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CONVENTION OFFERS SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, PROGRAM VARIETY

*By Lion JeAnne Selby
2008 State Convention PR chair*

The Lions motto, "We Serve" was evident throughout the two-day 2008 State Lions Convention held in Bismarck October 24 - 25.

Although successful North Dakota State Lions conventions consist of numerous meetings, keynote addresses, informational or motivational breakout sessions and an ice breaker, the 2008 event offered several first-time opportunities for service as well.

Service Opportunities: Those not attending Friday board or committee meetings volunteered, folding and stamping Chapter newsletter inserts for the West Dakota Red Cross Chapter, while other Lions participated in the Diabetes Stride Walk. The Stride Walk, chaired by PDG Carla Bender, and staffed by Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, continued Saturday morning, October 25. The proceeds from the Stride Walk, along with half of the silent auction proceeds, will benefit diabetes research and Camp Sioux, a North Dakota camp for children with type I diabetes.

The silent auction, co-chaired by PDG Tim and Region 2 Chair Lynell Thueson, raised a total of \$2,125. The Thuesons thank the many Lions, clubs and businesses across the state that contributed items for the successful auction. The other half of the silent



Top left: Past Council Chair Allen Dockter of the Capital City Lions poses with his wife, Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Diane, after receiving the 2008 Hall of Fame Award. Top Right: International Director Dr. Patricia Hill of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, addressed the Lions and guests at the evening banquet. Bottom left: From left to right, PCC Brach Johnson, PDG Marian Johnson, Minot Lion Gary Price, Bismarck North Star spouse Dawn Renner, and Bismarck North Star Lion Larry Giese lead the Conga line, which by the end of the song had emptied over half of the chairs in the room during the Caribbean-themed Convention ice breaker. Bottom right: PCC Dale Ekstrom of Mandan visited all three district meetings, extending an invitation to the 2009 State Lions Convention, to be held October 30 - 31, 2009, at the Seven Seas in Mandan. The 2009 State Convention theme is "Anchored in Service."

auction proceeds will benefit Great Plains Assistance Dogs of Jud.

Service Project Chair, Lion JeAnne Selby of the Prairie Rose Lions, also extends her thanks (and that of the West

Dakota Red Cross Chapter Manager) to the 11 Lions from seven North Dakota Lions clubs that donated a total of nine

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INSIDE INTERNATIONAL

By PID Bruce Schwartz

Now what?

As a rule there are few issues, especially emotional issues, that are debated and decided at the annual district meetings of the three North Dakota Lions districts. These meetings are held during the North Dakota State Lions Convention each year. This was not the case this year, however. A 2/3rds majority vote by each district on the issue of redistricting (changing from the current three districts to two) was required in order for the redistricting process to continue. The results of the voting were:



DISTRICT 5NE
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
DISTRICT 5NC
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
DISTRICT 5NW
DEFEATED---YEA 8, NAY 26
(unofficial)

The motion on redistricting that each district was asked to consider in essence was: **"Two of the three North Dakota districts must attain a net gain of 75 members by March 31, 2009. If that bench mark is not attained the districts will moved forward with redistricting."**

The reason for the redistricting proposal is primarily that all of our association constitution and bylaws documents (LCI, MD5 and the districts) require that a district maintain a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs in order to be in

good standing. As of October 31, the three North Dakota districts were all well below this requirement.

DISTRICT 5NE 980 MEMBERS
(-3 in Oct) AND 34 CLUBS
DISTRICT 5NC 1,136 MEMBERS
(-29 in Oct) AND 42 CLUBS
DISTRICT 5NW 1,035 MEMBERS
(-20 in Oct) AND 37 CLUBS

Another reason for complying with constitutional requirements is economic, pure and simple. At least 1250 members and 35 clubs are needed in a district for it to be financially sound. The districts that are below standard are the districts that create the need for dues increases at all levels. Districts that are below standard are being subsidized by districts that are above standard. Districts that are below standard have limitations in the amount of expenses that are paid by LCI for district governor training. In addition, substandard districts cannot endorse a candidate for International Director. And the list goes on.

The position of Lions Clubs International is to not force districts to redistrict if they are below standard, but rather to allow the districts to police themselves and be responsible stewards of the constitution and bylaws. As a result of this position, our three districts have been in a substandard posture for, in some cases, 15 to 20 years. The redistricting proposal was designed to finally correct this flaw.

The reason given by some District 5NW leaders for their rejection of the redistricting proposal is that they feel they will be able to bring their district

up to standard by chartering new clubs and pursuing an aggressive membership drive.

So now what??

District 5NW has made its decision as explained above. Districts 5NE and 5NC have at least two options. They are:

1. Do nothing. Just continue as before.

2. Become one district.

Based on a small sampling of Lion leaders in districts 5NE and NC there seems to be strong interest in looking into the possibility of becoming one district by eliminating their common border. If this happens it would become part of the Multiple District 5 redistricting proposal that will be acted upon at the MD5 convention next June in Minot and, if approved, forwarded on to the LCI Board of Directors for final approval.

The Funnies:

Yesterday my son came home and said, "I have good news and bad news. The good news is I got 18 out of 20 on my driver's test." I said, "Great! Now what's the bad news?" He said, "They were pedestrians."

When you stop to think, don't forget to start again.

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

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Financial and Operating Statement 7/1/07 through 06/30/08

UNION STATE BANK CHECKING ACCT.
BALANCE 7/7/074794.76

Income:

Sustaining memberships1885.00
Life Memberships 600.00
Bronze Clubs2838.00
Silver Clubs600.00
Gold Clubs2507.00
Other Donations27272.04
Memorials575.00
Visitation Bear395.00
Interest47.21
Interest from Savings17.41
Interest from CD's2829.97
39566.63

Designated funds

Northwood Relief100.00
Vision USA11739.44
11839.44

Newspaper

Assessments13043.00
District Governor Payments800.00
14843.00
BHG. Inc/13436.38
1406.62
57607.45

Expenditures:

Auditing100.00
Banners and pins597.00
Board Meeting Expense2364.22
Filing Fees10.00
Postage58.99
Printing18.96
Supplies94
3150.11

Designated Funds Disbursed

Northwood Relief100.00
Vision USA11739.44
11839.44

Transferred to Savings8697.78
Transferred to CD25000.00
Transferred to Grant Account2865.01
Donation (MD5 Youth Exchange Camp)1000.00
52552.34

Union State Bank Checking Balance

6/30/085055.11
WESTERN COOPERATIVE CREDIT UNION
(SAVINGS)
BALANCE 7/1/071691.72
Transferred from checking8697.78
Interest37.60
10427.10

Transferred to checking (interest)17.41
Transferred to CD9000.00
Savings Balance 6/30/081409.69

CD'S

Balance 7/1/0776076.58
Transferred from checking25000.00
Transferred from savings9000.00
Interest3327.20
113403.78

Transferred to checking2829.97
CD Balance 6/30/08110573.81
Dakota Community Bank 8/13/0840749.71
Dakota Community Bank 8/4/0860824.10
Western Coop. Credit Union 4/28/089000.00
110.573.81

Corpus Balance111983.50

Grant Account Dakota West Credit Union

Interest CD2829.97
Interest Savings Jan-March17.41
Interest Checking Jan-April17.63
Interest85
2865.86

To Share Draft (Credit Union Membership)5.00
Check Blanks13.19
Ck. #1001 Lions Dist. 5NE (Northwood)1000.00
1018.19

Balance 6/30/081847.67



Fargo – Laura Jund

Larimore – Arnold Olson

West Fargo – Sandy Ostlund

Velva – Vern Wunderlich

Hebron – Walter Feil

Bismarck – Rev. John Nicolai

Linton – Stanley Pocta

Bowdon – Jimmy Kunz

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Sustaining memberships

\$10.00 Each:

Lawrence Ackerman, Leslie Bartz, Terry Bentz, Jim Boehm, Dale Bren, Randy Fischer, Dale Froemming, Randy Grosz, Elroy Herbel, Marvin J. Heupel, Harlan E. Klein, Elmer Kramer, Merlin J. Leithold, Carlton Leverson, Jim Maier, Kurt D. Maxon, Rick R. Michels, Larry Ouhl, Brandon J. Rafteseth, Arthur Rath, Kent Roehl, Peter W. Rouse, Martin F. Schock, Virgil A. Stern, Anthony Ullrich, Bobby W. Walters, Ronald J. Weikum, Clarence L. Werner, Paul Wutzke, Dean M. Zimmerman, Julius Zimmerman, Doug Ballweber, Ronald Bartz, Harold Bles! Willard H. Bower, Sam Dart, Kenneth G. Freidt, Lucas Greff, James Heim, Kevin Hertz, Jeff Hillius, George Hsu, Lloyd D. Klein, Jerome H. Lee, Aaron D. Leverson, Shawn W. Lince, Mario Maier, Ralph Meidinger, Jason L. Ouhl, Reggie L. Pahl, Travis L. Rafteseth, Albert L. Rivinius, Raymond Roth, Duane Schatz, Jade Seibel, Myles E. Stoller, Brandon Vaughn, Guy Warren, Kenneth Weishaar, Elmor Wutzke, Reuben M. Zacher, Jimmy Zimmerman, Mathew Shanahan, Tim E. Brown, Ruth Wagner, Gerald Paulson, Cal Bender, Carla Bender, Herman Schafer, Shirley Schafer, Michael Moberg, Josh Ressler, Lewellyn Rustan, Audrey Maxson, B. J. Maxson, Carl Jessen, Elaine Brinkman, Gerry Frbier, Loris Freier, Stu, Merry, Jan Merry, Michelle

Doyle, Joni Brandenburg, Dennis Anderson, Salli Lou Anderson, Jan Froemming, Paul B. Knudson, Sandra Knutson, Dwayne Zwinger, Mary Ann Zwinger, Chris Helgeson, & Jan Helgeson.

Bronze Clubs \$100.00 to \$300.00

Lake Metigoshe, New Rochford, Mandan Dacotah, Hooterville Flion, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Minot, Minot Plum Valley, Garrison, Sawyer, Valley City, Scranton, Bismarck, Carrington, Williston, Hazen and Mandan.

Silver Clubs \$300.00 to \$500.00

Dickinson and Minot Magic City

Gold Clubs 500.00 to \$1000.00

Bismarck North Star, Fargo and Grand Forks Red River

Diamond Clubs \$1000.00 or More

Bismarck Capitol City

100 % Clubs \$10.00 per member

Elgin Lions Club & Beulah Lions Club.

Memorials:

John & Dorothy Stewart in memory of Lion Austin Engel; West Fargo Lions Club in memory of Lion Sandy Ostlund; Minot Lions Club in memory of Lion Forrest Baker; Lowell & Ann Latimer in memory of Lion Forrest Baker; Ross Espeseth in memory of Lion Rev. John & Lorraine Nicoloi/

Visitation Bear:

Kulm Lions Club \$110.00, Buffalo City Lions Club \$60.00, & Edgeley Lions Club \$35.00

Designated Funds (Vision USA)

New Rochford Lions \$75.00, Bismarck Prairie Rose Club \$110.00, Valley City Lions \$125.00, Red River Lions \$75.00, Carrington Lions \$75.00, Enderlin Lions \$80.00, Rugby Lions \$160.00, Elgin Dakota Lions \$102.00 Hazelton Lions \$90.00 and Elgin Lions \$189.00

Other Donations:

Silent Auction on 2 Vests at the State Convention \$55.00 & \$30.00

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

Auction a success

PDG Tim and
Lion Lynell Thueson

Dear Lions of North Dakota

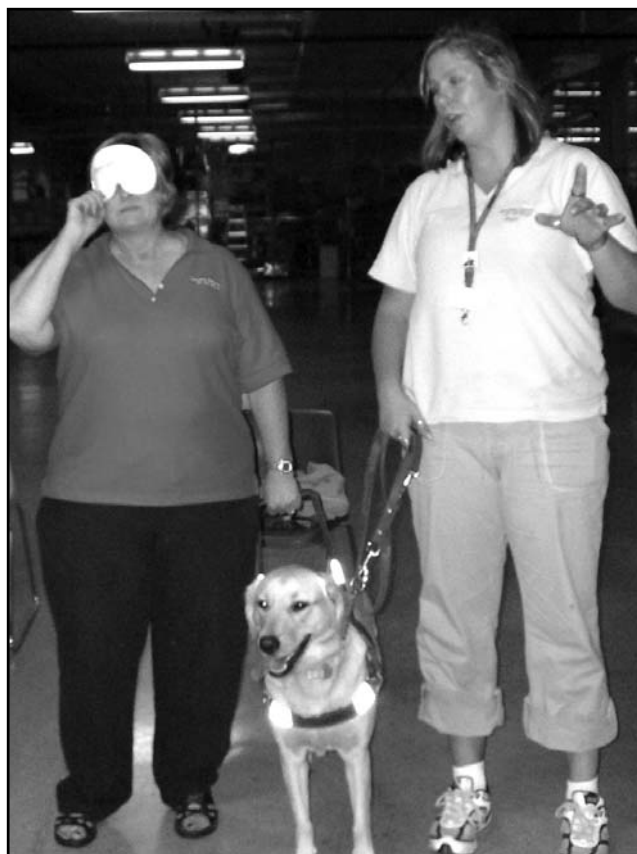
As co-chairpersons for the silent auction, we would like to thank you or your club for your recent donation used for the auction at the North Dakota State Lions Convention, October 24-25, 2008. Through your generous donation(s), the silent auction netted over \$2,000 with the proceeds going towards Lions' projects in North Dakota.

Again thank you for your contribution to the silent auction.



Anderson honored

Lion Salli Lou Anderson was awarded the 100 percent Leader Dog certificate for helping District 5NE support Leader Dogs for the Blind. She attended a weekend of in-service training for Leader Dog Chairs at Rochester Mich. in September, along with about 100 other chairs from around the country. Inset photo shows Anderson "walking blind" with guide dog Lucy and her trainer. Leader Dog trains about 300 dog/person teams per year at no charge to the visually impaired recipients.



5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellows Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota, I trust you are all getting involved in your service and fund raising projects and getting ready for the holidays.

STATE CONVENTION

A congratulations to the Lions Clubs of the Bismarck area, you put on a great State Convention. A special combination of great speakers, fine food and a very organized program of activities. You also took chances on trying new ideas. (The Lions Chorus) Co-Chairman Brach & Marian Johnson and the other committee chairman are to be commended for an outstanding job. In regards to 5NE I would like to announce that Wayne Westlund from Grand Forks was elected as VDG, Robert Littlefield from Fargo was elected as VDGE, John Dobbs from Fargo was appointed to the Lions Foundation of ND Board and Tracy Wicken from Grand Forks was appointed to the Lions Eye Bank of ND Board. Katherine Tweed and Gerald Sletmoe won the **President's Certificate of Accommodation**. Carla Lein was appointed to the position as Women in Lions for the cabinet.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP

5NE conducted an Extension Workshop on November 3-6 with the base headquarters being in Fargo. This workshop is sponsored by LCI. We were very fortunate to have John & Wanda Barnett from Arkansas as our leaders. They are very professional and did a great job of teaching those in attendance the process of starting new Lions Clubs. Lions from 5NE that took part in the workshop included John Dobbs, Robert Littlefield, Gerald Sletmoe, Wayne Westlund, Gene Martin, Lyle Swor, Carla Lein, Rob Lein, Mary Ann Zwinger and Duane Zwinger. We had great classroom instruction and then went to Casselton on November 4 and Mayville-Portland on November 5 to recruit new Lions members to establish Lions Clubs in those communities. We had a very good response to our efforts. In Casselton we signed up 15 Lions with about 40 others filling out an application, while in Mayville-Portland we signed up 19 new members with about 35 others filling out an application. (To charter a new Lions Club, 20 Lions are needed.) We were very happy with the process and are sure that there will be Lions Clubs in Casselton and Mayville-Portland by March 1. Guiding Lions for Casselton

are Robert Littlefield & John Dobbs and the sponsoring club is the Fargo Lions. Guiding Lions for Mayville-Portland are Rob & Carla Lein and the sponsoring club is still not for sure, but the Grand Forks Red River Lions Club is a strong candidate. The first organization meeting for both Lions Clubs will be held on Tuesday, November 18, with the second meeting to be held on November 25. To conclude the workshop the following became Guiding Lions: John Dobbs, Mary Ann Zwinger, Duane Zwinger, Lyle Swor, Rob Lein & Carla Lein with the training provided by John & Wanda Barnett. In conclusion I want to thank all the Lions that took part in this process and I am **very** confident that we will have success. I also want to thank Mark Jensen and his business, Allegiance Software, Inc. for providing us with a laptop computer and a projector for the workshop.

UND CAMPUS LIONS CLUB

Come and celebrate with us!!! The Charter Night for the UND Campus Lions club will be held on Thursday, November 20. The activities will start at 7:00 PM and will be held on the UND Campus in rooms 10-12 in Swanson Hall lower level. Great job PDG Katherine Tweed as the person who really got this extension to actually happen. Steve Johnson is the Guiding Lion, while the Grand Forks South Forks Lions is the sponsoring club.

CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II

District Coordinator, Katherine Tweed, for CSF II informed myself that an individual or a Lions Club may still make a new gift and/or pledge to Lions Clubs International for CSF II until **December 31, 2008**. These will count towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Any questions contact Lion Katherine at 701-235-2115 or ktweed@cableone.net

JUD LIONS CLUB

On my visitation to the Jud Lions Club on Monday, November 10, I saw a great **service project** from a small town and a small, but active club. At our meeting the Jud Lions Club invited and honored the area Veterans to share the evening. It was just a tremendous honor and pleasure to



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be in such great company. Way to go Jud Lions!!!!!!

5NE SECRETARY, PAT ROUNDY

I would like to let all of you know of the great work that Pat Roundy has been doing for our district. I would also like to let you know that Lion Pat has been having some health problems. She had another major surgery on November 19. Please keep her in your prayers and thoughts. Her husband, Doug is the District Treasurer.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S DATEBOOK

November 17 Edgeley & Heart of Horace
November 18 Oakes
November 19 Larimore, Arthur & Argusville-Gardner-Grandin
November 20 UND Campus Club "Charter Night"
November 24 Kulm
November 25 Mayville-Portland (2nd meeting)
December 2 Northwood
December 8 Grand Forks Red River
December 9 Grand Forks South Forks
December 10 Grand Forks

THOUGHT:

*Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where the fruit is?*



The Carrington Lions have now recognized five Carrington Lions with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for their commitment to humanitarian work. Standing in for Melvin Jones recipient Johnny Lessner is Mick Moberg, left, DG Lion Duane Zwinger, new recipients Lion Robert Erickson and Dick Doeling and Carrington's first Melvin Jones recipient Lion Gerald Paulson.

CARRINGTON LIONS CELEBRATE 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Carrington Lions 25th Anniversary was celebrated on October 1st, 2008.

Sixty-two Lions and guests from Carrington, Jamestown, New Rockford, Grand Forks, Fargo, West Fargo, Valley City and Park Rapids came together to help us celebrate and enjoy a fun filled evening and a prime rib supper.

Special Guests were: DG Duane Zwinger from Carrington, PDG Lion Katherine Tweed from Fargo was our speaker and VDG Wayne Westlund from Grand Forks attended as well as several other PDG from around the state. Our special guests were: Dr. Ed Tuhy from Park Rapids Minnesota (our first president and charter member) and charter members Lion's Robert Erickson, Dick Doeling and Gerald Paulson.

District 5NE Governor, Duane Zwinger inducted three new members as well as presented two charter members; Lion Robert Erickson and Lion Dick Doeling with Melvin Jones Fellowships. The Carrington Lions have now recognized 5 Carrington Lions with a Melvin Jones Fellowship for their commitment to humanitarian work.



DG Duane Zwinger, left, and new members Julie Seil and Jane Fredrickson (sponsor Lion Mary Ann Zwinger behind): New member Ken Hansen with his sponsor Lion Mick Moberg and Carrington Lion Mary Carter in back.



KNIGHTS FOR THE BLIND

The Grand Forks South forks Lions Club recently met at the North Dakota School for the Blind. Lions members are shown with Carmen Suminski, the superintendent of North Dakota Visions Services/ School for the Blind. According to G. Paul Larson, the South Forks Lions have contributed \$1,000 this past year to the School for the Blind and its foundation.

5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Hello Lions,

Well the dust has just settled after a very interesting state convention. We have a District Governor Elect, and a new and surprising Vice District Governor Elect. As you know Lion James Ruff of the Lehr Lions was the Vice District Governor Elect and was elected to his new office by a unanimous vote. Our new Vice District Governor Elect is Lion Bev Charles of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions. The surprising part of Lion's Bev's election was that the day before the state convention no one had fulfilled the requirements for the office as outlined in the by-laws. In that case we were obligated to open the election to nominations from the floor. Lion Bev was nominated, her nomination was seconded, and when no other candidates emerged, there was a motion for nominations to cease and Lion Bev was elected Vice District Governor Elect. Congratulations to both Lion James and Lion Bev for your willingness to serve and best of luck to both of you. I know you will do everyone in District 5NC proud.

There were more surprises later in the day. This came after the vote on the proposal to re-district. As you are aware we have been making a major push for membership growth. This was in direct response to the re-districting plan for the three North Dakota districts.

To refresh your memory:

The plan was that the three districts in North Dakota would re-district and become two districts if two out of the present



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three districts did not experience a net member gain of 75 members by March 31st 2009. If two out of the three districts reached this goal then we would continue as three districts. Districts 5NC and 5NE voted to proceed with and be part of the re-districting plan. 5 NW voted against being part of the plan.

Where does this leave us? It looks like its back to the drawing board. I've talked about this plan in all of my articles and addressed it at all of my club visits. But now things are different. I am not sure what is going to transpire over the next few months but I assure you that whatever plan is adopted at the Multiple District level will be a plan that in the best interests of the Lions in District 5NC.

EXTENSION NEWS!

An extension workshop has been scheduled on November 15-18 in Lehr ND. District Governor Elect James Ruff has been working on this project and we will be looking to establish new Lions Clubs in Steele and Lincoln. 10-12 Lions from the area will be working with DGE Jim and the representative from LCI. I will have a full report in the

December newsletter regarding this project. Good luck to all involved!

Keep up the work on membership. Don't forget our goal, 1 member net gain for each club. Here's wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Yours in service, DG Craig



Bismarck North Star Lion Jerry Renner (second from right) accepts a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from ID Dr. Patricia Hill, as PID Bruce Schwartz (far left) and Lion Jerry's wife, Dawn (far right), look on.



During the District 5NC business meeting, District Governor Craig Wollenburg, right, presents an engraved plaque to Immediate Past District Governor Brian Tinker, as a token of appreciation for his service as District 5NC Governor during his 2007 - 2008 term.



Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Evelyn Silbernagel (second from right) displays the Melvin Jones Award presented by ID Dr. Patricia Hill (far left), as PID Bruce Schwartz (second from left) and Lion Evelyn's husband, Bismarck North Star Lion Dr. Ken Silbernagel (far right) look on.



PDG Marian Johnson (second from right) receives one of two International President's Commendations presented in District 5NC during the evening banquet. Shown with PDG Marian are (from left to right) DG Craig Wollenburg, PID Bruce Schwartz and (to PDG Marian's right) ID Dr. Patricia Hill.

GARRISON



Presenting a check for Garrison's share of the profits of the Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival were Denise Norsby and Josh Ressler, both of the Minot Magic City Lions. Receiving the check are Garrison Lions members Tami Engel, Ardie and Don Gackle, members of the organizing committee of the festival

LIONS SEE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR

Members of the Garrison Lions Club got a pleasant surprise during their regular monthly meeting Monday night. The club received a check for just over \$3,200 -- its share of the profits of the Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival. The event was Sept. 20 in Minot.

In presenting the check, Josh Ressler of the Minot Magic City Lions, said, "It's money that clubs can go back to their communities and do something with."

The Garlic & Grape Festival is a one-day event featuring food laced with garlic, wine tasting, crafts, entertainment and education. Lions clubs in District 5NC Zone 3A sponsor the Garlic & Grape Festival. Those clubs include Minot, Minot Magic City, Plum Valley, Sawyer and Garrison.

For the festival, the Garrison Lions developed a garlic butter laced potato with a variety of condiments, including a garlic-spiced taco mixture. After a number of prototypes were taste-tested, club members came to a unanimous decision on what garlic-flavored product would be served. Club members voted to call the dish "G-SPUD" or Garlic Sakakawea Potato Under Development. The product was made-to-order for customers by Garrison Lions Club members at the festival.

Those who participated in serving the G-SPUD agreed the festival is something the club will take part in again.

"This was a lot of fun," Don Gackle said of the process of developing the product and taking part in the festival.

Ressler concurred.

"It's about having a good time and doing it for a good purpose," he said.

Club members will determine at an upcoming board meeting how or where the proceeds will be spent locally. But those in attendance approved \$100 for expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center, \$100 to North Dakota Leadership Seminar (leadership training for high school sophomores) and \$150 to Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud.

The first \$2,500 in profits from the festival in September were earmarked for specific charities: Lions Foundation of North Dakota (\$1,000), Leader Dogs for the Blind, headquartered out of Michigan (\$500), Minot Chapter of the Association for the Blind (\$5000) and Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud (\$500).

PRAIRIE ROSE



5NC CLUB OF THE YEAR

Nineteen of the 42 Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions pose during State Convention for District 5NC Club of the Year for 2007 - 2008 and the district Visitation Award.

WASHBURN



Perfect Attendance: Front row seated left to right: Lions Judy Beaudry, Sharon Sauer, val Hetletved, Jean Binsfeld and Mac Beudry. Middle row: Lions John Samuelson, Gary Fuchs, Gary Blatchford, Morris Nelson, Richard Brewster, Mike Nelson. Back row: Lions Arden Wagner, Mike Blazek, Duane Knell, Lowell Rothmann, and Doug Reiser. Missing: Wes Sauer and Art Bender.



Tending the money are Lion Richard Brewster and Lion Arden Wagner and checking the work schedule and explaining box for the turning in unused glasses.

SEVENTEEN WASHBURN LIONS HAVE PERFECT ATTENDANCE

By JEAN BINSFELD

After a two month meeting vacation, Washburn Lion Clubs returned for the first meeting of the new year on September 8th. The new 2008-2009 directory was handed out, showing a list of member's addresses and phone numbers, program chairpersons for the New Year and dates set for Lions functions and fundraisers.

Members returned with new energy for the coming year for the gourmet suppers prepared and served by Aggie Jennings. Aggie also joined the club membership. Members enjoy the suppers, along with the fellowship at the meetings and working together at Club projects.

The September program was presented by Lion Jean Binsfeld reporting about her three days of attending the Silver Haired Legislation in the House chambers on July 30, 31 and August 1. Jean reported this to be very educational and very interesting and urged anyone interested to run for this office in 2010.

Seventeen members were presented with their perfect attendance pins and Lion Morris Nelson was presented a longevity award for being a member for over 50 years.

The October meeting guest speaker was Linda Oestreich, with the Mercer-McLean Meals on Wheels program explaining how the program works and future projects that the program is working on. he most recent

project was buying a quick freeze unit so that meals can be prepared at Hazen and frozen and then can be delivered to towns for delivery to customers for weekends. The club voted to donate \$400 to the program for upcoming projects.

A sign up sheet was passed around to sign up for shift work at the upcoming Eye Awareness breakfast on October 12.

The breakfast consisted of hash browns, biscuits -n- gravy, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee, taking a free will offering. Monies raised will go to the Lions eye program.

Members are looking forward to Thanksgiving supper and the Christmas month meeting when the spouses are invited in December.

NAPOLEON



BUSINESS SUPPORT

Napoleon American Legion Post first vice commander Jerome Schwartzberger left, presented Charlotte Young with a \$1,000 check while John C. Johs, right, Napoleon Lions Club president, presented Than Young with \$500. The Youngs' business in Napoleon, Napoleon Drug, was recently destroyed by fire.



MD-5 ROOKIE LION AWARD



THIS AWARD IS AVAILABLE TO ALL NEW LIONS AND IS TO BE COMPLETED IN THEIR FIRST FULL YEAR.

YOU WILL FIND THE CRITERIA FOR THE MD-5 LION AWARD BELOW:

1. The new Lion must visit another Lions Club Meeting.
2. The new Lion must attend at least one Zone Meeting.
3. The new Lion must attend one Lions Club Board Meeting.
4. The new Lion must bring a guest to one Lions Club Meeting.
5. The new Lion is to attend at least one hour of orientation on Lions.
6. The new Lion must be active in one or more fund raisers for the member's Lions Club.
7. The new Lion must serve as an active member on one club fund raising/club project **Planning** Committee.
8. The new Lion must be active in one or more Lions project(s). (I.E. Purchase of eye glasses, hearing aids, helping people in need or a community project)
9. The new Lion must attend one of the following: A Lions officer training meeting, a cabinet meeting, a district/state/provincial/multiple district convention, or other similar meeting.



MD-5 ROOKIE LION AWARD Completion Form



Name Of New Lion _____

Name Of Sponsor _____

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| 1. Name of the Lions Club the New Lion Visited: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Name of Lions Club Visited |
| 2. New Lion attended a Zone Meeting: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Signature of Club Pres. / Sec. / Zone Chairperson |
| 3. New Lion attended a Club Board Meeting: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Signature of Club President |
| 4. New Lion brought a new guest to a Club Meeting: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Name of Guest Attending |
| 5. New Lion attended a One-Hour orientation on Lions: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Orientation Chairperson |
| 6. Fundraiser the New Lion was active in: | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Name of Fundraiser |
| 7. The new Lion must serve as an active member on one club fund raising/club project Planning Committee.
(The new Lion is to write a paragraph about he/she learned.) | | |
| 8. The new Lion must be active in one or more Lions project(s). (i.e. - Purchase of eye glasses, hearing aids, helping people in need or a community project)
(The new Lion is to write a paragraph about what he/she did to help.) | | |
| 9. The new Lion must attend one of the following: A Lions officer training meeting, a cabinet meeting, a district/state/provincial/multiple district convention, or other similar meeting. | _____ | _____ |
| | Date | Event Attended |

District Governor's Signature

5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

State Convention

If you attended the state convention you already know what a fantastic job the Lions of the Bismarck area did for this convention. If you weren't able to make it you missed out. The Co-Chairs Brach and Marian Johnson did an excellent job with the entertainment, the food, and all the meetings, and seminars. My thanks go out to International Director Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, AB., she reminded all of us just why we are Lions and that the work we do touches so much more than we can even begin to realize. We had some other excellent speakers as well including Sister Thomas Welder at breakfast and the Luncheon Keynote Speaker Steve Tomac. We ratified several items at our district meeting as well, the district approved increasing the charge for the state newspaper from \$3 to \$4 per year per member and increased the Hall of Fame dues from .25 to .50 per member per year and our district decided that we did not want to be part of the redistricting proposal submitted by Multiple District 5. There is more information below on redistricting if you are interested. Congratulations go out to our District Governor Elect Lion Dan Anderson and to our Vice District Governor Elect Lion Pat Vannett. I'd also like to congratulate the newest addition to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Lion PCC Allen Dockter and to our newest Melvin Jones recipient IPDG Lion Jan Froemming.

Redistricting

THE PROS AND THE CONS

First of all there seems to be some confusion so I will spell it out the best I can here and if you still have questions please don't hesitate to call or e-mail me.

First of all contrary to what we were told at the district meeting we are not classified by Lions Clubs International as "An Illegal Entity", when I contacted Nancy Gearhart manager for the English Language Department at Lions Clubs International this is what she told me.

"In response to your specific question about terminology used to describe districts that do not meet the constitutionally required membership minimum, the association uses "districts with less than 35 clubs/1250 members in good standing" when referring to these districts in general and "districts with less than 35 clubs/1250 members in good standing for over two years" when referring to the districts that have not met the membership requirement for two years or more. This is the

Replacement phrase for "transitional districts". "To my knowledge, the Association does not use the term "illegal entity" to describe these districts." In good standing" references the clubs and members not the district, as we discussed."



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Now there were some that had questions regarding the ability to nominate an International Director as a district with less than 35 clubs or 1250 members we CAN NOT!!! Also due to the fact that we are below the level of 1250 members our District Governor does not have the expenses of their spouse paid for to the International Convention by Lions Clubs International, on the other hand I asked this question of Nancy Gearhart a little over a year ago and I will give you now what she sent me so that you can see what I'm telling you comes from Lions Clubs International.

"Dear Vice District Governor Trotter,

We discussed districts with less than 35 clubs and 1,250 members a month ago. I promised to send you an answer to your question, "If a district in this situation increases its membership before June 2008 will the association pay for the travel expenses for the DGE's spouse to attend the DGE Seminar and international convention in Bangkok?"

The answer is no. Districts below 35/1250 and provisional districts showing a marked achievement in net membership gain in a full fiscal year will have the transportation expenses for the spouse of that year's district governor to attend the DGE Seminar and the international convention reimbursed as a special recognition of efforts for that fiscal year in retention of members as the first step toward membership growth."

Now Lions Clubs International is aware that Multiple District 5 is looking at redistricting but they are not telling us that

we have to do this as long as each district and the Multiple District is paying it's bills which we currently are but as you've seen due to the decreasing membership we have had to increase dues in certain areas

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.

Teamwork

What could your club do with 5 extra sets of hands? Can you think of a project that your club does that would go so much smoother if you had extra helping hands. Lions let's put an end to the old stand by saying "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 binarydio@wil.midco.net

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 binarydio@wil.midco.net

Opportunities To Serve

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.

volunteer hours Friday afternoon, October 24. A record of volunteer hours has been e-mailed to secretaries of all Lions clubs represented at the service project. Lion Selby and Convention Co-chair PDG Marian Johnson both felt that this first-time service venture was a worthwhile addition to State Convention programming.

Lions Chorus: Approximately 40 convention participants also took advantage of a first-time opportunity to join together in a State Lions Chorus. The group, under the direction of Convention Co-chair PCC Brach Johnson, squeezed in one rehearsal late Friday afternoon, just before the ice breaker. With a single practice under their belts, and to the accompaniment of piano and trumpet, the group performed three numbers at the Saturday evening banquet. The standing ovation at the conclusion of the group's performance reflected the level of audience appreciation!

Keynote Speakers: Convention participants were privileged to hear three excellent keynote speakers at the Saturday meal functions, beginning with University of Mary President Sister Thomas Welder, who spoke at breakfast on servant leadership and commitment to the Lions mission. Area farmer/rancher/legislator/rodeo clown Steve Tomac of St. Anthony addressed the group at the noon luncheon, sharing the adventures and life lessons of growing up one of 18 children.

Lions International Director Dr. Patricia Hill of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was the Saturday evening banquet speaker. ID Hill's remarks illustrated Lions International President Al Brandel's focus on Lions as everyday heroes who perform miracles through their service.

Breakout Sessions: ID Hill also served as presenter for one of nine different breakout sessions (with no repeats) on Saturday. In addition to Dr. Hill's question and answer session, other topics and presenters included wind power and alternative energy, given by Lion Ron Rebenitsch of Basin Electric Power Cooperative; North Dakota leadership seminar, by Bismarck Lion Jed Geer and Minot Lion Josh Ressler; Lions youth camp by District 5NW PDG Chuck Whitney; recycling eyeglasses, by Minot Lion Terry Narum; wildlife and hunting in North Dakota, by Kari Thorsteinson of ND Game & Fish; a panel discussion on university campus clubs with Lions panelists from North Dakota campus clubs; great destinations in North Dakota, by Lion Doug Prchal of ND Parks & Recreation; and a slide show presentation on his recent vision mission trip to Hungary, by Mandan Lion Dr. Daniel Long.

Awards: Member and club recognitions are staples of annual state conventions; North

Dakota Lions also welcome opportunities to honor those individual members and clubs that have "gone above and beyond" in their service to their communities. Perhaps most coveted among Lions awards is the Hall of Fame Award. Past Council Chair Allen Dockter, a 33-year member of the Capital City Lions, was honored as the 2008 North Dakota Hall of Fame recipient at the Saturday noon luncheon. PCC Dockter was selected for the honor through an application process from a field of five candidates from across the state. Selection criteria focus primarily on Lions leadership and involvement at the local, district, state and international levels, with additional emphasis on community service.

International President's Commendations, recognizing distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International, were awarded to four Lions from Districts 5NE and 5NC during the Saturday evening banquet. Those honored from District 5NE were PDG Gerald Sletmoe and PDG Katherine Tweed; PDG Marian Johnson and Minot Lion Terry Narum from District 5NC also received Commendations.

Bismarck North Star Lion Jerry Renner and Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Evelyn Silbernagel were named District 5NC Melvin Jones Fellows by their respective clubs. Named for the Lions International founder, a Melvin Jones fellowship is one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon Lions members.

Other outstanding individual club members and clubs from each district were recognized at the other meal functions and meetings on October 25. Look elsewhere in this issue for additional announcements of district awards.

New North Dakota Lions (since January 1, 2008) and their sponsors were recognized at the Saturday noon luncheon. Their luncheon tickets were sponsored by their districts.

Ice breaker. A "Caribbean Nights" ice breaker officially welcomed Lions, spouses and guests at 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 24. After a full day of meetings, service projects, two fundraisers,

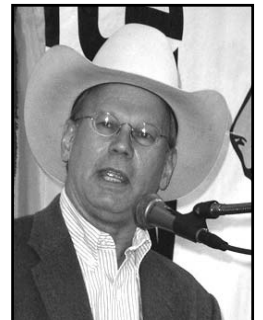
and chorus practice, Convention guests were ready to change into their resort-wear, dance and listen to the relaxing sounds of Caribbean Groove, a four-piece steel drum band from Bismarck, and enjoy the Caribbean décor (all of which was created by members of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions) and refreshments.

Many of the 278 Lions, spouses and guests moved beyond the traditional Convention activities and programs and into the first-time Convention opportunities offered, giving their time, talents and/or money to the American Red Cross, the American Diabetes Association, and their fellow Lions through their gift of music. "And a good time was had by all!"

University of Mary President Sister Thomas Welder spoke on servant leadership and commitment to the Lions mission at the October 25 breakfast.



Area farmer/rancher/legislator/rodeo clown Steve Tomac of St. Anthony was the Saturday noon luncheon keynote speaker, sharing the adventures and life lessons of growing up one of 18 children.



Lion Les Colen (at the podium) announces a raid of all Lions, spouses and guests during the Saturday noon luncheon. Looking on in "shocked horror" are (seated left to right) Prairie Rose Lion Diane Dockter and noon luncheon keynote speaker Steve Tomac. Capital City Lion Wayne Unruh (standing, left back) and other pirates of the Capital City Lions stand by, ready to loot and plunder at the signal.

LEADERSHIP SEMINAR HOPES TO GROW

Submitted by
SCOTT J. RESSLER

The North Dakota Leadership Seminar (NDLS) was most appreciative of being able to present a session at this year's N.D. State Lions Convention. N.D. Lion clubs have long been supporting us and we appreciated the invitation to give a brief presentation about our organization and our outstanding seminar. We look forward to continuing that strong relationship with ND Lions for many years to come.

Preparations are underway for the 2009 North Dakota Leadership Seminar (NDLS) that will be May 29-31, 2009 at the University of Mary in Bismarck. NDLS is able to continue its outstanding work due to the generosity of companies, organizations, foundations and individuals. Since 1981, we've continued to provide this

outstanding three-day experience totally free of cost to high school sophomores from across North Dakota.

Every school in North Dakota is invited to select one outstanding student leader, regardless of the schools' size. For many of these students, NDLS may be their first real individual trip away from home and a life changing experience.

Some of the skill and developmental activities our future young leaders will be involved in are: Leadership Development Legislative Debates, Volunteerism Constitutional Debates, Entrepreneurship Teambuilding Skills.

We would like to recognize the following clubs for their recent contributions to the 2009 ND Leadership Seminar.

Garrison Lions	\$100
Magic City Lions	\$500

North Dakota LEADERSHIP Seminar

THANKS FOR 'LEADERSHIP' OPPORTUNITY

Editor's note: Following is a testimonial from a mother of a student who was impacted by attending a recent Leadership Seminar.

Hello to All!

I want to thank each and every one of you for doing such a wonderful job! My son attended your conference last weekend. He has had several medical issues over the past five years that I was worried about letting him attend. I knew your program was outstanding as I spoke at your banquet a couple of years ago. I just knew that my son was uncomfortable with groups and is pretty much so a kid that likes to be by himself. He and I talked about him attending for weeks prior to the conference and I reassured him that he would have fun. The day I came to pick him up I feared that he would be sad and really unhappy that he attended. I was extremely apprehensive and didn't look forward to seeing him sad again.

Guess what? I was looking for him at the family banquet and I couldn't find him right away. I was late due to another commitment. Out of the corner of my eye I saw a young man walking towards me as I was scanning the crowd for him. I didn't recognize who it was ... it was my son. I was so surprised as this young man was walking with confidence, head held high (he usually walks with his shoulders curved down and really to himself), smiling from ear to ear! Smiling bigger than I have ever seen him smile!

What can I say to the group that has changed my son's life? He grabbed me and hugged me like he's never hugged me before. He said, "Mom, I had the greatest time in my life! I have friends! They even like me!" The tears came to my eyes. Before I knew it, he was crying too. These were happy tears. Tears of relief ... tears of gratefulness. Thank you, everyone. Something happened to him, there ... I know that you have changed his life forever. Since then he and I have talked about his experience and both agree that he is not the same child he was. Please know that I will never be able to thank you enough. My son feels loved. He feels that someone cares. He has hope ... and you are the ones that changed it all.

God bless all of you. Thank you.

ELGIN DAKOTA



TWO NEW LIONS

The Dakota Lions had the privilege of inducting two new members at their September 6th meeting. Lion Jan Froemming sponsored Dr. Annette Haas, and Michelle Brazon was sponsored by Lion Carol Winkler. President Lion Sally Ackermann did the installation.



NEW MEMBERS

At the February meeting the Elgin Dakota Lions inducted two new members, Tyesha Dent and Kathy Hsu, with Lion Jan Froemming sponsoring the new members and President Lion Elsie Stelter doing the installation.

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Albert F. Brandel, president
International Association
Of Lions Clubs

Fellow Lions:

You won't find a more dedicated Lion than my wife, Maureen, but when we began dating it was another story. I told her I was "a little involved with Lions." She responded, "What's a Lion?"

That shows you our challenge in getting our name out and attracting new members. People are bombarded with so much information and advertisement and so many appeals for help and volunteerism that it's easy for Lions Clubs to get lost in the clutter. That's why we need to present a clear image of who we are. We need to speak with one voice. So we've "rebranded" Lions. We've taken a long look at who we are. After conferring with many Lions worldwide, we've identified eight key characteristics of Lions.

We are global.

We serve where we live.

We give 100 percent.

We do it ourselves.

We are rich in heritage and pride.

We are in good company.

We're open.

8. We are dedicated to sight – and more.

You will help your club grow and become more diverse by communicating these key characteristics.

Lions Clubs International has a wide range of resources available on its Web site to help you communicate these messages. Please take a look at the impressive We are Lions brochure (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_news_BrandFAQ.shtml) Also learn more about our rebranding http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/lions_brand_book.pdf.

Our 21st century messages deserve 21st century media. Lions Clubs International is working hard to make sure you have access to the tools you need to communicate effectively. Our association now has a presence on the online video site YouTube. Because this site is global, yet person-to-person media, it is an excellent match for an organization whose ideals embrace both personal service and worldwide



cooperation. I urge all Lions subscribe to the Lions channel on YouTube (<http://www.youtube.com/lionsclubsorg>).

Of course the best way to communicate in any century is by example. To be sure that your club is walking-the-walk as well as talking-the-talk, ask yourself the following questions.

In the past month, has my club:

Invited someone to a service activity or to visit my club?

Offered a warm welcome to newcomers?

Talked with local leaders about our commitment to the community?

Identified a problem in our community or in the world that our club can work on?

Focused on the impact that we want to make?

Heard someone say that our club is an asset to the community?

Acted generously from the heart?

Lions working together can accomplish any task. Your club can ramp up its energy, spirit and membership and take its service to new levels.

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

Big thank you

Karen Thomas
*Executive Director
Lions Eye Bank of ND*

We would like to thank all the clubs and Lions that helped raise money for Stacie and I to run in the Baltimore Marathon Run for Vision. There were a total of 14,000 runners this year -- the biggest year yet.

A big thank you to all that helped. Hope to run again next year with your help!

I would also like to thank all the clubs for the donations to the Eye Bank at the Parade

of Green at the State convention I would especially like to thank three special Lions for helping me out and making a personal cash donation. Lion Rick Swenson, Lion Chuck Whitney, Lion Dave Charles. Thank you all!



TRIPLE T CAN HELP SOLVE MEMBERSHIP WOES

Submitted

Lions Clubs are researching ways to effectively recruit, involve and retain members. It has become increasingly evident when time and financial commitments are expected volunteers are reluctant to become members of service club.

Research by several well-known sociologists has suggested serviced clubs can be successful in recruiting, involving and retaining members if new approaches that complement the needs and life style of current generations are met. A program recently developed by a group of Lion leaders has used this research to develop an interactive, multi-media presentation that has received very positive reviews.

Transfusion, Transition, Transformation (also referred to as Triple T or TTT) has been presented in 19 states and 4 Canadian provinces using qualified trainers. The interactive, multi-media approach allows involvement by the participants as well as visual (DVD) examples of the nine modules presented.

PDG Jim Jagers of Oregon offers testimony as to the success of TTT, which also reflects comments from many other evaluations received. "The work PDG Steve Thomson has done with the Triple T program in District 36-0 has turned the corner...We just need to keep up the momentum. For the first time since 2002, District 0 has a positive net gain...and the establishment of two new clubs. More importantly, the Lions who have participated in TTT have helped move the District forward with a 'can do' attitude. DG Sharon Elder is committed to continue the work with TTT and it is incorporated in the Multiple District 5 year plan."

Details about the Triple T program, thumbnail sketches of the nine modules, how to schedule a training and additional evaluation comments can be gleaned from the web site www.lionsttt.com. Information can also be obtained by contacting: PID Mick Barrus, 1536 16th St. #2, Cody, WY 82414; Phone: (307) 527-4954; Email: lionmick@bresnan.net.



2009 State Lions Convention "Anchored in Service"

October 30 & 31, 2009

Mandan Seven Seas - Exit 152 on I-94



Lodging

Seven Seas Hotel	The Ridge
Exit 152	Exit 152
\$69/night(Single/Double)	\$65 Double; \$55 Single
Phone: 663-7401	663-8686

Registration

Oct. 24, '08 - Feb. 15, '09	\$25/person
Feb. 16, '09 - Oct. 15, '09	\$40/person
Oct. 15, '09 - On Site	\$ 50/person



Choose the Meals you want:

(Friday Icebreaker, coffee breaks included in registration)

- ___ **Saturday Breakfast** - Scrambled eggs, bacon, Hash Browns, Assorted Danishes, Fruit juice, coffee, tea, or milk **\$ 9.95**
- ___ **Saturday Luncheon** - Stuffed chicken breast with bread dressing, Tossed salad, Roasted Red potatoes, Country Trio Vegetables, Chocolate Cake with warm Caramel Sauce, coffee, tea, or milk **\$ 10.50**
- ___ **Saturday Banquet** - Prime Rib of Beef, Mandarin Orange Salad with Poppyseed Dressing, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Real Vanilla Cheesecake with Cherry topping, coffee, tea, or milk **\$ 22.00**

___ **Special dietary needs:**

Meal Total - _____

Registration - _____

Total Amount - _____

Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant.

Name: _____ Lion Guest (circle one)

Badge: _____ Club : _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

ZIP

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Make check payable to: **ND State Lions Convention**

Mail registration form & check to:

PDG Herman Schafer, 445 London Ave #1, Bismarck, ND 58504



EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT OCTOBER 2008

**Eyeglasses received
since 1998**

602,900

Eyeglasses in system

60,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

3,000

Thank you to all that brought eyeglasses to the ND State Convention. Those that I am aware of include: Lehr, Valley City, Hooterville, Turtle Lake, Lake Metigoshe, Rugby, Carrington, Ashley, Dickinson, Ray and Elgin. Sorry if I missed any clubs.

Thank you also to those clubs that were running recycling programs on Halloween. Those glasses should begin to arrive in the next two months.

With the glasses brought to the convention we topped 600,000 pair!

Tery Narum, Recycling chair
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LEPAGE SERVICE AWARD

By MICHELLE ZENTZ
NDAB president

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc. would like to announce the formation of the Robert John LePage Service Award. During the NDAB 2008 State Convention in Fargo, Bob was presented a service award by the Fargo Convention Planning Committee for his years and hours of dedication given to assist numerous individuals with sight loss within the Fargo-Moorhead area. It was with humble appreciation that he accepted the recognition award for service presented to him, followed by a standing ovation.

Bob dedicated more than 24 years of his life as a Gateway Lion serving people with sight loss, in many ways. He was instrumental in forming the yearly "Bowling for the Blind" program in Fargo. He participated in the Lions All Star Basketball fundraising event and provided a kind listening ear when one was encountering rough times. However, most notably were Bob's contributions of providing transportation. When he was not able to drive himself, his wife or other Gateway Lions Club members were inspired



by him to provide rides. Bob drove people to doctor appointments, Vision and Braille Support Group meetings, and even assisted them with grocery shopping. He also made arrangements to rent a van and trailer to "hit the road," and drove us to the Adult Summer Camp near Dawson, the Annual NDAB State Conventions, and other NDAB functions. Bob often encouraged the Gateway Lions to help subsidize the cost of chartering a bus to transport participants to Ski for Light in Deadwood, South Dakota. This yearly January event is a program of cross-country skiing benefiting adults who are blind, visually-impaired, and mobility-impaired. His usual parting words were, "Hey Kiddo, if you have somewhere you need to go, just let me know." As you can see, Bob's commitment to those who needed assistance was evident by his actions.

Bob did not seek nor want recognition, but nonetheless was given numerous awards by the Lions and was named a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient in 2002. Only three months after receiving the Service Award at Fargo, Bob died Sept. 9th, 2008. He is sorely missed by all of us and his spirit will continue to inspire many. Our sympathies are with his beloved wife Virginia, his extended family and fellow Lions members.

In memory of Bob's service, we are asking one outstanding individual to be selected from each Lions Club across North Dakota. All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members and one individual will be chosen to receive a Service Award in Bob's honor. Please submit your application by March 15, 2009 and include the following information: the individual's name, club name and contact information, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within your community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from your Club President. Typed correspondence would be much appreciated. Please send the requested information to the address listed below. The winner will be announced at a later date.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit our web site at www.ndab.org

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: vcclion@msn.com

Deadline for all applications will be March 10th, 2009