



Waiting for a newfound freedom

Vannett anticipating arrival of assistance dog

By STU MERRY

He's been a familiar face at recent North Dakota state Lions conventions -- Always at his father's side. But, hopefully soon -- if things go as planned -- Trevor Vannett of Mandan will have a new freedom that he has only dreamed about.

You see, Trevor has cerebral palsy. And because of his condition, Trevor has been under the guiding care of his father, Lions PDG Kevin Vannett. But soon there will be a new addition that will give Trevor more freedom than he has ever had before. Trevor is in line to receive an assistance dog from Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud. The training center is one that is strongly supported by Lions Clubs -- and more notably, North Dakota Lions.

"One of the nice things about it is that it is a Lions project," Kevin said of being able to work with Great Plains. "And Trevor will be one of the first directly Lions-related individuals to receive a dog."

Great Plains Assistance Dogs, based in Jud, has worked with more than 100 individual cases in 33 states. Great Plains has helped individuals living with disabilities such as cerebral palsy, quadriplegia, multiple sclerosis, traumatic brain injuries and seizures. Great Plains also works with multiple disabilities, with children and emergency medical conditions.

"We have always known about the Jud Leader Dog program," Kevin explained. "And Trevor ... going to conventions and seeing Mike, (a service dog) we felt that more likely he would be approved to receive an assistance dog. Now that Trevor is older, we decided to apply ... and his application was approved."

Kevin said the service dog is being trained to fit Trevor's specific needs. The dog is being trained to do such tasks as closing doors and picking up objects. The dog will also carry a two-way radio that would be at home or with Kevin, in case contact needs to be made. Plus, Kevin said,



Trevor Vannett

FYI

Proceeds can be made by sending funds directly to Jud Leader Dogs in Trevor's name.

it would give him a sense of security -- and safety, knowing that Trevor is not alone. The dog will also aid Trevor in crossing streets.

"People would see the dog before noticing a person in a wheel chair," Kevin said.

Excitement abounds in Trevor's voice as he talks about the anticipated arrival of his service dog. And he says it is pretty exciting to see people who want to give money and their time to help him move closer to attaining his dream of getting an assistance dog.

A student at Mandan Junior High,

Trevor said opportunities to be involved in outside activities have been limited. Now, he requires a chauffeur to get him to where he would like to go. More often than not, that burden has been on the shoulders of Kevin.

Trevor, now a young man of 14, said he is looking forward to the newfound freedom a service dog will provide.

Kevin admits adding the dog to the family will mean more responsibility -- but like Trevor, Kevin said having an assistance dog would allow more freedom, not only for himself, but for Trevor as well.

He could go to a basketball game -- which is just a hop, skip, and jump from the Vannett home. The Mandan Community Center -- one of Trevor's favorite hangouts -- is also close by.

Most likely, it will be a little bit yet before Trevor meets his new friend. Kevin and Trevor both say they don't anticipate placement of the animal until early this fall. But Kevin added that if the dog isn't a fit ... it could be about a year before another becomes available.

The cost of an assistance dog is about \$23,000, Kevin said. Typically, people apply, then ask for grants, or make small monthly payments. In Trevor's case, he would like to fundraise for the dog himself. So far, the young man has raised more than \$5,000.

Trevor has been the beneficiary of fundraisers through the church. He has sold some of his baseball card collection. Funds have also come through individual gifts from people who have heard about Trevor's wish through Lions Clubs. Trevor is also on student council at Mandan School, and money has come for the effort through the council. On the docket is a fundraising breakfast in April.

He is hoping Lions in MD5 will answer the call and donate to the effort, too. He has had clubs in the multiple district come forward with donations. One club has already donated \$1,000.

President's Letter

JIMMY V. ROSS
*International President
Lions Clubs International*



Fellow Lions:

There is no doubt about it. Today's families are busier than ever. Technology allows parents to work harder and be more productive than ever before. With school activities, athletic programs, art and music instruction, children have more opportunities to grow and learn than ever before. I have nothing but admiration for those who accept the challenge of raising a family in this fast-paced environment.

But there can be a down side to all this activity: families just don't spend enough time together as families. Some forget that there is more to life than their own hectic schedules. Sometimes they even forget to have fun. With family time at such a premium, it's easy to see why young parents are reluctant to sacrifice any of it, even for the best of purposes.

Lions Clubs can change all that. Through the Family Membership Program, we can remind families that meaningful service to others is more satisfying than an entire lifetime of conference calls, piano lessons and soccer games. And we can remind them that serving together is fun!

I am pleased to tell you that in January alone, 42 new family-oriented clubs were chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members) and that international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for their participation in January inaugural kick-off activities.

This new wave of Lions Clubs and Lions Club members will be a tremendous benefit for our communities and for our association. Our communities will have countless more hearts and hands to serve their needs and Lions Clubs will benefit from the new ideas and new energy these members will bring. Perhaps most important, it helps ensure that there will be a next generation of Lions prepared to step-up and fulfill our motto - We serve.

I ask you to keep this new wave rolling by doing all you can to bring family members into existing clubs and establishing new family-oriented clubs.

One important way in which clubs can benefit from family members is by establishing club branches. These branches provide the full benefits of Lions Club membership while accommodating families and other groups with convenient meeting schedules and activities focused on their special interests. Consider extending full Lions membership to Lionesses and "graduating" Leos by establishing club branches tailored to their needs. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

[lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml)

Please remember: people join - and stay with - organizations that meet their needs. To be sure that clubs in your district are working to meet the needs of these vital new members, please see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml and view the video report on family membership in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online magazine.

You can maximize the impact of new members on clubs and their communities by taking part in Worldwide Induction Day on April 21. It is an outstanding opportunity for recruiting and to make Lions activities known throughout your district. Start planning your event now by visiting http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml

Finally, I am also pleased to announce that I have reached my goal of organizing 15 new Lions Clubs during my term as international president. How are you progressing toward the goal of establishing at least one new club in each district during this Lions year?

As always, I thank you for your dedicated service.

You Can Still be a Donor!

Even if you:

- Wear Eyeglasses
- Had Cataract Surgery
- Have Diabetes
- Have Cancer

Over forty thousand North Americans and hundreds of thousands of others around the world suffer from corneal blindness each year.

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An eye donation used in transplantation can help two people. An eye donation used in research and teaching helps thousands and can make a difference for generations of people.

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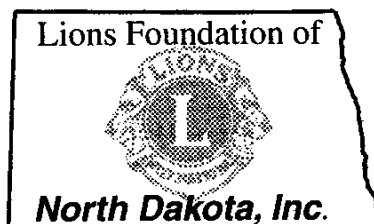


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Jack & Dorothy Stewart in memory of Lion Lester Logan

Jack & Dorothy Stewart in memory of Lion Nobel Hinkel

Letter

News from Campaign SightFirst II

By JIMMY ROSS
International president

US\$69+ million has been raised by Lions toward CSFII's minimum goal of US\$150 million.

LCIF receives 250,000th MJF!

This milestone MJF, donated by Lion Kazuhiro Seno of Imabari Lions Club in Japan, was the 250,000th MJF with his US \$1,000 donation to CSFII.

Visit www.lions-csfi.org to read more or click here to find out how Lions are honoring sight through MJFs for CSFII.

2,007 Model Clubs by 2007 International Convention: More than 1,600 Model Clubs are leading the way in CSFII. Help Lions reach 2,007 Model Clubs by our 2007 International Convention this July!

Lion Power news, Vol. 2, Issue 6 is available at: http://www/lions-csfi.org/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v2_i6_en.pdf

CSFII Club Spotlight: Marbella Puerto Banus Cosmopolitan Lions Club members accept plaques as they became Spain's first 100 percent MJF club. In addition, this three-year-old club is also a 200 percent Model Club for CSFII.

What is your Lions club doing to help save sight through CSFII? Send photos and event details by e-mail to csfi@lionsclubs.org.

Thank you

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I would like to thank the Washburn lions for their generous donation and the wonderful pheasant meal on March 5th.

The Bowman Lions Cub is looking for entries for the Bowman Centennial Parade on Wednesday, July 4, 2007. The theme for the parade is "As Time Goes By". Vehicles, old machinery, commercial, music (bands) or Service Clubs. Please respond to Lion President Chris Voegelé, at 701-523-5435 or mail your entry to the Bowman Lions Club, PO Box 604, Bowman, ND 58623.

Letter

All a boooooaarrd!!

PCC GORDON ZIEGLER

The bus is leaving the station for the **2007 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** in Grand Rapids, Mich. and you'll want to be on it!

We'll roll through Fargo, N.D. on Monday, Sept. 3 and return a week later, on Sept. 10. The cost of \$200 U.S. per person will provide Lions and guests with accommodation on the way to the Forum and back (one night each way) plus lunch on each of the 4 days spent driving. PLUS a visit to Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill.

DOUBLE PLUS the company and fellowship all the way there and back of the world's finest people, Lions and their partners. (Registration for the Forum and accommodations at Grand Rapids are up to individuals and not included in this package.)

For more details or to reserve your spots on the bus, call PDG Ron Belke in Saskatoon at 306-373-1911 or rbelkebbq@sasktel.net. Book soon; tickets are going fast!



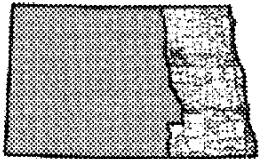
National Eye Donor month

Pictured are the medals the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota sends to each donor's family in honor of their donation.

Notice

Jamie Quackenbush is the new North Dakota Eye Bank representative in Fargo. The office is located at 100 4th St. S., Fargo, on the sixth floor. The phone number is 701.297.8104 and the new e-mail is eyebanknd@qwestoffice.net.

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"We are proud of our association's history and our service to the community. When you give unconditionally, not looking for it to come back to you, it will come back 10-fold," Lions International President Jimmy Ross said. The 1,003 Lions in 34 clubs of District 5NE listened and acted. We have more to do.

• The North Dakota Lions Eye Bank office in Fargo will be staffed two days a week by Sheila Massie of Grand Forks. You can reach her at the Fargo office phone number, 701.297.8104. She has worked as a per diem enucleator for us since 2003 and has worked in Fargo with the Eye Bank. Sheila also worked at Altru as a medical lab technician in the research department. Welcome, Sheila. Lions in Region B can still take boxes and bags of eyeglasses to the Professional Building, 100 4th St. S. In Region A, eyeglass collection boxes are set up in several communities. With our transporters and donators, we're giving, unconditionally.

• Campaign SightFirst II is taking life in our District. If your club has not yet had a program, please let me know immediately. Our District has an opportunity to positively affect the world, unconditionally.

• We need Lions across the state that have or know students at North Dakota

Governor's Report

State University, Jamestown College and the University of North Dakota to contact the Lions working on formation of Campus Clubs. For NDSU and UND contact R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu and at Jamestown College, contact Paulson@

jc.edu so we can have more Lions, serving unconditionally.

"When we seek to discover the best in others, we somehow bring out the best in ourselves."

- William Arthur Ward

Our District Leadership Rally is set for April 14

You already know that, and I expect most of you have it on your calendar. The Rally is for all Lions and has sessions especially prepared for different Lions' needs. Last year's Rally earned kudos from those who attended and this promises to be an even better event. We will also distribute forms for the new District 5NE Proud Lion Program.



Robert Moore

This is our second annual Rally and will again be held at the Valley City Eagles Club. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues through 9:15 a.m. The opening session begins at 9:30 a.m. with International Director Robert Moore from New Jersey presenting the keynote address.

We are fortunate to have Lion Moore with us. He spoke at the South Dakota Lions Convention and I know will bring us information and inspiration. He is a retired high school teacher and a Ph.D. candidate in Modern History and Literature at Drew University. A member of the West Milford Lions Club since 1964, he has held many

offices in the Association. He has also been a moderator at a USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. ID Moore has earned numerous awards. He's also earned numerous professional honors. He and his wife, PDG Elspeth, will be with us for the day.

Morning break-out sessions will run from 10:30 a.m. to noon, focusing on membership growth, running effective meetings while increasing member engagement and keeping up to date with Lions information.

A noon luncheon will be served followed by afternoon breakout sessions beginning at 1p.m. Club secretaries are in for a hands-on program in a computer cluster learning to use the Internet for club records; presidents and club officers will attend sessions on learning the ropes for executive leadership and all attendees can benefit from learning new ways to empower members.

The cost per person is \$10, which includes the luncheon and materials. Additional information is available from Lion Robert Littlefield, 5NE Leadership Chairperson, at 218.790.4346 or r.littlefield@ndsu.edu. Fill out and return the accompanying registration form.

Let's all get together so we can learn more ways to serve, unconditionally.

District 5NE Spring Rally Registration Form

Those attending and club position, if applicable. New members and first time attendees receive something special:

List names
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If more, please add the information.

Number attending _____ x \$10 = _____
Make checks payable to Lions District 5NE.

Mail registration form and checks to Lion Robert Littlefield, Box 5075, Fargo, ND 58105.

For more information, contact Lion Robert at 281.790.4346 or R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu.

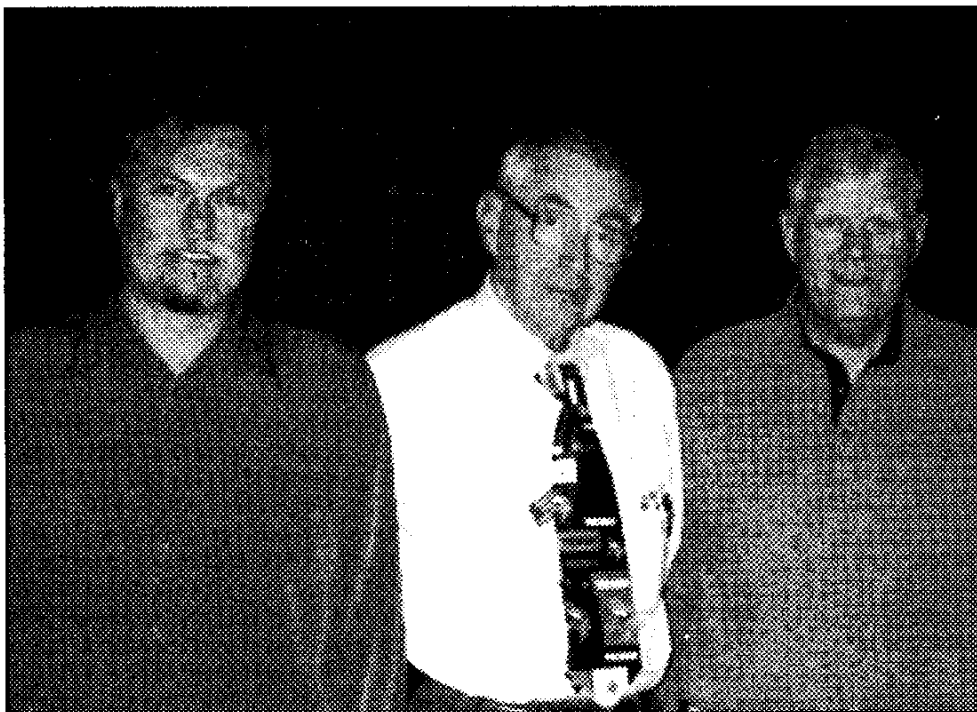
Sheldon



New member

The Sheldon Lions Club welcomed a new member at its annual Sweetheart Dinner. From left to right, Sheldon Lions President Keith Bartholomay, newest member Lion Marie Bartholomay, District Governor Katherine Tweed, who was honored to do the induction, and Sheldon Lion of the Year, Lion Leon Pfingsten. Lion Marie was sponsored by PDG Gerald Sletmoe.

Wishek



New members

Three new members were added to the Wishek Lions Club by sponsor Lion Art Bender. They are, from left, Dr. Alan Lindeman, Dr. Glen Faith and school Superintendent Terry Erholtz.

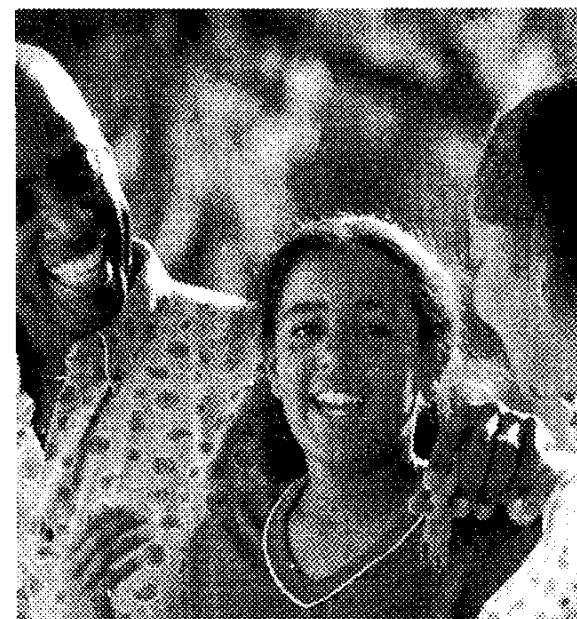


Becoming a Donor

The Power to Change Lives

At the time of your death, your family will be offered the option of donation. Sharing your decision with your family now will help them carry out your wishes later. Many people find some comfort in sharing their choice to donate with loved ones, so that the burden of making a decision will not be placed on family members.

Take a few minutes now to sign the attached donor card, but more importantly, find time to have the vital family conversation about eye and tissue donation. You have the amazing power to turn a loss into a life-renewing opportunity. Your decision to be an eye donor will improve lives, and be a source of lasting consolation to your family.



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Let's be sure the Redfield Band gets to the 90th International Convention in Chicago

By P/D BRUCE SCHWARTZ

Let me take this means of encouraging all Lions clubs in MD-5 to support the 100-piece Redfield High School Band and the Redfield Lions Club in their quest to attend the 90th International Lions Convention in Chicago July 2-6.

If you've ever been in an International parade or even seen one as an observer I'm sure you'll agree that it is a tremendous Lions event. The panorama of colors and cultures from around the world displaying their various local customs including dress, dance and music is an incredible experience for everyone but especially for our young people. The parade is easily the highlight of the convention.

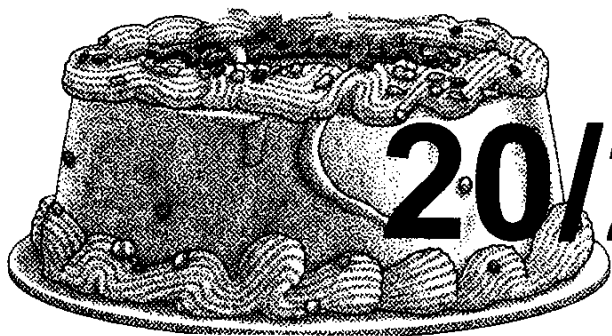
As a leader in your area I'm sure you are very aware that supporting youth activities is high priority. So, please join me/us (my home club has sent a generous donation) in supporting this unique

Redfield youth project. Check out the articles in your state Lions newsletters for more information.

Send donations to:

Joan Marlette, Treasurer
Redfield Lions Club
38486 174th Street
Redfield, SD 57469-2103

Also, CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the Redfield Lions Club, the Redfield schools and the city of Redfield for taking on this huge project for the young people of Redfield, South Dakota. It's called PRIDE, folks!



20/20 a piece of cake

By STEVEN WAGNER

Editor's note: The following appeared in The Forum Feb. 12, 2007, and shows what one Lions Club did to raise funds for sight-related projects. It was submitted by 5NC DG Carla Bender.

Peggy Glen said a little prayer for herself Sunday.

The 48-year-old woman suffers from nearsighted vision and astigmatism, a condition caused by an irregularly shaped cornea or lens. She's worn eyeglasses since the third grade.

Glen hoped to make it to the third annual Take the Cake auction sponsored by the Fargo Lions Club to eat cake and bid on one of two Lasik surgeries donated by Dr. Steven Bagan and Dr. Lance Bergstrom.

But a day filled with errands put her desperately behind schedule. She chose to show up anyway.

One bidder purchased the first Lasik surgery for \$1,500. No one bought the second surgery, valued at \$2,500, and Lions officials decided to try auctioning it again.

I walked in the door three minutes before, said Glen as tears welled in her eyes. I've wanted this for years.

Without drawing attention to herself, Glen walked into the auction and took a seat in the back of the room. She didn't stop for cake or coffee before raising her hand when the bidding started at \$1,100.

Unknowingly, she bid against herself and drove the price up another \$50 to buy the surgery and a cake that came with it.

I'm feeling about 10 years old, said Glen, owner of Body

Kneads Therapeutic Massage in Fargo. I just feel weak to my knees & I just said a prayer on the way here.

Members of the Lions Club, which is dedicated to eliminating sight-related problems worldwide, could tell other heartfelt stories.

Tod Dahle, a Fargo police captain and local chapter vice president, said he transported eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota in Bismarck about two weeks ago. He received a letter telling him the eyes were successfully transplanted to a patient in California.

I would encourage you to be generous and bid high, Dahle said.

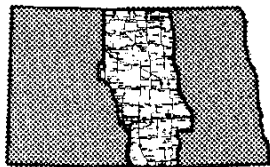
The cake auction, which featured 31 items donated by professional and amateur bakers, generated about \$5,400 for the Lions Club chapter, which donates some of the money to Service Dogs for America, also known as the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation in Jud, N.D.

Mike Goehring, executive director for the nonprofit group, said he places eight to 12 dogs each year with special needs people. He breeds and trains the dogs for specific needs of clients, including those who suffer from seizures.

Two 2-year-old chocolate Labradors, Mercedes and Hudson, joined him at Sundays event. Both dogs will be placed this summer, he said.

The people we work with aren't looking for a handout; they're looking for a hand up, Goehring said. At the end of the day, people's lives are changed in a big, big way.

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Hello District 5NC

In like a Lion, March came complete with Blizzard and our first Grandchild. Naturally, we couldn't be there for the blessed event because of the storm but, our daughter's wonderful in laws were there to give us timely reports. Communication is a wonderful thing! Hopefully, we as Lions Clubs are communicating as well!

President Jimmy Ross has been talking about new clubs that are forming with families. If anyone is interested in that type of a club, please go online and read about this new idea on club formation. I think this would work in some places!

Events to put on your Calendars include:

April 14, 2007 5NC
 Lions Leadership Conference in Bismarck - \$10

This includes Lunch. Officer Training Available

Great Speakers – including Len Quinn from Leader Dog

April 15, 2007 Elections should be done and names and addresses should be in to International and the DG. PU101 form.

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This form can be done online.

May 5, 2007 5NC Cabinet Meeting in Bismarck

May 5 & 6, 2007 Great Plains Assistance Dogs Work Days

May 19, 2007 5NC Tree Planting in Coleharbor, ND – Lunch will be Provided. Trees will be donated. Volunteers, Equipment, and money needed.

This was a disaster in our area and we are helping!

June 7-9, 2007 MD5 Convention in Regina, SK

July 1, 2007 District Governor Elect Brian becomes District Governor

July 2-6, 2007 International Convention in Chicago, IL

Reports and Dues

Please pay your dues to International and the District. Please send your reports in on time. You must send the membership report in every month even if things don't change. This report affects your dues amounts, magazines and awards that your club may apply for. Secretaries, make sure you send in dropped members and new member names and addresses to the ND Lion Magazine. Ask if all members are receiving their ND Lion. A Huge Thank You to those who are doing these things!

New Members Reported since Last Month include:

Bismarck Lions- Oscar Blaskowski, Leo Callahan, Renee Ruter, & Bernice Palmer.

Capital City Lions- Steven Gerhardt

Harvey Lions- Rogert Skiftun

Hazleton Lions- Tim Schiermeister & Mike Maples

Robinson Lions- Betty Randall

Washburn Lions- Donald & Susan Winter

Wilton Lions- Richard Hausauer
 Wing Lions- Perry Ptacek, Trent Stein, Davin Liuska, & Craig Kleven

Zeeland Lions- Ronald Engelhart
 Let's give these Lions and their Clubs a Huge Lions Roar of Appreciation.

We have had some terrible weather this winter, I noticed that some clubs weren't able to meet because of the weather. I would suggest that you pick a new day and have a get together just to celebrate the fact that you can meet! Make every get together special! It is good to see fellow Lions just because you can! You will want to especially check on those members who haven't been attending regularly! Zone Chairs should be either done with their third meeting or it should be planned by now! Remember to find a Zone Chair for next year which starts July 1, 2007.

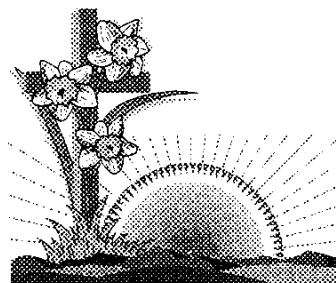
Our International President would like to have the goal of \$90 Million for Campaign Sight First II met by July 1, 2007. If your club is planning on a Melvin Jones presentation, remember you can donate \$1000 towards Campaign Sight First II and present a MJ this year. We can let you know how much you have in your MJ accounts at this time.

My Visitation Schedule:

March 12 – Goodrich Lions Club
 March 20 – St. Mary's Leos Club
 March 30 and 31 – MD5 Cabinet Meeting in Minot

April 9 – Leeds Lions Club
 June 14 – Fredonia Lions Club
 Spring is in the Air - let's put a Spring in our Step for Lionism!

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.

Turtle Lake (former member) – Jack Jensen
 Fargo – Norbert Hammes Schmidt
 Hazleton – James Hurkes
 Streeter – Art Dockter
 Devils Lake – Clarence Laber
 Bismarck – Robert Randall

Leeds – Erling Axness
 Mandan – Lester "Micky" Logan
 Mandan – Nobel Hinkel
 Alexander – Albert Ley
 Beach – Randal T. Thompson

Hooterville



Coming to a club near you

The Hooterville Flion Lions have put together a visitation program utilizing a huge stuffed Bear. With it is a book of instructions to keep him groomed and the guidelines for moving him from club to club. There is a \$5 a-day charge for each day your club keeps the bear before visiting another club. Proceeds from this Visitation Fundraiser are designated to go to the ND Lions Foundation. Starting the Visitation Bear on his way, seven Hooterville Lions took him to the Minot Lions. Minot Lion's President Brad Bergman is accepting the Visitation Bear from PDG Tony Alef, Hooterville Flion Lions. Watch for the Bear & keep him visiting.

Being you asked

By Dr. TAE-SUP LEE
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

Most commonly asked questions about Campaign SightFirst II

Can MJFs be designated to CSFII?

Yes, all MJFs and payments toward MJFs are CSFII eligible.

How can I be ensured my MJF is designated to CSFII?

Simply check the box on the RC form that your CSFII donation be applied toward an MJF and also indicate this in the "Special Instructions" portion of the MJF application.

Do I need to send my entire MJF contribution at one time?

No. MJF contributions can be made as one-time payment or in several installments.

Bismarck



Sweetheart dinner

Pictured are spouses and 5NC DG Carla with Lion Harriet Klein who received a Melvin Jones Award.



Palmer honored

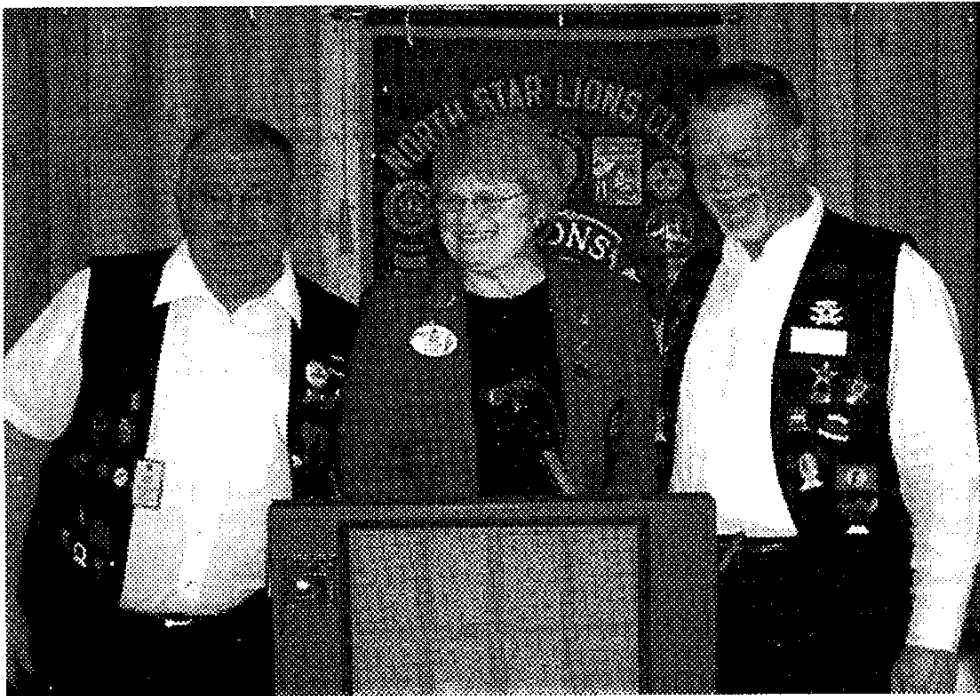
Pictured, from left, PID Bruce Schwartz, Bernice Palmer, Lion Richard Palmer, and DG Carla. Melvin Jones Presentation at the Bismarck Lions Club Sweetheart Dinner.



Porter honored

Pictured are President Jim Porter (Wilton Lions Club) sponsor of new member Richard Hausauer with DG Carla at the Sweetheart Dinner and Induction.

North Star



Campus club patch

Pictured is DG Carla who presents the North Star Lions Club with a Sponsoring Campus Club Patch at the Feb. meeting. On the left is Lion PDG Garry Freier who also received a pin for his work in starting the club and on the right is President John Power.

Wilton



Valentine honor

President Jim Porter, left, presenting Lion Secretary Oliver Dewald with a Secretary Award. (Wilton Lions Club) at the Valentine's Dinner in February.

University of Mary



Officers installed

On Feb. 19, District Governor Carla Bender visited the new University of Mary Lions Club and installed their officers. The officers and their home towns are as follows, from left to right, disregarding rows: District Governor Carla Bender, Secretary Sarah Hatzenbuehler (Bismarck), Treasurer Danielle Kelly (Mandan), Vice President Rachel Stumpf (Mandan), Membership Chair Adrienne Nelson (New York Mills, MN), President Thomas Hatzenbuehler (Bismarck), Director Terra Hammel (Bismarck), Director Justene Dahl (Williston), Faculty Advisor Lynn Geary, Director Amber Wahl (Bismarck), Twister Derek Weigand (Bismarck), Director Kelly Horvey (Ralph, SD), and Tamer Andy Kadlec (Bismarck).

5NC leadership conference agenda finalized

By JEANNE SELBY,
5NC Publicity Co-chair

Less than a month away, the third annual District 5NC "Spring into Action" leadership conference agenda is now finalized and promises numerous worthwhile seminars and dynamic presenters.

Highlighting the one-day conference are Wisconsin Lion Leonard Quinn, assistance dog recipient Sandra Sherlock of Drake, ND, Ann Reich of the North Dakota Bankers Association, and Wayne Maruska of the University of Mary in Bismarck.

Wisconsin Lion Leonard Quinn, accompanied by his Leader Dog Mikey, will open the 9:15 a.m. general session, sharing his personal story of losing his sight in 1994 and receiving a leader dog in 2001.

Sandra Sherlock, a vocal and instrumental music instructor for students in K-12 at TGU Towner School (a consolidated school district near Minot, ND), will talk about "What it means to have an assistance dog."

Ann Reich, Director of Member Relations & NDBA Services for the North Dakota Bankers Association, will provide an interactive leadership presentation, "Contagious Leadership." Conference participants attending Reich's session will learn how

to create additional leaders through fostering collaboration and recognizing individual member contributions.

Wayne Maruska, a member of the (Bismarck) Ridin' Lions and an Adult Learner Counselor for the School of Accelerated & Distance Education at the University of Mary, will be the noon luncheon speaker. The topic of his presentation will be "Reflections on Leadership."

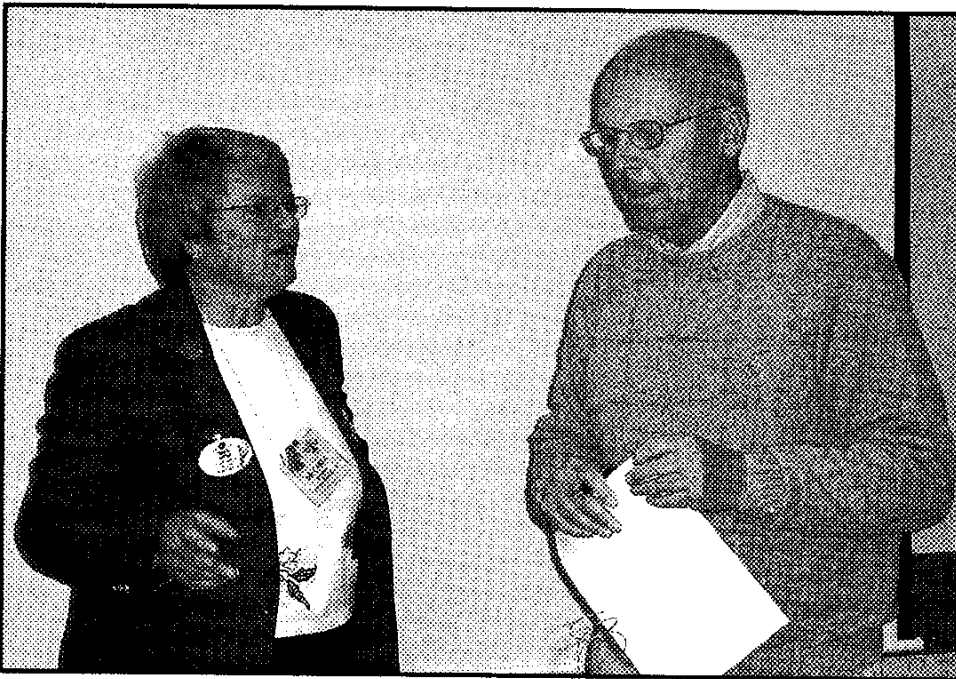
Other conference seminars and presenters include another presentation on leadership, "Being a Purple Cow," given by DGE Brian Tinker of the McClusky Lions; club fundraising, given by Judy Beaudry of the Washburn Lions; Robert's Rules of Order, presented by Allen Dockter of the Capital City Lions; Vision USA by Ross Espeseth of the Bismarck Lions; membership, given by PDG Chris Helgeson of the Sawyer Lions; member retention and orientation, given by James Selby of the (Bismarck) North Star Lions, extension and campus clubs, given by PDG Garry Freier of the North Star Lions, University of Mary Lions and Club President Thomas Hatzenbuehler; an overview of leadership positions, jointly presented by PDG Marian Johnson of the (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions and DGE Brian Tinker; SightFirst II, given by PDG Brach Johnson of the North Star Lions; computers in club management, lead by Michele Renner of the Prairie Rose Lions and James Bumann of the North Star Lions; and improving public relations, given by Allan Tinker of the McClusky Lions.

The 2007 Leadership Conference will be held Saturday, April 14, at the Ramkota Hotel in south Bismarck, with registration from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., and the opening general session to start at 9:15 a.m.

The cost per person is \$10.00 (which includes the noon luncheon) in advance, as well as at the door.

Leadership Conference Committee Chair PDG Don Stoltz encourages all conference participants to wear their club vests or other club "uniforms."

Conference registration forms and additional information are available from club presidents and secretaries, in the February 2007 issue of the *North Dakota Lion*, or by contacting PDG Stoltz at 701-258-6883 or e-mail destoltz@bis.midco.net.



Lions respond

District 5NC Governor Carla Bender and 5NC Leadership Conference Committee Chair PDG Don Stoltz respond to questions at a recent Zone 2A meeting, following Stoltz' invitation to Zone 2A Lions to attend the third annual 5NC "Spring into Action" leadership conference, slated for April 14 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck.

Lions MD5 Convention

Regina 2007

By Lion AL COOK
MD5 convention chairman

The 2007 MD-5 Convention June 7, 8 and 9 in Regina will be an exciting time for Lions. Lions from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan will be in attendance. The convention Headquarters is the Regina Travelodge on South Albert Street. They can be contacted at 1 - (306) 586-3443; e-mail: reginatravelodge@sasktel.net

The International Director who will address the Convention will be ID Lion Terry Graham from Newcastle Ontario.

Have you sent in Your registration and booked your room? If not, why not? What are you waiting for? It's always better to stay at the Convention Hotel but if you wait too long it will be filled and you will be forced to stay elsewhere.

When you're in our beautiful city be sure to tour the University of Regina and the First Nations University of Canada. The faculty of kinesiology where most university sports are played is a must. As part of the Cities down town revitalization, the Victoria Park playground was upgraded with a new accessible play structure in partnership with the Lions of Regina. If you like to exercise visit the Fieldhouse and on return go past Taylor Field, home of the Saskatchewan Roughriders. For those who like to gamble, visit Casino Regina, one of the finest Casinos in Western Canada. On your way back drive through Wascana Park, you won't be sorry. On Friday night after the fish fry, you will have the opportunity to see the new 40 million RCMP Heritage Centre and Museum. These are just a few of the places you could visit when you're in Regina.

The 2007 MD5 Convention will be a time of fun and fellowship. There will be golf, entertainment and many educational seminars. One seminar will include the former chief pilot with Canada's precision flight demonstration team, "The Snowbirds."

Come out and renew old friendships and enjoy Regina's brand of fun, fellowship and hospitality.

Family membership has good start

By JIMMY ROSS
International president

Dear club officer,

I am very pleased to tell you that our new Family Membership Program is off to an excellent start. In the month of January alone 42 new family-oriented clubs have been chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members). In existing clubs, materials on integrating family members into the dues structure are in high demand and international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for participation in the January inaugural kick-off activities.

To keep this trend going and to cement our new members' commitment to the spirit of Lions Clubs International it is imperative that clubs participating in the family initiative plan for family involvement and family-oriented service projects. Family projects should include "hands-on" activities for children, allow families to work together and make use of the talents and skills of members at all stages of life. These fun and engaging projects can also help to invigorate existing members, many of whom report that they enjoy the time they spend with young adults and children. For ideas on family-friendly service projects and events, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/family_ideas.pdf

Please also continue to strengthen your club by inviting new members - you may not have to look far for them. Surely there are family members who have become familiar faces by participating in Lions' events just to lend an extra hand. Some may have participated in meetings as guests. These individuals are prime candidates to become full Lions Club members.

I'm sure you have heard of a "win-win" situation in which everybody benefits. Integrating family members into your club is even better - it's "win-win-win."

New members benefit by gaining a formal role in the governance of the club and our association. Their service, which many have gladly given informally and even anonymously, will become eligible for the recognition it truly deserves. And perhaps most important, they will share in the pride of being a Lion.

Your club will gain not only additional hands and minds devoted to service projects, but also increased representation at district conventions. The additional contacts your new members have in the community will expand your networking

resources and make it easier for your club to get things done.

Finally - and this is at the heart of why we all became Lions - your community wins today because your club will be able to provide more and better service, and in the future because your club will remain a strong force in your region, providing service for generations to come. For complete information of the Family Membership Program see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family.shtml and be sure to view the Family Membership report in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online video magazine <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lqn/lq.html>

One way in which your club can enjoy the benefits of family members without interrupting ongoing activities is by the establishment of club branches. Please consider extending full Lions Club

membership to Lionesses, "graduating" Leos, and other special groups by creating club branches. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_branch.shtml

Many clubs will use Worldwide Induction Day on April 21 to showcase their new members and show prospective members what it means to be a Lion. http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_wwday.shtml

This is an excellent opportunity to contact local media outlets and provide them with a public service announcement that will tell the story of Lions Clubs International and your club. For more information about how to place a public service announcement please see http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/resources_pr_psa.shtml

Thank you for all you do to serve your club and your community.

Family certification deadline nears

The next deadline for qualifying existing club members (for Lions inducted prior to December 1, 2006) who are not already a part of a certified family unit, to be certified for the family dues rate is May 31, 2007. Those members will begin receiving the family membership dues rate as of July 1, 2007. Certification will be ongoing but the family membership dues rate for existing members will not take effect until the next semi-annual dues invoice is issued.

New Family Lions: New family members entered in the approved process

receive the benefit immediately. For more information on the process please visit http://www3.lionsclubs.org/docs/family_unit_instructions_EN.pdf

Family Unit Reports Online

Reports on family membership for clubs and districts are now available online. Go to the reports section of WMMR Web site and select CLUB FAMILY UNIT REPORT. The names of each family unit and its individual members will be provided.

PDG's to meet in Minot

The Past District Governors of Multi District 5 will gather in Minot at the Vegas Inn April 27-28.

Friday the 27th, activities will begin with a social hour at 6 p.m. A dinner will follow at 6:30 and the meeting will get underway at 7:15.

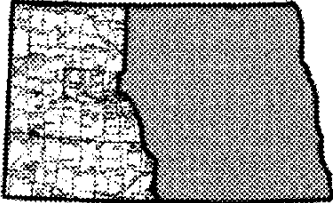

Saturday, April 28th, will begin with a breakfast at 8 a.m. The meeting will follow at 9 a.m.

The meeting is open to district governors and vice district governors.

"We Serve"

Lions enjoy the deep satisfaction that comes from helping others!

5NW



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Greetings to all Lions and Leos of District 5NW:

Congratulations to all you Lions, men and women, for the work you do every day to help others. It is just great to have club secretaries who send their Monthly Membership Reports and their Monthly Activity Reports on time. Nearly 100% of your secretaries are doing this. Please, fellow Lions, compliment them for me when you see them.

We're nearing the time of year for each club to elect officers for 2007-2008 and then send me the completed PU-101 form. There are times when Lions members show concern because the Directory of North Dakota Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs are not ready and in our hands by July 1 of the given year. There is no way to complete the directories until each of us have sent in the PU-101 form. Please elect your officers and send in this completed form by the end of March and directory publication will go much more quickly.

Both the Lions International dues and the 5NW dues were sent your way in early January, 2007. I encourage every club to pay these dues by the end of March, 2007 or earlier. In July, 2006 the LCIF Board of Directors approved a new policy which

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goes into effect on July 1, 2007, that affects clubs that fail to pay their club balances on time. Basically, a club which has an unpaid balance in excess of \$20 per member or \$1000 per club outstanding past 150 days will be suspended including the charter, rights, privileges, and obligations of the Lions Club for a period not to exceed 90 days. The complete policy change is written on page 3 of the February, 2007 ND Lion. I ask us to be aware of this change in policy so none of our clubs allow this new policy to be tested in District 5NW.

The ND Lions Eye Bank, Leader Dog, LCIF, CSFII, and the ND Lions Foundation are really worthwhile parts of our Lions organization. I encourage each of our clubs to support these efforts where ever we can. Each of us have a need to continue to help others in order to help ourselves grow.

Has your club studied the new Family Dues Amendment that went into effect on January 1, 2007? Any club that has a husband and wife team as members of the same club can pay full international dues for one and half of these dues for the other. There are more details and additional information about this in the December, 2006 LCI Lion publication. This is a great way to increase membership and to bring families together to do the activities of Lions Clubs.

We have some really exciting news in District 5NW. Because of the work of our Extension Chair, PDG Russell Doe, we have a new club in Hettinger, ND and on March

23, 2007 this new club will be chartered. Twenty-nine new Lions will become Charter Members on this day. Please mark your calendar and plan to come to Hettinger to take part in this special event. Bowman Lions Club is the sponsoring club and PDGs Russell Doe and Chuck Whitney are the Guiding Lions for our newest 5NW Lions Club. Please welcome them!

Some special dates and happenings are listed below:

March 23 – Hettinger Lions Charter Night

March 30-31 – MD5 Council of Governors in Minot, ND

April 14 – 5NW Spring Leadership Rally in Watford City, ND

May 5 – 5NW Cabinet Meeting in Hazen, ND

May 5 and 6 – Great Plains Assistance Dog Weekend in Jud, ND

May 12 – Elgin Lions Club 50 Year Celebration

June 7, 8, and 9 – MD5 Convention in Regina, Saskatchewan

July 1 – District Governor Jan Froemming takes the reigns for 5NW

July 2-6 – Lions International Convention in Chicago 90th. Anniversary

July 21 – Zone 1A Lions Highway Rest Stop Project West of New Salem/East of Glen Ullin

The registration form for the Spring Leadership Rally at Watford City is below:

Sixth Annual 5NW Spring Leadership Rally
Saturday, April 14, 2007—9:00 a.m.
Outlaws' Bar and Grill, Watford City, ND 58854

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Club Affiliation</u>
1 _____		
2 _____		
3 _____		
4 _____		

You may register at the door, but registering early will assist with proper count for meal preparation. Please complete and mail this to:
Lion Denise Grantier, 2124
127th. Ave. NW, Watford City, ND 58854
Questions: Please contact DG Herman A. Schafer at 701-471-2528
Or hsgr25+1@riverjordan.com
Thank you for all you do, fellow Lions!



NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME



SELECTION GUIDE

DESCRIPTION (On separate sheets, list office and year as requested)

SECTION A

1. Each year Active, Privileged or Member at Large Lion.
2. Each year Club Office of President, Secretary and/or Treasurer.
3. Each year Club Board Member (Not President, Secretary or Treasurer).
4. Each year Club Committee Chairperson.
5. Each year Program Presenter at Club, District, State and Multiple.
6. Each year Zone or Region Chairperson.
7. Each year Vice District Governor or Deputy District Governor.
8. Each year District Governor or Lions International Officer.
9. Each year District Cabinet Member.
10. Each year District Cabinet Secretary or Treasurer.
- ii. Each year Lions Function Chairperson.
12. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member.
13. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary or Treasurer.
14. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President.
15. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Member.
16. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary or Treasurer.
17. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President.
18. Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairperson.
19. Each year Multiple District 5 Committee Chairperson.
20. District Rally Attended (List Year and City).
21. State Conventions Attended (List Year and City).
22. Multiple District Conventions Attended (List Year and City).
23. Lions International Conventions Attended (List Year and City).
24. U.S.A./CANADA Forums Attended (List Year and City).
25. MELVIN JONES FELLOW (List Year).
26. 100% District Governor Award.
27. Club President Excellence Award.
28. 100% Club Secretary Award.
29. Foreign Exchange Student(s) Host (List Year, Name and Country).

SECTION B

1. Each Sponsored New Lion Member.
(Must include Lions International Printout)
2. Guiding Lion (List Year(s) and Club(s).
3. Extension Award(s).
4. Club, District and Lions International Award(s).

SECTION C

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

SECTION D

Nominee Certification: I certify that the information I have provided is a true and accurate account taken from personal and official records.

NAME: _____ (PRINT or TYPE) DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ (DAY) _____ (EVENING)

SIGNATURE: _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION: We certify that the information we have provided is a true and accurate account taken from Club and other records.

PRESIDENT: _____ CLUB: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

SECRETARY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

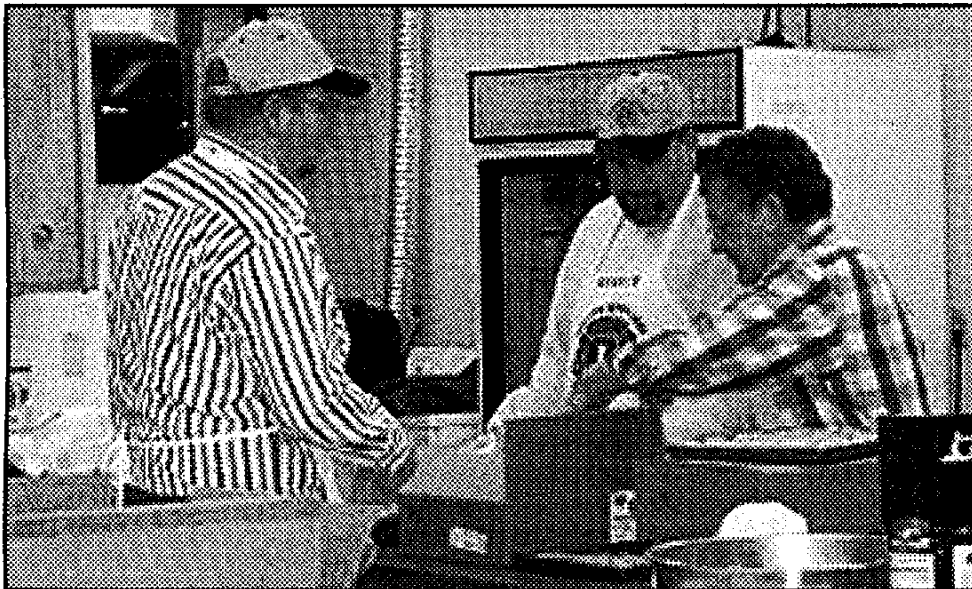
This nomination form must be signed by the Nominee, Club President and Club Secretary along with the information provided for Sections A, B, C and mailed to the North Dakota Past District Governors Association Sec/Tres. Include a 4 X 5 or smaller B/W recent photograph. Nominations must be postmarked by May 26, 2007

MAIL TO: Duane Reinhardt, PDG
ND PDG Assoc, Sec/Tres
1824 Cottontail Dr
Beulah, ND 58523

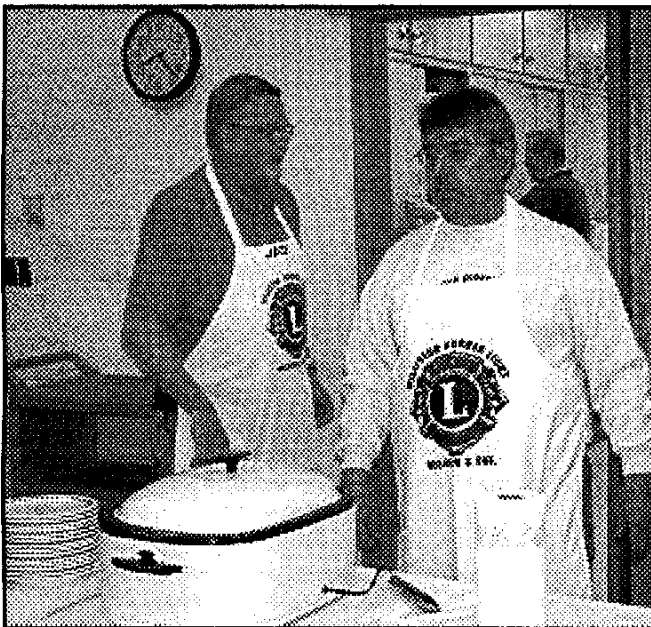
5NW Zone 3A

Williston pancake breakfast

February 4th saw the annual 5NW, Zone 3A pancake and sausage breakfast held in Williston. Funds raised go to support Diabetes and Vision Projects. This year's event was the most successful to date. The amount raised from ticket sales and donations exceeded \$2,500 and that amount is generously matched by Thrivent. The workers for the event came from Williston Lions, Williston Korner Lions and the Leos.

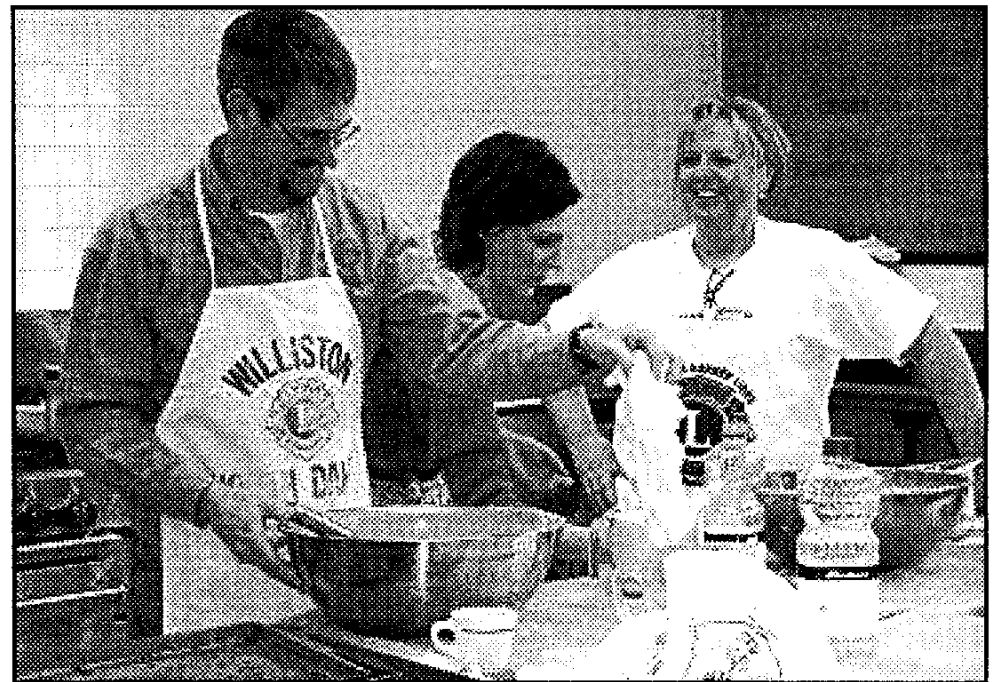


Williston Korner Lions Chet Hill and Stevie Browe, along with Williston Lion Larry Gaudreau working in the kitchen.



Williston Korner Lions, Jack Colby and Pat Allard, are ready to serve the pancakes and sausages.

Williston Lions, James Bervig, Chris Kittleson and Tom Newbauer prepare the tables.



Williston Lions Chris Kemp, Wendy Schmaltz and Williston Korner Lion Jean Lindvig shown preparing the pancakes. *Info and pictures from Lion Val Trotter.*

Williston Korner



Lions increase in numbers

The Williston Korner Lions recently welcomed 3 new members. Lion Becky Rhodes was inducted into the Williston Korner Lions in January. In February, Lions Ronnie Gravgaard and Jason Haselhost were inducted into the club. Photo at top, new Lion Becky Rhodes poses with her sponsor, Lion Lois Reiersen. Photo at bottom, sponsoring Lion Lois Reiersen, new Lion Ronnie Gravgaard, new Lions Jason Haselhost and sponsoring Lion Marvin Baarstad. *Info and pictures by Lion Val Trotter.*

Minot Lions Eyeglass Recycling Report

Eyeglasses received and
In process since 1998:
442,000
Eyeglasses in system:
78,000

Eyeglasses received:

Glenburn Lions

Minot Lions

Hooterville Lions

Super Walmart Minot

Ready to ship 3,800
Going to Hungary with Dan Long
from Bismarck/Mandan

*Sorry if I missed anyone,
glasses show up at my door without
Club names on them!*

For more information, call
Terry Narum, 5101 14th St
SW, Minot ND 58701
701-838-7387(h)
1809 S Broadway, Minot ND
58701701-857-6018 (w)

Dickinson



Lion Betty and Paul Heidt sign up regular and new donors as Lion Ole Sandvick looks on. Inset photo, donors giving blood during the drive.

Dickinson Lions sponsors heart drive

The Dickinson Lions Club sponsors the local blood drive each February -- "Heart Month." Lion Lucy Kostecky, chairman for the club's blood drive, states Blood Services have been experiencing a shortfall in donors.

Only about 5 percent of the 60 percent eligible donors actually donate blood. If everyone eligible donated just once per year there would be no shortfall or if the existing donors donated one more time each year the shortfall would become

non-existent.

Many don't donate because of fear, but if one of our family members was to need blood we would pray more people could conquer their fears and donate. One unit of blood could help save three lives.

There are as many as nine tests given to each unit of blood donated to help make sure that the blood received by somebody else is safe. Give some thought to joining the ranks that give the gift of life by becoming a donor.

Taylor

Lions Club donates

The Taylor Lions Club donated \$2,000 to the Richardton Swimming Pool for repairs. The project is called "Save the Pool." Pictured taking part in the presentation were, from left, Secretary Paul Larson, Rendi Olsen, Ann Vaagen, Treasurer Kevin Myran and President James Breum.

