

NORTH DAKOTA LION



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CONVENTION KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

BY LION JEANNE SELBY
State Convention PR chair

State Convention 2008 participants can look forward to hearing three excellent keynote speakers at the Saturday, Oct. 25 meal functions, beginning with the breakfast speaker, Sister Thomas Welder of the University of Mary. Lions International Director Dr. Patricia Hill, from Canada, will highlight the 2008 convention and the Saturday evening banquet. Steve Tomac, an area farmer-rancher, PRCA rodeo clown and North Dakota legislator, will keynote the noon luncheon.

• **Dr. Patricia Hill**, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs in 2007.

International Director Hill is a psychologist.

A member of the Edmonton Host Lions Club since 1990, Director Hill has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and council chairperson. She also served as district chairperson for Membership, Environment, Convention and International Cooperation and Understanding. She has also served as a committee member for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, multinational coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II, secretary for Lions Eyebank (Alberta) Society, director of the Lions Eye Research Institute of Northern Alberta and presenter at multiple forums and conventions.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director Hill has received numerous awards, including multiple Club President's Appreciation Awards, District Lion of the Year, an Extension Award, induction to the Multiple District 37 Hall of Fame, several District Governor's Certificates of Appreciation, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International

President's Medal. She is also a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellow, Denise and Jack Isaman Fellow and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Hill is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is a member of the Psychologists Association of Alberta, the Canadian Psychological Association and the Community League. In the past, she served as president of the Alberta Association of Psychologists and the Association of Canadian Educators of the Hearing-Impaired.

Director Hill and her husband, Gregory Holmes, also a Lion, have two children.

• **Sister Thomas Welder**, a native of Bismarck, ND, has served the University of Mary, formerly Mary College, since 1963 and was named college president in 1978.

She attended the College of St. Benedict, graduated from the College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, and earned a master's degree in music from Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. She is a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Annunciation Monastery.

Under the leadership of Sister Thomas, Mary College expanded to university status in 1986 and has added undergraduate and

graduate degree programs at locations throughout the state and region.

She has served on numerous boards and is actively involved in professional, civic and religious organizations at the state and national levels.

She has been honored with the North Dakota Everyday Hero Award in 1998, the GNDA Greater North Dakota Award in 2002 (for outstanding service to North Dakota and its business community), the Theodore Roosevelt Rough Rider Award (North Dakota's highest honor) in 2004, the 2007 Scandinavian-American Humanitarian Service Award, and the 2007 Bismarck-Mandan Lifetime of Caring Award (from the Missouri Slope Areawide United Way).

• **Steve Tomac**, of St. Anthony, ND, is a farmer-rancher, has served as a rural appraiser, PRCA rodeo clown, and served 16 years in the North Dakota legislature, both in the House of Representatives and the Senate.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics and communications from North Dakota State University in Fargo.

He was awarded the Search for Rural Leaders Award in 1987 and the Service to Agricultural Industry Award in 1995.

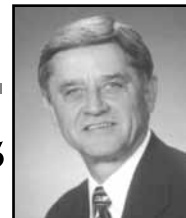
CARRINGTON LIONS TO CELEBRATE 25TH

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.

INSIDE INTERNATIONAL

By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



DECISION TIME FOR NORTH DAKOTA LIONS

The Lions of North Dakota are at a significant and historic crossroads. This year North Dakota Lions will be asked to either dramatically increase membership numbers or reduce the number of districts in our state from three to two.

At the last MD5 Council of Governors meeting held in Minot August 15-16, a decision was reached that will require at least two of the three North Dakota districts to achieve a net membership growth of 75 members by March 31, 2009. If this goal is not reached, North Dakota will proceed with the redistricting procedure that has been approved by the MD5 Council of Governors and was outlined in the June issue of the NORTH DAKOTA LION.

The first priority is, of course, to make every effort to increase our membership numbers. To assist in this membership growth goal of a 75 member net increase, the MD5 Council of Governors has approved a new MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership) initiative that, if vigorously pursued, would go far in reaching the goal. Each of our districts has a MERL committee who is charged with implementing this new program. The key will be for each individual Lions member in North Dakota to work with intense determination on membership development as well as the development of new clubs.

The second priority is redistricting. If membership growth goals are not achieved we must pursue the process of changing from three districts in North Dakota to two. The main reason for this is that Lions Clubs International requires that Lions districts must have a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs. Through August 31, District 5NE had 986 members and 34 clubs, 5NC had 1154 members and 42 clubs, and 5NW had 1049 members and 37 clubs.

If redistricting becomes necessary, North Dakota would begin the 2010 Lions year with a western district of 1648 members and 58 clubs. The eastern district would have 1555 members and 55 clubs. These statistics are based on August, 2008 district reports and were recommended by the North Dakota redistricting committee. The boundary would run from just east of Lake Metigoshe south to I-94, then East to Steele and south along Highway 83 to the South Dakota border. Specifics will be revealed at the state convention. All recommended changes are subject to change based on input from Lions at the state convention and other sources.

Much more information will be made available at the North Dakota State Lions Convention in Bismarck on October 24-25. Detailed maps will be available showing the proposed new districts if redistricting becomes necessary. An informational

session including questions and answers will be conducted during the North Dakota state meeting on Saturday afternoon of the state convention.

Input from all North Dakota Lions members at the state convention, district conferences, zone meetings and other Lions meetings is encouraged and will be incorporated into the final redistricting plan.

This is an exciting time for the Lions of North Dakota. The machinery is in place for us to either increase district membership rolls by at least 75 net members by March 31, or drastically improve our district operations through redistricting. **AS A NORTH DAKOTA LION, BE SURE YOU ARE A PART OF THE PROCESS.**

THE FUNNIES:

"What does a billion dollars mean to you?" a man asked God. "Hardly a penny," God replied.

"And what are a hundred thousand centuries?" "Hardly a second," God said.

"Then, O Lord, give me a penny," the man begged.

"In a second," God replied.

Work is something which when we have it we wish we didn't; and when we don't we wish we did; and the object of most of it is to be able to afford not to do any of it.

WANTED

Items to be used for the silent auction at the Lions State Convention

Bring them to PDG Tim Thueson at the convention.

The auction will be Friday and
close at Noon on Saturday.

ALSO:

State Lions pins and MD5 pins are available
- contact PDG Tim Thueson.

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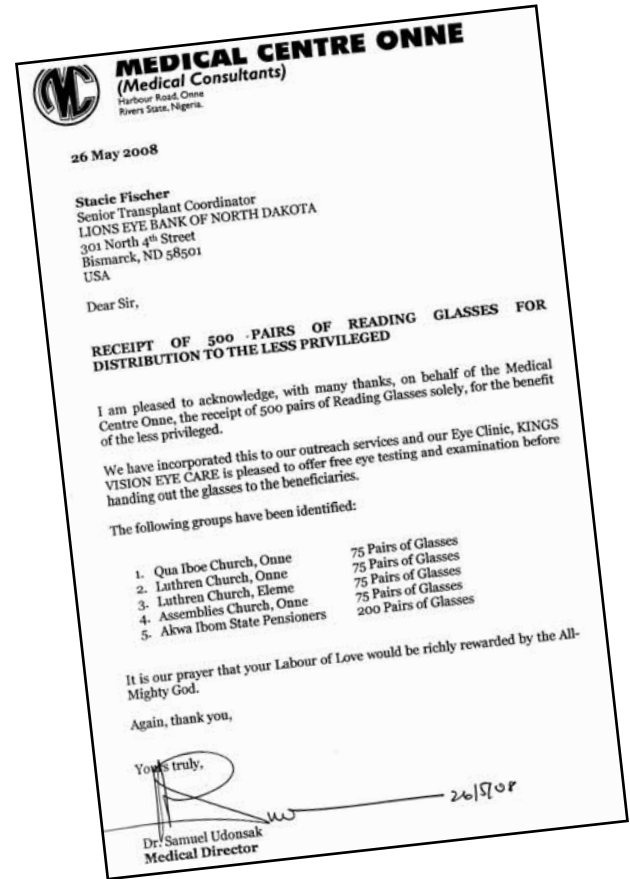
Fellow Lions:

Karen and Sheila would like to thank the Fargo Lions again for their generous gift of the sculpture to the eye bank. We will have the eyeglass sculpture at the State Convention in October.

We would also like to remind everyone of the Baltimore marathon in October and Run for vision, which the two of us will participate in. Personal and club donations are very much welcomed and appreciated.

Thank you all!

Editor's note: Stacie Fischer, senior transplant coordinator with the Lions Eyebank of North Dakota, received the letter at left. The letter is from Dr. Samuel Udonsak, medical director at Medical Centre Onne in Rivers State, Nigeria, acknowledging the receipt of 500 pair of glasses courtesy of the Eye Bank.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PAPER COST INCREASE PROPOSED

The following amendment to the Bylaws of the Memorandum of Understanding will be brought to the floor at the ND State Lions Association annual meeting to be held at the N D Lions State Convention, Oct. 25, 2008. The increase for the paper in (a) was passed as a resolution last year at the state convention, but that did not properly amend the Memorandum of Understanding. The increase in fees is being proposed because of the increased cost of publishing the paper, and more importantly, the few Lions there are in North Dakota to share the cost.

The motion will be to amend Section X (The Bylaws), Article B, sub-section 2 of the MOU. The amendment is as follows, with the words in italics added and the words crossed out deleted:

X (B) 2 The annual per capita dues assessment *beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year* must include:

- a. Three ~~Four~~ dollars (\$3 ~~\$4.00~~) to subsidize the North Dakota Lion.
- b. One dollar (\$1) to provide financial aid for the State Lions Convention and,
- c. Twenty-five ~~Fifty cents~~ (\$.25 ~~\$.50~~) to provide funds to support the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

MD5 TO REORGANIZE – WHY?

Submitted by: Herman A. Schafer, PDG 5NW

The article on page one of the June 2008 North Dakota Lion was and is very premature. For one thing, who is telling MD5 that we must reorganize? Yes, I know there are guidelines for clubs to be in full good standing, but I have never heard one official from Lions Clubs International say we must reorganize if and when we are below that magic, arbitrary number of 35 clubs and 1250 members per district. Those are just numbers.

What have any of us done to try to make a difference? Have you made contact with LCI and set up training programs so all of us learn how to go out and set up new clubs? The two districts from South Dakota have done this and District 5SE added one new club and District 5SW added two new clubs. They have shown positive growth during the past year. They have stepped up to the plate and made something happen.

When is the last time any of us invited a new member to our Lions Clubs' meeting? We seem to think reorganizing will solve problems when in reality this will most likely create additional

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I'M GOING TO THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS CONVENTION, AND I'M GOING TO BRING...

BY MARIAN JOHNSON
Convention co-chairman

Do you remember that childhood game? You had to remember a whole list of funny things. Well, we have a list for you as well, beginning with a tropical shirt! Since this convention is entitled, "Caribbean Nights", you want to be dressed for the part. Shorts, crop-pants, or cut-offs would be great as well, along with your favorite sandals. On Friday night there will be a steel drum band from the University of Mary there to entertain us and make us feel as though we have been swept away to the sunny Caribbean. You will be receiving a tropical hat when you register, and we will be enjoying Bahama Mama drinks and having island entertainment.

What else should you bring? Your club delegates! The form is in this paper. Each club gets one delegate for every 10 people in their club.

If your club is bringing a Melvin Jones plaque to be presented on Saturday evening, please write up a few lines about

the recipient and bring that as well.

Do you have an item for the Silent Auction? Tim and Lynell Thueson are organizing that, and if you have questions about it, you can call them at 250-9705.

Bring your tennis or walking shoes for the Stride Walk for Diabetes.

If you're in the Lions Chorus and have requested music, remember to bring it back to the convention, along with your fine voice!

Do you have tough questions to ask that have arisen in your club, or queries about the direction of Lions International? Bring them! There will be a Question and Answer session with International Director Patti Hill. PID Bruce Schwartz and all of the District Governors will be there, too.

The individual District meetings will be Saturday morning, and a State meeting in the afternoon, so plan to call your Governor about business to be put on the agenda before the convention.

Donations! There will be a Parade of Green for the Eye Bank and the Foundation

also on Saturday afternoon, and there will be an opportunity for all clubs to come forward with their donations. Sometimes donations for Leader Dog or Great Plains Assistance Dogs are given then, too, so if you bring them, we can find someone to receive them on their behalf.

The evening banquet will be formal. The governors will be wearing their white jackets, as well as some of the past governors, but suits, sport jackets, or dressy outfits will suffice.

Now can you repeat all of that? I'm going to the Lions convention and I'm going to bring my tropical shirt ... my sandals ... my delegates ... my walking shoes ... my music But wait! You'll need your hugs and handshakes for all of your Lion friends, especially those you haven't seen in the past year. Bring your willingness to learn, and your laughter, your curiosity, and your new ideas! We'll see you all at the Ramkota in Bismarck on October 24 and 25.

TENTATIVE 2008 STATE LIONS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9 am - 7 pm Registration and Reception; Stride Walk registration - Coat Room

10 am - 1 pm Cabinet Meetings: District 5NE - Cannonball; District 5NC - Heart; District 5NW - Sheyenne

12 pm - 5 pm Service Project for American Red Cross - Courtyard

12 pm - 6:30 pm Drop off Silent Auction items - Courtyard

1 pm ND Lions Eye Bank Board Meeting - Heart

2:30 pm ND Lions Foundation Board Meeting - Cannonball

3:45 pm ND Past District Governors' Meeting - Heart

5 pm Lions Chorus Practice - Ballroom
- Dinner on your own -

6:30 pm - 10 pm "Caribbean Nights" Ice Breaker - Party, music, dancing, games and fun - Ballroom

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

7 am - 2 pm Registration - Coat Room

7:30 am - 8:30 am Buffet Breakfast and Opening Sessions, District 5NE Governor Duane Zwinger presiding, Keynote Speaker: Sister Thomas Welder, Presentation of Colors and National Anthem, Welcome by Bismarck Mayor Dr. John Warford - Dakota Ballroom

8:30 am - 3:15 pm Silent Auction bidding - Courtyard

8:45 am - 10 am North Dakota District Meetings: District 5NE - Cannonball; District 5NC - Heart; District 5NW - Sheyenne

10 am - 10:15 am Coffee Break - Hallway

10:15 am - 11 am Breakout Sessions - Wind Power and Alternative Energy - Heart, ND Leadership Seminar - Sheyenne, Lions Youth Camp - Cannonball

11 am - 11:45 am Breakout Sessions - Recycling Eyeglasses - Heart, ND Game & Fish - Sheyenne, University Campus Clubs - Cannonball

11 am - 11:45 am MERL Teams Meeting - Governors Room

1 pm - 1:45 pm Noon Luncheon, District 5NW Governor Pat Trotter presiding,

Keynote Speaker: Steve Tomac, Hall of Fame Presentation - Dakota Ballroom

2 pm - 2:45 pm Breakout Sessions - Great Destinations in North Dakota - Sheyenne, Dr. Daniel Long's Vision Mission Trip to Hungary - Cannonball, Q & A Session with ID Dr. Patricia Hill - Heart

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm (Tentative) Ice Cream Social - Courtyard

3:15 pm - 5 pm ND State Lions Eye Bank General Assembly - GP Room and Parade of Green, ND State Lions Foundation General Assembly and Parade of Green ND State Lions Meeting; District 5NC Governor Craig Wollenburg presiding

3:15 pm Silent Auction Final Bids Accepted - Courtyard

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm No Host Happy Hour individual, Couples or Small Group Photos taken - Courtyard

6:30 pm - 9 pm Evening Banquet - Dakota Ballroom, Parade of Governors, District 5NC Governor Craig Wollenburg presiding, Keynote Speaker: ID Dr. Patricia Hill, Melvin Jones Fellowship Presentations, Lions Chorus

CONVENTION DELEGATE NAMES NEEDED

Club secretaries across the state should submit the names of their delegates for purposes of voting at the State Lions Convention to be held at the Ramkota Hotel in Bismarck Oct. 24 and 25. The Memorandum of Understanding states the following:

"Each chartered club in good standing with the district shall be entitled to select one certified and one alternate delegate for each 10 members of major fraction thereof, a major fraction being 5.

"The eligible voters will be based on the number of members of a club determined by the most recent available records of the International office, preceding the convention."

Translation: If your club has 31 members, for instance, you would be eligible for 3 delegates, but if you have 35, you could have 4 delegates. Alternates can be named, but will not vote unless the main delegates cannot attend.

In good standing... means that your club's dues payments to the District must be paid in order for you to vote. Cabinet treasurers, be aware of this, and remind any club who is still unpaid that they may not be allowed to vote.

Number of members in your club is determined by LCI's most recent reports. For instance, if you inducted 5 new members the night before the convention, the increase will not be changed in time for you to gain a delegate.

Please fill in the form below and send it to the Registration Chairman, Jim Bumann at 1103 Jefferson Ave., Bismarck, ND 58504. His email is papajim10@hotmail.com.

Name of Club _____	Number of members _____
Names of Delegates: Names of Alternates:	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Signature of Club Secretary _____	
(This form can also be brought to the convention and turned in at the registration table. If your secretary has not signed it, your District Governor can sign it for you.)	

THE LIONS CHORUS: LIFT UP YOUR VOICE AND SING!

As was announced in the last ND LION, we are planning to have a Lions Chorus at the State Convention in Bismarck, Oct. 24-25. All we need are lots of willing voices to join in on the fun.

Your Convention Chairman, Brach Johnson, will be directing the group. For those of you who did not know, he used to be a music teacher, and has directed his church's choir for nearly 35 years. No, you do not have to audition or try out! You do not have to possess a solo voice! Garden variety sopranos, altos, tenors and basses will be great. However, we would expect that you are able to read music, especially since our practice time will be limited.

"The music is four-part, and not very difficult", according to Brach, "but the numbers should be fun ones to sing." He has selected two patriotic numbers, "This is My Country" by Jacobs and Scott, and "Guide Our Nation, Lord", by Poorman. The other number is a familiar melody called "One Song" by Marvin Hamlisch.

Brach is planning to have everyone practice on Friday at 5:00, in the Dakota Ballroom. Unless we can squeeze in another practice late Saturday afternoon,

that may be our only rehearsal. However, we have music here that can be sent out to you so you can practice on your own before arriving. Please remember to bring it back with you to Bismarck!

The Lions Chorus will be performing for the Banquet on Saturday evening. Please notify Brach or Marian at 258-7361

or brachmarian@bis.midco.net if you would like to sing with the group. Also, please specify which part you sing, and give us your mailing address if you would like to have music sent out to you.

"It might be great," says Brach, "or it might be a 'joyful noise'. But in any case, it's bound to be fun!"

PLAN NOW: MELVIN JONES PRESENTATIONS AT CONVO.

If your club is planning to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the State Lions Convention in Bismarck Oct. 25, please notify Garry Freier of the convention committee, at 222-2655 or at gfreier@nd.gov (this email address will be changing as of September 30, so call if it's after that.).

The Melvin Jones awards will be done at the evening banquet, which is a change, since it has been done at noon some years. International Director Patricia Hill will be involved in the presentations.

Please write up a brief summary (a few sentences would suffice) about the recipient and why your club has chosen him/her to be presented with this prestigious honor. We will need the plaque to be brought to the convention for the presentation, and would like each club to get it to Lion Garry, along with the summary, by noon on Saturday, the 25th.

If there are any other questions concerning the presentation, contact Lion Garry.

5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota. My report this month will be mainly dealing with the MERLOW Action Plan for the Lions Clubs of 5NE. This Action Plan came about because of a wonderful MERLOW conference held in Minot on August 16 for all of the districts of MD5. Each of the districts of MD5 had a MERLOW team in attendance and all worked on an Action Plan. This conference was under the direction of CC Brian Tinker, lead by PID Jack Isaman with the able assistance of IPDG Joan Marlette. The following will be a summation of "our" goals for 5NE.

Under the title of MEMBERSHIP we will have the goal to increase membership in the district by 75 members. (That is a net increase.) Each club in the district will set as a goal to increase their membership by 5%. There are many ways to pursue this goal, but the Action Plan will call for using the Four-Step Plan for Membership growth as outlined by LCI.

Under the title of EXTENSION we will have the goal to add three (3) new Lions Clubs to our district. We will use the new LCI Extension Workshop that has been found to be very successful. We will hold a workshop during the end of October or the beginning of November. To extend clubs the District will need a commitment of a number of Lions members as well as Lions Clubs.

Under the title of RETENTION & ORIENTATION we will have the goal of each Lions club in the district to conduct a minimum of two (2) orientation sessions during the year. The orientation material will be gotten from LCI and each club will adapt these materials to suit their own clubs needs. We have chosen orientation of new members and even experienced members as the main means of retaining members in "our" clubs.

Under the title of LEADERSHIP we will have the goal to increase the level of participation in the Spring Leadership Rally by 100%. (The reasoning behind this goal being if we get more Lions at the Leadership Rally, we will then have more Lions willing to take on the positions of leadership.) This goal will be accomplished by forming a committee to help with the planning of the Leadership Rally. The committee will also provide the needed publicity to the Lions Clubs of 5NE.

Under the title of LEADERSHIP & WOMEN we will have the goal to increase the number of younger members and



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women in leadership positions at the zone and district level by 50%. This goal will be accomplished by identifying potential younger & women Lions members from each Lions Club of 5NE and invite them to an Emerging Leader Recognition Event. At this conference these potential leaders will learn about the steps to become a leader. After this conference, these potential leaders will be encouraged to take positions of leadership.

Under the title of WOMEN we will have the goal to increase the number of women in the Lions Clubs of 5NE by 10%. The goal will also encourage that every club in the district have women as Lions members in the clubs as well.

Under the title of PUBLICITY we will have the goal that every Lions Club in the district will develop and implement a publicity plan that will include one new enhancement to what the club has done before to publicize its activities. We feel this part of the Action Plan to be very important as the Lions Clubs, for the most, do a very poor job of telling the world about ourselves. We must "pat ourselves on the back" for the good that we do.

As you read about the Action Plan, it is very complex, but yet very specific as to what our goals are. With the total help and dedication of the Lions of 5NE, these goals can and WILL be accomplished. Also as you read the goals, most of the goals are dealing with directly or indirectly

with membership. Membership is a very important topic in "our" district as well as the other districts of North Dakota. If we do not increase membership in each of the districts, the State of North Dakota will be forced to go to two (2) districts. More on this topic at a later time.

VISION USA-ND PROJECT

Each Lions Club recently received a letter from the ND Optometric Association regarding Vision USA. I would encourage each club to make their recommended donation of \$3.00 per member to help in this very worthwhile cause. A change in the donation, they want the money to come to the DG and then I will forward the money to The ND Lions Foundation.

STATE CONVENTION

I hope a number of you Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota are making plans to attend "our" State Convention in Bismarck on October 24 & 25. The committee is and has been working very hard to make the convention a very valuable experience for the Lions of North Dakota. See you in Bismarck!!!

VISITATIONS

Below you will find some events that I have been scheduled to attend. I have many more clubs that need to schedule. I will be soon calling to schedule my visitations.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS DATE BOOK

- September 17-21 USA/Canada Forum at Saskatoon

- September 25 Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club

- October 1 Carrington Lions Club (25th Anniversary)

- October 9 Horace Lions Club

- October 15 Devils Lake Lions club

- October 21 Valley City Lions

- October 24-25 State Convention at Bismarck

THOUGHT: *"Our thoughts and imaginations are the only real limits to our possibilities."*

Yours in Lionism, DG Duane Zwinger

BUFFALO CITY

AIR FEST FUNDRAISER

The Buffalo City Lions Club recently hosted a fundraiser at the Air Fest 2008 in Jamestown and secured approximately \$2,500 for future projects and programs. The ambitious group served more than 500 VIP lunches at the Jamestown Regional Airport. The air show was the kick-off for Jamestown's 125th Celebration. Pictured are club members who took part in the fundraiser and, inset photo, one of the club members grilling food for the event.

Submitted by Nina Sneider



LETTER

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problems. How many present members who are long time members of their club and district will make the change? How many of them will just simply drop out?

Even when we have completed the reorganization process, we will simply postpone further problems. Two districts in North Dakota will give each district about 1600 members if everyone continues as a Lion. How many years will it be before we are down below 1250 again? I predict it will be only a few years.

The change we need to make is not reorganizing our districts, it is making a real commitment that each and everyone of us will learn about how South Dakota made their growth and become active in helping to grow new clubs and helping to add members to our present clubs. We need to step up to the plate and do something positive. Reorganizing is not the answer and it is not required by Lions Clubs International that we do so. We can do better in a really positive way by learning from LCI as many clubs throughout the country are doing and they are adding new clubs and new members.

Several years ago as District Governor in 5NW I had asked each Lion to bring one friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member to a meeting. Could this solve our problems of membership? Do you/we really believe in being a Lion? Why aren't we telling anyone about it?

JAMESTOWN



SIX NEW MEMBERS

Lion DG Duane Zwinger recently installed six new members into the Jamestown Lions Club. From left is Lions DG Duane, *Sue Stoudt, Gary Speidel, *Mitzi Hager, Dwaine Heinrich, *Shelly Nannenga, Fran Romsdal, *Steve Thompson, *Felicia Sargeant, Dick Larson, *Mike Vettel and Scott Anderson. (*Designates new members.)



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.

Williston – Doris Mortenson

Fredonia – Eugene Irion

Hettinger – Ryan Havelka

NEW ROCKFORD



LUCKY DUCK RACE

New Rockford Lions Club held it's first annual Lucky Duck Race in the Sheyenne River. Three hundred ducks in the river to swim down to the finish line. Lion Gary Coon and Lion Rick Swenson are pictured pulling out the lucky winners. This event was a big success raising \$3000 for the club.

CARRINGTON



THE CARRINGTON LIONS RECYCLE ALUMINUM CANS

After seeing the need in the community and after two years of research, the Carrington Lions have started recycling aluminum cans. Finding the right wagon was a challenge but once it was found... several businesses donated the work to repair it and get it in operating condition. Spring clamps were used to hold the first sign in place and they were all stolen so a new permanent sign is being made.

PRAIRIE ROSE



OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS

The Prairie Rose Lions had a little "Olympic" competition with their lefse-rolling. Fund-raising Chairman Betty Steele is on the left, followed by our first place winner and current Zone 2A chairperson Bev Charles with the gold "medal". Second place with the silver lefse (oops!) "medal," PDG Carla Bender; and with the bronze, Lion Noreen Sandberg. The Prairie Rose Lions were gearing up for their major lefse-selling fundraiser on September 12 and 13 in Bismarck.

EMERADO ARVILLA



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

These three smiling ladies were guests at the annual picnic of the Emerado-Arvilla Lions. While they probably found enough good food to make them smile, they had another reason. They were all awarded scholarships, presented by Lion President Salli Lou Anderson. Pictured are, from left, Emily Trosen and Katie Benson from Larimore and Jessica Middleton from Midway-Inkster.

5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions,

Registered for the State Convention in Bismarck? I emailed a registration form to each club that has an e-mail address and asked them to pass it on to each of you. There is also a registration form in this edition of the ND Lion. The convention will be informative and a good time. If you have not registered yet and are planning on attending please do so as soon as possible. It helps the convention committee finalize their plans. See you there!

Of great interest at the State convention will be the topic of re-districting. This has been an on going process over the past two years and a decision will be made this year. We will either stay as we are, three districts, or we will redraw the lines and become two districts. If we are to stay with three districts we have to grow our membership. It's that simple. In to stay with three, each district needs to realize a net gain of 75 members by April 1. The MERL Team, Membership, Extension, Retention, and Leadership Chairs, have been working hard on plans to achieve this goal.

MEMBERSHIP

The clubs presidents have been asked to conduct a new member campaign. They have been given a number of materials and suggestions as to what to do. How can you help? Talk to your president. Volunteer to help with the drive, maybe chair the committee, encourage all members to get out and invite prospective new members. Above all get started now. It is vital. Need help – contact Membership Chair Marian Johnson

EXTENSION:

We are looking to start new clubs and or club branches. We have one identified and will be starting a new club or a club branch in this community shortly. One demographic area that is under represented in Lions is women. 80% of our members are men. If your club has only men - you might want to ask why? If after asking that question and you choose to stay an all men's' club – then why not start a club branch for women? You could work together on projects, fundraisers etc. Women want to serve as well as men. Clubs in ND that have tried this approach have had wonderful success. Open up to women or a start club branch for women –think about it. If you need help – call me.

RETENTION:

We inducted 134 new members in our



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they want to carry on with the Lions motto "WE SERVE". Why did they lose that desire? Maybe – just maybe - they felt we were not living up to that motto. Watch for upcoming information about retaining your membership. Need help – contact Retention Chair Josh Ressler

LEADERSHIP:

Leadership workshops, leadership conferences, are designed to help prepare for the challenges we face as leaders in our clubs. The skills learned transfer to your employment, church, community and home. Strong leaders make for strong clubs. Attend one of the Leadership Workshops. You'll be glad you did. Questions? Contact Leadership Chair Ross Espeseth

This is a lot to do and we need the help of every Lion because we can't do it alone. I have challenged every club to have a net gain of 1 member. If you lose two members you need to recruit 3. Retain and recruit. Keeping our membership strong allows us to continue the tremendous work we do and the service we provide for those who need help. Remember our International Presidents theme, "*Lions are Everyday Heroes making Miracles through Service everyday.*" That's who we are and that's what we do. Share the message and we will reach our membership goals! DG Craig

HOOTERVILLE



NEW MEMBER

At our Aug. 11th picnic meeting, with the "New" District 5NC Governor Craig Wollenburg in attendance, the Hooterville Flion Lions Secretary, PDG Dolly Alef performed the induction ceremony for our newest member Lion Mark Werner. His sponsor is PDG Tony Alef.

HOOTERVILLE



Because of needs, The Hooterville Flion Lions successfully completed their first summer Food Drive on August 16th at the Miracle Mart store at Dakots Square in Minot. Lions Sherry Hill & PDG Dolly Alef are shown with some of the food collected. Every thing collected went to restock local food pantries.

You are invited to Carrington

To help the Carrington Lions
CELEBRATE our 25th anniversary

Chartered October 25, 1983
(Our sponsor was the Jamestown Lions Club)



Date: October 1st, 2008
Place: Carrington Vets Club
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Menu: Prime Rib Supper
Price: \$12.00

Program to follow...

COME SHARE OUR SPECIAL NIGHT WITH US...

RSVP by September 22
Pat Roundy,
Box 43,
Carrington ND 58421
paroundy@ciaktel.com
701-652-2166

LEHR

LEHR LIONS SPONSOR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

The Lehr Lions Club was asked if they would like to sponsor a team for the Second Annual Relay for Life event at Napoleon. We decided it would be a good club service project.

The challenge was who would walk the 12-hour relay June 13-14 as our 12 club members ranged in ages of 50-plus to the upper 90's. Children and grandchildren of Lions members came to the rescue along with two ladies who like to walk for a good cause.

Luminaria were sold at \$5 per bag. Silent auction and baked items were donated. One of Lion Lydia's rhubarb pies sold for \$102.

The club is proud to announce that its efforts raised around \$1,200 for the American Cancer Society.



Relay walkers, back, include Marjorie Bubach, Minot; Cathy Hauff, Lehr; Lion Emil Roesler, captain, Lehr. Middle, Jonas Bubach, Minot; Lion Roger Maier, Wishek, holding Lion sign; Lion Lyla Johnson, co-captain, Lehr; Lion James Ruff, Lehr; Lion Bonnie Wiskus, Wishek; Lion John Wiskus, Wishek. Front, center, Benjamin Bancroft, Hinesville, Ga. Team members not pictured include Lion Donna Ruff, Lehr; Stacy Bader, Lehr; Lion Don and Lion Voicki Schnering, Lehr; Lion Minnie Kranzler, Lehr, and Joyce Nelson, Ashley and Lion Alvin Roesler, Lehr.



WASHBURN FARM RESCUE

Lowell Rothmann, member of the local Washburn Lions Club, presents a check in the amount of \$500 to Bill Gross, president and founder of Farm Rescue. Lowell has worked with the groups as they have been helping family farmers in crisis by helping with putting in crops for farmers suffering injuries and unable to put in their own crop. Farm Rescue helped Wes Doepeke with harvesting his crop after he received severe burns when the combine he was driving caught fire while harvesting last fall.

WASHBURN

WASHBURN LIONS CLUB EXPERIENCES BUSY YEAR

SUBMITTED BY JEAN BINSFELD

The Washburn Lions Club members enjoyed a couple of months off this summer and are now ready for the New Year to begin with renewed enthusiasm. Most years' activities seem like they are the same each year, only different. The Board of Directors assigns three or four people for each month of meetings to be in charge of programs at the monthly meetings. We have been very fortunate to have many local people who are willing to enlighten our minds on such subjects as, the history and historians of Washburn along with many pictures of the early settlers and their role in making Washburn what it is today, the Blue Flint plant at Great River Energy explaining the use of corn for making ethanol, and speaker from Otter Tail Power explaining wind energy.

Our February meeting is always dedicated to our spouses and we learned about the history of Valentine's Day, along with the game, "Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" Then comes March and the annual Lions Carnival, which is always a successful money

making event for the club. We have a couple of breakfasts for the public that are always well attended. We devote one Sunday in the spring and another one in the fall for ditch clean up. Our June potluck picnic was to be held at Ft. Mandan, but lucky for the farmers, we had a nice rain, so we moved to the Senior Center for an indoor picnic and ended up most stayed to play a card game called "Golf". It was a fund evening and lots of good food. We sold Fleischkuekle, coleslaw, ice cream and a drink during the Lewis and Clark Days in Washburn on June 21 and completely sold out of food. We vowed that next year; "we will not run out of food!"

Each year when we come back, we hope for good support for our club-sponsored events and to hopefully bring in some new members. Belonging to the Washburn Lions is a big plus in all of our lives, because of the involvement with the community and working together as a club and the great fellowship that we share.

5NC GOLF TOURNAMENT AT WASHBURN

BY JEAN BINSFELD

The Lions International 5NC 9th annual golf tournament was Saturday, Aug. 9 at the Painted Woods Golf Course at Washburn with 16 teams entered.

The day started out as an ideal day for golfing, but about halfway through the second half of the tournament, it started raining, but this did not deter the golfing enthusiasts and the rain subsided by the end of the competition. The Washburn Lions Club was in charge of registration, and a food booth out on the course.

The money raised at this event will enable 5NC to make the final payment on the \$10,000 pledge to the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center at Washburn.

A Bismarck Lions Club team took first place, thus winning the honor of having their name inscribed on the traveling trophy plaque. There were three teams tying for second place, Great River Energy, Washburn, North Star Lions, Minot and Farmers Security Bank, Washburn. Several qualified for the Shoot Off and Bob Offerdahl, won that and received \$230

Participants came from Bismarck, McClusky, Robinson, Wilton and Washburn.

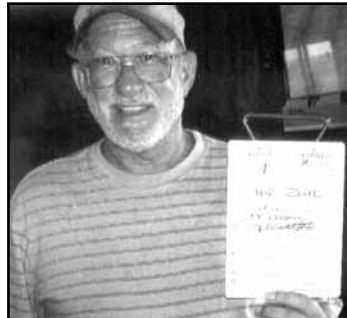
Mac and Judy Beaudry, Washburn Lions, were chairpersons and they were commended for a very well run tournament.



Members of the Bismarck Lions first place winning team are (from left to right), Brett Loftesnes, Howard Loftesnes, Chuck Esser and Dave Anderson. Mac Beaudry, (far left) Washburn Lions and 5NC tournament coordinator, presents Greg Esser with the traveling trophy. *Submitted photo.*



Lions Bruce Schwartz tees off as DG Craig Wollenburg looks on. *Photo by Lynell Thueson.*



Gary Blatchford, Washburn Lions, won the longest putt.



Bev Charles, Ronnie Stoltz, Marian Johnson, all of the Prairie Rose club, and DG Craig Wollenberg, were among those who participated in the 5NC golf tournament in Washburn. *Photo by Lynelle Thueson.*

5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

EXTENSION WORKSHOP

What an exciting week a few of us Lions had August 25th through the 28th. PDG'S John and Wanda Barnett flew up from Little Rock, AR to help the Lions of district 5NW put on an Extension Workshop. My thanks first go out to Lion Jack Colby and his wife Verna for their help they gave the district on the 24th and 25th Lion Jack drove down to Bismarck from Williston and picked up John and Wanda and drove them back to Williston so they could be in Williston on Monday. Monday started off with all of us attending a Korner Lions regular meeting, then a few of us got together and had a brief meeting on how to approach the students and faculty at the campus of Williston State College.

Through the efforts of all we wound up with 37 applications and 9 of those have paid their membership in advance. My thanks to the Lions that helped with that. Through their efforts we will have a campus club at WSC. Monday afternoon 4 of us met at Gloria Dei Church in Williston to go over the best methods for canvassing, this was to assist them in their efforts at putting a Lions club in Tioga, ND.

Monday evening found Lions John, Wanda and I headed to Dickinson, ND, with a brief detour in Watford City to change a flat we arrived safely. My thanks go out to Lion Neil Steiner for making the Hotel reservations and setting up the meeting room for us at the Elks Lodge.

Tuesday was another exciting day, we had almost everyone from our MERLOW team in attendance. My thanks go out to Lions Herman and Shirley Schafer, Pat Vannett, Lewellyn Rustan, it is through your efforts that the Lions membership of district 5NW will continue to grow. It is these efforts that make each of you "EVERYDAY HEROES" with your "MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE"

Tuesday morning we had seminars then Tuesday afternoon we went to the community of South Heart and canvassed for new Lions there, when it is all said and done we will have a Lions club in South Heart, we have a total of 16 applications with 5 already paid. On Wednesday we had another seminar and traveled to the community of Belfield in the afternoon, doing quite well there too with 21 applications and 6 that have already paid.

On Thursday we wrapped up with a guiding Lions Session and my thanks go out to Lions Mark and Karen Koller of the

New England Lions (the sponsoring club for both the South Heart and the Belfield Lions clubs) it is your efforts that make you "EVERYDAY HEROES" with your "MIRACLES THROUGH SERVICE"



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VISITATIONS

I am and will be continuing my visitations to the clubs in the district. If your club has a special event coming up that you would like me to attend please notify me as soon as possible as I am finishing my visitation schedule and I would hate to get an invitation to your club and already be scheduled to be at another. REMEMBER TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE.

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. Keeping this in mind if your club had 5 more sets of hands how much more could we accomplish in our communities please remember to ask your spouse (significant other), neighbor, co-worker, or your friend if they know about Lions. If each club took 2-3 members and went out to the businesses in their community as well on one weekday afternoon and talked to the

owners and managers about their club you would be astounded at the results you would have. Lions we are our own best kept secret. 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

STATE CONVENTION

The time is approaching fast for our state Lions Convention; October 24th and 25th in Bismarck at the Ramkota Best Western. There are numerous items of business to be taken care of at our district meeting including ratifying the extra dollar for the state lion's paper. Please make sure you attend the convention and the district meeting. Also please make sure you have as many delegates at the meeting as you are allowed.

MD-5 CONVENTION

Our Multiple District Convention is also coming up next June in Minot, and it is at that convention where the vote will be taken to decide whether we should redistrict, no matter what your preference it is imperative that we have as many delegates at that convention as possible to decide on this very important matter. So if you have not made plans already please set aside the time to attend this convention.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The district is always in need of Lions who wish to serve. We are always looking for those that wish to take on a leadership role and like always we are looking for qualified Lions to run for Vice District Governor, if you have served as a zone chair and would like to take on this challenge you will find it quite rewarding. If you would like to help at District level in any capacity then please contact me at (701) 570-5640 or by e-mail at binaryduo@wil.midco.net.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

As the fall months approach most zones will be having their first zone meeting. Please support our Lions by attending this very important function. Your club President and Secretary will know when these are taking place.

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State Lions Convention October 24th & 25th at the Ramkota Best Western in Bismarck.

Cabinet Meeting on January 3rd at the Elks Lodge in Dickinson at 10 am mountain time

Spring Rally on April 18th at the Airport International in Williston at 9 am central time

Cabinet meeting on May 2nd at the Elks Lodge in Dickinson at 10 am

MD-5 Convention June 4th through the 6th at the Holiday Inn Riverside in Minot.

HOUSEKEEPING

Please don't forget your MMR's are due by the end of the current reporting month, and your first half International and District dues are now due and payable.

CARRIBEAN MEMBERSHIP CELEBRATION IN BISMARCK

Have you got your free ticket for the noon luncheon at the Caribbean Nights State Lions Convention in Bismarck?

You and your personally sponsored "new" Lion will be special guests of your district at the noon luncheon.

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. A copy of 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.

Bring a copy of the application to the registration desk at the convention for your free ticket. Pre-registration with the convention committee is appreciated.

TO LEARN MORE

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

District 5NW: Lewellyn Rustan, Membership Chairman, at 579-4347.

District 5NC: Craig Wollenburg, District Governor, at 776-5983

District 5NE: Duane Zwinger, District Governor, at 652-1752

Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival

A
unique
and fun
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!

HAZEN



DEFRAYING DESPAIR

Robyn Rohde, Hazen, front, receives a check for \$3,602.25 to help defray medical expenses. Funds raised are from a July 13 benefit at Hazen City Hall. Standing are Hazen Lions members Sharon Olander, left, and Donna Grunett. Mercer-Oliver County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans provided \$1,000 in supplemental funding. Hazen Lions and BHG, Inc. sponsored the event.

NEW ENGLAND

NEW ENGLAND LIONS TO CELEBRATE 75TH

The New England Lions Club celebrates its 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee this month. The club was chartered on Sept. 14, 1933, sponsored by the Dickinson Lions Club.

The Diamond Jubilee Banquet will be held at the Memorial Hall in New England, on Wednesday, Oct. 1st. Dinner will be at 7 p.m., with a program following.

Cost of the dinner is \$9 per person. RSVP no later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd, to Joe Bohlman at 579-4242.

Please plan to come celebrate with us!

For additional information, contact Lewellyn Rustan -- Phone: 579-4347, or e-mail irite@ndsupernet.com

NEW ENGLAND LIONS CLUB 75th Anniversary - Diamond Jubilee

Lewellyn Rustan, Jubilee chairman

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NOONAN



NEW MELVIN JONES

Past District Governor Lion Jay Espeseth presented the Melvin Jones Fellow award to Lion Charles Wissbrod and Lion Eugene Johnson of the Noonan Lions Club. This took place at the Lions annual family picnic Aug. 4

FREE EYE EXAMS ARE OFFERED FOR QUALIFIED

Eye exams and eyeglasses, if necessary, will be offered to working, uninsured families that are residents of North Dakota, at no cost, through the Vision USA-ND Project.

As part of the national program called Vision USA, participating optometrists, including Schindler & Dies in Garrison, are donating their services to provide comprehensive eye exams to children and adults. In addition, local Lions Clubs, the Dakota Medical Foundation, Vision Services Inc. and optical laboratories are providing funds and/or discounts to cover the cost of lenses.

Since going "year round" in 2004, the Vision USA Project screened over 1576 applications and provided eyecare services to 800 eligible adults and children, who otherwise would have been unable to adequately function visually.

To qualify for the program the following guidelines must be met:

1. The person seeking eyecare assistance is a resident of N.D. and has resided in the state of ND for at least 2 years.
2. Someone in the household must be working at least part-time;
3. The person requesting assistance can not have any vision insurance, or be on any public assistance such as Medicaid, Medicare or IHS;
4. The person seeking assistance can not have had an eye exam in the past three years
5. The family must have income below an established level based on household size.

Applications may be obtained from county social services, school administrators, local Lions Club members and optometrists, or by writing Vision USA-ND Project, 921 South 9th Street, Suite 120, Bismarck, ND 58504. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.ndeyecare.info. Click on the Vision USA Link.

All applications will be reviewed. Eligible persons will be notified and referred to a participating optometrist.



Caribbean Nights

2008 STATE LIONS CONVENTION

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2008 → BISMARCK, ND

A New Convention Deal!!! Only pay for the meals you want!

Convention Headquarters:

Ramkota Hotel
800 S 3rd St
Bismarck, ND 58504
701-258-7700

Room Rates
\$74.00/night

Secondary Hotel:

Expressway Inn
200 E Bismarck Expressway
Bismarck, ND 58504
701-222-2900

Room Rates
\$69.95/night

Call early for reservations!!

For questions: Contact PCC Brach Johnson
Phone: 701-258-7361
Email: email@brachjohnsonagency.com

Registration Fees:

BASIC REGISTRATION \$25.00
INCLUDES ICE BREAKER

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 Char-
donnay 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 Mush-
rooms, Roasted Baby red Potatoes, Vegeta-
bles 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*



Becoming a Donor The Power to Change Lives

At the time of your death, your family will be offered the option of donation. Sharing your decision with your family now will help them carry out your wishes later. Many people find some comfort in sharing their choice to donate with loved ones, so that the burden of making a decision will not be placed on family members.

Take a few minutes now to sign the attached donor card, but more importantly, find time to have the vital family conversation about eye and tissue donation. You have the amazing power to turn a loss into a life-renewing opportunity. Your decision to be an eye donor will improve lives, and be a source of lasting consolation to your family.



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GPLLI

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at Leavenworth, Kan., was a great event. Fifty Lions from the four Multiple Districts participated. Our VDGE Wayne Westlund attended as did Lion James and Donna Ruff from Lehr, N.D.; Lion Ron and Carol Ewles from Saskatoon, Sask., and Lion Shiloh Oorlog, Sioux Falls, S.D., from our Multiple District 5.

Thanks to PID Lloyd Hansen for asking me to teach the three sessions on "Managing Change." The 75-minute class can be tailored to the needs of any Lions club and I would be glad to present at our clubs. We live in a world of permanent change and Lions club must adapt.

Next year's Institute will be in Iowa. As soon as further information is available we will pass it on.

The Institute is for every Lion interested



Among those attending the GPLLI gathering in Leavenworth, Kan., were, front, from left, Wayne Westlund, Shiloh Oorlog and Donna Ruff. Back, Ted Pukas, Ron Ewles, Carol Ewles, James Ruff, Katherine Tweed, Roberta Hansen and Lloyd Hansen.

in developing as a Lion, a community member and individual. Anyone who has served as district governor or beyond is not eligible to attend the camp.

Special thanks to Lion Wayne for being a great chauffeur.

BECOMING A CAMPUS LION

If your son or daughter, or a special friend is attending one of these universities, have them contact the Lions club there and become a member. It may be one of the most valuable "extra-curricular" activities they could choose.

Dickinson State University Stephanie Suko, President 225-9043

University of Mary Clara Martel, President 224-0063

Williston State College

University of North Dakota Stephanie Windish, Organizer

If your student attends one of the other colleges or universities in our state, or if you are involved in one of those institutions and would help us create a campus Lions club there, contact your district governor or campus club chairperson.

District 5NE Katherine Tweed 235-2115

District 5NC DG Craig Wollenburg 776-5983

District 5NW DG Pat Trotter 572-5027

(Williston State College contact person – Lion Jack Colby, 701-572-3212)

(Dickinson State University contact person – Lion Stephanie Suko, 701-290-5199)

UPDATE: LIONS CLUBS ON CAMPUS

Submitted by Lewellyn Rustan

With college back in session, this is a good time to think about ways to make that college experience and education more valuable. Here in North Dakota, students at Dickinson State University, University of Mary, University of North Dakota, and Williston State College have a unique advantage.

Each of those universities have a Lions club on campus. Organized under the special provisions for a Lions Campus Club, they offer advantages to university students,

faculty and staff. Their international dues are just half of the regular amount, and some districts and Multiple District 5 have waived their dues entirely. This makes Lions membership, and all of the benefits of that experience very affordable for the students.

In addition to the reasons Lions membership is cherished by those of us in our regular Lions clubs, there are great advantages for those students.

The opportunities for leadership development and involvement in community service are obvious. However, what gives the students who participate in those activities through Lions membership such huge advantages, is what that adds to their resumes as they apply for scholarships and grants to further their education in other university programs, and also as they apply for career positions. They definitely have an advantage over applicants who do not have that experience.