



LEHR LIONS CLUB

LEHR, ND 58460

Secretary Lion Bonnie at (701) 452 – 2755

Strong Clubs Need You Too

A Lions Club member can never assume that just because a club is very strong today that it will **not need help tomorrow. It became strong and maintained its strength because of the constant efforts of club members. And what the club does for community needs and wants.**

- 1. A service activity that the community needs and wants**
- 2. A project in which the community will also participate**
- 3. Good public relations within the community**
- 4. It includes a meaningful induction and involvement of the new members the following:**
 - a. The benefits of being a Lion; something you share with others**
 - b. Important people skills learned through being a Lion to use in the community**
 - c. Leader Dog that helps blind people**
 - d. Jud Service Dogs that helps other people with day-to-day task**
 - e. Young and old men and women who serve this community**

 - f. To complete many community projects together**
 - g. Part of the Lions association that grants money for large projects**
 - h. Piece Poster Contest sponsored by Lions clubs to promote the arts**
 - i. Club members who gives their time to help others**
 - j. Here is the place where Lions serve**

 - k. Giving your time or resources to help others by giving some back**
 - l. Are a group of Lions who work together**

- m. All area both young and old Men and women who belong to Lions Clubs
- n. Please read our Lehr Lions Club “History” below.
- o. Please view the videos by clicking the Video button
- p. Then come join the Lehr Lions Club – all men and women welcome

Please return any comments and ideas to Lion John at: wiskus@bektel.com

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LEHR - LIONS CLUB - HISTORY - > Done in 2014

Organization Date: February 28, 1974

Organized with: 32 Members

Organized By: Hadley Seeklander (from Hazelton)

Sponsoring Club: Kuln, North Dakota

Current Officers as of 2014 – 2015

First President: Vernon L. Ruff

Current President: John Wiskus

First Secretary: Russel Fiechtner

Current Secretary: Bonnie Wiskus

First Treasure: Arthur O. Johnson

Current Treasure: Emil Roesler

1974 – 1975 Donated to Phonic Ear project. Set up a lottery to start convention fund. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Had a float for Medina Jubilee sponsored by city of Lehr and Lehr Lions. Lehr Lions went on record supporting garbage collection in Lehr. Sponsored Athletic Banquet in April. Lehr Lions first anniversary was a big night with the Lions District governor along with ladies night.

Lehr Lions took on the project of providing free phone service between Lehr and Ashley with Northwest Bell Telephone. Worked on project for the Bicentennial celebration of Lehr. Lions Club sponsored Santa Claus night at the local Legion Hall with prizes. Lions Club spearheaded a project for Lehr entered in the North Dakota development (**Beautification**) program. Lions arranged for the lighting of the ball diamond for the next season. Donated to Thanksgiving prizes and held drawings. Held a big celebration for Christmas.

1976 – 1977 Held Santa Claus night, promoted it at the local Legion Hall with prizes. Lions Club held a Valentine party for wives and girl friends of Lions. Held summer celebration in June. Lions spent many hours working on street numbering and house numbering for a city of Lehr project. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Sponsored Turkey drawing in November.

1979 – 1980 Donated to crippled children. Donated ten food baskets to the needy. Gave clothing and toys to a poor family. Donated to Muscular Dystrophy. Donated to Polar Bear slide presentation. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Donated to School Annual. Held a Bike-A-Thon for Diabetes. Delivered twenty fruit baskets to needy for Christmas. Donated to Stephanie Kabel Fund for future Liver Transplant. Project delivered about 20 pair eyeglasses to Lions State Convention. (**An on-going project.**)

1984 – 1985 Held a Saint Patrick's Day Party, served ham and turkey with entertainment by a magician-comedy act. Had approximately 180 people. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Lehr Lions Club co-sponsored Tom Fiechtner as a candidate for Boys State. Donated to the Special Olympics. Delivered fruit baskets to shut-ins, the elderly, and the needy. Fund raiser – gave a Remington 870 Wingmaster Shot Gun and two-shell vests. Donated to Lehr Business Association for Santa Claus night and handed out treats. Held ladies night and invited former Lion's widows.

Lions Club started the project of the food pantry and to distribution of commodities (**when available a few times a year**) from the ND Lutheran Social Services. Only as the Club can afford it and are available. We are the only organization in this area doing this project. (**As an on-going project.**)

1986 – 1987 Lions Club held Pancake and sausage brunch serving approximately 250 people in April. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Donated to Lehr Business Association for Santa Claus Day and handed out treats. Delivered nine fruit baskets to the elderly at Christmas. Donated to Diabetes Awareness Foundation. Sponsored one student to Boys State. Donated to Lehr first responders for First Aid Equipment.

Delivered nine fruit baskets to the elderly. Lehr Lions helped serve at the community Appreciation Day for 450 people who were poor and the elderly. Distributed commodities through Community Action. (As an on-going project.)

1988 – 1989 Donated to Diabetes Awareness. Donated to send one student to the Hugh O'Brien Seminar at Dickinson North Dakota. Donated to ND Lions All-star Baseball Association. Held annual picnic with guest in Lehr City Park. Club sponsored Turkey Supper to raise funds for North Dakota Centennial Celebration. Club served 132 people. Delivered ten fruit baskets to shut-ins, the elderly, and the needy. Lions Club held Pancake brunch serving approximately 140 people in April. Lehr Lions Club purchased a P.A. System for the up-coming Centennial celebration and for future community use. Donated to the local Community Center. Delivered twelve fruit baskets to the needy at Christmas.

1990 – 1991 Lions Club started the club's tree planting project. Donated to the Leader Dog Association. Lehr Lions donated and worked the local food pantry. Donated to Diabetes Awareness. Held annual Pancake brunch serving approximately 175 people. Donated to local school reading contest for the lower grades. Again held the food pantry. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Sponsored one student to Boys State. Club planted three eight feet high Ash Trees around the south side of Lehr and 30 Evergreens in town. Donated to the Pee Wee Baseball program for the summer. Delivered twelve baskets to the elderly and needy for Christmas. Donated to Lehr Business Association for Santa Claus night and handed out treats. Donated to the After Prom Party. Donated to the Hugh O'Brien Association.

1993 - 1994 Lions Club held Pancake and sausage brunch. Lion Members participated in Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up project. Held a Bike-A-Thon for Diabetes and club members donated extra. Delivered eleven fruit baskets to the sick, elderly and needy in the community. A permit was received from the state Fish and Wildlife for tree project. Lion Club members purchased 470 trees, which they planted at the local City Cemetery in the spring. Two rows on the North side and three rows on the East Side. Held picnic in Lehr City Park. Held a food pantry and handed out various items of food. (As an on-going project.) Donated to Leader Dog. Delivered twelve baskets to the elderly and needy for Christmas. Distributed food to 13 more families. Donated to Lions Sight First Project. Distributed food to 36 families.

1997 – 1998 Assisted with the community Elk Supper for club charity projects and the food pantry. Continued to provide for the needy from the food pantry. Sponsored the lunchroom at the local School Auction and a total of \$1,407 was collected and presented to the Centennial Commission. Delivered ten fruit baskets to the elderly and needy for Christmas. Held a Lions Club picnic in Lehr City Park. Continued all year to provide to the food pantry. Again the Lion Members participated in Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up along highway 13 and 30 project. (As an on-going project.) Lehr Lions again contributed to over 100 more needy families. Donated to Diabetes Awareness Foundation.

1999 - 2000 Continued to provide for the needy from the food pantry. Again the Lion Members participated in Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up along highway 13 and 30 project. Lion Club members mowed and trimmed around the 470 trees at the local City Cemetery. Held a Lions Club picnic in Lehr City Park. Delivered fruit baskets to the elderly and needy for Christmas.

2001 - 2002 Again the Lion Members participated in Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up along highway 13 and 30 project. Lion Club members mowed and trimmed around the 470 trees at the local City Cemetery. Held a Lions Club picnic in Lehr City Park. Continued to provide for the needy from the food pantry. Club members went to Kulm golf course clubhouse for the Kulm Lion's stake dinner. Delivered ten fruit baskets to the elderly and needy for Christmas.

2003 - 2004 Jan 2004 - Served breakfast at the Fredonia Centennial. Lehr Lions food pantry at a cost of \$196.00 and received donations back of \$17.00. Lehr Lions had made up and passed out five Christmas Baskets. Invited two exchange students (from Wishek) to the next club meeting. Janke benefit fund project. Feb 2004 - Lehr Lions Club for the Valentine meeting – club had 11 guest. Club members went to Streeter for a Valentine’s Day party at the hunter’s B & B on the country hill. March 2004 - Lehr Lions Club to sponsor the AmeriCorp Project for Lehr. Lehr Lions food pantry received a grant for \$300.00. Club donated to “Leader Dog for the Blind. Work day at Jud at the Great Plains Asst. Dogs Foundation. Club members toured the School for the Blind in Aberdeen. April 2004 - Lehr Lions food pantry opened – received \$23.00 in donations. Club needs about \$800.00 to \$1,000.00 for the AmeriCorp Project for Lehr. Lion Club members mowed and trimmed around the 470 trees at the local City Cemetery. Club members cleaned the hi-way ditches for two miles – each side. May 2004 - Received donations for the AmeriCorp Project for Lehr from Lehr Economic Development and Lehr Wildlife Club for this project. Donated to Vision USA. Had a guest speaker after the club meeting. Club members went up to Jud and toured the Assistance Dog School (The Great Plains Asst. Dogs). June 2004 - Covered Eight area Lion’s Club Zone Projects. Held a Lions Club picnic in Lehr City Park. July 2004 - Donations received from “Caribou hair Schulper raffle. Set up Lions Club Committee for the Lehr “Blood Drive.” Donations received from the Lehr Lions Fredonia Centennial Breakfast project- {funds to be used by the club charity} fund and for food pantry and AmeriCorp Project for Lehr. September 2004 - On going funds to be used from Edgely Meat sales. Oct. 2004 - Local Lehr projects. Nov. 2004 - Project - Lehr Lions food pantry – received \$1.78 in donations. Dec. 2004 - Lehr Lions food pantry – made 36 bundles - received \$18.00 in donations. Made and delivered Christmas baskets.

2004 - 2005 Jan. - Set up Lions Spaghetti dinner for Tsunami earthquake. Lehr Lions food pantry – made 28 bundles - received \$22.00 in donations. Donated \$150.00 to local area student for leadership training through HOBY. - Feb. 2005 - Donated \$1,285.00 for Lion’s Tsunami earthquake. March 2005 - Get project ready to clean the hi-way ditches for two miles – each side. Lion Club members mowed and trimmed around the 470 trees at the local City Cemetery. Club members toured the School for the Blind in Aberdeen. Get project ready to host the Lehr summer AmeriCorp Project.

Club members went to Kulm golf course clubhouse for the Kulm Lion's stake dinner. April 2005 - Club members made a trip to Hazelton and toured the sheep wool into garments operation.

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