



## "A Christmas Parade that stays put"

By Michael J. Martin,  
Secretary Enderlin Lions

The City of Enderlin hit a homerun with its first-ever Christmas "Park of Lights". It was a simple idea, a great idea, and it had an immediate acceptance and following. It is worthy of being copied by other small towns if they haven't already discovered this do-it-yourself downtown attraction.

And the idea? The sponsoring City simply provides electrical outlets in a downtown park. Service clubs, like the Enderlin Lions, and businesses and individuals are invited to park their parade float unit -- and the City encourages creative lighting

and signage. The floats were to be placed from approximately Thanksgiving to New Years and viewing would be at the spectators convenience.

Enderlin Lions parade floatmeister, Grant Patterson, tells "This is a great idea. A motorized parade is done in 20 minutes. If it is a Christmas parade, it is usually twenty below zero with a northwest wind whistling. Enderlin's Park of Lights can be viewed from a heated car over 40 some nights. The floats are viewed at the spectator's discretion, regardless of weather. It's a reason to come to Enderlin."

For a novel year, the number of floats that showed up



is impressive. Hopefully, this project will happen every Christmas season in Enderlin and in other communities as well.

If your Lions Club has already participated in a "Park of Lights" we hope your experience has been as positive as the Enderlin Lions.

## Napoleon Lions spread Christmas Cheer

By Crystal Dueker  
Service chair

On December 11, Santa Claus made a visit to the Napoleon school. Then, just like Santa's helpers, Club Secretary Lorraine Piatz and Lion Sally Johs handed out 200 bags, packed full of goodies. In each small canvas bag, these two dedicated Lions had placed candy, a toy, an apple and some pencils. The school gym was festive with various games for the children, some decorated with colorful balloons similar to a carnival.

Next, on December 12,

the festive atmosphere in Napoleon continued as 9 Napoleon Lions helped 97 people find seats inside the White Maid facility that were ready to play Christmas Turkey Bingo. All 9 of these Lions were needed as they sold bingo cards and tended to all the winners.

Christmas Turkey Bingo is a legacy project brought to the Napoleon Lions Club by Lion Curt Christofferson when he transferred from the Glen Ullin Club in 2006. But instead of having the Lions



Lion Curt Christofferson is the Bingo Caller.

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## Oakes

On Saturday, December 4, 2021 the Oakes Lions Club held the first Geoff Rath Memorial Lions Pheasant Hunt. Thirteen teams participated and harvested 51 roosters with each team bagging at least one bird.

After the morning rules meeting at the Angry Beaver Lodge, teams drew for the parcels of land to hunt. The teams returned at 4:30 p.m. and Lions members recorded the results as follows:

- 1st place team: Bagging 8 roosters - Brad Breibach, John Grosgebauer, Preston Grosgebauer, Shawn Ulmer, James Thielges and Shawn Enge. Each winning team member received an engraved mug and a \$25 Lions raffle calendar.

- Bagging the Tagged Rooster: RTIC Cooler - Dean Reese

- Longest Tail feather at 28": Hunting vest - Anthony Bruhn

- Longest Spur at 1.19": Hunting Cap - Randy Land-sky

- Auction/Drawing: Special Engraved Shotgun - Rich Warren

After the awards and gun auction all enjoyed a hearty and delicious meal and exchanged many lively hunting stories.

Teams came from all over. 5NE VDE Scott Hildre from the Fargo Gateway Lions



brought a team from Fargo. Also a number of hunters came from the Bismarck area.

The Lions club and the participating hunters wish to thank Dortha Rath, the Angry Beaver Lodge, Starion Bank, Tyler Rath, Paramount Builders Inc, Dakota Hunting

Farms, James Valley Grain, Columbia Grain, Scoops Li- quor, and Gary Schnell for your donations.

The largest thank you goes to the area landowners. Without offering their hunt- ing land this event could not have taken place. All pro- ceeds from this event will

support future Lions grants and humanitarian services within the surrounding com- munities.

All had a great time so put the hunt on your calendar for next December. See you then.

Gary Schnell, Oakes Lions

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# 5NE Lions serve "Joy to the World"

by Crystal Dueker  
5NE Service chair

The day after Thanksgiving starts the Christmas season across 5NE. On Nov. 26th, the Linton Lions sponsored their legacy "Light Up the Night" parade. Members decorated vehicles parked along Main Street while generators hummed and kept their lights shining brightly. Others in the community participated in the festive parade. That same night, the Ashley community "Parade of Lights" included Ashley Lions in a decorated truck, pulling their paper mache' Lion statue on a flatbed along the streets.

Dec. 14th "Joy to the World" and other Christmas songs were performed by seven of the Ashley Lions at the local retirement home.

The Zeeland Lions handed out Santa bags to children during the Christmas program at school. Afterwards, the Li-

ons were "Walking through a Winter Wonderland" singing Christmas carols and handing Santa bags to the people in 50 homes in their town. The Lions topped that off with a Christmas decoration contest and a prize awarded to the most festive home.

The Rugby Lions served up Project Joy by providing gifts to children of needy families.

The Fargo Gateway Lions also served JOY by wrapping 38 gift boxes delivered to the local Food Pantry during their 2nd annual "Christmas Child" project. The Emergency Food Pantry director said, "Our clients are so grateful for the children's Christmas boxes. We meet families who do not have the money to buy items to celebrate Christmas. Although our mission is to provide food, we often get requests for holiday gifts. The Christmas boxes will be distributed to families who would not have gifts for their kids. Last year we heard

from parents who were so relieved to be able to give their children something for Christmas."

**SPEAKING OF FOOD**, on the day after Thanksgiving, the Robinson Lions held a Turkey Shoot. It is a special day for playing cards at the old school auditorium. Each winner gets a turkey. Pettibone Lions held their Turkey Shoot a few days later.

During one week in December, 11 Gateway Lions & 3 spouses worked all 7 shifts at the Emergency Food Pantry, providing over 200 families with food during this Christmas season.

The Lehr Lions gave Christmas food trays and an ornament to the elderly in their town. They also gave a "Welcome" basket to a new family of 4 who moved into Lehr.

The Enderlin Lions held a Pancake Feed at the start of the Kristkindl-Fest

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## Club News

### Wilton



The Wilton Lions held their annual Santa Claus Day breakfast on Saturday, December 11th. About 250 people were served and 100 kids visited Santa! The Wilton School music department also provided entertainment with Christmas carols. It was a very successful event for our club with most members volunteering.

### Rugby



During Rugby's Charter Night; there was an induction of 5 new members. Front Row: Hubert Seiler, Tarah Mayer, Jennifer Stewart, and DG-Elect Scott Hildre. Back Row: Dave Humphreys, Lynnette Vollmer, and President Craig Wollenburg. (missing new members: Susan Sitter, Jordan Backstrom, and Marlene Belanum)



Rugby club secretary Lynnette Vollmer was presented her New Voices pin for Leadership by DG-elect Scott Hildre.



# Club News

## Williston

The Williston Noon Lions has had a lot going on the last two months. We installed new members, received donations, volunteered and sold wreaths. We had an incredible November installing 8 new members!



New members inducted: Patty & Rachel Johnson, Randy Schlossin, Beverly & Dale Salmen, Christian Marshall.



Donation received by Lion James Bervig from the American Legion member Jon Nelson in the amount of \$1000 to go back into the community.



Wreath Sales to fund charitable donations in the community. Photo (R to L): Lions Terry Oxendahl and Howard Miller and a Williston High School Leo.



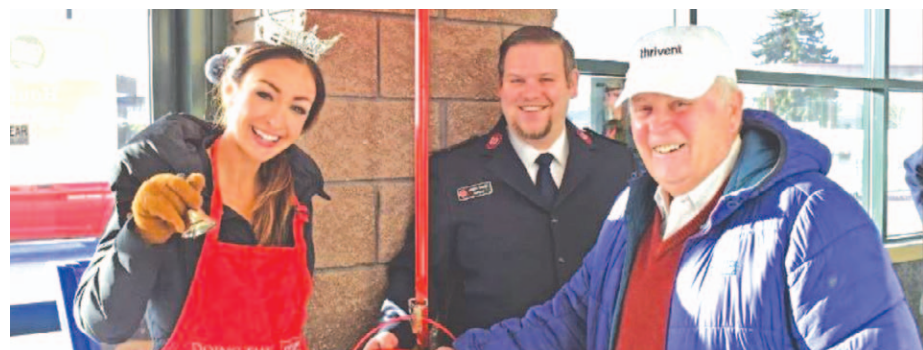
Lion Tammie Richardson and her husband passing out candy at the Trail of Treats.



Clarice & Patrick Touhey (center) were inducted as new members.



Lion Tammie Richardson and Lion Rachel Johnson passing out candy at the Trail of Treats.



Lion Joseph Irvine and Lion Terry Oxendahl with Miss North Dakota kicking off the annual bell ringing campaign with the Salvation Army.



## Club News

### Mott



#### *Mott Lions serve at local town event*

What a great time we had on December 4th for the Holiday Celebration and tree lighting. The food was served by our trusty crew - at least the ones that let us take a picture - and there were other members doing cleanup that are not pictured. Thanks to Heather Jahner who was the cook for the soup and chili. We had no complaints and lots of compliments! Lions pictured: Heather Jahner, Shirley Halvorson, June Schmidt, Troy Mosbrucker, Michael Schmidt and Leo Brackel



On December 20th, the Mott Lions met for their regular meeting at an earlier time to prepare for delivery of the gift baskets that were purchased for some of the Mott city residents.



Joining us for this were some of the members of the Mott/Regent Student Council who contributed to the funds used for this as well as their time in making those deliveries. This is one of the more rewarding events that we have every year to give back to some residents that don't have the income for a proper Christmas meal. We try to make it a bit easier on them to have something special for their families for this season. This is what the Lions are all about - service to our Community, and we were very happy to have the Student Council join us in this effort. Participating from the Council were Anna Nasset, Maria Geerts, Joe Geerts, Tanner Anderson and their Advisor Jared Dewald.

### Glenburn



#### *Glenburn Lions welcome three more new members!*

Pictured, left to right: Lion Brian Boschert (sponsor), new Lion Tom Pierce, Lion Dustin Ingold (sponsor), new Lion Jennifer Webb, new Lion Mike Grady, Lion Ginny Jones (sponsor).

**Reminder:**  
**ND Lion**  
**DEADLINE is**  
**the 7th of**  
**the month!**

## 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions. It's here, 2022. Time flies when you are having fun! Lions should remember to have fun. I hope you all have a happy and safe New Year.

A couple dates to remember: Our 3rd 5NE cabinet meeting will be held via Zoom on January 15th, 2022 (10 AM to noon). Our Spring Rally will be held in Jamestown ND on April 9th starting at 9 AM. I encourage ALL Lions to attend these informative sessions, particularly club officers.

I had the pleasure of attending the Horace Lions Club's Christmas Party in December. I was pleased to induct one new member and to present a Melvin Jones and a Melvin Jones Progressive Fellowship.

Each month I am highlighting one of our 5NE goals. This month the goal is: Increase our individual and club support of LCIF and Campaign 100 to achieve its goal of raising \$300 million by June 30th, 2022.

The following paragraph was taken from a letter written by PDG Ken Klemish, 9SW District LCIF Coordinator on November 22, 2021. "Already since this Lions year began on July 1, 2021, we've had dozens of natural disasters on every continent in the world- with millions of dollars of damage from many forest fires and hurricanes right here in the USA. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has answered the call for help in each of those disasters. It's time for us to open our hearts, as clubs and as individuals, to help those in need during this time of giving. Now more than ever, we must reach out to show that we live by President Alexander's theme of 'Service

from the Heart'...in Iowa and around the globe."

Since that was written, several additional environmental disasters have occurred in the United States including the numerous tornados that hit the South-Eastern U.S. in mid-December. Many people are hurting because they have lost everything; some have lost their lives.

In making visits around the district, I discover that clubs have not been sufficiently versed on how to become a Model Club. A Model Club is one where donations to LCIF total \$500.00 per member over a five-year period. This total would be your Model Club Minimum financial goal. Your club treasurer can calculate the total donations given to LCIF since July 1st, 2017. Also, your LCIF district coordinator, Lion Rick Swenson (virus\_of\_h@yahoo.com), can provide the total dollars you have donated to date. If you are short of your financial goal, you can raise the difference by (1) making a gift from the club treasury, (2) hosting a fundraising event, (3) inviting support from local businesses and non-Lions, and (4) by encouraging 100% of members to make a personal contribution.

Of the ten Model Clubs in ND, only two are in 5NE. Our districts 5NE goal this year is to triple this number to six. I am optimistic that we can reach this goal because several Lions clubs in 5NE are close to achieving Model Club Status. I am not saying who these clubs are in this article. I will be visiting these clubs in January-February to

encourage them to make the commitment.

To start the process toward being a Model Club, there is a simple form that your club must complete and send to LCI. This Model Club Commitment Form is displayed in this issue of the ND Lion. Your LCIF district coordinator or I will send you this form upon request. Once LCI receives your Model Club form, you will have until June 30th, 2023, to complete your commitment.

Personal donations can easily be made by going to the LCI website; click on SUPPORT; click on CAMPAIGN 100; click on DONATE TODAY; and click on EMPOWERING SERVICE. You can make a one-time gift, give every month, or every year. Individual giving by Lions in 5NE is presently at 8%. Lions in 5NE need to review and renew their commitment to LCIF. You can also donate by going to [lcif.org/donate](http://lcif.org/donate).

I challenge each club to do the math, send in the form, and complete the Model Club commitment. You will take pride in doing so. You will also be helping your district meet its goal of increasing the number of Model Clubs in 5NE. Increased donations enables LCIF to support our

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five global causes as well as provide aid to disaster victims. Model Clubs receive a special designation and recognition by LCI. To access more information on Model Clubs, visit the Resource Center on [lionsclubs.org](http://lionsclubs.org) and then click on Campaign 100. When you become a new Model Club, I will personally attend your next meeting and bring a box of 'chippers' from Widman Candies in Grand Forks. How sweet is that?

By contributing generously, you will be helping people around the world meet their basic needs. Isn't that what Lionism is all about?

"We serve with love and compassion in communities around the World"

International President,  
Douglas X. Alexander

"Lions do Magical things"



"Teamwork makes the Dream work"

## LOOKING FOR LIONS MEMORABILIA

### We are building a Lions float for parades!

If you have Lion memorabilia gathering dust, give us a call! Of particular interest would be a retired Lions Water Fountain or anything that declares "Lionism" in a Big Way!

Enderlin Lions Club,  
VP Ruth McCleerey  
(701-793-2692)

# Model Club Commitment Form



Our club is proud to support the mission of Lions Clubs International Foundation and the goals of **Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service**. We enthusiastically commit to participate as a Model Club. In so doing, we agree we will:

- ☐ **Lead** the way and inspire other clubs to do the same.
- ☐ **Raise** funds through various strategies, including, but not limited to:
  - ☐ **asking** individual members to make a gift or pledge.
  - ☐ **dedicating** a fundraising event to the campaign.
  - ☐ **making** a gift from the club treasury.
  - ☐ **asking** members of the community to make a gift.
- ☐ **Conduct** our Model Club fundraising efforts and strive to raise a minimum per-member average of US\$500 in gifts and pledges by **June 30, 2023**. *The full amount of documented individual pledges counts toward achievement of a club's per-member average, regardless of the payment period.*
- ☐ **Promote** Campaign 100 causes and dedicate ourselves to LCIF as part of our service as Lions.

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club ID \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple District \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide the following information:	Total Club Membership as of Today	X	Per-Member-Average Goal (US\$)	=	Total Club Goal (US\$)

Please complete all fields above and below and return the form by either:

- **Email:** Scan your completed form and send to **campaign100@lionsclubs.org**
- **Postal Service:** Lions Clubs International Foundation, Attn: Development, 300 W. 22nd St., Oak Brook, IL 60523 USA

*We certify our club's commitment to lead the way into a new era of service as a Model Club. Our members have voted, and we intend to support LCIF with a per-member-average fundraising goal of at least US\$500.*

Club President Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Club LCIF Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Name (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Club President Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Club LCIF Coordinator, or Other Club Officer, Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Visit **lcif.org/donate** for information on donating electronically, via wire transfer and via other methods. Donations can also be sent to: Lions Clubs International Foundation | Dept. 4547 | Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

**lionsclubs.org/campaign100**

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# Club News

## Horace



The Horace Lions held their annual Visit with Santa on December 17 from 2:30 to 7:00 PM. A total of 288 children stopped by to visit. Each received a bag of treats that were packed by 20 volunteers that morning. Many more volunteers worked to decorate the area in front of the Senior Center. This has been an exciting event for the last several years. Due to health concerns, it was a drive-by again this year, but everyone seemed to have fun.



Lions Lonnie, Santa Bob and Con took a few minutes to relax during a slow time.



Lion Lonnie was kept busy brushing off the snow on the chairs and Sleigh.



DG Joe Sowokinos presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Robert Tanner, our resident 'Santa'.



DG Joe Sowokinos presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Con Vetter.



DG Joe Sowokinos inducted new member Grant Morgan.



District Governor Joe Sowokinos was kept busy during a recent visit to the Horace Lions for our Christmas celebration. Following a delicious meal, DG Joe presented his message to the Lions of Horace. DG Joe entertained the members and spouses with several card tricks. You must watch those hands very carefully and you still won't see how he did them. Thank you DG Joe for a very entertaining evening.



## Club News

### Glenburn



For the fourth consecutive year, Glenburn Lions have supported the dictionary project at the Glenburn School. 22 third graders received a dictionary. We are excited to be able to support our local youth, especially their educational opportunities.

### Minot

The Minot Lions held their Annual Christmas Party at their noon meeting in December. Human Christmas trees were decorated and members played trivia. Thank you to all those who made our gun and sports raffle a success. Congratulations to those who won!



Mike Ward



Josh Wolfe



Jeremy Bickel



Diann Hanson



## 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Lions!

As I write this newsletter, I realize I will be wishing everyone a Happy New Year! And, as we all say, the time flies and, honestly, it has. I write this article from the balcony of our resort in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. With Covid, so many plans over the last year were canceled or altered, as were our vacation plans from earlier this year. Hence, our time now in Mexico before we head home to celebrate Christmas with our family.

With so many things happening, I wrote the last couple of newsletters in advance, so I really haven't touched on the great Lions State Convention we had in Watford City back in October. I was extremely happy and proud with how things went. The host club, the Watford City Lions, did a great job of planning. The beautiful Rough Rider Center was an amazing venue for our convention. That facility is totally awesome and would be a standout complex even in larger cities such as Bismarck or Fargo. The Watford City Lions were the main host club, but the State Convention was really a Zone One project. All of these clubs helped make the convention a huge success. Thank you to all of the Lions in Zone One for completing a very successful State Convention. I also want to thank all the Lions from across the State that were able to attend. This convention is for you, and I hope you enjoyed, learned, and made some new friends. I love hearing the first-time attendees say they were already planning on attending next year's convention in Devils Lake. It seems that each year the State Convention expectations go up

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and each year, they are once again met.

One of the most exciting things that 5 NW approved was the funding of the exhibits with the Gateway to Science program in Bismarck. This is a big project for us but something I believe will positively impact Lions, residents and students across North Dakota. Gateway to Science is a working, hands-on science adventure. If you've not been to the Gateway to Science building, you must stop. Age will not affect the fun, or interest, you will have there. I've seen people older than me, (I'm not mentioning names, but you know who you are!) enjoying themselves a great deal while visiting the exhibits. This is a great place to bring kids and grandkids to

spends hours experimenting with something other than their phones. It is an amazing place for anyone of any age. Please take the time to stop. You will be more amazed when they move into their new building, and Lions will be involved. We are funding an exhibit in the building as well as a mobile one, which will travel all over the state. One visit will get you excited about your Lions involvement!

Funding of the Gateway to Science exhibits was approved by the voting delegates of 5 NW at the State Convention. This is a \$50,000 commitment over 5 years. The exhibits should be around for the next 15 years or so. I'm going to ask all clubs in 5 NW to donate \$100 a year, for 5 years, to

this program. I understand some may not be able to provide any funding, while others have already said they will fund larger amounts. We then plan to apply for LCIF matching grants to help for the rest of the funding commitment. I will be sending out more information about this program. Thank you for your support in this wonderful project.

Before I end, I don't want to forget to congratulate PCC Mike Brand on his election to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. A well-deserved honor for this Lion.

Until next month!

*In Lionism,  
Scott Ressler,  
5 NW District Governor*

## Club News

### Bowdon



The Bowdon Lions travelled to the Carrington park for a picnic and a visit with founding member, Richard Otto; who now resides at the local living facility. From L to R: Charles Bruer, Richard with his Lions hat and pin not worn since his last meeting as Tail Twister, Krystal Newick, Maryln Schaubert, his partner-in-service/wife Dorthoy, and Club Secretary Loretta Weckerly. Lion Loretta presented Lion Richard with her hand-made Lions sofa pillow along with certificates of appreciation - for all he has done in efforts to help sustain the Bowdon Lions Club since their charter on April 1st, 1977. (Photo from Lion Darla Peterson)



# Fargo area Lions “Sight 4 Kidz” vision screening

*“LIONS” Working to Assure that no child needs to suffer with an undetected vision disability*

“LIONS” Working to Assure that no child needs to suffer with an undetected vision disability

The Fargo area Lions Clubs including: Fargo Lions, Gateway Lions, Horace Lions and West Fargo Lions are, once again, working together to provide vision screening to preschool and elementary school age students throughout Cass County.

## **A. Efficiencies and Effectiveness Resulting from The Fargo Area Lions Clubs Working Together as a Team**

The four Lions clubs involved have developed a common schedule which allows each club to use up to five screening devices when screening in the larger elementary schools and childcare facilities in the area. Access of up to five screening devices is extremely advantageous when screening in the larger elementary schools because it allows the vision screening process to be accomplished in a shortened period of time, which leads to less interference to the regular education process.

*The five mobile vision screening devices being used resulted from those secured as part of the original grant and the additional devices purchased by the area Lions clubs involved in the partnership.*

The Fargo Lions are involved in screening students in the schools served by the nurs-

es employed by Cass County Public Health which includes eighteen Fargo Elementary and Middle Schools, Central Cass, Northern Cass, Kindred, Page and Mapleton. The following private schools are also served: Trinity, Holy Spirit, Grace Lutheran, Nativity, Montessori. A number of childcare facilities. The Gateway Li-

ons, the Horace Lions and the West Fargo Lions are involved in screening the students in the fourteen West Fargo Elementary and Middle Schools, Horace Elementary, Harwood Elementary, Oak Grove and a number of childcare facilities

*Plans call for area Lions Clubs expanding, to provide more screening in childcare facilities after the first of the year. Screening in those facilities was greatly curtailed last year because of the pandemic.*

## **B. Improvements Resulting from Using Mobile Screening Devices vs. Wall Charts**

Since 2014, with the inception of using screening devices such as the Plusoptix mobile vision screeners used by the Lions of North Dakota, vision screening has undergone considerable change and now can be accomplished in a much shorter time with a much higher level of accuracy. With the



Madix with his new glasses!



Fargo Lion, Jennifer Adams, screening her grandson Madix.

number of devices (4-5), the Fargo Area Lions group brings together it is not unusual to accurately screen an entire student body of 350-450 students 1-2 hours.

Now, rather than using the traditional “wall charts” that are somewhat unreliable and very time consuming, Lions use the previously mentioned mobile vision screeners. The mobile vision screener only requires the child/student to properly focus on the device for a few seconds and the reading is complete. The screener provides all the information included in the text box below.

## **C. What does the Mobile Screener Actually Measure? – Importance of Addressing Childhood Disorders!**

The screening device is designed to obtain reliable measurement values for refraction (spherical equivalent), pupil diameter, pupil distance and

symmetry of corneal reflexes. With these measurement values, it is possible to detect prevalent childhood vision disorders that can lead to the development of amblyopia (lazy eye) including hyperopia (farsightedness), myopia (nearsightedness), astigmatism (blurred vision), anisometropia (unequal refractive power), anisocoria (unequal pupil size) and strabismus (eye misalignment).

## **D. Are there Really a Significant Number of Children Suffering from an Undetected Vision Disability?**

In the last year the Fargo Area Lions involved in the SIGHT 4 KIDZ project found that 973 or approximately 8% of the 11,731 individuals screened were suffering with an undetected vision disability and their parents were encouraged to refer them to an eye-care professional.

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buy all the turkeys, Lion Curt reached out to local business owners, asking them to donate toward the purchase of all the turkeys. This was true Lion thinking because it helps all the businesspeople feel as though they are giving back to their community for

Christmas.

Can you imagine how many turkeys it takes to hold 25 bingo games plus have extras on hand for any duplicated bingo winners? Now add a few more turkeys for raffle drawings. Finally, add the GRAND TURKEY, to be

won by the last game winner. No wonder Lion Curt places the meat order many weeks in advance.

Did you know some of those 97 people at Turkey Bingo play 3 or more cards?

During a break, the Lions provided a snack to all the

people. Secretary Lorraine handed out a Santa candy bar to 29 children. Some of them played bingo alongside their parents.

What a great way to spread Christmas cheer to a community! Thanks, Napoleon Lions!

### Tuttle

#### *Tuttle Lions old fashion Santa Claus Day!*



On Saturday, December 18, 2021, boys & girls of all ages braved the cold to come out and say MERRY CHRISTMAS to Santa! Of course, they also shared their Christmas wishes with the jolly old guy, too.



Sleigh rides, caroling, making a wish at the "Wishing Tree", candy sacks, coloring books, BBQs, chips, hot chocolate, cider, coffee, & cookies! Oh my, it was a grand day!

A special thanks to all who came out to support the Tuttle Lions Club and thank you for your generous donations, it will be used to serve others.

### Stanley



Stanley Lions have had a good fall with our members doing a wonderful job selling tickets for the World Series fundraiser, and then going right back to work selling ads for the holiday tournament. It was a great success. On a sadder note we lost a dedicated member in December with the passing of Lion Stan Wright. Stan was a member of Stanley Lions for 52 years.

Pictured selling tickets for the tournament are: Lions Jon Anderson, Doug Halden, and George Littlecreek.

### Capital City



Bismarck Capital City Lion Ashley Dockter ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

### Napoleon



Napoleon Lions Lorraine Platz and Sally Johs drove the Lion in the Napoleon High School Homecoming parade and threw candy to the kids.

REMEMBER:  
ND Lion  
DEADLINE is the  
7th of the month!





Members of the Gateway Lions Club as they receive the replica of the "SPIRIT of the SANDBAGGER" from Lion Jane Pettinger of the Fargo Lions Club.

# Gateway Lions celebrate

The Gateway Lions Club held their Christmas Social and Mid-Year Awards night on December 9, 2021.

DGE Scott Hildre inducted new members John Postovit, Nathan Kaiser and Justin Wanzek.

DGE Scott presented the club with the CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD from

LCI for the 2020-2021 Lions year. The next award presented to the club was a replica of the figures on the "SPIRIT of the SANDBAGGER" monument from downtown Fargo. This award was presented to our club by Lion Jane Pettinger from the Fargo Lions Club. Lion Jane was one of the original or-

ganizers of this project. The Gateway Lions Club was one of the main financial supporters of this project. President Gelaine then presented a special award to Lion Darrell Costain. Lion Darrell was awarded the "SETTING THE STANDARD FOR LIONISM" award for the 2020-2021 Lions year. The last award

given for the evening was a MELVIN JONES PROGRESSIVE AWARD to Lion Mike Brand. Lion Mike had just been inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame at the State Lions Convention in Watford City. The evening was a very fun affair and much celebration took place.

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on December 3rd. Proceeds went to the Giving Tree. Weeks later, Lions delivered Christmas dinner to the home of a cancer-stricken family. For the month of December, their Lions float was decked out with lights in the town's park.

On December 4th, Linton Lions served a Pancake Feed, all proceeds for their Christmas Toy project.

On that same day, the Medina Lions hosted the decorating and lighting of the town's official Christmas Tree.

Also on the 4th, the Strausburg Lions announced their project with posters; about placing boxes at local businesses to collect sign-up cards. There would be a drawing later for 10 turkeys and 10 hams. President Gerry Kraft says "it is the Lions gift to our community."

The Fargo Roamers served a Christmas meal to their members and friends (58 people). Over 200 presents, including needed socks,

were collected that night for a local organization helping the homeless children in Fargo. This is a legacy service project created over 20 years ago by many of the members who charted this new club in October 2020.

Streeter Lions held Santa Claus Day on Dec. 18th. Lions gave goodie bags to 150 children from the surrounding area. Each bag held a toy, candy and a \$2 bill.

JINGLE BELLS is a Christmas song which goes along with the Salvation Army kettles. Numerous Fargo Gateway Lions volunteered for hours, manning the red kettles for weeks of bell ringing at a local mall. Ashley Lions and Wishek Lions placed red kettles inside their local grocery stores with the support of the managers, who are Lions. Ashley members also placed smaller kettles on the counters of local businesses, with customers donating as they went about their usual tasks. Enderlin Lions partnered with 4-H

members to ring the bells in their town. Emerado-Arvilla Lions drove to Grand Forks to ring the Salvation Army bells throughout the city.

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN: On Dec. 10th, Horace Lion Bob Tanner, playing Santa, greeted over 350 children as their parents drove in front of the local Senior Center. Some children were excited to be outside posing for pictures with Santa. Lions handed out gifts and candy to them all. On Dec. 12th, Santa Tanner drove to Davenport, handing out gift bags to some children, along with the local Lions. Then he flew off to his hometown of Verona, delivering more gift bags to children.

A Hazelton Lion, dressed, as Santa, handed out goodie bags to local children. Next, he visited the homes of shut-ins to wish them each a Merry Christmas.

Santa Claus Day in Medina was celebrated with Santa interacting with over 100 children at the American

Legion.

The Sterling Lions hosted Santa inside their clubhouse, to the joy of 30 local children. Santa posed for photos with the children. A horse-drawn wagon pulled many of them in hayrides.

The Sheldon Lions created over 200 Santa bags that were delivered by Santa (PDG Gerald Sletmoe) to the children of visiting families at the Lisbon retirement home. He also delivered JOY along with his gift bags to children in McLeod and Fort Ransom.

Once again, many Lions clubs in 5NE were able to spread Christmas joy, wishing good will to mankind in their communities. To me, hearing the laughter of children is as important in celebrating the holiday season as giving out presents. THANK YOU to all the Santas and to all the Lions for giving us hope for the future and your service to others. Truly, Lions serve "Joy to the World!"

# Inspirational and educational Juvenile Diabetes Presentation

The Grand Forks South Forks Lions were privileged to have Danelle Johnson speak to the club on Type I Juvenile Diabetes, a major emphasis for Lions and society worldwide. Danelle spoke emotionally and vividly as she recalled hearing for the first time that her youngest daughter, Danika, had Type I Diabetes. She said their lives were changed forever and have not been the same since that moment. They fight the disease 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year ever since the disease was discovered.

Though there are many issues for Type I Diabetics and their family, when one has Type I Diabetes, nothing is more prominent than the issue of insulin. Simply put, Danika needs insulin!! At a cost of nearly \$4000 per month, let alone her other medications, it's easy to see

that the challenge is huge. This is where Danelle is energized. She and her daughter are strong advocates in fighting for reasonable costs and availability of insulin. She has spoken with ND Governor Doug Burgum. They have appeared before Congress. She talked of the monopoly that three companies have in the production of insulin, a man-made product. She said the companies could produce as much as they wanted yet they keep it in short supply which effectively keeps the cost high. Danelle said the cost of insulin has gone up approximately 1200% in the last 10 years and that people in the United States pay 10 times more than those in some other countries. She said it is critical that something be done to curb the cost of insulin and that insurance companies develop better coverages so that families



Misty & Danelle present on Juvenile Diabetes to the South Forks Lions.

can see some financial relief.

Danelle spoke of her Facebook Group that provides education and support to ND individuals and families dealing with Type I Diabetes. Raising funds to support families and research is an ongoing effort for Danelle and many others hoping to have a positive impact in battling this life-long disease.

Accompanying Danelle was Misty, the mother of a

son who was diagnosed with Type I Diabetes when he was 6 years old. Misty spoke of many of the same issues as Danelle and the life altering impact of the disease.

The South Forks Lions would like to invite other Lions Clubs to join us in supporting this cause.

To view a video of this presentation, go to: <https://youtu.be/5saCcDHzkvs>

## Club News

### South Forks



South Forks Lions work crew (with someone's infamous dog) take a break on a very cold day of removing displays from another successful Christmas in the Park event.



## Attention all Lions:

It is time to start accepting applications for the Multiple District 5 Council of Governors positions for the 2022-2023 Lions year. Letters of intent are due before February 15, 2022. For the job descriptions and duties, please contact Council Chair Kevin Bean at [lionkevinbean@gmail.com](mailto:lionkevinbean@gmail.com).

The positions open are:

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| •Council secretary                  | •Global Service Team coordinator         | •Youth Exchange coordinator                     |
| •Council treasurer                  | •Information Technology coordinator      | •Public Relations/Lions Information coordinator |
| •Global Leadership Team coordinator | •Lions Opportunity for Youth coordinator | New Voices coordinator                          |
| •Global Membership Team coordinator |  |   |

Other MD5 council positions available are:

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| •Diabetes coordinator      | •Childhood Cancer coordinator |
| •Environmental coordinator | •Vision coordinator           |
| •Hunger Relief coordinator |                               |

*Please email your letters of intent with the application to MD5 Council Chair Kevin Bean, at [lionkevinbean@gmail.com](mailto:lionkevinbean@gmail.com). Thank you.*

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### Application Form

#### **Multiple District 5 Committee Chairperson**

**GMT, GLT, GST, LOFY, New Voices, Youth Exchange, Pin, Information and Technology, Public Relations/Lions Information**

*(Please circle the above position you are applying for)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE APPLYING: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME LIONS CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_ PROV/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS IN LIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

1. List the positions held in Lionism (Club, District, MD & International levels)

2. Describe your experiences & accomplishments in area applying for

3. Why are you interested in being appointed to this position?

- ☐ Include two letters of recommendation with your application -- one letter from home club & one letter from another Lion).
- ☐ Use additional sheets of paper as needed for this application.
- ☐ After reviewing the application an interview may be set up.
- ☐ Due date: February 15, 2022

**Council use only:**

**Date received** \_\_\_\_\_

## Club News

### Magic City

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In November, the Magic City Lions packed and delivered 20 Thanksgiving dinner boxes to local families in need.



On December 21st, the Magic City Lions held their annual Christmas Holiday Bake Sale Auction. \$2,844 was raised to be donated to LCIF disaster relief.