



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.

Valley City – Dr. John Goven
Wilton – Edgar Anderson
Reeeder, Elgin – LeRoy Nichols
Arnegard – Lloyd Thompson

Arnegard – Olaf Leiseth, Jr.
Berthold – F.L. “Bub” Neshem
Rugby – Dr. Harold Vigeland
Kindred – Selmer Ottis

Notice

There was more news than there was room for. If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.



Eyeglass Recycling Report

Year end statistics
Eyeglasses received
528,000
(A milestone for a state with only 630,000 people!)

Eyeglasses in system
109,0000

Eyeglasses received from
Minot Lions Club
Rugby Lions Club
Larimore Lions Club

Ready to ship
6,000.

Preparing shipments to Mexico and Vietnam

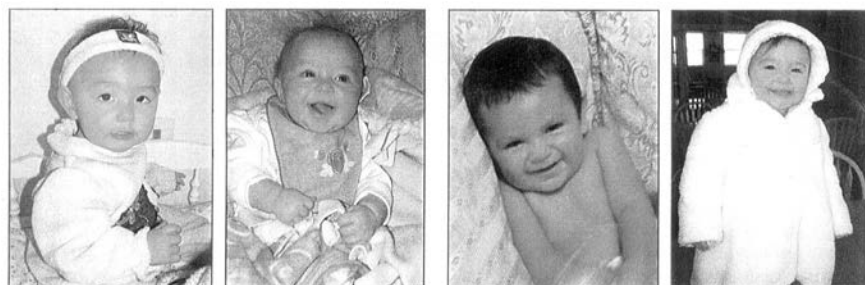
We are looking forward to the Rugby Lions coming for a work day in January.

Thank you to the Rugby Lions Club for remembering the eyeglass recycling program on their First Place Lighted Parade Float.

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St. Gianna's Breakfast

Please help us to help them



St. Mary's High School
Cafeteria

Sunday, March 2
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Free Will Offering



Proceeds donated to St. Gianna's Maternity Home
Sponsored by SMCHS Leo Lion's Club
1025 N. 2nd St. Bismarck, ND

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Hall of Fame recognizes Barsness

Submitted by
Lion Lowell Latimer

The Minot Lions are pleased to share our excitement in honoring Lion Olger Barsness. He received the honor of Hall of Fame member from the North Dakota Past District Governors. Past District Governor David Blackstead made the presentation at the Dec. 17 meeting of Minot Lions Club. Lion Blackstead is the current executive secretary to the North Dakota Past District Governors Association.

Lion Olger Barsness exemplifies service to community. He continues to have high energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude. He is a credit to the Minot Lions Club and to Lions International as he makes a constructive difference for others. This is based on his continuing service to Lions Clubs International at the age of 95.

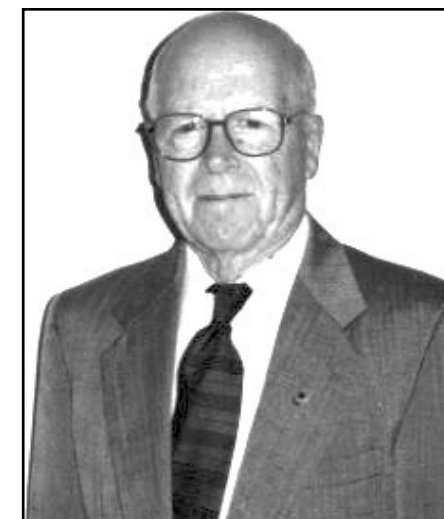
Lion Olger is a past district governor, Minot Lions past president and a member for 53 years. The Minot Lions Club inducted him into Lions Clubs International in January of 1954. He has served in an officer or committee member for most of those years. A Melvin Jones Fellowship was awarded in 1989.

Noteworthy for Lions has been his participation in 13 state conventions, 18 multiple district conventions and international conventions at Phoenix, Ariz.; Las Vegas, Nev.; Toronto, Canada; Miami, Fla. and Nice, France.

He has been credited with many new members to Lions and was an integral part of the organizing of clubs at Velva, Drake, Towner, Sawyer, Magic City at Minot, Beulah, Burlington, Fountaine Hills in Ariz., Westhope, and Ahwatukee in Ariz. credits Olger with numerous additional members.

Lion Olger and his wife, Viola, celebrated 70 years of marriage prior to her death. They reared three daughters and one son and have 12 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Family and church are very important to Lion Olger. He has been active in his



Lion Olger Barsness

church and is also proud of his family.

Olger was a farmer and then a baker, owning his own business. He first was a baker in Velva, at the Velva Bakery. He then moved to Minot to conduct his business at Minot City Bakery. The list of achievements and participation identifies his service in the North Dakota Bakers Association, serving as president in 1970-71. He retired from business in 1974. Olger continues to bake specialty breads for his church dinner food sales.

Lion Olger Barsness was and continues to be active in other organizations. Some of those memberships and affiliations are: Bethany Lutheran Church; Norsk Hostfest;

Sons of Norway; Elks Lodge; Moose Lodge and Eagles Club. He was Minot Housing Authority chairman in 1972; served on the Salvation Army Advisory Board for 20 years and served the USO.

In past years, Lion Olger continued to be recognized for selling more light bulbs during our annual light bulb sale than any other member of the club. Light bulbs are no longer a fund raiser. He now places his support for the more recent fund raisers such as the German Feast and the Garlic and Grape Festival. He continues to collect eye glasses from the community. Since the inception of this project he has worked unselfishly by helping to clean, sort, bag, catalog and ship thousands of pairs of eye glasses for distribution through charitable groups in Central America. Lion Olger's presence as a Lion has been felt not only in North Dakota and Arizona, but in other countries through this activity.


Lion Olger has promoted fun as well as service during weekly club meetings in various ways. One of those is through the collection of loose change for Lions funds. He has promoted caring for needy individuals in our community through the purchase of eye glasses.

Lion Olger remains active in service to community and serves as a role model for the younger (which is all of us) Lions. He rarely misses a weekly Lions meeting and is frequently the first Lion in the door and the last one to leave each meeting. Need some one for the invocation, need a song leader, call on Lion Olger Barsness.

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“MEET AT THE FALLS”
MD5 2008 REGISTRATION FORM
BEST WESTERN/RAMKOTA INN, 3200 W. MAPLE STREET
SIOUX FALLS, SD/USA
JUNE 5, 6 & 7, 2008
Web site-<http://md5convention.homestead.com>

1. Name _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

2. Name _____
Last _____ First _____ Middle _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip /PC _____

Res. Phone _____ Business or Cell _____
(Area Code-Please) (Area Code-Please)

E-Mail _____

District _____ Club 1) _____ 2) _____

What is the highest office in Lion you will have held by the 2008 MD 5:
1) _____ 2) _____

Do you have any special needs-physical or food:
1) _____ 2) _____

Is this your first MD 5 Convention: (Yes or No) 1) _____ 2) _____

REGISTRATION FEES
Before May 1, 2008.....\$115.00 US/CDN= \$ _____
After May 1, 2008.....\$125.00 US /CDN= \$ _____
At Convention (Walk-in).....\$135.00 US /CDN= \$ _____

SPECIAL EVENT
Golf Outing June 5th Yes _____ No _____ 18 holes with a half cart, cost is \$40.00 US/CDN
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please make your check payable to MD-5 2008 Convention
Mail your registration form with a check to: MD-5 2008 Convention
5000 W 38th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57106

REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from Lions MD 5-2008 Convention, Lion Al Adrian, Treasurer, Siouxrise Lions, 5000 W 38th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57106 until June 30, 2008. After that date requests should be made to MD 5 Sec/Treas. PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds maybe requested 60 days or more after the conclusion of the convention. If you have any questions, please feel free to call PDG Ray Schley at (605) 332-1762.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: BEST WESTERN/RAMKOTA INN- CONVENTION LOCATION-3200 W. Maple St., Reservations phone 1-605-336-0650 (toll call), convention rates: \$88.00 plus 8.92% taxes. SAY for Lions Convention. TRAVELLODGE HOTEL-one block from the convention headquarters-3300 W. Russell St., Reservation phone 1-800-658-4656 (toll free), rates: \$84.00 plus 8.92% taxes/BRIMARK INN-one and half blocks from the convention headquarters-3200 W. Russell St., Reservation phone 1-800-658-4508 (toll free), rates: \$78.00 plus 8.92% taxes.

SECTION B

DESCRIPTION

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

SECTION C

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

SECTION D (Please print or type)

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

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

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

PRESIDENT: _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

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


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

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

Mail completed application to:

PDG David Blackstead, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association

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

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

SECTION A

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

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

International President

By International President
IMAHENDRA AMARASURIYA



In the hurried pace of daily life, packed with work, responsibilities to our families and our best efforts to serve our neighbors and our world, we sometimes forget to reflect and reevaluate. But reflection is necessary in the life of every business, organization and human being and it is important to set aside a quiet, peaceful time for that purpose.

Fortunately, the coming of the New Year every Jan. 1 offers us the perfect opportunity to look back and look ahead. As you look back on our year of leadership, now half completed, I know that you will recall it as a year of milestones and celebrations.

We have had good reason to celebrate. The year 2007 was the 50th for Leo Clubs, the 20th for women in Lions Clubs and the 90th of our association. Perhaps the greatest reason to celebrate has been the growth of our worldwide membership, which has increased by over 3,300 since July 1. This is the largest net growth the association has had, in many years, for this period.

The reintroduction of October growth has also helped with an increase in membership. A trend toward better retention of our members also contributes to this increase. In addition, our worldwide presence continues to grow in both breadth and depth. Lions in each constitutional area have succeeded in establishing new clubs where none existed before.

Without a doubt, this great news is due to three factors:
*Our innovative programs to recruit women, young people and entire family groups;

*The enthusiasm with which Lions the world over have embraced the challenge to change, and

*The hard work and imagination of the staff at international headquarters.

I say, "Bravo!" to all. I expect this most positive trend to continue into 2008 and that membership reports will give us even more reason to celebrate in the next Lions year.

The celebration of our 90th anniversary at the international convention in Chicago last July was certainly an exciting event, but there will be even greater excitement at the 2008 International

Convention in Bangkok this coming June.

There we will celebrate the successful conclusion of Campaign SightFirst II (CSFII), which is poised to meet and exceed its goal of raising US\$150 million to fund the continuation and expansion of the SightFirst program. But your club's participation is critical to our success.

With more than US\$125 million raised, we have achieved 80 percent of our minimum goal. Until we reach this minimum goal, many millions of people will not receive life-changing SightFirst services. In the coming months, lead your club's efforts to do all it can to ensure that we will celebrate CSFII's success this June. CSFII is our most ambitious and wide-reaching initiative in Lions' history and one that is at the heart of our mission as Lions: to save sight.

In thinking about the future, I hope that you are also planning for the leadership of your club after your year in office is completed. And at the district level, you should be also be aware that Lions Clubs International took some key first steps to further outline the position of Second Vice District Governor, a position that is used effectively in many multiple districts worldwide. Many of us see this position as key to easing the workload of district governors while providing a training ground for more future leaders.

Your club may wish to do something similar by creating "assistant" roles for your club's officers or committee chairperson positions, and to reserve those spots for younger or newer members. I have seen this successfully done in Germany where some clubs have "Assistant Treasurers" or "Assistant Secretaries" etc. reserved for newer members or the 'next generation' as some call it. Taking such steps not only will ensure a strong and vigorous chain of future leaders, but it will also help ensure better retention through enhanced member involvement.

You have my thanks for all you do as well as my very best wishes for this holiday season and for another year of successful service in 2008.

\$1,000 for the eye bank

Bismarck Lions Club member Bob Ebbesen, right, and club president Steve Windish, left, present checks to Karen Thomas, executive director of the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Inc. Windish is presenting a check for \$500, which was secured by Ebbesen through a grant for the eye bank from the Mandan Refinery British Petroleum Retirees Group of which Ebbesen is a member. Ebbesen is also presenting his personal check in the same amount to match the donation. This is the second year this grant has been approved for the eye bank, thanks to Ebbesen, and the second year he has matched the grant with a personal donation.



5NE



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My "theme" for the year has been one of Club renewal and self examination. I have come to believe that the key to retention of current members and addition of new members is to make certain that your club has certain "key" attributes.

I have discussed a few that I feel strongly about but have come across a number of others that certainly are worthy of mention. Take a look at the following and see how your club "stacks up".

- Well organized and "fun" meetings!
- A major or "signature" community activity!
- A major or "signature" fund-raising project!
- A few social events each year!
- A strong public relations program!
- A well organized orientation program for new members!
- A well organized and informed retention and recruiting program!
- A strong team spirit!

Just think about it ... if your club ranks right up there on all or most of these areas, you're going to feel good about being a member, AND you're likely to want to invite friends and associates to be members as well. And remember, if you're not part

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of the solution, you're probably part of the problem.

Take time to think about how YOU can help to strengthen your club in just one of these areas. YOU can make a difference!

VDG ELECT WAYNE WESTLUND has been endorsed by your Cabinet and has the full support and endorsement of the Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club. Papers are now being submitted to LCI. Congratulations, and thank you, Wayne!

NORTHWOOD UPDATE: The emergency grant has now been depleted. It provided direct benefit to 100 Northwood citizens! We are currently finalizing the Standard Grant request for \$75,000, which we hope to double through matching funds provided by area Lions Clubs and other sources. We have already received gifts totaling nearly \$15,000 from Lions Clubs and individuals in North Dakota and Minnesota, and they keep coming in most every day. The proceeds of the grant will be used to purchase medical equipment for the clinic. Stay tuned!

GREATPLAINSLIONSLEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: It will be held in Leavenworth, Kan. in July and is an excellent opportunity for growth and education in Lionism. It promises to be made even stronger this year with the addition of Past District Governor Katherine Tweed who has been invited to join the staff as a guest presenter! Congratulations, Katherine. We're proud of you!

CAMPAIGN SIGHT FIRST II: Although we have a few clubs who have made the commitment to be Model Clubs, and even though some clubs have done a yeoman's job, we are lagging in District 5NE. It's time to pick up the slack and

finish the job! Thanks!

EXTENSION WORKSHOP: I'm currently working with LCI on setting up an Extension Workshop to be held in the District. I'll be getting the news out in "News & Views" as soon as it's solid. If you can find time to be involved, it would be of great help to the District. Stay tuned! We have ongoing new club activity. Work is being done with Mayville-Portland, Casselton, and a possible Campus Club at UND.

5NE WEBSITE: Take a look at our website at www.lionsof5ne.org and a big "thank you" to Pat Roundy, our Information Technology chair for a job well done!

"Food for Thought" Allow your children to face the consequences of their actions.

Coming events, Important dates

Jan 14 - Visit Sheldon Lions
Jan 16 - Visit Fargo Edgewood Lions
Jan 21 - Visit Heart Of Horace Lions
Jan 22 - Visit Enderlin Lions
Jan 25-26 - South Dakota State Conv.
Jan 28 - Visit New Rockford Lions
Jan 29 - Feb 5 - DG John out of District
Feb 11 - Visit Jud Lions
Feb 13 - Visit Jamestown Lions
Feb 14 - Visit Horace Lions
Feb 18 - Visit Wahpeton Lions
Feb 20 - Visit Jamestown Buffalo City Lions
Mar. 4 - Visit Northwood - Charter Night
Mar 17 - Visit Lamoure Lions
Mar 24 - Visit Kulm Lions
Mar 28-29 - Council Of Gov. - Minot
Apr 3 - Visit Emerado-Arvilla - Awards
Apr 5 - Leadership Ralleye - Valley City
Apr 16 - Visit Arthur

Emerado-Arvilla



Giving and receiving

Pictured is President Salli Lou Anderson presenting President Bob Deutch of the Northwood Lions a \$5,000 pledge for tornado recovery. Right photo, President Salli Lou received a plaque from the Emerado Public School. The Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club has donated over \$27,000 to the school for different projects since 1999, and the school honored the club at its Christmas dinner and concert.



'Peace Begins With Me'

theme of 2008-'09 Peace Poster Contest

Submitted by
MD 5 LOFY CHAIRPERSON
PDG TIM THUESON.

Peace Begins With Me" is the theme of the 21st Lions Clubs International 2008-09 Peace Poster Contest.

Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on Nov. 15, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Lions clubs may purchase a contest kit through the Club Supplies Sales Department. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. A Lions Club must sponsor the contest.

Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork. Only one entry per student, and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Entries sent with insufficient postage will be disqualified. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the award ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International.

Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Awards

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony with the sponsoring club president and two family members at Lions Day with the United Nations in New York City, New York, USA (subject to change). There the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US \$2,500.

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Deadlines

Please note that the following dates are different from those in the Peace Poster information from Lions Clubs International. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15, 2008 Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

October 1, 2008 Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

November 5, 2008 Postmark deadline for a club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district erior.

November 14, 2008 Deadline for a governor to bring one winning district poster to the multiple district council of governors meeting and give to the MD 5 LOFY Chairperson.

December 5, 2008 Postmark deadline for the MD 5 LOFY Chairperson to send one winning entry to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters.

February 1, 2009 International winners will be notified on or before this date.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact MD 5 LOFY Chairperson, PDG Tim Thueson.

MD5 Convention nears

By RAY SCHLEY
Chairperson
MD5 2008 Convention

The registration form for the 2008 MD5 Convention, to be held in Sioux Falls, S.D. June 5-7, is on page 2 of this month's North Dakota Lion.

We have created a website (md5convention.homestead.com) to access the registration form, directions and other information about the convention. We will link this with the other Lions and headquarters hotel websites in the next couple of weeks.

The convention begins on Thursday June 5 with a golf tournament at the Brandon Municipal Golf course starting at 7 a.m. The Council of Governors meeting is in the afternoon, Memorial (Necrology) service in late afternoon, followed by the PDG get together. The ice-breaker in the evening will be an ice cream social with entertainment by the S.D. Expressions.

Friday and Saturday will have normal business sessions and seminars. Friday's activities will end with a family picnic at Falls Park. The evening has no scheduled activities. It will be left open for participants to choose what they want to do. The visiting International Director is Bill Hansen.

5NW



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Life for Lions and Leo's in District 5 NW is exciting. Lions who are serving and making the world a better place. Thank you for being service-minded people, not looking for financial reward, encouraging efficiency and promoting ethical standards.

Membership growth

Since July 2007, there has been a net increase of over 3,300 Lions Club members worldwide. This is the largest net growth the association has had in many years. This is because of bringing more women, young people and entire family groups into our Lions clubs.

This past year will be remembered as one of legacies, as well as great milestones, which has been our privilege to celebrate. The 50th. year of Leo Clubs, and 20th year for women in Lions clubs and the 90th anniversary of Lions were great pride and joy in 2007.

Campaign Sightfirst II

More than US\$125 million has been raised so far, and LCIF has reached 80 percent of its goal of US\$150 million by June 30, 2008.

Governor's Report

Zone meeting schedules:

Zone 1-A -- Pat Vannett, Jan. 8 at New Salem Lions

Zone 2-A -- Darla Schafer, Jan.10 at Elgin Lions

Zone 3-A -- Dan Anderson, Jan. 21 at Williston

Zone 1-B -- Don Flynn, Jan. 14 at Reeder Lions

Zone 2-B -- Dave Czywczynski, Jan. 22 or Jan. 24 (TBA)

Zone 3-B -- Gordon Aas, Jan. 14 at Stanley Lions

Thank you zone chairs persons of your meeting dates.

Peace Poster contest winner of MD 5 went to Miranda Mack a 12-year-old from Redfield, S.D. Her theme was "Peace Around the World." She was sponsored by the Redfield Lions, Redfield, S.D. Congraduations.

I am asking each club to begin the process of electing new officers for 2008-2009 year at this time. All PU 101 forms, which include all newly elected officers, needs to be in my hands by the end of

March. Thanks to all the club secretaries who have been sending their monthly activity reports and monthly membership reports in (NOT 100% YET)

MERLO team

Our MERLO Team has made assignments and will visit all 37 clubs in 5NW to see how they can help each club and encourage a better understanding of Lionism in District 5NW. Thanks to the MERLO team for all your hard work.

The Mandan West River Lions had its 25th Anniversary Dec. 18 at the Mandan Moose Lodge with Mandan Lions, Mandan Dakota Lions and Bismarck Lions. We had a good time with fellow ship, singing, and door prizes. Congratulations, and many more years.

Though of the month: We must be the change, we wish to see the world. Mahatma Gandhi

Coming events

January 9th -- 2008 meeting at Williston College

January 21st -- Mott Lions-visitation

January 26th -- Eye Bank meeting at Bismarck, ND.

January 28th -- Killdeer Lions-visitation

Our Seventh Spring Rally will be held in Beulah, ND. at the Grand View on Saturday April 19, 2008. The schedule and presenters will be in next month's paper.



Volunteers needed for Leadership Forum

By LION KEN PETERS

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

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

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

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

Forward your name, address and phone number and e-mail if you have so we can confirm shifts and duties.

Grand Forks Red River



Club President PDG Al Kahlbaugh, Lion Joe Sowokinos, Lion Dell Sorenson, DG John Dobbs.



Charter member seated James Anderson, Earl Alberts. Standing Carl Jessen, PDG Lyle Swor-Fargo Lions, PDG Oscar Sorenson.

Red River Lions celebrates 25 years

Four charter members remain on active service with Red River Lions Club, Grand Forks, and were honored at the December Charter Anniversary Celebration.

A power-point presentation of the various service projects, community service and success of the club was presented by PDG Al Kahlbaugh, club president.

DG John Dobbs inducted new member Michelle Walters and gave an inspirational speech on Lionism. Lion Joe Sowokinos was

presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Progressive Melvin Jones was presented to Lion Dell Sorenson.

Area clubs attending included sponsoring club the South Forks Lions, Grand Forks Lions, Northwood Lions, Emerado-Arvilla Lions, Carrington Lions and Fargo Lions. PDG Lyle Swor from Fargo Lions was the inducing officer at the original charter night held February 1983.

'Hall' nominations sought

New application submission date is April 20

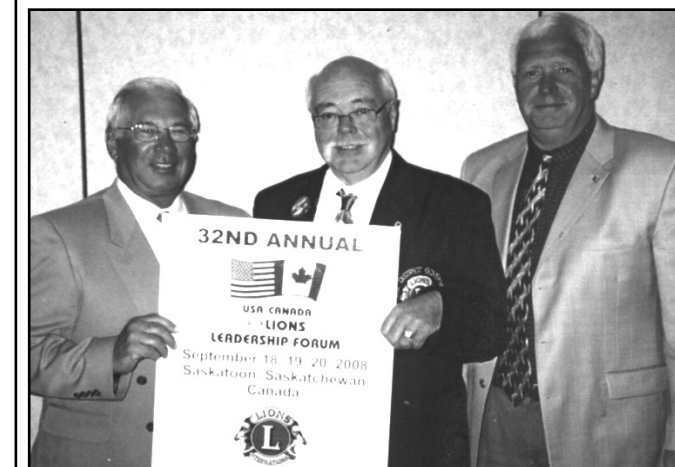
The application date to submit applications for the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame award has been changed. The final date for submission of an application is April 20, 2008. However, the application must be received by April 24th to allow time to process the applications for the HoF committee to review on April 25-26.

The process of gathering the required information from club, district, state, and International Lions Clubs records takes a substantial amount of time to complete the research. Therefore, do not delay in the preparation of your club's application to avoid missing the new deadline for the award.

Although only one exceptional Lion is selected each year to receive the Hall of Fame Award, the process is an excellent way to identify those Lions of North Dakota who have performed outstanding service to their club, community and the Lions International Organization. Take the time to honor someone in your club by submitting an application.

For more information, contact David J. Blackstead at 223-0254 or by e-mail at davidj@bis.midco.net

See you at 'LeadershipForum'



MD-5 Vice District Governors Duane Zwinger (Carrington, ND, 5-NE), Lorne Olver (Kipling, Sk, 5-CE) and Craig Wollenburg (Rugby, ND 5-NC) want to see you at the USA/Canda Lions Leadership Forum in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in Spetmeber 18020, 2008

New Process for Monthly Membership Reporting by Clubs

Effective April 2008

Overview & Frequently Asked Questions

Overview

Beginning in April 2008, there will be a change in the submission dates for clubs to report their monthly membership reports (MMRs). These reporting changes will apply both to clubs that report their membership transactions online (though the online WMMR system) and for clubs that submit paper MMRs to international headquarters. As explained below, the overall goals are to (1) enable LCI to produce more timely cumulative monthly membership reports, and (2) provide more consistency and accuracy between the LCI cumulative monthly member report and Club Billing Statements and District Financial Recap reports.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What exactly will be the changes to monthly membership reporting?

Currently, membership reporting is released by LCI on a one-month lag. For example, the May Cumulative Membership and Club Summary Report is released on June 29th and utilizes transactions (adds or drops) that are created through on the 28th of June. As such, the “May” report has transactions that were created from May 28th through June 28th 4:00 PM (local time in Oak Brook).

Under the new membership reporting process, which will become effective in April 2008, reports will be released as of the most recent calendar month end. For example, the May report will have transactions that were created from May 1st – May 31st. The report will be generated 5 days after the last day of the month.

Q: Why were the changes necessary?

This will allow the association to report membership on a timely basis.

Q: Will the due dates change for monthly membership reporting?

Yes, for clubs that report online through the WMMR system, transactions must now be entered by the **last day of the current month**. And for clubs that file paper MMR reports, they must submit paper MMRs to LCI by the **20th of the current month**.

Transaction entered on the WMMR will be reported in the current month. For example, transactions entered on July 7th will be considered a “July” reporting.

Mailed reports, must be received by the 20th of the month, to be included in that month’s cumulative report. Reports, received after that date, will be recorded in the membership system with the current month; however will be included in the next month’s cumulative report.

Washburn



President John Samuelson, left, accepts a pin from District Governor Lion Brian Tinker.

The Washburn Lions host the annual golfing tournament at Painted Woods Golf Course at Washburn for Lions International in August. There are 14 teams entered this year. The Wilton Lions team won in 2007. 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.

Washburn Lions have a potluck picnic in June each year. The last two years we chose to go to Cross Ranch, and this year a worker at the Cross Ranch spoke to us. We also played “Ladder Golf,” Norwegian Golf, or whatever name one chose. Two golf balls are fastened to a string and players each have a set of balls and try to score points by getting them to attach to a ladder type frame. Fun game for both men and women and a challenging game it is!

The December meeting is always fun as the spouses are invited and each one attending brings a gift for exchange. The fun part comes when someone takes a gift from someone else, thus sending that person to pick out another gift. At the December meeting a collection plate is passed for those wishing to contribute money so the Helping Hands can purchase Christmas gifts for the needy. In the past we brought gifts, but in visiting with Helping Hands Committee, they suggested the money donation and they could buy items that were needed most. The club donated money also for a total of \$500, which was sent to Helping Hands. Christmas songs were sung for a very fun evening.

Members are looking forward to 2008 and hoping for another busy and a fun year. Spouses are invited to our Valentine Day supper and to the picnic in June.



Secretary Arden Wagner, right, accepts a pin from District Governor Brian Tinker.

Establish cultural/community activities chairs

By LION LYNELL THUESON
Culturall Community Chairman

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Washburn

Busy year for Washburn Lions

By JEAN BINSFELD
Club historian

The Washburn Lions Club had a very busy 2007-year with numerous activities and enjoying our suppers catered by Aggie Jennings, who cooks without “Calories” and enjoy the fun if fining our members.

Old records show that the fining has been going on since the Washburn Lions Club was organized nearly 80 years ago. To add to the enjoyment of our meetings, Lions members take turns bringing “door prizes” to be given away at the meeting. Usually a white elephant from their home and somehow the right name is drawn to fit the door prize. One member was lucky to win twice, winning three doors that were removed from apartment complexes that had needed door repair done. It is unknown if the luck winner has found a use for the doors.

Washburn Lions had four Lion Breakfasts during the year, hosted supper during the annual Lewis and Clark Days consisting of fleishkuechla, coleslaw, pickles, Kool Aid, and an ice cream bar for desert on June 15th. The club had designated that the money raised would be donated to the McLean County Resource Center. Janell Olson was presented a check in the amount of \$1,000. It was a fun evening visiting with many people who had returned for the celebration. First planning for 200 people to visit our booth -- then raised it to 400 and even then a low flying car had to make a trip to pick up more fleischkuechla, and we ended up serving just over 550

District Governor Lion Brian Tinker, McClusky for 5NC, visited our club and shared his many different experiences that he has encountered since becoming a district governor. Lion Tinker

5NC membership milestones

By MARIAN JOHNSON
5NC Membership chairman

Since it is right after the holidays, if I mention “gaining,” you’re all going to think about your waistlines! But “gaining” is a good thing when it comes to MEMBERSHIP!

According to the newest membership stats (end of November, 2007), more clubs have taken in new members. Congratulations are extended to the following:

Hooterville Flion Lions -- 1 more (they had one in October, too!)

North Star Lions -- 1 more

Glenburn Lions -- 1 more (They inducted two in October, too!)

Zeeland Dakota Lions -- 3 more members!!

University of Mary Lions -- 2 more members (They had 18 in October!)

There are now 38 new members in District 5NC this year as of the end of November, but the bad news is that we have had more members than that dropping. All presidents and membership chairmen are encouraged to plan some sort of Membership Drive this spring. We need 61 members to bring our district back up to 1,250. If each club inducted just ONE NEW MEMBER, that would be 43 new members right there. We can do this! But now is the time to plan ahead.

Congratulations to all of those clubs who have “gained.” I’m looking forward to even more gains when the next report comes out. There will just be more of you to love!



Judy Beaudry, right, Zone board member, accepts a pin from District Governor Brian Tinker.

introduced the stuffed Leo the Lion he received when becoming district governor. Each time he meets with a club, all he asks is if the club will donate a club pin. It is then pinned on the Leo’s Lion Jacket. He is now sporting nine pins.

Lion District Governor Tinker awarded his special pin to three members of the Washburn club, namely President Lion John Samuelson, for following Roberts Rules of Order, conducting the meeting; Secretary Lion Arden Wagner for getting reports in on time, and Past-President Lion Judy Beaudry for serving on the Zone board.

The officers and board of directors set up a schedule and named club members to make arrangements for a program at their given time throughout the year. After three months of meetings, members go home thinking that as the programs are given, each one is a little better than the one before. Very interesting topics have already been covered and members are looking forward to the next program.



President John Samuelson, left, presented a \$1,000 check to Janell Olson, administrator at the McLean County Resource Center.

The following are the dates to submit each months’ report, effective beginning in April 2008:

<u>Month</u>	<u>MMR Reporting (mailed)</u>	<u>WMMR Reporting (online)</u>
July	July 1 - July 20	July 1 - July 31
August	August 1 - August 20	August 1 – August 31
September	September 1 - September 20	September 1 – September 30
October	October 1 - October 20	October 1 – October 31
November	November 1 - November 20	November 1 - November 30
December	December 1 - December 20	December 1 – December 31
January	January 1 - January 20	January 1 - January 31
February	February 1 - February 20	February 1 - February 28
March	March 1 - March 20	March 1 – March 31
April	April 1 - April 20	April 1 - April 30
May	May 1 - May 20	May 1 – May 31
June	June 1 - June 20	June 1 – June 30

Q: Will this eliminate the LCI cumulative monthly membership reports being a month behind? Yes, the reports will now contain current monthly data, rather than being a month behind.

Q: Must club secretaries still report monthly?
Yes, to help LCI more accurately reflect membership numbers, clubs will still need to report monthly. Previous month’s reporting can no longer be submitted past the month’s cutoff date.

Q: Will the new reporting dates change the deadline for club charter applications?
The only change for charter applications occurs in the month of June. In order to be chartered in the current fiscal year, completed club charter applications need to be received at LCI headquarters by **June 20th**. Applications can be received electronically or by fax if necessary.

Q: When will the change in reporting be implemented?
The new reporting will be effective for membership reporting for the month of April 2008.

Q: How many clubs now report online through the WMMR system?
More than 70% of clubs worldwide now report online via the WMMR system. If your club would like to report online and thus be eligible for the latest filing date each month, please contact the Information Technology division by email at: wmmr@lionsclubs.org to receive a password and basic instructions.

Should you have any questions on the new process and reporting dates, please contact Troy Jewell at 630 571-5466 extension 312 or troy.jewell@lionsclubs.org.

Carrington



With great pleasure, the Carrington Lions and DG John Dobbs presented Lion Duane Zwinger with a Melvin Jones Fellowship at their December meeting.

Melvin Jones presented to Duane Zwinger

A Melvin Jones Fellowship is recognition of a commitment to humanitarian work. (It is not an award in the tradition of Lions awards presented for specific accomplishments.)

The fellowship is the foundation's highest honor and represents humanitarian qualities such as generosity, compassion, and concern for the less fortunate. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin and a personalized wall plaque in honor of their commitment to helping others. Club officials said Lion Duane is exemplary recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship. His unselfishness to humanitarian causes and his concern for his fellowman is evident to everyone who meets him.



Cop 'shop'

Doug Roundy, treasurer for the Carrington Lions, presents a \$100 check to Police Chief Randy Munkeby for "Shop with a Cop."



Help Northwood

Carrington Lion Director, Al Larson, presents DG John Dobbs with a check for \$300 for the Northwood matching grant fund.



'Health' check

As a commitment to assist youth in our area, the Carrington Lions donated \$100 each to "Shop with a Cop" and the Foster County Health Departments "Angel Tree". Shaunette Dunn, left, from the Foster County Health Department, accepts a check for \$100 from Carrington Lion President Mary Carter for their "Angel Tree"

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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I hope you all had a great time with family and friends during the Holidays and that your New Year has begun with excitement and enthusiasm.

Public relations

Many of the clubs have already responded to my request for brochures, flyers, club activity/service information, etc. I thank them all. Those who have not yet submitted that information to me, please do so ASAP. I have reprinted my original request below.

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

Form 990-N

There is a new filing requirement for tax-exempt (not-for-profit) organizations. Form 990-N must be filed by all such organizations that are not required to otherwise file an informational return. For most Lions Clubs in district 5NC

Governor's Report

the first filing deadline will be Nov. 15, 2008. So why am I mentioning this so early? Many clubs do not meet in the summer and then spend the fall getting up to speed. It will be easy to miss this important deadline. Also, there supposedly will be no paper form and all filings will need to be made electronically. The IRS suggests going to a local library, etc. if the organization has no Internet access. Additionally, the organizations filing will need a FID#. Thus organizations that do not currently have a FID# will need to apply for one. This can be done electronically or snail mail. Regardless, some lead-time should be allocated for acquiring the necessary information/documentation to file. More comprehensive and detailed information is available on the LCI website (if you have Internet access of course).

Membership

Membership has now become a critical issue. I have received notification from LCI concerning our 'Status' as a District. We have been under the minimum requirements for a district in good standing (35 clubs and 1,250 members) for over two years. This means: LCI will not pay for the DGE's partner to attend the International Convention; we can not sponsor a candidate for International Director and other LCI positions; we have less dues revenue (without increasing dues) to administer the district functions; we have a smaller pool from which to glean leadership talent and assist in community and district service projects. Each club will have already or will soon receive a letter from the District Membership Chair addressing these issues. The Cabinet meeting Jan. 12, 2008, will also address these issues.

Club brochures, flyers and 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.

Leader Dog contributions

In reviewing the Leader Dog contributions by clubs I note that many have not yet made a contribution for 2007-08. However, we are ahead of last year both in terms of clubs contributing (18 vs 17) and funds raised (\$4,045 vs \$2,575! Thank you for that! We have an opportunity this year to meet our funds-raised goal. The last time we made that goal was 2002-03. As the clubs I have visited are aware, I believe the Leader Dog program to be extremely well run and deserving of our support. So if you have not yet made that contribution, please do so soon. Our district has had 100% participation by clubs for eight years. Let's make it nine!

Event Schedule

January 12 – Cabinet meeting – McClusky
January 17 – Zone 2A meeting – Ridin' Lions
January 17 – Zone 1B meeting – Braddock
January 21 – Zone 3A - Sawyer
January 25 – Lake Metigoshe DG visit and charter banquet
January 26 – ND Eyebank/Foundation meeting - Bismarck
January 28 – Hazelton DG visit
February 11 – Bismarck Lions DG visit
February 11 – Zone 3B meeting – Leeds
March 3 – Zone 2A - Washburn
March 28-29 – MD5 Council Meeting - Minot
April 5 – German Fest – Contact Minot Lions
April 12 – 5NC Leadership Conference – Minot
May 10 – Cabinet Meeting - McClusky
September 20 – 2nd Annual Minot Lions Grape and Garlic Festival

Reminder:

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