

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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## State convention a success

"Buffalo Heaven in 2007". That was the battle cry for the executive committee as they started their preparation for the 2007 Lions State Convention in July of 2006. Five Lions clubs put their heads together and united their efforts to put together a program for this convention. The five clubs were the Buffalo City Lions, Jamestown Lions, Valley City Lions, New Rockford Lions and Carrington Lions. The committee was given some specific directions from the PDG Association; run the convention in only two days and keep the convention income and expenses within budget.

After much work and planning the date for the convention finally arrived. The efforts of the committee lead by co-chairmen Dwaine Heinrich and Fran Romsdal hoped that everything would fall into place -- that the Lions of North Dakota would come to Jamestown and have a truly great experience.

The convention was a success. Financially the PDG Association will have a nice return. The meetings all went



PDG Dorothy Polson of the Williston Lions posed with her husband, PDG Don (also a Hall of Fame member), after accepting her Lions Hall of Fame award at State Convention Oct. 27. PDG Polson was selected for the award from a field of five candidates from across the state.

rather smoothly.

Program Chairman Dennis Nathan lined up a nice variety of speakers for the breakout sessions. The "ice breaker" entertainment was just great. Kristi Goldade, the young yodeler from Strasburg, was very impressive and the Dixie Cups were a great hit. Some Lions even got "cupped." The words of Dr. Ellen Chaffee at the noon luncheon gave us North Dakotans some encouragement and hope for the future. Congratulations to Hall of Fame Inductee Dorothy Polson from Williston. The Parade of Governors Banquet topped off the convention on Saturday evening. The words from Lions International Director Leland Kolkmeier were uplifting and sincere.

The N.D. Eyebank, Lions Foundation of N.D., Campaign SightFirst II and Northwood Relief were each presented a check for \$831.04.

These funds came from tailing twisting, the white Buffalo raffle and the Silent Auction. The committee would like to thank everyone who donated to the auction. (Lions members, Lions Clubs and individual businesses) Without your donations the Silent Auction would not have succeeded/ A special thanks to all convention attendees who took part and purchased items in the auction.

The 2007 Lions State Convention in Jamestown was a success. The reasons for the success were because we had great partnership between the five Lions Clubs of Zone A-3, the great partnership between the executive committee and the city of Jamestown, the committee doing their job and working together and all N.D. Lions members who came to the convention. (Total registrations-293 members) The last and certainly not the least was all of the great financial support from many of the sponsors for the convention.

I'm sure all the Lions of North Dakota will remember October 26 & 27, 2007, in Jamestown, North Dakota as being in "BUFFALO HEAVEN IN 2007".



International Director Leland Kolkmeier of Wellington, Mo. addressed the North Dakota Lions and guests at their Parade of Governors Banquet Saturday evening, Oct. 27. ID Kolkmeier also assisted district governors with awards presentations.



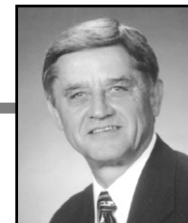
Photos by JEANNE SELBY

At Saturday noon luncheon keynote speaker, Dr. Ellen Chaffee, president of Valley City State University since 1993, gave a dynamic power-point presentation on "Leadership for North Dakota."

*For more convention photos,  
see page 6*

# Inside International

By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



## Campaign SightFirst II at \$118,000,000

That's worldwide, of course. Also, the recent CSFII Worldwide Report Day conducted Oct. 24 revealed that another \$10,000,000 has been pledged but not formally reported. That means that we are only \$22,000,000 away from our minimum goal of \$150,000,000 and \$72,000,000 away from the total goal of \$200,000,000.

The downside of this, however, is that there are only eight (8) months remaining in the campaign, including this month (November). The three-year fundraising blitz to raise funds for the purpose of controlling and/or eliminating blindness in the world ends June 30, 2008.

Our CSFII sector, Sector D, which includes North Dakota and South Dakota, has done very well in our effort the meet our \$838,383 goal. We have committed -- one way or the other -- about \$526,000. That's in the neighborhood of 2/3rds of the total goal.

The first two-thirds is the easy part. Rounding up the remaining \$312,000 will be a challenge, but it can be done.

How can it be done, you ask. First of all there are 82 clubs in North and South Dakota who have not committed anything to the campaign. That's just under half the clubs in Sector D! If those 82 clubs would commit an average of \$1,000 a year over the next three years we'd be almost there.

What else can we do, you ask? Model Clubs. Sector D has

20 Model Clubs, which is an excellent total, but there are other clubs capable of becoming a Model Club. If we could develop five more Model Clubs in North and South Dakota who commit an average of \$20,000, BAM! We have another \$100,000. A Model Club is one that commits a minimum of \$400 per member to be paid over a 3- to 5-year period.

We must first remember that we are Lions, and this is what we do. We are lucky. We live in the United States of America. We have the resources to help people in other parts of the world who can't help themselves because they aren't so lucky.

The number of blind people in the world will double by the year 2020 if we don't do anything. We must act. If we as Lions don't do it who will? Nobody.

### The funnies:

Teenagers today believe they have a right to life, liberty and a car suitable for the pursuit of happiness.

I am opposed to millionaires — but it would be dangerous to offer me the position.

—Mark Twain

## Letter to the editor

### Thank you Lions

Karissa Rittenbach  
Coleharbor auditor

On behalf of the City of Coleharbor we want to express our sincere appreciation to Lions Club International.

From the tree donation, to the planting of trees, the meal provided to city residents, monetary donation, tree plaque and many other efforts.

The Lions Club International has provided nonstop assistance following the storm to help rebuild our city. Your generosity and selfless efforts will never be forgotten. Thanks a million.

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#### Sustaining memberships (\$10 each)

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Howard Nelson, Dennis Anderson, Salli Lou Anderson, Paul B. Knudson, Sandra L. Knudson, Pat Trotter, Valerie Trotter, Ruth Wagner, James L. Selby and Jeanne M. Selby. Garry Freier and Loris Freier \$20 and Shirley Schafer \$30.

#### Life member (\$300)

Rita Harris.

#### Miscellaneous donations:

Edgley Lions \$50, Reeder Lions White Cane Day \$55, Souris Valley Garlic and Grape Festival Dist 5 NC Zone 3A \$1,000, 2007 State Lions Convention \$831.04.

#### Visitation Bear:

Wishek Lions \$20, North Star Lions \$20, Mandan Lions \$70, Lehr Lions \$5 and Garrison Lions \$255.

#### 100 percent Club (\$10 per member)

Elgin Lions Club \$550.

Bronze Clubs (\$100 each)

Hooterville Lions, Williston Korner Lions, Lake Metigoshe Lions, Scranton Lions, New Rockford Lions, Reeder Lions, Jamestown Lions, Carrington Lions, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions and Hazen Lions. Valley City Lions \$150.

Mandan Lions \$200. Minot Magic City Lions \$250 and Williston Lions \$25.

#### Gold Clubs (\$500)

Bismarck North Star Lions, Red River Lions and Emerado-Arvilla Lions.

Designated funds:

Northwood Relief:

Wildrose Lions \$100.

#### Vision USA:

Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions \$100, Red River Lions \$75, Dist 5NC Zone 3A \$500, Mott Lions \$60, Elgin Dakota Lions \$96, Hazen Lions \$69, New England Lions \$100, Kenmare Lions \$60, Halliday Lions \$105, Wildrose Lions \$51, Watford City Lions \$75, West River Lions \$36 and Beulah Lions \$60.

A sincere "thank you" to all of the individuals and clubs that participated in the Parade of Green at the State Convention and also for all of your continued support. Great things will be happening after our next board meeting, which will be Jan. 26, 2008. Watch your N.D. Lion for the details. Until then ... thank you again!

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### A visit to Carrington Lions

Since Jan.1, 2007 to Oct.1, 2007, in all of North Dakota, 214 corneas were recovered, or 107 donors at two corneas each. Of the 214, 165 corneas were successfully transplanted. (49 of these were medical rule outs for transplants). Due to the generous donors and their families, the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank recovery technicians, transporters, and the help of medical staff, 165 people were given the gift of sight.

The Carrington Health Center has trained N.D. Lions Eye Bank technicians to recover donated cornea tissue and the Carrington Lions has a team of five members who regularly transport cornea tissue to Bismarck.



The ND Eye Bank has a new employee by the name of Sheila Massie. She started with the eye bank as a technician and now is the liaison for the 5NE area. Sheila has attended club meetings. Here, she is pictured, right, with Carrington's Mary Carter, the club president.

# 5NE



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Greetings 5 NE Lions!

WOW!! What a great STATE CONVENTION! Congratulations to all of the area Lions who were involved and who were led by the Convention Co-Chairs Fran Ramsdal and Dwaine Heinrich! To quote Fran Ramsdal, the convention was FANTASTIC!!

Dwaine and Fran were quick to sing the praises of the chairpersons representing all of the clubs who stepped up. Dennis Nathan and Ron Harris of Valley City handled programs, Nina Sneider of Buffalo City managed registration and Jim Lunde of the Jamestown Lions arranged for the food. V.D.G. Dwaine Zwinger of Carrington put the silent auction together, while Rick Swenson and the New Rockford Lions handled promotion, publicity and tail twisting. And we can't forget Lion Norm Erber of Valley City who provided competitive and quality catering for some of our meals!

All in all, it was a great event that will end up firmly in the black!

M & A Reports: Attn: Secretaries! The M&A reports are important and helpful to many of us in the District. They keep us up to date on club activities and aware of

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the areas in which we might be helpful. PLEASE file your reports each month so that they get to Int'l, the DG and to your Zone Chairman. Doing so is an important part of your position. Thanks!

VISION USA: Checks have begun to come in from many Clubs. Thanks! With vision being such an important part of our Mission, your collective help in this area is most important and meaningful! Thanks!

NORTHWOOD: The Northwood Lions Club has distributed nearly all of the vouchers. North Dakotans are a proud lot, though. There are many people who should accept the vouchers but some are just too proud and independent. We've helped over 50 families, though, and YOUR gifts to LCIF will have been well used!

CSFII: Fund-raising continues and Clubs are working hard to reach their goals! If we've done our best on raising funds from the community, it's now time to dig into our Club's project accounts AND our own pockets so that WE will have done our parts! Thanks!

CLUB VISITS: I have over half of the Clubs scheduled for visits and have completed 10, to date. Anita and I will be out of the District until November 13 but will be back and ready to go after that. If you would like to schedule a Club visit or the like, please let me know. I'll have my cell phone along, if necessary and will respond to all e-mails upon my return.

5NE WEBSITE: Pat Roundy is now setting about working on our website. She is requesting that if you want YOUR club represented on the website, she'll need a picture and short bio on your president, meeting days, other officers and anything else that you'd like publicized. Pat's e-mail is paroundy@daktel.com Thanks!

NEW CABINET/CLUB OFF. NAMES:

Dennis Nathan has assumed the Secretary position for the Valley City Club and PDG Gerald Sletmoe stepped up to serve as Zone Chair in Zone B2. Thank you, Lions!

Presidential Certificates of Appreciation

Everyone was pleased to see Cliff Vining and Blaine Horsager receive the Presidential Certificates. These two gentlemen are long-time dedicated Lions who have served their clubs and the District with distinction!

### Coming Events and Important Dates

October 28-November 13 DG Dobbs out of the District.

November 19 – Visitation Leonard Lions 50th Anniversary.

November 20 – Visitation Oakes Lions.

November 21 – 7:00 a.m. Visitation Larimore-Turtle River Lions.

12:00 noon Visitation Grand Forks Lions.

November 26 – Visitation New Rockford Lions.

November 28 – Visitation Wahpeton Headwaters Lions.

December 5 – Visitation Carrington

December 7 – Visitation Grand Forks Red River 25th!!

December 8 – Fargo's big holiday caroling sing along.

December 13 – Visitation Fargo Gateway Christmas.

December 17 – Visitation Lakota.

*Food for thought: "Amateurs compete with each other – pro's compete with themselves".*

*Thanks to:*

*Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club.*

## 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



# Carrington



## Peace Poster Contest winner

Pictured are Lion Mary Carter, Carrington Lions President, Joseph Bakke, local Peace Poster winner and Pegs Johnson, art Instructor and supervisor of the Carrington Peace Poster Contest. **"Peace Around the World"** is the theme of the 2007-2008 Peace Poster Contest. Joseph Bakke is the 1st place winner of the Carrington Lions Peace Poster Contest. Joseph's poster has now been sent to compete at the district level. A theme must also be included on the posters. Joseph's theme was: "It takes peace to run the world and it takes all the countries to work together to do that." The Carrington Lions had 34 participants in this year's contest.



The Carrington Lions are helping to conserve sight by collecting usable eyeglasses to be donated to children and adults throughout the world. The Carrington Lions collected and donated 459 used eyeglasses and 203 glass cases in 2007. Collecting used eyeglasses for the Carrington Lions, from left, are Family Vision Center employee Joann Stokes and Lion Dr. Kathy Hendrickson. Old Glasses Give New Life!



## At Jamestown

Top photo, ND Eye Bank's new employee, Sheila Massie, along with Dick Larson, are pictured supporting the buffalo feed in Jamestown. At right, Sheila Massie shows a photo of the eye bank's new car during the state convention in Jamestown. Sheila, who started with the eye bank as a technician, is now the liaison for the 5NE area.



# Valley City



## Melvin Jones

PDG Larry E. Saylor, right, of the Valley City Lions Club, was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award at the October meeting of the club. Presenting the award was 5NE DG John Dobbs of Fargo. Lion Larry has been a member of Lions for 20 years, holding many offices both locally and in 5NE.



# Convention photos



Photos by JEANNE SELBY

## Cupped by the Dixie Cups

State Convention 2007 Co-chair, Lion Fran Romsdal of the Jamestown Lions, was "cupped" (and obviously enjoyed every minute of it!) by the Dixie Cups during their Friday evening performance. The Dixie Cups, a vocal trio from the Fargo area, provided the entertainment during the Friday evening western-themed ice breaker.



## Convention 2008 invitation

District 5NC PDG Brach Johnson of Bismarck, chair of the 2008 State Lions Convention, visited all three district business meetings, extending an invitation to the 2008 State Lions Convention, to be Oct. 24 - 25 at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck. Also pictured is District 5NC Cabinet Secretary Lion Jim Bumann. The 2008 State Convention theme is "Caribbean Nights."

## Parade of Green

PDG Brach Johnson (right), vice president of the North Dakota Eye Bank, presented a \$25,000 check to PDG Chris Helgesen, president of the North Dakota Lions Foundation, during the "parade of green" portion of the North Dakota Lions Foundation general meeting Oct. 27. The North Dakota Lions Foundation, with the aid of a Lions Clubs International grant, launched the North Dakota Eyebank in 1992. "Recent successes of the North Dakota Eyebank warranted a donation to the North Dakota Lions Foundation," said PDG Brach. Watch for much more information about this monumental donation in next month's N.D. Lion.

## MD5 Lions opportunity for Youth opening

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to officially inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that at the end of this Lions year, June 30, 2008 our Lions Opportunity For Youth, (LOFY) chairperson's term will expire.

If you are a Lion of Multiple District 5 and would like to know more about this three- year position (2008-2011) and would like an application, call MD5 Secretary/Treasure Mike Brand at 701-845-3204 (phone/fax) or 701-205-4729 or E-mail him at [vc1ion@msn.com](mailto:vc1ion@msn.com)

**The Deadline for applying for this position is March 1, 2008.**

## Did you know?

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

# 5NC



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Another State Convention and 5NC District meeting has passed. Next year it is 5NC's turn to host. Let's make it one of the best ever.

## Elections

At the District Meeting the election results were as follows: VDGE 2008-09 James Ruff, Lehr; DGE 2008-09 Craig Wollenburg, Rugby;

## Event schedule, deadlines

Nov. 13 – Zone 2B – Bowdon  
Nov. 15 – Peace Poster Submission to DG  
Nov. 15 – DG visit Capital City - Bismarck  
Nov. 15 – DG visit North Star – Bismarck  
Nov. 15 – Deadline to submit Peace Poster entries to DG  
Nov. 16-17 – MD5 Council meeting – Minot  
Nov. 18 – DG visit Zeeland/Zeeland Dakota  
Nov. 19 – Zone 3B meeting – Rugby  
Dec. 12 – DG visit Lehr  
April 12, 2008 – 5NC Leadership Conference – Minot  
Sept. 20, 2008 – 2nd Annual Minot Lions Grape and Garlic Festival

# Governor's Report

## Cabinet meeting

The 5NC Cabinet met October 25, 2007. The merger of Minot Knight Riders and Plum Valley Lions was approved and paperwork will now be sent to LCI for their blessing. The MERL team, Region and Zone Chairs, and Long Range Planning committees met to address membership and leadership issues within the district and what involvement we wish from MD5.

## Awards

Many awards were presented at State Convention. Among them three Melvin Jones Fellowships by the North Star Lions, and a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to Lions Lynell Thueson of Prairie Rose and Gene Bender of Lake Metigoshe. Congratulations to all award recipients and thanks for your continued leadership in Lions.

## ND Lions meeting

The North Dakota Lions met October 26, 2007 at State Convention. The only item of business was to approve a newsletter dues increase from \$3 to \$4 per member per year retroactive to July 1, 2007.

## Zone meetings

As you can see from the listing of events above, Zone meetings are being scheduled. Several are on their second of three meetings. Remember Presidents and Secretaries that attendance at two of the three is a key requirement to qualify for awards.

## Tree planting

Lion Gene is proceeding with the Tree Planting opportunities for all clubs. Currently looks like orders will be accepted for spring delivery. Watch future newsletters for details.

## Membership

Membership stats as of Sept. 30, 2007,

show an increasing trend! Let's keep up the recruiting efforts and plan for a positive net increase by year-end. While making visitations I have noticed the effort being expended by clubs to recruit new members. Membership Chairperson PDG Marian Johnson has promised to keep you informed of membership successes in each issue of the newsletter. Please submit your success stories to her for possible inclusion in her reports. A special celebration is being planned for the entire District 5NC if we achieve a 10 percent net increase in membership by June 30, 2008.

## Brochures, flyers, logos

While making club visitations I have noted many clubs have brochures and/or flyers describing their club's achievements, community services, etc. and inviting membership inquiries. As part of this year's public relations initiative we are trying to acquire one of these for each club in the district. If your club already has one, would you please see that I get a copy? I much prefer an electronic copy, such, as pdf if possible. I also have most of the desktop publishing software and can receive a copy in one of those formats. If electronic format is not possible, would you please mail me a couple of them. I would appreciate having one for each club in hand by Dec. 31, 2007. If your club does not have one, please notify me of that by attaching a note to your monthly report, and/or calling, writing, or emailing me.

Many clubs also have logos (i.e. Hat for North Star, "Flion Lions"). I would also appreciate an electronic form of the logo in one of the photo/image formats and/or pdf.

The object is to get these brochures/flyers/logos online for each club at the District website.

Allan and I wish each of you a very special Thanksgiving with family and friends!



# 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.

Napoleon – George Rohrich

Enderlin – LeRoy Skramstad

Harvey – Gary Sundberg

# 5NC Membership milestones

PDG MARIAN JOHNSON  
5NC Membership chairman

All of the clubs' membership chairmen received a letter this fall challenging their clubs to a 10 percent growth this year, with monthly updates posted in the ND LION. Here are the membership leaders as of the end of September. (The stats from International are always about five weeks behind, so be patient.)

University of Mary Lions—5 members gained (a 20.8 percent increase)

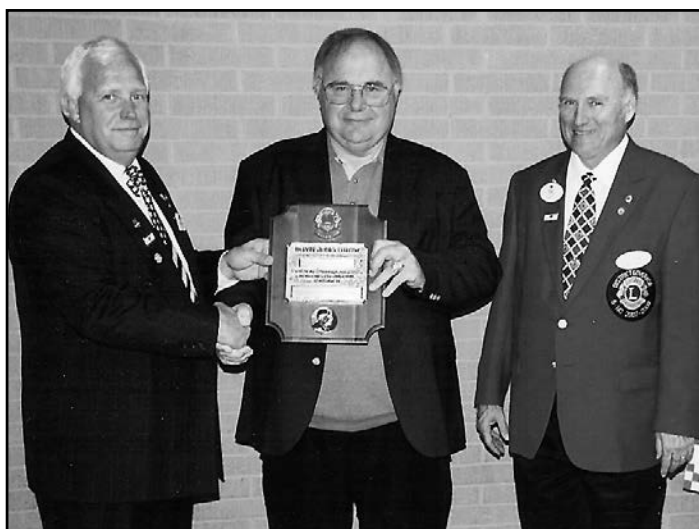
Capital City Lions—1 member gained (a 3.5 percent increase)

Rugby Lions—1 Member gained (a 2 percent increase)

ALL CLUBS HAVE THE CHANCE TO EXCEL, since this is based on a percentage. A small club of 10 members would achieve their 10 percent goal by adding only ONE member! Increases are calculated by comparison with the July membership statistics at the beginning of the Lions year. (Drops will hurt your numbers, so bar the door!)

At the end of the year, District Governor Brian and his wife Lion Allan are thinking up a special reward for the club(s) with the greatest membership achievement. More details on that later

## Rugby



Craig Wollenburg, left, 5NC District Governor-Elect; Hartley Hageness, Melvin Jones Fellow; Brian Tinker, District 5NC Governor.



Lion Secretary Betty Triplett presents Janet Miller the Lion of the Year Award. Lions President Chuck Repnow, far right, presents the past president's plaque and Gazebo award to Jeff Miller.

## Rugby Lions hold charter night

The Rugby Lions Club held its 79th Charter Night Oct. 29 at Bob's Pizza Inn.

Members receiving special recognition included Janet Miller as "Lion of the Year",

Jeff Miller was presented with the past president's plaque. Miller was also the recipient of a new Rugby Lions club award, the Gazebo award. The Gazebo award has been established to recognize Lions members who have shown outstanding service at Music in the Park.

Hartley Hageness was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. This is one of the highest honors that one can receive as a Lions member. The fellowship is named after the founder of Lions International, Melvin Jones.

The following Lions were recognized and received membership pins for their years of service: Lila Harstad -- 10 years; Richard Lavik -- 15 years; Dianne Montonye, Betty Triplett, Bob Schmidt -- 20 years; Dale Niewoehner -- 35 years.

The following Lions were recognized for having perfect attendance: Kari St. Michel, Gloria Vetsch, Craig Wollenburg, Dale Niewoehner, Hartley Hageness, Larry Fueller, Matt Mullally, Ruth Fedje, Janet Miller, Jeff Miller, Galen Mack, Kathy Kirchofner, Joni Johnson, Charles Repnow, and Betty Triplett.

The guest speaker for the evening was Brian Tinker, of McClusky, who is currently serving as Lions District Governor for the 5NC District.

## 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](mailto:eyebanknd@qwestoffice.net).



# District 5NC recognitions



5NC District Governor Elect Craig Wollenburg, Rugby, left, Immediate Past District Governor Carla Bender, Bismarck, and District Governor Brian Tinker, McClusky, listen as PDG Brach Johnson (off-camera) of Bismarck, extends an invitation to the 2008 State Convention, to be held in Bismarck in October 2008.



5NC District Governor Brian Tinker presented Immediate Past District Governor Carla Bender with an engraved plaque as a token of appreciation for her service during the 2006-2007 term.



Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Lynell Thueson received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from ID Leland Kolkmeier (left), as PID Bruce Schwartz looked on. The certificate is awarded in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International.



Bismarck North Star Lions Boyd Van Patten, left, Dr. Paul Knudson, and Cal Bender received Melvin Jones fellowships from their club Oct. 27. Named for the Lions International founder, a Melvin Jones fellowship is one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon Lions members.



Photos by JEANNE SELBY

The Bismarck North Star Lions Club was named the 5NC Club of the Year for 2006-2007 at State Convention. Immediate Past District Governor Carla Bender (center) presented a trophy to North Star President Dr. Paul Knudson and the 12 other club members attending the 2007 State Convention.

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Greetings to Lions in District 5NW  
Traveling in Western North Dakota, watching the seasons change colors and wildlife doing their adventures in life is wonderful.

Greetings are also in order to our 5NW Lions and Leo's.

When you receive this message the State Convention will be passed. Jamestown and surrounding Lions clubs did a good job in Lionism.

International Director Lion Leland Kolkmeier of Willington, Mo. was the guest speaker for our Saturday evening banquet, and had a good message of Lionism and issues that International President Mahendra Amarasuriya is using "CHALLENGE TO CHANGE."

Did you promote the Peace Poster contest? Make sure all your information is correct or the contestant's poster might be disqualified. All winning posters needed to be in my hands by Nov. 5th so I can take the winner to the next level, Multiple District 5, Nov. 16-17 in Minot.

**M & A and**

**MMR reports**

Attention secretaries -- M & A Reports

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are important and help us in many ways in the district. It keeps us up to date on club activities and what is going on in our district. Also please file your reports each month to International, the DG and VDG and your Zone chairperson. This is very important. I need a 100 percent Secretary's Report.

### CSFII.

Fundraising is going strong in our district and we are over our goal in 5NW pledged. Thanks all clubs in our district. They have raised more than US\$ 128 million as reported from Past International President Dr. Tae-Sup Lee, chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II.

### VISION USA

I have 11 clulubs that have donated \$3.00 a member for there clubs. Thanks for what you do. The deadline is November 30th. Get your check to DG. Jan Froemming. Keep up the good work.

### Club visits

I have visited 22 clubs and three Leo's Clubs so far.

Dec. 3 – Bowman Lions

Dec. 5 – Richardton Lions,

Dec. 10 – Dickinson Noon Lions

Dec. 18 – Mandan West River Lions

Nov, 16-17 – MD5 Council of Governors in Minot

I traveled to Mandan High School Sept. 11 and was honored to Install 34 new Leo's. While there, I also installed their new officers for there new year, 2007-2008. It was very exciting to see so many young people interested in Lionism. Lions-Gary Heaton and Shirley will serve as co-advisors for the group.

The district also is doing fundraisers and donations for the Northwood Disaster. Keep up the good work!

We raised \$2,524 on our Silent Action at our State Lions Convention. It was divided up to four areas. 1.) Northwood Relief; 2.) ND Eye Bank; 3.) Lions Foundation of N.D.; 4.) Campaign SightFirst II.

Good work Lions in 5NW, 5NC and 5NE.

Thank you Lions of 5NW who attended the convention. We had 42 Lions there.

Everyday holds the possibilities of miracles. Let us as Lions continue to serve.

Thankful for Lions  
DG. Jan Froemming



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# Garlic & Grape Festival

**September 20, 2008**

**11 a.m. - 7 p.m.**

**Minot Municipal Auditorium**

Minot, North Dakota

***Demonstrations and Classes***

- Food Booths
- Wine Tasting
- Garlic Flavored Food Tasting
- All Day Entertainment
- Locally Grown Garlic & Grapes
- Garlic Peeling & Braiding
- Garlic Ice Cream



**A UNIQUE AND FUN FESTIVAL!**

Funds raised will be used for North Dakota Lions Sight Programs.

For more information on tickets contact Gary Price at 701-838-2901

## Elgin



### Club donates

Elgin Dakota Lions donates \$500 to Dakota Hills Housing to help with bathtub renovations for senior citizens.



### Calendar sales

Elgin Dakota Lions Agnes Meidinger, Mildred Rath and Verna Giese sell their 2008 Community Calendar which lists many birthday and anniversaries. Note quilt in background is another of our fund-raisers, which was raffled off on the day of our Arts & Crafts Show. The quilt was made by local quilters with Lion Sally Ackerman in charge of the raffle.

## Hazen



### Arts & Crafts

Elgin Dakota Lions hosts the annual Arts & Craft Show with chairpersons Lions Ruby Koeplin and Edith Hauge.



### Donation given

At the Hazen Lions general meeting Nov. 8, Doug Rothe presented a check for \$1,200 to Jill Bourgois, president of Sakakawea Medical Center Foundation and Renae Snyder, chief financial officer of Sakakawea Medical Center. The \$1,200 earned from the Lion's Game Feed Fundraiser held Oct. 21 will be used to help pay for the SMC Electronic Health Information System. Hazen Lions Club wants to thank the community for coming out to support this fundraiser.

**Reminder:**  
**ND Lion DEADLINE is the**  
**7th of the month!**  
**NO Exceptions!**

# Mandan Leos

## New Leos join at Mandan

On Oct. 11, 2007, our District Governor Jan Froemming, with the help of the Leo Club advisors, Lion Gary Heaton of the Mandan Lions and Lion Shirley Schafer of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, inducted thirty-four (34) new students as Leo Club members. She also installed the officers pictured above. The Mandan Lions are proud to share with readers the leaders of the Mandan High School Leo Club for 2007-2008.

These students are the leaders in our school now and in our communities in the future. Many of these students worked with eight members of the Mandan Dacotah Lions and experienced a "Trick or Treat" for eyeglasses Oct. 29. By canvassing the city of Mandan, they collected 496 pairs of used glasses, 12 used cell phones and four used hearing aids.

We are pleased they are learning to put the Lions motto "We Serve" into practice while they are in high school. Thank you for a great job.



Mandan Leos include, front, from left, Treasurer Danielle Schmautz, Vice President Caitlin Helmers, District Governor Lion Jan Froemming and Director Trevor Vannett. Back, Secretary Sara Nitschke, President Janie Hague, Directors Megan Nitschke and Kelly Goter.

## LCIF thoughts:

By HERMAN A. SCHAFER IPDG  
District 5NW LCIF chairperson

Recently I received a message from the Past International President, Mr. Jimmy Ross. He is the 2007-2008 LCIF Chairperson. He has asked that I share some information with you and your clubs to help promote LCIF.

There is so much good going on because of the work of Lions clubs and members all over the world. LCIF is helping with fire victims in California and with tornado victims in Northwood, N.D. Programs like SightFirst have made Lions the international leader in the fight against blindness. Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals.

To promote the work of Lions and LCIF through the Sight First program, a new publication entitled For Sight has been created. This will be produced three times a year. The August and October issues can be viewed online at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). This publication is valuable for all Lions.

More than \$3.48 million dollars (US) in grants were approved at the October 2007 LCIF Board Meeting. Fifty-two grants were awarded. You'll be interested in knowing that Lions District 5NE under the leadership of DG John Dobs will be applying for a grant before the January 18, 2008 board meeting to help Northwood, N.D. He did tell us at the ND State Lions Convention that we will be asking for a \$75,000 matching grant so we need to all work together to raise our side of this amount so LCIF will grant us the other side to help the folks in Northwood.

When your club has decided how they will help with this worthy cause, please forward the information to your District Governor and he/she will see that it gets into the hands of District Governor John Dobs. Maybe you don't have ready cash and maybe you haven't planned a special fundraiser for this project, but you could probably work with your club on a possible pledge and do the fund raising in January or February of 2008. Remember; we did this throughout all of North Dakota a few years ago when Sri Lanka experienced their disaster. Lions clubs do great work and LCIF helps us help others in ways we cannot accomplish when

we try to do it ourselves.

The donations you or your club give to Campaign Sight First II/LCIF are applied toward your Melvin Jones Fellowship and the Melvin Jones Fellowship provides 70 percent of Lions Clubs International Foundations' Funding.

Have a great Lions year!

### ***LABEL CHANGES ~ Please!***

Name [Print] \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please Send To:

**ND Lion, PO Box 309,  
Garrison, ND 58540**



# 5NW News

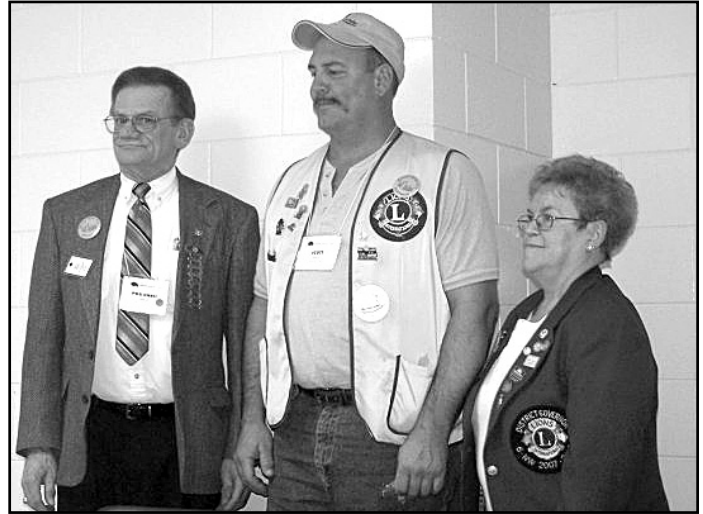
*Submitted by Lion Val Trotter, Public Relations & Lions Information chair, District 5NW; Public Relations chair, Williston Korner Lions*



Lion Dale Froemming (Elgin) and Lion Shirley Schafer (Mandan Dakotah) are shown with DG Jan, center, after receiving their 100 percent Secretary's Awards at the 5NW Cabinet meeting in Jamestown.



PDG Dorothy Polson and PDG Don Polson (both from the Williston Lions Club) after PDG Dorothy was officially inducted into the North Dakota Lions' Hall of Fame.



Immediate Past Presidents Chris Voegelé (Bowman) and Scott Johnson (Noonan) with DG Jan after receiving their 100 percent President's Awards at the 5NW District meeting.



PGD Kevin Vannett (Mandan Dakotah) and Lion Ruthie Wagner, right, (Williston) pose with DG Jan Froemming after they were each presented with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



DG Jan presents Immediate Past President Roy Clark with his 100 percent President's Award during her official visit to the Williston Korner Lions Club.

# Past President's Report

JIMMY V. ROSS  
*Past International President  
2007-2008 LCIF chairperson*



## *An update on LCIF*

I would like to update you on recent news in LCIF. I ask that you share this information with your club and district to help promote LCIF.

### *LCIF, Lions respond to California wildfires*

LCIF is working with Lions leaders in Southern California to help victims of the California wildfires. A total of US\$45,000 in emergency grants and relief funding has been approved to date. Sixteen fires across the southern part of the state have destroyed more than 1,300 homes and more than 500,000 residents have evacuated. Lions in Districts 4-L6 (San Diego area) and 4-L5 have mobilized their emergency response team. Lions in District 4-L6 have also set up an online message board for those able to offer assistance or ideas. LCIF continues to work with Lions in southern California to assess the situation and determine a course of action. An LCIF designated account has been established for those wishing to donate to the relief efforts. For updated information, continue to visit our website

### *Campaign SightFirst II*

Programs like SightFirst have made Lions the international leaders in the fight against blindness. Together, we have saved or restored sight to more than 27 million people and improved the vision treatment for hundreds of millions of individuals. Several of these individuals' stories are included in two new DVDs.

### *New SightFirst publication*

To promote the work of Lions and LCIF through the SightFirst program, a new publication titled ForSight has been created. Produced three times a year, ForSight is distributed to current and past international officers, partner organizations, technical advisors, SightFirst chairpersons and other supporters of SightFirst. The August and October issues can be viewed online. Future issues will be available in all official languages. This publication is especially valuable for those considering donating to Campaign SightFirst II.

### *Sri Lanka hosts Lions World Sight Day*

Lions clubs throughout the nation conducted vision screenings for more than 50,000 residents and distributed eyeglasses to those in need on October 7 to mark Lions World Sight Day. Lions also provided free cataract surgery for more than 1,500 people at the two Lions eye hospitals in the area. The surgeries were made possible through an LCIF SightFirst grant. Lions in Colombo, Sri Lanka, also took part in a march through the city's streets in support of Campaign SightFirst II and to promote healthy vision. A seminar on childhood blindness and press conference were also held.

Lions launched World Sight Day, now its 10th year, to recognize the importance of eradicating preventable blindness around the world. Lions clubs around the world held local activities on World Sight Day to educate their communities about the need to preserve sight.

### *Key partnerships for Lions Quest*

The U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs awarded LCIF a second 5-year US\$1.255 million sub-contract to provide teacher training and curriculum support for Lions Quest drug prevention in schools in Russia for the first time, as well as expanding current Lions Quest programming in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Lithuania and Ukraine.

Lions Clubs International has joined the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) as a sustaining member and partner to enhance the work of local communities and help youth resist alcohol and other drugs. Lions will support their mission to build stronger capacity

for anti-drug efforts through the 5,000 community coalitions nationwide.

### *Grants awarded*

More than US\$3.48 million in grants were approved at the October 2007 LCIF Board Meeting. A total of 52 grants were awarded to Lions clubs all over the world to assist many humanitarian projects. This includes a grant for US\$1 million to continue the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International partnership. Through the partnership more than 100,000 Special Olympics athletes have had their vision screened and 44,000 athletes have received glasses or sport goggles. The deadline to apply for Standard, Core 4 and IAG grants for review at the next board meeting is January 18.

### *Holiday giving ideas*

This holiday season, give a gift to the world with your gift to LCIF. Your gift of stock, property, will bequest or monetary donation will help LCIF continue to fulfill its mission worldwide.

NEW: Donations by credit card can now be made online. Consider making a gift in another's name to recognize a family member or fellow Lion this holiday season.

Effective through December 31, 2007 (in the US), if you have a traditional or Roth individual retirement account (IRA) and are 70.5 or older, you can now exclude from your taxable income distributions of up to \$100,000 per year that are made to LCIF. Contact the LCIF Development Department ([lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org](mailto:lcifdevelopment@lionsclubs.org)) for more information on the various types of annuities offered by LCIF, the IRA rollover, or gifts of property or stock.

I thank you for your continued support and dedication to LCIF. Also, I'll be soon sending a message about recent efforts in fighting the pandemic flu.

### **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





# Caribbean Nights

## 2008 STATE LIONS CONVENTION

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2008 ⇨ BISMARCK, ND

A New Convention Deal!!! Only pay for the meals you want!

### Convention Headquarters:

**Ramkota Hotel**  
800 S 3rd St  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
701-258-7700

### Room Rates

\$74.00/night

### Secondary Hotel:

**Expressway Inn**  
200 E Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
701-222-2900

### Room Rates

\$69.95/night

**Call early for reservations!!**

**For questions: Contact PCC Brach Johnson**  
**Phone: 701-258-7361**  
**Email: email@brachjohnsonagency.com**

### Registration Fees:

**BASIC REGISTRATION** \$25.00  
**INCLUDES ICE BREAKER**

Choose the meals you want:

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

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

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

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Guest (Circle One)

Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to *ND State Lions Convention*

# Mott

Submitted by Margaret Gjerstad, secretary, Mott Lions Club



## Hold benefit

Pictured are Jim Larson, local electrician, and a few of the many Lions members who helped serve a benefit dinner for him. About 375 friends of Jim came to show their support and we had a very successful day. Shown from left to right, are Troy Mosbrucker, mayor of Mott and 1st vice president of our club, Terry Marigny, Jim Larson, Linda Huether, Dean Johnson and Larry Gjerstad.

## New officers

Pictured are officers of the Mott Lions Club. Officers include, front, from left, President Maggie Banyai, Tail Twister Shirley Halvorson, Secretary Margaret Gjerstad and Lion Tamer Darlene Kallis. Not present, 2nd Vice President Troy Mosbrucker and Director Leo Brackel. Back, Director Kurt Blickensderfer, 1st Vice President Terry Marigny and Treasurer Larry Gjerstad.



## Potential Melvin Jones'

There are a number of clubs in the state with monies on account for a Melvin Jones Fellow. Those clubs include:

Ashley Lions Club  
Bismarck Lions Club  
Bismarck Capital City Lions Club  
Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club  
Bowdon Lions Club  
Braddock Lions Club  
Gackle Lions Club  
Garrison Lions Club  
Glenburn Lions Club  
Harvey Lions Club  
Hazelton Lions Club  
Hooterville Flion Lions Club  
Lake Metigoshe Lions Club  
Leeds Lions Club  
Lehr Lions Club  
Mc Clusky Lions Club  
Medina Lions Club  
Minot Knighriders &  
Plum Valley Lions Clubs

North Star Lions Club  
Robinson Lions Club  
Rugby Lions Club  
Streeter Lions Club  
Turtle Lake Lions Club  
Tuttle Lions Club  
Washburn Lions Club  
Wilton Lions Club  
Wishek Lions Club  
Zeeland Dakota Lions Club  
Super Saints Leos Club

• There are also individual Lions with monies on Account.

• Call or write PDG Carla Bender if you have questions on the amounts that are on account. Day Phone 701-258-3535/Home 701-223-2544

Address is: 3201 Tavis Road, Bismarck, ND 58504

## Lions Eyeglass Recycling Report

**Eyeglasses received**  
500,000

(A milestone for a state with only 630,000 people!)

**Eyeglasses in system**  
77,0000

**Eyeglasses received from**  
Minot Lions Club

Garrison Lions Club

Glenburn Lions Club

(Glasses from the Eastern ND Lions Clubs from the convention on the way but not yet arrived).

**Ready to ship**  
4,200.

Sorry if I missed anyone, glasses show up at my door without club names.

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 aged 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

For more information,  
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1809 S Broadway  
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701-857-6018 (w)