



Newfound freedom attained

Vannett receives service dog

Lion MICHAEL GOEHRING
*Executive director
Service Dogs for America*

Dear Lions of North Dakota:

We are very excited to announce that Trevor Vannett, son of PDG Lion Kevin Vannett, has completed his three-week "boot camp" here at Service Dogs for America in Jud, N.D. Trevor received VW, a male (neutered) black lab. Trevor, along with trainers, more commonly refer to the service dog as "V-Dub" or "V".

Trevor and V-Dub have successfully completed the public access portion of their training. Along with that they have worked on picking up out of reach objects and activating push button "access" buttons. As times moves forward the pair will be taught additional skills that will assist Trevor.

Trevor deserves a big "job well done" as this is a lot of responsibility for a young man and a new service dog. Trevor is a real trooper and it goes without saying that Lions have had a real impact on this young man's life. Through Lions Trevor was able to raise nearly \$13,000 toward his service dog. Trevor was granted a scholarship through our program for the \$2,000 balance.

Improvements continue

In other news, Service Dogs for America ("the Jud dogs") have made improvements to the Lions Memorial Park. Edgeley Lions have sponsored two flower gardens and North Star Lions have sponsored the first sitting area. The Lions Memorial Park is a beautiful thing to see. It gets used a great deal by visitors, students and staff alike. People are always amazed that such an incredible service dog training campus is located in North Dakota ...much less to find it in Jud. Staff is proud to work here, students are pleased

to attend training here and supporters simply love it.

Service Dogs for America (Jud) will host a volunteer work event on the 15th and 16th of September. At this event we will add two additional sidewalks and install laminate wood floors in the student's apartments, lobby and office. Food and refreshments will be provided.

Open house

We will also host an open house and tours on late afternoon and evening of Thursday the 25th of October. This is the day before the State Lion's Convention in Jamestown. For any Lions traveling to the convention on Thursday keep this in mind. We will again provide food and refreshments. Service Dogs for America will also have a presence at the convention on Friday and Saturday. As Lions depart the convention on Sunday, feel free to stop in for a visit of our facilities. If you haven't yet seen the service dog training center in Jud it is a must see.



Trevor and VW

State convention nears

"Buffalo Heaven In 2007."

You have heard the motto, but are you ready for this year's state convention?

Make your way to Jamestown Oct. 27-28 for a lot of Lionism. Meet new Lions or reacquaint yourself with old Lion fiends.

The committee is busy making final plans and it looks like a great convention. There will be somewhat of a different format this year, but many of the meetings, programs and activities will be the same. The main difference is that the convention will only be for two days.

Friday evening will be the usual "icebreaker." The theme for the evening

will be "HOME ON THE RANGE."

So get your best cowboy or cowgirl outfit on and harness up for a fun evening. The convention will close on Saturday evening with the Governor's Banquet. (Remember the drawing for the gold coin.).

So if you need to register, take care of that now. Need to book your motel room? Do that as well.

All of the necessary information is on the registration form located in this magazine.

See you in Jamestown Oct. 27-28!
"BUFFALO HEAVEN IN 2007."

Districts 5NC, 5NW raise funds for service dog

Each year the Capital City Lions makes available Lions All-Star Basketball tickets to each club in Districts 5NC and 5NW at a reduced price. Funds raised from this endeavor are used for a special charitable project. Over the past few years the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank has been the main recipient.

This year the decision was made to donate the funds to the Trevor Vannett Foundation. Trevor is the son of PDG Kevin Vannett. The foundation is raising funds to purchase a service dog for Trevor, who is confined to a wheelchair. At this date Trevor has completed the three-week training program and now has his dog – a black lab.

As usual, the Lions of 5NC and 5NW rose to the task and the ticket purchase program raised \$2,500.

The check was present to Trevor between games at the Lions All-Star Basketball Games in Bismarck. Trevor's comment to the people attending the games sum things up the best – "thank you Lions".

The following clubs participated in this fundraiser:

Arnegard, Beulah, Bismarck, Bismarck Capital City, Bismarck North Star, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Bowman, Dickinson, Elgin, Flasher, Gackle, Garrison, Glen Ullin, Harvey, Hooterville, Killdeer, Lake Metigoshe, Linton, Mandan, Mandan Dacotah, Mandan West River.

Minot, Minot Magic City, New Salem, Noonan, Pettibone, Ray, Reeder, Robinson, Rugby, Turtle Lake, Tuttle, Williston Korner, Wilton, Wing and Wishek.

The names of these clubs were shown frequently on the Bismarck Civic Center Scrolling Text Display.



PDG Don Stoltz, left, makes the check presentation to PDG Kevin Vannett and Kevin's son Trevor between games at the Lions All-Star Basketball game in Bismarck.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota met July 28, 2007 in Mandan, North Dakota. The increased cost of the newspaper was discussed. A motion was made to recommend the cost of the newspaper for members increase from \$3.00 to \$4.00. The motion carried and a vote will be held at the state convention in Jamestown, ND October 26 & 27, 2007 to approve the recommended increase.

Submitted by: Garry Freier, PDG-Secretary
Lions Foundation of ND



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.

Kindred – Paul Hertsgaard

Lidgerwood – Rev. Jerome Wisnewski

Goodrich – Richard Doering

Minot Magic City – Lyle Weeks

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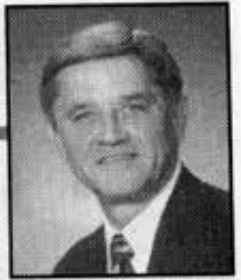
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Inside International

By PD BRUCE SCHWARTZ
International President



The Year of Campaign Sightfirst II

Lions Clubs International President Mahendra Amarapura has declared the Lions year 2007-2008 THE YEAR OF CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II. CSFII is in the third and final year of fundraising for our worldwide program to reduce and/or eliminate reversible and preventable blindness. The primary fundraising goal is \$150,000,000 with a challenge goal of an additional \$50,000,000 for research and for use in the developed countries of the world. Meeting these goals will allow Lions to reduce treatable blindness from 75 million people worldwide to about half that amount by the year 2020. IF WE AS LIONS DON'T DO IT, IT WON'T GET DONE!

But it takes money. As of September 1, about \$110,000,000 has been firmly pledged. This means that we as Lions need to raise \$90,000,000 in the next 9-10 months. This appears to be a very

formidable task, BUT, we did it before and we can do it again. I refer to the original SightFirst whose goal was \$100,000,000 but whose final tally was \$143,000,000. AND GET THIS. Nearly half of that money was raised during the final year! WE DID IT BEFORE AND WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!

Closer to home, CSFII Sector D (North and South Dakota) has committed about \$475,000 toward a goal of \$838,000, or nearly 60%. If it were last year at this time that would be pretty good. And it is pretty good when compared to the other sectors in our Area, which is Area 7 (MN, IA, NE, SD and ND). We are at about 60% and the next closest Sector is at 42%. But it's this year so we have much work to do.

The single most glaring shortcoming in Sector D is that, surprisingly, there are 73 clubs out of about 200 that have not made a commitment of any kind to CSFII. If

these clubs were to make a commitment we would be in good position to satisfy our goals.

CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT JOB OF LIONS THIS YEAR! WE MUST COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE NOBLE CAUSE OF ELIMINATING BLINDNESS IN THE WORLD. WE NEED TO GO TO WORK AND MEET OUR GOALS.

Funnies:

Spouse 1 to spouse 2: "We'd make a great couple except for you."

*What would men be without women?
Scarce, sir. Mighty scarce.*

Mark Twain



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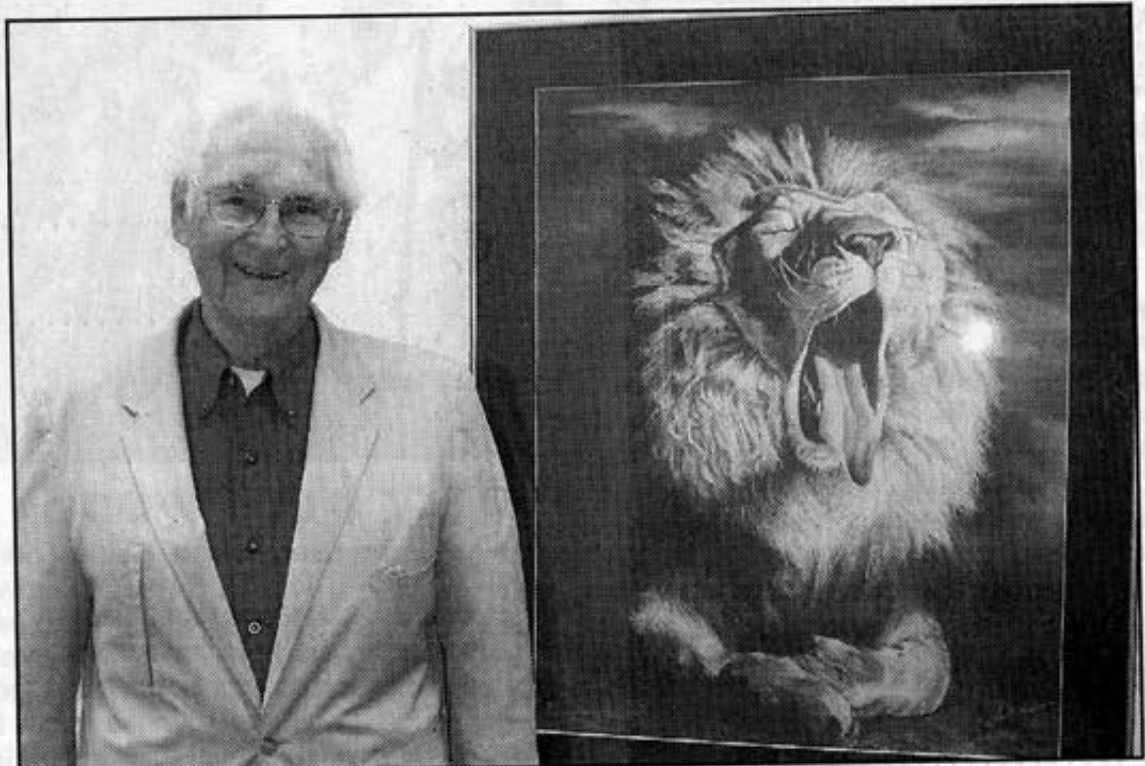
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KAREN THOMAS
Director, Lions Eye Bank of ND

Generous gift

The staff at the Lions Eye Bank would like to thank Cal Fercho for his generous contribution to the Eye Bank. Cal donated an outside sign for the Fargo office in the Fercho Building on 100th 4th Street South. Cal has been a Lion for over 49 years. He retired from the work field in 1992. He seems to keep himself very busy in the meantime still helping others. Thank you again Cal.



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Governor's Report

Directory changes:

1. DG John's new email address is jonita@q.com
2. Rev. Joel Westby, Pres. Of Lakota and Zone Chair of Zone A2 - add email jlwestby@polarcomm.com
3. President of Leonard: correct spelling of last name is Harley Blegen, spouse is Michell.
4. Pres. LaMoure, Richard Anderson: add work # 701-883-5321
5. Lions Info Chair, Sarah Nathan: new address: 815 No. California St. Indianapolis, In 46202. New Phone # 317-750-7860
6. Pres. Darrel Pfaff, Jud : add email mailto:djpfaff@drtdldjpfaff@drtdl.net
7. Youth Exchange Chair: Lion PDG Katherine has agreed to use her experience to fill this chair until a Lion steps forward to actively promote Youth Exchange with the Clubs in our District. Thanks, Katherine!

Cabinet Positions:

We have a number of service opportunities available on the 5NE Cabinet. We're looking for an enthusiastic Extension Chairperson to assist the DG

with the District's New Club Goal! The youth areas of Leo Clubs and Youth Exchange are still unfilled. The District is also welcoming Vice District Governor candidates for the 2008-2009 Lions year. Please contact the Long Range Planning committee or DG John.

Club Visits:

Now that we're all back into the swing of Lions activities, it's time to check your schedule and help me plan my visit to your Club. I've a few Clubs scheduled, but now's your chance pick the date that best fits your club's schedule. Thanks, DG John

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 17: B-3 Zone Meeting - LaMoure
- Sept. 27: Visitation -- Emerado-Arvilla
- Oct. 1: Deadline to purchase Peace Poster Kits
- Oct. 16: Visitation -- Valley City
- Oct. 26-27: State Convention - Jamestown
- Oct. 26: 5NE Cabinet meeting (at state convention)

Grand Forks South Forks

Greetings!

Summer is over and the activity level in our Clubs is on the rise! Budgets are being set, activities are being planned and goals for the year are being crafted. Following is something that I'd like you to consider as you plan for your Club's year.

International President Mahendra Amarasuriya recently sent an email to Club and District Officers. With his goal of adding a net of 20,000 new members this year, he asks us to remember that "people don't join Lions Clubs to go to meetings. Rather, they join to do things that Lions do"!

He suggests that lively meetings, energizing events and fun service projects will help our Clubs appeal to younger generations who have many choices when it comes to how to spend their time! These thoughts are central to his "Challenge to Change". Our challenge is to apply his theme to our clubs as we seek to be even more meaningful in our communities.

Food for thought: Attend a high school football game. Sit near the band!

Yours in Lions service, DG John



Aid for Northwood

Members of the Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club helped the recovery effort in Northwood after a tornado struck and severely damaged the community. The South Forks Lions members helped by making pancakes to be served to people helping with the recovery. Shown here are Lion Kenton McGregor, Tom Saddler, Joel Medd and Vaughan Hesse, along with Northwood Lions member Tommy Ott. Lion Ott donated the facilities at Tommy's Place to make meals for residents of Northwood and those aiding in the recovery. Submitted by Joel Medd, South Forks Lions.

Re-embrace



Lions Clubs International's October Growth Award Program

If you've been a Lion for a while, you probably remember the October Growth Award Program and its emphasis on membership recruiting in the month of October. Did you know that many clubs worldwide still recognize the program and continue to recruit a majority of their members during October?

Guess what?

Lions Clubs International is re-embracing the October Growth Award Program. Join your fellow Lions clubs and make October 2007 a banner month for new member recruiting.

How can my club obtain the October Growth Award?

Banner patches will be awarded to the top 3 clubs in each district with a **positive net growth in membership during the month of October**. A net membership growth of 3 is the minimal requirement to attain this award. These awards will be solely based on the WMMRs and MMRs received during the month of November.

In addition to receiving a distinctive banner patch, your club's name will appear on a page of the LCI Web site specifically designed to recognize achievement during the October Membership Growth Award Program.

Now's the time to make your membership grow!

Conduct a fun event, invite new faces to your club meetings and watch your membership grow! Best wishes for a successful membership campaign.



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Labor Day holiday, school begins, and many clubs, who took a summer 'hiatus', start meeting again!

Awards

One of the presidents in 5NC has earned the Club President's Award for 2006-07. This award will be presented at the District meeting at the State Convention in Jamestown.

Club visitations

I have had the pleasure of visiting several clubs in August. They have all been most gracious and hospitable. Hooterville Flion Lions had a picnic and thankfully immediately gave me 'permission' to remove my 'Red Jacket'. Great food and hospitality, and a beautiful club pin for Leo. Thank you. Minot Lions had a beautiful buffet dinner and gave me one of their Diamond Jubilee Club Pins for 'Leo'. At Minot Lions I also met PDG Olger, 95 years young, Sept. 15th, who actually knew and worked with Irv Boling (the only other District Governor to serve while a member of the McClusky Lions)! Minot Magic City was

Governor's Report

a breakfast meeting with good discussion and planning for the upcoming Garlic and Grape Festival and another beautiful pin for Leo. At all clubs we discussed goals for District 5NC for FY 2007-08, CSFII, and Leader Dog among many others. The Minot clubs are very excited about the opportunity to host the April 12, 2008 Leadership Conference.

I have already had to ask some clubs to re-schedule visitations as the requested dates conflicted with visitations already scheduled. So, a reminder to please get your date set by Sept. 15th. And remember it is on a first come basis.

Event

schedule & deadlines

September 15, 2007 - Garlic & Grape Festival - Minot

October 1, 2007 - Deadline to purchase Peace Poster kits

October 8, 2007 - Zone 2A - McClusky

October 9, 2007 - Zone 1A - Ashley (Tentative)

October 15, 2007 - Zone 1B - Medina (Tentative)

October 26-27, 2007 - State Convention - Jamestown

April 12, 2008 - 5NC Leadership Conference - Minot

Garlic & Grape Festival

The Zone 3A Lions are having their first Garlic and Grape Festival Sept. 15 at the Municipal Auditorium in Minot from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. I encourage every Lion to attend and bring a friend or two. The organizers have worked very hard on this project. Allan and I have been looking forward to this event for a year.

Paperwork

Many secretaries have spent considerable time and effort updating member profile information. Quite a few Secretaries have had questions or issues concerning the filing procedures, protocol, etc. Hopefully, my responses have been both timely and effective. I have heard good feedback from the Secretaries concerning these continuing efforts to develop a cooperative, efficient, and effective system. Thanks from me personally and the 5NC Cabinet to every club and secretary for supporting our efforts in this regard. Great job!

State convention

I challenge each member to attend the State Convention in Jamestown. There are many awards to be given out representing hard work by fellow Lions. More importantly is the opportunity to socialize with Lions from across North Dakota and beyond. I have scheduled PCC Marvin Chambers at our District Meeting at the convention to speak to us about the MD5 Long-range plans to include major emphasis on leadership development. And of course let's not forget the famous (infamous) North Star hospitality room!

Zone meetings

As you can see from the listing of events above, Zone meetings are being scheduled. Please make an effort to have your club represented at these Zone meetings. If possible the club president and secretary, as designated representatives, should attend. Bring other club members as well for the fun, information, visitation, and input to the District Leadership. The Zones represent critical advisory input to the District officers and chairpersons.

Northwood

I am certain everyone by now has heard about the disaster that struck Northwood. This community is in DG John Dobbs' district 5NE. Accordingly, I contacted John to ascertain how the Lions in our District might be of assistance. His reply, I believe, addressed all the questions concerning this I have received to date and thus I quote them here:

"I was in Northwood last Monday to assess the damage. A total disaster. I've been in contact with LCIF and have papers and instructions. As you can imagine, many PDGs and other Lions have come forward, offering to help. I've been in contact with the city administrator and the Northwood Lions President, Bob Deutsch, and we will get together soon and formulate a 'plan' that should meet with LCIF's requirements in order to get up to \$10,000 for emergency funds. After that, I'll be going after the 'up to \$75,000' rebuilding grant from LCIF. That will require matching funds and that's where I see all the districts coming together with fundraisers or just outright gifts from clubs and individuals ... I'll keep you posted."

Obviously we will be presented with opportunities to assist the community in its recovery efforts and as these materialize and present themselves I will let everyone in the district know.

Wilton

Wilton Lions wins golf tournament

By JEAN BINSFELD

The Lions International 5NC annual golf tournament was Saturday, Aug. 11th at the Painted Woods Golf Course with 14 teams entered.

The weather cooperated for a great day of "having fun and kind of iffy golfing" for the 18 holes of golfing competition. The local Washburn Lions Club members were in charge of registration, a food booth and a refreshment cart on the course.

The money raised at this event is designated at the Zone meeting for projects at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. In the past large projects were completed with the money being paid over a three year period.

The Wilton Lions Club took first place this year with the honor of having their Club name engraved on the traveling plaque. Second place went to The Washburn Farmers Security Bank team and third place went to Washburn Lions Team #1. The longest drive for 60 and over was captured by Dave Cross, Wilton, and longest drive for under 60 went to Brian



Wilton Lions Club members on the winning team of the golf tournament included, from left, Dave Cross, Tony Story, Rich Conley and Roger Norris. Far right is Mac Beaudry presenting the traveling plaque.

Duttenhefner, and longest putt honors went to Terry Kokkeler, both of Bismarck. Mac and Judy Beaudry were commended for

a great job of lining up the Tournament again this year.

Hall of Fame reception set

On Friday, Oct. 26, at the 2007 Lions State Convention, the North Dakota Past District Governors Association will host the annual Hall of Fame reception at the Gladstone Inn and Suites in Jamestown.

All former recipients of the "HoF" award, all Past District Governors and new club members (who joined a Lions Club after Oct. 1, 2006 and their spouses) are invited to join us to welcome the new member into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame and other 2007 candidates. The reception will start at 5 p.m. and will be just prior to the opening festivities that the Jamestown and other area Lions Clubs have planned for the traditional convention Icebreaker.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1981 as a way to recognize members

of the Lions Clubs in North Dakota for exceptional contributions to the Lions organization in North Dakota and beyond. It was the brainchild of Fargo Lion Bob McKeon. He first presented the idea to a PDG meeting in November 1980. The criteria and guidelines were approved at the 1981 state convention with the first award presented at the 1982 state convention.

This year the 35th Lion will be initiated into the North Dakota Hall of Fame. In the early years two awards were made, one to an active Lion and the other posthumously in an effort to recognize some of the early pioneers in leadership rolls in the Lions Clubs of North Dakota. The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the PDG's and supported by all of the clubs in North Dakota.

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.

You Can Still be a Donor!

Even if you:

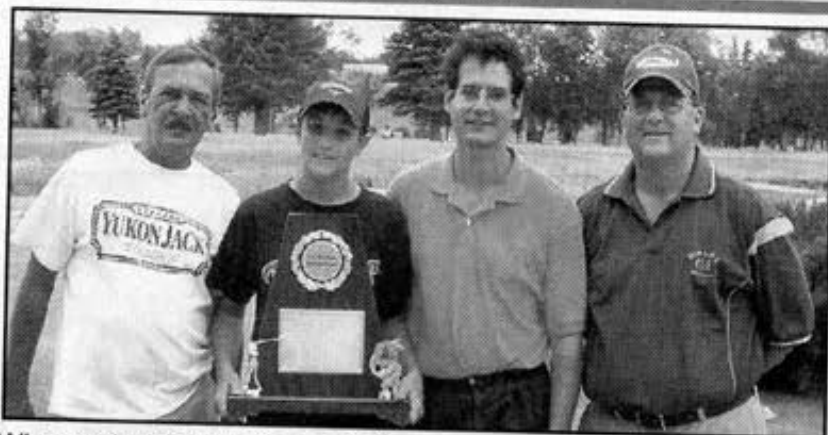
- Wear Eyeglasses
- Had Cataract Surgery
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Harvey



Winners in Harvey Lions Golfarama were, from left, Tim Keller, Eric Kourajian, Steve Kourajian and Jim English.

Harvey Lions team wins 2007 Golfarama

ND Lions Eye Bank big winner, too

Several teams gathered for the 13th Annual 5NC Golfarama Fundraiser for the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, held at the Harvey Country Club in Harvey, ND on June 30, 2007.

Winners of this year's event was the Harvey Lions Club. (The Harvey Lions Club Team #3 took second place honors and the Harvey Lions #2 and the North Star Lions Club Team #3 tied for third.

Clubs contributing to the Lions Eye Bank fundraiser were the North Star Lions of Bismarck (3 teams), Rugby Lions, Harvey Lions (3 teams), Washburn Lions, Bismarck Capitol City Lions and the McClusky Lions Club. There were prizes for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin.

Doug Volk of the North Star Lions won the Shootout contest with a shot five feet from the pin.

Thanks to the 11 banks and businesses that sponsored holes and the generosity of several area businesses, we were able to raise nearly \$1300. Listed below are those generous businesses whose sponsorships and donations were greatly appreciated.

\$100 Hole Sponsors

First State Bank, Harvey, ND
First International Bank and Trust, Harvey, ND
First National Bank of McClusky, McClusky, ND
Pete's Tractor Salvage, Anamoose, ND
St. Aloisius Medical Center, Harvey, ND
National Bank of Harvey/Harvey Insurance Agency, Harvey, ND
The Pizza Ranch, Harvey, ND
Choice Financial Group, Goodrich, ND
Harvey Eagles Club, Harvey, ND
Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, ND
Ripplinger Motors, Harvey, ND

Other Donations:

ND Lions Eye Bank, Bismarck, ND-golf balls
Central Distributing, Carrington, ND-bottled water
Schwans Wholesale, Devils Lake, ND-12 packs of Miller Lite
Harvey Country Club-golf balls, golf acc. and wine stopper
Scheels Sporting Goods, Minot, ND-golf balls
Eye Clinic of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND-4 golf shirts
Pepsi of Devils Lake-24 packs of Pepsi products
Gerrell's Sporting Goods, Devils Lake, ND-1 shirt
Applebees of Minot-gift certificate
Double E Designs-golf towels

Magic City



Returns from Iraq

Pictured is Lion Dr. Bob Nyre with the flag he presented to the Magic City Lions Club upon his return from Iraq. The flag flew on a combat mission over central Iraq with an Apache squadron in February of 2007. Lion Bob worked with the aviators at his clinic at Balad Air Force Base. Lion Dr. Bob presented the flag to the club to thank them for their support while he was deployed from October to April of this year. Lion Bob is a colonel in the North Dakota Army National Guard and earned a Bronze Star for his service in Iraq. He retires from the North Dakota Army National Guard in September with 30 years of service.

Glenburn



Recycling 'pays'

The recycling program in Glenburn helps to support the Food Pantry in Glenburn that is jointly operated by the Hooterville Flion Lions and the Glenburn Lions. Mayor Tony Alef, left, is shown presenting a check to Lion Jan Hoiland, chairperson of the Food Pantry Committee.

Rugby



Rugby Lions Club President Charles Repnow presents Amy Bryn, librarian at the Heart of America Library, a check for \$1,000.



Rugby residents enjoying the show.

Rugby Lions host 'Tables Envisioned'

A fundraiser recently held by the Rugby Lions Club turned out precisely as planned! Tables Envisioned showcased creative and decorative tables featuring fine china, dishes, and accessories from Rugby residents. Each table truly ended up being a creative canvas of its own.

The show had 26 different beautiful tables, which were enjoyed by the public. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 for a magnified electronic reading machine, which will be placed in the Heart of

America Library in Rugby.

The efforts were coordinated with the Heart of America Library Board. A coffee hour was hosted each day by the board. Attendees enjoyed the lunch and had the opportunity to learn more about the Rugby Lions Club and the library. Eyeglasses were also collected.

Due to the excellent response to this showing, plans are in the works to continue this project next year.

Coleharbor



Check presented

IPDG Carla Bender recently presented a check to Assistant Auditor Tanya Stebbins of Coleharbor for the Tree Project. A Plaque was also presented.

Did you know?

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

WANTED

**5NC District Governor
Candidate for 2009-2010**

Any club who would like to run a candidate at the Jamestown State Convention for this position (or anyone who has questions about it) should call one of the following Nominating Committee members:

PID Bruce Schwartz, 258-1189 or

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PDG Dolly Alef, 362-7599 or tonya@srt.com

PDGs Brach or Marian Johnson, 258-7361 or

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Turtle Lake



Three on a Lion

Lions have fun, too! 5NW District Governor Jan Froemming, 5CA District Governor Therese Mathussier, and Lion Kathleen Moen perched upon the Lion Statue at the Leader Dogs for the Blind training center in Rochester, Michigan.



Leader Dog and Theresa

5CA District Governor for 2007-08, Therese Mathussier, also participated in the blindfold exercise at Rochester, Michigan.



DG Jan

Jan Froemming, 2007-08 5NW District Governor, in her walk with a blindfold at the Leader Dogs for the Blind campus in Rochester, Michigan.

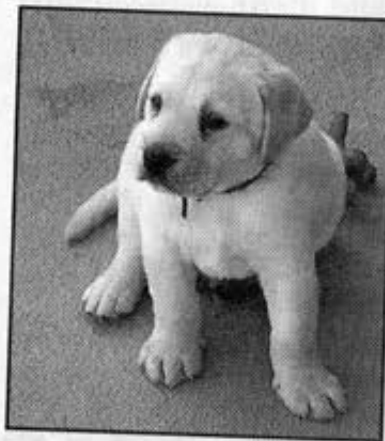
Summer training sessions

By 5 NC LION ALLAN TINKER

This summer of 2007, the incoming District Governors attended many training sessions in different places and cities. Among these were the Lions International Convention in Chicago and the Leader Dog Institute in Rochester, Michigan, near Detroit.

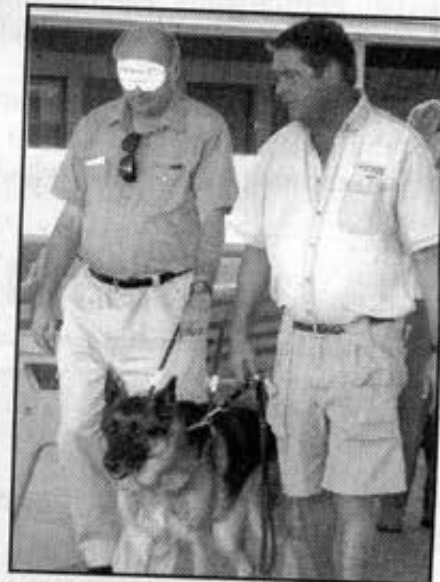
While at these sessions, the diversity of Lions, their programs and their interests, as well as the good-fellowship camaraderie, is evident throughout the events. From the Seventh Annual Lions International Performance Festival on July 3 in Chicago to the late June hands-on experience of being led by a dog in the Rochester institute, the Lions District Governors and their spouses enjoyed the chance to become part of the International World of Lions, as well as bring back the experiences to their own communities.

The District Governors daily invite those involved in local Lions clubs to spread the word about the wide range of community activities, broad spectrum of help for the seeing-impaired as well as prevention programs in eye health, and the world-wide interests that the world's largest group of volunteers support with their fund-raising and donations.



Leader Dog in training

One of the small puppies, at the Leader Dogs for the Blind campus, in training to be a potential leader dog for the blind. Lions travel to learn



Leader Dog demo

Brian Tinker, 2007-08 5NC District Governor, participated in the Leader Dog demonstration of understanding the relationship and trust between Leader Dogs and their blind companions.

Lions Redfield Flags

The Redfield High School band from District 5SE performed at the Lions International Convention in Chicago, leading Multiple District 5 in the parade on the Fourth of July. The band tied for first place in the Category 1, High School Bands, division of the parade band competition. Here, the band's flag bearers align their flags for the start of the parade.



Lions Troupe

One of the many performing groups at the Lions International Performance Festival in Chicago on July 3: the Glendale Heights Lions Philippine Folk Dancers, from Illinois.

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Greetings to all men and women who are Lions and Leo clubs in District 5NW. How have we helped our clubs, our community, since we visited last month in our ND Lion?

In our Lions Magazine we were presented with a plan by International President Mahendra Amaarasuriya "Challenge to Change" with two programs:

1. Core Programs
2. Regional/Areas, consideration by world of Lions.

WHAT SHOULD WE CHANGE?

HOW SHOULD WE CHANGE?

A. Brand image of Lions Clubs -- To an organization that is dynamic and relevant to the 21st Century.

B. Membership -- To well-planned membership development focusing on members under the age of 40, and also to women.

C. Projects -- Well-planned projects in response to needs of the community.

D. Meetings -- To short, more interesting and lively meetings.

E. Planning for the future -- To formulate strategic plans at club and district level.

F. International Headquarters

Governor's Report

Operations -- To finalize the already overall reorganization of International Headquarters operations to deliver cost-effective services to the global membership. A challenge to grow by an additional 20,000 quality members.

The International President has given Vital 8 characteristics of a quality Lion.

1. Ability to meet obligations of being a Lion.
2. Integrity
3. Willingness to devote time for Lions.
4. Commitment to serve.
5. Socially acceptable
6. Willingness to be a team player
7. Compatibility with the club
8. Empathy for fellow human beings

Secretaries:

Please send your Monthly Activities Reports to District Governor Jan Froemming, VDG Pat Trotter and Zone chairmen each month so everyone knows what each club is doing. Also (MMR) Monthly Membership Report to Lions International and District Governor.

Club visitation schedule

Halliday Lions Sept. 6th
New Salem Lions Sept. 11th
Hazen Lions Sept. 13th

Dickinson Campus Club ... Sept. 18th
Alexander Lions Sept. 24th
Williston Lions Sept. 25th
Watford City Lions Sept. 26th
Kenmare Lions Sept. 27th
Columbus Lions Oct. 1st
Arnegard Lions Oct. 2nd
New England Lions Oct. 3rd
Williston Korner Lions Oct. 8th
Wildrose Lions Oct. 8th
Glen Ullin Lions Oct. 10th
Berthold Lions Oct. 15th
Stanley Lions Oct. 22nd

Events

State Convention in Jamestown Oct. 26-27

Also, October is MEMBERSHIP MONTH so please 5NW we have 37 clubs: Try to bring in one new member if you can. Our District 5NW had a gain last year (2006-2007). Congratulations to PDG Herman Schafer.

We also have some good things happening at our State Convention in Jamestown. Please try to attend.

If you need anything contact me at 701-584-3606 or e-mail dalejan@westriv.com.

We Serve Together
Jan Froemming
District Governor

Hearing aid program inaugurated by LCIF

By PIP JIMMY ROSS

Dear Lion,

I am happy to announce a new program of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

LCIF has affordable, high-quality hearing aids available to Lions clubs in the United States for low-income members of the their communities. The two types of digital hearing aids from Rexton, Inc. can be purchased for \$200 per aid from the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (Lions AHAP).

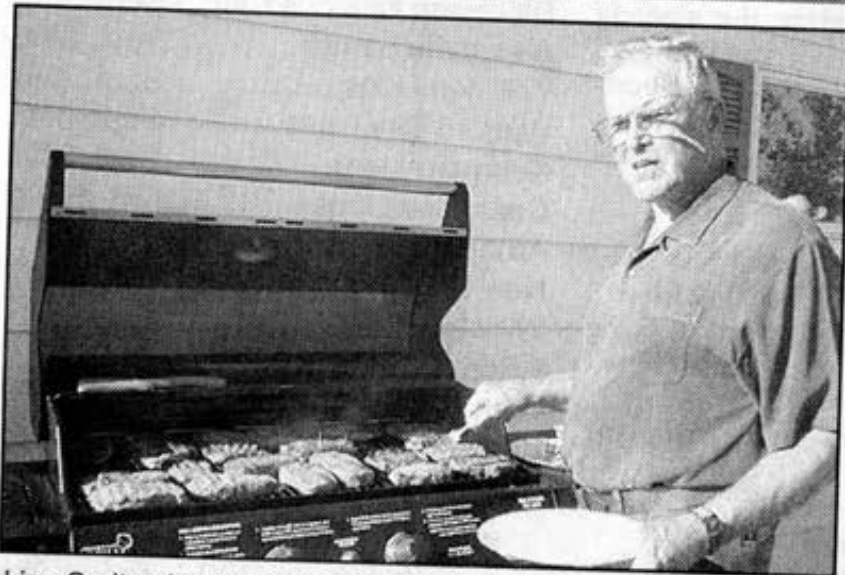
Ninety-five percent of individuals with hearing loss can be successfully treated with hearing aids yet 30 percent are unable to afford hearing aids. Seven million people in the U.S. cannot afford to purchase hearing aids. In 2005, the average cost of a hearing aid was \$1,900, and most people need two hearing aids. Hearing is critical to communication, so when there is even

a minimal loss, it affects all aspects of a person's life. For example, people with untreated hearing loss make an estimated 50% to 70% less in wages than their hearing peers.

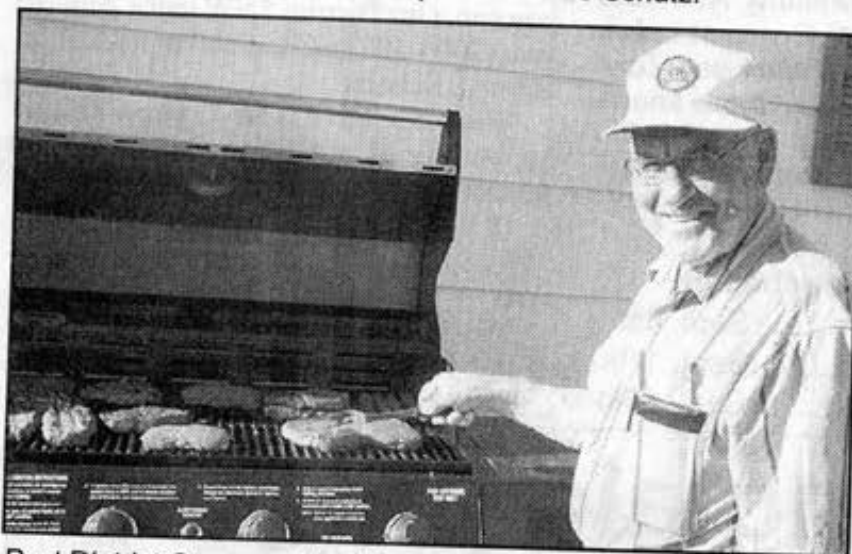
The two types of aids offer Lions clubs the opportunity to help with almost any type of hearing loss. Reducing communication breakdown for one person creates a ripple effect that touches everyone in the community. And, based on feedback from the program so far, many clubs are revitalized and often recruit new members committed to the new service.

Please consider participating in this program. To learn more about Lions AHAP, please visit http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/lcif_gr_ahap.shtml or contact the office at 630-571-5466, ext. 615. The e-mail address is LionsAHAP@lionsclubs.org.

Elgin



Lion Carlton Levorsen checks his steak on Sunday evening, July 29 during the Elgin Lions Club annual steak fry and picnic at the Elgin Golf Course. The special cut steaks for the event were purchased from Lion Kurt Maxon who recently purchased the grocery store in Elgin. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*



Past District Governor Lion Harry Zacher checks his steak at the Elgin Lions Club annual steak fry at the Elgin Golf Club on Sunday evening, July 29, 2007. All Lions and their wives attended the free steak fry, with salads, french toast and baked potato. Everyone had a good time. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz*



Lion Irene Rauscher checks steaks during the Elgin Lions Club annual steak fry on Sunday evening, July 29 at the Elgin Golf Club. Lion Rauscher is a member of the Elgin Dakota Lions Club. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Mandan/Dakotah



Library donation

Director Kelly Steckler received a Max Low Vision from Lion Shirley Schafer, the president of the Mandan/Dakotah Lions and Lion Brian Geise, the president of the Mandan Lions. This low vision machine is a portable unit that can be connected to any television set to enlarge materials that are being read, such as newspapers and books. It is also portable enough to take with you to read labels and other things. This machine can be checked out at the Morton Mandan Public Library. Lions Clubs in Mandan and everywhere spend much time helping people who have vision problems. This is one small way we can help locally.

LABEL CHANGES ~ Please!

Name [Print] _____

New Address _____

City/Town _____

Zip _____

Please Send To:

ND Lion, PO Box 309,
Garrison, ND 58540

Williston Korner



Chicago banner

DG Jan Froemming presents PDG Herman Schafer and Lion Shirley Schafer with the Chicago International Convention Banner.



Key Award

PDG Chuck Whitney, left, presents DG Jan Froemming with the Key Award for bringing in two new members in 2006 - 2007.



Lions donate

Williston Korner Lions make a donation to the local "Toot for Virgil" campaign. The campaign is to build a new band shelter in Harmon Park. Shown receiving the check from Korner Lions President Bill Christensen (center) is Mark Stenehjelm, while Past President Roy Clark looks on.

FORUM COUNTDOWN

12 months

By GORDON ZIEGLER

In less than a year, the Lions of Saskatchewan will host the largest Lions event in the history of our province. A bus with 34 Lions and partners from Saskatchewan and North Dakota will be joined by others from MD-5 plus Saskatoon Forum facilities representatives to spread the good word at this year's USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Details next month. You may have missed this bus; start planning to get involved when the Forum comes to Saskatchewan September 18-20, 2008.

By next month we will have received a number of pre-registrations and I will keep reporting the # of advance registrations as it changes each month between now and September, 2008.

3614

"Most delegates ever, Lexington, KY, 1988"

2666

"Delegates last year in Columbus, Ohio"

2326

"Delegates at most recent Canadian Forum - Halifax, 2001"

1432

"Highest-ever Pre-registration: for Grand Rapids, 2007"

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"Pre-registered for Saskatoon Forum as of August, 2007"

Reminder:

ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

NO Exceptions!



BUFFALO HEAVEN IN 2007

STATE LIONS CONVENTION

OCTOBER 26-27, 2007 • JAMESTOWN, ND

Convention Headquarters:

Gladstone Inn & Suites
111 Second Street NE
Jamestown, ND 58401
Phone: 701.252.0700

Registration Fees:

Early Bird (through May 1)	\$55
After May 1	\$70

Room Rates:

Standard Room	\$60
Poolside Room	\$70
Suite	\$80

REGISTER NOW!

☐ All registrants will be entered to win a 24k Gold Buffalo Coin worth \$795!!!

☐ Early Bird = 2 Chances

☐ After May 1 = Only 1 Chance!

Secondary hotel: Quality Inn & Suites

Call early for reservations!

Mail registration form & check to: ND State Lions Convention, Registration Committee,
P.O. Box 1213, Jamestown, ND 58402-1213

Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant. RSVP before May 1, 2007.

Name: _____ Lion Guest
(Please Circle One)

Badge Name: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Street City State ZIP

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fees: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ Check Number: _____

Make checks payable to ND State Lions Convention

STATE LIONS CONVENTION • JAMESTOWN, ND

October 26-27, 2007

Welcome to "Buffalo Heaven in 2007!"

Friday, October 26

9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	Registration-Gladstone Hotel
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Cabinet Meetings-Civic Center
	5NE-Exchequer I
	5NC-Exchequer II
	5NW-Exchequer III
1:00 p.m.	ND Lions Foundation Board-Club Room
2:30 p.m.	ND Eyebank Board-Club Room
3:45 p.m.	ND PDG Meeting-Club Room
5:00 p.m.	Hall of Fame Candidates and New Lions Reception-Gladstone Hotel
6:30 p.m.	Ice Breaker-Gladstone Hotel-"Home on the Range-Western Wear"
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Entertainment-Dixie Cups

Saturday-October 27

7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Registration-Jamestown Civic Center (West Lobby)
7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast and Opening Session-Civic Center Arena
	Jan Froemming, DG of 5NW, Presiding
	Presentation of Colors and National Anthem
	Welcome-Clarice Leichty, Mayor of Jamestown
8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	ND District Meetings
	5NE-Exchequer I
	5 NC-Exchequer II
	5 NW-Exchequer III
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Non-Lion Programs-Quilting, Hanson I and II
	Buffalo Museum, Club Room
10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	ND State Lions Meeting-Exchequer Room-John Dobbs, DG of
11:15 a.m.-11:45 a.m.	ND Lions Foundation General Meeting-Exchequer Room <i>with parade of green</i>
11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.	ND Eye bank General Assembly-Exchequer Room <i>with parade of green</i>
12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.	Saturday Luncheon-Civic Center Arena
	Brian M. Tinker, DG of 5NC, Presiding
	Keynote Speaker-Dr. Ellen Chaffee, President, VCSU
	Hall of Fame Presentation
2:45 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Breakout Sessions-
	1. National Buffalo Museum-Club Room
	2. Anne Carlson Center for Children-Exchequer I
	3. Scenic Byways and Rustic Trails-Exchequer ii
	4. Tanzania-Exchequer III
	5. Fort Seward-Nerling Room
	6. Identity Fraud-Hanson I and II
3:45 p.m.-4:00 p.m.	Coffee Break
4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
	1. Lions Idea Exchange-Club Room
	2. Anne Carlson Center for Children-Exchequer I
	3. Scenic Byways and Rustic Trails-Exchequer II
	4. Great Plains Assistance Dogs-Exchequer III
	5. Fort Seward-Nerling Room
	6. Identity Fraud-Hanson I and II
6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.	Parade of Governors, Banquet-Civic Center Arena
	John Dobbs, DG of 5NE Presiding
	Keynote Speaker-Leland Kolkmeier, Director, Lions International
	Convention Closing



Mahendra Amarasuriya new president of International Association of Lions Clubs

Dear club officers,

It was a great privilege to be inaugurated President of the International Association of Lions Clubs in Chicago last month. It was a special thrill to assume the Presidency at our 90th anniversary celebration in the city in which our Association was founded

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/convention/2007_index.shtml

It struck me that much has changed and much has stayed the same. What has not changed is the spirit of Lions and our dedication to service. Integrity and compassion mean as much to us today as they did to our founders.

But we no longer do business from a roll-top desk as Melvin Jones did. When we answer the telephone we are as likely to take it from a pocket as from a stand on our desk. What has changed is not what Lions do, but the way we do things.

To keep up with our fast-changing world, Lions must make even greater changes in the way we do things. I hope that you will join me enthusiastically during our leadership year as we strive to embrace the challenge of change.

One of our greatest challenges in this year of change will be to meet our ambitious goal of achieving a net growth of at least 20,000 new members worldwide. Helping to spearhead this aggressive plan are the Lions of Team 20K who are in place to help clubs with this membership challenge.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intprogram.pdf>

http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/intl_program_powerpoint.pdf

Remember that we can hope to meet this ambitious goal only by ensuring that Lions Clubs remain relevant and meaningful to the young people in our communities. As one Lion in the U.S.A. put it recently, "People don't join Lions Clubs to go to meetings. They join to do the things that Lions do."

Meetings that are lively and brief events designed to reenergize club members and enable them to participate in innovative and fun service projects will help your club appeal to a younger generation which has innumerable choices when it comes to how to spend their time.

Remaining relevant to young people also requires us to give added importance to Leo Clubs. In our quest for high quality new members, there will be no better place to look than to active Leos. I challenge each and every Lions Club throughout the world to sponsor a Leo Club and take



Mahendra Amarasuriya
President
Lions Clubs International

responsibility for nurturing its members in our culture of service.

Our membership goals are challenging and ambitious but are by no means impossible to achieve. For evidence, you need only look to the family membership initiative begun last year. When we began it was anticipated that we would realize a membership increase of approximately 9,000. In fact, more than 18,000 new members have joined our ranks as a direct result of the program. Many of these new members are women and many are under the age of 40. I am certain that we can achieve similar results from the changes we make this year.

Finally, I would like to ask you not to hesitate to make necessary changes in the way your club serves your community. Step forward and embrace the change. The future of our Association depends upon it. And, while this may seem to be only the start of our leadership year, the time to begin is now.



Lions Eyeglass Recycling Report

Thank you to the Williston Lions Club for almost a half a pickup load of used eyeglasses.

Also, thank you to the Rugby Lions for letting me speak on the importance of recycling eyeglasses in their festival in the park. And thank you for the eyeglasses they donated. I also received glasses from Larimore and Emerado clubs.

5NC District Governor Brian Tinker from McClusky brought some glasses up from McClusky. Thanks DG Brain.

**Glasses in progress jumped to
457,000**

in the system 71,200 pair.

**Ready to ship is about
3,500 pair.**

If any Lions Club wishes to come to Minot to sort glasses for a day or part of day, you would be most welcome. I can take up to 20 volunteers at a time, and I am sure you will find your time very worthwhile. I have a heated garage so temps are not a problem. I agreed to process glasses until I hit the population of the state and we are getting close so perhaps your club wants to take over for another 10 years? Next year will be my 10th anniversary.

Terry

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