

MITCHELL LIONS CLUB



CHARTERED IN 1922 - MITCHELL, SOUTH DAKOTA

Celebration to commemorate
100 years of service in Mitchell

November 17, 2022
Moose Lodge
Mitchell, SD

Itinerary

- 6:20PM Guests take their seats
- 6:28PM Mayor Bob Everson - Proclamation
- 6:30PM Lions Program Begins – President Ringing Bell
Pledge of Allegiance – Lion Dave Jorgenson
Prayer Song – Lion Wayne Klinger
- Be present at our table, Lord
Be here and everywhere adored.
These mercies bless and grant that we
May feast in fellowship with Thee. Amen
- Invocation – Lion Daryl Schubert
- Dinner — Tables in turn are invited to the food buffet
- 7:00PM Welcome – Lion Mike Vehle, Emcee
Palace City Lions – Lion Kay Thomas
District Governor Robyn Tyler Awards – Lion Kay Thomas
Member Recognition – Lion Ryan Boyd
CEO of Lions Eye Bank – Marcy Dimond
- Break for Cake and Restroom break (10 minutes)*
- Mitchell Lions Club Awards – Lion Ryan Boyd
Introduction of Keynote Speaker – Mike Vehle
Keynote Speaker, VJ Smith
Benediction – Pastor Keith Nash



Photos and material from this celebration will be posted on our website (MitchellLions.org)

2022-2023 CLUB OFFICERS

President – Ryan Boyd
1st Vice President – Zach Flood
2nd Vice President – Brian Daughters
Secretary – Paul Miskimins
Treasurer – Dennis Westgard
Recruitment Board – Joe Lichter
Tail Twister – Daryl Shubert

Board of Directors:
Lyndon Overweg
Dave Jorgenson
Tyler Sutton
Angie Putnam
Wayne Klinger
Sue Westgard

MITCHELL LIONS CLUB MEMBERS (YEARS OF SERVICE)

Terry Aslesen (1)	Jeff Krall (33)
Kevin Ball (-)	Heather Laughlin (2)
Stuart Barnes (43)	Julie Lichter (-)
Patricia Bleeker (26)	Joe Lichter (-)
Ryan Boyd (5)	Troy Magnuson (23)
Todd Boyd (35)	Paul Miskimins (5)
David Brown (30)	Mike Murrar (-)
Bobbi Clark (25)	Richard Muth (47)
Brian Daughters (-)	Keith Nash (33)
Jeff Dice (5)	Lyndon Overweg (24)
Jamie Eldeen (15)	Doug Papendick (38)
John Erck (16)	Kelly Pfeifer (5)
Julie Flemmer (27)	Angie Putnam (16)
Zachary Flood (5)	Randy Reider (23)
Dick Goldammer (41)	Ken Schlimgen (34)
Luke Hagen (2)	Daryl Schubert (7)
Alex Heidinger (-)	Veronica Smith (28)
Marlene Hettinger (20)	Tyler Sutton (-)
James Hunt (60)	Lyle Swenson (58)
Austen Iverson (5)	Brian Temple (33)
John Jerke (5)	Mike Tobin (12)
Karen Jorgenson (24)	Jay Tolsma (33)
Dave Jorgenson (43)	Mike Vehle (46)
Denny Kaemingk (40)	Brett Weier (11)
Lane Kessler (-)	Sue Westgard (8)
Doug Kirkus (46)	Dennis Westgard (9)
Wayne Klinger (51)	Kent Wietgreffe (5)

PAST PRESIDENTS

Whitney Morris - 1922	Bonner Wilcox - 1954-55	Leonard Hammrich - 1989-90
Louis Lovinger - 1923	George Carstens - 1955-56	Harlan Nielsen - 1990-91
Welcom W. Reams	Herb Berry - 1956-57	Gregg Bleeker - 1991-92
William L. Lucas - 1924	John M. Buckmeir - 1957-58	Stuart Barnes - 1992-93
Wilford W. Barnard - 1925	Don Culhane - 1958-59	Doug Papendick - 1993-94
C.G. Skartvedt - 1925-26	Glenn Ritterbusch - 1959-60	Todd Boyd - 1994-95
Al C. Cohrt - 1926-27	Monroe Johnson - 1960-61	Kenneth Schlimgen - 1995-96
Abe Kaufetz - 1927-28	Larry Mayer - 1961-62	Stephen Hielkema - 1996-97
Fred Beittel - 1928-29	Ted Anderson - 1962-63	Mary Nutter - 1997-98
Rodney E. Rather - 1929-30	Wiley Vogt - 1963-64	Veronica Smith - 1998-99
Louie Lifeschultz - 1930-31	John Troth - 1964-65	Wade Lager - 1999-00
Art Nelson - 1931-32	Sid Johnson - 1965-66	Craig Robbins - 2000-01
Blain Finley	Art Victor - 1966-67	Brian Temple - 2001-02
Will Constock - 1932-33	Jim Jensen - 1967-68	Julie Flemmer - 2002-03
H.M. Robertson - 1933-34	James Hunt - 1968-69	Dennis Kaus - 2003-04
H.F. Rickets - 1934-35	Blair Kelsey - 1969-70	Kristy Szabo - 2004-05
Mike Hoven - 1935-36	Jay Barnes - 1970-71	David Jorgenson - 2005-06
Sam F. Weller - 1936-37	Lyle Swenson - 1971-72	Troy Magnuson - 2006-07
Frank J. Purdy - 1937-38	E.G. Schumacher - 1972-73	Mark Limberg - 2007-08
H.C. Chapman - 1938-39	Orville Pederson - 1973-74	Ryan Jensen - 2008-09
Harold J. Johnson - 1939-40	Glenn Odland - 1974-75	Roberta Clark - 2009-10
Alex F. Culhane - 1940-41	Don Hegdahl - 1975-76	Nancy Erck - 2010-11
Dr. Ray Farran - 1941-42	Ron Trautman - 1976-77	Brandi Neugebauer - 2011-12
Phil E. Johnson - 1942-43	Richard Ziegler - 1977-78	Tracy Burggraff - 2012-13
Joe Tschetter - 1943-44	Tom Billars - 1978-79	Steve Ahlers - 2013-14
Len Reemstra - 1944-45	George Larson - 1979-80	Sarah Olson - 2014-15
Les Johnson - 1945-46	Rolland Loon - 1980-81	Angela Putnam - 2015-16
Herb Finley - 1946-47	Lee Anderson - 1981-82	David Brown - 2016-17
Dr. Harry S. Allen - 1947-48	Doug Kirkus - 1982-83	Dennis Westgard - 2017-18
Don Solum - 1948-49	Michael Vehle - 1983-84	Troy Magnuson - 2018-19
Ted Lepke - 1949-50	Greg Dice - 1984-85	David Jorgenson - 2019-20
Elza J. Anderson - 1950-51	Wayne Klinger - 1985-86	David Jorgenson - 2020-21
Jack Tobin - 1951-52	Robert Swank - 1986-87	Paul Miskimins - 2021-22
Harlan Ohde - 1952-53	Dennis Kaemingk - 1987-88	
Milt Fishgold - 1953-54	Albert Bross - 1988-89	



From Mitchell Lions President Ryan Boyd

ONE HUNDRED YEARS on the 17th day of January, 1922, forty professionals and businessmen from the community of Mitchell, South Dakota organized the fourth Lions Club in South Dakota. It was chartered as the Lions Club of Mitchell. The club was organized with the assistance of Field Representative Lion R.C. Gage of Lions International. Charter night was held on April 28, 1922 at the Masonic Temple, with an elaborate program and with many dignitaries in attendance. The then District Governor Frank C. Berry from Minneapolis, presented the Charter of the New Mitchell Lions Club to the first club president, Whitney Morris.

During the past 100 years, more than 650 men and women have been members of the Mitchell Lions Club. Our club has met in several locations over the past 100 years; first in the Elks Cafeteria, the Widman Café, St. Mary's Church Basement, Lawler Café, the Holiday Inn, the Depot, and currently Blarney's. Starting in 1936 the club hosted the first of many Ladies Nights. The club hosted several Ladies Nights throughout the year, which led to our club forming the Mitchell Lioness Club in 1976. In 1992 our club welcomed our first women members. We helped sponsor the foundation of over 25 Lions Clubs in the area, notably in our community the Palace City Lions Club, which was formed as an extension of our club for those that could not attend our noon meetings.

The Mitchell Lions have been and still are very active in community activities, helping promote and support such projects as Highway 16, the Mitchell Airport, the Indian Village (which the Lions Club supervised for many years), area Radio Stations, the Courthouse, Sanborn Street Overpass, Airmail Service, the Armory (now City Hall), Community Chest, Fourth of July celebrations, Hitchcock swimming pool, and notably in 1927 we fundraised \$300,000 for Lake Mitchell (equivalent to nearly \$5 million today). We continue to promote the City of Mitchell and surrounding areas, with most of our emphasis on

Sight and Service. Each year we donate several thousand dollars to help people in our community with their eye care needs. Our service extends beyond our community through our donations to the South Dakota Lions Foundation, the Lions Sight & Health, and Lions Club International.

The Mitchell Lions Club has had many service projects in the past 100 years. We raised funds in several ways including broom sales, light bulb sales, Christmas Tree sales, hosting 25 years of Toy Fund dances at the Corn Palace, selling concessions at Cadwell Park, selling BBQ sandwiches at the Stampede Rodeo, and the Kings Circus. On December 7, 1957 we hosted our first Pancake Jamboree at the Red Owl with Aunt Jemima helping to fry the pancakes. Since, we have annually hosted the Pancake Jamboree as one of our major fundraisers. Today, we also raise funds by selling raffle tickets to a fishing trip at Lake of the Woods, MN and cleaning up Lake Mitchell after the Fourth of July fireworks.

Taken from the Evening Republican dated April 27, 1922. "The Lions Club extends its greetings, especially to the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the Kiwanis Club, and in the interest of a bigger and better, cleaner Mitchell, pledges to these organizations its good fellowship and its best cooperative effort. The Lions compliments health, happiness, and prosperity to the community." Without a doubt, the Mitchell Lions Club has lived up to these pledges and commitments, and we look forward to upholding these commitments to the City of Mitchell for another 100 years.

