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Young people from around the world joined their counterparts from MD5 for a photo at the Badlands Ministries Bible Camp near Medora.

YOUTH CAMP SEES SUCCESS

Lion Chuck Whitney
PDG YEC 5NW

The 2008 MD 5 Youth Exchange Camp happened at the Badlands Ministries Bible Camp in Medora from Sunday June 29 until departure on Saturday July 5. The name chosen for the camp was Lions Badlands Adventure 2008 and this gave some idea of the camp and its activities during the week.

We were fortunate to have wonderful support from the Lions of 5NW as well as the multi-district especially Lions Mike Hall of 5SE and Katherine Tweed of 5NE who did more than their Lion's Share in helping with host families and the logistics of getting kids from their district to camp. Two other Lions whose support was invaluable were Lions Herman Schafer and Kevin Vannett; they served as registrar and treasurer taking a huge load off of the camp coordinator.

Another Lion who really came to bat for us was MD5 Lions Youth Exchange Chair George Pretli who helped with finding host families and also attended camp as a counselor. Lions Pat Vannett and Crystal Duecker were there for the duration and helped as counselors too. Our Lions Day could not have happened without the enthusiastic support of PDG Jan Froemming, DG Pat Trotter, Lions Tim Thueson, Brach Johnson as well as Marian Johnson who also gave us three days as counselor. We had a total of 32 kids from

10 countries and enjoyed them thoroughly. It never ceases to amaze me how well these programs work; YES there was a LOT of work and toil involved with setting this up and helping it run, but what really makes it happen are the young people who came to share themselves with us and each other.

In an earlier article, I shared the general outline of the camp. Now that it's done, I can also share the actual itinerary! Throughout the camp, we were helped a lot by the four young counselors from Badlands Ministries who chose to spend their week with us. They were always cheerful and willing to pitch in. The Badlands program director, Chris Moe, was our song master, bus driver and back up EMT (thankfully we never needed THOSE skills!).

For our first two days, we shared the facility with 12 young people from Montana there to do service projects and we all went together Sunday in the get acquainted games led by the Badlands crew after supper. We also worked with these kids on Monday doing the teambuilding skills. Just a few: "Jesus Feet" which consisted of a pair of long boards with ropes poked through holes. Each team consisted of five or more people with one foot on each board. The object was to move forward in a semi-coordinated manner! Each team had to find a leader and follow commands or no progress was made.

Another was the marble move. Each

team member had a small section of corner molding which was supposed to overlap with the neighbors in such a way that the marble could move down the trough to arrive at the can at the end of the field. The object was to NOT drop the marble and get it into the can some 30 or more feet away keeping it moving and slowly enough that the team members from the start could run and elongate the trough without jarring anyone and without dropping the marble! Obviously the team wanted to finish first, but had to work together to make it happen. Each team started over more than once!

One of the more challenging events was the A-Frame mover. With a largely two-dimensional structure the A-Frame could easily tip the person in the middle on the ground. The object was to lift one leg at a time and swing it forward gracefully ... as one group pulled on their rope, the opposite group had to provide just enough resistance to allow the forward movement but not allow the A frame to fall. We celebrated Canada Day at lunch.

We had our one true disappointment after lunch when the Three Affiliated Tribes did not show to demonstrate their dance and hunting lodge. The Badlands Ministries counselors came through in a pinch and we climbed the butte behind the dining hall and then went swimming in the Little Missouri River. I was the

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CONVENTION TO OFFER NEW ACTIVITIES

BY Lion JeAnne Selby
State Convention PR chair

In last month's ND Lion you read about the possibility of three new and unique options for personal contributions, either to Lionism or to area non-profit service organizations, during the 2008 State Convention.

During the past month the Convention Committee has converted those three possibilities into realities.

In addition to the traditional "Convention fare," contacts and preliminary arrangements have been made to offer Convention participants opportunities to participate in a Lions Chorus, an on-site service project for the local chapter of the American Red Cross and a Diabetes Stride Walk.

These options are available primarily (but not exclusively) on Friday, October 24, for those who have the time and/or are looking for additional opportunities to live the Lions motto, "We serve."

Lions Chorus: State Convention Co-Chair PDG Brach Johnson is looking for volunteers willing to participate in a Lions Chorus. He promises that "the music won't be very difficult" and that the chorus is intended to be a FUN addition to the 2008 Convention.

There will be no try-outs for the chorus; however, chorus members should be able to read music. Music will be mailed to those expressing an interest in participating in the chorus. PDG Johnson has tentatively set one practice for the group late Friday afternoon, October 24. The Lions Chorus will perform three or four pieces, with piano accompaniment, at the Saturday evening banquet.

Convention Co-Chair PDG Marian Johnson notes that "there appears to be lots of musical talent across the state, but we're especially hoping to get a good response from sopranos and altos among our membership."

For details or to request your music by October 15, call PDG Brach at 701-223-3715 (work), 701-258-7361 (home) or e-mail him at email@brachjohnsonagency.com.

Newsletter Service Project: One of two opportunities for service is an on-site project, collating and folding Fall newsletters for the West Dakota Red Cross Chapter and inserting them into envelopes.

Anyone having free time and wishing to contribute service hours may do so any time between 12 noon and 5 p.m. on Friday, October 24. Check your Convention program for the room at the Ramkota designated for this project.

Both Lions and non-Lion guests are invited to work on this service project. A sign-in sheet will be available for volunteers; Lions contributions may be logged as service hours and credited to the Lion members' home clubs.

Diabetes Stride Walk: Although arrangements for the Diabetes Stride Walk are still in process, the Convention Committee invites

all interested Convention participants to support the Stride Walk (by walking) and/or the silent auction, to be held in conjunction with the Walk.

Convention participants may register for the Stride Walk, which takes place across the street at Kirkwood Mall, at the Lions Convention registration area at the Ramkota. Stride Walk participants will receive a commemorative pin. Questions regarding the Stride Walk may be directed to PDG Carla Bender at 701-258-3535 (work), 701-223-2544 (home) or via e-mail at carla.calscarclinic@midconetwork.com.

Individual Lions members and Lions clubs across the state are invited to bring contributions for the silent auction to the Convention. Lions may contact PDG Tim Thueson, at 701-250-9705 (home) or e-mail at tthueson@bis.midco.net with questions regarding the silent auction and donations. The proceeds of the silent auction will be divided between the Stride Walk and a Lions project to be determined.

Save your used eyeglasses! Bring them with you to State Convention and drop them into the collection box, which will be located in the hotel's Courtyard. Following State Convention, the used eyeglasses will be taken to Minot to be sorted, cleaned, graded and ultimately distributed in developing countries around the world where no eye care is available.

As a footnote, the Convention Committee again urges Lions clubs to submit their "group State Convention registrations" at their earliest convenience. Include the number of members (no names required at this time) that will attend the October 24 - 25 convention (times \$25 each), along with a check for their basic registrations. Remember to adjust your total payment for groups of five; every fifth registration included in a group registration is free! No names or food preferences are necessary now; they and the additional food costs may be submitted by October 15.

If you haven't already done so, take time right now to complete and return the registration form found elsewhere in this newsletter. Plan to be among the Lions attending the 2008 State Convention, learning, serving and having fun!

BIG EVENT AT KULM

For that event you have been waiting for
will be happening on **Saturday, Sept. 6**
at the Kulm Country Club.

The three Fs--Food-Fellowship-Fun.
Serving will begin at 6:30 and last till the
last so just come and enjoy.

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in-water lifeguard ... and the current was swift! The kids really enjoyed it, but a few fancy swimsuits got some muddy river water on them!

After supper we had our first campfire and introduced ourselves to one another. Tuesday was a scorcher and we went riding in the park and hiking with a park ranger. Lion Kevin did his best to bring us more water, but it was hard to keep up! After a picnic lunch in the park, we visited the Chateau de Mores and its new interpretive center. If you haven't seen it the center is not only air-conditioned, but also a first rate museum in its own right. There was a Smithsonian traveling exhibit "Between Fences" that we also enjoyed. The guides at the Chateau were quite knowledgeable and patient. Next stop was the ND Cowboy Hall of Fame. It was well done, and its air was almost as appreciated as the exhibits! The Lions of Highway 12/22 cooked us a barbecue at Chimney Park and then we went for a quick cool off swim in the Medora Pool. After that we were guests of honor at the Musical. It really excited the kids and we adult Lions were wowed too!

Wednesday was our Lions Day at Camp. After breakfast, our campers heard from our distinguished guests about the great things we do. They heard about the Eye Bank, Leader Dog, Campaign Sight First, Pins, Opportunities for youth, Vision USA among other topics. Our Lions guests did a great job of informing the kids while keeping the message short and sweet.

After that, we broke into groups to do service projects. One group painted picnic tables, another cut firewood for the campfires, while a third helped re-organize the games field. We joined together at lunch and heard from DG Pat about "Miracles through Service." Afterwards, we loaded onto the bus for a quick trip to Billings County Museum where the campers saw a frontier court room as well as the judges chambers and a restored jail in its basement. After the museum, the kids had some free time to visit Medora. We regrouped at the Fudge Factory for ice cream and then headed back to camp. After supper, we had a real live Cowboy Poetry evening with Jody Strand from Baker, MT and Bob Peterman from Wibaux, MT. They sang and serenaded us with poetry. It was magical.

Thursday we got off early for our day in Dickinson. We began our day at the Dickinson Dinosaur and Geology museum and the Joachim interpretive center. There were restored old farm house, a depot, country store, a Lutheran Church as well



Camp attendees painting tables at the Youth Camp.

as cultural displays from the Germans from Russia and another celebrating the Czechs who settled in the area. You could not see these exhibits without a new appreciation for the hard work and dedication these people brought with them to this strange land we call home.

We were given a hoagie lunch by the Dickinson Noon Lions who also presented their "Make a Wish" fundraiser and told a few stories about the brave kids and what they really wanted now that their time was so short. It was at once a humbling and inspiring presentation. After lunch, we visited the West River Rec. Center. Some kids swam and did the water slides, while others used the state of the art weights and treadmills, while still others played racquetball. This facility was truly an amazing place.

As the kids got done with their activities, we reloaded the bus and dropped them off at the Dickinson Mall. They seemed to enjoy their time there and came out with a large quantity of new stuff to somehow try to get into their suitcases for the homeward trip! Five o'clock came all too fast, and we congregated at the west side of the mall, where we were met with a mini car show. Four members of the West Dakota Car club and five members of the Dickinson Prairie Cruisers brought their cars and gave the kids a ride out to the Patterson Lake Lions Shelter, where the Dickinson Evening Lions fed us Pizza. It is absolutely amazing how fast 32 kids can demolish 20 full size pizzas!

The kids seemed to enjoy hanging out at Patterson Lake, but all too soon we had to load up the bus and return to camp. Friday was our last official day and we started off with the Badlands crew and did the high ropes adventure course. Each camper was

fitted with a harness and ropes. They then got a crash course in climbing techniques learning to communicate and cooperate with each other. It was really quite safe, and really helped their confidence levels. We celebrated the US Fourth of July at lunch; after that we got back on the bus and went to Medora where we marched in the July 4 parade with our national flags. The kids showed tremendous patience in what essentially became a "hurry up and wait" situation.

After the parade, we had one last visit to the Fudge Factory for ice cream. We then returned to camp for supper and a final flag ceremony to officially end the camp. K Hook/Pirate Radio was our DJ service for our dance and did a wonderful job in getting our campers on to the floor. We took a break at 10:30 p.m. to go to Medora to watch the official fireworks. They were breath taking and worth the wait. The night was soon over and then it was Saturday and camp was over too. It seemed to take less time to get the kids gone than it took to register, but then our only concern was that the facilities were clean and that no one left anything.

Just a brief (!!) word about the facilities. We slept in tents that were not like anything I'd seen before. The permanent deck on which was set a-square steel tubing that supported the heavy-duty tarp-like canvass that made it a tent. There were permanent doors with frames and each was wired for both light and a plug in or two. The bathhouse was up to the minute new and a huge improvement over the old stuff that we all also took for granted. The dining hall was our "go to" place and its a/c saved many a short fuse from detonation! The location was really excellent as we were far enough from town that no one felt the need to wander off. With very few exceptions, the kids were well behaved, patient and tolerant. The Badlands people were a real asset to their facility.

Even with all the advance planning we did, we could have used more time to work out details. Perhaps the greatest problem was finding host families. We placed the final six kids literally two days before the start of camp. Last year's coordinator, Lion Ellen Berger assured me that the money would be OK, but I had to wander off in search of more and still had plenty! We missed one boy from Turkey due to our last minute scramble and several kids from MD 5 had last minute conflicts. All in All, it was a great camp and Thank you just doesn't due justice, but will have to suffice. See you at camp in South Dakota next year.

5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Welcome fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota. It truly has been a fun, exciting but very busy first month of being the District Governor of 5NE. As stated in my report for July, this month's report will mostly be dealing with the goals/objectives I have for this year as District Governor. I believe very strongly in order for an organization, a business or an individual to be successful, goals/objectives must be established. You must have some ideas as to what you want to accomplish. Just as I have established goals/objectives, I am hoping that every Lions Club in 5NE has or will establish goals/objectives for the 2008-2009 year.

MY GOALS/OBJECTIVES AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 5NE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Stop the declining membership in 5NE

A) Extension of new clubs in the District- (Hope to add 3 new clubs)

B) Lions Clubs of 5NE have a gain of members during the year- (whole district or individual club)

C) Retention of members that we have in our Lions Clubs at the present time- (need orientation)

2. To get excitement regarding Lionism into all clubs of 5NE

A) Doing special service projects and fund raising projects, both old and new

B) Encourage visitations among clubs

C) To renew, revive and reinvigorate the spirit of Lionism in all Lions Clubs of 5NE

3. To encourage more Lions to get involved in the area of Leadership- (Both local and District)

A) Using my theme for the year "Step to the Plate in 2008"

B) Attend Leadership Workshops- (Guiding Lions, Spring Rally, etc.)

C) Encourage more Lions to take office positions

4. To encourage each club and the members to be involved with the following organizations

A) Service Dogs For America-Jud, ND

B) Leader Dogs for the Blind-Rochester, MI

C) Lions Eye bank of North Dakota

D) Lions Foundation of North Dakota

E) Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)

5. To have every Lions Club in 5NE complete their monthly reports

A) Monthly Membership Report to Lions Clubs International (LCI)

This report may be sent in online (by the

last day of the month) or with snail mail (by 20th of the month)

B) Monthly Activities Report to District Officers

This report will be sent to the District Governor, Vice District Governor, District Secretary and your Zone Chairman. This report may be sent online or by snail mail. Report should be received by the 10th day of the month for the previous month. (Example: for August activities received by September 10th) **If any club secretary has a problem with these reports,**



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6. To encourage Lions member to be aware of the happenings of Lionism (the following sources)

A) 5NE Lions News & Views (comes out about the first of the month by Email)

B) North Dakota Lion (comes out about the middle of the month by snail mail-at present time)

C) The Lion (International magazine, comes out about the middle of the month by snail mail)

D) 5NE web site (www.lionsof5ne.org)

E) LCI web site (www.lionsclubs.org)

To promote some of these goals/objectives, I will be giving recognition awards. Three of the awards are as follows:

1) Membership increase. (% of gain

from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009)

2) Number of visitations a club makes to other clubs.

3) A club for getting all of their monthly reports to LCI and the District Officers

I and all the District Governors of MD5 had the privilege to go to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, MI during the weekend of August 1-3. What a great experience. To see the dedicated employees at work, made a person feel very good. Also knowing that they are helping a blind person have the experience of "seeing". (Remember that Lions Clubs are the principle donor to this facility.) A club or individual may donate money to the cause or purchase a brick. For more information contact the 5NE Chairperson, Salli Lou Anderson. (sallilou2you@yahoo.com) The highlight of the trip was to experience the feeling of being visual impaired and having a guide dog walk with you. (We were blindfolded.) I want to congratulate the Lions Clubs of 5NE and for being honored as a 100% district. Meaning every club in the district donated to the Leader Dogs. GREAT JOB! A special congratulations goes to Chairperson Salli Lou Anderson and IPDG John Dobbs for leading the clubs of 5NE to receive this honor.

I have a few club visitations set. If you have a particular date or event that you want Mary Ann and myself to attend, please get in contact with us now. (dzwinger@daktel.com or 652-1752) We are looking forward to the opportunity to visit with the fellow Lions of 5NE and discuss Lionism.

I again want to promote two upcoming events that are very important in learning about Lionism. The first one is the USA/Canada Forum to be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The forum will be held on September 18-20. (It will not get much closer in regards to mileage.) In talking with Lions, the USA/Canada Forum is the best learning experience you will get in Lionism. If you want or need a registration form, please get in contact with myself. The second one is our own State Convention to be held in Bismarck. The convention will be held on October 24 & 25. The folks in Bismarck are working very hard to put on a great convention. Remember this is "our" State Convention so make every effort to attend. The theme for the convention is "Caribbean Nights".

The cabinet of 5NE held their first meeting in Valley City on August 9. The meeting was well attended and many items were discussed regarding Lionism of 5NE,

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5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions,

I just back from my visit to Rochester Michigan and Leader Dogs for the Blind. You just can't help being impressed. The work they do and joy they bring to people who are in need of their services is something we all can be proud of. We spent a day and a half touring the kennels, school and training facilities. The IT facilities were especially impressive. We were given demonstrations of technology that is helping the blind to expand employment opportunities and enhance their mobility. Things such as GPS devices that are incorporated into the training and audio programs added to computers and integrated with text readers. This technology is not meant to replace the dogs but when used along with the dogs the technology serves to further the independence of the blind and help them create a richer and fuller life. To me it was amazing. Last year in 5NC we had 100% of the clubs make a contribution to Leader Dogs. Congratulations! I assure you that it is money well spent. Let's do it again this year!



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this and it might change in the future but for right now this is the procedure. Also submit your stories and pictures about your club activities, new member inductions, installation of officers, etc. Let the District know what you are doing.

MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

Last year, as I was preparing for the office of District Governor, I heard a statistic that was very disturbing to me. That although there are 1.3 million Lions in the world – in twenty years there would be no more Lions if we continued to lose members at the rate we were. If that were the case- who would provide the vision services we do? Who would continue the Leader Dog School? Who would do the things in your community that you do? The truth is they may not get done. Lions make a difference but we need to remain strong in order to continue these worthwhile projects. That means keeping our membership strong. I am happy report that for the first time in years we reversed that trend and worldwide Lions experienced a net gain of over 20,000 members. Fantastic! How did we do? Well - in 5NC we had net loss of 45 members. Good news was we took in 112 new members. Bad news was we lost 157 old members. This year our #1 goal is to reverse this trend. But we can't do it alone, we need your help. Let's see if by the end of the year each club can realize a net gain of 1 member. If that were to happen, District wide we would have a net gain of 43 members. Is it doable? I think so. In fact I know so. Tell people what you do as a Lion and how it makes you feel. They will want to be part of it as well. Go to it Lions and Good Luck!

VISITATIONS

I have made my first two club visits and have a third one scheduled. They were wonderful. I have really looked forward to this part of the job. Meeting and visiting Lions throughout the district is a pleasure. If you have special events that you want me to attend – please let me know as soon as possible. I will fit in to my visitation schedule.

issue of the ND Lion. See you there!

ND LION NEWSPAPER

The ND Lions Newspaper is now available by e-mail. If you would like to receive the ND Lion newspaper by e-mail simply give your name and e-mail address to your club president and they will get to me. There has been confusion regarding this matter and we will try and get it worked out. Anytime something is new there will be problems but just have some patience and things will work out. We are looking into a less cumbersome way to handle

STATE CONVENTION

If you have not registered for the state convention - do it quick. We need to help our convention committee make plans. Registration forms can be found in this

CARRINGTON LIONS TO CELEBRATE 25TH

The Carrington Lions Club announces that it will be having a 25th Charter Anniversary Celebration. This special event will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008.

Many details are to be worked out at the present time. More information will follow. So mark the date on your calendar and make plans to come to the Carrington Lions Club 25th Celebration. If you are planning to attend, please confirm with club secretary Pat Roundy at paroundy@daktel.com.

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the State and International. One of the highlights of the meeting was the placing in nomination the name of Lion Robert Littlefield from the Fargo Lions Club for the position of Vice District Governor Elect. (Meaning that Lion Robert, if elected, will be governor of 5NE in 2010-2011.) Congratulations to Lion Robert. The next cabinet meeting for 5NE will be held during the State Convention on Friday, October 24.

"In an increasingly competitive volunteer environment, only clubs that can change with the times will survive."

Yours in Lionism, DG Duane Zwinger

MINOT



NEW OFFICERS

New officers of the Minot Lions Club include, from left, First Vice President Jim Johnson, President Leslie Coughlin and Outgoing President Denise Messmer.



NEW MEMBER

The Minot Lions recently added a new member. On the left is sponsor Denise Messmer and on the right is new member Cheryl Coyle. Cheryl was installed June 30.

ELGIN



SUPPORT CHILDREN

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$500 recently to the Missoula Children's Theater production that will be at R. G. Beede Audortium in Elgin next March 2009 using local children in a production of "Robinson Crusoe." The Elgin Lions are cooperating with the Elgin/New Leipzig School in securing funding through a grant program for the production. Here Lion Treasurer Randy Grosz, left, presented a check for \$500 to Luann Dart who is arranging for the production in Elgin. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Souris Valley

Garlic & Grape Festival

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008

11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Minot Municipal Auditorium
Minot, North Dakota

•Food Booths •Wine Tasting •Grape Stomping
•Garlic Peeling & Braiding •Craft & Novelty Items


All Day entertainment to include:
Voices of Note, Greenman, Jack's Big Band, Dizzy and Cloudy, and the Garrison Jammers

Demonstrations and Classes:
•Garlic peeling and braiding •How to grow garlic
•How to grow grapes •Grape stomping
•Cooking with wine •Cooking with garlic

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

\$5 Admission, \$3 Wine Tasting
Children 12 and Under Free

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



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

5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

LEADER DOG

I Visited Leader Dogs for the Blind on August 1st through the 3rd, what an awesome experience. I learned so much about that organization. I was not aware that they we're originally formed in 1939 by 3 lions, Charles Nutting, Don Schuur and S.A. Dodge, and that they were trying to get a guide dog for someone and were told that the person did not qualify. So they decided to get a dog and train it for him. The facilities are located on the original 14 acres first purchased by the founders. They have grown from a farm with numerous outbuildings to a superb residence center, a stellar kennel, and well maintained and manicured grounds. The complex is home to the students, dogs, all services departments and the support staff that enable Leader Dog to enhance the lives of blind and visually impaired individuals from all over the world. Lions when you set your budget for this year kindly consider increasing your donation or adding Leader Dog to it.

MD5 YOUTH CAMP

On July 1st I went to Medora where our MD5 youth camp was being held. Still suffering from jet lag from the trip to the International Convention, I was not sure I would be able to stay awake but when I got there I found Lions from Bowman, New England, and Scranton cooking hamburgers, and brats, for everyone at the youth camp. The energy that was all around me kept me going and I forgot all about the jet lag. Everyone then went to the Medora Music Festival where we watched an exciting performance, at the end of the Festival everyone including me returned to the camp and got some much needed shuteye.

The following morning everyone met in the dining hall for some breakfast and spiritual and uplifting singing. All the kids were then split up and started working on service projects, something each of us Lions do on a regular basis performing "Miracles Through Service" making each of them and all of us "Every Day Heroes". At lunch that day each Lion that was there helping out gave the kids a brief presentation on various topics involving Lions.

PERSONAL THEME

DON'T FORGET!!! My theme this

year is "TEAMWORK" if we all work together in our clubs, our zones, our district, our state, our multi-district, and our International levels we can achieve things we never thought possible before. With that in mind I want to inform you of grants that are available from the North



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Dakota Lions Foundation, and Lions Clubs International Foundation. These grants can be for community projects or a specific need in the community as well as the emergency grants that are available. If you need more information please don't hesitate to call me at 701-570-5640 or e-mail me at binaryduo@wil.midco.net

EXTENSION WORKSHOP

I NEED HELP!!!!



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.

Wilton – Kenneth Vetter

Mandan – Leonard Moore

Forman – Roger Kudelka

Forman – Dean "Rocky" Rockswold

Starting August 25th we are holding our first extension workshop. The workshop will begin with Williston State College in Williston and that evening we will move down south to work on putting clubs in Belfield/Southheart and Beach and the workshop will run till the 28th. If you would like to come help our district grow then please contact me or our districts MERLOW team.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We still need Zone Chairs. In zone 2-B which covers Beulah, Halliday, Kildeer, Richardton, and Taylor. In zone 3-B which covers Berthold, Columbus, Kenmare, Noonan, and Stanley. If you have served as President of a club and can help your fellow Lions by serving as Zone Chair please contact me. If you would like to help at District level in some other capacity then please contact me as well.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Our first cabinet meeting will be August 9th at 9am 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 -28th 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.

EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT JULY 2008

Eyeglasses received
since 1998

589,200

Eyeglasses in system

67,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

500

Thank you for the July donations, it does not matter if your club does like Hooterville and Minot Lions and brings bags in every month, or like Harvey Lions and brings larger amounts quarterly or like Bismarck Capital City Lions or Noonan Lions that bring in their yearly collections at one time. Each are equally appreciated.

See you at the convention in Bismarck! If you have any interest in recycling please sit in on the recycling program during the break out sessions.

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DISTRICT GOVERNORS VISIT LEADER DOGS



Seven of the nine DG's and one Lion spouse from MD5 recently visited Leader Dogs for the blind headquarters in Michigan. Pictured, from left, are 5NW DG Pat Trotter, 5NE DG Duane Zwinger, 5SE DG Cindy Iverson, 5CA DG Gladi Andrew, 5CE DG Lorne Olver, 5CW DG Garry Gilbertson, 5NC DG Craig Wollenburg, and Lion Jim Iverson. Inset photo; A future Leader Dog.



HARVEY



SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Harvey Lions club recently presented a pair of scholarships for \$200 each. Pictured, from left, are Brittany Schneider, Lion Dennis Dockter and Steven Hertz.