

## Finding Aid to the Lions Club of Fargo Records

### Fargo Lions Club

Fargo Lions Club Records, 1983-2016

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### OVERVIEW

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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).

## **BOX AND FOLDER LIST**

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**Box 1**

1/1 Finding aid, and Historical information

**Meeting Minutes Series**

1/2 Deed of Gift, 2006  
1/3 Board Agenda, 2009  
1/4 Board Meeting, 2003  
1/5 Board Meetings, 2005  
1/6 Board Member Meeting, 2005  
1/7 Board of Director's Agenda, 2007-2008  
1/8 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes, 1997-1999  
1/9 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes, 2000-2005  
1/10 Board of Director's Meeting Minutes, 2009  
1/11 Board of Director's Meetings, 2007-2008  
1/12 Board of Director's Meetings, 2009  
1/13 Board of Director's, 2006  
1/14 By-Laws & Articles of Incorporation, undated  
1/15 Meeting Memos, 2002-2002  
1/16 Meeting Minutes, 1997-1999  
1/17 Regular Meeting Minutes, 2000

**Correspondence Series**

1/18 Awards- Lions Club, 2004-2008  
1/19 Booklets, 1999-2000  
1/20 Cards, undated  
1/21 Correspondence, 1995  
1/22 Correspondence, 1999  
1/23 Correspondence, 2003  
1/24 Correspondence, 2004-2005  
1/25 Correspondence, 2006  
1/26 Fargo Lions News, 1999  
1/27 Joe Dobbs Lions President Records, 2004-2005  
1/28 Lions-Card, 2006  
1/29 Lions Club Brochures, 1997, 1999-2006  
1/30 MD5 Committee Notes, 2006  
1/31 Monthly Membership & Activities Report, 1998-2004  
1/32 Monthly Lions Club Activities Report, July, 2005  
1/33 Newsletters, 2003  
1/34 Newsletters, 2006  
1/35 Officer Reporting Form, 2000-2007  
1/36 Publications, 2005

- 1/37 Secretary's Records, 2007
- 1/38 Thank You's & Awards, 2003
- 1/39 Weekly Agendas, 2005-2006

**Annual Events Series**

- 1/40 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1983
- 1/41 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1984
- 1/42 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1985
- 1/43 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1986
- 1/44 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1987
- 1/45 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1988
- 1/46 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1989

**Box 2**

- 2/47 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1990
- 2/48 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1991
- 2/49 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1992
- 2/50 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1993
- 2/51 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions All-Star Games, 1994
- 2/52 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 1999
- 2/53 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Minutes, 2006
- 2/54 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 2006
- 2/55 All-Star General Hockey Game, 1993
- 2/56 All-Star Consent Forms, 1991
- 2/57 All-Star Publicity, 1992-1993
- 2/58 Annual Lions All-Star Game Programs, 1985-1986
- 2/59 Lions Club Anniversaries, 1996-2006

**Program Series**

- 2/60 "Recollections of 100 Years of Excellence, 1908-2008" ND Vision Services, 2008
- 2/61 "We Serve" Programs, 2007
- 2/62 Club Agendas, 2003
- 2/63 Committees, 1998
- 2/64 Committee Ideas, 2005
- 2/65 Completed Programs, 2009
- 2/66 Completed Programs, 2010
- 2/67 Gary W. Hanson Resume, undated
- 2/68 International Association of Lions Clubs Application, 2009-2011
- 2/69 International Association of Lions Clubs Charter, 2003
- 2/70 Lions Club International Categories of Membership, undated
- 2/71 Lions Conservancy Pack Guide Book, 2000
- 2/72 Lights Parade CD, 2007
- 2/73 Monthly Activities Report, 1999-2005

2/74 Peace Poster, 1996  
2/75 Programs and Planning, 2010  
2/76 Program Schedule, 2009  
2/77 Take the Cake Auction, 2006  
2/78 Take the Cake Program, 2008  
2/79 Reacher of the Year Awards, 1971  
2/79a North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award

**Finances Series**

2/80 Account Statements, 1998-1999  
2/81 Balance Sheet, 2006-2008  
2/82 Balance Sheet, 2009-2010  
2/83 Bank Deposits, 2002  
2/84 Budget, 1997-1998  
2/85 Budget, 1999-2000  
2/86 Budget Balance Sheet, 2005

**Box 3**

3/87 Club Budgets, 2000-2001  
3/88 Club Budgets, 2002-2003  
3/89 Check Register, 1996-1997  
3/90 Check Register, 1997-1998  
3/91 Expenses, 1999-2000  
3/92 Expenses, 2000-2001  
3/93 Financial Expenses, 1996  
3/94 Financial Reports, 2000-2001  
3/95 Financial Reports, 2002  
3/96 Financial Statements, 1997-1998  
3/97 Financial Statements, 1998-1999  
3/98 Financial Statements, 2003  
3/99 Financial Statements, 2004-2006

**Fundraiser Series**

3/100 Fundraising, 2002-2003  
3/101 Fundraisers, 2003  
3/102 Fundraising, 2005  
3/103 Fundraising, 2009  
3/104 Insurance Plan for Club, 1994  
3/105 Logos, undated  
3/106 Memberships, 2005  
3/107 Membership Finances, 2002  
3/108 Membership Proposals, undated  
3/109 Membership Dues Memo, 2002

- 3/110 Project Accounts, 1996-1999
- 3/111 Tax Records, 1997
- 3/112 Tax Return, 2010
- 3/113 Treasurer's Report, 2008-2009

**Digital Record Series**

- 3/114 Digital records (4 CDs)
  - Disk 1 (file listing)
    - 8-2014 Mystery Bus Trip
    - 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
    - Curling for fun 3-20-11
    - Discovery Benefits cookout 2013
    - Discovery Middle School 2003
    - Emergency Food Pantry 2006
    - Emergency Management tour 5-07
    - Eye Glass Screening 2-06
    - Eyecare Associates 11-09
    - Fargo Air Museum 2001
    - Fargo Air Museum 2011
    - Lions Award Days
    - Lions Bowling
    - Lions Curling Fun 3-19-11
    - Lions Eye Screening 10-2009
    - Lions Logo
    - 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
    - Lions vision equipment presentation 6-18-10
    - Lyle Swor SOTY award 10-27-2010
    - MD 5 Conv 2006

MD-5 Conv 5-2014

Disk 2 (file listing)

Fargo Lions pictures  
Fargo Marathon 2005-2014  
Flag Raising downtown 2005  
Football raffle  
For Your Eyes Only 2009-2016  
Fraiser at FargoDome 11-14-11  
Golf Dome 2006  
History Committee  
International visitors picnic 7-7-11  
iPod Photo Cache  
Katherine Tweed Dist Gov 2006  
Kentucky Derby 4-14  
Larry Odegard Photos  
Lion Eye Screening 10-02  
Lion Eye Screening 10-2009  
Lion Newsletters 2001-2015  
Lions 80th Anniversary  
Lions 85th Anniversary  
Lions 90th Anniversary on Bdwy  
Lion's at Elim spaghetti feed 1-15-11

Disk 3 (file listing)

MD-5 Conv 5-2015  
Membership  
Membership 2006-07  
Membership 2007-2008  
Mexico Vision Project 2012  
Mystery Bus Trip 3-03  
Mystery Bus Trip 4-04  
Mystery Bus Trip 10-05  
NDSU Club visit 11-2012  
New Lions Logo 2008  
New Members  
Newsletter Committee notes  
Nuts Bulbs & Brooms  
Picnic 8-05  
Picnic 9-26-11  
Piehl, Mark 11-1-10  
Program  
Pub Crawl 5-12  
PV Vision Trip 2012  
Ray Shelton funeral 2005  
RedHawks Aug 2010

Scan Lion photos with captions  
Scan Lion photos-large files  
Shirek fundraiser 9-26-14  
Spaghetti for the Hungry 2011  
Special Activities  
Speech Contest  
State Convention 2004  
State Convention 2012-Fargo  
Tailgating 2001  
Disk4 (file contents)  
Thunder Road  
Urban Plains Center tour 10-08  
Vision Equipment presentation 5-12-11  
Vision for the Future  
Vision Month 10-05  
Vision Month 2006  
Vision Screening  
Walk downtown Fgo 3-03  
Wally Johnson 2003  
YMCA Sanford 1-23-12  
8-2014 Mystery Bus Trip

**Oversized Materials**

4/1 Scrapbook, undated  
5/2 Scrapbook, undated  
5/3 Award Flags, 2004-2006  
5/4 Secretary Certificate, 1958  
5/5 VHS & DVD- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
6/ Scrapbook, Red River Valley Council Camp Fire Girls, Camp Trowbridge, 1970  
7/ North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame – Edward T. Comny plaque, 1982-1983



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