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Bringing sight to the world

By STU MERRY

Enough recycled eyeglasses to fit every North Dakotan. That's more than 635,000. Wow. Talk about a recycling project. But Minot Lions Club member Terry Narum, along with a little help from his friends, has done just that.

The Minot Lions Club began its eyeglass collection and recycling program about 10 years ago. Narum, a Douglas native and 1968 graduate of Garrison High School, agreed to oversee the project until enough eyeglasses were processed to equal the population of the state.

Narum, who has been a Lion since April 1, 1989, credits Jill Martinson, an optometrist from Minot who coincidentally also calls Garrison home, with providing the impetus to get the eyeglass recycling program started. Martinson traveled to Honduras multiple times, taking with her eyeglasses for the citizens of the country.

"She was the reason we really got going," Narum said.

Offering his garage as a storage/processing area, little did he know how the project would grow.

Narum said he has what he calls two "sorts" in his house – some glasses are in the garage. Others are in the entry way ... "and all over the house."

Narum said he has from 200-250 large apple boxes of glasses in his home at one time.

The preparation process in the garage made for some cold times, especially in winter. But a couple years ago a heater was installed so eyeglass preparers could work in luxury.

"It's a little easier to get help when you have a heater," Narum admits.

It's not only Lions members who have been a part of the process. Also assisting have been ROTC groups, 4-H kids and church groups. Ideally, it takes about 12 people to get 3,000 pair (the amount that fits in the back of his pickup) washed and dried in an evening.

He said club members believe their recycling center is the largest between



Terry Narum

Chicago, Denver and the West Coast.

"Our commitment to recycling eyeglasses has been underwritten by the Minot Lions Club as well as Bethany Lutheran Church, who has provided facilities for washing and sanitizing used eyeglasses," he said.

Narum admits that from time to time he has become overwhelmed, but he quickly adds the club has been able to meet the needs of optometrists who have wanted to

go on mission trips.

Once the cleaning, processing, sorting and packaging is complete, glasses are ready for their new owners.

Narum said Crosscountry Courier of Minot has graciously offered free freight to any area in its geographic territory. Once the glasses are shipped, it is up to the optometrist to organize the glasses and to

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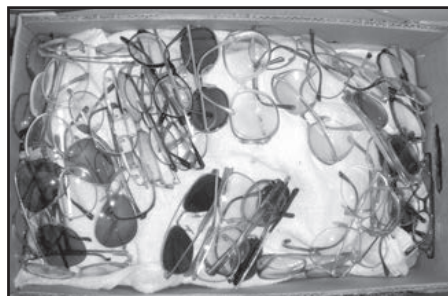
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arrange for the final destination.

The impetus of having glasses available is to spur the interest of optometrists who might not have thought of themselves as candidates for a mission trip, he said. The only requirement is that the glasses are connected to an optometrist from the region, which now includes both the Dakotas as well as Minnesota.

In the last few years, the recycling center has provided recycled and new eyeglasses to mission trips on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. All of the used eyeglasses as well as the hours sorting and cleaning have been donated. All of the expenses of the optometrists going on mission trips and those going as assistants have been donated.

Narum said one of the reasons he took the project under his wings was to show his kids how one group of people could make



a difference in the world.

Used eyeglasses have a value in many third world countries equal to a year's wages for a family unit. Because of the value, many of the optometrists have brought back used eyeglasses rather than trying to find a storage area to leave them behind and chance them falling into the hands of the black markets.

Even though the task seems daunting at times, Narum said the payback is listening to the optometrists share their stories upon their return.

"It's been very satisfying," he said. "The stories they tell of parents who have never seen their children, or children who have never seen their parents, or even a tree – many have never seen an optometrist.

"The people are extremely happy to receive the glasses," he added.

One of Narum's proudest moments was when one optometrist told him the only reason he was making a trip was because of the eyeglass project.

"We were what allowed him to go on the mission trip to Honduras," he said. "If you are the reason something got started ... that was much more gratifying."

Another source of gratification is the response from those who have taken part in a processing session.

"They (groups) come away with a tremendous satisfaction because they then realize what it must be like in these third world countries," he said. "Anybody who comes and works in that atmosphere comes away with a deeper appreciation of what they have and what the others don't have ...

the whole process can be addictive."

But with his 650,000 goal nearly reached, Narum said maybe the time is ripe to turn the endeavor over to someone else. He said he is shooting for February to have someone or some other group or groups take over the project. He is hopeful that an individual or individuals or clubs take the project over, adding the project could be divided into three sections – initial collection and presort – washing and sanitizing, then hand-drying the glasses -- reading prescription and bagging the glasses. He notes there has been some interest shown from other clubs to take over one of the processes.

With the glasses collected at the state convention in October more than 600,000 have been processed. With that goal on the horizon, Narum said he is looking forward to phasing out of the process.

He reasons, "I have done my duty."

LIONS

'KNIGHTS

FOR THE BLIND'

Lions Clubs around the world pride themselves as being "Knights for the Blind." That title was given to Lions Club members in 1925 when Helen Keller addressed the Lions international convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She challenged those in attendance to take up the crusade against darkness. And step up they did. Ever since, Lions Clubs International has been the leader in preventing blindness around the world – most notably in third world countries. Lions Clubs around the world recycle used eyeglasses. Most recently Lions around the world joined to raise more than \$200 million (U.S.) for a program called Campaign SightFirst II. The goal of the campaign was to rid the world of preventable and reversible blindness by supporting desperately needed health care services.

THE PROCESSING OF EYEGLASSES

- Pre-sort usable eyeglasses.
- Box the usable eyeglasses.
- Wash and sanitize recyclable glasses in a church commercial dishwasher.
- Hand-dry glasses to prevent spotting (at a church).
- Pack clean glasses in apple boxes donated by local grocery stores.
- Read and print out prescription number for eyeglasses using a state of the art Topcon precision reader and place in a zip lock bag (my home).
- Ship to optometrist for their final sort prior to mission trip.
- The total time needed to prepare one pair of glasses for shipment from arrival to departure is approximately five minutes (equal to a total of 30,000-40,000 donated hours).

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MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Sustaining memberships

Jacquelyn Duerre

Gold Clubs (\$500)

South Forks Lions Club

Visitation Bear

Jud Lions \$35

Designated funds

North Dakota Ocular Research Center

State Lions Convention Stride Walk \$460

Vision USA

Bismarck Lions \$165

Capital City Lions..... \$111

Garrison Lions \$150

Glenburn Lions \$45

Lake Metigoshe Lions..... \$108

Lehr Lions..... \$36

Minot Lions \$159

Minot Plum Valley Lions \$36

Robinson Lions..... \$50

Washburn Lions..... \$500

Fargo Lions..... \$222

Kulm Lions..... \$57

DISTRICT 5NC EXTENSION WORKSHOP HELD

On Nov. 17 through Nov. 20, District 5NC held an Extension Workshop led by VDG James Ruff of Lehr and International New-Club Development Consultant Lou Brunet of Cantley, Quebec, Canada. Lion Lou held training sessions in the morning at Lehr, and the afternoons were spent in their target areas: Lincoln and Steele. In those areas, they met with the mayors, city coordinators, and owners of major businesses.

One innovative concept that Brunet talked about was “family clubs”. These clubs embrace members from ages 0 to 99, having them all meet in the evening for a meal. After that, the older children can look after the younger ones while the parents discuss the items on their Lions agenda for a half hour to 45 minutes. When there are activities and fund-raisers, youngsters are encouraged to help out the rest and work side-by-side with them. This approach was discussed at both Steele and Lincoln, and may be an option for either or both of those clubs.

Approaches to the city leaders were well received in both communities. The \$2 million liability policy available to Lions Clubs was definitely seen as an advantage over an uninsured “volunteer group” or “booster club”. BEK Communications in Steele has offered to pay the dues of any interested employee who joins Lions, and Northland Financial was going to be meeting in December to consider a similar move. In Lincoln, the mayor and councilmen were very enthusiastic about this addition to their community.

Much work still needs to be done. New clubs are not started over night, and 20 people have to sign up in either community before their chartering can take place. Efforts will continue in both communities with initial meetings with the public starting in December, and continuing into January. The Lehr Lions are going to sponsor the Steele Lions Club, and VDG Ruff and his



Pictured on November 17 at Steele: International Consultant Leo Brunet, VDG James Ruff, Lion Donna Ruff, VDGE Bev Charles, and PDG Marian Johnson. Others who came during the week on other days were as follows: Lions John and Bonnie Wiskus of Lehr; 1A Zone Chairman James Grossman of Ashley; District Governor Craig Wollenburg, Sandy Wurgler, and Janet Miller of Rugby; Carolyn Lean of Bismarck Prairie Rose.

wife Donna will be their Guiding Lions. VDG Ruff has asked the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions to sponsor the Lincoln effort, and Lion Carolyn Lean and VDGE Bev Charles will be the Guiding Lions for them. All of those four attended the last day of the Extension Workshop, where Lion Lou led their Certified Guiding Lion training.

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

5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota, I want to wish all of you the very best of seasons greetings and I hope you will have a great "2009". The first half of this Lions year has been eventful and has gone by very fast.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

Tayla Ordahl, a student at Kindred Public School, is this year's winner of the Peace Poster Contest for 5NE. Her poster will go on to compete in the MD 5 contest. She was sponsored by the Leonard Lions Club. Congratulations, Tayla.

UND CAMPUS LIONS CLUB

We officially have a new Lions Club in 5NE. The UND Campus Lions Club was "chartered" on Thursday, November 20. What a great celebration we had that night. 28 college students made the decision to be involved in service projects by joining Lions Clubs International (LCI). The President of the club is Stephanie Windish. South Forks Lions Club of Grand Forks is the sponsoring club, while Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lions Club is the Guiding Lion. Special recognition will go to PDG Katherine Tweed, who was very instrumental in getting the UND Campus Lions Club started. For her efforts she will earn the Extension Award from LCI.

OTHER LIONS CLUBS

EXTENSIONS

You will recall that we had an extension workshop sponsored by LCI during the week of November 3-6. The purpose of this workshop was to develop new Lions Clubs. We concentrated on the communities of Casselton and Mayville-Portland. I am very happy to report that efforts to start Lions Clubs in those areas are going very well. Casselton has had two organizational meetings to date. They have 14 signed "chartered" members and have elected some of their club officers. Douglas Howard has been elected President. Robert Littlefield and John Dobbs from the Fargo Lions Club are the Guiding Lions. Mayville-Portland has held three organizational meetings to date. They have 21 signed "chartered" members. (To charter a new club 20 members are needed.) Some of their club officers have been elected as well. Michael Rexine has been elected President. Rob & Carla Lein of the Fargo Lions Club are the Guiding Lions with assistance from Katherine Tweed. Both clubs have set more organizational meetings after the first of the year. The possibility of having two more "new" Lions Clubs in 5NE look very good.

CONGRATULATIONS CASSELTON & MAYVILLE-PORTLAND.

MEMBERSHIP

I just recently got the report from LCI telling myself how the membership of 5NE is as of November 30 as compared to July 1. I am sad to report that our membership now stands at 977. This is a drop of 6 members. We must stop this declining membership trend!!! You will recall that I have put a challenge to each Lions Club of 5NE to have a net increase of 5 percent by June 30, 2009. How is your club doing? Have you had a membership drive? How do you get new members? You ask them!!!! So let's all get behind this challenge and turn this membership thing around. We will show a positive membership growth the 2nd half of this Lions year. THANKS/

DUES

Each club of 5NE will soon be getting a dues billing from LCI and 5NE. These billings are for the second half of the 2008-2009 Lions year. (Billings come out around July 1 and January 1.) Please take care of payment of these bills as soon as possible. For a Lions Club to be in good standing, all dues must be paid on time. THANKS CLUB TREASURERS.

VISITATIONS

I have made my "official" visitation to many clubs of 5NE and by the first of the year only a few clubs will be left to visit. Mary Ann and myself have really enjoyed these visitations. The Lions clubs of 5NE have made us feel very welcome. THANKS. During my visitations, I have talked about the 6 goals that I have for 2008-2009 and the 4 challenges for each of the Lions Clubs of 5NE. Lions members of 5NE keep up the good work. Your service and fund raising projects are just great. Be proud of the work that you are doing for Lionism, not only in your community, but also in this great State and the world. Be proud to be a Lion. Wear your Lions pin with pride.

CABINET MEETING

The next cabinet meeting for 5NE will be held on Saturday, January 3 starting at



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10:00 AM. This meeting will be held in Carrington at the Chieftain. All cabinet members are encouraged to attend as we will be discussing many topics of importance to the Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota as well. Please let Secretary Pat Roundy know about your attendance intentions.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

DATEBOOK

January 3 5NE Cabinet Meeting-Carrington
January 12 Sheldon
January 13 Mayville-Portland
January 19 Casselton
January 22 Davenport
January 24 ND Lions Foundation & Eye Bank Mtgs-Bismarck

THOUGHT:

"A good idea can become a great idea when given focus time".

CSFII - BY THE NUMBERS

US \$72 million raised by Lions to save sight.
An additional US \$10.5 million raised by clubs,
but not yet submitted to LCIF
1,650 Model Clubs



The newest Lions in District 5NE are the 28 students inducted into the University of North Dakota Campus Lions Club by Dist. Gov. Duane Zwinger, Thursday, Nov. 20. Photos by Mary Ann Zwinger

HISTORY MADE IN DISTRICT 5NE

The University of North Dakota Campus Lions Club was chartered Thursday, Nov. 20, a day that welcomed 28 new Lions into service.

Among the special guests and speakers were PID Bruce Schwartz and Lion Steve Windish and his family from the Bismarck Lions Club; Lion President Owen Graupe from the sponsoring South Forks Lions Club; Guiding Lion and emcee Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lions Club; PDGs John Dobbs and Al Kahlbaugh, and Lion Salli Lou Anderson, representing the Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club. Many Lions from the Grand Forks, Zone A1, area attended.

Dist. Gov. Duane Zwinger first installed the 28 members and then the officers:

Lion Stephanie Windish, president
 Lion Emily Lorenz, vice president
 Lion Vanessa Watson, secretary
 Lion Patrick Nagel, treasurer
 Lion Kelli Atkinson, membership chairperson

DG Zwinger welcomed the club into the largest service organization in the world and informed the group of the opportunities Lions have for them, but most important, encouraged them to build their club into a club of service to the campus and community.

PID Schwartz spoke about the uniqueness of being charter Lions. Some members of the new club were charter members of the St. Mary's Leo Club in Bismarck. He also issued his personal Ten Challenges to the new members.

Lion President Windish received PID Schwartz's personal banner for the UND Lions Club and was inducted into the Order of the Sparkplug by PDG Katherine Tweed.

The new club received a number of cash gifts and best wishes from other clubs in the District.

The club has been a two-year project with Lions Windish and Dist. 5NE Campus Club chairperson PDG Tweed working through the process. The North Dakota University System has specific requirements for campus organizations. Once those criteria were met, the club formed.

Each new member has been challenged to bring in new members, to be club and community builders, and to remember the most important thing for all Lions, service and fulfilling our mission.

Symptoms of Diabetes

- ✓ Frequent Urination ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Unexplained Weight Loss
- ✓ Irritability ✓ Blurred Vision
- ✓ Changes in Appetite ✓ Unusual Thirst

Risk Factors

- ✓ Being Overweight
- ✓ Inactive
- ✓ Over the age of 45
- ✓ Family History of Diabetes
- ✓ Giving Birth to a Large Baby

North Dakota LEADERSHIP Seminar

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Following is a list of the most recent Lions clubs that have contributed to North Dakota Leadership Seminar (NDLS).

More are in the works because of clubs contacting us.

November

Minot Lions Club..... \$100
Plum Valley Lions - Minot\$100

Total

Minot Lions Club.....\$100
Plum Valley Lions - Minot \$100
Garrison Lions Club.....\$100
Magic City Lions Club.....\$500

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, the organization has continued to provide this outstanding 3-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. For more information clubs can contact me.

'I.C.E.' IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Information forwarded by
PDG KATHERINE TWEED

Apparently this is a standard procedure all paramedics follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.

ICE - 'In Case of Emergency'

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know whom to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell (mobile) phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there were

a nationally recognized name for this purpose. In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital Staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as 'ICE.'

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. A great idea that will make a difference!

IF YOU PUT A COUPLE OF SPACES BEFORE THE 'ICE', IT WILL SHOW FIRST IN YOUR LIST OF CONTACTS!

Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our Mobile phones today! Please forward this. It won't take too many 'forwards' before everybody will know about this. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for you when you are not able to.

LEONARD



Pictured, from left, Carl Piper, Erling Stenhjem, Don Heuer, and Cliff Vining.

CLUB HOSTS LADIES NIGHT

The Leonard Lion's Club held its Annual Ladies' Night Tuesday evening, Nov. 25th at the Senior Center in Leonard. Michael Lyness was the chairman. A prime rib supper with all of the trimmings was furnished by the Big T's Bar and grill in Leonard, served by Marcy and George Wendling. Each Lion's member's spouse was presented with a rose for the evening.

Carl Piper, president, was the MC for the evening. Erling Stenhjem and Don Heuer were honored by being given the Melvin Jones Award. They are the two remaining charter members of the club, which was organized in 1957.

Attendance awards were given to the following Lion members; Derek Cruff, Don Heuer, Brian McDonald, Carl Piper, Dale Roesler, Earl Roesler, L.D. Roesler, Sean Roesler, Merle Schatzke, David Strand and Cliff Vining. Leon Roesler was given a 35-year pin. Twenty-year pins were presented to Marvin Baarstad, Any Nokelberg and Gerald Vangsness. Matt Heuer received a 15-year pin and 10-year pins went to Troy Roesler and Brian McDonald.

The entertainment for the evening was "Not So Newlywed Game." Brian McDonald was in charge of that. Derek and Ladine Cruff were the winners. Five door prizes were given out. They were poinsettia plants. The winners of those were Karen Piper, Carol Roesler, Nikki Roesler, Darleen Vining and Ladine Cruff.

Those attending the Ladies' Night were Carl and Karen Piper, Derek and Ladine Cruff, Roger and Virginia McDonald, Brian McDonald, Earl Roesler, Leon and Carol Roesler, Troy and Nikki Roesler, Don Heuer, Erling and Alice Stenhjem, Cliff and Darleen Vining, David and Debbie Strand, Merle and Betty Schatzke and Marvin and Jeanette Baarstad.

The next monthly meeting of the Leonard Lion's Club will be Monday evening, Dec. 22nd with an Oyster Stew at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center in Leonard.

5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all my fellow Lions. It's hard to believe my year as District Governor will be half over at the end of the month. As I was mulling over the idea of running for district Governor I asked several PDG's what it would be like. Everyone of them told me the year would fly by. I certainly can attest to that. They also told me it would be an exciting, rewarding, and wonderful experience that I would never forget and again they were right. It has been all of these things but the most memorable part of the job and that which will stay with me for as long as I live, are the individual Lions I have had the privilege to meet. That includes Lions from around the world, Lions in MD5, Lions from around the state and Lions from the local clubs. Their abilities, their character, their genuine warmth, and their dedication to service have been an inspiration to me and I thank them for that. This includes all of you. Truly you are Every Day Heroes!



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MEMBERSHIP

Increasing membership is the focal point of International President Al Brandel's efforts this year. We have

HOOTERVILLE



WARMHEARTS

The Hooterville Flion Lions annually make a charitable donation to "Operation Warmheart," a project coordinated by the First Sergeants at Minot Air Force Base. "Operation Warmheart" provides for food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas to families in need at the Minot Air Force Base. Master Sergeant James Long, First Sergeant of the 5th Med. Group, accepted the check from Hooterville Flion Lion Secretary Dolly Alef.

been working hard on this front. Extension efforts are taking shape as we recently held an extension workshop in Lehr and have high hopes that we will soon establish Lions clubs in Steele and Lincoln. PDG Marina and current Membership Chair Lion Marian Johnson has written an article for this month's Lion newspaper regarding the workshop. Take time to read it.

My personal challenge to each club is to finish the year with a net gain of 1 member. Recently I had the privilege of inducting 5 – yes, I said 5 – new members into the University of Mary Lions Club. Congratulations to President Ciara, and everyone associated his club. I welcome all you new members to the greatest service club in the world. Go out and create Miracles! Now, how about the rest of you? Almost every club I've visited so far talked about potential new members. Many of them I met. Are they members yet? If not it's time to get them on the roster. Not just for numbers sake but so we can continue to do all the things Lions do. Continue to provide the services we provide and create all those miracles through that service. Let people see and hear about what we do, that we get

involved and that we get things done and they will want to join the greatest service organization in the world. LIONS. Remember a net gain of 1 by the end of the year.

The second part of membership is orientation. Once we induct a new member we need to ask what happens next. Do we say "now that we have a new member let's make him or her president"? I bet this sounds familiar. Getting new members involved in club activities is crucial to their success and feeling of belonging but throwing them into a job that they are not ready for is a sure way to lose them. They need to be nurtured. Do you have an orientation program for new members? One that introduces them to what Lions are and what they stand for? If not – why not. This could be the job of one member of your club. Someone who is familiar with Lionism at the International, District, as well as the local level would be a good choice. There is a wealth of materials that are available from LCI that would aid in this task. The majority of people nowadays are internet savvy and if we simply introduce a new member to LCI's website they could tap in this resource and explore Lionism at their own pace. However we still need someone to start the process. In recruiting new members this is one our obligations to the new member. So let's examine what we are doing in this area and see if we can improve on it. We could save a Lion.

VISITATIONS

As I stated earlier my visitations have been a source of joy. So far I have only visited clubs that have extended an invitation. After the first of the year I will be arranging a schedule to visit the rest of the clubs. Looking forward to meeting everyone, sharing a meal, having a little fun, and carrying out our mission: To SERVE.



James Ruff



Bev Charles

DISTRICT 5NC ELECTS TWO AT 2008 STATE CONVENTION

by Lion JeAnne Selby, 5NC PR Co-chair

Lion James Ruff, Lehr, was elected District 5NC District Governor Elect, and Lion Bev Charles, Bismarck, was elected District 5NC Vice District Governor Elect during the October 25 District business meeting during the 2008 State Convention.

Lion Ruff, a 31-year Lion, currently serves on the 5NC Cabinet as MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership) Team Chair. He has served on past District 5NC Cabinets as Zone 1A Chair, Region 1 Chair and 5NC Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer. He has also served his Lehr Lions Club as Club President. He will serve as 5NC District Governor from July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

Lion Charles, a four-year member of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, currently serves on the 5NC Cabinet as Zone 2A Chair. Lion Charles is the Immediate Past President of her Prairie Rose Club. She will succeed Lion Ruff as District 5NC Governor in 2010.

Both Lions recently became certified Guiding Lions.

CSFII ONE OF LCIF'S GREATEST SUCCESSES

At the 91st Annual Lions Clubs International Convention those in attendance celebrated one of Lions clubs International Foundation's (LCIF) greatest successes.

Thanks to the generosity and support of Lions worldwide, Campaign SightFirst II raised more than US \$200 million. These funds will allow Lions to continue and expand the life-changing work of the SightFirst program.

LCIF's SightFirst program has saved or restored the sight of more than 276 million people in communities around the world. The funds raised through CSFII will allow these efforts to increase, saving the sight of as many as 37 million more. This is a tremendous accomplishment and a great success for Lions worldwide.

The SightFirst program is one of LCIF's largest and most renowned initiatives to date, but is only one aspect of the humanitarian work of the foundation. For more than 40 years, LCIF has provided a wide range of humanitarian service to those in need. In addition to its sight initiatives, LCIF combats disability, provides disaster relief and supports the health and

education of youth. Through LCIF, Lions develop projects that address the immediate and long-term needs of its local and global communities.

GRANTS ISSUED

Lions can take pride in their foundation. Since 1968, LCIF has awarded nearly 9,000 grants, totaling more than US \$625 million

GARRISON



Photo by STU MERRY

Garrison Lions member Don Gackle checks out the winning poster of Arianna Larson. Larson was named the local winner in Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest

PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER IS ANNOUNCED

Arianna Larson, seventh grader at Garrison High School, has been chosen the local winner of Lions Clubs International's Peace Poster Contest.

Being named the local winner is the first step in choosing an international winner. Larson's poster now advances to district competition. The Garrison Lions Club sponsored the local competition.

Larson's poster will be among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 21st annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected by school and Garrison Lions members for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Peace Begins With Me." The judging was held this past week.

Following district judging, the winning entry will advance through the multiple district and international rounds of competition.

One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$2,500, plus a trip for the winner and two family members to New York City, for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US \$500.

Fifteen students participated in the Garrison competition. Finalists included entries by Kara Jeffers, Brooke Kerzmann, Robyn Essler, Gabe Lassila, Laura Zacharias and Emily Giffey.

5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

MEMBERSHIP

First I would like to congratulate the Lions of District 5NW, we have changed the direction in our membership numbers. You have shown that by letting people know about the fun and the fantastic service that you do in your community that we can add members. I have just looked at the numbers as of 12/01/08 and while we have lost 40 members and 9 have passed away in our district you have added 37 new members since July 1st. that may not seem like much, but this time of year the district is usually still seeing losses and while this is not on the cumulative report it is coming directly from the deceased, dropped, and added reports that are available to me. On the October report we showed our membership at 1035 and by these reports we should be back up to 1043. Please do not let this momentum die, with everyone's efforts we can show that membership can be brought back up with a little effort on everyone's part.

YOUTH

Have you or your club thought about what you can do to help the youth in your community, and in our district, and for that matter in the world. I know many of the clubs in our district give financial aid to youth oriented organizations. But is that all we need to do? Have you thought about setting up a tutoring project for youth that are in trouble? Maybe looked at sponsoring and running youth oriented programs such as teen dances or teen picnics? The possibilities are endless. So consider creating a youth outreach committee in your club.

EXTENSION

Currently we have four clubs in the works in our district. One in Newtown, with a little over 20 people interested in joining there. One in Tioga with over 10 people interested. One in Belfield/Southheart with over 30 people interested in that club. And one at Williston State College with Approximately 40 people interested in that club. Within the next two months this district will move forward with each of these clubs either as a club on it's own or a club branch.

VISITATIONS

My thanks go out to the Bowman Lions Club for their warm hospitality. I was invited to their Christmas party and what a great time everyone had, the music charades were unbelievable. My special thanks go out to PDG Chuck and Lion



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Terry Whitney for opening up their home to me. My visitations are running a little behind the normal but I will still be getting to all the clubs this year. REMEMBER IF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE ME TO ATTEND A SPECIAL EVENT AT YOUR CLUB CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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 binaryduo@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 binaryduo@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 second half International and District dues will be due next month.

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LIONS LET THEIR ACTIONS ROAR

By CHRIS GESSELE

Founded in 1917, their motto is "We serve."

Jimmy Carter was one.

Helen Keller spoke at their convention in 1925.

It's Lions Clubs International. And 101 years later, Lions Club members across the entire globe continue to perform unselfish community service at the very grassroots level – in communities where they work to serve the people who are in need.

Worldwide, Lions clubs are recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired. This service began when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness" during the 1925 Lions Clubs International Convention. From that point on, Lions worked to become actively involved in service to the blind and visually impaired.

Lions worldwide collect and recycle eyeglasses for distribution in developing countries year-round – where they collect more than 30 million pairs of used eyeglasses annually for free distribution to those in need in developing countries. But recently, Lions Clubs have undertaken two more specialized sight donation programs: SightFirst and SightFirst II.

According to <http://www.lionsclubs.org>, Lions established SightFirst in 1990, raising \$143 million to fight the major causes of preventable and reversible blindness. The unprecedented program joined Lions volunteers with blindness prevention experts and organizations and governments. In addition, SightFirst has provided more than 7.1 million cataract surgeries, built or expanded 213 eye hospitals, supported more than 80 million treatments to prevent river blindness, improved eye care in 90 countries around the world.

Then in 2005, Lions launched Campaign SightFirst II with a goal of raising at least \$150 million to continue and expand on the extraordinary work of SightFirst. The second campaign aims to combat macular degeneration and continue working toward a vaccine for river blindness, Hazen Lion Ed Grunett said. State Lions clubs put forth individual efforts to raise funds, Grunett said, some of which is then contributed to the global Lions effort. Thus far, the Hazen Lions have raised about \$12,000 for the SightFirst II campaign. North Dakota

Lions Clubs – of which there are about 120 comprised of about 3,600 members – look to raise \$75,000, which Lions International will then match. On Feb. 21, it was announced that Campaign SightFirst II had surpassed the \$150 million minimum goal of Lions International. Or \$157.9 million, to be exact.

"It truly is a worldwide effort," Grunett said.

While the Hazen Lions contribute significant funds to the global effort of Lions International, the roughly 31 local Lions members pride themselves on keeping funds local. Many a-local who have been stricken with an illness and various organizations in need have benefited from the philanthropic efforts of the Hazen Lions Club. And these aren't your father's sausage and pancake Lions. The Hazen Lions Club efforts have ranged from jam sessions featuring local musical talent to an array of untraditional meats at

a wild game feed. The club also tries to hold monthly educational programs, such as when they hosted three foreign exchange students.

"We really are concerned for our local community as well as with world-wide goals," Hazen Lions President Elden Zuern said, noting that an estimated \$15,000 has been raised by local benefits since July. "People are so willing to work. Everyone on the club pitches in, and when one person takes a job it gets done. We have good camaraderie."

But whether the Hazen Lions runs the benefit or simply helps serve food, you won't hear the slightest meow from them.

"We like to do different things because it's fun. We're working as a community to achieve an objective – we're working harder, but having more fun," Grunett said. "People don't wear Lions like a flag. It's just something we do."

THE SOFT TOUCH OF A LION:

HAZEN CLUB SETS RECORD

Present Hazen Lions Club officers:

- * President Elden Zuern
- * First Vice President Alvina Hagler
- * Second Vice President Larry Folkerts
- * Secretary Maxine Beckwith
- * Treasurer Donna Grunett
- * Directors Gary Folkerts, Sharon Olander, Arnie Mund and Ed Grunett
- * Lion Twister Francis Dukart
- * Lion Tamer Doug Rothe
- * Membership Chair Joyce Vachal

By CHRIS GESSELE

Editor's note: Information provided by Maxine Beckwith

When you hear the word "lion," if your first image is of a circus or jungle, you haven't spent enough time in Hazen.

In Hazen, a Lion is one of tireless energy and boundless optimism. And this past year, the Hazen Lions Club set a new personal best in the giving department – to the tune of \$45,896 for charitable programs throughout the surrounding area.

"Our purpose is to try to be of service to the whole community," said Hazen Lions Club President Elden Zuern said.

The entire community – and then some.

According to Club Secretary Maxine Beckwith, in the 2007-2008 Lions' fiscal year – which ended June 30 – gifts were

made to the following:

- \$1,540 – Northwood for tornado relief.
- \$1,950 – Lions International Foundation for Campaign SightFirst II.
- \$1,200 – Sakakawea Medical Center Foundation for needed equipment.
- \$30,008 – Five local recipients for medical needs.
- \$5,718 – Additional monies earmarked for an additional recipient.
- \$2,480 – Various other gifts given to other entities.

Thirty members pay dues to belong to the club, which are sufficient to cover expenses and membership in Lions Club International and District 5NW, which amounts to \$3,170.

With a limited supply of resources and personnel, the giving spirit alone wouldn't go far without contributions from several other community groups and organizations, such as members of the Hazen Boy Scouts, Hazen Girl Scouts, Sunshine Club and Bison Boosters. Oliver-Mercer Thrivent Financial for Lutherans also contributed \$4,947 of supplemental funding.

Assistance from the aforementioned groups helps the Lions from being spread too thin.

"We try to help the help the community in every way possible," Zuern said. "We

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can't respond to every need, but we respond to a lot of them.

"We have an awesome group. This group does their jobs, and gets things done."

Zuern himself has spent several years associated with the Lions for 40 years, having previously served with a Lions Club in Massachusetts until arriving in Hazen in April of 2002. The Massachusetts club awarded him a lifetime membership when he left.

"I feel (Lions) has been a very worthwhile organization," Zuern said. "I wanted to find a club that kept on doing that and found this club to be very responsive."

He has served as Hazen's Club president for two years. The club – chartered Jan. 26, 1976 – generally tries to elect a new president every year, Zuern said, which puts new people in leadership positions.

"It involved people in leadership roles so you're not always sitting on the sidelines," he said.

The Hazen Lions Club meets the second Thursday every month at Hazen City Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with the meeting at 6:30 p.m., and visitors are always welcome, Beckwith noted. Dues are \$40 for individuals, and \$60 per couple.

MANDAN LEOS



MANDAN LEOS GROWING

More than 40 students from the Mandan Public High School were inducted into the Mandan High School LEO Club on November 5, 2008. Totally, this club has more than sixty members and many of them are really involved in doing service projects.

On October 26 a group of them did "Trick or Treat" for eyeglasses. On November 1 and 2, 2008 thirty-six of them spent many hours of their days assisting as volunteers with the North Dakota Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Midway Lanes.

On Nov. 22, 2008 several of the LEO Club members helped serve hotdogs and treats to those children who came to the

Mandan Community Center to see and visit with Santa Claus. Presently, some of the LEO Club members are helping the Mandan Lions Club with Christmas tree sales in downtown Mandan.

LEO Club members from this club do receive a certificate when they are inducted into the club, but they have set a goal of no less than fifteen service hours for any LEO who wishes to receive the LEO Club pin.

Their advisor is Lion Shirley M. Schafer of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club who works along with two of the Mandan High School Counselors.



Elgin - Alma Martell

Ashley – Clifford Hildebrand

Braddock – Stanley Pocta

Bowdon – Jimmy Kunz



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 | | |

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LCIF – PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By MAHENDRA AMARASURIYA
IPIP chairperson
Lions Clubs International Foundation

Dear Fellow Lion,

As a dedicated Lion, your opinion is important to us in planning for the future of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For the past forty years, LCIF has been a beacon of hope for millions of people across the globe. The humanitarian service provided by Lions, together with LCIF, has affected many lives and communities, both globally and locally. Thanks in large part to friends and leaders like you, LCIF will no doubt remain that beacon of hope well into the future.

Today, our Foundation is at a transformational period in its proud history. The success of Campaign SightFirst II, and the incredible impact of LCIF's other humanitarian programs, has elevated the work of LCIF and Lions to the world stage. As LCIF plans for the future, we have important opportunities to increase awareness of the work of the Foundation and allow it to grow. In order to develop a strategic plan, it's important that LCIF consider the enhancement and expansion of programs that best represent the philanthropic interests of Lions worldwide.

We ask you to be a part of this critically important process. We are asking for approximately thirty minutes of your time to first read the background statement found below and to then complete an online, electronic survey. Your candid advice and input is very important to us.

These electronic surveys will truly help LCIF chart a course for the future and enable our Foundation to continue to provide service, help and hope to millions more people worldwide. Once you have had a chance to read the background statement below, please then complete the electronic survey, which can be accessed through the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z5Ob5SnIPkshuTmb6_2fwqvQ_3d_3d

DEVELOPMENT STUDY — BACKGROUND STATEMENT

INTRODUCTION

At the core of Lions Clubs International

is the mission of service. The 1.3 million Lions around the world are united in a common ideal, "We Serve." Nowhere is this service more evident than in the work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Through LCIF, Lions are able to provide service, help and hope to millions of people across the globe.

Today, LCIF has reached a transformational period in its forty-year history. Through the efforts of Lions all over the world, Campaign SightFirst II has surpassed its US\$200 million challenge goal, ensuring that Lions' SightFirst program will continue and be able to expand. This success and the extraordinary work of LCIF's humanitarian programs have continued to elevate the impact of LCIF's work to the world stage. Thousands of Lions and clubs are engaged in the work of their Foundation like never before. Most importantly, there is an understanding of the need for so much more humanitarian service that can only be carried out by the Lions through LCIF.

At this important crossroads, Lions have an opportunity to carefully chart a course for the future of their Foundation. In order to maximize this opportunity, LCIF has approved a comprehensive development plan, designed to increase awareness of the work of the Foundation and allow it to grow substantially over the next several years. As part of the plan, LCIF has an objective of raising an additional US\$10 million annually by fiscal year 2011-2012 (bringing the total to US\$30 million annually). With this fund-raising objective, LCIF and Lions have an opportunity to continue the great work of the Foundation, while identifying areas for expansion, new initiatives for consideration and innovative ways to engage Lions and clubs in the work of LCIF. The development plan also calls for increased communication to make Lions and non-Lions worldwide better aware of the humanitarian service that LCIF provides.

In order to facilitate this process, LCIF is seeking guidance in the development of a new case for LCIF that represents the philanthropic interests of Lions worldwide. This guidance will enable LCIF and Lions to be more deliberate in their service, defining a mission for the Foundation that best positions Lions to have an even greater humanitarian impact. The following document is designed to stimulate discussion and feedback, specifically regarding the core mission of the Foundation, areas in which LCIF has the capacity to grow and initiatives that Lions most want to support.

LCIF'S CURRENT MISSIONS

LCIF is associated with a wide variety of humanitarian projects, representing the various ways in which Lions serve. In order to identify the core mission of LCIF and to consider future possibilities, it's important to understand the multiple missions in which LCIF is currently engaged.

Since 1968, LCIF has provided funding in the form of grants to assist Lions clubs and districts with humanitarian projects too large for Lions to finance on their own. Over time, LCIF has received more than US\$600 million from individual Lions and clubs, as well as non-Lions, corporations, foundations and governments. In turn, LCIF has awarded more than 9,000 grants totaling nearly US\$650 million. These funds have been used to support a variety of humanitarian initiatives. In particular, LCIF supports programs that preserve sight, combat disability, provide disaster relief, serve youth and support education, promote health and offer international assistance throughout the world.

PRESERVING SIGHT

Lions and LCIF are leaders in the restoration and preservation of sight. The world's largest and most efficient blindness-prevention program, SightFirst, is LCIF's flagship sight initiative. SightFirst is the only service activity that Lions do worldwide, making it a critical and well-known part of our Foundation. Through the SightFirst program, Lions restore vision through cataract surgeries, prevent blindness through the distribution of medication, improve and expand eye-care facilities, train eye-care workers and support low-vision centers. Lions Eye Health Program prevents vision loss caused by diabetic retinopathy and glaucoma by promoting eye-health awareness in developed countries. The accomplishments of SightFirst are numerous, including the prevention of vision loss for 30 million people and the improvement of eye-care services for hundreds of millions more.

Additionally, other LCIF sight programs fund local eye banks and eye-care foundations, provide pre-school vision screenings and support Lions' well-known eyeglass collection and recycling programs. Through partnerships with Merck, Johnson and Johnson, Pfizer, The Carter Center, the World Health Organization and other powerful corporations and organizations, LCIF has been established as a global leader in the battle for sight.

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COMBATING DISABILITY

Through LCIF, Lions are empowering those with disabilities to lead more independent, productive and fulfilling lives. LCIF has been committed to assisting people with disabilities through grants that build or expand schools and vocational training centers. Since 2001, the Special Olympics-Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes Program has screened more than 100,000 athletes, providing diagnosis for vision-related problems, as well as corrective and protective eyewear. The program also teaches and prepares vision specialists, including professors and students, on how to better care for this underserved population.

LCIF has also partnered with Habitat for Humanity to fund the construction of 1,000 homes for people with disabilities. Finally, the Lions' Affordable Hearing Aid Project provides high-quality, affordable hearing aids to low-income individuals within the United States.

PROVIDING DISASTER RELIEF

Whether a flood in a local community or a large-scale global catastrophe, Lions are the "first in" and "last out" when a natural disaster strikes. LCIF funding enables Lions to meet needs in the immediate aftermath of a disaster by providing food, medicine and clothing. Long-term efforts help rebuild communities through housing reconstruction and social services. LCIF provided more than US\$15 million in relief after the Southeast Asia Tsunami, more than US\$3 million after the Sichuan (China) earthquake and in the United States, Lions mobilized more than US\$5 million to assist those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Additionally, LCIF has provided hundreds of grants each year for local disasters around the world.

SERVING YOUTH AND**SUPPORTING EDUCATION**

All over the world, Lions are bettering the future for children by providing improved education and health services. LCIF provides grants that build schools, camps, libraries, resource centers and shelters for children across the globe. Lions' projects improve access to primary education and support literacy programs. Lions Quest, a life-skills curriculum utilized in 54 countries, teaches responsible decision-making, effective communication and drug-abuse prevention. LCIF believes in the importance of providing youth with the support and resources they need to succeed in life.

PROMOTING HEALTH

LCIF's health initiatives encompass much more than sight. LCIF provides grants that support blood banks, cancer centers, pediatric wards and other health-related needs. This support improves access to health care and upgrades equipment and facilities in areas of great need.

Offering international assistance

LCIF facilitates partnerships between Lions clubs in developed countries and clubs in lesser-developed areas. LCIF International Assistance grants are one way clubs partner to provide a variety of humanitarian service, including: basic health care; education and literacy; clean water and sanitation; and environmental protection. Together, LCIF and Lions are partnering to improve communities around the world.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE FUTURE

The expansion of LCIF, both financially and programmatically, requires Lions to carefully consider a strategic plan for the future of their Foundation. There are a variety of ways to continue and expand the programs listed above, but which programs best fulfill the mission of the Foundation? There are new and existing opportunities for service, but through which of these opportunities are Lions best equipped to serve? Lions are involved in many philanthropic activities, but what are the initiatives that truly inspire the support of thousands of Lions around the world? Through this study, LCIF and Lions can answer these questions and develop a case that is consistent with the funding priorities of Lions worldwide and the needs of those we hope to serve.

The opportunities for the future of LCIF also include a chance to be more deliberate in both the purpose of LCIF and its programmatic priorities. Historically, LCIF has participated in primarily responsive charity. As the Foundation moves forward, better-defined strategic

objectives will enable Lions to go beyond purely charitable grant making and begin affecting long-term, sustainable change. Lions' transformative work can expand into newly identified areas of need where LCIF and Lions can have a meaningful impact. A clear, consistent mission for LCIF will have numerous benefits for both the Foundation and the entire association.

A more clearly focused LCIF has the potential to attract a new generation of members with a more global worldview. Communities today extend beyond village, city and country. The future of Lions is in those members who want to serve their community, both locally and globally. As LCIF and Lions continue their work in local communities, the possibility of having a greater impact in the world community will coincide with the revitalization of the Lions' brand. Additionally, a better-defined mission and greater impact would continue to elevate the Lions name in the global community, promoting name recognition and awareness of our work. Finally, it's important for the Foundation to consider a mission that continues to facilitate programming with meaningful impact and measurable results.

CONCLUSION

LCIF and Lions, and the great service they provide together, is at a crossroads. The work of LCIF has always sought to improve lives, whether through building a new school or providing cataract surgeries to those in need, but with expansion comes new opportunities for service. A stronger LCIF that is committed to a core mission has the power to transform all aspects of Lionism – from membership to the way that Lions serve. Input from many Lions, representing the 1.3 million members around the world, is critical to developing a strategic plan for LCIF's future of service. Please complete the electronic survey to help us shape the future.

WHEN SENDING LIONS PHOTOS

- Grayscale/Black & White. • Re-size (Max-4 inches wide), at least 200 pixels. • Name Photos Please - No numbers.
- ID people in the photo. • In the caption include name of club that is pictured.

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EYEGLASS RECYCLING REPORT

NOVEMBER 2008

**Eyeglasses received
since 1998**

604,000

Eyeglasses in system

64,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

3,500

Present Hazen Lions Club officers:

- * President Elden Zuern
- * First Vice President Alvina Hagler
- * Second Vice President Larry Folkerts
- * Secretary Maxine Beckwith
- * Treasurer Donna Grunett
- * Directors Gary Folkerts, Sharon Olander, Arnie Mund and Ed Grunett
- * Lion Twister Francis Dukart
- * Lion Tamer Doug Rothe
- * Membership Chair Joyce Vachal

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GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ATTENDEES ARE SOUGHT

The 2009 GPLLI is planned for July 17-19 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Plans have been developed to ensure another successful learning and fellowship environment for area Lions.

The tuition has been set at \$110 for double occupancy and \$135 for single occupancy rooms. Districts are asked to identify and encourage qualified and interested Lions and Leos to plan to attend.

Lions who have attended the Institute previously and those who have served as district governor are not eligible without a waiver. Application forms are expected to be available in the immediate future and will be distributed to all affected multiple districts.

Pending receipt of application forms, you may contact PID Ernie Young (eyoungks@aol.com) or a PID in your multiple district for additional information.



SASKATCHEWAN YOUTH MD5 PEACE POSTER WINNER

Nicole Brockman, a 7th grade student at Rosthern High School, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada took a big step towards becoming an internationally recognized artist when she won a local competition sponsored by the Rosthern and District Lions Club.

Nicole's poster has advanced through the Rosthern Club, District 5 CN and MD5 levels of competition and is now advancing to the international level, which is the final level in the contest.

Nicole's poster is one of more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Every person's act of peace, whether big or small, can make a difference," the 12-year-old from Rosthern said. The poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Peace Begins With Me" by a panel of five judges of which three were local artists. The judging was held on November 24, 2008 at Regina, Saskatchewan.

MD 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson, Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students from each of the nine Districts in MD5.

"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

"All the Lions of MD 5 are cheering for Nicole as her poster advances to the international competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Lion Meston-Pockett said.

One international grand prizewinner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$2,500, plus a trip for the winner, two family members and the sponsoring club president to New York City, New York, USA for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.