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Multi District 5 to reorganize

By PID Bruce Schwartz

The time has come for Multiple District 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota) to reorganize itself in a procedure known as redistricting. Redistricting is the process of increasing or decreasing the number of sub-districts in a multiple district in order to meet requirements as set forth by Lions Clubs International.

These requirements call for each sub-district in a multiple district to have a minimum of 35 clubs and 1250 members in order to be "in good standing". In addition, Lions Clubs International has determined that it requires at least 1250 members in a sub-district to support itself economically.

As of May 1, 2008, eight of the nine sub-districts in MD5 are not in good standing. Here are the numbers (CLUBS/MEMBERS).

Saskatchewan

5CW	43/1042
5CN	42/ 976
5CA	40/ 789
5CE	43/ 957

North Dakota

5NE	34/986
5NC	43/1187
5NW	37/1058

South Dakota

5SW	36/975
5SE	54/1762

Upon reviewing these statistics it becomes very obvious that something needs to be done to bring MD5 into compliance with the Association constitution and bylaws. It's called redistricting.

The MD5 redistricting procedure, which was approved by the Council of Governors at its March meeting, was formally introduced at the June MD5 convention in Sioux Falls. The redistricting process will be presented at each of the nine sub-districts of MD5 at



their various conventions and conferences during the 2008-09 year for the purpose of discussion and gaining input from each sub-district. If the plan is approved, which would happen by vote of the delegates at the June 2009 MD5 convention in Minot and with subsequent approval by the LCI Board of Directors, it would become effective July 1, 2010.

Following is a brief outline of the redistricting procedure that was approved by the MD5 Council of Governors:

Phase I: March 2008-August 2008 Developing A Timeline And Options

A formal process for redistricting is developed and approved by the Council of Governors and announced at the MD5 convention in Sioux Falls. A publicity campaign begins immediately.

Phase II: June 2008-march 2009 Presenting Proposed Plan(S) To Sub-districts

Redistricting proposals and ideas from committees in Sask., ND and SD are developed into one tentative redistricting plan to be approved by the Council of Governors at its August meeting. This

plan (or plans) is presented to the nine MD5 sub-districts for their input and discussion.

Phase III: March 2009-June 2009 Incorporating Feedback From Sub-districts

A single redistricting plan for MD5 based on input from the nine sub-districts is finalized and presented to the Council of Governors for approval.

Phase IV: June 2009 Final Adoption Of Plan By MD5

The final MD5 redistricting plan is presented for approval by a vote of the delegates at the MD5 convention in Minot.

Phase V: June 2009-August 2009 MD5 Plan Is Submitted To LCI Board Of Directors

The LCI Board of Directors reviews the MD5 redistricting plan document and approves it according to the redistricting rules and the provisions in the LCI constitution and bylaws.

PHASE VI: October 2009 LCI Board Of Directors Approval

It is likely that the LCI Board of Directors would approve the MD5 proposal at its Fall board meeting which would probably occur in October, 2009.

Phase VII: October 2009-June 2010 Transition

Reorganization of the newly formed sub-districts is done at the conventions and conferences of the old sub-districts. LCI has many suggestions for accomplishing this aspect of redistricting but also allows much flexibility to the process.

Phase VIII The Newly Redistricted Multiple District 5 Begins Operation On July 1, 2010!

Background for MD5 redistricting

By PDG Lion Ron Munro
Publicity MD5 Redistricting

One of the goals of the Long Range Planning committee under the chairmanship of PCC Marvin Chambers, was to embark on the task of looking at all 9 District in the MD with the purpose of bringing all our Districts in line with the recommended numbers as set out by Lions International, namely a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs per District.

With this goal in mind, current Council Chair Leo Grossman and Long Range Planning Chair PCC Marvin Chambers have made it a point of attending all the State and Provincial Conventions during this Lions year. At these meetings they made it a point of requesting each District to set up a subcommittee, with the expressed commitment of formulating a firm plan of action in regard to a complete redistricting of the Multi District to bring everyone into line with the International guidelines.

At the March Council of Governors meeting a specific timeline was established in order to bring the whole Multi District into line by the specific date of July 1, 2010. The following is that time line.

March 2008-June 2008

A formal process for redistricting is developed and approved by the Council of Governors and announced at the MD5 Convention in Sioux Falls. A campaign begins immediately to notify all stakeholders, the importance of all member participation, in the redistricting process.

June 2008-March 2009

Redistricting proposals and ideas from all the current Districts will be presented at the August 2008 Council of Governors meeting and a proposed final draft will be taken to all nine Districts for their input and discussion.

March 2009

A single redistricting plan for MD5, based on input from the nine existing Districts, is finalized and presented to the Governors for approval.

March 2009-June 2009

The redistricting plan, if approved, will be presented at the MD5 Convention in Minot for final approval by the membership of the entire Multi District.

June 2009-August 2009

The redistricting plan, if approved at the Convention in Minot, will be submitted to the International Board of Directors.

See MD5 page 4

ND Lions Foundation announces donations

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Your Foundation Board members sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Chris Voegele, treasurer

Eye Bank officials visit Johns Hopkins

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. The two also saw a Cataract and Corneal Transplant surgery at John Hopkins Hospital while in Baltimore.

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The North Dakota

LION

The legacy left by Simba

Editor's note: Lion Pat Roundy forwarded the following to the North Dakota Lion and other Lions members around the state. The story recently appeared in the Forum and appears below so others can hear about Simba. Pat shares his thoughts:

Simba was a dog from Service Dogs for America in Jud and Doug is on the board of directors for the facility. I have heard the story of Simba for a couple of years. I never met the dog but she sounds like a winner in my book. Service Dogs staff also shed many tears the day she was put to sleep.

ND Lions are large supporters of this facility and many ND lions sit on the board.

What they wanted for the memory care unit, Mary Jo Hannasch says, was a "laid back, calm dog."

That's what they got. And then some...

Her name was Simba, she was a golden retriever and she had a special talent for just lying around. And she became the darling of Bethany Homes. Mary Jo is director of social services at Bethany Homes, Fargo. She was one of those who felt a companion dog would be an asset for the memory care unit.

So in 2000 Bethany contacted the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Jud, N.D., which trains dogs to assist people with disabilities. Did it have a dog who wasn't excitable and could deal with wheelchairs and walkers and unexpected behavior?

It sure did. Hello, Simba.

So Bethany staffers went to Jud to train with Simba. It went well, but with a twist: a twist named Pups ... who was a cat.

Pups followed Simba and the Bethany folks wherever they went, because Pups and Simba were buddies. Pups in fact got his name because he preferred being with dogs rather than other cats.

So when Bethany obtained Simba, thanks to a grant from the Dakota Medical Foundation, it got Pups, too, for free. "He was a bonus," Mary Jo says. Simba, in her new home, appeared to be a total flop at first because that's what she did best: She flopped down by Bethany's main entrance and rarely moved all day. The staff wondered what good she was. The nurses, being nurses, did what comes naturally; they evaluated Simba, wondering if she was depressed or sick.

She was neither. "She was just lazy," Mary Jo says. "She just laid there. We'd spent good money for a lazy dog."

And it turned out she was perfect for the situation. Residents would pet her and they'd make her a conversation piece, reminiscing on when they had lazy pets. For those in the memory care unit, she was special. "Residents there often have a sense of restlessness," Mary Jo says; "they wonder if everything is OK. Then they come across this dog sleeping peacefully and they feel, 'Well, there is nothing to worry about, she is relaxed, everything is fine.'"



Bethany resident Jill Normes is shown giving Simba her daily massage.

Many people took care of Simba, feeding her, taking her outside to do her thing (an adventure in itself), giving her baths ("Not her favorite thing," Mary Jo says). One resident, Jill Normes, gave her a massage with a back scratcher at 10 a.m. every day.

Simba was such a comfort, such a hit, that in 2002 veterinarian Dr. Tim Wahlen, West Fargo, nominated her for the North Dakota Veterinary Medical Association's Companion Pet of the Year award, saying she "was a giver; she gives quietness where there is tension; she provides a stable fixture among so many unstable lives." And she won.

She received the award during a ceremony in Minot. Was she excited when her name was called? Nah. "She was just sprawled out," Mary Jo says. "They had to bring the award to her."

Sadly, Tim wasn't there to witness it. He'd died in a boating accident earlier that year.

Sadly, too, the saga of Simba recently came to an end. She had developed breast cancer. Tests showed the tumor was spreading. It was terminal. So the wrenching decision was made, and the word passed through the rooms and corridors of Bethany; to spare her from suffering, Simba had to be put to sleep.

The day it was to happen, Feb. 29, Bethany's social services office became the most visited place in the building. Simba was there, and Bethany's residents and staff filed in to pet her one last time, to say goodbye. "There were," Mary Jo says, "lots of tears."

When Simba was taken to the van for the last ride to the veterinarian, a crowd awaited: residents, their families, staff members, volunteers, all to see her off, to pet her, to leave lipstick on her forehead from kisses.

Then she was gone.

Today, a Simba memorial center is inside Bethany's main entrance. It includes pictures of her, a wreath, even flowers sent by Red River Hospice. And there

are notes from her Bethany "family": "Simba was a loving, caring dog that touched many lives here at Bethany"; "She will never go out of Bethany Homes' heart";

"I love you, Simba."

The display also contains photos of other companion animals still at Bethany, including Simba's old pal Pups, who used to knead Simba's back with her paws and who now is adjusting to life without her, just as are all the folks at Bethany.

This was Simba, a lazy dog, sure, but one who represented calm, contentment and unconditional love to that species of beings known as humans.



A wreath with Simba's picture is in the memorial display for Simba at Bethany.

China relief effort update

By JIMMY ROSS
LCIF chairperson

Dear Fellow Lions,
I would like to update you on Lions Clubs International Foundation's and Lions' response to the massive earthquake in China on May 12.

LCIF and Lions around the world are mobilizing more than US\$2 million in funding and relief supplies. Within 48 hours LCIF committed a major catastrophe grant of US\$500,000. Lions in District 381 Guangdong in mainland China have raised more than US\$450,000 and relief material including food and medicine, Lions in District 380 Shenzhen in mainland China have raised US\$250,000 & relief material of US\$200,000 and Lions in District 303 Hong Kong and Macau have raised US\$160,000.

A team of 40 Lions from Districts 381 and 380 traveled to Sichuan province to assist with hands-on relief efforts and the immediate and emerging needs of victims. The Lions are still in the area, disbursing relief materials including tents, medicine and food. Working with the Chinese Red Cross, Lions purchased 10 relief vehicles and ambulances.

An organizing committee comprised of Lions from Districts 380, 381 and 303 and the China Council of Lions Clubs has been formed in order to plan and coordinate efficiently on the relief project. An immediate and long-term relief plan is being developed by local Lions to involve four stages: rescue, support, resettlement and reconstruction. Lions are planning to establish Lions 'tent' cities using 800 family size tents. Swedish Lions helped supply the tents and are also contributing

3,000 blankets.

To support immediate and long-term needs, Lions around the world are responding. A designated LCIF account has been established to help channel donations for this disaster. Donations can be made online at www.lcif.org/donate noting "Lions China Earthquake Disaster Relief Fund" in the comments section.

Lions of Ethiopia have donated \$10,000; Chinese clubs in Vancouver, Canada expect to collect \$100,000; and Taiwan Lions have committed \$50,000. Lions in Brazil have partnered with a local company to provide 7,000 blankets. Many Lions are also helping by sharing this news with fellow Lions and the media.

Frequent and massive aftershocks have caused further damages and casualties from the tremor. There remain significant and varying needs. As in past large-scale disasters, Lions are on the ground now and are also steadfastly committed to long-term relief and reconstruction. Days, week and months from now Lions will continue to provide aid. There is a great need for tents since many houses were toppled in the quake and the rainy season has begun. Generators and water purifying machines are also in urgent need and will be well-utilized. Lions are using immediate funds to purchase these items and are also requesting assistance to obtain these items. Chinese Lions and victims of the earthquake know they can count on Lions' support to help as long as it takes to rebuild structures and rebuild lives.

LCIF is in constant contact with local Lions to determine the best immediate and long-term response. These regular updates are being posted on the LCIF website in

order to keep Lions and the general public up-to-date on the latest news and response efforts.

Lions and LCIF's efforts have not gone unnoticed. News of the relief being provided has appeared on AOL, Forbes, Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily Herald and several other national newspapers around the world, including seven major daily papers in China.

LCIF and Lions in China thank you for your continuous support for the victims in the affected areas. LCIF and Lions are proving the international humanitarian good we can accomplish together.

Together 'We Serve,'

Grand Forks



Gift to Blind Foundation

Pictured is Lion Wayne Zink, president of the Grand Forks Lions Club, presenting Carmen Grove Suminski a donation of \$2,000 to the School for the Blind Foundation at the school's Centennial Banquet which was held on May 7. Lion Carmen is the superintendent of the North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind and also a member of the Grand Forks Lions Club.

MD5

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The Directors will review all pertinent documentation presented and approve or disapprove, according to rules and provisions set out in the LCI constitution and bylaws.

October 2009

It is likely that the LCI Board of Directors would move approval of the plan at the International Board meeting in October 2009.

October 2009-June 2010

TRANSITION: Reorganization of the newly formed State and Provincial Districts will take place at the Conferences and Conventions of the old nine Districts.

Since this will result in the change in the number of District Governors, Vice

District Governors and District officers, it will be a very major undertaking at the current District levels.

LCI, has many suggestion for the smooth accomplishment of this transition.

JULY 1, 2010

THE NEWLY REDISTRICTED MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 BEGINS OPERATION.

Since this plan will reduce the number of District as we know them, it is imperative that the current Districts

officers and those Lion members who are aspiring to higher office (Gov or VDG) either adjust or readjust your plans accordingly.

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Coming Events; Important dates

- Jun 13 Carrington Golf Event
- Jun 24 Zone B1 Picnic -West Fargo
- Jun 25 Grand Forks Awards Banquet

Wow! How time flies when you're having fun! It seems like just yesterday when I first communicated with you and now, it is my last!

We just returned from the MD5 Convention in Sioux Falls. What a fun city! The Falls on the Big Sioux River, the city's namesake, are beautiful. Stop and take them in if you get a chance. The convention, itself, was an opportunity to greet old friends and, yet, meet newer Lions who brought interesting new ideas for all to share. Thanks to all Lions and guests who took time from their schedule to attend.

DGE Duane Zwinger is hard at work preparing for his term. He has made good progress assembling his cabinet. A District Governor can always use more help, though, so I encourage you to step up and see how you might assist him in the strengthening of our District.

Governor's Report

CSFII is progressing quite well! At last report, we are up to about \$182,000,000, worldwide. Thanks for your hard work and generosity.

We're going to finish the year in pretty good shape where membership is concerned. Thank you! Normal attrition will always take it's toll, however, so I encourage you to keep your eyes open and continue to invite community-minded potential members into your club. Adequate numbers is the key to successful fundraisers, and, as a result, meaningful service projects in our communities.

Thank you, again, for allowing me to serve as your District Governor! It has been a delightful, yet humbling, experience. The thing that I will always remember is how important Lions Clubs are to our

communities, particularly the smaller ones. If Lions Clubs don't do it, it often doesn't get done!

Anita and I enjoyed our visits to your clubs and look forward to seeing you again!

Food for thought: Be charitable in your speech, actions and judgement.

Addition

Grand Forks Lions

Editor's note: The May edition of the N.D. Lion featured the new Grand Forks Lions president receiving a Melvin Jones Award by PDG David Bowen. The president's name - Liz Simpson - was omitted. Congratulations Liz!

Carrington



Attend appreciation luncheon

An annual "thank-you" dinner was served to community service groups and community leaders on May 14th by Golden Acres Manor (a local nursing home). Pictured, from left, are Lion's Johnny Lessner, Doug Roundy, Mary Ann Zwinger and Lion Mick Moberg is at the back table. Fourteen Carrington Lions attended this year.



Lions help Olympiads

Carrington's Jr. High Science Olympiad team could not even imagine they would qualify for the National Competition in Washington DC on May 30th ... but after taking first place in the State B competition they find themselves scrambling for donation. It will cost the team of fifteen, 7-8-9 graders, five parent chaperones and two coaches, \$10,000.00 to make the trip. The Carrington Lions donated \$300 toward the trip at a fundraising "Pie and Ice Cream" event to help on May 14. Pictured are, left, Lions Royce and Mary Topp and Lions Kim and Laurie Dietz.

International President



By International President
IMAHENDRA AMARASURIYA

This is the last membership-focused newsletter of our leadership year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication as we have striven to embrace the challenge to change. I could not be more proud of what we have accomplished together.

I have had the privilege of visiting Lions in nearly 40 countries and I can tell you that Lions the world over are committed to evolving and adapting so that our light of service shines as brightly in the 21st century as it did in the 20th.

The totals in the most recent membership reports are much more than encouraging. They are spectacular! Since we began our efforts in Chicago last July worldwide membership in Lions Clubs International has risen by 19,182. We are 8,819 ahead of last year's total at this time, virtually assuring that, for the first time in recent memory, we will most likely end the year with a membership that is larger and stronger than the previous year.

Congratulations! You have made this happen. It is clear that your individual efforts to strengthen your club have contributed to a worldwide change in the way that Lions Clubs are perceived in their communities.

A large part of this change is due to the growing number of women in our membership. I am very pleased to report that today, nearly one of every five Lions is a woman and I am proud to say that they are contributing out of proportion to their numbers. They are providing new ideas, assuming leadership positions and invigorating clubs with their energy and enthusiasm. I know that this trend will continue to the benefit of clubs everywhere and to the entire association.

Across the globe Lions clubs are becoming younger and more diverse. Our new membership paradigm has yielded more than 110,000 family memberships throughout Lions Clubs International, including more than 1,000 new Lions between the ages of 18 and 29. Again, congratulations on your success! As impressive as these statistics are, to have a lasting impact on our association and our communities, we must consolidate and preserve what we have gained. It is imperative to ensure the ongoing interest and commitment of old and new members by fulfilling the promise of a 21st century Lions Club.

Are your members' needs being met? Does everyone have an opportunity for meaningful, hands-on participation? Are meetings brief and engaging? Are new members being mentored and encouraged to grow as Lions? The time to ask these questions is now, so that you can provide a vital "snapshot" of your club to next year's leaders.

Although our leadership year is rapidly coming to a close, our responsibilities have not yet ended. As Lions, our greatest responsibility is to the blind people of the world and those in danger of becoming blind. This year we have done much to fulfill that responsibility by exceeding the US\$150 million minimum goal (now at \$165 million as of May 3) in Campaign SightFirst II. The worldwide CSFII week in May was a great success and moved us closer to our US\$200 million challenge goal. Adding this historic achievement to our leadership legacy is within reach! In fact, if every club throughout Lions Clubs International were to dedicate one Melvin Jones Fellowship to Campaign SightFirst II, we would surpass our goal by an impressive margin. I urge you and your club to consider taking this step on behalf of the world's blind and our oldest and most honored service tradition.

Finally it is our responsibility to end the year on a positive note and ensure that the momentum of our hard work carries forward into the coming year. Please be sure that the incoming leadership is well prepared to build upon our successes.

I thank you again for being part of this very important year in Lions' history. I hope to see many of you in Bangkok where we will celebrate our great success in Campaign SightFirst II.

Vision for all: A CSFII challenge for Lions

Lions have surpassed their US\$150 million minimum goal, but Lions' efforts to reach US\$200 million challenge goal will result in many more millions of individuals receiving the SightFirst treatment, surgeries and screenings that will save or restore their sight.

In these final weeks of CSFII, club commitments and pledges will allow clubs to raise more funds over time and provide sight to many more individuals. Can your club be the Lions to help surpass Campaign SightFirst II's challenge goal?

- Less than 45 days remain to save sight and be a part of Lions' CSFII success.
- Only 65 more Lions clubs are needed to surpass CSFII's 3,000 Model Club goal by the end of June 2008. Can your club accept the Model Club challenge?
- If every Lions club around the world designated one additional Melvin Jones Fellowship to CSFII, Lions would surpass their US\$200 million "Vision for All" challenge goal.

Visit www.lions-csfii.org to learn more how your service through a pledge can provide

Carrington



Donate to Relay for Life

Lions Mary and Royce Topp donated \$100.00 from the Carrington Lions Club to the high school FFA Relay for Life's team captains: Stephanie VandeHoven and Jessie Topp. Lion Royce is a Cancer Survivor.

5NC



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Well, here it is my last column! It seems like just yesterday that I wrote my first one. What an exciting year it has been. My sincere thanks to all of the clubs for their hospitality during my 'official' visits, which are not complete, and at other times. By far the most enjoyable part of being District Governor is the club visitations! It is so exciting to see how each club is relevant to its local community and members. It is also exciting to find ways in which the District leadership can assist each club in its efforts.

Also, thanks for the great pins you all gave me and "Leo" during my visitations. Many clubs have such beautiful pins! Leo is wearing them proudly and will display them for many years to come as a reminder to me of the uniqueness of each club visited. Thank you to Lynell and Tim Thueson for the gift and thinking of this concept.

Thanks to all of the 5NC Cabinet members for their service and sacrifices this past year. They managed to put up with my Leadership style and the many challenges and changes I, and you, asked them to embrace. Most of their work is done 'behind the scenes' and thus not

Governor's Report

always apparent to clubs and members benefiting.

Allan and I wish you all a fantastic summer with family and friends and a superb year of Lionism next year. I thank you all for the once in a life-time opportunity to serve as your DG.

Membership

I must report that, barring a miracle, we will not have a net membership growth for the year. Despite many clubs working so diligently on this we have hit the 'purge' months in which clubs, for various reasons, decide to purge their membership rosters. One club alone dropped 16 members last month for various reasons. I offer my sincere and heart-felt thanks to all those clubs who worked so diligently to address retention and membership recruitment this year. Your efforts were not in vain. We will begin the new year, under DG Craig's leadership, with a solid base from which to continue to improve our relevancy to community and members.

Public Relations Grant

By now clubs, who elected to participate, should have run their '5000 Pennies' ad and had a chance to review the suggestions submitted. As part of the matching grant from LCI I must get feedback on the results by June 30, 2008. I will be emailing each club mid-June with a form to submit this information. Please complete the form and email or fax it back to me. Please do not 'snail' mail as I must have before June 30, 2008!

MD5 Convention

The MD5 convention for 2008, in Sioux Falls, ND, is now over. It was and exciting, intensive, and fun time. It provided an opportunity to renew friendships and visit with Lions from throughout MD5.

Congratulations to Minot Magic City Lions for winning the MD5 website contest despite fierce competition! They have a beautiful website and when you get a chance you should visit it at www.minotmagiccitylions.com.

Stuart Merry and Staff

My thanks to Stu and his staff for all the great work they have done on the ND Lion newsletter for the past year. They have worked so diligently with all of us to get our materials included and to timely produce such an excellent publication. They have also worked with us to get out an E-Edition. They constantly have to update mailing addresses and make additions and deletions to the list of recipients. They manage, somehow, to do all this

energetically and with a smile. Next time you make a submission or see any of them, please express your appreciation for all the hard work and excellent job they do.

LCI Membership and Activity Reporting

The new membership reporting deadlines along with maintenance on the LCI website continued to cause significant website access interruptions and delays during May. Do not wait until the last minute to file the June membership and activity reports as the website interruptions and delays may cause you to file late!

DG Craig

I know if you give the same support to DG Craig as you did me that he and you will have a great year. I will fully support his efforts as Immediate Past District Governor. He has also asked me to handle the information technology challenges for 2008-09. Thus, I will be in contact with you often as 5NC, under his leadership, further embraces technology for communications, public relations, and resources. It is going to be another exciting year. DG Craig will lead the 2nd of a three year cooperative plan to change District 5NC. My year consisted of transformation to a concentration of club relevancy to community and members while embracing changes in structure and operations. Craig's year will concentrate on a transfusion of leadership and members while continuing the transformation process. He will be working hard with VDG James Ruff as he prepares for his year of completing the transition to a new paradigm of 5NC service to community and members.

Event Schedule and Deadlines

- June 30, 2008 – Final membership reports and annual activity reports due.
- July 1, 2008 – DGE Craig starts his year as DG!!!
- August 16, 2008 – MD5 MERL Conference in Minot
- September 20, 2008 – 2nd Annual Minot Lions Garlic and Grape Festival



Rugby



New members

The Rugby Lions Club recently held initiation of new members. Pictured are, Craig Wollenburg, District Governor elect; Larry Fueller with new member Trudy Lenzmeier; Jan Repnow, Kurt Arthur with their sponsor, Chuck Repnow.



Clean-up time

The Rugby Lions gathered to complete their spring ditch cleaning of Highway 3 North.

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.

- Zeeland – Joe A. Meir
- Grafton – Victor Mihulka
- Robinson – John Randall, Sr.
- Napoleon – Wallace Fallgatter
- Pettibone – Raymond Guthmiller

Lake Metigoshe



New member

PDG Chris Helgesen inducted a new member to the club, Peggy Bender. Pictured are PDG Chris, new Lion Peggy Bender and sponsor, Lion Gene Bender.



Perfect attendees

PDG Lion Chris Helgesen, left, presented 100 percent attendance awards to Lions Kay Bonebrake, Gale Feland, Gene Bender, and Mona Johnson. Not pictured, Lion Dennis Hanson. New officers were also inducted at Lake Metigoshe. They include President Lion Dennis Hanson, vice presidents Lions Jim Dahle, Ann Parrill and Alan Pearson; Secretary Lion Mona Johnson; Treasurer Lion Cedric Jacobson. PDG Chris Helgesen installed.



In appreciation

PDG Chris presented a President's Appreciation Award pin to Lion Les Halvorson.

Lake Metigoshe

Convention registration incentive announced



By JEANNE SELBY

State Convention 2008 PR chair

The 2008 State Lions Convention Committee recently announced that every fifth State Convention registration submitted by Lions clubs across the state will be free. The basic registration fee for the Oct. 24-25 convention is \$25 per person. State Convention Registrar Lion Jim Bumann will work with club treasurers to make adjustments for clubs already pre-registered.

If your Lions club provides full or partial State Convention sponsorships, the club treasurer is encouraged to complete one of the State Convention registration forms found in this or previous issues of the North Dakota Lion. Simply include the number of members (no names required at this time) that will attend the convention (times \$25 each), along with a check for their basic registrations.

Names of members, their requested meal preferences and the balance of the fees may be submitted later, prior to October 15, at the latest.

A convention registration form may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. For specific questions, contact General Convention Co-chair PDG Brach Johnson at 701-223-3715 (work), 701-258-7361 (home) or e-mail@brachjohnsonagency.com.



Lions clean ditches

On Monday, May 19th, the Lions did their annual clean up of about 8-9 miles, and followed it up with a potluck picnic. Photo at top, Lion Gale Feland and his wife, Donna, picking up litter in the ditches. Middle photo, Lions Dennis Hanson, Les Halvorson and Cedric Jacobson in front of pick-up load of garbage bags. Photo at bottom, from left, Lions Cedric Jacobson, Gale Feland, Jim Dignan, Bill McKay, Terry Espe, Diane Dignan, Dennis Hanson, Peggy Bender, Les Halvorson, Gene Bender, Mary Haugen, LeaRae Espe, Donna Feland, Estelle and Oliver Dunderland. Not pictured are Lions Larry Haugen, Lions Kay and Arline Bonebrake and Mona Johnson.

Wishek



Clean-up time

Pictured are members of the Wishek Lion's Club who on May 16th cleaned the ditches of Hwy's 13 and 3, west and south of Wishek for a distance of 1-mile each. The clean up effort netted two and one half heaping pickup truck loads of trash. Members pictured are from left to right in the back row: Lions Ruben Aipperspach, Art Bender, Stanley Deile, Terry Erholtz, Brent Thielges, Todd Schnabel, Perry Turner, Charles Swartz, and Lorren Henke. Members picture in the front row from left to right: Lions Warney Becker, Robert Woehl, Donald Babitzke, Albert H. Sayler, and Delmar Zimmerman. *Submitted by Stan Schmitt*

Notice

Jamie Quackenbush is the new North Dakota Eye Bank representative in Fargo. The office is located at 100 4th St. S., Fargo, on the sixth floor. The phone number is 701.297.8104 and the new e-mail is eyebanknd@qwestoffice.net.



Lions bring Centennial Singers to McClusky

By ALLAN TINKER

The Centennial Singers, Harvey, entertained the McClusky community on Saturday, March 29, at the McClusky Elementary School. They sang to a crowd of about 100 people who were there to enjoy cake and ice cream, a cake walk, and the music.

Ted Sitz is the leader of the performing group and Ann Sitz is accompanist, along with pianist Judy Titus. There are 35 members in the group that meets every Monday night at the Harvey First Lutheran Church and welcomes men who would like

to spread good will through music.

The group sang many old favorites including hymns and folk songs. These included "Let All Men Sing," "Stout Hearted Men," "Shenandoah," "Impossible Dream," "Homeward Bound," "Ghost Riders in the Sky," "Good Night Sweetheart," "Beautiful Savior," "Little Deuce Coupe," "Bring Him Home," and "God Bless the USA." At the conclusion of the last song, "God Bless the USA," the entire crowd stood to recognize the performance and the theme of the song.

Soloists included Charles Nyhus and

Maurie Becker.

Door prize winners included Bev. Zingg, Marvel Neff, Melva Schindler, Mildred Kisse, Diana Hirschhorn, Laura Schindler, Laurel Kukert, Norma Martin and Martha Neuharth.

The annual fundraiser helps support the Lions service projects in the community and internationally. The local projects include the annual Christmas cheer baskets, blood drives, the Coleharbor tree planting, eye health and diabetes programs, and community activities such as the annual Mid-Summer Fest parade.

Williston



Members honored

The Williston Lions Club honored and presented four members with Melvin Jones Fellowships. From left, with plaques, Lions Harry Wallner, Wanda Olaf, Chris Kemp and Jim Stokke. Also acknowledged were three Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships, which were received by Lions Ruth Wagner, left; and Don and Dorothy Polson, right. The fellowship is a recognition of humanitarian work and is LCIF's highest honor.

Reminder:

ND Lion
DEADLINE is
the
7th
of the month!

NO Exceptions!

5NW



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District 5 NW has great Lions, great clubs and great leadership.

This year began a multi-year plan to encourage continuity communication and clarity for our district. Club and club officers have called and e-mailed with questions and suggestions. The cabinet and I listened carefully. By the time you receive this, I will have around two weeks until the end of my term. It has been a pleasure to meet Lions across 5 NW, comprised of 37 clubs and 3 Leos.

WORKING TOGETHER IN OUR LIONS CLUBS WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A CLUB TO HELP YOUR MEMBERS BRING IN NEW MEMBERS?

Encourage and recognize – Look for new ways to reward your members for their efforts.

Hold special events – Community appreciation nights.

Contests and challenges – Hold sessions with your members, develop a plan.

Consider forming teams, mixing active “recruiters” with members.

Invite people under the age of 40 and have females come to meetings with male Lions.

Governor's Report

Keep your membership informed: Members who know what Lions organization is and what Lions do.

Hold orientation sessions and programs at meetings.

Keep members involved in local projects.

If each club in 5 NW used these guidelines for 3 or 4 months our membership would grow larger.

I would like each club in 5 NW to keep donating to these Important organizations which help so many people in Lions.

- They are:
- Leader Dog for the Blind
 - Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud
 - Lions Foundation of North Dakota
 - Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota
 - L.C.I. F.
 - American Diabetes Association
 - North Dakota Vision School for the Blind
 - Ocular Research Center
 - North Dakota Association of the Blind

- Youth Exchange Camp
- Vision U.S.A.
- Hearing and Speech Program
- Peace Poster Contest
- White Cane Day
- Youth Outreach Leo's.

I am writing this before I go to the MD5 Convention in Sioux Falls, S.D. and I would like to thank each and every club in 5 NW for the welcome I and Dale received while doing visitations. It has been a rewarding experience we will never forget for some time to come.

Please welcome D.G.E. Pat Trotter for his new year ahead for 2008-2009.

In Lionism
Jan Froemming, D.G. 5 NW

Thought of the month:
“Obedience is the gateway through which knowledge enters the mind.”
Helen Keller

Williston



Scholarships presented

Lion Dorothy Polson of the Williston Lions Club presented three Williston High School students of the Williston Leos Club with \$300 scholarships to a school of their choice. From left, Joseph Kemp, Megan Altizer and Sadie Fjelstad. *Wanda Olaf, Williston Herald*

Kenmare

5K for Fun

A howling wind may have limited the participation, but the Kenmare Lions Club 5K Fun Walk/Run was held May 17, beginning and ending at the downtown Park Square. Participants received \$1 off the entry fee if they donated a pair of used glasses. All proceeds are going to Lions charitable projects. Most of the participants are pictured at right: Missy Harris, Michelle Nebel, Kari Bies, Heather Livingston, Hunter Harris, Brett Froseth, Fay Froseth, Jamie Livingston, Carolyn Martin, Marin Swofford, Lance Kalmbach, Becky Kostad, Jenica Kostad, Rick Harris, and Paul Nebel. A Classic Car Show and Rib Cook-Off drew big crowds that evening.



Stanley



Draffhen honored

Perley O. Draffhen received his Melvin Jones Award, along with four other Stanley Lions. Draffhen's award was presented by Lion Doug Halden. *Dale Ellis, secretary.*



Melvin Jones

Four Stanley members recently received Melvin Jones Awards at their recent Ladies Night. Pictured are left to right Lion Milton Enander, Lion Gordon Aas, Lion John Anderson and Lion Stanley Vachal. *Dale Ellis, secretary, Stanley Lions Club.*

Elgin Dakota



New members

The Elgin Dakota Lions welcomed two new members at their May meeting. District Governor Jan Froemming brought in as new members Tyeshia Dent and Kathy Hsu. President Lion Elsie Stelter installed the new members. *Photo by Agnes Meidinger*

Lions help

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club donated \$150 to Amber Iverson, Grant County High School FCCLA student, to attend the National Convention in Orlando, FL July 12-19. Elgin Dakota Lions President Elsie Stelter, left, presented Iverson, a state officer with a check on May 21, 2008. She said, "I would like to thank the Dakota Lion members for their help and support, I appreciate it very much". *Photo by Lion Gail Schatz.*



Stanley



Assist with clean-up

On Saturday, May 17, several members of the Lion's Club volunteered their services at Flickertail Village to assist with the Spring Clean-up. The clean-up process consisted of vacuuming and dusting in each of the village's buildings. Lunch was provided and served to all of the workers. Flickertail's Board of Directors very much appreciated the efforts put forth by the Lion's Club. Pictured are, front, from left, Nina Williams, Dolly Ellis, and Joyce Vachal. Back, Lion Member Doug Halden, Flickertail Village Board Member Bob Liebl, Lion Members Ed Mattson, Gary Evans, Dale Ellis, Volunteer Pam Nelson, Lions Members Chancey Henin, Stan Vachal, and Don Kjosen. *Submitted by Dale Ellis, Sec.*

Elgin

Lions donate for eyeglasses

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$150 on Monday, April 21 during the regular board of directors meeting to the Elgin Vision Clinic to assist with eyeglasses. Here Lion President Jim Heim presented a check to employees at the Vision Clinic Beth Haberstroh and Pam Ulrich. Pictured are Beth Haberstroh, Lion President Jim Heim and Pam Ulrich. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*



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Elgin



Youth donation

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$250 Monday, April 21, to Amber Iverson, left, a student at Grant County High School FCCLA chapter to attend the National Family, Career and Community Leaders of America convention this summer in Orlando, FL July 12-19. President Jim Heim, right, presented her a check on Tuesday at the school. Iverson a state officer will be attending workshops with other officers and will pickup ideas for projects, programs, and activities and bring them back to the state, districts and local chapter. She said, "I want to thank the Elgin Lions Club members for helping me to achieve this goal. It is very much appreciated."

Photo by Lion Duane Schatz



Lions donate to youth

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$250.00 on Monday, April 21, 2008 to Erin Gaugler a student at Grant County High School who will be competing at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Georgia May 11-17, 2008. Here Lion President Jim Heim presented her with a check at the high school. Her project, the investigation of possible natural antibiotics in soils will be judged against students from around the world. The Elgin Lions club helped fund part of the trip. Pictured are, left, Erin Gaugler and Lion President Jim Heim. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Caribbean membership celebration

*Submitted by
LLEWELYN RUSTAN*

*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 January 1, 2008 and October 24, 2008. 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 January 1, 2008 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)

Leadership Forum

What: 32nd Annual USA/Canada

Lions Leadership Forum

When: Sept. 18-20, 2008

Where: Saskatoon, Sask., Canada

*All the information on the
Forum can be found at:*

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Early bird price break is still available. Register now!



Caribbean Nights

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Phone: 701-258-7361
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Registration Fees:

BASIC REGISTRATION \$25.00
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Choose the meals you want:

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

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

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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

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

Name: _____ Lion Guest (Circle One)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Fees: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ Check Number _____

Make Checks payable to *ND State Lions Convention*

Eyeglass Recycling Report May 2008

Eyeglasses received since 1998
580,700

Eyeglasses in system
57,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment
7,500

*Eyeglasses received from Lions
in: Hooterville Lions Minot Lions
McClusky Lions Williston Lions*

Preparing shipment for: Vietnam (approximately 16,000 pair) At 1.5 minutes to read a pair of glasses that will be the equivalent of 400 hours of reading glasses alone. I am only capable of reading about 25 hours or 2400 glasses per month. We have ample supply of glasses sorted, cleaned but need to get more read prior to ship date in July/August.

If you or you club can spare a day or you a family can spare four hours per person, I can use the help reading.

The learning curve for the machine is short and you can be tained in 15 minutes with little computer experience. The accuracy with this training is very close to 100% accuracy. I will gladly accept anyone that can work at my home (one mile south of Dakota Square) almost any time day or night for a four hour reading session. One person can do almost as much as two people can.

A four hour shift will read nearly 160 glasses which is 10% of what is needed for this single largest shipment we will likely every make. Presently there are 18 optometrists signed up to go to Vietnam and dispense eyeglasses in South Vietnam.

Will your club take a 24-hour challenge and see if you can beat any other clubs taking a 24 hour challenge?

How about the men read while the women shop and the men read while the women BBQ and fix cool the drinks and the men sleep while the women read into the evening and when it gets late the kids read. There is no reason why mature kids over the age of 13 can not read prescriptions.

Whether you do or do not, thank you for supporting the recycling program by providing glasses to be recycled.

A very sincere thank you from
Terry Narum
5101 14th St SW
Minot ND 58701

for additional information or scheduling
please call 701-838-7387 (h)
701-857-6018 (w) 701-720-3492 (c).

5NE Spring Rally



Elgin Lions members attending the Spring Rally were: Rueben Zacher, Art Rath, Mildred Rath, Gertie Werner, Leona Wutzke, Ruby Koeplin, Agnes Meidinger, Gail Schatz; BR: Duane Schatz, Dale Froemming, Jim Heim, Clarence Werner, Elmor Wutzke, Irene Rauscher, Elsie Stelter, Ralph Meidinger and Carol Winkler. The bus driver was Lion Art Rath.



The seventh annual 5NW Spring Rally and Leadership Conference was held in Beulah, ND on Saturday, April 19, 2008 at the Grand View with approximately 97 attending from various Lions Clubs. Former Elgin/Mott residents Larry and Rachelle Rieker manage the newly remodeled facility. It was formerly the Elks Lodge and was completely remodeled by several Beulah businessmen. Photo at left: The guest speaker for the day was Past International Director Randy L. Heitman from Cambridge, Neb. During the noon hour the group heard from PID Bruce Schwartz on the possibility of redistricting in the Mult-District including Canada, North and South Dakota. The plan may be voted on during the MD5 Convention in Sioux Falls in early June. Several leadership sessions were held for new club officers. A special power point tribute was presented on PDG Lion Harry Zacher and Lion Esther Zacher two outstanding Elgin Lions who passed away this past year. Photo at right: Several members of the family attended the Zacher tribute including Clayton and Cyndy Zacher and Susie Striegel and her family. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*