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Visually impaired, blind share ally

By KATHERINE TWEED

District 5NE governor

North Dakota Lions have an ally in our desire to help the visually impaired and the blind, North Dakota Vision Services, more often referred to as the School for the Blind, in Grand Forks. NDVS provides regionalized outreach services and on site programming to people of all ages – infants and their families, students and adults. They also provide information about services and products that can help in maintaining independence.

Independence is something North Dakotans are known for – and Lions can help. Lion Carmen Suminiski of the Grand Forks Lions Club is the superintendent of NDVS. She notes Helen Keller's plea in 1925 to Lions: "Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?" North Dakotans were already on board, establishing that first School for the Blind in Bathgate, N.D., in 1908.

Suminski reinforces NDVS commitment to continuing work with Lions across the state. Again, she reminds of us Keller's important words: "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Too often, the visually impaired and blind move to the bottom of the economic and social ladder. Part of the work at NDVS is to help people cope, with dignity and vision, with the change in their lives and the lives of their families and friends.

NDVS provides leadership and highly specialized, vision specific services. Among those services is the Vision Resource Center. Materials, obtained through federal, state and grant funding sources, offer both professional and practical information. Materials in non-standard formats, education in information literacy and support for people as they seek freedom of access to



N.D. students with Paul Olson, staff member with ND Vision Services/School for the Blind, receiving instruction on money identification.

information are provided.

Periodicals in standard, large print, Braille and audio formats; back copies of professional and vision advocacy journals; descriptive videos; toy lending library; assessments collection for vision professionals; textbooks and adaptive aids are all circulated

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Students from N.D. enjoying swimming

Make your plans now:

State convention 2007

Are you ready for the 2007 State Lions Convention in Jamestown? Got your registration form into the committee? Have you reserved your room?

The committee is busy making final preparations for the State Convention Oct. 27-28. So if you have not registered for the convention as of now, take care of this as soon as possible. Remember you save money for registering before May 1st. (\$55)

After May 1st, the fee will be \$70. You also have more chances to win the 24k Gold Buffalo Coin by registering early.

The registration form is located in the back of this North Dakota Lions magazine.

Inside International

By PD BRUCE SCHWARTZ International President



Campaign SightFirst II - the overall picture

MORE THAN \$90 MILLION BY OUR 90th ANNIVERSARY! LCI President Jimmy Ross has challenged Lions around the world to raise \$90,000,000 by the time of our 90th anniversary, which will be celebrated during the International Convention July. To date about \$76,000,000 has been reported toward our minimum goal of \$150,000,000. And, if all goes according to planned projections, \$90 million by July will put us in a good position to meet our challenge goal of \$200,000,000 by June 30, 2008, which is the end of the campaign.

IS YOUR CLUB A MODEL CLUB YET? A CSFII Model Club is one that has agreed to commit a minimum of \$400 per member to be paid over a three to five-year period. North and South Dakota (Sector D in the CSFII setup for our area) have done well in establishing Model Clubs. Here's the Model Club

list with pledged amounts:

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SOUTH DAKOTA 00) Sioux Falls Downtown (\$64,000)

Bismarck Capitol City (\$16,000) Bismarck (\$22,000)

Mitchell Palace City (\$5,200)

Bismarck North Star (\$20,000)

Parkston (\$8,400)

Fargo (\$26,000)

Aberdeen (\$24,000)

Mandan (\$16,000)

Corsica (\$6,400)

New Salem (\$13,600) Hazen (\$12,000) Hill City (\$16,800) Rapid City Rushmore (\$30,000)

Elgin (\$24,000)

Rapid City Downtown (\$20,000)

Stanley (\$14,000)

It is a very prestigious honor to be a CSFII Model Club. Of the 46,000 Lions clubs in the world only about 1650 of them are CSFII Model Clubs. We have several clubs in North and South Dakota that have Model Club capability but have not committed. Why not get on board. It will be good for your club and good for Lions.

BUILD CLUB MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIPS THROUGH CSFII. The funds raised by the Model Clubs in North and South Dakota as shown above total \$338,400. That amount will generate 338 Melvin Jones Fellowships!

Through CSFII, MJF's are not only LCIF's highest honor to humanitarian service, they ARE humanitarian service. Here's what one MJF for CSFII can provide: Cataract surgeries for 50 individuals Low-vision assistance technology to four individuals Establish sustainable eye care for 800 people

So, if your club hasn't already done so, join the CSFII Model Club bandwagon. Contact your CSFII coordinator in your district or zone if you're not sure how to proceed. They are all listed in your state Lions directories.

The funnies:

Sign on a repair shop door: WE CAN REPAIR ANYTHING (Please knock on the door – The bell doesn't work).

Note seen during a conference: FOR ANYONE WHO HAS CHILDREN AND DOESN'T KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY CARE ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?

Campaign SightFirst II news

Clubs increasing their CSFII commitments: http://www.lions-csfii.or/live/content/pdfs/club_news_v2_i7_en.pdf. On February 26, 2007, CSFII leaders revealed new information about Campaign SightFirst II fund-raising progress and potential of Lions clubs around the world. Clubs have actually raised US\$81.5 million for CSFII, significantly more than the US\$72 million that has been officially received and processed to date by LCIF. Through SightFirst, we are fighting blindness and changing the world.

This March: Report and mail all funds raised for CSFII to Lions Clubs International Foundation. You and your club's donation today inspires another Lion to give tomorrow. Become a Model Club before the 2007 International Convention-less than four months away!

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President's Letter

JIMMY V. ROSS International President Lions Clubs International



Take advantage of the Lions Web site

Dear club president,

This year Lions Clubs International will celebrate several significant anniversaries including the 90th anniversary of our founding. These celebrations will remind us that we must never lose sight of our most treasured traditions and must always hold fast to the ancient values, which we hold dear.

But when it comes to the way we conduct our business, it is equally important that the association stay as up-to-date as possible. In 2007, that means using the Internet and on-line resources to their best advantage.

The number of clubs using the Lions Clubs International Web site to file Monthly Membership Reports has been increasing steadily. This year, we will be taking that one step further by making information previously provided in printed Club President and Club Secretary Kits available in the Club Resource Section of the association Web site. The only printed items we will be providing this year to all Lions clubs are the C-3 Membership Cards. Preprinted Monthly Membership Reports with LCI address labels will be sent only to those clubs who are not filing their forms online.

I have reviewed the Club Resource Section and am happy to tell you that it could not be easier to use. The team at international headquarters has done an outstanding job in making the section clear, concise and intuitive. It requires no special computer skills; even the most inexperienced Internet novice will be able to navigate the site with ease.

Making this information available online will not only conserve natural resources, but will allow club officers easier, faster access to more relevant information than ever before. Of course, not every club has easy access to the Internet, so a printed version of a combined Club Officers Kit will be available to clubs that request them. Requests for the Club Officers Kit should be directed to the English Language Department at international headquarters – e-mail:english_language@lionsclubs.org, fax 630-571-1693 or phone 630-571-5466 x 654.

I invite you to visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/ resources_clubs.shtml to see for yourself how much information is available at the site and how easy it is to use.

Involve the family

Children are our future; there is no doubt about it. But with more and more Lions Clubs adopting a family-friendly format, children are becoming an important part of our present! We should do all we can to educate these children about Lions Clubs International and what it means to be a Lion. What better way to do

Did you know?

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

that than by engaging their imaginations with a coloring book?

"The Pride of Lions -- a Kid's Guide to Lions Clubs," now available from the Club Supplies Division, is an exciting new recruitment and membership tool. Scenes in the book depict Lions bringing food to and companionship to those in need, building community projects and taking part in other service activities -- all with a friendly lion character overseeing the work. "The Pride of Lions" coloring book is approximately 18 inches by 23 inches and contains more than 30 pages of activities.

The books can be distributed at community events, presented to prospective members with young children and given to those children who already are part of your Lions Club family.

Order yours today and give your littlest future Lions a gift they will remember for the rest of their lives. For more information and to order call (800) 710-7822 or order online at http://www2.lionsclubs.org/LionsclubsSuppliesStore

As always, thank you for your service to your club and your community.

New payment rules coming July 1

A reminder:

Effective July 1 clubs with past due balances beyond 150 days, equal to as little as one per-capita, could cause the club to be placed on automatic suspension and automatic cancellation within 90 days.

Protect your club's good status by continuing to send payments on time. Currently, some clubs could be in jeopardy of becoming inactive if past due balances are left unpaid as follows ...

Balances unpaid beyond US\$1,000 and over 90 days, could be placed on status quo, unless payments are received between now and June 30. Second semester 2006 per-capita must be paid prior to May 31. This is necessary in order to maintain a good status.

Protect your active status by sending payments on a timely basis. If you have any questions about your clubs payment status please contact Lions Clubs International at districtadministration@lionsclubs.org or treasurer@lionsclubs.org. They will be happy to assist you.

CSFII - by the numbers

US \$72 million raised by Lions to save sight.

An additional US \$10.5 million raised by clubs, but not yet submitted to LCIF

1,650 Model Clubs

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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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Tusen takk.

In Norwegian, a thousand thanks is a big-time way to say thank you. The work you're doing, the fun you're having and the service you're giving to your communities, District 5NE and the world multiply thousands of times.

Lions Speak

For the first time in decades, our District has dropped to 999 members in our 34 clubs. Our District has the most population of the three Districts in North Dakota and great Lions. So what's the problem? Club members offer suggestions about Lions' growth and they have good ideas. A few of those ideas include:

- If club attendance drops below 60 percent, start a call committee. Reminders and offers of transportation can make a big difference.
- Be sure everyone is involved. Don't wait for people to volunteer for a committee.
 Ask them specifically.
- Invite people to join. Be happy about what you're doing in Lions and be a magnet for your club. When you're sold on Lions, your enthusiasm brings new Lions.
 - · Encourage input people support

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ideas they feel good about.

- Have fun at meetings and encourage social activities with families.
- Read the North Dakota Lion and Lions International magazine. It helps us stay in touch with the world.
- Use the Lions Club International Website, www.lionsclubs.org, for ideas and inspiration.
- Ask for help. The District Governor and Cabinet exist to serve the clubs. (OK – this one is mine but I really mean it.)

Thank you, Lions, for sharing your ideas about growth and development.

Way to go!

At the March Davenport Lions Club meeting a wonderful thing happened. The club grew - big time. Seven new members were inducted. That gives the club eight new members this year! While the most gleeful person there couldn't join, he's only eight-months-old, the veteran and new members are working together for Davenport's 125th celebration and planning a great steak fry at Great Plains Assistance Dogs spring fix-up day May Club president Lion Dan Albright and others have worked hard for the club and their vigor shows. Good for Davenport – all our Lions clubs really make a difference in the quality of life in our towns.

The Enderlin Lions Club now has a cargo trailer, courtesy of its president, Lion Mike Lemna, to carry the circus tent to venues. The tent, with chairs provided, is 40x110 feet at its largest or it can be divided. The Enderlin Lions will deliver, set up and take down. Rent a tent for events, graduations, weddings or picnics by calling either Lion Jerry Carlson, 701-437-3224 or Andrew Peterson, 701-437-2408.

The Oakes Lions Club continues with many projects, among them the local hospital. This club is looking ahead to health needs for the area and how to keep people from having to travel great distances for treatments such as dialysis.

The LaMoure Lions signed an agreement with the Harlem Ambassadors for a basketball game, Oct. 10. Mark your calendar now for a great night of fun in LaMoure.

The Sheldon Lions Club is the newest sign-on to participate in Campaign SightFirst II. Great for them and the world! Right now only seven clubs in our District are participating. We have one Model Club, the Fargo Lions Club, but we could certainly need more. If you have questions, call me.

The Northwood Lions Club is providing a special vision screening and fundraiser Friday, July 27, just before Northwood's Old Fashioned Days that weekend. But what a vision screening! Lion Vince Ott realized vision screening was not being done in the Northwood and Hatton schools. He went to his club and an idea popped. There will be 10 opticians and one optometrist with equipment provided by Wal-Mart to do the screenings. While the town will be filled for Old Fashioned Days, Friday night will have a particularly grand welcome from the Lions. The Community Center, Senior Center and park will be set up to do the screenings in a comfortable atmosphere. The Lions' fundraiser happening at the same time will help people from the free screenings obtain the eyeglasses they need. There'll be live music, 400 pounds of hot dogs, treats, really nice prizes. Lions will team with youth from the community for the project. Multi-generational, multi-purpose, multi-good, done for the area.

Business section

Many PU 101 forms have arrived. Let's get them all in soon!

Secretaries and treasurers earn special kudos for sending things in on time. It's important to avoid penalties to clubs and officers are the front line of defense.

Presidents – be sure to nominate your secretaries for honors and secretaries, please be sure the paperwork is done now to nominate your president for 100 percent president.

Club of the Year information is elsewhere in this issue.

Cabinet meeting moving to Jud

The Cabinet meeting May 5 is moving to Jud. After the meeting at Jud's City Hall on Main Street, Lions can participate in GPAD spring clean-up and enjoy Davenport Lions steaks.

Thank you, a thousand times.



Fargo Gateway

Club honored



The Fargo Gateway Lions Club recently received a Distinguished Service Award, which was presented by the Metro Area Mayor's Committee. The award is presented annually to recognize organizations that generously volunteer their time and financial support to assist people who are visually impaired in the Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo metropolitan areas. Accepting the award for the Fargo Gateway Lions was President Karen Breiner and Paul Nelson.

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through the Vision Resource Center. They also have a store that gives the visually impaired a sampling of low-vision aids as well as a Braille access center. NDVS also houses the Talking Book Machine Lending Agency.

All these aids, plus people devoted to making life better for the visually impaired, blind and their families, support learning for positive living. People learn 85 percent through their eyes, 11 percent through their ears and four percent from other senses, Suminski said.

Lions can be alert to 10 signs of vision loss:

- Bumping into objects
- 2. Moving hesitantly or walking close the wall
- 3. Groping for objects or touching them in an uncertain way
- Squinting or tilting the head to see
- Requesting additional or different kinds of lighting
- Holding books or other reading material close to the face
- 7. Dropping food or utensils at mealtime
- Showing difficulty in making out faces or the numbers of rooms or floors
- Looking un-groomed or spilling, with stains on clothing, mismatched clothing or uncombed hair
- Acting confused or disoriented; for example, walking into someone else's room by mistake.

NDVS can help through its adaptive technology, Braille and Braille music, daily living skills, functional vision evaluations, various aids, orientation and mobility, recreation and leisure ideas, and vocational and career education. Housing is available for students and adults while participating in programming.

Programs are offered in specific skills, compensatory skills, summer adventure, career week, independent living and adult weeks. Now is the time to plan for summer adventure – all the time is the right time for Lions to be alert to what we can do to link NDVS and people who can benefit from its services.

There are eight regions with coordinators in Minot, Jamestown, Bismarck, Fargo and Grand Forks. Speakers are available for Lions Clubs. Arrange a personal or club visit to the school. To contact NDVS, call 1.800.421.1181 or 701.795.2700 or go to the Website: www.ndvisionservices.com.

Lieux Eve Bank staff Stage and Marcy help with sorting eve

Lions Eye Bank staff Stacie and Marcy help with sorting eye glasses and reading the lens for an overseas project.

Golf tourney planned for Carrington June 18

The Carrington Lions Club and Gate City Banks of North Dakota will be sponsoring a four-person co-ed scramble golf tournament.

This tournament will be Monday, June 18, at the CrossRoads Golf Course. Tournament organizers said the CrossRoads is a beautiful 18-hole grass greens golf course located one mile north of Carrington on Highway 281.

Cost for the tournament will be \$40 per golfer. Cash prizes will be awarded for place finishes, with many merchandise prizes awarded on certain holes and a door prize for every entry.

A supper meal will be included with the registration fee. (Golf carts will be available for rent.) A complete registration form is located in this North Dakota Lion magazine. So mark the date on your calendar, send your registration form and come to the Central City of Carrington, N.D. for a fun day of golfing. All proceeds from this tournament will go to Campaign SightFirst II.

The Web site for CrossRoads Golf Course is: www.crossroads golf.com.

Parade entries sought

The Bowman Lions Club is looking for entries for the Bowman Centennial Parade, which will be Wednesday, July 4. The theme for the parade is "As Time Goes By."

Vehicles, old machinery, commercial, music (bands) or service clubs are welcome. Respond to Lion President Chris Voegele at 701-523-5435, or mail your entry to the Bowman Lions Club, PO Box 604, Bowman, ND 58623.

5th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Provided for the Lions of MD 5, 9, 17 and 38 University of St. Mary - Leavenworth, Kansas July 27-29, 2007 one form per attendee - please type or print legibly

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Registration fee of \$100 US includes seven meals, all institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at St. Mary's. Please note that the dormitories are smoke-free. I A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available I at an additional cost of \$25. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted I from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, July 27, and checkout must be completed by 4 p.m. Sunday, July 29.

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25 to registration fee)

Diabetic diet requested

Vegetarian diet requested

Wheelchair access required

Please list any other requests

Questions about the may be directed to:

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PID Lloyd Hansen 312 17th Ave Brookings, SD 57006 lh@brookings.net

PID Rick Myers 2790 Big Island Road Fremont, NE 68025 rmyers@microlink.com

PID Ernie Young 103 Ferncliff St. Lansing, KS 66043 eyoungks@aol.com

Service Dogs for America

New name ... same great organization

Editor's note: The following are excerpts from a newsletter by Michael Goehring, executive director with the Service Dogs for America program in Jud, N.D.

First, I would like to clarify some confusion with our name. Several years back a fundraising specialist suggested that we use a different name in order to secure more nationwide funding opportunities. Today we are (legally) doing business as SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA. This is the same program also known as Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Inc. This is the same staff, same board of directors and same wonderful dogs that many of you have known for years. It is still me, Michael Goehring, as executive director. And, yes, the idea did yield more national appeal.

Work weekend is planned

Our annual Volunteer's Work Weekend is scheduled for the weekend of May 5-6. We have some great projects lined up. The Lions Park will experience Phase II as we add some sidewalks and a small sitting area. Gardening and tree planting will also take place.

In 2006, we had a good many Lions present to assist with the work. At the recommendation of those attending in 2006, we've decided to add another day. Work will commence at 8 a.m. on Saturday, the 5th. Lunch will be provided to all working volunteers at no charge. At 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, we are planning on a ribeye steak supper. Saturday night, the Jud Bar and Grill will be hosting live music.

We have several areas available for hook-ups for those that would like to bring an RV. There is some additional housing available in the town of Jud. If you are interested in housing, please call our offices for additional information at 1-877-737-8364. Work will resume on Sunday.

Donations appreciated

What we need now is the commitment of volunteers, money, tools and time. We are asking that each club donate a "little something."

Your club can start donating money now. All checks should be made to Service Dogs for America. On the memo line, write V.W.W. Any and all gifts are graciously accepted.

> Sincerely, Michael Goehring, executive director

	Sei	mike@greatplainsdogs.com
	YES, COUNT OUR CLU VOLUNTEER WORK	JB IN AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE 2007. WEEKEND.
	The	Lions Club is planning on sending (number) NTEER'S WORK WEEKEND.
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SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA P.O. BOX 513 JUD, NORTH DAKOTA 58454



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April showers bring May flowers

Our Lions clubs are like showers that bring flowers. I look at all the good works that clubs have been doing and I know the flowers will be plentiful! We have clubs doing a variety of things in fundraising and services! These are some of the activities that have been reported this year.

Recycling and cleanup, • Donations to hospitals, • Youth activities, • Raffles,
 Texas Hold'em Tournaments, • Coffee and rolls on Sundays, • Used eye glass

collection and sorting and cleaning, • Bingo, • Scholarships, • Visitations to other clubs, • Fishing derbies, • Motorcycle charity rides, • Burgers and Dogs in the

Park, • Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets.

• Tractor and Truck Pulls, • Pancake and sausage meals, • Buffalo dinners, • Turkey leg sales, • Lefse sales, • CANDISC rest stops, • Aid to the elderly, • Fundraisers for medical expenses on many people • 500 Club Dinner and Raffle, • Big Buck Nites • 300-Club Dinner • Diabetes screening.

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Blood drives, • Eye tissue transporting,
•Child ID, • Donations to SightFirst II, • Leader Dog, • Service Dogs of America, • ND Eye Bank, • ND Lions Foundation, • Vision USA and Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Caroling • Food pantrys and food drives, • Salvation Army bell ringing and donations, • Mint sales, • Trash bag sales,
• Haunted houses, • Community calendars,
• Leo Club sponsors, • Parades, • Buying eyeglasses, • Community days, • Gun clubs

• Turkey shoots, • Peace Poster contests, • Bake sales, • Drug awareness donations, • Music in the Park • Senior and community centers maintenance, • Corn on the cob sales • Tree projects.

Leos busy, too

The St. Mary's Leos Club has over 100 members and they have had breakfasts for St. Gianna's and Leader Dog. They raised money to send supplies to the Iraq Burn Clinic for children. They sent over 900 lbs. of items. They helped their sponsoring club the Capital City Lions with a project at Lions Park in Bismarck and helped with a speech tournament at their school.

The Leos in Sawyer reported the donation of shoeboxes with gifts for kids in need. They also collected food for the Thanksgiving Baskets that the Lions donated. They did ditch cleaning and helped Turtle Lake Leos with a vitamins for kids project.

So far the Turtle Lake Leos have been so busy with this that they haven't sent a report. I am sure they are working away at a new project.

New members

The new University of Mary Campus Club has added members. They had a fundraiser for Leader Dog and the God's Child Project (four bands played). They have had service projects at the University this year. They have at least two teams signed up for the Coleharbor Tree Project. They have visited the St.Mary's Leos Club, Mandan Leos, and Williston Leos to recruit new members for next school year. Excitement is the best word to describe this group when you have contact with them. Their officers are even reporting on time!

New members have been added and I welcome you to our district! They are: Gloria Coyne of the Plum Valley Lions Club; Robert Schumacher of the Zeeland Lions Club; Susan Engelhart of the Zeeland Dakota Lions Club; Bethany Joseph, Shannan Hagan, and Maria Krasowski of the University of Mary Lions Club.

Secretarys should send these names into the ND Lion so they can get the newspaper! Thank you recruiters and new members!

Schedule:

April 14-Lions Leadership Conference in Bismarck for all Lions in 5NC. \$10

April 15 – PU 101 's should be sent to International and me. (Officers for 07-08)

May 5 – 5NC cabinet meeting in Bismarck.

May 5-6 - Great Plains Assistance Dogs Work Days in Jud

May 19 – Coleharbor Tree Planting
June 7-9 – MD5 Convention in Regina,

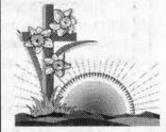
June 14 - Fredonia Lions Club visitation

July 2-6 – International Convention in Chicago, IL

 Leeds Lions Club is rescheduling my visit. St. Mary's Leos are rescheduling.

Read the ND Lions for more details on the above events and be sure to contact me if you have any questions! Hope your April is one of your best! I will talk to you next month!

DG Carla



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.

Carson – Edwin VandenBurg Turtle Lake – Eldred Johnson Bismarck – Larry Jasper Streeter – Gerhart Dewald Edgeley – Wayne Carlson Grand Forks – Johnnie Fritz

Hooterville



Productive weekend

Hooterville Flion Lion Marshall Hill spent an eventful weekend with fellow Lions working Operation Helping Hand food drive. The food garnered here was targeted for local food pantries, and Domestic Violence Center, to name a few recipients.

Youth volunteers needed

Host families are still being sought for this year's International Youth Exchange Program. Following is a list of applications that have been received and placed for the IYEP.

Coordinators for the program note that youth need to find host homes ASAP.

Please help to find homes for these youth and let me know what airport you would like them to fly into, said Theresa Japp, coordinator.

"Lets help bring these international students to our District and make the camp another great Lions success," she said.

Most will arrive approximately the first of July and attend camp starting the 15th of July for six days, then return to a home for a short while until they fly back.

The following students have already been placed:

Mexico- boy 5CW
Germany-girl 5CA
Brazil-girl 5CW
Isreal-girl 5CW
Czech Rep.-2 girls 5SE
Italy--girl 5CW tentative
Hungary-girl 5CW tentative

Remaining apps needing homes;

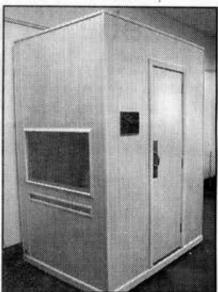
11 in total needing homes to date:

Italy-2 boys
Poland-1 boy 1 girl
Norway-1 girl
Finland-2 girls
Peru- 2 boys
Hong Kong - 1 girl
Austria- 1 boy

Other countries we are holding spots for:

Netherlands Switzerland Turkey Denmark







The DRIS booth, top left, before remodeling work was started. And, the photo at top right, the completed DRIS booth after remodeling. Photo at bottom, the new tablet for the remodeled DRIS booth.

DRIS booth remodeled

Dakota Radio Information Service (DRIS) is a radio broadcast service for people with print impairments. The program has been sponsored by the Lions of North Dakota since 1984. North Dakota residents who are unable to read standard print due to visual, physical, or reading impairment may use this service free of charge to keep up on local and national news and other information. The service, which is available 24 hours a day, is distributed from the Disabilities Services Division of the North Dakota State Library in Bismarck.

The 5'x5' booth where broadcasts are transmitted had fallen into serious disrepair. Because of this the Bismarck Lions Club took on the challenge of giving the booth a complete remodeling job inside and out. A new ventilation system was installed, painting was done, new siding was hung, trim was added, additional sound insulation was installed and new carpet was laid. The improvement is incredible.

A new tablet was also ordered and attached indicating that the booth is "Another Project of the Lions of North Dakota."

Bismarck Lions Club members who worked on the project were Bob Ebbesen, chairperson, Karl Venneberg, Oscar Blaskowski, Jenny Yearous and Bruce Schwartz.

Coleharbor tree planting scheduled May 19

As you might recall, Coleharbor N.D. was hit by a damaging windstorm last summer, which created extensive damage to buildings, homes and trees. They have been trying to recover ever since and the Lions of District 5-NC have decided to step

On May 19th, Lions from across the state will gather to plant up to 300 trees in the community. It will be a great chance for the clubs in the district to unite in fun and fellowship and plant a few trees. Gene Bender, Zone 3B Chair from Bottineau, has secured donated trees from Bailey's Tree Distributors to be delivered to Coleharbor.

The Tree Project Committee is arranging to have the holes marked and dug in advance and ready to go.

Organizers of the project are asking each club in the district to donate \$50 to the project to defray the cost of the meal, rental of equipment and other expenses.

What will be needed more than anything else are Lions members to do the work. Coordinators said they are hoping to have at least 100 workers for the project. Organizers said they are asking for at least one three-person team from each club, but the more the merrier. The teams will be provided with instructions and sent off to plant the trees.

The North Star Lions Club has volunteered their barbeque units

and will provide everyone with a midday meal.

The residents of Coleharbor will be invited to help with the work and also to join us for lunch. Area students and Leo members will also take part.

Mark your calendar - May 19

Registration and Instructions - 9:30 a.m. Coffee and Muffins

Super picnic - 11:30 a.m.

Lunch together with the Coleharbor Community and the tree-planting Lions

Here's what you need to bring:

Bucket, pruner, shovel. lawn chair, rake and gloves. Make sure equipment is marked

The deadline to register and to submit donations is May 1.

Please send a volunteer list and check to:

Lion Judy Beaudry

1002 Cannon Lane

Washburn, ND 58577

For more information, call 701-462-3433

Checks should be made to Tree Project on the Memo line.

Also, this project will take place May 19th, rain or shine.

PDG meeting in Minot

The PDG meeting will be at the Vegas Inn in Minot April

A social will begin the event at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30. The meeting will start approximately at 7:15.

Saturday activities begin at 8 a.m. with a breakfast. Meetings will follow at 9 a.m.

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

It's Peace Poster time

If you haven't ordered your Peace Poster kit for this year, it is time! The kits need to be ordered by next fall but most schools really like to have the kits this spring.

Teachers have worked with students for an entire year in the spring and the posters show more experience. Some schools prefer the fall but contact teachers as soon as possible so they can be prepared.

This is the 20th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest with the theme this year of "Peace Around the World."

If you would like help, or would like me to go to a school with you to present the program, just let me know. Thank you.

Cliff Vining, District 5NE Peace Poster chairperson, 701-347-4814 or vininnd@aol.com

Lions Creed

They achieve success who live well, laugh often and love much; Who gain respect of intelligent people and the love of little children; Who fills their niche, who accomplishes their task, who leaves the world better than they found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem or a rescued soul;

Who never lack appreciation of earth's beauty, or fail to express it; Who always see the best in others, and give the best they have;

> Whose life is an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction THAT PERSON IS A LION





Greetings to all Lions and Leos of District 5NW and MD5:

An article published in THE LION in January, 2007 has really fascinated me. Its title is "The Challenge That Inspired Lions." Helen Keller who is very famous today could just as easily never been heard of. It was Alexander Graham Bell who advised her parents to contact Perkins Institution & Massachusetts Asylum for the Blind. It was there that they met Anne Sullivan, the teacher who made such a difference in the life of Helen Keller. At Cedar Point, Sandusky, Ohio on June 30, 1925, in a message Helen Keller delivered to about 3000 Lions in less then ten (10) minutes she changed the course of Lions (our) history and helped an untold millions of people without vision or threatened by blindness.

I encourage each Lion in 5NW and MD5 to read this article and become reenergized with a new commitment "To Serve." We are so blessed with good vision and solid hearing.

In 1927 when she addressed the International Lions Convention in Washington, D.C. again she said, "Someday you will come together again in

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this beautiful city of our country and look over the fields of your endeavors. If I am alive then, I shall stand before you with glad confidence and say to you, 'Well done, good and faithful Knights of the Blind,' and you will say, 'We have received as richly as we have given.'"

I ask every club to review where they are now in carrying out this year's goals and develop plans for the completion of these by June 30, 2007. The new Lions' year begins on July 1, 2007. Our new District Governor will be Lion Jan Froemming from Elgin, and our new Vice District Governor will be Lion Pat Trotter from Williston. They will be looking for your help to carry out the work of Lions Clubs everywhere. Please begin setting your goals for the 2007-2008 Lions year.

On March 23, 2007, my wife, Shirley, and I joined many Lions Club members at Hettinger, to welcome our newest Charter Club. We were greeted and welcomed there by thirty-three (33) new Lions. The sponsoring Lions Club is Bowman Lions Club. The Guiding Lions are PDGs Russell Doe and Chuck Whitney. Please take a few minutes to welcome Hettinger Lions through their president Lion Russell Ziegler who teaches at Hettinger Public High School and who is also the Mayor of Hettinger. I am so happy to share this new Charter Club with you Lions from 5NW and MD5. PDG Russell Doe, 5NW extension chair, has done a superb job in bringing this new group of people together and form a new Lions Charter Club.

Lions contribute in their communities in a big way. According to the 2005-2006 Monthly/Yearly Activity Reports the average Lions Club reported:

1-\$12,309 US dollars donated to charitable causes.

2–2,875 volunteer service hours given in their community.

We have over 45,000 Lions Clubs in our world in 200 countries. It seems like we do "Make a Difference – Everyday, Everywhere."

The top 10 activities by Lions Clubs worldwide were:

- · Aid to the elderly
- · Youth recreation/sports
- · Community cleanup
- Eyeglasses collection
- · Disaster relief
- · Scholarships
- · Recreation
- · Blood donations
- Citizenship
- · Culture/the arts

Every club is asked to complete the election of officers for 2007-2008 before the end of April, 2007 and send me the completed PU-101 form. If you did not receive one or cannot locate yours, please email or call me and I'll be happy to send you a copy immediately.

Special dates and happenings:

April 14 – 5NW Spring Leadership Rally in Watford City

May 5 - 5NW Cabinet Meeting in Hazen

May 5-6 – Great Plains Assistance Dog Weekend in Jud

May 12 – Elgin Lions Club 50-year celebration

June 7-9 – MD5 Convention in Regina, SK

July 1 – DGE 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

Thank you for all you, fellow Lions and Leos! Perhaps we will see many of you at the Spring Leadership Rally in Watford City on April 14, 2007.

Welcome aboard Hettinger Lions Club to the greatest service organization in the world!

Correction

Unmatched funds

Part of the information submitted regarding the 5NW Zone 3A Pancake Breakfast was incorrect. The amount raised was NOT "matched" by Thrivent, however they did make a donation.

Notice

There was more news than there was room for.

If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.



REGISTRATION FORM FOR 2007 MD5 CONVENTION

THEME: Rekindle the Spirit in Regina 2007

June 7th, 8th, 9th, 2007

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ACCOMODATIONS

Regina Travelodge Hotel

Convention Location

4177 Albert Street South

Reservations Ph.

1-306-586-3443

Rates - \$95.95 plus taxes
Ask for Group Code MD5

West Harvest Inn

4025 Albert Street South

Reservations Ph.

1-800-853-1181

Rates - \$95.00 plus taxes

Budget Inn Express

4255 Albert Street South

Reservations Ph.

(306)584-8800

Rates - \$69.99 plus taxes

SPECIAL EVENTS

Golf Tournament

June 7th Please check	form	if you	plan	to
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Fish Fry Meal

June 8th 6:30 to 8:00p.m. Cost \$15.00

Please indicate if you plan to attend and include your payment

Yes	#	()
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Refund Policy:

Until June 30, 2007 refunds of convention fees may be requested from:

Lions MD5 2007 Convention Committee 118 Dempsey Ave.

Regina, Saskatchewan S4T 7M1

After this date requests should be made to: MD5 Sec/Tres PCC Mike Brand

340 7th Ave. NW.

Valley City, ND 58072.

No refunds can be requested sixty days after the conclusion of the convention.

Lions of MD5 – are you ready for Regina?

Lion CHUCK WHITNEY ND State Rep, chair of

Public Relations and Service MD 5

On behalf of your Council of Governors and the Public Relations and Service Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to notify you that the deadlines for MD 5 Contests are approaching rapidly. The most sought after is of course the CLUB OF THE YEAR, followed by SCRAPBOOK, NEWSLETTER, AND WEBSITE. The winners in each District will be chosen at the last cabinet meeting of your District Governor in early May. Have you been filing your reports with the DG and the District Secretary? If NOT, then you have a few weeks here to play catch-up.

The Club of the Year is based on the MD 5 report form that you should have been submitting every month. I am aware that several of our districts have modified this form for their own purpose and contest. If you have any question on this, please contact your District Governor. When we meet as a committee in Regina, we will have the nine district's winners for Lions, Leos, and Lioness. By using the MD 5 form, you will make it fairer for us to judge the winners, but we will try to make allowances

for individual districts.

The Scrapbook and Newsletter will be judged on Completeness, Presentation, and the quality of information in the work. Photos should have captions indicating not only participants in the project, but also date and location- so that anyone looking at it could enjoy it not just the Lions from that particular club. Remember that these efforts are YOUR historical record for the year, so the more information you can provide will not only help us to judge your work, but also for you and your club members in years to come!

The Website contest is new, and we will try to use the same criteria as the scrapbook/newsletter. Of course, a Web site is different, and we will have to perfect the criteria as time passes. Last year, we had NO entries for this contest. Now we all know that there are some really fine ones out there, so Lions of MD 5

put us to work for YOU!

Dickinson

Dickinson Lions sponsor heart drive

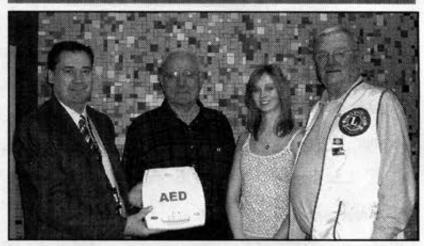
The Dickinson Lions Club sponsors the local blood drive each February -- "Heart Month." Lion Lucy Kostelecky, chairman for the club's blood drive, said Blood Services has been experiencing a shortfall in donors. Only about 5 percent of the 60 percent eligible donors actually donate blood.

If everyone 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 cold 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.

Club Secretaries: have you applied for 100 percent Secretary? Have you helped your president do the same for 100% President award? I know we had some really outstanding Lion Secretaries in our District last year, but no one applied. We LOVE to recognize excellence, but are bound by the rules to award only those who apply. Good Luck and best wishes to you all as our Lion year winds to a close.

Mandan



Pictured, from left, are Mark Andresen, MHS principal; Marshall Feland, president, West River Lions Club; Stephanie Sandvick, president-MHS Leos; and Richard Hagestuen, president-Mandan Lions Club.

Lions, Leos join for AED donation

Mandan Lions and West River Lions, along with Mandan High School Leos, recently presented Mandan High School Principal Mark Andresen with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). When used by trained individuals, the unit is designed to restore regular heartbeat to a person who is having a heart attack.

Mandan Lions Club adopted the project earlier this year and encouraged the other Lions Clubs and Leos to participate. West River Lions and the Leos contributed towards the total cost of unit. The AED cost about \$1,800.

Andresen said that a number of "first responders" and administrators in the building have been trained on the unit and he hopes to have the rest of the staff trained by the end of this school year or early next fall.

Elgin

Elgin to celebrate 50th

The Elgin Lions Club will be celebrating its 50th year on Lionism May 12.

The celebration will begin with a social at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7.

Club members are requesting the presence of fellow club members and their guests to help them celebrate the occasion.

RSVP by May 7 by calling 801-584-2810, or 701-584-3101. Replies can also be submitted by mail at PO Box 87, Elgin, ND

Guest speaker will be PDG Lion Chuck Whitney. Sponsors of the Elgin Lions Club was the Glen Ullin Lions.



NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME



SELECTION GUIDE

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

SECTION A

- 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.
- Each year Zone or Region Chairperson.
- 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.
- 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.
- District Rally Attended (List Year and City).
- State Conventions Attended (List Yea 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.
- Foreign Exchange Student(s) Host (List Year, Name and Country).

SECTION B

- Each Sponsored New Lion Member.
 (Must include Lions International Printout)
- Guiding Lion (List Year(s) and Club(s).
- Extension Award(s).
- Club, District and Lions Internation 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

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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

12/4/2006



Goals announced for eyeglass recycling program

The Goals of the Minot Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Program Shall Be:

To promote the fundamentals of Lionism.

To provide sufficient volunteer service hours to generate adequate quantities of good quality recycled eyeglasses for mission trips.

To promote through public education and involvement the recycling of

To promote through public education the needs for eye care worldwide and the specific needs in underdeveloped third

world countries.

To efficiently and accurately prepare used eyeglasses for medically trained eye care professionals (optometrists or ophthalmologists) to go on mission trips in sufficient quantities for all qualifying mission trips.

To encourage additional mission trips by providing information to trained eye care professionals and the general public, which may support them and their trips.

The Mission of the Minot Lions Eyeglass Recycling Program Shall Be:

To promote and encourage eye care

professionals to go on mission trips to third world countries to provide medical treatment for eve disease by providing appropriate quantities and qualities of used eyeglasses for dispensing.

The Policy of the Minot Lions Eyeglass

Recycling Program Shall Be:

To provide high quality used eyeglasses on trips where the primary purpose is to promote healthy eyes through eye exams, treatments and eyeglass dispensing.

Adopted February 2007

Minot Lions Eyeglass Recycling Report

Eyeglasses received and In process since 1998: 445,500 Eyeglasses in system: 57,000

Eyeglasses received:

Harvey Lions Rugby Lions Minot Lions Hooterville Lions Arvilla Lions Larimore Lions Dr. Kourajian

Ready to ship 1,000

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)



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Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank
Charity Co-ed
Golf Scramble Tournament
Monday, June 18th, 2007
CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway
18 hole Golf Course
1 mile North on Hwy 281
Carrington, North Dakota
11:15 Am - Shotgun Start
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