

NORTH DAKOTA LION



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Allen Dockter selected to Lions Hall

Allen Dockter, a retired educator of 39 years, is the 2008 recipient of the coveted North Dakota Lions All of Fame Award as recently announced by the Chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee Oscar Sorenson.

The committee received five applications to review. The award is based on activities and dedication to the Lion's home club, District Lions, North Dakota Lions, MD5 and the International organization.

Lion Allen has served in every Capital City Lions Club office except secretary-treasurer and is currently the Tail Twister and co-chairman of the annual Lions All-Star Basketball games. His district involvement includes serving as zone chairman, deputy district governor, district governor for 5NC for two terms and MD5 Council chairman. He also was in charge of the MD5 Youth Outreach program for two years.

PDG Allen has attended 20 district and state conventions in North Dakota, 17 MD5 Conventions, six International Conventions and one USA/Canada Forum. While serving as the campaign manager for Bruce Schwartz's international director campaign, Allen managed to attend



Allen Dockter

at least 11 district or state functions in Saskatchewan and South Dakota, and most recently, international conventions in Osaka, Japan and Denver, Colo.

While his Lions activities are impressive, his "other" life is no less distinguished. Al has served as president of the ND Vocational Association, the ND Vo-Ag Teachers Association, the BSC Faculty Senate and Faith Lutheran Church in Bismarck.

Allen has officiated football at the high school and college level for 30 years and was chosen ND Football Official of the Year in 2000 and inducted into the ND Officials Hall of Fame in 2004. His teaching achievements include Outstanding Young Agricultural Teacher, Post Secondary Agriculture Teacher of the Year, and recipient of the Crystal Apple Award as the outstanding higher education educator in the Bismarck area. He has also received two Honorary Chapter Farmer FFA Degrees, the FFA Distinguished Service Award and the ND Honorary State Farmer Degree. He is currently serving as the state coordinator for the AARP Driver Safety Program and teaches Defensive Driver Safety courses.

Lion Allen, and his wife Lion Diane, have been married 48 years and have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Membership celebration to be part of state convention

Submitted by
LEWELLYN RUSTAN
District 5NW Membership chair
579-4347

Be part of a very special group of friendly hosts Oct. 25th at the Caribbean Nights Lions State Lions Convention in Bismarck.

You and your personally sponsored "new" Lion will be the guests of your district (District 5NW, District 5NC, or District 5NE) at the noon luncheon!

Here's how: Invite a friend to become a Lion. Complete the application and submit it to your club secretary between Jan. 1

and Oct. 24. The completed application, signed by your club secretary, will be the ticket for you and your "new" Lion to be part of this special group.

You will be introduced during the luncheon, and recognized as a Lion who has shared "something you care about, with someone you care about."

Your "new" Lion will be introduced as a new member of the greatest service organization in the world.

This exclusive occasion is available to all North Dakota Lions who brought a new member into the organization since

the Jan. 1 and all who will bring in a new member no later than the first day of the convention.

Let's prove that we are thrilled and eager to share our wonderful opportunity with others!

If you have any questions, or need any assistance, call:

District 5NW: Lewellyn Rustan, membership chairman, at 579-4347.

District 5NC: (Craig Wollenburg - Vice District Governor - 776-5983)

District 5NE: (Duane Zwinger - Vice District Governor - 652-1752)

Inside International



By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ

Campaign SightFirst II – six weeks left

Campaign SightFirst II will complete its three year journey this coming June 30th. A huge celebration is planned during the Bangkok international convention at which time there will be a lavish closing ceremony, which will include recognition and awards presentations.

As of May 4 Campaign SightFirst II has raised about \$165,000,000 toward a goal of \$200,000,000. If contributions continue to come in at the current rate, we will fall just a little short of goal, however, the overall campaign will have been very successful. We will raise significantly more money than the \$143,000,000 raised during the first campaign 17 years ago, and with fewer members.

At the beginning of this campaign nearly three years ago I predicted that our CSFII sector, Sector D (North and South Dakota), would be a 100 percent sector, or nearly so. As of April 1 we were well short of 100 percent. Of the 205 Lions clubs in

Sector D, 65 clubs are still zero clubs. Yes, that's 65 clubs!

THERE IS STILL TIME TO GET ON BOARD. I URGE ALL CLUBS WITH THAT DONUT SHAPED NUMBER BEHIND YOU CLUB'S NAME TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY! IT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.

The Funnies

You know it's not a good wax museum when there are wicks coming out of people's heads.

The man who says that his wife can't take a joke forgets that she took him.

Always remember that the darkest hour is only 60 minutes long.

Thanks to volunteers for helping GPAD keep moving forward

Submitted by
PDG KATHERINE TWEED

Thank you to the 40-plus volunteers, many of whom are Lions, who came to work on Volunteer Work Day – much was completed. There are still things to do, though, so feel free to contact Joni Brandenburg, executive director, to make arrangements.

Completing the fencing project for play pens and roof/shelters for the dog kennels needs more work.

Bismarck's North Star Lions Club devoted efforts to their continued work on refurbishing the older of the two apartments where clients stay when they are trained with their dogs. They painted, laid new tile in the kitchen and bath, updated the bathroom and brought in new furniture to make a homier environment.

The newer apartment was thoroughly cleaned. Clients will begin coming soon so it's great to have the apartments ready.

Two new board members were added at a special board meeting during workday. Lions Larry Tosseth and Jim Bumann have joined the board. Welcome!

The City of Carrington, thanks to board member Doug Roundy making them aware of the opportunity, donated fencing to GPADF for the addition of three new playpens. The Community Action

0-5 Head Start also donated a roof that will be used in one of the playpens as a shade shelter. The play pens will be a welcome addition for the dogs and staff.

The LaMoure Lions pitched in by painting the grooming room. The Jud Lions, in addition to providing breakfast, helped with sprucing up the grounds by planting flowers, trimming trees and bushes and putting in new mulch. The Sheldon Lions donated a new sign, which was hung at the entrance of the North Dakota Lions Memorial Park located on the grounds of GPADF. The Davenport Lions cooked up a storm with their fondue supper of steak and homemade chips.

Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to training service dogs for people with mobility assistance needs, emergency medical assistance needs, seizure needs and therapy needs.

The school's phone number is 701.685.2242 and e-mail info@greatplainsdogs.com.

Also take a look at the great new website put together by Pat Roundy of the Carrington Lions Club. Thank you, Lion Pat. The address is www.greatplainsdogs.com.

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The North Dakota

LION

Prairie Rose volunteers for eyeglass project

By LION JEANNE SELBY

For a second consecutive year, the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions spent a day (Saturday, April 19) in Minot presorting donated pairs of eyeglasses and washing and drying others in preparation for distribution in developing countries around the world.

Under the guidance of Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry Narum of the Minot Lions, eleven Prairie Rose Lions spent two hours sorting approximately 4,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses and another two hours machine washing and hand-drying approximately another 6,000 pairs of eyeglasses.

Since this was a return trip for the Prairie Rose Lions, Lion Terry this year provided only a brief overview of the step-by-step process through which the thousands of pairs of eyeglasses pass prior to being distributed by non-denominational Christian mission groups and VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity) volunteers in developing countries around the world where no eye care is available.

Lion Terry demonstrated the Minot Lions' new lensometer, purchased in 2006. The lens reader accurately reads both eyeglass lenses in about 17 seconds and prints a label. With additional training from Lion Terry, PDG Marian Johnson and Lion Lori Newgard took turns using the lensometer to read the lenses of numerous pairs of eyeglasses and print labels for each.

Bismarck Prairie Rose Service Chair Lion Betty Steele praised the Minot Lions, Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry and the continued support of the Prairie Rose members for the eyeglass recycling project. "Lion Terry's continued enthusiasm, passion and dedication to the Lions eyeglass recycling project are so inspiring. I'm pleased that the Prairie Rose Lions again took advantage of the opportunity to learn more about this worthwhile project and contributed service hours again this year."

Lion Terry and the Minot Lions continue to solicit used eyeglasses from around the state. They also welcome Lions clubs wishing to spend a day volunteering and learning about the eyeglass recycling project. For more information or to volunteer, Lions Club service chairs or officers may contact Lion Terry at 701-838-7387 (home) or 701-857-6018 (work).



(From left to right) Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Carolyn Lean, Marian Johnson, Audrey Spencer, Betty Steele, Joanne Hill, Lori Newgard, Deb Ahmann (kneeling), Pam Wheeler, Norene Sandberg and Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry Narum of the Minot Lions pose with the truckload (approximately 6,000 pairs) of eyeglasses they washed and dried on April 19. Not pictured: Lions JeAnne Selby and Barbara Ziegler.



PDG Marian Johnson reads a pair of eyeglasses with the Minot Lions' new lensometer, purchased in 2006. The lens reader reads both eyeglass lenses in about 17 seconds and prints a label.



Prairie Rose Lions (from left to right) Pam Wheeler, Service Chair Betty Steele and Carolyn Lean hand dry a few of the 6,000 pairs of eyeglasses washed and sanitized during their April 19th work session.



Lions Betty Steele (left) and Joanne Hill were among the 11 Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions that helped presort 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses at the home of Eyeglass Project Chair Terry Narum in Minot.

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Coming events; Important dates

- May 20 Fargo Lions CSFII
Community Celebration
- Jun. 5-7 MD5 - Sioux Falls
- Jun. 13 Carrington Golf Event
- Jun. 25 Grand Forks Lions Awards

My official visits have all been completed. Everyone was most cordial and Anita and I have had most enjoyable times. My few remaining dates are primarily convention and social. Hope to see many of you again before June 30.

District Directories: PDG Marion Johnson is working diligently. Most clubs have been cooperative and responsive. She has advised me that we are down to a few phone calls if the remaining clubs don't respond. Hope I don't have to call your club. Thanks.

Cabinet meeting: We had our last Cabinet meeting on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Governor's Inn in Casselton. Quite a nice facility! Thanks to all who attended for taking the time out of their weekend. Many other of our District Lions were busy with other projects, including the annual clean-up at the Service Dog facility in Jud. It was

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a beautiful day for any activity. Thanks!

IRS "E-card": Club officers are grappling with the issue of completing the "E-card". I visited with the Legal Department of LCI and here is some information that may be helpful. Some Clubs may already have an EIN, or Employers Identification Number. Current club officers may or may not be aware of it. You can check by calling the IRS at 800-829-4933. If you have one, they can tell you. If not, they can help you get one. You can then proceed to complete the E-card. I understand that the LCI Legal Dept. might also know if you have one, but they wouldn't give it to me. If the Club President calls and identifies him/herself, they may give it to you. The LCI number

is 630-571-5466.

MD5 Convention: The MD5 Convention in Sioux Falls is fast approaching! It will be held on June 5-7 at the Best Western/Ramkota Inn. You can find the registration form elsewhere in this issue. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Lionism and to help your Club better serve your community! You can also be there to help DGE Duane and Mary Ann Zwinger jumpstart Duane's year as your District Governor. See you there!

Food for Thought: Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of moments that take your breath away!

Grand Forks

Melvin Jones recipient

The new incoming Grand Forks Lions president recently received the coveted Melvin Jones Award from PDG David Bowen.



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.

- Ashley – Edward Golz
- Edgeley – Raymond Schnell
- Hazleton – Michael Mastel
- Fargo – Richard Sibley
- Mandan – Nick Schmidt
- Mandan – Fred Hirsch
- Bowdon – Oscar Fuhrman
- Bismarck – Charles Wilz
- Oakes – Donald Strating
- Garrison – Dr. Kermit Leonard

- Grand Forks – Alphens Forsman
- Grand Forks -- Herm Livingston
- Strasburg – Aloys Gabriel
- Minot – Glen Benson
- Grand Forks – Ken Tweten
- Center – Leo Yantzer
- Strasburg – Bernard Streifel
- Wing – Reinhold Hertz
- Carrington – Glennon Messall
- Stanley – Russel Kilen

LCIF mobilizes to aid China

Submitted by
LION JIMMY M. ROSS
Chairperson, LCIF

Dear Fellow Lions,
I want to update you on LCIF's response to the devastating 7.9 magnitude earthquake that struck central China on Monday, May 12. LCIF is mobilizing US\$1.5 million to aid Lions-led relief efforts in China.

Lions and LCIF are already responding to the powerful, massive earthquake. Lions in Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$600,000 and LCIF has committed an initial grant of US\$500,000 to address immediate needs and provide medicines, clothing, blankets, water purification and temporary housing.

Local Lions have already sent 5,000 tents for displaced victims, and more are on the way. Through a vast network of Lions clubs members in Hong Kong and China, Lions and LCIF are also dispatching relief teams to the affected areas to deliver supplies and



assist with hands-on relief efforts.

The Foundation expects donations from Lions around the world to surpass US\$400,000 in the first week. Your donations will support both immediate and long-term reconstruction efforts. Every dollar that you donate will go directly toward the relief efforts in China. Please visit the LCIF website to contribute.

For more information about LCIF's relief efforts for the Chinese earthquake, please view the

Foundation's website. This page will continue to be updated regularly with response efforts. Please distribute this release to your local media.

Together, Lions can bring a sense of hope and healing to those greatly affected by this disaster.

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



New Rockford



Long-time members

President Bruce Hirschert, left, awards Bill Starke and Darwyn Kanzelman (not pictured) with their 25-year service pin at a recent meeting.

5NC



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Event schedule and deadlines

- May 19 DG Turtle Lake Lions Visit
- June 7 Harvey Lions Golf Tournament
- June 5-7 MD5 Convention
Sioux Falls, ND
- June 9 DG Garrison Lions Visit
- July 1 DGE Craig starts his year as DG!
- Sept. 20 2nd Annual Minot Lions
Garlic and Grape Festival

Hard to believe this is my next to the last column for the ND Lion as DG. It seems like just yesterday that I received a gavel from IPDG Carla to begin my year. Now I have conducted my last 5NC Cabinet meeting and handed a gavel to my successor DGE Craig!

I have been completing my Club visitations this past month. My thanks to all the clubs for such fine hospitality. Each visitation is so unique and such fun. Most recently I got to experience the fun Linton Lions have with tail twisting; I couldn't stop laughing. Plum Valley put me to work folding wine glass "cozies" that they will

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sell at the Garlic and Grape Festival this year. This was equivalent of a Mensa test! I had to ask for help several times before I finally got it!

Membership

I am updating you concerning our membership status as many of you, rightly so, have expressed concerns and discussed it with your club members. As of today we now have 1,192 members. We ended June 30, 2007 with 1,210 members. You all have worked very hard this year to increase membership and retention and verify membership records.

We are now within 20 members of having a net gain for the year. If we net 20 members or more by June 30th we will have a net gain for 2007-08. The first one in several years. Additionally, this will be evidence that we have made great progress through our efforts this year to reverse the recent negative trends in membership and retention. We can expect even more gains in the future because of our efforts this year.

I already know that we have between six and 10 new members that clubs are holding till July 1, 2008. I have not been able to determine the reason for this. If we add those members we are possibly within single digits of a net increase for the year! I hope you all understand the significance of this.

If your club is holding members, please contact myself or PDG Marian Johnson to discuss whether this actually provides any benefit to your club.

So, I am asking you to consider an energetic effort between now and June 30, 2008 to have a net increase of just 1 member for your club.

I have found a way to monitor LCI's records daily concerning our membership. So I will be keeping you posted regularly.

Thanks for all your efforts concerning retention and membership this year. More members means more fun and the ability to increase service to your local community.

PU 101s

District 5NC clubs have submitted all of their 2008 - 09 PU 101s (Officer Reporting)! Thank you all for your diligence. Great job!

Leader Dog

For the ninth year we are going to have

100 percent club participation within 5NC in the annual Leader Dog fundraising effort. I have shared with you all this year my support for this very fine program. Thank you all for your increased and continued support in 2007-08.

5NC Leadership Conference

The District 5NC Leadership Conference was a success! I define success as receiving communications from attendees immediately following the conference that they had started discussing possible actions within their clubs as a result of what they experienced at the conference. One club started the process in the ride home after the meeting! This was exactly the desired outcome of the event! I received several communications indicating that this was one of the best leadership conferences the attendee had attended in years. Thanks to Lion Ross and his committee for such a superb job.

New membership reports deadlines

The new membership reporting deadlines along with maintenance on the LCI website caused significant website access interruptions and delays during April. Another outage is scheduled for May 16-19. Do not wait until the last minute to file the May membership and activity reports as the website interruptions and delays may cause you to file late.

ND Lion E-edition

There was a glitch in sending the E-edition ND Lion for April to 5NC members. Yet no one informed me they had not received it until the May 10th 5NC Cabinet meeting. Those requesting a switch to the E-edition of this newsletter should be receiving your second issue this month. If you signed up for the E-edition and do not receive the May issue please let me know. Remember that you will not be getting a paper edition. I will email the E-editions to you as soon as I receive them from the publisher. If you have a problem receiving the e-mails because of slow connections, etc. please let me know. The E-edition will also be posted to the MD 5 Lions website, www.md5lions.org, now and the 5 NC Lions new website, www.5nclions.org, when it is completed.

Lake Metigoshe



Donate blood

The Lake Metigoshe Lions hosted an Annual Spring Blood Drive, co-sponsoring with St. Andrew's Health Center. Fifty-two units were donated. Photo at left, Lion Mona Johnson, left, and Donna Feland are pictured at the registration desk. Photo at right, devout blood donor Lion Dave Geiszler is pictured donating his 54th unit! Way to go. And follow the motto - "We Serve." Thanks to all the donors who participated at our blood drive.



'Olympians' speak

At the Lake Metigoshe Lions May 12 meeting, the Bottineau Sr. High Science Olympiad Team presented a program of their planned trip to compete at Nationals in Wash. D.C. Pictured, from left, are Kyle Christensen, Jessica Suchor and Becca Weber.

Club donates

The Lions at this meeting presented a \$500 donation to the "Higher Than The Mountains" addition to the Camp Metigoshe site. Pictured, from left, are Camp Co-Director Betsy Debartin, Lion Vice President Dennis Hanson, Lion Cedric Jacobson, treasurer; and Lion President Les Halvorson.



Plum Valley



Bear makes 'visit'

Six Lions from the Hooterville Flion Lions were guests at the regular meeting of the Plum Valley Lions on Thursday, May 8th, 2008. Hooterville's VISITATION BEAR was presented to Lion Leisa Harmon, president of the Plum Valley Lions. The book of instructions for the VISITATION BEAR was also presented.



Eye Bank officials visit

Board President of the Lions Eye Bank Bruce Furness went on a business trip to Baltimore with Executive Director Karen Thomas to view and visit the operation of Tissue Banks International. They also visited a Mexican ship while there on the harbor.

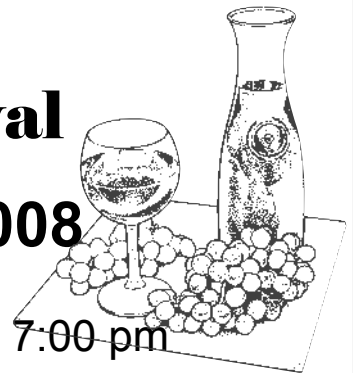


Zone 3A Lion's Garlic and Grape Festival

Saturday, September 20, 2008

Minot Municipal Auditorium

420 - 3rd Ave. SW • Minot ND 58701 • 11:00 am - 7:00 pm



General Admission: \$5

\$30 for a book of 10 tickets (in advance)

Wine Tasting: \$3 (only at the door)

The Zone 3A Clubs consist of Minot Lions, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Sawyer Lions, and the Garrison Lions. The Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival is a one-day event featuring food laced with garlic, wine tasting, crafts, and miscellaneous entertainment and education. **Funds raised will be used for Lion's charitable activities.**

Lion's Clubs in North Dakota are invited to participate in the Festival as a Food Vendor, Craft Vendor, Education Vendor, or Entertainment Vendor. Vendors are selected on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information or to request a vendor packet, contact one of the following:

Garlic Food and Wine Vendor Chair: Denise Norsby • 701-728-6688 or dnorsby@srt.com

Craft Vendor Chair: Audrey Lunday • 701-838-2311

Entertainment Vendor Chair: Nadine Holmly 701-852-4755 or njholmly@hotmail.com

Demonstration/Education Vendor Chair: Mike Rose • 701-857-6444 or mrose@ndsuxent.nodak.edu

Festival Chair: Gary Price • 701-838-2901 or caldak@srt.com

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Attention Lions Golfers

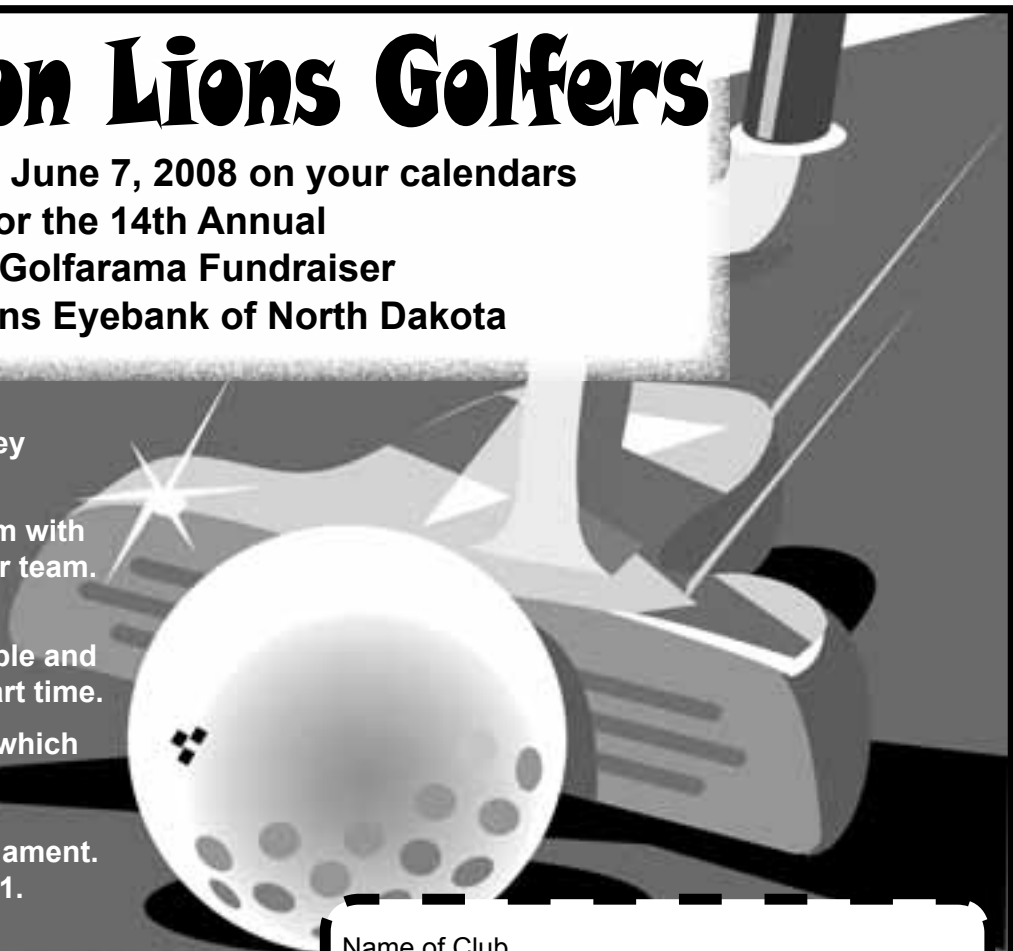
**Mark Saturday, June 7, 2008 on your calendars
for the 14th Annual
5NC Golfarama Fundraiser
For the Lions Eyebank of North Dakota**

The Place: Beautiful Harvey Country Club, Harvey, ND

The Format: 4 Person team with at least 1 Lion member per team. Open to 1st 18 teams.

The Play: Blend of Scramble and Alternate Shot. 11 a.m. start time.

Entry Fee: \$120 per team which includes entry fee and brats/hamburgers served during/following the tournament. Registration closes Max 31.



If your club wants to be included, get your registration fee in now. You can line up your players later. We don't anticipate any open slots and the first 18 paid teams will be all we can allow. Please send your check and your list of players (if you have them, male or female) along with their 18 hole score to the **Harvey Lions Club, c/o Steve Kourajian, 613 Riverview Drive, Harvey, ND 58341**. The checks can be made out to the harvey lions Club. Questions? Call Steve Kourajian at 324-4456 evenings. **If you cannot field a complete team, you can send one, two or three individuals at \$30 each and we will pair them with other teams. Remember that contributing to this event is considered as part of your club's donation to the Eye Bank.** Why not have a little fun and get credit for your lions club for donating to this worthy cause.

Name of Club _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Golf Carts Needed _____
can rent at course or bring your own

Goodrich Lions gather nearly full house for Bingo

By ALLAN TINKER

The Goodrich Lions filled their tables in the Goodrich School gymnasium, with some over lap into the bleachers for their Bingo fundraiser on Saturday, March 8th.

Robin Erdmann called the Bingo numbers and announced the numbers of the ticket holders. Prizes were abundant; ticket number holders had repeat chances to win prizes when the called numbers were all dumped back into the hat after they had all been called. Again the numbers were drawn for the remaining prizes on stage.

The raffle prizes were a toy John Deere tractor, a portable grill and a handmade wooden birdhouse in the shape of a chair, large enough for any bird, or human, to rest upon. Raffle ticket prices were affordable, \$1 for a chance to win one of the prizes. Bingo admission tickets that were pre-sold were given an extra-special chance with a drawing just for them.



It was bingo time for the Goodrich Lions March 8th.

Cash prizes for Bingo were \$20 for regular games and \$50 for blackouts (two). Prizes were donated for the door prizes by Goodrich community boosters, local and area businesses, and from businesses from other service areas.

Kim Erdmann is the Goodrich Lions Club president; Robert Anderson is the club secretary. Handcrafted wood prizes for the raffle and door prizes were donated by Tom Sauter.

Lions elected to Multi District offices

By ALLAN TINKER

Current Sheridan County resident Brian Tinker and former resident Jan Froemming have been elected to Lions International Multi-District 5 leadership roles. The MD5 region includes Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Tinker was elected as Council Chair and will oversee the MD5 Council for the upcoming year that starts July 1, 2008. Froemming is the North Dakota Representative, joining South Dakota Representative Joan Marlette and Saskatchewan Representative Donelda Philips. They will all serve for terms of one year.

Tinker is a member of the McClusky Lions and Froemming is a member of the Elgin Dakota Lions.

Lions International is the worlds largest volunteer organization and have been inspired to help the seeing impaired since Helen Keller challenged the organization to become "Knights of the Blind." The Lions also support the Great Plains Assistance Dogs based in Jud, North Dakota, as well as used eyeglass collection and redistribution, eye exams and eye health care around the world and within their own communities.

Tinker is a CPA and has an MBA from the University of North Dakota and operates his CPA firm with offices in McClusky and Alaska. He is a nationally recognized Folk Dance Historian, member of Mensa where he has served as North Dakota LocSec (President) since 2003. He has taught



From left, 2008-09 Lions International MD-5 Council members, back: DG 5SW Ken Gifford, DG 5CE Lorne Olver, DG 5NC Craig Wollenburg, Council Secretary/Treasurer Mike Brand, Council Chair Brian Tinker, DG 5CW Garry Gilbertson, DG 5NW Pat Trotter, DG 5NE Duane Zwinger, SD Representative Joan Marlette; front: Saskatchewan Representative Donelda Philips, DG 5SE Cindy Iverson, DG 5CA Gladi Andrew, DG 5CN Marie Boutin, and ND Representative Jan Froemming.

college and continuing education courses and conducted training seminars with emphasis on Organizational Management and Information Technology.

He has served two years as McClusky Lions President, Region 2 Chairman, and is currently 5NC District Governor.

Froemming is retired from work as a hospital employee and co-owner of Dale's Bait Shop in Elgin, and has been active in Lions since 1992. She helped charter the Elgin Dakota Lions in 1996 and she has served in various Lions offices in that club and on the ND Lions Foundation Board, and the 5NW Cabinet, as well as the local blood drive coordinator.

Froemming has been most active in Leader Dog promotion and activities. She has received recognition for 100% club participation for her District as well as the President's Award of Appreciation in 2000-2001. She is currently 5 NW District Governor.

Tinker lives in northern Sheridan County on a ranch with his wife Allan. They have 12 children, 23 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Froemming life in Elgin with her husband Dale, and she has two children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Greetings to Lions, Leo's in 5 NW and throughout MD5.

I have visited all my 37 Clubs and three Leo's for 5 NW.

Saturday, May 3rd, was my final District 5 NW Cabinet meeting for the year. The District 5 NW cabinet has had challenges this year and met them with graciousness. The quality of people who chose to step into District Leadership is exemplary. District Governor Elect Pat Trotter is getting his 2008-2009 cabinet together, and the group will do wonderful work for Lions.

Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer Lion PDG Kevin Vannett did a wonderful job taking care of business for the district. A special thanks to Lion Kevin.

The Spring Leadership Rally was very well attended. We had 110 people at Beulah, which was held at the Grand View. I would like to thank the Beulah Lions, Hazen Lions and Halliday Lions for hosting it. We need these to let Lions know what there is to offer in training sessions and Lioism. We owe a special thank you to International Director Randy Heitmann and wife Lion Kathy for there wonderful presentation for our rally.

I would like to thank my 2007-2008 cabinet for their hard work they did

during my year. They are DDE Pat Trotter, PDG. Herman Schfer, PDG Kevin Vannett, Lewellyn Rustan, PDG Russell Doe, PDG Chris Voegele, PDG. Dale Ekstrom, Carol Stolberg, Shirley Schafer, Ruth Wagner, Pat Vannett, Darla Schafer, Daniel Anderson, Don Flynn, Gordon Aas, Dale Froemming, PDG. Dave Czywczynski, Dennis Grenz, Joy Venzke, Marvin Baarstad, Gail Schatz, PDG Don Polson, PDG Dorothy Polson, PDG Chuck Whitney, PDG Vern Frederick, Debbie Lervik, and PDG Rolland Larson.

We have some good news.

We did an Extension Workshop April 29-30 and May 1 at New Town and Tioga with John Barnett from LCI doing the training. It looks like we have possible two New Lions Clubs started by June 30th. Thanks Herman and Shirley Schafer, Russell Doe, Don Flynn, Pat Vannett, Dale Froemming, Gordon Aas, Jack Colby, Roy Clark and Bill Christensen for helping to make it a successful event.

We Serve Together
D.G. Jan Froemming 5NW

Thought for the month: The most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the Heart -- Helen Keller.

Elgin



Donate to City Hall

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$1,000 to the Elgin Community Center and \$2,000 to the City of Elgin for a new computer and programs to update from the old DOS programs. The new programs will benefit everyone in the city especially addressing the new water and garbage bills. Here Lion President Jim Heim and Lion Treasurer Randy Grosz present the two checks to Mayor Norman Schock on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the Community Center. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz*

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



Elgin



Lions attend Zone meeting

Twenty Lion members from Elgin attended the Zone 2A meeting in New England on Wednesday, April 2, 2008, at the bowling alley. Several reports were given highlighting the year's activities in each club. Included in the bus trip were: Sisco Maier, Gail Schatz, Lawrence and Sally Ackerman, Irene Rauscher, Ruby Koeplin, Gertie Werner; BR: Lion President Jim Heim, R. W. Grosz, Elmor Wutzke, Art and Mildred Rath, Bus Driver Randy Fischer, Verna Giese, Lion President Elsie Stelter, Dale Froemming, Clarence Werner and Leona Wutzke. NP: DG Jan Froemming. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz*



Schatz elected Zone chairman

Lion Duane Schatz of the Elgin Lions Club was elected Lions Zone chairman on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at New England. Lion Zone Chairman Darla Schafer of Flasher called the Zone Meeting as two candidates indicated an interest in the position. Approximately 52 Lions members gathered at the bowling alley in New England from: Flasher Lions Club, Elgin Lions, Elgin Dakota Lions, Mott Lions and New England to hear reports from each club on the activities this past year. There are six Lions clubs in Zone 2A including Flasher, Elgin Lions, Elgin Dakota Lions, Mott Lions, Regent Lions and New England Lions. The New England Lions Club provided a delicious meal of roast beef and all the trimmings. Pictured are Lion Duane Schatz and Lion Zone Chairman Darla Schafer. *Photo by Lion Gail Schatz.*



Third Place winner

Jessica Hoherz, daughter of Lori Will of Elgin, was the third place winner of the District 5NW Peace Poster Contest. Elgin Dakota Lion President Elsie Stelter gave her a certificate award and gift of money. Our Lions clubs are very proud of you, Jessica. Congratulations!

Did you know?

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

Elgin



New members

The Elgin Lions Club installed four new Lions members during the regular meeting on Thursday, April 10, 2008. Making the installation was DG Jan Froemming. Three new members with Lion President Jim Heim are: Brandon Vaughn, Leslie Bartz and Terry Bentz sponsored by Lion Duane Schatz; inset photo, Lion Randy Grosz sponsored new member Peter Rouse. *Photos by Lion Duane Schatz.*



Donate to announcer

The Elgin Lions Club recently donated \$600 to help pay for the announcer for the 47th annual Elgin Saddle Club rodeo on June 7 and 8 at Jacobson Field. Here Lion President Jim Heim presented the check to Terry Koeplin, president of the Elgin Saddle Club on Wednesday afternoon. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*



4-H Club benefits

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$125 to the Dakota Skies 4-H Club to assist them with the flower pots on Main Street in Elgin. The 4-H Club will plant and care for the flowers during the summer. Here Lion President Jim Heim presented a check of \$125 to Kara Levorsen, a member of the Dakota Skies 4-H Club on Wednesday afternoon while Lynn Mutchelknaus 4-H leader looks on. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Hazen



Sheila Faut benefit

Pictured above are Justine Wiedrich, Rhonda Biffert, Sheila Faut, Hazen Lions President Elden Zuern, Mark Wasem, Mercer-Oliver Thrivent for Lutherans board member Diane Huber and Juliene Wasem. They were presenting a check to Sheila Faut for a benefit held for her recently. Justine Wiedrich, Rhonda Biffert, many of Sheila's friends and members of the Sunshine Club helped the Hazen Lions with the benefit. They served 949 people and a total of 1,032 fleischkuechle and raised \$9,937.74 and \$1,000 match from Mercer-Oliver Thrivent for Lutherans for a grand total of \$10,937.74.

Leadership Forum

What: 32nd Annual USA/Canada

Lions Leadership Forum

When: Sept. 18-20, 2008

Where: Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

*All the information on the
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SPINACH STUFFED PORK LOIN \$20.95
Center cut pork loin, stuffed with Spinach, Carrots, Parmesan Cheese, Shitake Mushrooms, Roasted Baby red Potatoes, Vegetables with a Dijon Demi Sauce. Popovers, Salad Dessert Coffee and Tea

TOTAL \$ _____

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Eyeglass Recycling Report April 2008

**Eyeglasses received
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562,000

Eyeglasses in system

47,000

**Eyeglasses ready for
shipment**

7,000

Eyeglasses received from

Eyeglasses received from Metigoshe Lions, Minot Lions, Williston Lions, Hooterville Lions and Medina Lions.

Preparing for shipments Vietnam

A big thank you to the large group of Lady Lions from Prairie Rose Lions, Bismarck for coming up and helping sort and wash/dry glasses in April. They had a lot of fun and got a ton of glasses prepared. A special thank you to those in the drying group that I really liked BEST! REALLY! I DID LIKE YOU BEST! ALL LABOR IS VOLUNTEER AND ALWAYS APPRECIATED!

We will have to push the reading this summer as we need about 18,000 pair to go to Vietnam.

Thank you to all for your continued support!

For more information, call Terry Narum, 5101 14th St SW, Suite 14
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Ray

After prom donation

Ray Lions Treasurer Walt Johnson presents a check from the Ray Lions Club to Mari Bergstrom, chairperson for the Ray Substance-Free After Prom Party. The Ray Lions raised \$1250 to help with expenses of the popular after prom party, held at the Ray Senior Citizen Center each year. According to Lion Johnson, "It's great to help provide a wholesome activity for our students following the prom in an effort to keep them safe on such a memorable night."



Big plans for youth Badlands Adventure

Submitted by
PDG CHUCK WHITNEY
YEC 5NW

Lion Leaders of MD 5: Plans are advancing for our summer camp in Medora.

I wanted to give you heads up as to what's happening and do a bit of personal begging! Just a thumbnail description: Monday we will begin with team building games and a high ropes challenge. We will be visited by folks from the Three Affiliated Tribes in the afternoon. Evening will be the first campfire and our introductions - "Who am I and where do I come from?"

Tuesday will be in the park - riding and hiking to see the Badlands as you never will from the Interstate! Afternoon will be with the Chateau de Mores and N.D. Cowboy Hall of Fame. Supper barbeque with Highway 12 Lions. We will finish at the Medora Musical.

Wednesday will be a Lion Day - who WE are and what WE SERVE for with a couple of service projects for Badlands Ministries. Afternoon back into Medora to Billings County Museum for Smithsonian Museum traveling exhibit "Between Fences"; rest of the afternoon doing the tourist - shops, mini-golf, ice cream! Back to camp for our last campfire and cowboy poetry/singing.

Thursday will be in Dickinson - Dinosaur Museum and Heritage Village

in a.m., then water park and the mall in afternoon; pizza with Dickinson Lions.

Friday will begin with International Olympics in morning. July 4 Parade and swimming in the afternoon. We will watch the Medora fireworks. After them, K-Hook/Pirate Radio will DJ our dance, and that's a wrap!

A few notes: the kids will be sleeping in the new tents - permanent decking with wooden frames and heavy canvas roof/sides. There are new bathing and dining facilities. There is no cell service. So the kids will need a sleeping bag and an open mind! It will be more rugged than previous camps, and also in a truly beautiful place with some things to do that they will have never done before. I am still working on a wagon ride for the kids on the 4th; a ride with the Prairie Cruisers Car Club on Thursday; a mini country and western concert at Patterson Lake on Thursday evening. The rest is done and committed.

Financial contribution our clubs can see forth to help us with would greatly be appreciated. (Lion Kevin Vannett 1101 Sunset Drive Mandan, ND 58554 is our treasurer).

I appreciate any and all help you can give us on this effort. Mostly I want to thank you for your past support. We have raised some money and will be working on doing more and more as the next month flows forth. Thanks for all you do.