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Rugby Lions have 'Day of Service'

In honor of Lion Harold Vigeland who passed away in November, Rugby Lions Club President Charles Repnow suggested that the club have a call to service day. Jan. 14th would have been Lion Vigeland's day to present a program at the club. Lion Vigeland was a member of the Rugby Lions Club for over 60 years and a very active Lion for all those years. He was always willing to help. He encouraged members to attend meetings, chair projects, be positive about the club, and attend zone meetings and charter nights of other area Lions clubs. Lion Vigeland took a special interest in collecting used eyeglasses and realized the valuable need these recycled glasses fill in Third World Countries.

It was due to this special interest that Repnow suggested a day of eyeglass sorting at Lion Terry Narum's home in Minot. The day started with the Rugby Lions boarding Amtrak for their trip to Minot. They were chauffeured from the Minot depot to Narum's home where the fun began. They were small in numbers but mighty in desire and willingness to work! At noon they took a break and attended



Among those taking part in "Vigeland's Day" are, seated, Janet Miller and Tommy Moller. Back, Charles Repnow, Terry Narum and Olger Barness. Also present, but not photographed was Jan Repnow.

Newsletter via e-mail option

North Dakota's three Lions district governors are offering Lions members the option of receiving the North Dakota Lion via e-mail.

If there are members who would prefer to receive their ND Lion electronically, e-mail addresses must be provided to club secretaries and in the hands of district governors John Dobbs, Brian Tinker and Jan Froemming no later than March 15.

It is hoped the first electronic issue would be available by April or May.

The district governors stress that the newspaper via e-mail is completely optional, and those that prefer the ND Lion in hard copy (newsprint) will still receive the newspaper through the mail.

the Minot Lions Club meeting with Lion Narum, which was most enjoyable. They also recruited another Lion to help as Lion Olger Barness showed up to help with the afternoon sorting.

During the working time, Lion Terry Narum took the time to explain the various steps in preparing the eyeglasses for third world countries: First the sorting, then the cleaning and washing, next the reading of the prescription, and finally the packing and shipping. Lion Narum has donated the use of his garage as well as several others rooms in his home to this worthwhile

cause. His desire is to recycle as many pairs of glasses as there are people living in North Dakota. To date over 550,000 pairs have left Narum's garage.

When the day was done Lion Narum commented, "It has been an excellent day of sorting and my wife will be most pleased as she will be able to park her car in the garage again."

Narum welcomes any club that wishes to come and work. It is Repnow's wish that the Rugby Lions club have an annual call to service day in honor of Lion Harold H. Vigeland.

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Inside International

By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



Campaign SightFirst II – five months left

Campaign SightFirst II has raised \$136,000,000 worldwide in an effort to meet the \$150,000,000 basic goal and the challenge goal of \$200,000,000. Much work remains to achieve the challenge goal but there are indications that it may happen. \$1.6 million was received just this past week at CSFII headquarters. The three year campaign ends June 30, 2008.

Our goal here in Sector D (North and South Dakota) is to raise \$838,383. The good news is that we stand at \$568,221 as of February 1, which leaves (let me do the math for you) \$270,162. Additional good news is that there is at least one club in South Dakota and one club in North Dakota that is looking at becoming a Model Club (a Model Club agrees to commit \$400 per member over 5 years). This would put us over the \$600,000 mark.

The news that is not so good is that there are about 1/3 of the clubs in Sector D that have not committed anything to the campaign. Some of these clubs will contribute to the effort by the end of the campaign. All of them should. It's what we do.

Sector D is part of National/Multi-National Area 7 in the CSFII

setup. Area 7 consists of Sectors A and B in Minnesota, Sector C in Iowa, Sector E in Nebraska and, of course, Sector D in North/South Dakota. Our sector, Sector D, leads the way in many categories. We are at 68 percent of goal (Sector A is at 53 percent). We have 20 Model Clubs, more than twice that of the rest of Area 7, and our participation rate is the best. Of the 53 sectors in the United States, Sector D is 10th. We have accomplished much but we have much to accomplish in these last five months.

LET'S HEAD FOR THE FINISH LINE WITH A FLOURISH!

The Funnies:

Have you ever noticed that every time there is an election, the air is full of speeches...and vice versa.

Hospital Room: where friends of the patient go and talk to other friends of the patient.

Rugby



Project Joy

For several years, the Rugby Lions Club have sponsored Project Joy. This service project provides Christmas gifts to those in need in the Rugby area. The community is a great supporter of this project as they do so much of the shopping. Area school students are also involved with giving as well. Top photo, pictured, from left, are Janet Miller, Jeff Miller, Kari St. Michel, Tilman Hovland, Betty Triplett, Sonia Mullally, DeDe Godycki and Lila Harstad. Photo at right, Sonia and Matt Mullally, chairs for project JOY.

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Sustaining memberships \$10 each—Bill Gackle, Lowell S. Nelson Sr., Mavis L. Nelson, Rick Gutschmidt, Russell Doe and Linda Doe. Tim Brown--\$25 and Mike Janke (four years) \$40.

Other donations

Dist 5NE Zone 2A \$16
Bronze Clubs \$100 Medina Lions and Chaffee Lions
Gold Clubs \$500..... Edgeley Lions

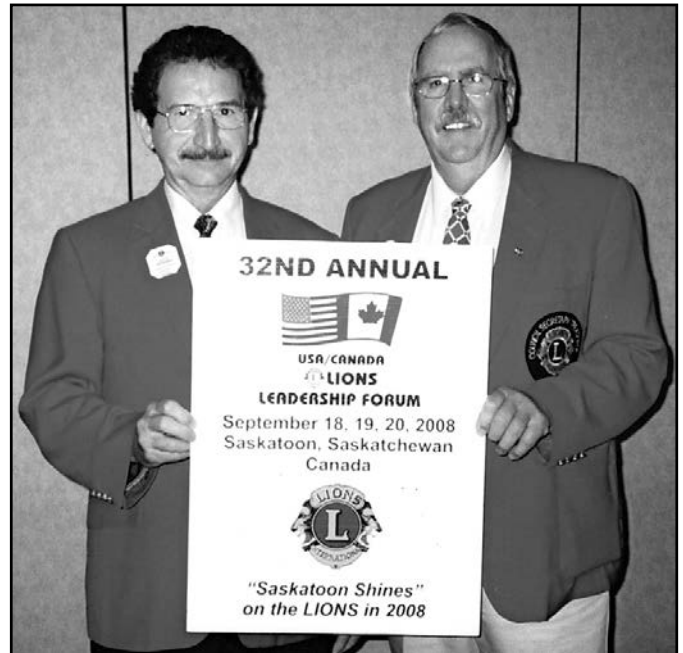
Memorials

Edward and Donna Grunett in memory of PDG Harry Zacher
William and Marilyn Gackle in memory of PDG Harry Zacher
Don and Dorothy Polson in memory of Roger Hauge
Don and Dorothy Polson in memory of Lion Roman Daniel
Ray Lions Club in memory of Lion Roman Daniel
Dave and Myrna Blackstead in memory of Harry Weisenberger
Dave and Myrna Blackstead in memory of August Ritter

Designated Funds: (Vision USA)

Stanley Lions	\$100
Flasher Lions	\$50
LaMoure Lions	\$96
Hazleton Lions	\$105
Robinson Lions	\$50
Tuttle Lions	\$42
Headwaters Lions	\$45
Fargo Lions	\$210
Devils Lake Lions	\$100
Jud Lions	\$25
Enderlin Lions	\$120
Kulm Lions	\$54
Chaffee Lions	\$100
New Rockford Lions	\$75
Scranton Lions	\$54

Remember: Leadership Forum



MD5 Council Chairperson Leo Grossman (Carlyle, Sask. 5CE), left, and Secretary-Treasurer Mike Brand (Valley City, 5NE) invite you to join them at the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, Sask. In September.



In Remembrance

The following fellow Lions
have recently passed away.
They will be sadly missed by all.
May their lives and spirit of Lionism be a
memory of warmth and inspiration.

Reeder – Ralph Verhulst
Stanley – J. Harold Braaten
Watford City – Donald Erickson
Ray – Roman Daniel

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COMING EVENTS - IMPORTANT DATES:

Feb 11 - Visit Jud Lions
Feb 13 - Visit Jamestown Lions
Feb 14 - VALENTINES DAY!
Feb 14 - Visit Horace Lions
Feb 18 - Visit Wahpeton Lions
Feb 20 - Visit Argusville-Gardiner Lions
Feb 28 - Visit Davenport Lions
Mar 4 - Visit Northwood (Charter Night!)
Mar 10 - Visit Chaffee
Mar 13 - Visit Kindred
Mar 17 - Visit Lamoure
Mar 24 - Visit Kulm
Mar 28-30 Council of Governors - Minot
Apr 3 - Visit Emerado-Arvilla Awards!
Apr 5 - Dist 5NE Leadership Rallye - Valley City
Apr 21 - Visit Heart of Horace

Northwood update

We have an important job with which I need your help. As I've shared with you before, we are writing a grant request to LCIF for funds to assist with the rebuilding of Northwood. Specifically, we've spent time with our own Northwood Lions and other local folks and have settled on the purchase of a piece of medical equipment

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for the local clinic. I'll be asking LCIF for approximately \$70,000. That means that we will have to have a like amount of matching funds. In my visits with LCIF, they've advised me that we need to have, on hand, either cash or solid pledges, for a minimum of around 80% of the match, or some \$56,000, when we submit the grant request. At the present, we have only a bit over \$15,000.

Soooo, if you or your club haven't decided on a gift yet, now is the time! Ideas for potential fund-raisers are more than welcome. We've received gifts from many clubs in North Dakota as well as clubs in Minnesota and Manitoba!

Now, the hard work begins! WOW!

How time flies when you're having fun! Here we are, well into the second half of the Lions fiscal year! All of my official visits are now scheduled and, as Willie Nelson sings, "I'm on the road again"! I've enjoyed my visits thus far and it's meaningful to see all the various types of service projects that you perform for your communities. I'm looking forward to those visits that remain and only hope that I can leave you with food for thought that is helpful for your club. Don't forget that if you have any service or fund-raising events that you'd like me to join in on, give me a call and I'll do my best to be there!

North Dakota Lion

We have arranged for all North Dakota

Lions to have an option of either receiving their monthly issue on line or as before, so called "hard copy". The advantage of the "on line" option would be lower delivery costs (postage is going up again in May, '08), and use of color. You could print if you want to keep the issue or read and delete. We're asking that you let your club secretary know if you want the "online" option and provide your email address if not already on file with your secretary. We'd like you to have that info to your secretary by March 15. Should you choose to not receive "online" right now, you may choose to do so later.

HATS OFF TO THE JUD LIONS

Anita joined me on my visit to the Jud Lions Club on Monday, Feb 11. We had a great time! We were treated to a fine meal and then to Valentine's day fun and games. But the most exciting part was the honor to conduct an induction ceremony for 6 new Lions. YES, 6 NEW LIONS! The Jud Lions are doing a fine job of serving their community and it shows. And people in the community are ready to sign on ... but, only if they are asked! And asked they were! Thank you, Jud Lions, for your efforts -- and leading the charge for all of us!

Food for thought:

It's not a perfect day unless you can do something for someone who can't possibly pay you back. PID Bob Moore

Carrington

Carrington Lions plan golf tourney for June

The 2nd annual Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank 4-person scramble golf tournament will be Friday, June 13.

The tournament will be at the beautiful, 18-hole CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington.

Details regarding the tournament including registration cost, prize money, meals, door prizes, etc. will soon be announced, tournament organizers said.

Entry forms will be in next months North Dakota Lion magazine. All money earned from this tournament goes to meet the obligation of the Carrington Lions toward Campaign SightFirst II.

Last year's tournament attracted 17 teams from across the state and was played in very windy conditions. This year the Carrington Lions hope to attract a full field of 36 teams. (We promise much better weather!) The tournament is open to men and women, and golfers can be Lion members or non-Lion members.

So mark the date on your calendar (June 13, 2008), for a fun day of golf. Come to Carrington for a great time and at the same time help Campaign SightFirst II.

Great Plains Assistance Dogs news

Submitted by
PDG KATHERINE TWEED

Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud, trains service dogs for people with many disabilities including seizure alert, maintaining upright posture, helping pick up dropped items and any number of other needs to help people enjoy full lives. Lions have been innovators and supporters of the school since its beginning.

The board of directors of GPAD, also known as Service Dogs for America, includes Rory Schlenker, Jud, N.D., president; PDG Dennis Anderson, Northwood, N.D., vice president; IPDG Katherine Tweed, Fargo, N.D., secretary; Lion Doug Roundy, Carrington, N.D., treasurer; PDG Gerald Sletmoe, Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Jeanie Andringa, Crookston, Minn., both members-at-large. Others are encouraged to apply for board membership. Meetings are held monthly, usually at the school in Jud.

Members from the North Star Lions of Bismarck, have been

active in work day at the school for the past several years. Now the club decided to take over renovation and furnishing of one of the apartments at the school. When students come to the school for team training with their dogs, they stay on-site. There is a second apartment and another Lions club is welcome to make it, too, a home away from home. Thank you North Star Lions.

The school has a number of ongoing needs to keep providing training and care for these wonderful dogs. Please contact any board member or the school for further information. If you would like to have a program or to visit the school, please contact us. The telephone number of the school is 701.685.2242; fax number is 1.701.685.2290 and the e-mail address is info@greatplainsdogs.com.

You can be part of building a better quality of life for those who have greater challenges in living their lives.

Volunteers needed for Leadership Forum

By LION KEN PETERS

As you know, the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will take place in Saskatoon, Sask. Sept. 18-20, 2008. This will be the first time the honor of hosting the Forum has ever come to our Multiple District.

As you might well imagine, many volunteers have been hard at work preparing and many more volunteers will be needed to help serve the projected 3,000 delegates this September. Your participation and help is needed and would be very much appreciated. To volunteer, call Forum Volunteer Coordinator Lion Ken Peters ASAP at 306-729-4428, 306-729-4794 (fax) or at pdgken@sasktel.net for more information.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Greeter (bus, airport, corridor, seminars), driver, Forum store, registration, meals-ticket-taker, meals-seating, office assistant, Peace Poster, anywhere needed.

ND Vision Services/School for Blind commemorates centennial

The North Dakota School for the Blind opened in Bathgate in 1908, and in 1961 moved to Grand Forks. This year the school will celebrate its 100 years of excellence.

Lions throughout the world have played a vital role in providing resources to persons who are blind and visually impaired. The Lions of North Dakota have compiled their mission of "We Serve" and provided monetary contributions and volunteer services to people who are blind and visually impaired and to North Dakota's school itself.

Lion Carmen Grove Suminski (member of the Grand Forks Lions Club) is compiling a book of NDVS/SB Recollections. A section will be devoted to Lionism. Books will be available for purchase as of May 1.

Lions throughout the state are invited to the Centennial Banquet on Wednesday, May 7, at the Holiday Inn, Grand Forks, to the Celebration of Helen Keller on June 27, at the State Capitol, and to the Open House on Thursday, September 12 at NDVS/SB in Grand Forks. Please see listing of Centennial Events.

"This is a memorable year for us," states Carmen Grove Suminski, Superintendent, NDVS/SB. "The school has a tremendous history in our state and has continuously provided specialized education and services to people of all ages who are blind or visually impaired."

For further information regarding the upcoming centennial activities call Lion Carmen Grove Suminski at 1-800-421-1181 or 701-795-2700 or refer to www.ndvisionservices.com

Symptoms of Diabetes

- ✓ Frequent Urination ✓ Fatigue ✓ Unexplained Weight Loss ✓ Irritability
- ✓ Blurred Visio ✓ Changes in Appetite ✓ Unusual Thirst

Risk Factors

- ✓ Being Overweight ✓ Inactive ✓ Over the age of 45 ✓ Family History of Diabetes
- ✓ Giving Birth to a Large Baby

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Event schedule and deadlines

Jan. 12 – Cabinet meeting – McClusky
Feb. 11 – Bismarck Lions DG visit
Feb. 11 – Zone 3B meeting – Leeds
Feb. 11 – Wishek Lions DG visit
Feb. 15 – Braddock Lions DG visit
March 3 – Zone 2A - Washburn
March 28-29 – MD5 Council Meeting - Minot
April 5 – German Fest – Contact Minot Lions
April 12 – 5NC Leadership Conference – Minot
May 10 – Cabinet Meeting - McClusky
Sept. 20 – 2nd Annual Minot Lions Grape and Garlic Festival

This is an increasing exciting time for District 5NC Lions. All clubs have begun the process of reassessing their relevancy to their communities. Initiatives to address retention, public relations, and membership have begun on multiple levels. In my visitations I observe a palpable excitement as members and clubs begin to learn and understand what is happening and how it will positively impact their membership, clubs, and Lions in general.

Public relations

The Public relations initiative is moving along strong. Immediately after announcing the receipt of the grant at the January 5NC Cabinet Meeting VDGE James Ruff made a matching contribution to the program. The following Monday I made my visit

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to the Goodrich Lions and they also made a matching contribution. The clubs have been continuing to provide public relations information for both the website and the print media. Please continue to send that information to me. I will begin placing ads shortly.

New delivery option

Elsewhere within this newsletter you should find details about the new option, beginning with the April 2008 issue, of receiving this newsletter in electronic format. This will, over time, enable additional content in terms of quantity and quality without increasing cost. It will also give electronic format recipients options to email articles and/or the entire newsletter to family and friends, etc. If you would like to begin the electronic format please email me no later than March 15, 2008 with your wish and a good email address. Note that this is an either/or option. If you receive the electronic format, you will not receive the paper format. If you have any questions, please contact me.

5NC Leadership Conference

This newsletter contains a registration form for the fourth annual 5NC Leadership Conference to be held at the Sleep Inn in Minot on April 12, 2008. In accordance with recommendations coming from the Cabinet meeting in October, 2007 Chairman Ross Espeseth and his committee have totally restructured the format for this conference. The Cabinet decided to promote better communications with clubs and members via increased use of technology. Additionally, it was agreed to promote programs such as "TTT" that address the necessity for action oriented change to reassess clubs, districts, and MD5 operations to enhance Lion's membership, participation, and relevancy. We have scheduled PID Mick Barrus to conduct the "TTT" training program at our conference this year. Lions throughout all districts in North Dakota are invited and encouraged

to attend. The basic TTT training will be supplemented with district specific material. Because of the importance and nature of this training, which takes about six hours, there will be consecutive rather than concurrent sessions at this conference. Furthermore, each session will segue to the next to form a comprehensive action oriented training experience. You will be given tools at the conference that you can immediately take back to your club and members for immediate action oriented implementation.

The conference will have an opening session to outline the objectives for the day. Sessions will include Public Relations, Club Administration, Recognition, Retention, and others that address the need for comprehensive integration of public relations, membership, club administration, community service, etc. for a healthy, vibrant, relevant Lions organization.

Lunch will include a rousing presentation by PID Bruce Schwartz, a short play "Murder of Anytown Lions Club", presented by the "5NC Cabinet Players", and presentation of the "Purple Cow Awards". The conference will be concluded with a presentation by DGE Craig Wollenburg assessing and reviewing the training, and sharing his plans for the 2008-09 year. The next newsletter will include a more detailed agenda. Expect fun, excitement, tools for taking action, and the unexpected.

For more details about "TTT" visit their website at www.lionsttt.com. We are excited to have PID Mick himself for our training. You will be receiving more details and background about PID Mick and the TTT program in the coming weeks.

So mark your calendars now, get your registrations in, and plan on members from your club attending this very exciting fourth annual 5NC Leadership Conference.

4th Annual District 5NC Leadership Conference

Saturday April 12, 2008

Registration from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m.; opening session 9:00 a.m.
Sleep Inn (701-837-3100) - Dakota Shopping Center, Minot, ND

Name	Address	Club

Number attending _____ x \$10.00 = _____

Make checks payable to Lions District 5NC

Mail to Jim Bumann, 1103 Jefferson Ave., Bismarck, ND 58503

For more information, contact DG Brian at bmtinker@westriv.com or 701-363-2276

Garrison



Caribbean Groove, a four-member steel drum band from Bismarck, will perform for the icebreaker on opening night of the 2008 State Convention. *Photo by Beth Peske*

Steel Drum Band highlights State Convention Icebreaker

By JeANNE SELBY
State Convention 2008 PR chair

"There will be something for everyone," said University of Mary Campus Club Lions President Sarah Hatzenbuehler, commenting on the activities planned for the icebreaker on opening day of the 2008 State Lions Convention.

Although the University of Mary Lions members are still in the process of planning the evening's activities, Lions President Hatzenbuehler promises special activities ranging from games to dance lessons (such as the cha-cha, mamba, rumba or salsa), all with a Caribbean flavor.

Convention participants will be able to dance to and enjoy the music of Caribbean Groove, a local four-member steel drum band, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Friday evening. Band members include Rob Peske, Tim Peske, Scott Prebys and Mike Smith. The band members have played together for many years, but have performed as Caribbean Groove for the past two years. The band performs primarily in central North Dakota, but has performed as far away as Louisville, Ky.

Lions and guests attending the icebreaker are encouraged to dress for the convention theme (Caribbean Nights), and plan to wear their cruise wear or tropical shirts to the Friday evening event.

The 2008 State Convention, slated for Oct. 24-25 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck, is hosted by the Bismarck Lions clubs. Bismarck Lions extend a warm invitation to breathe the Caribbean Night air and share the good music and fun -- as well as the dynamic speakers and informative break-out sessions that follow on Saturday.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter and future issues for a convention registration form. The Convention 2008 Committee is relying on Lions across the state to return their registration forms and fees at their earliest convenience, to assure that convention plans continue to move forward.



Club receives community award

The Garrison Chamber of Commerce, during the Chamber's annual awards banquet in early January, recognized the Garrison Lions Club as the community's Group Recognition Awards winner. The award is presented to a different Garrison organization each year for outstanding service to the community. Garrison Lions members pictured with the plaque, recognizing the Garrison Lions Club are, front, from left, Secretary Stu Merry and Treasurer Les Korgel. Back, Jill Denning Gackle, board member Tami Engel, President Mike Gackle and board member Jan Merry.

Mandan



In Romania

Mandan Lion Dr. Dan Long went to Romania with a medical mission team from Missouri. The two optometrists in the team examined and dispensed eyeglasses to 1,100 people, including many gypsies. The dentist with the team pulled 428 rotten teeth. The eyeglasses were processed by Lion Terry Narum and the Minot Lions. Mandan Leo David Long also worked with the eye care team.

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Greetings Lions and Leos in 5 NW:

March is a month to roar. We have great opportunities coming our way, and every Lion and Leo can participate in our District. Our motto, "We Serve" is simple and direct. So is our work.

Seven months has passed, since my year began as your District Governor. We've had many good club visitations. And by the time you receive your February issue we will have three clubs left.

Reminders to secretaries

1. Make sure you have sent a list of dropped Lions and new members to the ND. Lion.

2. Keep sending in reports to Lions International - if you sent to International I could access them.

3. Secretaries - make sure you mail back to me your e-mail addresses of membership by March 1, 2008.

Reminders to treasurers

The second half dues for 5NW were sent to the club secretaries. Please make sure the treasurer gets the bill and send dues to secretary/treasurer Kevin Vannett of 5NW.

Governor's Report

Zone Chairpersons

I would like to thank all six zones for the good job you did with your second zone meeting - all held in January.

Coming events

Feb. 12 - Visitation at Dickinson Lions

Feb. 14 - Visitation at Elgin Lions & Elgin Dakota Lions

Feb. 25 - Visitation at Mandan Dakota Lions

March 29-30 -- MD-5 Council Meeting at Minot

June 5-6-7 -- MD-5 Convention, Sioux Falls, SD.

Sept. 18-20 - USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, Sask.

Seventh Annual 5 NW Spring Rally Host--Beulah Lions

April 19 (All times MDT at the Grand View)

8:30--9:30 a.m. Registration

9:30--9:45 a.m. Beulah City Mayor

9:45--10:30 a.m. PID Randy L. Heitmann

10:30 a.m. Coffee break

10:45--11:45 a.m. Leadership sessions:

1. Lions President Training - PCC. Dale Ekstrom

2. Dr. Mike Hammerschmidt - "The Human Eye".

3. Leo Clubs and Youth Exchange --

Lion Ruth Wagner, Lion Doug Black, and PDG. Chuck Whitney

11:45 a.m.--12:45 p.m. -- Lunch

12:45--1:45 p.m. Leadership Sessions:

4. Lions secretary/treasurer training - Lion Jody Pfenning, Lion Shirley Schafer and Lion Pat Vannett.

5. ND Lions Eyebank - Karen Thomas, Dr. Dan Long

6. Orientation Power Point - PDG. Herman Schafer

1:45 p.m. Coffee break

2--2:45 p.m. - Motivational speaker - Brent Sullivan

3 p.m. Tribute to Lions Harry and Esther Zacher (family Invited).

3:30 p.m. - Awards and thank you.

Any clubs that would like to give out any awards let the District Governor know.

There will be a \$20 fee for those who attend from outside District 5 NW.

Lions product store will be open April 19 in the registration area.

A registration form for the Spring Rally is shown below: Please complete and mail to Lion Dave Czywczynski, P.O. Box 192, Beulah, ND. 58523 on or before March 30. If you have any questions about the Spring Rally, contact DG Jan Froemming at 701-584-3606 or dalejan@westriv.com.

Seventh Spring Rally-Saturday, April 19th. 2008-8:30 a.m.

Grand View, Beulah, ND. 58523

Name, address, and club affiliation

1. -----
2. -----
3. -----
4. -----
5. -----
6. -----

You may register at the door, but registering early will assist with the proper count for the meal preparation. Thank you for all you do.

We Serve Together
DG Jan Froemming
District Governor 5 NW

Elgin



Christmas party

Lion President Jim Heim congratulates Lion Randy Fischer after being installed as a new Lion member during the annual Christmas Party at Our Place Cafe on Thursday evening. Lion Duane Schatz installed Lion Fischer with 59 in attendance. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*



Past president honored

Past Lion President Jim Heim recognized President Marlo Maier with a special Lions pin for bringing in two new members during the past year. Lion Maier was recognized during the annual Elgin Lions Christmas Party at Our Place Cafe with 59 in attendance. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

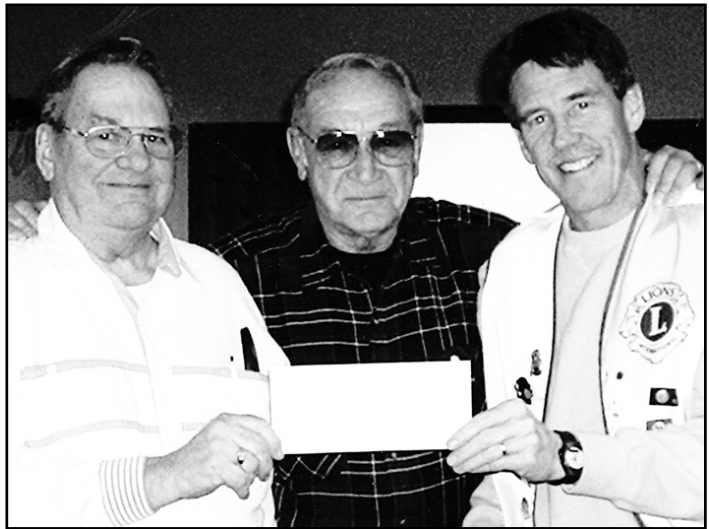
Glen Ullin



Check presented

Lion Ernie Fitterer, Glen Ullin Lions Club, presents a check for \$1,100 to members of the Glen Ullin Close-Up to help fund their educational trip to Washington, D.C., this spring.

Dickinson



President Neal Steiner, right, presents the \$1,000 first place check to David Dienstmann and Jerry Johnson, both of Bismarck.

Pinochle winners recognized

Approximately 100 pinochle players gathered at the Elks Lodge for two days of intensive pinochle playing at the Third Annual Dickinson Lions Tourney.

When the last hand was played, David Dienstmann and Jerry Johnson, both of Bismarck were crowned champions, walking away with a \$1,000 check.

Comments from those attending included compliments to the Elks staff, the accommodations, meals that were provided conducive to this fun-filled weekend.

The Fourth Annual Dickinson Lions Club Pinochle Tournament is already on the calendar for the end of January 2009.

Tournament officials invite others from around the state to come join the fun.

New England

N. E. Lions Santa's helpers

By LION LEWELLYN RUSTAN

The New England Lions brought Santa Claus to the Dakota Women's Correctional Rehabilitation Center, just as they have each year since the facility was established. The DWCRC is home to more than 100 inmates. A temporary home to some, a permanent place for a few.

Each inmate was offered a sack of candy and peanuts financed by New England businesses, and a pair of gloves provided by the Lutheran women of the community. The Lions club members collect the donations, purchase the "goodies" and fill the sacks.

The Lions, together with "Santa," distribute the sacks, and give the inmates the option of also having their picture taken with Santa. A few of them decline, but most pose with the merry old elf. Two prints are given to each of those inmates; one to keep, one to send to family members.

One of the younger inmates couldn't refrain from jumping up and down for joy. "I'm so excited!" she exclaimed.

Another thanked one of the Lions, shook hands, and said, "You're all we've got."

The smiles are reward enough. It is quite apparent that although they are treated well enough, there isn't often something to smile about.

Several of the inmates are no strangers to the Lions. Those who are qualified assist the local club, cleaning and preparing the Lions Park for the weekly Burgers in the Park during the summer. More than a few times, they have shown their satisfaction in helping others instead of just thinking about their own circumstances. At times like that, the Lions' motto, "We Serve" becomes very meaningful and precious.

"Santa" is retired businessman Billy Hanson. He leaves the correction center feeling a bit like Santa himself. He has given the inmates a few moments of joy.

From there, he heads across town to take in the annual Christmas program at the school. After the program, Santa makes another appearance, this time to young children who are innocent and free. They're not any less pleased to see Santa. A few of them aren't comfortable getting too close to Santa either, but this time it's for different reasons.

They get their sack of candy, and Santa has a great time there, too.

The Lions also provide that sack of Christmas joy for children at the local day care, students in neighboring Amidon, and local elderly and shut-in residents.



Santa with a group of DWCRC inmates.



Santa with Lions and students at New England Public School.



Santa and several Lions at DWCRC

Thank you Lions

The staff at the North Dakota Lion would like to thank all club officers for doing their part to provide adds, drops and address changes that enable us to keep current the mailing list for the Lion.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Stu Merry, editor

Establish cultural/community activities chairs

By LION LYNELL THUESON
Cultural/Community Chairman

Lions Clubs throughout the world have had a distinguished record in the area of Cultural/Community project. The mission statement encourages Lions Club to cultivate the human qualities and values that stimulate individual creativity, enliven the community, and animate the human spirit.

Lions Clubs International believes that person can come to an authentic and full humanity through the cultivation of those natural qualities and values, which will enhance the development of the human person, the good of their community, and society in general.

I encourage all clubs to appoint a Cultural/Community activities chairman, establish a club website, and identify cultural activities to benefit the community. Clubs should consider specific cultural needs of handicapped, elderly, and youth when planning activities. Don't forget to take pictures and send them to Lions International as well as The North Dakota Lions newspaper.

Such activities to consider include: arrange an art exhibit. Sponsor a photography contest, donate books to a local library or a school RIF program. Sponsor an outstanding citizen award, 'provide cultural opportunities for a physically or mentally challenged person. Sponsor a current or historical clothing fashion show for a fundraiser, collect good used jackets to provide for needy kids, arrange a food festival featuring local or ethnic foods, create a fundraising meal (i.e.: pancake breakfast, fish fry, spaghetti dinner).

Build community pride by organizing a hands-on service project to beautify or improve your neighborhood or community (adopt a park, adopt a zoo, plant trees). Sponsor a public speaking contest, help with the local library in organizing a reading club for children, work with school to help provide or maintain musical instruments for student usage, sponsor local sporting events (basketball, hockey, volleyball tournament), or support community theater by organizing a drama festival or help build sets, or make costumes for theatrical productions.

Some things done in other countries include support art festivals, dance workshops, concerts and literary contests. Feature their history and restoration of buildings, fountains and artwork. Charity concerts and seminars are popular cultural activities, folk and tribal dance performances, choirs, festivals, parks and parades.

An award will be given to a club within our district that has been most active in organizing Cultural/Community activities. The award will be granted on the basis of service to others (Activity organized and implemented to benefit people's knowledge, attitudes, values and mutual understanding and cooperation), involvement (activity should take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social or moral welfare of the community), originality (Develop activities that are fresh, new and exciting in ways that will draw community interest and participation of members), and public relations (encourage Lions Clubs to enhance their public image by publicizing Cultural/Community activities through news media and other avenues.)



Schaefer honored

PDG Lion Herman Schaefer was presented an award by District Governor Jan Froemming at the Cabinet meeting Jan. 5. On behalf of Lions Clubs International, PDG Lion Schaefer received the Family Membership Pioneer Pin. The Lions Clubs in District 5NW invited 30 plus families to participate in the Family Membership Program. Congratulations, PDG Lion Herman.

District 5NW Raffle underway

Mexican trip being offered

By HERMAN A. SCHAEFER

District 5NW, under the leadership of District Governor Jan Froemming, has taken on a fund raising project in the form of a Vacation Raffle. We will draw for the Grand Prize winner April 19, 2008, when this district holds the Spring Leadership Rally for 5NW in Beulah.

This Grand Prize drawing will give the lucky winner a Mexican vacation for two to include air transportation from Bismarck and seven nights stay at a wonderful hotel. The total value of this drawing is valued at about \$2,500.

If you or your club is interested in helping with the sale of these raffle tickets, please make contact with PDG Herman A. Schaefer, who has been given the task of getting tickets out and keeping track of all the stubs for this drawing. You can e-mail him at hsgr25+1@riverjordan.com, or you can call him at 701-471-2528.

These tickets can be sold to anyone whether he/she is a lion member or not. I challenge you to make at least one ticket available to anyone you consider to be a friend. The price is just \$5 per ticket. This is a fantastic reward for a very small price. Have a wonderful time making someone you know really happy.

Did you know?

There are 1.4 million blind children in the world, a number that grows by one child each minute.



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Registration Fees:

BASIC REGISTRATION \$25.00
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Choose the meals you want:

BREAKFAST
THE AMERICAN BUFFET \$8.95
Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Breakfast potatoes, Muffin, Fresh fruit, Orange juice, Coffee, Tea.

LUNCHEON
CHICKEN PASTA PRIMAVERA \$9.95
6oz Marinated and Grilled Chicken Breast Julienned Tossed with Vegetables, Rainbow Rotini and Sun Dried Tomatoes in a Chardonnay Cream Sauce, Mixed salad, Rolls, Coffee and Tea

DINNER ENTRÉE
SPINACH STUFFED PORK LOIN \$20.95
Center cut pork loin, stuffed with Spinach, Carrots, Parmesan Cheese, Shitake Mushrooms, Roasted Baby red Potatoes, Vegetables with a Dijon Demi Sauce. Popovers, Salad Dessert Coffee and Tea

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail registration form & check to: ND State Lions Convention PO Box 7125 Bismarck, ND 58507

Complete Registration Below. Use one form for EACH Participant. RSVP by Oct. 15th, 2008.

Name: _____ Lion Guest (Circle One)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Fees: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ Check Number _____

Make Checks payable to *ND State Lions Convention*

Web site-<http://md5convention.homestead.com>

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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

NEW MAILING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008

SECTION A

DESCRIPTION (On separate sheet(s) list office and year or as requested)

1. Each year Active member (15 consecutive years prior to application)
2. Each year Club Office of President, Club Secretary &/or Treasurer
3. Each year Club Board Member (not as President, Secretary or Treasurer)
4. Each year Club Committee Chairman (list year and committee)
5. Each year Program Presenter at District, State &/or Multiple District meetings
6. Each year Region Chairman or Zone Chairman
7. Each year Vice District Governor (or Deputy District Governor)
8. Each year District Governor or International Officer
9. Each year appointed as member of District Cabinet
10. Each year District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer
11. Each year State Chairperson of a Lions function
12. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President
13. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary and/or Treasurer
14. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member
15. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President
16. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary and/or Treasurer
17. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Member
18. Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairman
19. Each year Multiple District 5 Chairperson (does not apply to MD5 Council members)
20. Each year District Rally attended (List years and cities)
21. North Dakota State Conventions attended (List years and cities)
22. Multiple District conventions attended (List years and cities)
23. International Conventions attended (List years)
24. USA/CANADA Forums attended (List years and cities)
25. Melvin Jones Fellow (List years)
26. 100% District Governor Award
27. Club President Excellence Award (List years)
28. 100% Club Secretary Award (List years)
29. Hosting Foreign Exchange Student (List year, student's name and home country)

SECTION B

DESCRIPTION

1. Each sponsored new Lion Member **(Must include a print-out from Lions International listing new members sponsored)**
2. Guiding Lion (List years and clubs)
3. Extension Award
4. Other Awards
 - Club
 - District
 - Lions International

SECTION C

Prepare a written personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, when and where joining Lionism. Include all achievements outside of Lionism, volunteer work and other associations and personal recognition.

SECTION D (Please print or type)

NOMINEE CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information I have provided is an accurate rendering taken from personal and club records.

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided is an accurate rendering taken from club and other verifiable sources.

PRESIDENT: _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

Nominations must be postmarked: **ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2008.**

This nomination form must be signed by nominee, Club President and Club Secretary and returned along with the information submitted for points in Sections A and B and the resume in Section C for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION: 4X5 OR SMALLER RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT & RING SIZE

Mail completed application to:

PDG David Blackstead, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association



Eyeglass Recycling Report

January statistics
Eyeglasses received
542,000

Eyeglasses in system
87,0000

Eyeglasses received from
Minot Lions Club
Rugby Lions Club
New Rockford Lions Club

Ready to ship
6,000.

Next shipment to:
Honduras, then Vietnam

Thank you to the Rugby Lions Club for sending a delegation via Amtrak in January to both visit the Minot Lions Club meeting as well as providing a very productive 20 hours of hard work doing an initial sort of glasses.

The Rugby Lions Club has set an impressive standard of work for other Lions Clubs willing to provide a work day at the Minot Recycling Center (approximately 17,000 pair of eyeglasses were processed). Minot Lions look forward to the Rugby Lions Club returning in 2009 to continue their service commitment to the recycling program (next time they will be drying eyeglasses).

Minot Lions Club received a short notice of a need for 300 pair of reading glasses for a short notice mission trip to Honduras. This request has been met both with new and used glasses courtesy of Magic City Lions Club and the Minot Lions Club. Thank you for your support of both long term needs as well as immediate short term needs!

Terry Narum

For more information,
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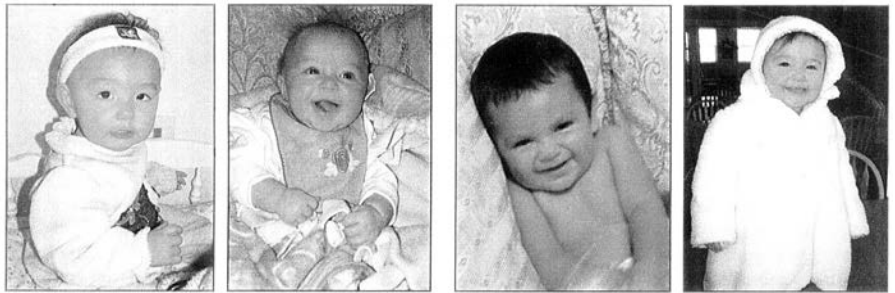
Pledge complete

District 5NW Campaign SightFirst Coordinator Dale Ekstrom, left, recently presented a banner patch to Elgin Lions President James Heim at the club's regular meeting Jan. 24. The Elgin Lions Club is the first 5NW club to complete its pledge, and Model Club commitment, for Campaign SightFirst II. Elgin Lions has 60 members and has contributed \$24,000 to the overall effort.



St. Gianna's Breakfast

Please help us to help them



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