Finding Aid to the Lions Club of Fargo Records

Fargo Lions Club
Fargo Lions Club Records, 1983-2016
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HISTORY

The Fargo Lions Club was organized on 7 May 1921 by Frank C. Berry with forty-two charter members. E.T. Conmy served as its first president and Fred M. Hector as its first secretary and treasurer. Outgrowing meeting places at the Chamber of Commerce, Powers Hotel, and Gardner Hotel, the club quickly gained membership. In 1961, attendance at weekly meetings was eighty individuals out of 146 members. Membership and attendance fluctuated and later records show a decrease in both categories.
Many of the organization’s expenditures are of a philanthropic nature. Some literature states that Helen Keller charged the early Lions organizations to ameliorate the condition of sightless individuals. More recent documents show a concern with individuals possessing hearing difficulties. The club has financed guide dogs and closed-caption televisions for needy individuals and solicits donations of old prescription glasses. During a polio epidemic in the 1950s, the club purchased an iron lung for a local hospital.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT**

The numerous records of the Fargo Lions club detail the activities of one of the first service clubs in the Fargo area.

The **Meeting Minutes Series** consists of board meetings and minutes of the Lions Club.

The **Correspondence Series** consists of writings of club members, newsletters and brochures.

The **Annual Event Series** consists of the annual Lions All-Star game, its publicity, and other anniversaries of the club.

The **Program Series** consists of activity reports, program schedules, and committee ideas.

The **Financial Series** consist of the club’s balance sheets, member dues, and tax records.

The **Fundraising Series** consists of the club’s fundraising activities and the “Take the Cake” fundraiser.

The **Digital Record Series** consists of 4 CDs, containing both born digital photographs, records and documents. The file contents are listed as appear on the original CDs. The backed up on the NDSU Libraries shared drive:

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The **Oversized Series** consists of two scrapbooks containing cards and memos of the club. In addition to some oversized flags.

**SEPERATION RECORD**

42 Photographic prints, and 2 CD’s processed into the Lions Club of Fargo Photograph Collection (Photo 2141)

9 North Dakota Lions All-Star Hockey medals, processed into the Institute for Regional Studies Archives Artifact Collection (Mss 1597, Box 3, Files 50-58).

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- 11-2015 Leo Activities
- 80TH ANNIVERSARY
- 85th Anniversary of Lions
- 90th Anniversary
- 2014 Fargo Brewery Tour
- 2014 Peace Poster
- Bowling 1-26-06
- Christmas 2001-2016
- Christmas Parade 2005
- Conservancy Park 2006
- Conservancy Park 2012
- Curling 11-2013
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- Discovery Benefits cookout 2013
- Discovery Middle School 2003
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- Emergency Management tour 5-07
- Eye Glass Screening 2-06
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- Fargo Air Museum 2001
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- Lions Award Days
- Lions Bowling
- Lions Curling Fun 3-19-11
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- Lions Meeting Puerto Villarta 2-12
- Lions Park - Pettinger 8-11
- Lions peace poster & ditch clean 10-11
- Lions Puerto Villarta 2-12
- Lions Spring Break 3-02
- Lions Vision Equip Presentation 2011
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- Lyle Swor SOTY award 10-27-2010
- MD 5 Conv 2006
MD-5 Conv 5-2014

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- Football raffle
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- International visitors picnic 7-7-11
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- New Members
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- Nuts Bulbs & Brooms
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- RedHawks Aug 2010
Scan Lion photos with captions
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**Oversized Materials**

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5/2  Scrapbook, undated
5/3  Award Flags, 2004-2006
5/4  Secretary Certificate, 1958
5/5  VHS & DVD- 75th Anniversary
7/   North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame – Edward T. Conmy plaque, 1982-1983

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