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SANTA VISITS INMATES

BY LION LEWELLYN RUSTAN

The New England Lions again took Santa to visit to the Dakota Women's Correctional Rehabilitation Center in December. Dressed for the part and playing the role was Tim Hecker.

It was his first visit to the center. "I'd never been through the door," he said. "I didn't know what to expect, but I enjoyed doing it."

Unlike Tim, many of the inmates have been there more than once, - and some of them for a long time. One of them pulled the foil covered chocolate Santa out of her bag of goodies, and exclaimed, "I got another one! I've saved these each year. I've got six of them now!"

That's six years away from home and family.

Colby Braun, a New England Lion and administrator of the prison, said the women there start asking about Thanksgiving time, "Is Santa coming this year? They don't mention the sacks of goodies. It's about seeing Santa."

The New England Lions have visited the prison with Santa each year since the facility opened in 2003. Lions who have



Santa with a small group of inmates at DWCR in New England.



New England Lions with Santa, waiting to distribute sacks of goodies to DWCR inmates. Pictured from left, Lions Don and Arlene Rose, Santa (Tim Hecker), Lions Arnold and Vivian Rotering.

been involved in the visit tend to continue to be part of it. "It's a good example of why Lions do what we do," commented one of them. "It feels good to do something meaningful for people who are less fortunate than we are."

The Lions have collected donations from New England business to provide sacks of candy and peanuts for the youngsters of the community for many years. When the prison opened, they decided to add the inmates to the project.

The Lions also distribute gloves provided by the ladies of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in New England. Each inmate gets a pair.

"It gives them (the inmates) something to look forward to," observed Hecker. I saw a lot of big smiles!"

Each of the inmates has the opportunity to have her picture taken with Santa. She gets two prints. Usually one photo is kept, and the other is sent home to her family.

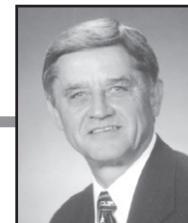
While some of them opt not to have their picture taken, none of them turn down the sacks or the gloves.

A few weeks earlier, inmates who had earned the privilege, attended the dress rehearsal of the musical "Christmas In New England III." Tears of joy and sadness mixed to run down their faces. The emotional rendering of "I'll Be Home For Christmas" by a soloist dressed in a military uniform, obviously touched their hearts.

The musical, and the visit from Santa, were both reminders that Christmas is an underserved gift for us all.

INSIDE INTERNATIONAL

By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



Campaign SightFirst II – a final report

In the final analysis, Campaign SightFirst II was a huge success. The international goal of \$200 million was reached and many other milestones were achieved.

Following are a number of statistics that tell the story.

THE INTERNATIONAL PICTURE:

US\$200, 329, 297 was pledged, 93% of goal

Largest LCIF gift in its history, \$7.5 million from Global Health and Education

Foundation, USA

Largest individual gift in LCIF history, \$3.2 million from Aruna Oswal, India

67% of worldwide clubs participated

3,400 Model Clubs with an average of over \$400 per member

CONSTITUTIONAL AREA I

UNITED STATES & AFFILIATES:

\$52,000,000 was pledged, 74% of goal

667 Model Clubs

13,121 clubs participated, 74%

NATIONAL/MULTI-NATIONAL

AREA I-7:

Area I-7 included Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota.

\$3,073,423 was pledged, 52% of goal

50 Model Clubs

83% of clubs participated

SECTOR D-NORTH AND

SOUTH DAKOTA:

\$666,268 was pledged, 80% of goal-1st in N/MN Area I-7

23 Model Clubs-nearly half of all Model Clubs in N/MN Area I-7

80% of clubs participated

SECTOR D DISTRICTS:

District 5NE - \$102,080 - 72% of goal

District 5NC - \$99,693 - 59% of goal

District 5NW - \$152,563 - 103% of goal

goal

District 5SW - \$110,821 - 78% of goal

District 5SE - \$203,636 - 86% of goal

Sector D ranked 13th of the 54 sectors in the United States (Constitutional Area I). Although we didn't reach our assigned goal, 80% of goal is something to be proud of.

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR DISTRICT AND GROUP COORDINATORS AND

THANK YOU TO ALL THE LIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA FOR A JOB WELL DONE!

The funnies:

The best way to save face is to keep the bottom part of it closed.

Old age is when you get out of the shower and you're glad the mirror is fogged up.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Great deal for state convention

HERMAN A. SCHAFER

Greetings Fellow Lions:

Have you registered for the North Dakota State Lions Convention yet? Please refer to the November or December, 2008 North Dakota Lion issue for details. Please register as soon as you can so you are part of the \$25.00 deal. This special convention will be held at the Mandan Seven Seas on October 30 and 31, 2009.

We ask that you share this invitation with your club at the very next meeting, at your Zone meetings, and anywhere or anytime you have the chance to promote Lionism. It is important that we all begin to promote what we believe in.

Have a great day.

We ENJOY sharing your information with others who share your dedication to the cause of Lionism! Send us your stuff!
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Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!
NO Exceptions!

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5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Welcome fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota. I want to wish each and every one of you a Very Happy New Year and I hope you will have a great 2009. As we are a little over one-half of this current Lions completed, I want to devote most of this message to what I will call "the State of Lionism of 5NE". This State will be as I view "our" District and according to the personal goals I have set for this Lions year.

MEMBERSHIP:

The District has been losing membership over the last few years. I had hoped that we would stop this declining trend. I have "challenged" each of the Lions Clubs of 5NE to have a net membership growth of 5%. How is your club doing? A few clubs have had some growth, but most have stayed the same or even lost members since the beginning of this Lions year. (July 1) We started out the year with a total membership for 5NE of 983 members. We have a total membership for 5NE as of December 31 of 975 members. We have some work to do! How do you get new members? Just ask people if they want to be a part of the "Greatest Service Organization in the World". Then get them involved in your club.

SERVICE & FUND RAISING PROJECTS:

As I go around the district and visit the Lions Clubs of 5NE, I see clubs that are very involved. Doing many worthwhile and exciting projects. Truly, some of these projects are remarkable. I have been placing emphasis on clubs that have a signature project for Fund Raising and a signature project for Service. Some project that the club could place their hat on and say that this is what our club is famous for. I can honestly say we have in 5NE a number of such projects.

LEADERSHIP:

We need more Lions of 5NE to "Step to the Line in 2009". We need more Lions who want to become leaders for this great organization. To be a leader is a lot of hard work and dedication, but it is at the same time very rewarding and fulfilling. So do your part. It might be at the local level or it might be at the district level. We are having a great Leadership learning experience coming up in our District. On Saturday, April 4, we will have the annual Leadership Rally at Valley City. I have seen the agenda, it looks very good. So mark your calendar for that date. More information regarding the rally will be coming.



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ORGANIZATIONS:

I have encouraged each Lions Club of 5NE to be involved with the following organizations; Service Dogs of America, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Lions Eye Bank of ND, Lions Foundation of ND and Lions Clubs International Foundation. As I have visited the Clubs of 5NE, I would say that most Lions Clubs give very generously to these organizations. I thank each and everyone of you for giving to these very important causes. Keep up the good work. For those few Lions clubs that do not help, please consider becoming a part of this group that does.

REPORTS:

I have been working very hard to get all of the clubs of 5NE to do their monthly reports. (This is the job of the Secretary of the Lions Club.) There are two reports: a) Membership to LCI and b) Activities to State Officers. There has been some improvement in the number of reports in both areas, but much improvement is needed. Some clubs have not sent a report for almost two years. The International Office and the State Officers what to know what is happening at your club. So secretary, please help us by becoming more involved. THANKS.

PUBLIC AWARENESS:

In order for a Lion to be the best Lion that he/she can be, they must be knowledgeable of what is happening on the Lions scene. A Lion could do this by reading the North Dakota Lion and The Lion (Lions International magazine). Get

a copy of 5NE News & Views from your Club President and look over this valuable publication. Go to the 5NE web site and see what is happening at the district level. www.lionsof5ne.org Lions Secretary, Pat Roundy, of 5NE has done an excellent job with this site.

VISITATIONS:

Years in the past, visitations were done all of the time. We Lions now seem to have gotten away from this tradition. We need to get back to doing these visitations. It is a lot of fun and it can be a learning experience. When you visit a club, you may pick up an new idea about a project or something to do at a regular meeting. I hope that every Lions Club of 5NE will make at least one visitation to another Lions Club this year. (Challenge to Clubs)

REDISTRICTING:

Redistricting has been a very hot topic for the Lions Clubs of North Dakota. Many thoughts on this topic have been discussed. (The issue was voted on at the State Convention in October.) We currently have three districts in North Dakota. (I know I probably should not do this, but I am going to express an opinion on this concern.) The districts and their current membership in parentheses: 5NE (975), 5NC (1,132), 5NW (1,049). As you can see not one district has 1,250 members, the number that is needed for a district to be in "good standing" with LCI. A number that also will allow the district to operate with more financial resources. We have enough members to support two very solid districts. That, in my opinion, is what should happen. The State of North Dakota should redistrict into two districts.

EXTENSION:

Extension of new Lions Clubs is also a very hot topic. We are so very proud to say that extension is happening in 5NE. We have a new Campus Lions Club at Grand Forks. This club held their "Charter Night" on November 20. (Campus Lions Club of UND) We held an Extension Workshop in early November and I believe that the workshop was a success. We will have new Lions Clubs in Mayville/Portland and Casselton. They should be having their "Charter Night" in February or March. In addition, we have some people working on having a Campus Lions Club in Fargo at NDSU. In addition to this, we are planning on having another Extension Workshop in March or April and extending Lions clubs in an area North of Grand Forks. This all is happening because of some very dedicated Lions of 5NE and some hard work.

ZONE 2 A



ZONE 2A DONATION

Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation President David Borlaug (right) comments after receiving a check from Washburn Lion Mac Beaudry during the Zone 2A business meeting at Fort Mandan, near Washburn, Jan. 5. The \$2,105 check represents the proceeds of the 2008 Zone 2A Golf Tournament, held last August at the Painted Woods Golf Course, Washburn. The donation was the final installment of Zone 2A's \$10,000, five-year pledge to the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation.

SOUTH FORKS



MELVIN JONES FELLOW

The South Forks Lions Club presented 5NE Vice District Governor Wayne Westlund a Melvin Jones Fellowship at a recent club meeting. Pictured in the photo is South Forks President Owen Graupe on the right congratulating VDG Westlund with Wayne's wife Dorothy holding the congratulatory letter from LCIF standing next to him. VDG Westlund is a Past President of the South Forks Lions Club and will be installed as District Governor of 5NE at the International Convention in Minneapolis in July.

5 NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

NO REPORT THIS MONTH



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- 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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When sending stories or photos to the ND Lion, please make a notation in the Subject Line that what you are sending is for the ND Lion!! The office at BHG, Inc. receives several e-mails for publications, so we need to be made aware when it is for the ND Lion or it might not be opened at all, but deleted!



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5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,
Happy New Year may each of you have a happy and prosperous new year and I hope each of you had a joyous holiday season.

MEMBERSHIP

We have done it once again fellow Lions. Our membership has once again had a gain over the month of November. The total is now at 1049. Through your continued efforts we have continued to regain members that were lost earlier in the year. My thanks go out to each and every Lion in District 5NW. Please continue your hard work and share the fun and fantastic fellowship that Lions have.

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

(GPLLI)

Has your club had problems finding Lions to take on a leadership role? GPLLI is a great way to introduce new or long time Lions to the leadership role. This year the institute is being held at the Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Please bring this up at your board and regular meetings and consider sponsoring one or two lions to attend this fantastic learning experience. If you have any questions please contact me.

REDISTRICTING

Each club in the district has received notice of a special meeting to be held February 7th, 2009 at the Outlaw Meeting Facility in Watford City, ND at 11:00 a.m. (CST). Some of you may be aware that we held a vote at the state convention to decide whether to adopt a redistricting proposal approved by Multiple District 5. As District Governor for District 5NW I can call a special meeting, and that is what I am doing to give all the Lions in the district a chance to voice their opinion with a separate vote. I am attaching a letter to be read to each club. It is imperative for each club to send their allotted delegates. Each club is allowed 1 delegate for every 10 members or fraction thereof. (each club needs to send a letter certifying the delegates) to this special meeting.

CABINET MEETING

The January 3, 2009 cabinet meeting has been rescheduled for February 7, 2009 following the special meeting at the Outlaw meeting facility in Watford City, ND

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



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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 February 7th at the Outlaw meeting facility in Watford City immediately following the special meeting for redistricting

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 are now due.

ELGIN



NEW MEMBER INSTALLED

The Elgin Lions Club recently welcomed new member Lion Kent Roehl, right, of New Leipzig on Nov. 13, 2008 during their regular meeting. He was installed by Lion secretary Dale Froemming and is the 66th member of the club. He was introduced to the membership by Lion Aaron Levorsen, left. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz



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: _____ Email: _____

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

Mail registration form and check to:

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GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

WHAT: Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

WHEN: July 17-19, 2009 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 17th. Adjournment and checkout by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 17th is at 11:30 AM.

WHERE: Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

COST: \$110 (US Funds) per attendee covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

WHO: Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority,

who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann. Each participating multiple district may select up to 25 applicants to attend.

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

A form of application is available. Included will be dynamic presenters from across North America, providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

EYEGLOSS RECYCLING REPORT DECEMBER 2008

**Eyeglasses received
since 1998**

604,500

Eyeglasses in system

64,500

**Eyeglasses ready for
shipment**

3,500

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7TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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Registration Form – One Form Per Attendee – Please type or print **LEGIBLY**

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Last First Initial

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Address _____ | _____ | _____ | _____
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Sub District No _____ Number of years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee of \$110.00 US must accompany this application. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and mail to Rick Myers with this form. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT WITH THE APPLICATION. Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Buena Vista University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$25.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 17th and check out must be completed by 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 19th. The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25.00 to registration fee). _____ Diabetic Diet requested.

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_____ Please list any other special requests. _____

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