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## Bismarck North Star and Prairie Rose Lions Renovate GPAD Cabin

By Lion JeAnne Selby

Last March two Bismarck Lions clubs collaborated to put into action their motto, "We Serve," and at the same time bolstered

the mission of the Great Plains Assistance Dogs for America Foundation (GPAD).

The resulting service project was the perfect blend of "Spring housecleaning" and home improvement. The Bismarck North Star and Prairie Rose Lions combined their skills, talents, volunteer time and their clubs' charitable funds to renovate Apartment 925, originally constructed in 1991, at Jud.

Three months, \$984.00, and 299 volunteer hours later, Apartment 925 (also known as the two Lions clubs' adopted cabin) is now a much more appealing temporary home for the students and their family

members that live in the apartment during the three weeks that they are expected to live on-site, train and bond with their new service dogs.

Since March 15, North Star Lions have painted the entire interior of the 572-square-foot cabin, installed a new door lock, replaced weather stripping on both exterior doors, adjusted two interior doors, repaired the bathroom sink drain, installed new track for the closet door in the bedroom, installed a new kitchen ceiling light fixture (also replacing a fluorescent bulb with an incandescent one), re-tiled both the kitchen and bathroom floors, purchased a gently-used hide-a-bed and cover, and raised a handicap-accessible ramp.

Between March 15 and June 1 seven North Star Lions, including Project Chair Lion Larry Tosseth, Lion Jim Bumann, Jim Bumann, Jr., Lion Dave Charles, Lion Don Jorgenson, Guest Myron Rosene, and Lion Jim Selby, donated a total of 213 volunteer hours to the renovation of the cabin.

After spending nine hours repairing the bathroom sink drain and painting on March 15, Myron Rosene, a retired



The Bismarck North Star and Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Clubs jointly adopted Apartment 925, one of two cabins at the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation facility near Jud, for renovations this past March.

Master Plumber, was inducted into the North Star Lions Club at their regular May membership meeting.

The North Star Club contributed \$855.00 of the total \$984.00 home improvement costs spent to renovate the cabin.

Since March 15 four Prairie Rose Lions members have spent a day helping the North Star Lions paint the interior cabin walls and another cleaning; with the majority of their volunteer hours spent on planning, designing, sewing, purchasing and mounting various styles of window treatments for the seven cabin windows.

Prairie Rose President Bev Charles, and Club members Lori Newgard, JeAnne Selby and Carole Tosseth have volunteered a total of 86 hours between March 15 and June 1. Forty-eight hours, or 56 percent of their volunteer hours was spent designing and sewing window treatments from fabrics donated by Lion President Charles. The Prairie Rose Lions contributed a total

of \$129.00 of charitable funding to this service project.

The seed for this service project was planted at the 2007 State Lions Convention at Jamestown, with an invitation to "come

tour our facility some time." Following State Convention, North Star Lion Larry Tosseth and his wife Carole (who joined the Prairie Rose Lions in the weeks following State Convention) accepted the invitation, detoured through Jud, and toured the GPAD facility enroute to their home in Bismarck.

Lion Larry was so impressed with the program, training process and mission of GPAD that he presented a volunteer proposal to the North Star Board of Directors at their next meeting. Board members also shared Lion Larry's vision and enthusiasm and asked him to make a

presentation to the general membership. Lion Larry had requested and received a "wish list" of priorities from GPAD officials; he shared the list with club members as part of his presentation. As the old cliché goes, "And the rest is history."

Prairie Rose Lions Carole Tosseth and JeAnne Selby returned from that first nine-hour day of painting (and tour of the GPAD facility) last March as enthusiastic as North Star Larry Tosseth had been following his first facility tour. Lion JeAnne also was asked to give a short presentation to the Prairie Rose Board of Directors at their late March board meeting. This was followed by an illustrated presentation (including slides of the cabin) at their April general membership meeting. The North Star Lions wanted help with the window treatments for the cabin; the consensus of the Prairie Rose Board of Directors,



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Dear Lions Clubs:

On Saturday, Oct. 11, we will be running in the Baltimore Marathon as a member of the Tissue Banks International "Run for Vision."

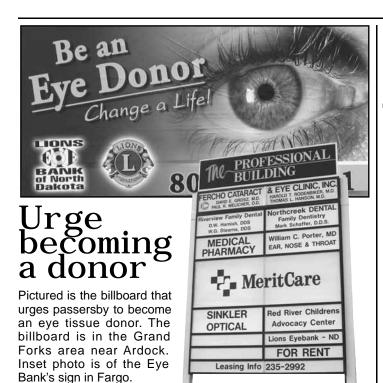
We are participating not only for the fun of the race, but because we want to support the important work the Lions Clubs do in advancing corneal transplantation for people in need. Our personal goal is to raise \$5,000. I hope you consider sponsoring us at your discretion for your club or individual donation.

Your donation is tax deductible. A letter will be sent out to you for tax purposes.

Thank you so much. Karen Thomas and Stacie Fischer



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#### 5 NE Zone B1



#### Clubs gather

Lions from Horace, Fargo Downtown, Fargo Edgewood, Fargo Gateway, West Fargo, and Fargo transplants Mike and Barb Brand from Valley City met for the Zone B1 Midsummer Picnic on Tuesday, June 24, at the Elmwood Park in West Fargo. This picture (minus Zone Chair Robert Littlefield who served as photographer) captures the group representing all ages--from baby Raya Dobbs to 37 year veteran Lions Pete Lazarenko and Glenn Whaley from the West Fargo Lions Club. Steve Stark provided a great program on North Dakotans who made a difference in the state and nation.

## Lions State Convention seminars are announced

By Convention Co-Chairmen Brach and Marian Johnson

The planning committee for the 2008 State Lions Convention has announced the list of seminars which will be available at the "Caribbean Nights" Lions gathering at the Ramkota Hotel Oct. 24 and 25. All of the sessions listed below are on Saturday the 25th, and there are both Lions-based programs, and those of community interest.

Although the schedule may be tweaked a little as the convention draws near, the following informational programs are tentatively listed at 10:15 a.m. to 11. Magic City Lion Josh Ressler will explain the North Dakota Leadership Seminar, an outstanding program for high school students across the state. North Star Lion Ron Rebinistch of Basin Electric will discuss the development of wind power in North Dakota, and PDG Chuck Whitney of Bowman will report on the fun at the MD5 Youth Exchange Camp in Medora, which was hosted by 5NW this last July.

From 11 to 11:45, Minot Lion Terry Narum will tell us of his continuing quest to re-cycle as many eyeglasses as there are people in North Dakota (... he's getting closer!). Nathaniel Humphrey of Game and Fish will discuss the current lead-ingame controversy and other outdoor topics, and the students from University of Mary, Dickinson State University, and UND, will inform us about starting Campus Clubs.

In the afternoon from 2:15 until 3 p.m. the visiting International Director Patty Hill will host a Question and Answer session. Mandan Lion and optometrist Dr. Long will tell us of his trip to Hungary, and North Dakota Parks representative Doug Prchal will take us on a tour of great destinations in the state.

Is this everything of interest? By no means! The re-districting of the state, cutting us down from three Lions districts into two, promises to be a hot topic in the district and state meetings, as well as the hallways.

There are other interesting developments as well. Can you believe we might put

together a Lions chorus? A Stride Walk for Diabetes? A work project for those of you who would rather DO than LISTEN? Details on these last three options will be available in next month's ND LION!

Until then, the convention committee desperately needs the registrations to be sent in so we can plan more effectively. We are trying a new approach — registrations are separate from food costs, enabling convention attendees to choose only those meals which they wish to attend. Please refer to the registration blank printed in this issue for more information. Remember that if your club is sending in registrations as a group, EVERY FIFTH REGISTRATION IS FREE. No names are necessary now, but names, food choices, and additional food costs must be sent in by Oct. 15. But we need the registrations sent in as soon as possible so we can figure out how many Lions will be in attendance.

Please plan now to join us for an exciting and informative time at the 2008 State Lions Convention!

## 5 NE Governor's Report

The 2008-2009 Lions year is starting all over the world. We are indeed a very strong and international organization having members in 202 countries composed of 752 districts with 1.3 million members. We indeed are very recognizable, having just been recently nominated as the "#1 non-governmental service organization in the world." Truly a great honor.

Before I start, I must express our thanks to Governor John Dobbs and his cabinet for having a great year in leading the Lions of 5NE. I personally want to thank John for keeping me in the loop as to the happenings of 5NE and what to expect in this my year as District Governor. THANKS!!!!

Now I must thank each of you for allowing me to be your District Governor. It truly is an honor. I will do the best job that I possibly can. If you should need something, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Remember I am here "to serve" each of you and your clubs.

I want to thank you for allowing Mary Ann and myself to attend the International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand. (My first International Convention.) What a great experience. The people of Thailand treated us all with so much care and affection. They were always displaying their Thai culture. Thailand is truly "The Land of the Smiles." We have memories we will never forget.

The first five days were spent in conferences and workshops with 24 other District Governors Elect from all over the world. We had DGE's from Illinois, England, Greece, Cyprus, Texas, Sir Lanka, India, Saskatchewan and North Dakota. What a truly international flavor. We were able to share ideas and concerns that were both different and similar. We were led by our instructor, Cliff Heywood from New Zealand. A delightful chap. Mary Ann and I were blest to share this experience at the coastal city of Pattaya at a beautiful resort. It was truly 1st class.

The next five days were spent at the actual International Convention in Bangkok. (A city of 11 million people with a true traffic problem.) This convention attracted 26,000 fellow Lions from all over the world. The "Parade of Nations" held June 24th was truly a spectacular event. There were 154 entries, with our delegation from MD5 being number 142. A long wait. Some of the countries really have a flair for showing their dress. Other highlights include the announcement by chairman of CSFII, Dr. Tae-Sup Lee that we had met and exceeded all goals. Collecting 200,329,00 in American dollars. WOW!!!! The election process for LCI was a learning experience. To watch how Lions move up the chairs on the steps of leadership. It was wonderful to watch out-going International President Mehendra from Sir Lanka as he handed out awards and make



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presentations. To see new International President Al Brandel from New York take over the leadership of our organization. He would issue is slogan that all of us Lions are Everyday Heroes doing "Miracles Through Service." (WE ARE and WE DO) The final event of the convention was on Friday, June 27 at which time we had the installation ceremony for the 2008-2009 District Governors. That was us, indeed a proud moment. Now I hope I can do you proud as your DG for the Lions of 5NE.

Now down to the business of Lionism. I have sent a letter to each club in 5NE expressing my goals/objectives for the year. (I will touch on them next month.) As I have set goals/objectives, I believe

that each club should do likewise. By goals/objectives I am talking about some specific things you want to accomplish this year. (Examples: membership increase, new service project, a new Melvin Jones Fellow, etc.) Goals/objectives are necessary for a club to succeed, otherwise the club will just wander about aimlessly with no real purpose.

I spent much time in this Governor's Report talking about the International Convention. The reason being, that I believe that it is how we become the best possible members of our Lions organization. By going out and attending other meetings and learning about Lionism and meeting other Lions members.

It may be a zone meeting, the state convention, the MD5 convention, USA/Canada Forum or even the International Convention. Speaking of meetings, I want to promote two of them: 1) USA/Canada Forum to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Sept. 18-20. (This Forum is truly the greatest learning tool that we have in Lionism. It will not get much closer than this to us in a long time. The Forum is a must!!!! 2) The North Dakota State Convention in Bismarck Oct. 24 & 25. (Lions of North Dakota should attend as this is "our" convention.

In closing, I want to thank everyone who has chosen to be part of the leadership team for the Lions of 5NE. This is not only on the district level, but on the local level as well. A reminder that our first cabinet meeting will be held at the Valley City Eagles Club on Saturday, Aug. 9 starting at 10 a.m. One of my goals for 2008-2009 is to help develop and interest more Lions in the positions of leadership. Leadership positions not only at the local level, but also at the district level and even the multidistrict level as well. "Step to the Plate in 2008" is my personal slogan for the year. I need all of your help in attaining this goal. Yours in Lionism.



#### 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.

Glen Ullin – Duwayne Kinnischtzke Kenmare – Harold McLarnon Moffit – Douglas Moffit

Kindred – Lawrence Moderow
U. Mary – Stephanie Kuylen

Steele – Emil Hockhalter

## 5 NC Governor's Report

Greetings to my fellow Lions in district 5NC and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor. As I was returning from the International Convention and the responsibilities of the office of District governor really hit home. The duties of the District Governor are many and as I pledge to do my best carry out those duties keeping in mind the best interests of you, the Lions of District 5NC. I ask for your continued support in the coming year and hope at the end of that time each of you will feel your trust and support was well founded. At this time I would like to thank PDG Brian Tinker for his tireless efforts during his year as DG. His dedication and competence have been a lesson for me and I hope to measure up to the standards he set. Thanks Brian!

One of the problems we are facing in our district is the continued loss of members. We welcomed over 80 new members to Lions during 2007-2008. Congratulations! On the flip side we lost over 150 members. These were members who for whatever reason decided not to renew their affiliation with Lions. There can be many reasons; death, change of location, poor health, etc. These are things we can't do much about, but what about the others? Did they suddenly lose their desire to serve? I think not.

Research has shown that people are becoming much more "stingy" with their time. If they commit time to a cause or to a service organization they want to feel it is time well spent. Let's face it, every hour we give to service we are taking away from our family, our profession, our friends, so when we do commit time to service we want that time to be well spent. How many times have we heard someone say, "I don't have time for another meeting," or "How much time is this going to take."



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They want their efforts to be relevant. Last year we asked each club to re-access their relevancy to their local communities. We looked to answer questions such as: Are we really meeting the needs of the community? If not, what should we be doing? This assessment all comes back to

the Lions motto "We Serve."

Are we serving our communities and the world at large, or just attending meetings and going through the motions. That is not why we became Lions. We all became Lions because of a desire to serve. To give of ourselves in order to make the world around us a little bit better for others. That message is as true today as it was 90 years age when Melvin Jones started his first Lions club. This year's International President Al Brandel has as his motto, "Miracles through Service." Isn't that wonderful? Every day we as Lions create miracles for someone through our service. The eyeglasses we collect so others can see clearly for the first time creates a miracle. The food, water, and help given to victims of natural disasters, the Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina, and Northwood, these were miracles. The smiles and beauty we brought to the people of Coleharbor as we replaced the trees lost in that devastating storm.

These are all miracles that we as Lions created though our efforts and willingness to serve, and that is something that we can all be proud of! It is my goal this year to re-kindle that desire to serve in all of us and remember why we became a Lion. So let's get by all the meetings, all the reports, the dues, and anything else that we might have complaints about and concentrate on our motto, We Serve! If we do that, I truly believe we will not have to worry about Lions dropping their membership. We will want to remain and be an active member of the greatest service organization in the world, Lions.

## Rugby



#### New president

Tilman Hovland, right, incoming 2008-09 Rugby Lions Club president, receives the Lions gavel from outgoing president, Charles Repnow at the installation ceremony on July 7, 2008. Tilman will serve as the 80th president of the Rugby Lions Club.

## Garrison

#### Lions care for park

The Garrison Lions Club has taken under its wing the "centennial sign" along Trooper



Avenue. The mini-park was established prior to the city's centennial in 2005. Lions members also agreed at their last meeting to care for the plantings at the sign welcoming visitors to Garrison near Super Valu. Putting up the American flag at the centennial sign were Lions members Gordon and Julie Hill. *Photo by Stu Merry* 

## 5 NW Governor's Report

Greetings Fellow Lions,

#### International Convention

Had an excellent trip to Thailand both to Pattaya, and to Bangkok, the DGE school was phenomenal with 752 DG-E's in attendance the planning was handled beyond anyone's belief. My thanks to the Lions of district 5NW for their support of me that enabled me to make this once in a lifetime trip.

#### International Theme

I am looking forward to a great year in our district and look to each of you for your help, as our International President's motto says each of you that participate in your community is an "Everyday Hero" through your Miracles In Service. As I make my visitations this year please don't hesitate to ask me questions, if I don't know the answers I will most assuredly get them for you.

#### Personal Theme

My theme this year is "TEAMWORK" if we all work together in our clubs, our zones, our district, our state, our multidistrict, and our International levels we can achieve things we never thought possible before. To that end one of the things I

will be doing for our district is obtaining a Public Relations matching grant from LCI, to help each of you better publicize each clubs work.

#### Campaign Sightfirst II

Congratulations go out to everyone in our district as we surpassed our goal for Campaign Sightfirst II. Together with



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all Lions throughout the world we raised \$200,389,000 thus surpassing our extended goal of \$200,000,000

#### Opportunities To Serve

Our first cabinet meeting will be Aug. 9th at 9 a.m. Mountain Time at the Elks Lodge in Dickinson. Come join us and find out what goes on in your district.

MD-5 Council of Governors have their first meeting of the year in Minot at the Holiday Inn Riverside on August 15-16.

August 25-28 -- we will hold the first of possibly two extension workshops in our district this an excellent learning experience and we are always looking for people interested in helping us and learning the art of extension. For more information contact me or our MERLOW chairman Lion Lewellyn Rustan, My information is listed at the end of this newsletter and Lion Lewellyn can be reached at 701-579-4347 or 701-290-8733

Congratulations go out to the Bowman Lions Club for winning the best scrapbook and to the Mandan Lions Club for winning the best newsletter at the MD-5 convention.

PDG Jan Froemming would like to thank and expresses her appreciation to all the clubs of our district for helping her get her Melvin Jones.



#### 5NW poster winner

District Governor Jan Froemming presented a certificate and \$50 to Breanna Christopherson from Mandan Jr. High for winning first place in the District 5NW Peace Poster Contest. This contest is open annually to any student age 11-13 who is sponsored by a Lions Club in the district. District 5NW covers the area from Montana to U. S. Highway 83 and from Canada to South Dakota. All 37 clubs are encouraged to invite students to participate. The Peace Poster theme for the coming year is "Peace begins with Me.

## El gin



The Elgin Lions Club held a final yearly business meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Our Place Cafe and also installed the new officers for the coming year. Lion Willard Boyer drew the joker in the final drawing of the year and received \$310. Lion President Jim Heim installed the new officers and directors. Lion Jim Zimmerman will be the new president; Carlton Levorsen first vice; Duane Schatz second vice and Jeff Hillius will be the new third vice president. New officers include: Juluis Zimmerman, Lawrence Ackerman, Ralph Meidinger, Lucas Greff, Clarence Werner, President Jim Zimmerman, Treasurer Shawn Lince, First Vice Carlton Levorsen, Third Vice President Jeff Hillius, Secretary Dale Froemming, Art Rath, Virgil Stern, Elmor Wutzke and Rueben Zacher. *Photo by Lion Gail Schatz*.

## Hazen

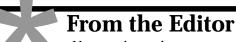


#### Result of selflessness

Shannon Jacobson receives funds to help defray medical expenses that were raised from a fundraiser benefit held June 13 at Hazen City Hall. From left: Sunshine Club member Mark Wasem; Hazen Lions Club President Elden Zuern; Jacobson; Anne Jacobs, friend of the family who was in charge of the bake sale; Diane Huber, Mercer-Oliver Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; and IBEW Business Manager Tom Schwab. The event was sponsored by the Hazen Lions and the local IBEW – raised a total of \$9,705.84, including \$1,000 in supplemental funding from Mercer-Oliver Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

#### Bartz receives Melvin Jones

The Elgin Lions Club presented Willy Bartz with the Melvin Jones Award during the last of the year business meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2008 at Our Place Cafe. Lion Shawn Lince said, "Willy has been very good to the Elgin Lions Club, always providing a meeting place and serving some of the best meals during the regular meetings. We do appreciate those cheese buttons Willy"...Mrs. Bartz who is the co-owner of Our Place Cafe is the first lady in Elgin to receive the highest award in Lionism. Pictured, from left, are Lion Treasurer Shawn Lince, Willy Bartz and President Jim Heim. *Photo by Lion Gail Schatz* 



No, we haven't gone on a diet – we've caught up.

And – contributions to the North Dakota Lion this past month were down from previous months. That's why this month's N.D. Lion is smaller than normal. With the format of this type of paper, pages are limited to eight page increments – thus, an eight-page Lion for July. Hopefully, Lions Clubs around the state are busy this summer with activities. Please send photos and information. Even without photos your activities are newsworthy. And – hope you noticed – we've tweaked the format of the Lion a bit as we start a new Lion year. Hope you like it.

Stu Merry, ND Lion editor

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as well as the general membership, was that Prairie Rose wanted to provide that help.

Both North Star Project Chair Lion Larry Tosseth and Prairie Rose President Lion Bev Charles agree that the governing boards and general memberships of both clubs needed little persuasion to sign on to this service project. Said North Star Lion Larry, "Our club members were so receptive to the project and so willing to provide the support of both their volunteer time and club dollars." Prairie Rose President Lion Bev Charles adds, "When the North Star approached us for help with the window treatments, it just seemed like a natural fit of the missions of Lions clubs and GPAD."

The mission of the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation is "to assist individuals living with disabilities to gain greater independence and opportunities by the use of trained working assistance dogs." The GPAD provides service dogs to those who are wheel-chair-bound, those with emergency medical needs, as well as response dogs for those who have seizures or more debilitating diabetes, and therapeutic dogs for nursing homes or home-bound individuals.

At various times throughout the past three months, as the North Star and Prairie Rose members have called GPAD staff to set up work days or request additional information pertinent to their projects, at least four of the GPAD staff members

have praised the volunteer efforts of Lions members. According to Vicki McMahon, GPAD Kennels and Maintenance, "The Lions have done an excellent job of renovating the cabin; it's really nice now. And we were happy to hear that both clubs are discussing additional projects to further improve the cabin."

Both Lions clubs have already identified additional opportunities for service projects at the GPAD facility. Although the Prairie Rose members have two



North Star Guest Myron Rosene smiles for the camera mid-way through bathroom sink drain repairs in the adopted cabin on March 15. Rosene was inducted into the North Star Lions Club in May.

window treatments remaining to complete, President Charles observes that "there are additional needs pertaining to the cabin

which would make good service projects for us." North Star Lions Secretary Jim Bumann notes that their club's volunteers identified a need for replacing one of two outdoor handicap-accessible ramps to the cabin in the near future.

The consensus of the 11 Lions from the two clubs that have given so many volunteer hours is that this is a very worthwhile project. Consequently, it is no surprise that they've already looked ahead and found additional ways in which to serve GPAD in the future.

## Carrington

## Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank Golf Tournament is a success

The Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank 2nd annual golf tournament was held at the CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington June 13. The event was deemed a success, in spite of the very windy weather conditions. There were 17 teams in attendance with a total of 65 golfers. The Lions Clubs from Harvey, Bismarck, Fargo, Gackle, Larimore,

Grand Forks and Carrington had

golfers. THANKS!!!!

All teams had a chance to win cash prizes for places, there were hole contests on every hole, every golfer got a door prize and two meals. We had much fun with the selling of mulligans and string. The golfers had a chance to buy some very nice prizes at the auction that was held.

The Carrington Lions Club would like to thank the Lions Eye Bank of North

Dakota, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Service Dogs for America for donating prizes for the tournament. A huge thanks to the other business that helped support the tournament as well.

Proceeds from the golf tournament went to help the Carrington Lions in meeting their commitment towards CSFII as well as other service projects for the club.

### Eyegl ass Recycling Report June 2008

Eyeglasses received since 1998 583,000

Eyeglasses in system 59,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

Eyeglasses received from: Hooterville Lions, Minot Lions and Devils Lake Lions

Shipment was made to Vietnam via Minneapolis this last week.

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