions Club in District 5NW during her 20 years as the chairperson. PDG Jan inspires Lion Service and Leadership.



Spring Rally guest speaker, Jay Norby, MD5M9 District Champion & GLT Coordinator, provides a general session on membership and service.



PID Pat Vannett presents Lion Brock Seibel with a Global Action Team pin.



1st DGE Jeanette Bean presents a breakout session on Succession Planning.



MD5 CC John Emmett addresses the 5NW Spring Rally attendees.



PID Pat Vannett presents a Global Action Team Certificate of Appreciation to PDG Kevin Vannett.

5NW 2021 SPRING RALLY



PID Pat Vannett presents Global Action Team Certificates of Appreciation to guest speakers, PDG Jay Norby and PDG Linda Albrecht Norby.



IPID Pat Vannett (left) and PID Bruce Schwartz (right) presented MD5 LCIF Coordinator, PDG Dave Czywczynski and MD5 GST Coordinator, PCC Arlen Fetch with Presidential Leadership Medals. These are one of the highest awards given by the International President of Lions Clubs International and are normally presented at the MD5 Convention but because the convention was virtual, they were presented at the Spring Rally.



DG Kevin Bean (right) presents Lions International Certificates of Appreciation to 5NW New Voices Champions (r to l) Lions Brock Seibel as the Leadership Champion, Karen DaSilva as the Service Champion and Evan Romuld as the Marketing Champion. Not pictured was PDG Judy Beaudry as the Membership Champion.



Lions Brock Seibel and Ryan Townsend conduct club president training at a breakout session



5NW Lions march in a parade @ the Spring Rally. The parade was videoed and will be played during the virtual International Lions Convention in June.

Carrington



Carrington Lions President Karla Michaelson presents a \$500 check to Transition Coordinator Vickie Becvar for the Best of Buddies Social Group.

Club News

Bismarck

Thanks to an LCIF Community Impact Grant and a Bismarck Lions Club matching grant, we were able to provide enough food to feed 50 families of 4 for an entire week. The families received pantry items, paper products, fresh meat, eggs and milk.

In total, 1,924 food items were delivered to the Ministry on the Margins community.

Pre-COVID the Bismarck Lions Club served breakfast to this community every Thursday. We look forward to resuming our weekly service. Until we can meet again in person we were thrilled to be able to bring smiles to the families that came to the Ministry on the Margins Food Pantry.



This is just part of the food boxed for the pantry.



Lions Connie Bye and Ross Espeseth were a great team.



New members Lions Jenna Herzig and Johtona Roehrl pitched right in.



President Elect Lion Ken Slag.

Minot



Congratulations to the newest member of the Bismarck Lions Club. We are so happy to have you join a great club. We promise to give you lots of opportunities to serve! Pictured: Devin Melvie (center) with his sponsor Jerry Schaak (left) and installing officer Ross Espeseth (right.)



Minot Lions participate in the SVUWs Bowlapalooza! Pictured: Eliza-beth Larsen, Jack Gorman, Donna Bye and Guest Erika!

MONDAY | JULY 19, 2021



Registration: 9:00 am
Start Time: 10:00 am

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TEAM MEMBERS

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NAME: _____

NAME: _____

\$100/GOLFER: GOLF, CART, AND LUNCH

Deadline for Registration: Friday July 16th

Club News

Streeter



Associate member Clyde Reister and Past President Bryan Spitzer.



5NE Service chair Crystal Dueker (Fargo Gateway member) and Associate member Clyde.



1953 charter member Elray Fercho and Lion Jill Schlecht.

Photos taken by Streeter Lions Club Secretary Margaret Williams.

Streeter Lions ROAR for Breakfast

By Crystal Dueker
5NE Service chair

On April 18th, at 8am. the aroma of sizzling sausage patties filled the air at Streeter's Civic Center as we kept our 8 frying pans stoked; filling 3 roasters in preparation for The Streeter Lions annual Pancake Breakfast. It was all hands on deck; as 10 Lions helped to cook up French toast as well as stacks of pan-

cakes on this blustering Sunday morning.

Then, at 10 am, the doors opened for the first batch of people from church and the surrounding areas such as Medina and Gackle; who arrived with their hungry families. By the end of the fundraiser, over 100 people had eaten at widely spaced tables; sharing stories with their neighbors and friends while sipping coffee and or-

ange juice. About 20 take-out breakfasts were included in the final tally.

While helping to clean up a few tables, I noticed an African-American man seated nearby. Time for a coffee break so I pulled up and introduced myself as Lion Crystal. With a big grin, he says, "I am a Lion, too!! From Enderlin!!" Turns out, Juwle Nagbe had recently been assigned to a church in

Streeter. Next, Sec. Margaret Williams arrived at our table to welcome Lion Juwle to town and set up a time to do the official transfer. Other Streeter Lions walked over to say "Hello, welcome to our town."

To me, that is the power of service. You never know who you will meet along your journey to serve others.