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HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION AMONG LIONS STATE CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

BY LION JEANNE SELBY
State Convention PR chair

The 2008 State Lions Convention, scheduled for October 24 and 25, will offer several unique, first-time, and traditional programs during the jam-packed annual convention in Bismarck.

One of the Convention highlights will come as North Dakota Lions join Lion Allen Dockter in celebrating his selection as the 2008 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award recipient at the noon luncheon on Saturday, October 25.



PDG Allen Dockter

PDG Allen has been a Lions member for 33 years and has served his (Bismarck) Capital City Lions Club in every office except that of secretary-treasurer. He is the club's current Tail Twister; he also is the current co-chairman of the annual Lions All-Star Basketball Games.

PDG Allen has served as Zone Chair, Deputy District Governor, District 5NC Governor for two terms and MD5 Council Chair. In addition, he was in charge of the MD5 Youth Outreach program for two years and served as Campaign Manager for PDG Bruce Schwartz's successful campaign for the position of International Director.

PDG Allen has attended 20 district and state conventions in North Dakota, 17 MD5 conventions, six International Conventions and one USA/Canada Forum.

PDG Allen has also gone "above and beyond" in his volunteer service to his community and state. A retired educator of 39 years, he has served as president of the ND Vocational Association, the Bismarck

State College Faculty Senate and of the Faith Lutheran Church Council. He has also officiated high school and college football games for 30 years. He currently serves as the State Coordinator for the AARP Driver Safety Program and teaches Defensive Driver Safety courses. Over the years he has been honored with numerous awards for his outstanding volunteer service to these organizations.

PDG Allen and his wife, (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lion Diane, have been married 48 years and have three grown children and six grandchildren.

Keynote speaker

International Director Dr. Patricia Hill of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, will keynote the Saturday evening banquet. Other 2008 State Convention keynote addresses will be given by University of Mary President Sister Thomas Welder, speaking at the Saturday morning breakfast, and by Steve Tomac, area farmer/rancher/legislator/rodeo clown, who will speak at the Saturday noon luncheon.



ID Dr. Patricia Hill

Icebreaker Friday

The Friday evening, October 24, ice-breaker is sure to be a Convention highlight. Following a "Caribbean Nights" theme and co-hosted by the University of Mary Campus Club and the (Bismarck) North Star Club, the evening promises wonderful Caribbean music by Caribbean Groove, a four-member steel drum band from Bismarck, for your listening and dancing pleasure, hors d'oeuvres, games and lots of fun! Remember to bring and wear your cruise wear or tropical shirts

for this event.

Other Convention highlights include a first-time opportunity for volunteer service Friday during Convention (collating and folding the West Dakota Red Cross Fall Chapter newsletters for mailing and inserting them into envelopes) and fundraising opportunities. Convention participants may sign up (with a \$15 registration fee/donation) to participate in the Diabetes Stride Walk at Kirkwood Mall Friday or Saturday and/or bring items for the silent auction to be held Friday and Saturday. The proceeds of the silent auction will be divided between the Stride Walk and a Lions project to be determined.

Convention participants may also take advantage of a first-time opportunity to join together in a Lions Chorus, with a practice scheduled Friday at 5:00 p.m. and a performance at the Saturday evening banquet. Chorus Director PDG Brach Johnson welcomes all Lions who wish to make history -- and music -- but is especially seeking female voices.

Special recognition for new Lions members (since January 1, 2008) and their sponsors will be provided at the Saturday, October 25, noon luncheon. Please bring a copy of your new member application to the Convention registration table for free noon luncheon tickets for you and your new member.

In addition to the "must-have" meetings of which all state conventions are made, Convention participants are offered nine excellent breakout sessions, *with no repeats*, on Saturday, October 25.

State Convention Planning Committee members invite you to return your registration form and fees as soon as possible if you haven't already done so, take advantage of the new program activities, volunteer for an hour or two, learn more about Lions (or one of the "non-Lions" topics offered during breakout sessions) and above all **have fun!**

REDISTRICTING. IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?

BY HERMAN A. SCHAFER
PDG 5NW

Greetings all,

I am sending ... some information I received upon request from LCI relating to some districts that have redistricted four or five years ago. I ask that you look at their numbers both in clubs and membership for what these districts planned and what actually happened.

Example A: Proposed 113 clubs with 2,768 members and resulted in actual numbers on August 2008 with 139 clubs and 3,014 members.

(non USA) + 26 clubs and + 246 members

Example B: Proposed 148 clubs with 3,821 members and resulted in actual numbers on August 2008 with 131 clubs and 3,244 members.

(USA/Canada) --17 clubs and --577 members

Example C: Proposed 308 clubs with 7,600 members and resulted in actual numbers on August 2008 with 295 clubs and 6,681 members.

(USA/Canada) --13 clubs and --919 members

Please study and give much consideration to these numbers. Do we want to see examples B and C in our Multiple District?

Dear Past District Governor Schafer,

Nancy M. Gearhart, Manager, English Language Department
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The English Language Department is responding to your recent request for membership information in districts that redistricted four or five years ago. Three examples are provided for your review. The examples include: 1) a single district splitting into two sub-districts, 2) a multiple district decreasing its sub-districts and 3) three sub-districts of a multiple district becoming two sub-districts. Two of the examples are in the US/Canada. One is not.

Example A (non USA)

At the time of redistricting the single district had 113 clubs with 2,768 members.

The redistricting proposal was for two sub-districts.

District 1 60 clubs 1,502 members District 2 53 clubs 1,266 members

The August 2008 Cumulative Membership Report shows the following for the new districts:

District 1 65 clubs 1,488 members District 2 74 clubs 1,526 members

Example B (USA/Canada)

Three sub-districts had the following clubs and members at the time of redistricting:

District 1 49 clubs 1,681 members District 2 43 clubs 878 members District 3 56 clubs 1,262 members

The redistricting proposal was for two sub-districts to be formed.

District 4 71 clubs 2,154 members District 5 77 clubs 1,667 members

The August 2008 Cumulative Membership Report shows the following for the new districts:

District 4 67 clubs 1,934 members District 5 64 clubs 1,310 members

Example C (USA/Canada)

Seven sub-districts within a multiple district had the following clubs and members at the time of redistricting:

District 1 41 clubs 1,178 members District 2 48 clubs 1,073 members District 3 37 clubs 918 members District 4 35 clubs 1,001 members District 5 60 clubs 1,740 members District 6 42 clubs 875 members District 7 45 clubs 815 members

The redistricting proposal was for five sub-districts to be formed.

District 8 73 clubs 1,427 members District 9 72 clubs 1,559 members District 10 51 clubs 1,581 members District 11 58 clubs 1,413 members District 12 54 clubs 1,620 members

The August 2008 Cumulative Membership Report shows the following for the new districts:

District 8 68 clubs 1,216 members District 9 68 clubs 1,298 members District 10 51 clubs 1,451 members District 11 52 clubs 1,249 members District 12 56 clubs 1,467 members

Past District Governor Schafer, we are communicating with the leaders in MD 5 about redistricting. It is a process that the leaders of multiple district and sub-districts conduct with the goal of developing a redistricting proposal acceptable to the clubs and members in the multiple district.

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:

*There will be several pins for sale at the silent
auction-some from clubs that no longer exist.*

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Donations:

Leeds Lions Club for Lions from Rugby	\$175
MD5 Convention Silent Auction	\$192.14
Visitation Bear	
Carrington Lions Club	\$10

Memorials:

Jack and Dorothy Stewart in memory of Lion Leonard Moore	
Valley City Lions in memory of Happy Salisbury	
Valley City Lions in memory of Eloise Dahl	
Vision USA	
Rugby Lions Club	\$180

Fellow Lions: Convention is drawing near in Bismarck. Please remember the Parade of Green for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota and also the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank. Your continued support is very important and also very much appreciated.

Your foundation is now in a position to issue grants. An official grant application form will be finalized and approved at the board meeting in Bismarck. You are welcome to request a grant application form at any time.

The Bismarck Lions are known to put on an outstanding convention. Hope to see all of you in Bismarck on October 24 and 25 for a fun-filled weekend of good Lions fellowship.

PDG Chris D. Voegelé

Executive director Lions Foundation of N.D.

WE STRIDE – LIONS WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

Registration: ND State Lions Convention - Ramkota Inn, Bismarck, ND; Friday & Saturday.

Walk Starts: October 25 at 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

(Walk can be done the 24th on your own)

Who Can Walk: All Convention Attendees & Non Lion Persons interested in helping support Diabetes Awareness.

Minimum Suggested Donation: \$15. Make checks to ND Lions Foundation with Diabetes Stride Walk in memo line.

• The Silent Auction at the convention will help support the walk with half of the funds. Funds raised on the walk will go to Camp Sioux and to Diabetes Research.

A Big Thank You in advance for your participation on this walk!

Questions? Call PDG Carla Bender at 701-426-7157 cell or 701-223-2544 home.

• If you can't attend the Stride Walk or Convention and want to donate, send checks to PDG Carla Bender at 2001 East Sweet Ave., Bismarck, ND 58504. Make checks payable to the ND Lions Foundation with Diabetes Walk in the Memo Line.

CONVENTION DELEGATE NAMES ARE 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.)

Needed: MD-5 Committee chairperson positions open

Leadership, Membership, Extension, Retention, Vice District Governors Trainer & Pin

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that there are Six- (6) committee chairpersons positions becoming available as of June 30th, 2009.

The term of these positions will be from July 1st, 2009 to June 30th, 2012.

If you have an interest in any of the above positions and would like a job description and application, please contact the Council of Governors Secretary-Treasurer: Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072-2832, Phone/fax: 701-845-3204, Fargo Apt. 701-205-4729, Email: vclion@msn.com.

Deadline for all applications will be March 10th, 2009

5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota. The Lions year is rapidly moving along and I hope ALL of the Lions Clubs are getting really involved with their projects for the year, both service and fund raising. But mostly are having fun doing the work of LIONISM.

STATE CONVENTION

The 2008 North Dakota State Lions Convention will be held in Bismarck on October 24 & 25. The committees have been working very hard on making the convention the highlight of the year.

I am hoping a number of you fellow Lions are or have made plans to attend. If you want to get the very most out of being a Lions member of North Dakota, attending this convention is a must.

Many meetings are planned that will keep you informed about what is happening in the world of Lionism. There are many very fine breakout sessions planned to inform the attendees on a number of interesting topics. A fine selection of keynote speakers are on the agenda. They include Dr. Patricia Hill, Lions International Director, Sister Thomas Welder, University of Mary and Steve Tomac, area farmer-rancher. If you have not registered yet, please do so and enjoy the State Convention. At the convention is where you can renew and reminisce with old friends, start new friendships and learn about Lionism. SEE YOU IN BISMARCK.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

A reminder to all clubs to inform registration chairman, Jim Bumann, who your official delegates are to the convention. These names are needed, as we will be voting on two important items at this year's convention. "Every chartered club in good standing will get one voting delegate for each 10 members of major fraction thereof, a major fraction being 5." Meaning that all of your clubs dues payments must be paid and if your club has 32 members you get 3 delegates, if your club has 35 members you get 4 delegates. Get those names to Jim Bumann at 1103 Jefferson Ave., Bismarck, ND 58504. His email is papajim10@hotmail.com.

ITEMS FOR VOTING

At the various District Meetings, each of our three Districts will vote on the proposed MD 5 Redistricting Plan as prepared from the Multiple District



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Convention this past June. The plan basically says that Saskatchewan will amalgamate from the present 4 districts into 2 districts, North Dakota will remain as 3 districts, but 2 out of the 3 districts must have a net membership increase of 75 members by March 31, 2009. If not successful, then North Dakota will re-district into 2 districts and South Dakota will remain as 2 districts.

At the North Dakota State Meeting, all voting delegates will vote on an amendment to the Bylaws of the Memorandum of Understanding. The amendment is regarding per capita dues and is as follows: increase the dues payment from \$3.00 to \$4.00 for the North Dakota Lion and increase the dues payment from \$.25 to \$.50 for support of the North Dakota Hall of Fame. These are very important items; therefore clubs please discuss these items and then inform your delegates how you want them to vote.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP

As part of the goals of 5NE we need to increase membership and one of the best ways to accomplish this goal is to add new clubs. We hope to attain this goal by hosting the very successful LCI Extension Workshop in 5NE. The dates for this workshop are November 3-6.

The headquarters for the workshop will be in Fargo at the Holiday Inn. We will have

John & Wanda Barnett from Arkansas as the leaders for the workshop. (They have been at workshops in 5NW and in South Dakota, plus many other states.) We have a few good Lions that have volunteered to help 5NE grow. Would some other of you fellow Lions want to help in this very necessary project? If so, please get in contact with myself by phone or email or I could visit with you in regards to the workshop at the State Convention. THANKS!!!!

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

A reminder to all clubs that conducted a Peace Poster Contest to get their winning entry to myself by November 1, 2008. (I know the rules say Nov. 15, but we must have the 5NE winner judged by Nov. 14 for the MD 5 meeting.) So get those winning entries to myself by November 1, 2008. Thanks to all of the Lions Clubs that sponsored a contest and to the students for their drawings. A special thanks to 5NE Chairman, Cliff Vining for all of his hard work and dedication.

VISITATIONS

One of my personal goals for this year is to revive the practice of VISITATIONS. I believe that by clubs visiting and seeing what other clubs are doing it will only make them a better Lions Club. As a bonus, we will be building up great relationships with other clubs. Clubs, start going to visit other clubs and keep track of these visitations. I will be getting a form to each club to send back to myself at the end of the year. The clubs that are involved with many visitations will be honored at the end of the year.

CARRINGTON'S 25TH CELEBRATION

My local Lions Club, the Carrington Lions, celebrated their 25th anniversary of their charter on October 1st. What a great celebration!!! Thanks for everyone who came. We had 4 PDG present, 8 clubs were represented and many district officers were present as well. Three highlights of the evening were to honor 4 Charter members, induct 3 new members and to honor 2 members with a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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CARRINGTON



4TH OF JULY

Carrington Lions club entered a float in Carrington's 4th of July parade, Foster County's 125th anniversary parade and the 125th anniversary parade for Sykeston, ND.



CARRINGTON LIONS PROMOTE LIONISM

Carrington Lions Royce and Mary Topp man a booth at the Foster County Fair held in July to promote Lionism.



SORTING TIME

Carrington Lion Laurie Dietz sorts and boxes up the 227 glasses, 32 prescription sunglasses and a large number of eyeglass cases that were collected this year.

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DATE BOOK

November 1	Peace Poster Contest deadline
November 3-6	5NE Extension Workshops
November 5	Zone A-3 Meeting at Carrington
November 14 & 15	Council of Governors Mtg at Minot

THOUGHT: Popular thinking loves the status quo. We must stop assuming that a thing that has never been tried before can't be done at all. Yours in Lionism, DG Duane Zwinger

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of the month!

NO Exceptions!

THINGS TO BRING TO THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS CONVENTION

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.

EMERADO ARVILLA



PIN PRESENTED

PDG Dennis Anderson, left, president of Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club, presents DG Duane Zwinger with a club pin as a thank you for his club visitation Sept. 26th.

Lions Creed

They achieve success who live well,
laugh often and love much;
Who gain respect of intelligent people
and the love of little children;
Who fills their niche, who accomplishes their task,
who leaves the world better than they found it,
whether by an improved poppy, a perfect
poem or a rescued soul;
Who never lack appreciation of earth's
beauty, or fail to express it;
Who always see the best in others,
and give the best they have;
Whose life is an inspiration,
whose memory is a benediction

THAT PERSON IS A LION



Did you know?

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



HORACE

HORACE LIONS CLUB BUILDS STORAGE SHED FOR ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND

BY ALLAN PETERSON

Past president of both the Horace Lions Club & NDAB

North Dakota Association of the Blind (NDAB) extends a well deserved public thank you to the Horace Lion Club members who gave of their time & talent to build a storage shed for the Association at Camp Grassick!

By way of introduction, Camp Grassick is a campground located on the shores of Lake Isabel near Dawson, North Dakota. The campground is administrated by the Elks and is used primarily to offer a summer camping experience to groups of people with disabilities.

Every August, since 1971, North Dakota Association of the Blind has conducted a week long camp for individuals who are dealing with sight loss at Camp Grassick. The NDAB Summer Camp experience is open to any resident of the state over 18 years of age whose major disability is sight loss. Many who have attended the NDAB camp have testified that it has been the one primary experience that has helped them deal with their loss of eyesight.

The Association needs the storage shed on the Camp grounds as a place to store its supplies and equipment from one year to the next. A trailer had been built for this purpose shortly after the camp was first instituted but, over the intervening years, had fallen into disrepair and wasn't worth fixing.

The Horace Lions Club agreed to do the construction of the storage shed as a service project when the idea was first proposed to them last fall. The club donated resources to build the shed and make the trip with materials to the campground to complete the shed construction. Prior to construction, an anonymous donor had



Horace Lion club members who took part in this phase of the build were from left Joe Arnold, Scott Young, Russ Berg, and David Delaney.

agreed to pay the costs for the building materials for the shed.

Walls and rafters for the the 12 by 14 foot storage shed were built at club member, Joe Arnold's shop in Horace the evening of May 12th. Nine club members helped to complete this portion of the build. Club members who helped that evening were Joe Arnold, Russ Berg, David Delaney, Julian Richard, Roger Rustad, Wayne Smith, Bruce Werner, Dick Wolf and Scott Young. Club member, Russ Berg, a carpenter, served as the foreman for the project!

Building materials and walls and rafters for the storage shed were hauled out to Camp Grassick on Friday, May 16th. Four club members made the 150 mile trek from Horace out to Camp Grassick to help with the on-site construction. Horace Lion club members who took part in this phase of the build were Joe Arnold, Scott Young, Russ Berg, and David Delaney (listed in order as seen in the above picture).

Speaking as a leader on behalf of NDAB and as a Lion, Words cannot properly express our appreciation for this gift of resources, time & talent to build this building! The work of those who helped on this project exemplifies the Lions motto which is, "We Serve"!

North Dakota Association of the Blind formally dedicated its new storage building while it held its 2008 Summer Camp at Camp Grassick this past August. Lion member, Olga Neal, from the Red River Lions Club in Grand Forks, did the honor of cutting the ribbon to formally dedicate the building. Olga was one of the prime movers who helped with the concept and organization of the NDAB Summer Camp when it was first instituted back in 1971.

NEW ROCKFORD



FUTURE FOOTBALL STARS

The New Rockford Lions club recently enjoyed a great afternoon with the participants of the Punt, Pass, and Kick. Thirteen area youth participated in the activity. The winners advanced to regional competition in Drake. This is an annual event for the club.

5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

STATE CONVENTION

Have you registered for the state convention? The convention committee is looking for your commitment to fun and socializing meeting and greeting your fellow lions at this year's state convention. The icebreaker Friday night promises to be a whole lot of fun and the meals that are planned sound superb! We need your response by the 15th of October so if you haven't made your reservations yet and are planning on attending this outstanding event, don't wait any longer. "Get er done!"

VISITATIONS

I had the opportunity to visit two Lions clubs the past month, the zone 3A meeting, an organizational meeting for the MD5 convention and the Garlic and Grape Festival. In Ashley we cleaned ditches and had a wonderful steak afterwards and I got up at 5:30 A.M. to meet with the Magic City Lions at their regularly scheduled breakfast meeting. I would like to thank both clubs for your warm welcome and outstanding hospitality. The planning committee for the MD5 convention is hard at work. Lions clubs in the Minot area have banded together to make this convention an enjoyable experience for Lions from throughout MD5. Sandy and I attended the Garlic and Grape Festival held in Minot on Saturday September 20th. The wide variety of food and entertainment made for a delightful day and the roasted garlic soup was to die for! All of the clubs in zone 3A worked on this project and raised a great deal of money for activities in their local communities as well as the Eye Bank, Leader Dogs, the Foundation, and Guide Dogs. A special thank you goes out to the chairman of this great event, Mr. Gary Price of the Minot Lions.

I have several visits scheduled for this month and am looking forward to visiting all of the clubs in 5NC during the rest of the year.

MEMBERSHIP

Everyone is now well aware of the challenge we have in front of us regarding membership. Our district goal is a net gain of 75 members by March 30th. I have issued a challenge to each club to have a net gain of 1 member by this date. That means if your club has 3 Lions drop their membership you would need to recruit 4 new Lions by the March 30th deadline. We need the help of every club in the district if we hope to reach our goal. Membership



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Chair Marian Johnson has contacted all the clubs with ideas for increasing membership at the club level. We realize that every club and community is different and that a blanket approach for a membership drive will not work. Only you and your club can determine how to conduct a

membership program that will be right for your club. The thought was to give you several suggestions that would help stimulate ideas that would lead to some kind of membership drive for your club. So please, let's work toward this realistic goal. A net gain of 1 member for your club by March 30th.

ODDS AND ENDS

Need help with something pertaining to Lions? Ideas, presentations, energizing your membership, planning programs, running meetings, etc? You have a real source of information and knowledge at your disposal. Your 2007-2008 cabinet. Every president and club secretary was sent a directory at the beginning of the Lions year with the names contact information, and area of responsibilities, of each cabinet member. These Lions have volunteered to help fellow Lions throughout the district in any way they can. So if you have a problem or questions and you just can't find an answer – know you have somewhere to go and that someone is there to help. Your cabinet members. Ask them for help and they will respond. In the spirit of IP Al Brandel, they are everyday heroes and are here there to help you create miracles through your service everyday. I salute them and thank them for their willingness to serve. DG Craig

GARRISON



LIONS SELL G-SPUD

The Garrison Lions Club was part of the Second Annual Souris River Garlic & Grape Festival in Minot on Sept. 20th. Club member Mike Maki prepared the garlic-flavored potato – with all the trimmings, for Heather Estrada, Minot, one of the many visitors to stop by the club's booth. A number of Garrison Lions Club members took turns manning the booth at the event. Net proceeds from the festival will go for Lions sight programs and to community projects of the five Lions clubs in Zone 3A, which includes three clubs in Minot, Sawyer and Garrison.

GARRISON

LIONS PRESENT '5,000 PENNIES' CHECK

By STU MERRY

The small park on the east side of Fifth Street and part of Wilderness Park will undergo a bit of refurbishing this next spring, thanks to a suggestion by Erin Williams to the Garrison Lions club.

The club presented Williams with \$50 in Garrison Bucks as part of North Dakota Lions District 5NC's 5,000 pennies promotion. The promotion was conducted this past summer in a number of central North Dakota communities that have Lions Clubs. The district to gain ideas for community betterment projects from residents in Lions club communities conducted the promotion. Williams graciously gave the \$50 back to the club, asking that the funds be put towards improving the park.

Club members also heard a presentation from Jessica Johnson of Stanton. Speaking on behalf of the Midwest Dairy Association, Johnson shared the challenges and benefits to having a dairy operation in the state. The mother of 11 operates a 400-head dairy operation with her husband Ole. The family moved to North Dakota about five years ago from Washington State, not regretting the change of scenery in the least as she extolled the virtues of the state.

"It's been a great move," she told the club.

Also making a presentation at the meeting was Kelse Hanson, Garrison High sophomore, who presented her FFA oratory speech where she took first place at state this past June. She spoke about the importance of honeybees to the economy and the effect CCD (colony collapse disorder) is having on the bee population.

According to FFA chapter advisor Glen Huettl, only state winners advance to the national event. The N.D. FFA Foundation sponsors her trip. Huettl and seven additional FFA members will be traveling to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis Ind. Oct. 19-26.



Photo by STU MERRY

Garrison Lions Tail Twister Dick Johnson presented Erin Williams of Garrison with \$50 in Garrison Bucks as part of the Lions' 5,000 pennies promotion.

In other business, club members:

- *Heard G-SPUD sales at the Garlic & Grape Festival earned the club more than \$390.

- *Were told Bob Callies Elementary students ages 11-13 will take part in Lions' Peace Poster contest.

- *Were informed the club continues to look for a site to establish a recycling center in Garrison.

HARVEY



SPEAKER FEATURED

The Harvey Lions Club had Dan Kunzman from the Anne Carlson School speak at their meeting. Lion President Todd Lewis presents a check for \$500 to help the school with the wonderful work they do.



CHECK PRESENTED

Harvey Lions President J. R. Selzler presents a check for \$350 to Marlene Ripplinger from the Harvey Public Library. The Library will be able to get a matching grant to purchase \$1,000 in books.

SAWYER LEOS



Sawyer Leo's assisted the Sawyer Lions Club at the 2nd Annual Garlic and Grape Festival, held in Minot on Saturday, September 20. They helped serve spaghetti and garlic toast at their booth and also worked at the registration table. A couple Leo's even got their feet dirty while doing some grape stomping.



The Sawyer Leo's Club has had an active year. The Club continues to have over 40 active members and meet monthly during the school year. They had a float in the North Dakota State Fair parade in July, assisted the Sawyer Lions at the 2nd Annual Garlic and Grape Festival in September, and cleaned highway ditches in October. Advisor Cy Kotaska is very proud of the members of the Club and appreciates the leadership of President Dillon Marquart.

HOOTERVILLE



While visiting Minot Air Force Base this past week, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, CMSGT. Rodney J. McKinley had breakfast at the Chief's Brunch on Friday, October 10th, 2008. Visiting with the kitchen activity, CMSGT of the AF Rodney J. McKinley is pictured with Tony Alef, Lions Pancake Chairman & CMSGT Mark Clark, 5th Bomb Wing Cmd Chief.



The Hooterville Flion Lions have recently replaced their 8' by 16' billboard with a new one. It is proudly displayed at Ruthville, ND, just three miles south of Minot Air Force Base.

5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

PERSONAL THEME

DON'T FORGET!!! My theme this year is **"TEAMWORK"** This year we all need to work together to get the extra helping hands in our clubs. Without EVERYBODY'S effort District 5NW as we know it will be gone. 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

My how time flies, another year has come and gone and here we are once again time for the state convention. This convention should be an excellent one as we have the Lions of Bismarck hosting this year. The theme is "Caribbean Nights" and with the snow flying already we can all use a break from the cold and the snow. This is also a very important convention as we need to ratify the \$1 per member assessment for the state paper. We also need to decide as a district how we will vote on the redistricting, from the preliminary plans that I've seen the dividing line would be just east of Bismarck. While this may not sound like a bad idea to some of you, some of the consequences are that you may no longer get a visit from the DG and I know there are a lot of clubs that plan that visitation. This is also a temporary fix for an ongoing problem. We need to add members!!! According to statistics from Lions Club International all the redistricting in North America has not had a positive effect, EVERY new sub district has had a membership loss since redistricting. DO YOU THINK WE NEED TO SLAP A BAND-AID ON THE



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PROBLEM? If you would like a copy of these statistics I will be more than happy to e-mail them to you. 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.

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**

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. While this may not sound like a bad idea to some of you, some of the consequences are that you may no longer get a visit from the DG and I know there are a lot of

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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

- 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.

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.

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

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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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Albert F. Brandel, president
*The International Association
of Lions Clubs*



Fellow Lions,

Earlier this month I was privileged to be present at an inspiring event: the International Paralympic Games in Beijing. I saw men and women who had lost limbs swim at world record speeds, blind athletes perform amazing feats of strength and runners who rely on artificial legs run faster than all but those who set Olympic records at some of the same venues just a few weeks earlier.

I came away feeling that there are no obstacles that cannot be overcome and especially, that we Lions have the potential to perform even greater miracles of service than we have ever imagined.

Both the Paralympics and the Olympic Games also reminded me of the importance of teamwork. At the Olympics, the Chinese men's and women's gymnastic teams could not have won their gold medals if their specialists in floor exercise and balance beam, parallel bars and still rings did not perform up to their personal best.

Every Lions Club and indeed all of Lions Clubs International work in much the same way. Each of us has unique gifts that we bring to our mission of service and we owe it to ourselves, our fellow Lions and our communities to use them to the best of our ability. When we do and when we work together toward a common goal, there is almost nothing we cannot accomplish.

But just as American swimmer Michael Phelps came away from the games as the most honored athlete, we Lions reserve our highest recognition for those who have mastered several disciplines. That's what the Club President Excellence award is all about. To qualify, club presidents must be "all-around champions" and excel in areas including service, administration, leadership, membership growth and contributions to LCIF.

(The full list of qualifications can be viewed at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/da1.pdf>).

Not everyone can win an Olympic medal, but an Excellence Award is within reach of every Lions Club president. You owe it to your community, your club and most of all, yourself to strive for this achievement. You should also know that your efforts reflect not only on your club and yourself, but also on fellow Lion

leaders in your district. Excellence Awards for Zone, Region and District officers are contingent upon having at least 50 percent of the clubs under their leadership achieve Excellence Awards. I urge you to do everything in your power to help further the culture of excellence at all levels of our association.

Another way to help foster excellence is through the new International Hero Awards, which will be presented at the 2009 International Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. These awards are designed to recognize the everyday heroes among us. These are Lions who excel, often without fanfare, at meeting the needs of our closest neighbors and neighbors around the globe. They are individuals who have embraced their potential to have a direct and positive impact on our world. They deserve to be celebrated and we have a responsibility to ensure that they no longer go unrecognized. Please be on the lookout for the everyday heroes in our midst and consider nominating those you know for an International Hero Award. The nomination form can be found at <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/pr40.pdf>.

Finally, I ask each and every one of you to embrace your own power to affect your community and the world community. Your leadership year is an extraordinary opportunity to make things happen. Exercise your leadership by making ambitious plans and sharing them with the members of your club. Do not hesitate to propose new initiatives for service. Ensure that our traditional service priorities receive the attention that they deserve. Spread the word about Lions through effective communication with your community. These steps are not mere self-aggrandizement. They are key components in attracting new members who will increase our ability to live our Lions motto – We Serve.

As always, I thank you for all you do for Lions and for your community.

RAY



PEACE POSTER WINNER

The Ray Lions participated in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was "Peace Begins with Me" and the 6th Grade class of Ray Elementary entered their posters in the contest. Lion Debbie Hauge is shown here presenting the winner, Jaime Murschel, the 1st Place cash prize and award. Her poster will advance to the District level, then if chosen, to the Multiple District level and then on to International. The entire class was treated to a pizza party for their participation in the contest.



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.

Watford City – J. Wallace Johnston

Leeds – Allan Young

Fargo Gateway – Robert Lepage

Maddock – Douglas Hvinden

TENTATIVE 2008 STATE LIONS CONVENTION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

9 am - 7 pm Registration and Reception;
Stride Walk registration - Missouri Foyer
(downstairs)

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

1 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 -

Downstairs Foyer

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 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

REMINDER: Photos will be taken in the Courtyard on Saturday, October 25 between
5:30 and 6:30. Photos may be of individuals, couples or small groups.



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 Chardonnay Cream Sauce, Mixed salad, Rolls, Coffee and Tea

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

TOTAL \$ _____

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

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

Name: _____ Lion Guest (Circle One)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Fees: _____ Total Enclosed: _____ Check Number _____

Make Checks payable to ND State Lions Convention

EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT SEPTEMBER 2008

**Eyeglasses received
since 1998**

597,100

Eyeglasses in system

54,850

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

2,100

Glasses received from:

Minot Lions Club
Hooterville Lions Club
Rugby Lions Club
Turtle Lake Lions Club
Fargo Lions
Bismarck Lions
ND Lions Eyebank (read
eyeglasses)

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

Terry Narum, Recycling Chair
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NEW ENGLAND

KUNZE, PLAGGEMEYER HONORED BY NEW ENGLAND LIONS CLUB

Russell Kunze and John Plaggemeyer were honored by the New England Lions Club at its 75th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee Banquet Wednesday evening (Oct.1st).

Kunze, a New England Lion since 1982, has served the local club as treasurer most of that time. Plaggemeyer, who first joined the local club in 1977, was most noted for his more recent efforts with the Burgers In The Park project.

Both were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs, a fellowship from Lions Clubs International Foundation may be awarded when \$1,000 is given to the LCIF in an individual's name. The New England Lions Club chose to name Kunze and Plaggemeyer to receive fellowships following recent donations to Campaign Sight First II through LCIF.

Campaign Sight First II, a project of Lions Clubs International, is a program to raise funds to fight blindness and work with sight preservation worldwide. More than \$200 Million was raised by the international organization. The New England Lions Club, answering the challenge of \$100 per member, contributed \$3,000 over the past three years from profits generated by the Burgers In The Park project.

More than 60 Lions and guests gathered for the celebration. Visiting Lions came from Dickinson, Bowman, Reeder, Scranton, Elgin, Williston and Mandan. Shared memories recalled meaningful, as well as humorous moments and events from the 75-year history of the New England Lions, and the service they've provided to their community.



Lion Russell Kunze and his wife Lois



Lion John Plaggemeyer and his wife Linda