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Dakota Adventure 2006 News

"Dakota Adventure 2006", the MD5
Lions International Youth Camp, is
seeking 20 MD5 youth to attend the
camp and 20 MD5 families to host
foreign youth for three weeks before/
and or after camp..

The camp, scheduled for July 2-8,
2006 near Volga, South Dakota, will
bring together 20 youth from all parts
of MD5 plus 20 foreign youth from 13-
14 countries around the world. We now
have youth available for hosting from
Austria, Denmark, Brazil, Turkey, Peru,
and Italy.

Families and youth interested should

contact their District Youth Exchange
Chairman, visit the MD5 web page at [http://
youthexchange.md5lions.org](http://youthexchange.md5lions.org) or contact the
following Chairmen.

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NORTH DAKOTA LION



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Minot ready to welcome Lions!

Fellow Lions,

We extend to each and every Lion, a
warm greeting and WELCOME to the
North Dakota State Lions Convention,
from the City of Magic, Minot, and the
Convention Committee.

The Convention Committee has put in
great efforts to provide a great Ice Breaker,
excellent educational seminars, enjoyable
entertainment and a great experience for
all Lions attending. We hope you will all
join us in participating in most of the
scheduled activities and have a wonderful
time attending the 2005 Convention.

We especially would like to extend a
friendly North Dakota welcome to
International Director William Crawford
and his wife, visiting us from California.
Your visit to our convention is greatly
appreciated.

We hope all fellow Lions have an
enjoyable time at our convention, and
please direct any of your concerns to any
of our Lions from the host clubs.

Again, on behalf of the 2005
Convention Committee, WELCOME and
THANK YOU ALL for attending the 2005
"Lions Thrive & Jive in 2005" State
Convention.

Lion Kerry Hansen

Lion Ron Meier

Convention co-chairmen

Fabulous Break-Out Sessions

(Saturday - 1 Hour each in length)

Session I (10:30 – 11:30 a.m.)

Lions Eye Bank

Technology – Michelle Renner

Telecommunications – Lynn Nelson SRT

Opportunity in Youth – Tim Thuesen

Session II (1:45 – 2:45 p.m.)

MSU Meth Presentation

Lions International Director – Question & Answer Panel

Hydrogen Energy – Tom Erickson

Living Wills/Estate Planning – Louser Law Firm

Session III (3 – 4:00 p.m.)

Leader Dog Training – Terry Galusha

Living Wills/Estate Planning – Louser Law Firm

Hydrogen Energy – Tom Erickson

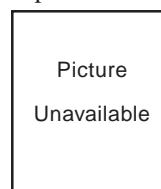
Technology – Michelle Renner



Something For Everyone!

Social set for hall of fame candidates

The North Dakota Past District Governor's Association is inviting the Lions of
North Dakota to a social honoring the 2005 Hall of Fame candidates and any
"new" Lions who have joined Lionism since October 2004. This event will be
Friday night, Oct. 28 at the International Inn Candlelight Room from 5:45 to 6:45
p.m.



Reinhold Bendewald



Dave Czywczynski



Peter Lazorenko



Lindy Lein



Chris Voegel

*Plan to also attend the
Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 29
at the Convention Center
from 6:15 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
featuring the
Hall of Fame Presentation*

Inside International

Past International Director's Comments

By PID Bruce Schwartz



THINK BIG YEAR TWO

At the state convention in Fargo last year I challenged the Lions of North Dakota to expand their horizons and increase their commitment to the noble cause of our great organization. The slogan for this two year expansion effort you will remember is:

THINK BIG

As we begin year two of **THINK BIG** in North Dakota, it would be useful to review what happened in year one. **LIONS IN ACTION** was launched as a major fund raising tool for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. **PDG Ed Grunett** of Hazen was the creator and driving force behind this program which was a food booth at the Ralph Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. The booth specialized in North Dakota products including buffalo sandwiches and Norwegian lefse. In addition to many others, **Dennis and Salli Lou Anderson** should be recognized for their roll in the day to day operation of the program.

The **TSUNAMI** relief project last January and February was the first time in the history of North Dakota Lionism that a coordinated, statewide fund raising effort was conducted for a single cause. Spaghetti feeds and other projects were organized by about two-thirds of the North Dakota Lions clubs which resulted in an impressive \$60,000 donation to tsunami relief by the Lions of North Dakota. This bit of creativity came from **Craig Wollenburg** of Rugby.

The first year of **THINK BIG** was indeed a great success. The Lions of North Dakota can be proud of doing some things they've never done before. CONGRATULATIONS!

Year two of **THINK BIG** is upon us and beckons for even bigger accomplishments. What will those accomplishments be?

We are currently in the middle of a **KATRINA** relief fund raising program, similar to the tsunami effort. North Dakota District Governors Chuck Whitney (NW), Marian Johnson (NC) and Al Kahlbaugh (NE) are managing a statewide drive with a goal of \$60,000 to be completed by October 31. Be sure to be on board.

CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II will unfold before our very eyes this year and provide another opportunity for Lions and Lions clubs to do their thing, not only for this year but for the next two years.

PDG David Blackstead of Bismarck is a **THINK BIG** Lion. He handles the monumental task of assembling the North Dakota Lions Directory and thanks to him for that. This year he has included on page one a poem by Linda Knox titled **"Dare To Bite Off More Than You Can Chew"**. It is a poem that epitomizes our slogan. I urge all club presidents to make copies of page one for all club members and read it at your next meeting.



Thrive & Jive in 2005 ND State Lions Convention Oct. 28 - 30, 2005 Minot

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS

*Call EARLY for reservations

INTERNATIONAL INN

1505 North Broadway

Minot, N.D. 58703

701-852-3161 or 1-800-735-4493

Room Rate: \$51 plus Tax

REGISTRATION FEES

After Sept. 1, 2005 \$60

Leos \$15

*New Lions who have joined since Oct. 2004 pay only the \$25 early registration fee.

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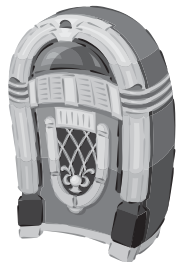
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NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION

Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 28

- 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration (Lobby)
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Distric Cabinet Meeting
 5NE General Meeting-Candlelight I Room
 5NC General Meeting-Candlelight II Room
 5NW General Meeting-Maple Leaf Room
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board Meeting-International Room
2:45 pm – 4:00 pm North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting-Minot Room
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm Past District Governors Assn. Board Meeting-Maple Leaf Room
5:45 pm – 6:45 pm Hall of Fame Candidates Reception
 for Candidates & New Lions-Candlelight Room
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm Ice Breaker-Convention Center



Saturday, Oct. 29

- 7:30 am – 8:45 am Breakfast & Opening Ceremonies-Convention Center
 Host: Knight Riders Club, Marv Wierenga
 Emcee: DG Al Kahlbaugh
9:00 am – 10:00 am ND District Meetings
 5NE General Meeting-Candlelight I Room
 5NC General Meeting-Lower Banquet Center
 5NW General Meeting-Candlelight II Room
10:30 am – 11:30 am SESSION I Programs
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm Saturday Luncheon-Convention Center
 Emcee: DG Chuck Whitney
 Guest Speaker: Bob Edwards
1:45 pm – 2:45 pm SESSION II Programs
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Coffee Break
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm SESSION III Programs
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Hospitality Room visitations
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm New Member/Hall of Fame Reception-Suite 264
5:30 pm – 6:00 pm No Host Social -Candlelight Room
6:15 pm – 9:00 pm BANQUET-Convention Center
 Emcee: DG Marian Johnson
 Hall of Fame Presentation Lion
 Guest Speaker : ID Bill Crawford
 Entertainment: Treble Makers



Sunday, Oct. 30

- 7:00 am – 7:45 am Ecumenical Worship Service
8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
9:30 am – 10:00 am Lion Foudnation of ND General Meeting
10:10 am - 10:45 am ND Lions Eye Bank General Meeting
10:30 am - 11:00 am Coffee Break
11:00 am - 12:00 Noon ND State Lions Meeting
12:00 - 12:15 pm Closing Ceremonies

Lions Foundation of ND Raffle
WIN A Lions Vest Loaded with Pins

Drawing to be held
Sunday, Oct. 30!



Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Inc.

P.O. Box 2398
Bismarck, ND
58502



Lions Eye Bank
Week
Dec. 4-10, 2005

Eye Bank Board candidates sought

North Dakota Lions will have a chance to vote in a number of elections at the state convention in October. Some of the important — but sometimes overlooked — positions will be for the three-year directors on the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors.

Districts 5NW, 5NC and 5NE will each be electing a three-year director to begin their terms effective July 1, 2006. These directors will have a long-range impact on the future and direction of the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank.

Each director will be expected to attend the quarterly board meetings and to participate in the committee structure. In addition, directors are expected to promote donor programs, education and contributions within their districts.

Interested Lions are invited to submit their names to the district governor within their club’s district.

“We Serve”

Lions enjoy the deep satisfaction
that comes from helping others!

National Donor Sabbath

November 11–13 has been designated as National Donor Sabbath. Transplantation is one of the most remarkable success stories in the history of medicine. Transplants provide hope for thousands of people with organ failure. In addition, hundreds of thousands more can be helped with tissue transplants. Unfortunately, the need for donors is much greater than the actual number of donors. Your commitment to organ and tissue donation can save lives.

The most important part of deciding to be a donor is telling your family. Most Americans support donation, but few have told family members their decision to donate. Talking about donation doesn’t mean talking about death. It is talking about the opportunity to give another person a second chance at LIFE. Even if you have signed a donor card or indicated you wish to donate on your driver’s license, you need to tell your family since they will be consulted before donation can take place.

When you donate your organs you give someone the most precious gift
A chance to live.

*Share Your Life. Decide to be a donor.
Share Your Decision. Tell your family.*

For more information, please contact the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota at 800-372-3751.



Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

P. O. Box 273
Bowman, ND
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Designated Funds – Hurricane Relief

- Ray Lions \$300
Richardton Lions \$100
Strasburg Lions \$500
Jud Lions \$100
Lake Metigoshe Lions \$700
Kenmare Lions \$300
Harvey Lions \$350
Carrington Lions \$50
Mandan West River Lions \$100
Oakes Lions \$500
Glen Ullin Lions \$500
Tuttle Lions \$100

Thank You

Your Foundation Board extends a sincere thank you to all of you for your continued support.
PDG Chris D. Voegele
Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

Make plans now to attend
the State Convention in
Minot, Oct. 28-30.

We will be holding the
Parade of Green again on
Sunday, Oct. 30th during the
State Foundation Meeting.

5NE



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Notice to Clubs in District 5NE

By Lion G Paul Larson,
Cabinet Sec-Treas, Dist 5NE

The following motion will be brought to the floor at the District 5NE annual meeting Oct. 29th as part of the North Dakota State Lions Convention, to be discussed and voted on by the club delegates attending the convention:

Club dues for District 5NE shall be raised by \$1 per member per year, from \$6 per year to \$7 per year, or \$3 to \$3.50 per semiannual billing period. This dues increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2006.

The following motion will be brought to the floor at the District 5NE annual meeting Oct. 29th as part of the North Dakota State Lions Convention, to be discussed and voted on by the club delegates attending the convention:

Club dues for District 5NE shall be raised by \$1 per member per year, from \$3 per year to \$4 per year. This dues increase will take effect Jan. 1, 2006.

Governor's Report

Harvest greetings to the Lions of 5NE!

September has slipped by quickly and most of the Lions Clubs in the District are busy planning or doing the activities each club will have for the upcoming year. This month Melody and I had the pleasure of visiting Wahpeton Headwaters Lions and the Gateway Lions of Fargo. The major topic of discussion at each was how to raise money to help the people affected by the hurricanes, which hit the Gulf Coast of the United States. Each club had different ideas as how to raise money to help out. In the Grand Forks area, there have been many fundraisers already. So the three Grand Forks Clubs have chosen internal methods to help out the people in need. There was a strong feeling to give assistance to the Lions of Biloxi Mississippi. The Grand Forks City council adopted Biloxi as sister city. The first 2 miles of Biloxi from the Gulf of Mexico was wiped from the map. We will wait and see what happens.

This month I wish to write about Leadership. The dictionary defines leadership as "the condition of being a leader". When we joined our Lions Club, the thought we were going to be a leader in our community wasn't something we considered. We probably thought of the great group of people we were meeting. The fun things we do at our meetings have a purpose. At some point we will be involved with fundraisers. These activities are usually quite enjoyable and the money raised go to people who are less fortunate than us or to assist students do something special in High School. The things we do

make us feel good on the inside. We have made a difference in the life for someone. The silent joy of knowing a person we will never meet has a new pair of glasses or the experience of go to a camp for people with diabetes or a blind camp.

How do the things we do make us leaders? The latest buzzword is voluntarism as a way to ask people to help out when there is a need. Lions don't have to be told about voluntarism. Why? Because our leadership is known through the world and every day we keep doing the things, which has earned us this distinction.

Leadership also applies with in our clubs. We have the responsibility to do many things, which keep our clubs healthy. The first task each and every one of us is to bring new members into our clubs. Membership is a very important function for all Lions. The next step is the education of the new members. The Lions who have been member for years take much of what we do for granted. The new person will be confused unless we take the time and effort to impart information to them. Another part of leadership is the election of new people into positions of responsibility. Please note the new members will be the lifeblood of the future for our clubs.

I hope to see you in Minot at the State Lions Convention.

Finally thank you to the clubs Melody and I visited this month. You are great and don't you forget it!

Lion Al Kahlbaugh
District Governor



New officers are installed

Al Kahlbaugh, Lions District Governor from Grand Forks, ND installed the new Lions officers for 2005-2006. (Left to right) Al Kahlbaugh; Lions District Governor, Duane Zwinger; Carrington Lions President, Larry Nelson; 1st Vice President, Doug Roundy; Treasurer, Pat Roundy; Secretary, Mick Moberg; Board member, Laurie Dietz; Lion Tamer, Gerald Paulson; Membership chairman, Johnny Lessner, Tail Twister. Now pictured are Al Larson; 2nd Vice President, Ken Klein, Board Member and Jerome Neis, Board Member.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

Peoria, Ill. - Sept. 22-24

By Herman A. Schafer VDG—5NW

The twenty-ninth annual leadership forum in Peoria was a super experience for myself and my wife, Shirley. We traveled to Peoria in 9-21-05 and settled at the Sleep Inn Motel. There we met the Vice District Governors from Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota. We have a great group of future leaders among these nine folks.

Our experience at the forum was great! We listened to many good presenters and heard many great things about lionism. Let me share a few of these with you.

Wednesday evening, 9-21-05, and Thursday morning were spent learning about Lions Quest with a general overview. Each of us was encouraged to look at this as an area where we can assist with the growth of the youth in our areas.

The opening session of the forum on Thursday at 1 p.m. was presented by Dr. Patt Schwaab. Her topic related to team building and she simply said, "People support what they help create." She felt we must put fun back into our lives and back into the word fundamental as we learn and grow in all areas.

Thursday evening our dinner speaker was Doug Stevenson. His program was both entertaining and powerful as he worked to inspire all of us to become lions with renewed enthusiasm.

On Friday we took part in four programs which were to help us learn what we can do to help lionism grow. The programs I took part in were:

1—Lions Youth Outreach for Clubs and Districts. This was a review of the many youth activities there are available to us and how we can become supporters of them. The presenter was PDG Tom Cooney.

2—Excellence in Public Relations. Jeff Crilley of Fox News in the Dallas/Fort Worth area encouraged all of us to really become skilled in promoting what we do. He believes that Lionism, in order to survive, must be marketed to the new younger world, the new society, in a really loving, needed atmosphere. We all could help our clubs by having a newspaper person as a member of our clubs. We need to help our communities see why lionism is important. There are so many great articles available to the media every day. Do

we make our headlines interesting enough to be printed? A headline about a person who is losing his/her sight would probably catch attention if it said, "Loses Sight But Not Vision".

3—Instilling Passion in Your Club and District. PID Mick Barrus worked hard to motivate us to bring the passion to perform and serve back into our clubs.

4—Building Better Lions Through MERL Team Involvement. PID Joe Marcheggiani felt strongly that declining membership was not the problem. He seemed to feel that lack of leadership was the problem. We need a real MERL Team Plan. We need a team at the multiple district, the district and the local level that will build a plan and follow through with each and every club. We need to be leaders who are passionate about what we are doing. Many clubs in attendance shared the same type of frustration we hear in our areas each time we meet and discuss this topic. We must lead. He shared the following statement from Helen Keller and I quote, "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." He encourages us to look to the horizon and beyond. How can we help others?

The luncheon speaker on Friday, 9-23-05, was Karyn Buxman, a highly sought after humorist and expert in therapeutic humor. She helped us look at laughter as a really positive medicine. Some of her humor had the nearly 3000 people present rolling in the aisles.

Saturday had us involved again in various sessions in a strong learning mode. On this day I took part in several powerful topics. Let me share some with you.

1—A Positive Approach That Will Enhance Our Future. PDG Richard "Dickie" Ferrucci had developed a power point presentation that seemed really accurate to me. He compared

what we do in lions to what people do in operating a business. He built this presentation around the market, the product, sales promotions, advertising, and public relations. He asked each of us to understand that the club we belong to isn't my club. I am a member of this club. I need to help it grow and leave it for my children and grandchildren.

2—Lead and Excel as a VDG. First Vice President Jimmy Ross presented this topic which was exciting to me. He wants us to be a cheerleader, a motivator and an encourager of service. He wants each club to do what they are excited about. What is their mission? Serve! He wants to know what he can do to help each of our clubs in every district. He believes clubs will grow if and when needs are met by the customers (members). He wants the 2006-07 theme to be "WE SERVE". He was exciting to listen to and was motivated to be our future leader.

The Saturday evening closing session featured Willie Jolley who is one of America's leading motivational speakers. He built his presentation around five ideas.

- a-Wake up and dream.
- b-Show up.
- c-Stand up.
- d-Step up.
- e-Make up your mind not to stop until you reach your goals.

He had a really great message which he presented through speech and music.

Last but not least we had the pleasure of hearing from the International President, Ashok Mehta. He and his wife were both introduced and he shared his passions with all of us.

Wow! This was a great experience! Perhaps many of us will plan to attend the forum next Sept 14-16, 2006, in Columbus, Ohio.

At the Forum

5NC Vice District Governor Carla Bender and her husband, Lion Cal Bender, 5NC Environmental Chair, depart Bismarck for the USA/Canada Forum, at Peoria, Ill. Sept. 21 - 24.



Lion Membership Retention

By James Selby,
MERL Team retention chair

All Lions members not just the club membership chairmen, need to think about retention.

It is easier to keep new members than to do additional recruiting. That is why all clubs and members need to understand why new members leave and what we need to do to keep new members active.

Retention figures tell us that 50 percent of all new members drop out within three years for the following reasons: boring meetings, cliques, and lack of involvement.

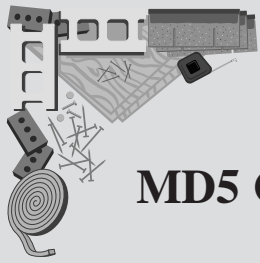
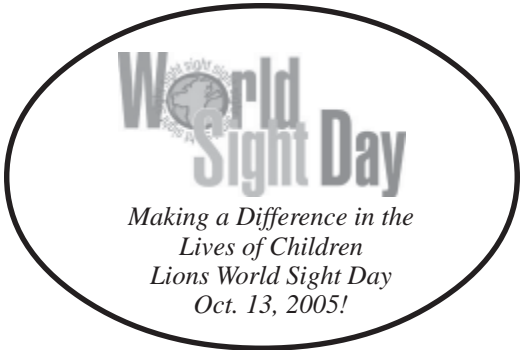
Keeping this information in mind, Lions members should strive for informational, fun meetings. Members need to have a reason to attend a meeting and to take something home with them each time. This equates to working on having a good meeting program, a meeting agenda, and an active tail twister to spice up the meeting, and fellowship before and after the meeting.

Club membership chairs are encouraged to conduct orientation sessions within their clubs for all new members and their sponsors. Materials are available from the district or Lions International. The orientation sessions should stress what is involved in being a Lion, goals of International and the local chapter, fund raising, donations, member involvement, opportunities for leadership, responsibility of the sponsor, etc.

Clubs are also encouraged to hold club retreats for all club members early in the year. This retreat should focus on reviewing club programs for fundraising, meetings, and donations, identifying problems, surveying members' input, and establishing goals and direction for the club.

Membership retention is the joint responsibility of club members and officers, as well as the new members' sponsor.

Note: International has made a club retreat a requirement for achieving 100 percent club status for the year.



MD5 Convention

Lions Under Construction: Building for the 21st Century

Dates: June 8-10, 2006

Most sessions and activities will be at Ramada Plaza Suites in Fargo, just across the street from the region's largest shopping center. Call 701-277-9000 for reservations at the Ramada. Many other hotels and motels are in the vicinity. If you want to park a camper, contact the Ramada as soon as possible.

Register Early!

Until May 15, 2006, registration is \$100
This will be a family friendly convention.

Go to the MD5 Web site or directly to
fargolions.org to register on line.

See you with your hardhat
and Lions heart!



Offer your local youth a GREAT Opportunity!

Dakota Adventure 2006

July 2-8, 2006
South Dakota

Camp Location: Midway Camp, Volga, South Dakota. Five miles West of Brookings, just off Interstate 29. Fifty miles North of Sioux Falls, SD.



*Come to the heart of North America and experience friendly people, a safe environment, and wide open spaces. Learn about the heritage of Sioux Indians, fur traders pioneer settlers and today's blend of people from all over our world!
Enjoy traditional camp activities
horseback riding, exploring, and touring!*

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Carrington



Highway Cleanup

The Carrington Lions Club fall highway cleanup was supervised by Lions Mick Moberg, Gerald Paulson Johnny Lessner, Bob Erickson and Chairman Dick Doeling. They are assisted by the Carrington Cub Scout Pack pictured here waiting for their lunch treat.



Pictured are Scout parents Dave Copenhaven, left, and Bob Jenson, right and some of the "troops" on the Carrington Highway cleanup.

5NC



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Hooterville



Forum attendees
PDG's Tony and Dolly Alef, Hooterville Flion Lions,, attended the USA/Canada Forum in Peoria, Ill. Sept. 22, 23, 24.

Governor's Report

A man named Charles Dodgeson once said, "One of the deep secrets of life is that ALL that is important is what you do for others." The Lions in our area have really been putting that philosophy to work in the last month.

There is a lot of activity going on around District 5NC in connection with Hurricane Relief! When we put out the call, all of you really got busy. The Lions in the Minot area have been shipping 4 truckloads of donated goods down to Tulsa, Oklahoma for distribution to the hurricane-damaged areas! The clubs of Zone 3A are paying the fuel costs, to the tune of over \$1200 per trip, and Lion Gary Price of the Minot Lions is donating the use of his truck and doing the driving. Now that's Lions' spirit!

Here are some other 5NC areas who have special events planned. Although some of these activities will be over by the time the paper is printed, I'd like to list all of the generous responses to the Gulf Coast disaster that I have heard of:

Pancake Breakfasts

Rugby Lions Oct. 9
Washburn Lions Oct. 16
All Bismarck Clubs Oct. 9

In addition, Tuttle Lions have made a donation of \$100 to the Lions Foundation for Hurricane Relief, Strasburg has donated \$500, Lake Metigoshe sent in \$700, and Harvey, \$350. To all of you, thank you for your generous outpouring of concern for the victims of the hurricanes and flooding.

As of this writing, Zones 1A, 2A, and 3A and 1B have all met. The reports from these meetings have been great! There have been lively discussions on several areas of interest, but especially, I hear, about electronic reporting by the Secretaries. I have complained a bit about the slowness of the MMRs and activity reports this fall, but I am learning that the very reason for the slowdown is PROGRESS itself! Many of the secretaries are dutifully struggling to learn how to do their reporting online, and some are having trouble. We are making headway, however. In addition to the Bismarck area secretaries and Marv Wierenga from Minot Knight Riders whom I have mentioned as resources for secretaries' questions, I know that many others have figured out this new system, too, like Stan Schmitt of Wishek, Ryan Rust of Turtle Lake, and Mabel Cowell of Medina. So

if you are having trouble with online reporting, please contact one of these secretaries who have it figured out.

What about those of you doing reports by paper? Great. Don't feel bashful about that. There was a rumor circulating a while ago that ALL reporting would have to be done by computer within a couple of years, but that is not possible for every club. At any rate, the MMRs NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO INTERNATIONAL AND TO ME AT THE END OF EVERY MONTH so whatever process you are using, let's get caught up. The Monthly Activity Reports should be sent at the same time to me, the zone chairman, and to Vice District Governor Carla Bender (it says "points chairman" on the form—ignore that, and send it to VDG Carla). I appreciate all of the work that you secretaries do, and I know that you will come through for me.

Each new year begins like every new morning—full of promise and possibilities, with bright hopes and goals. Many of the rural clubs in farming communities are just getting going now, and still competing with a late harvest. As you meet, set some definite goals for your group this year. I will be visiting with many of you soon. The October visitation schedule looks like this:

Rugby Oct. 10
Ashley Oct. 11
Minot State University Oct. 13
Medina Oct. 17
Minot Knight Riders Oct. 20
Velva Oct. 24
Sterling Oct. 27

That takes us up to the exciting "Thrive and Jive in 2005" State Lions Convention on October 28-30 in Minot. I have spoken to Convention Chairman Kerry Hansen, and they are ready for all of us to come! But if you have been holding off on your registration, PLEASE SEND IT IN TODAY. They need to make firm arrangements for meals, and need head counts, so if you have been busy looking for your saddle shoes and bobby socks instead of sending in your registration, do not delay any longer! I wonder if I can still "twist and shout", or do the Mashed Potato, or the Swim...I'd better get in shape. See you in Minot!

Lion Marian Johnson
District Governor



Welcome to Sight Night!

Each year on Sight Night, "ghouls" and boys spook up used eyeglasses for the Gift of Sight Foundation. Glasses collected on Sight Night are used for our international missions to developing countries, such as Mexico, Bolivia, Thailand and more. This year, we'll travel on 12 international missions, helping around 20,000 people on each trip.

To order a free collection kit online. To order by phone, call toll-free at 1-877-605-4242. Check Lions International website to download printed materials.

Thanks for "scaring" up used glasses on Sight Night!

Zone 2A golf



Harvey sponsored the winning team at the Zone 2A golf tournament in Washburn Aug. 13. Pictured from left are Greg Hiemenz, tournament chairman Mac Beaudry, Tim Keller, Eric Kourajian, and Steve Kourajian. Proceeds from the golf tournament are donated to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center in Washburn.



Renee Schultz, left, was the winner of the longest drive contest at the Zone 2A Golf Tournament in Washburn Aug. 13. She is pictured here with Tournament Chairman Mac Beaudry, who also happens to be her proud uncle.

Kevin Vannett



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Technology Meeting

5NC Information & Technology Chair Michele Renner presents a technology update for Zone 2A Lions attending the Sept. 29 meeting in Bismarck. Renner encouraged Zone members to visit the international, state and club Websites already available; she also promoted the establishment of new club Web sites.



Zone Meeting

Zone 2A Chair Sandy Knudson, left, looks on as 5NC District Governor Marian Johnson briefly talks about the pancake and sausage breakfast to benefit Gulf hurricane victims that the Bismarck Lions Clubs have jointly planned for Oct. 9.

Minot Magic City



Flower project blossoms

Annually, the Magic City Lions plant 36 dozen petunias, donated by Lowe's Garden Center, in 60 flower boxes. These flower boxes are then hung on each side of the North Broadway Viaduct in central Minot, as a summer beautification project. The flower boxes are displayed on the viaduct just prior to Memorial Day and taken down in mid-September. The City of Minot Public Works Department places these flower boxes on the viaduct and also waters the plants on a regular basis. The North Broadway Viaduct is a busy thoroughfare in Minot, and the flowers are enjoyed by a majority of Minot citizens.

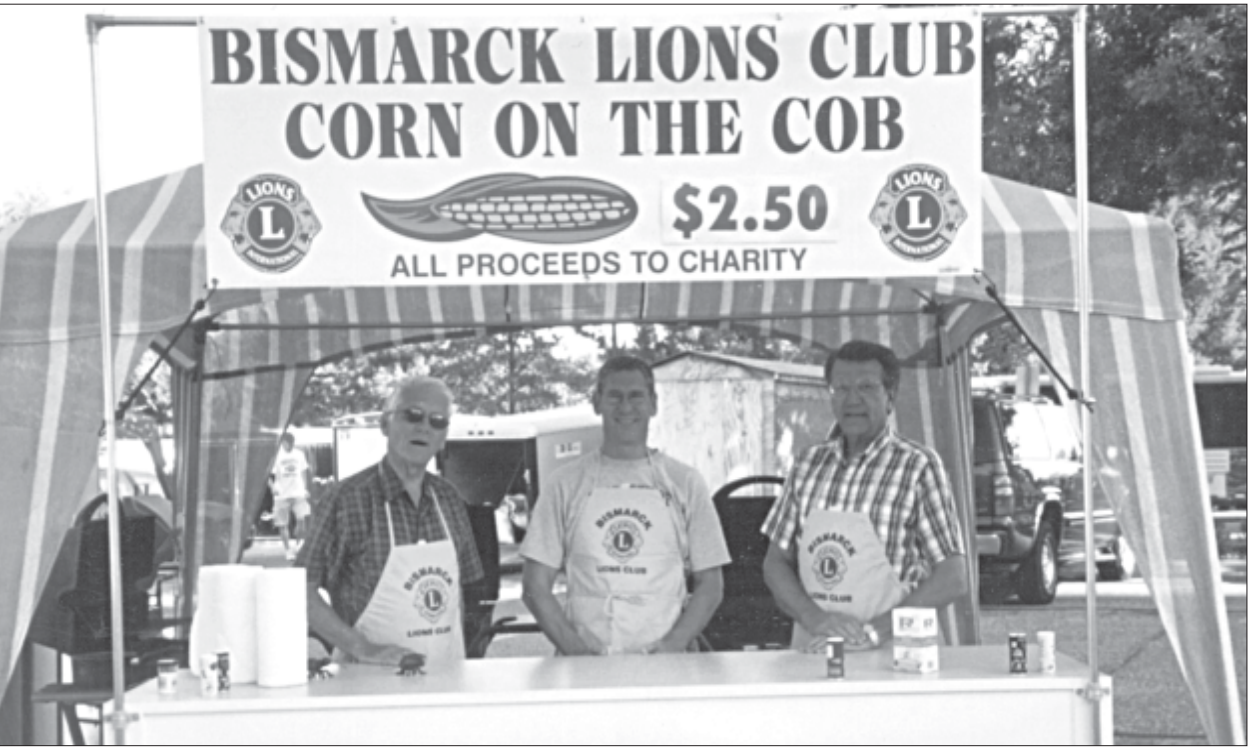
Bismarck

Capital City



Zoo receives Lions gift

The Capital City Lions in Bismarck donated a fibulator to the Dakota Zoo in Bismarck. Pictured from left to right are Jerry Speady, Capital City Lions member and Zoo Board of Directors, Capital City President Jan Rogneby, and Dakota Zoo Director Terry Lincoln.



Corn feed a success

Bismarck Lions Club members, from left, Dan Halvorson, Karl Venneberg and Bob Ebbesen are shown, ready for business in the club's corn-on-the-cob fundraiser booth. The club worked at three events in the Bismarck-Mandan area this past

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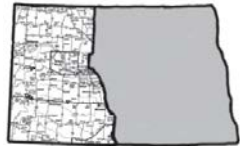
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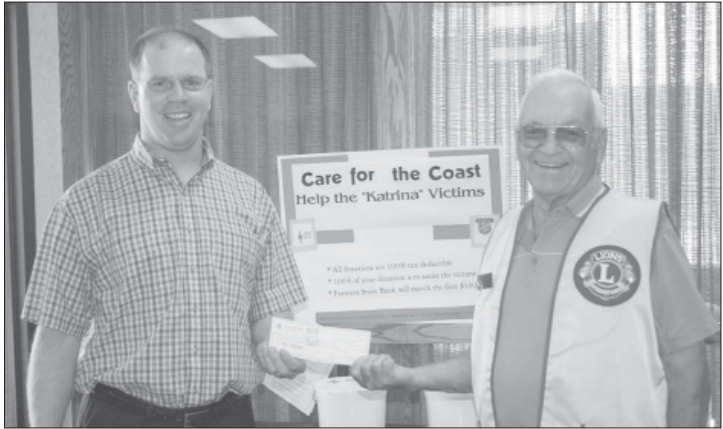
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Fellow Lions of District 5NW:
It's hard to believe that another month has gone; "flown by" is something we can still observe.... what I am observing is more like when a solid substance turns into a gas without gracefully FIRST becoming a liquid!!!
I have been doing a fair amount of traveling, trying to get as many of you visited as possible before the Lion's Annual State Convention in Minot Oct. 28-30. With a mind toward the end of "highway reconstruction" season and the start of our second season, how was that cold one spelled again?!!, I have been trying to key on our more northerly clubs, but still managed to get skunked by the Oct. 5 storm; I'm coming Kenmare; hold in there!! I have visited Stanley, Berthold, Flasher, Watford, Arnegard, and Hebron and have a very full schedule set up for this month and next. If you would like me to visit your club for any special event, please contact me sooner rather than later!! The hospitality I have been shown at these clubs has been wonderful, and I would like to urge you other Lions to move up and into this job. You get to see other clubs and meet Lions you never knew before; I heard of some wonderful projects that I would like to pass on to you. Flasher Lions puts on a steak fry for the first day of hunting season; Watford helped serve a meal at a benefit auction;

Governor's Report

Hebron Lions have a truly wonderful Park that is a focus for their whole community- you should stop and see it on Buffalo St. They also host a summer festival that has to be a lot of work- but what a huge asset to that community. I had the privilege of helping Stanley Lions clean their ditches. The Arnegard Lions help with a Burger night feed that also brings people together. The Berthold Lions have one of the cleanest small towns I have ever visited and they were just starting their year when I got there. It was a pleasure to see a multiple generation club function. In the midst of all this traveling, I got a chance to be on Clear Channel Radio thanks to Lion Lewellyn Rustan with Paul Quinn on Wednesday Sept. 21. We had a great time and plugged Lions as well as the Katrina relief effort.
I have heard of several different efforts to raise money for this last project. Most of what I heard was due to being in the right place at the wrong (define "wrong"?!!) time. A few clubs canvassed their communities door to door; others did a burger feed; others helped at auctions. I have heard of other clubs doing a pancake feed. So far no mention of Spaghetti, but I'm equally certain that was used by some of our Lions. Your response and generosity are a large part of what makes being a "LION" such a great thing. Know that the monies you have raised will be sent directly to Lions who in turn will make sure that your help will be used to greatest effect with a minimal amount of bureaucratic bleeding! Just as we Lions were there for the victims of Tsunami, so will we be here too. Try to pick up your LION magazine and read the articles in March and April editions- we were the most effective and the first housing available for occupancy was not

built by the Red Cross I can assure you!
Four Lions from Mandan went to Peoria for the USA/Canada Leadership Forum over the weekend of Sept. 23-25. As was the case with past Forums, the speakers were excellent and most motivating. The title of this meeting may fool you into thinking that this was for only club presidents and district governors. Nothing could be further from the truth. The issues and ideas presented in these seminars are as important to each of you as to any of your leaders. The skills they try to teach will come in handy with any event you may be involved with from dealing with a neighbor to handling awkward confrontations with other people in a positive way. It usually takes place in September at about the same time.
Lastly but certainly not leastly, REMEMBER Convention in Minot Oct. 28-29. We will hold our district meeting to select the next District Governor; you will hear reports from your Eye Bank and you Lion's Foundation. In addition, we will also be hearing some outstanding presenters in the seminars. I have it on good authority that the Minot Lions have made a deal with the weatherman so that we can have nice balmy weather!!! We will have a District Cabinet Meeting on Friday, as well as Eye and Foundation Board Meetings followed by the ice breaker Friday night.
Saturday will be Seminars and Sunday will be the State Meeting. This may sound like a lot of sitting, but you will not regret coming. It's a great time to renew old acquaintances and make new ones. See you there!
Yours in Lionism,
Lion Chuck Whitney



Elgin Lions donate
The Elgin Lions Club voted to donate \$500 to the Salvation Army at the Farmers State Bank. The bank is matching funding up to \$1,000 for the National Disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina with flooding in New Orleans. Here, President of the Bank Aaron Levorsen accepts the check for \$500 from Lion Treasurer Elmer Kramer. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz*

Elgin



At the fair
The Elgin Lions Club and Elgin Dakota Lions Club members participated in a State Lions Project by attending the North Dakota State Fair and holding a Glaucoma Screening on Tuesday, July 26. Members participating were: Harry Zacher, Randy Grosz, Ray Roth; second row: Leona Wutzke, Agnes Meidinger; BR: Elmor Wutzke, Jack Permann, Ralph Meidinger, Mildred Rath, Art Rath, Gail Schatz and Esther Zacher. NP: Larry and Audrey Ouhl, and Willard and Margaret Boyer. Photo by Gary Bauer.

Stanley



Highway cleanup
5NW District Governor Chuck Whitney, left, assisted Stanley Lions Club members with their highway cleanup project after his visit to the club Sept. 12. Pictured with Lion DG Chuck are Alan Colbenson, Club President Todd Heidbreder and Joe Juma.