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District 5NW reconsiders redistricting

By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ

In action taken at a special district meeting Feb. 7, District 5NW voted to reverse previous action and endorse the Multiple District 5 redistricting plan. The meeting was called by DG Pat Trotter and was held in Watford City. After considerable discussion the measure to move forward with redistricting was passed 38 to 1.

This vote reverses the action that was taken during District 5NW's regular annual meeting at the North Dakota State Lions Convention last October in Bismarck.

The next step in the redistricting process will occur at the Multiple District 5 convention in Minot scheduled for June 4-6. If the delegates approve the redistricting proposal in Minot, the plan will then be presented to the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for their approval. If approved at that level, MD5 would begin operation under the proposed redistricting plan July 1, 2010.

A newly configured MD5 would reduce the number of districts from nine to six. Saskatchewan is considering going from four districts to two, North Dakota would have two districts instead of three and South Dakota would remain the same with two districts.

The primary reason for redistricting is to bring MD5 into compliance with the LCI constitution and by-laws which requires a district to have a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs. As of now, only one of the nine districts in MD5, District 5SE, is in compliance.

The proposed boundary between the two new North Dakota districts would be roughly as follows from north to south: Hwy. 281 to Dunseith, Hwy 3 to I-94, west to Sterling and south on Hwy 83 to the South Dakota border. This plan would

leave about 1,630 members and 58 clubs in the western district, and 1,550 members and 55 clubs in the eastern district.

District 5NC clubs that are directly on the proposed boundary and would be assigned to the new eastern district are Rugby, Harvey, Sterling, Hazelton, Linton

and Strasburg. This boundary proposal is just that, a proposal, and may be changed. Any suggestions or other input should be directed to your district governor.

More specific information on the MD5 redistricting plan will appear in the March issue of the NORTH DAKOTA LION.

Applications sought for Hall of Fame

It is time for each Lions Club in North Dakota to start the process of selecting a club member to complete an application for the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

Although only one exceptional Lion will receive the 2009 Lions Hall of Fame Award, the process is an excellent way to identify those Lions of North Dakota who have performed outstanding service to their club, community and Lions International. Please take the time to honor someone in your club by submitting an application.

The final date for submission of an application for the award is April 17, 2009.

However, the application must be received by April 21, 2009, to allow time to process the applications for the HoF committee to review on April 25-26, 2009.

The process of gathering the required information from club, district, state, and International Lions Clubs records takes a substantial amount of time to complete the research. Therefore, do not delay in the preparation of your club's application to avoid missing the submission deadline.

For more information contact David J. Blackstead at 223-0254 or by e-mail at davidj@bis.midco.net

MD-5 committee chair positions open

Deadline nears

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 30, 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: velion@msn.com

Deadline for all applications is March 10

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

Lions supporting Heritage Center expansion

Submitted by ANDREA COLLIN
ND Heritage Center

Efforts to enhance the interpretation of North Dakota's history are receiving a roaring boost from North Dakota's Lions Clubs. On October 30, the delegates to the 2008 State Lions Convention passed a resolution to support the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center.

The resolution asked each local Lions Club to consider a pledge of \$100 per year for five years to the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation in support of the expansion plans.

In addition, each local Lions Club has been asked to promote the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center to its members at club meetings. Each club has received a case statement and expansion DVD, a pledge card and a sample letter of support for each club to send to the Foundation to deliver to Governor Hoeven and local legislators.

Lions are also showing their support at legislative hearings in Bismarck. Chuck Esser of Mandan, who is a member of the Bismarck Lions Club, testified at the January 12 hearing before the House Appropriations Committee.

"The time is at hand like never before to make sure the story of our state and the story of our people is presented in the finest way possible," Esser said at the hearing. "We have been gifted with a dedicated and extremely talented team of visionaries who can see this project through. It's time to finish the job of our Heritage Center. Let's give our people something to show off with pride."

Longtime Lions member and SHSND Foundation development officer Bill Schott of Bismarck has been coordinating this statewide effort.

"Having this strong support by the state Lions clubs gives this expansion campaign a big boost," said Schott.

He has been working with Don Walz of Bismarck to involve all statewide service clubs to support this campaign.

"We are excited about making an



This night view from the east shows the architect's drawing of the proposed expansion to the North Dakota Heritage Center.

investment in the further expansion of the resources of the State Historical Society," added Bruce Schwartz, Past International Director of the North Dakota Lions Clubs. "An expanded North Dakota Heritage Center is central to the marketing of the extensive network of heritage tourism attractions all across the state. We are thrilled to be part of this effort."

Virginia Nelsen, executive director of the SHSND Foundation, said the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center would make a wonderful gift to the people of North Dakota for the 125th Anniversary of Statehood.

"How exciting to open the doors of this new facility for this celebration in 2014," noted Nelsen. "The support by the statewide Lions Clubs is helping to bring this a closer to reality."

She said a grassroots effort by Lions members is essential during the legislative session. In his executive budget Governor Hoeven has authorized the expansion of the Heritage Center for \$30 million and put \$18 million in the budget, with the

expectation that another \$12 million in private support will be raised.

"Now our focus is to ask the Legislature to authorize the master plan for the North Dakota Heritage Center, which is \$52.4 million, and sustain the Governor's initial funding for the project," said Nelsen. "We want to see the building built as a one-time project for North Dakota."

Smithsonian of the Plains

The proposed addition to the Heritage Center is the second phase of its expansion efforts. In the first phase, more than \$21 million in investments were secured from state, federal, and private sources to enhance regional state historic sites, the most recent being Fort Abercrombie near Fargo and Wahpeton, and the Chateau de Mores Interpretive Center in Medora. This also included a \$5.7 million expansion of the State Archives funded primarily through a bond approved by the 2005 Legislative Assembly. A strong grant program was also approved by the Legislative Assembly,

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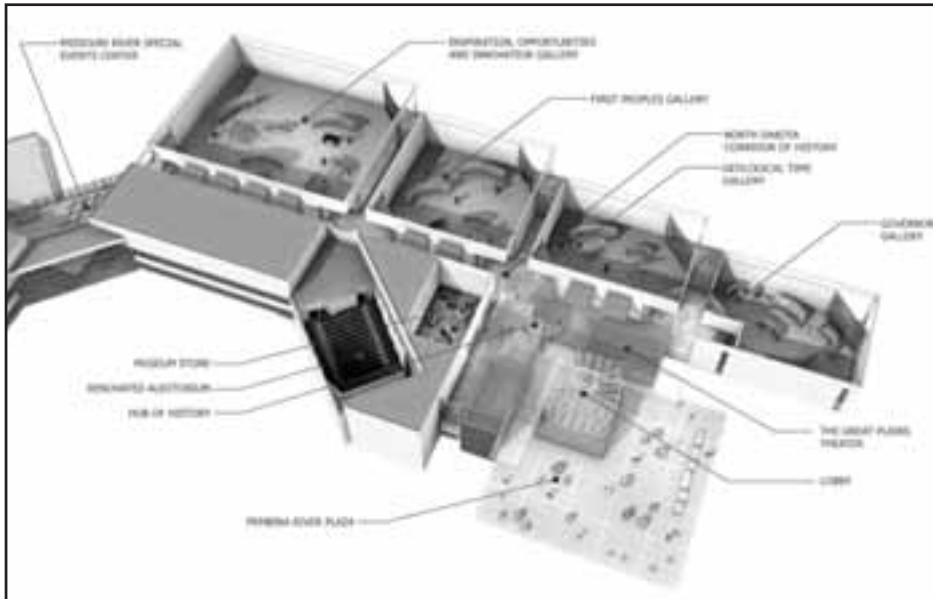
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Dimensional view of the North Dakota Heritage Center and location of the proposed expansion.

along with a funding mechanism for a Preservation Emergency Fund to help with regional historic preservation projects.

The second phase would add 97,000-square-feet of space and renovate existing portions of the Heritage Center. Beyond providing badly needed new collections space and exhibit galleries, the Phase II expansion would also include:

- Hub of History Information Center for sites and activities throughout the entire state, offering computer-generated maps, tours by interest and/or region, and

ticketing information for special events, tours, and bus trips

- The First Peoples Gallery, about the 11,000-year history of American Indians on the Northern Plains

- The Geological Time Gallery, about the hundreds of millions of years, including the era of the dinosaurs, that preceded the arrival of humans in what is now North Dakota

- The Governors Gallery, designed primarily for high-profile, temporary exhibits

- The Inspiration, Opportunities, and Innovation Gallery adds the past 70 years to North Dakota's story, which in the present gallery ends at 1941

- The North Dakota Corridor of History, a 25-foot-wide passageway connecting the new galleries and featuring floor exhibits, high-tech wall murals, and visitor seating

- The Great Plains Theater, a 60-seat theater offering Smithsonian-quality programs

- The Northern Lights Atrium, a beacon that will welcome all visitors

- A café, outdoor patio, and expansive spaces for special events and conferences

- High-tech signage to announce programs and exhibits to attract visitors

- Children's galleries and learning labs featuring interactive, hands-on exhibits

- Facilities for conferences and meetings with business-friendly technology

- Large-scale high-definition images of historic and beautiful vistas of North Dakota

The expansion idea began with a meeting of North Dakota's six living governors at a North Dakota Heritage Center forum in November 2001 celebrating the building's 20th anniversary. The governors talked about the vision and work that made the Heritage Center a reality, and looked toward the next 20 years of history and heritage tourism for the state. The governors – William Guy, Arthur Link, Allen Olson, George Sinner, and Edward Schafer – signed a resolution asking Governor John Hoeven to appoint a commission to study the possible expansion of facilities and operations of the SHSND. Governor Hoeven appointed that commission in September 2002, and it prepared a report to the 2003 Legislative Assembly recommending a series of investments in the SHSND to spur growth and expansion.

Did you know?

January 27, 2009 was a very exciting day at Lions Clubs International Headquarters. Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, a Lion of 55 years and a past district governor, formally dedicated the "Gift of Sight" statue at headquarters. The statue is a gift from President Carter and The Carter Center in recognition of Lions efforts in preventing blindness worldwide and our SightFirst partnership program. Nearly 40 representatives from our sight partner organizations took part in the formal dedication ceremony that was led by LCI President Al Brandel and President Carter. In his remarks, President Carter said that "without being a Lion, I would never have been governor or president".

US/Canada Leadership Forum info

Submitted by
BILL FILMORE

Fellow Lions: The new Memphis site is up, check it out at:

<http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

Register early for the best savings on registration fee.

Please share this notice with members of your club.

Friday Night Walkin' to Memphis Music

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/walkinginmemphisposter.pdf>

Elvis Pin to purchase:

<https://usacanadalionsforum.org/host.html>

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

5 NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Welcome fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota I hope each of you are making it through this winter and are thinking **SPRING**. Also hoping that your Lions projects are going well.

Membership:

As all of you know membership has been my number one goal for this year. It was my goal to stop the declining membership that "our" district has experienced for the past few years. On my visits to each of the clubs I suggested ways to increase membership and left each club with the challenge "to have a net increase of membership of 5% for the year." (The year being the timeline from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.) Our district was doing very well for the first part of the year, but I was alarmed by the report I just recently received from LCI. (For the period ending on January 31, 2009.) Our membership for District 5NE was at 964. This was a decline of 19 members from July 1, 2008.

We have got some very serious work to do to get more members. Some clubs are doing a very good job of increasing membership. (I thank you for your efforts.) But most clubs are just holding their own or have lost membership. A report of how the clubs of 5NE are doing on an individual basis regarding membership will soon be going out to each club secretary. A final year-end report will be published in the North Dakota Lion magazine in July 2009. How do you get new members? Ask them! Then tell them about the wonderful things that your Lions Club, Lions Clubs of North Dakota and the World are doing.

Redistricting:

The topic of redistricting of Lions Clubs for the State of North Dakota has been a topic of discussion for a number of years. Mainly because our three Districts all have a membership lower than 1250 members. A plan was presented at the State Convention in October in Bismarck. Basically the plan said that the three Districts of North Dakota increase by 75 members or we will redistrict into two districts. The plan was approved by the Districts of 5NE and 5NC but the District of 5NW did not approve the plan. As you can see by what is happening in "our" District (5NE) regarding membership we would have been forming onto two Districts. The District of 5NW has rethought the issue and at a District meeting on Saturday, February 7 voted to approve the plan. So now a committee will be working on deciding where the line will be to divide the State into two Districts.



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(The District of 5NC will be affected the most, as their district will be split.) A plan must be drawn up very soon as it must be done by March 20 for approval at the MD5 meeting in Minot. If the plan is approved at this meeting, then a final plan will be voted on at the MD5 Convention in Minot on June 4-6. (This vote at the MD5 Convention will be by the delegates of all clubs of the MD5.) If this plan is approved at the MD5 convention, the plan will most likely be implemented on July 1, 2010. So if any Lions of 5NE or the State of North Dakota have any thoughts on a proposal please let the District Governors know. These are time that may be difficult for some, but at the same time they should and will be very exciting times for the Lions of North Dakota.

Leader Dogs:

I just recently received a report from Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Michigan regarding the financial contributions that Lions Clubs of 5NE have made as of December 31, 2008. Again, I was alarmed, as only seven clubs have made contributions. I am hoping that all 34 Lions Clubs of 5NE will see

fit to make some contribution to this very worthy project. (Our district has been a 100% District for a number of years. We do not want to break that record this year.) Would all Lions Clubs please make this commitment. THANKS!

"Lions clubs in the 21st century"

At the 5NE Cabinet Meeting of January, 17, the members present voted to endorse the book, "Lions Clubs in the 21st Century." By this endorsement, we recommended that each Lions Club purchase at least one book. The book may be put into a public library, school library or the Lions Club may keep it for reference. (The book is a history of Lions Clubs International.) To order this book, you can find the information in the January edition of the LION magazine on page 15.

Election of officers:

I am hoping that all Lions Clubs of 5NE are making plans for officers for the 2009-2010 Lions Year. I am hoping that all clubs have this election in place by March 31, 2008. THANKS.

5NE leadership rally:

Make plans to attend the 5NE Leadership Rally on April 4 at Valley City. Leadership Chair Robert Littlefield has put together a GREAT program. Plus we will have ID Bill Watkins from Tennessee as our special guest. The cost for the Rally is \$10 per person and that includes the noon luncheon. Your Lions Club secretary should have the registration forms.

Lions environmental photo contest:

I am very happy to report that Lion Kathleen Lewin from the West Fargo Lions Club won the 5NE District Environmental Photo Contest. **Her photo also won the MD5 contest.** This photo will now advance to the international competition to be held at the International Convention in Minneapolis on July 6-10. CONGRATULATIONS and GOOD LUCK Kathleen.

Did you know?

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

EMERADO-ARVILLA



Lions donate

A group of Grand Forks Air Force Base high-ranking non-commissioned officers look on as Emerado-Arvilla Lions J. P. Johnson and Bob White present an \$800 check to Col. John Michel, 319th Wing commander. The check was in support of Operation Warm Heart, a program sponsored by the base First Sergeants each Christmas.



YOUR COMMUNITY EYE BANK

Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota has been providing safe, high-quality corneal tissue to surgeons and their patients since 1995. Serving a population of more than 600,000 throughout the state, LEBND helps make people's final gift—the gift of sight—a reality.

Lions are recognized worldwide for their services to the blind and visually impaired. LEBND has been supported since its inception by dedicated Lions and Lioness Clubs across North Dakota who contribute their time and expertise to LEBND's sight-restoring mission by serving on our all-volunteer board of directors and making financial contributions.

In North Dakota, you can list your desire to be an organ and tissue donor when you apply for or renew your driver's license. But remember it is important that your family understand and support your decision to be an eye, tissue and organ donor so discuss your choice with them today.

For more information about eye donation, or to arrange for a public health presentation from the Lions Eye Bank Of North Dakota, please contact:

Bismarck Facility 701-250-9390
Fargo Facility 701-297-8104

24th Annual
WEST FARGO LIONS CLUB

Pancake & Sausage Day!

Serving: Fresh Pancakes,
 Orange Juice, Sausage, Coffee & Milk

Saturday, March 28, 2009
Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
210 5th Ave. W., West Fargo, ND
7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Adults	Children 10 & Under
Advance Tickets: \$5.00	Advance Tickets: \$3.00
At Door: \$6.00	At Door: \$4.00

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

RUGBY



Project Joy

For over 20 years, the Rugby Lions Club has sponsored Project Joy. This project supplies Christmas gifts to those less fortunate in the Rugby area. Pictured are Sonya with Ryan and Matt Mullally. Middle, Jan Repnow and Betty Triplett. Back, Pat Bye, Janet Miller, and Jeff Miller as they sort and bag the gifts for the recipients.

District 5NC Spring Leadership Conference is re-scheduled

By JEANNE SELBY
District 5NC PR co-chair

The 2009 District 5NC Spring Leadership Conference has been re-scheduled from April 11 to Saturday, April 25. According to Lion Ross Espeseth, District 5NC leadership director and 2009 conference chair, the recent change was implemented to encourage more Lions from District 5NC to attend.

Lion Ross emphasizes that all District 5NC Lions are encouraged to attend the one-day conference, but he especially urges club Presidents and Secretaries to attend. Break-out sessions are being planned specifically for those two officers, as well as for numerous other club officers. A public relations session will also be offered.

Lion Ross states that the focus of the 2009 Leadership Conference will be Lions-related information designed to improve club officers' leadership skills.

The re-scheduled conference will remain in the Bismarck-Mandan area. Watch the North Dakota Lion for an announcement of the place and times for the conference. The tentative time frame will be similar to that of previous years, approximately 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost per person is \$10 (which includes the noon luncheon), payable to Lions District 5NC. Checks may be mailed to Lion Ross Espeseth, District 5NC Leadership Conference Chair, 238 Laredo Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504. Additional information is also available from Lion Ross at 701-250-8968 (work), 701-255-1773 (home) or rhe15@bis.midco.net.

Leadership seminar plans continue to be developed

Additional donations sought

Not only has the 2009 ND Leadership seminar planning begun, but also the fund raising. The board and committee members have worked hard to continually provide a program to ND high school sophomores in which neither the student, nor the school, has to pay for participation. This program has received financial support from a number of organizations over the years. NDLS is very appreciative that they were allowed to make a presentation to the ND Lions at their recent state convention.

Fund raising goals for this year's seminar have been set at \$30,000. With the student registrations from across the state coming in strong, fund raising is a concern – especially in light of the current economic climate. With so many requests for donations, we have always been pleased that service organizations, businesses and individuals have continued to set aside funds for the youth of ND and the ND Leadership Seminar.

We would like to thank the Lions clubs that have donated to date.

Carrington Lions Club	Carrington	\$100
Garrison Lions Club	Garrison	\$500
Magic City Lions Clu	Minot	\$100
Plum Valley Lions	Minot	\$100
The Minot Lions Club	Minot	\$100
TOTAL		\$900

This year's seminar dates are May 29, 30 and 31.

For more information on your Lions club donation contact Josh Ressler at 701-721-0092 or Scott Ressler at 800-711-7397.

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LINCOLN



New club?

Bismarck North Star Lions Jim Selby, left, and Dave Charles, listen as Guiding Lions Carolyn Lean and Bev Charles of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions explain the club chartering process and answer questions from prospective Lincoln area Lions club members at an informational/organizational meeting at DJ's & Mickey's Pizza & Lounge in Lincoln Jan. 27. According to Zone 2A Chair Lion Bev, 10 Lincoln area people have signed up for membership in the new Lions club, but the target membership for chartering is a minimum of 20 members. The next informational meeting was slated for Monday, Feb. 16 at DJ's and Mickey's Pizza & Lounge. Anyone having friends, relatives or contacts in the Lincoln area to suggest for potential membership in the new Lions club is asked to call Lions Carolyn (at 701-255-0531) or Bev (at 701-202-6427).

HOOTERVILLE

Lions visit

This hearty group of Hooterville Flion Lions borrowed a school bus from the Glenburn School and traveled to the charter night celebration of the Metigoshe Lions held on Friday, Jan. 23. The temp was below zero and with the winds, it measured minus -30 degrees. The welcome was warm, the food was delicious, and we all made it home safely.



LAKE METIGOSHE



New Melvin Jones

Lake Metigoshe Lions celebrated their 28th Anniversary as a club Jan. 23, 2009, with many of the club present, as well as visiting clubs from Rugby, Hooterville Flion and Boissevain. District Governor Craig Wollenburg of 5NC visited and spoke, presenting awards the club was giving to some of its members, which included the most prestigious award one can receive in Lions, the "Melvin Jones" award. Entertainment was by students from Bottineau High. Pictured is Lion Gene Bender receiving the Melvin Jones award from DG Craig Wollenburg of Rugby.



Hanson honored

Lake Metigoshe Lions President Dennis Hanson received the 15-year Monarch Award as well as the Governors' pin from DG Craig Wollenburg.

Capital City Lions to celebrate 50 years

The Capital City Lions club will celebrate its 50th anniversary April 17th at the Municipal Country Club in Bismarck.

President Carol Vondrachek said the club was chartered April 1, 1959, with 45 members.

Vondrachek announced that Past International Director, Bruce Schwartz, would be the keynote speaker. Schwartz is a member of the Bismarck Lions Club, which sponsored the Capital City Lions Club.

Lion W. Alan Van Vleet is the only charter member who is still a member, according to Vondrachek.

Service Award reminder

By MICHELLE ZENTZ

NDAB president

We, the North Dakota Association of the Blind Inc., would like to remind all Lions of the Robert John LePage Service Award. Applications are asked to be submitted by March 15th to the address below. Applications via e-mail are much appreciated.

If you happened to miss the article in the November issue, a brief summary of the award and guidelines will be included again.

During the NDAB 2008 State Convention held in Fargo, Robert John LePage was presented a service award by the Fargo Convention Planning Committee. His years and hours of dedication given to assist numerous individuals with sight loss within the Fargo-Moorhead area were applauded and recognized. Bob dedicated more than twenty-four years as a Gateway Lion. He most notably provided contributions of transportation for a variety of needs and events. Bob did not seek nor want recognition, but was given numerous awards by the Lions and named a Melvin Jones Fellow recipient in 2002. Only three months after receiving the Service Award at Fargo, Bob died on September 9th, 2008. We miss him greatly, as do his family and fellow Lions.

In memory of Bob's service, we are asking one outstanding individual to be selected from each Lions Club across North Dakota and submitted to us, so they may also be recognized. 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. Your participation with this project is much appreciated.

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

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5 NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Redistricting

As many of you may know by now on Saturday February 7th we held a special meeting in Watford City to determine if District 5NW should join the other two districts in redistricting. It was decided in a vote of 38 to 1 that we should. So now the other two District Governors and I have to get together and decide where the final dividing line should be. I know this was difficult for many Lions in the district, but I believe that if we keep our heads about this we can grow even larger. I would like to thank the guests that came to help us with this tough decision; PID Gary Fry, PCC Leo Grossman, DG Duane Zwinger, and DG Craig Wollenburg.

District Governor-Elect

It is with deep regret that I have to announce that DG-E Dan Anderson has resigned his position as District Governor Elect. On February 7th a special meeting was held to appoint a replacement for Dan, at that time PDG Kevin Vannett stepped forward to help the district. My thanks go out to PDG Kevin.

Membership

For a third month in a row Lions we have increased our membership. The total is now at 1053. 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.

Hettinger Club

Sadly it appears we are going to lose this club. At the cabinet meeting on February 7th, I was informed that the people of Hettinger are no longer interested in having a Lions club there.

Extension

Our district has three new clubs it has been working on, Belfield/Southheart, Newtown, and Tioga. I would ask that the lions near each new club to extend a hand to the lions that have been working on these clubs so that we do not lose these potential new lions. If we get a club to agree to club branch each of them we can get these people moving forward in Lionism. All it takes to form a club branch is two people, and we have more than that at each of these new spots. If you can spare an hour or two of your time to help please contact me and I will put you in touch with the lions that are working on these clubs.



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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.

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

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. Are you aware that your reports may now be submitted electronically to myself, the VDG, and your zone chairs? For more information on this please contact me.

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Pictured are the families and Peace Poster Contest winners in the Mandan area. Mandan Dacotah Lions clubs sponsored this contest at the Mandan Middle School. Pictured, from left, are Mr. and Mrs. Heinze and second place winner Caitlin Heinze, officer and Mrs. Tasky a younger daughter and third place winner Micaela Tesky; Mrs. Lisa Leingang, Middle School art instructor; Mrs. Christopherson and first place winner Breanna Christopherson. Breanna also competed at the MD5 district level.

District 5NW Zone 1A holds meeting

Submitted by
PDG HERMAN SCHAFFER

Mandan Dacotah Lions Club hosted the Zone 1A Lions meeting on January 26, 2009. The clubs present were the New Salem Lions Club, the Mandan West River Lions, the Mandan Lions Club and the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club. All reported on projects they were presently involved in and shared in a night of fun. Zone Chairperson, VDGE Pat Vannett recognized each group and complimented them on their community involvement. Mandan Dacotah Lions Club President, Lion Sally Helms, presented our speaker, PDG Charles F. Whitney from the Bowman Lions Club who spoke about the International Lions Youth Camp that had been hosted by District 5NW during the past summer. He was pleased to announce that we had youth involved from ten countries. The camp took place in Medora at the Lutheran Bible Camp location.

During this evening we all had the pleasure of taking part in the annual "Soups On" event for dinner. Fourteen people had prepared their specialty in soup and brought a kettle of soup for all to sample. After we had all eaten, those who had tasted the soups were allowed to vote on their first, second, and third place winners. The winners along with their specialty in soup are listed below:

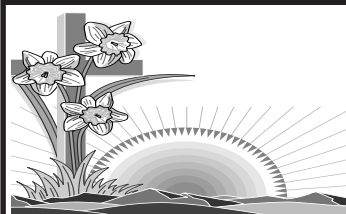
1—Lion Elsie Shaw won first prize with her "Cheesy Potato Wild Rice Soup."

2—Lion Sherry Fetch won second prize with her "Sausage Sour Kraut Soup."

3—Lion Shawneen Hammer won third prize with her "Middle Eastern Lintel Soup."

As part of this zone meeting Mandan Dacotah Lions Club gave recognition to three Mandan Public Middle School students who were the local winners of the Annual "Peace Poster Contest." First place went to Breanna Christopherson, second place went to Caitlin Heinze, and third place went to Micaela Tesky. These three young artists were rewarded with Mandan Bucks in the amounts of \$30, \$20 and \$10 respectively. These three

posters were among more than 375,000 entries submitted worldwide in the 21st annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions International is sponsoring the contest to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere. The winners were selected for originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Peace Begins With Me." The projects these young folks presented make it obvious that they have strong ideas about what peace means to them. We're very proud that we were able to provide them with the opportunity to share their visions and wish to say thank you to them, their parents, and to their teacher, Mrs. Leingang.



In Remembrance

Dickinson – Alton Shjeflo

Rugby – Robert Jacobson, Sr.

Glen Ullin – Mike Halpern

Beulah – Jess Thompson

Strasburg – Joseph Kraft

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Albert F. Brandel, president
International Association
Of Lions Clubs



Happy New Year! May 2009 be filled with many miracles of service for your club.

But we all know that just wishing for good things to happen don't make them come true. We have to work at it. We have to plan. We have to be pro-active.

The new year is a good time to evaluate our clubs to make sure we are on track.

Are you ...

Targeting young people, women or men if few in your club, and members of specific professional groups?

A "family-friendly" Lions Club?

Using marketing and public relations techniques to their best effect?

Working closely with your district's MERL team?

Making membership development a 365-day a year priority?

Fortunately, there are many proven tools available to help you perform this self-evaluation and to make any mid-course corrections needed. At the Lions Clubs International Web site, please see (Year Round Growth Program brochure, Healthy Club Toolbox, Best Practices for membership development, and 31 Marketing and Public Relations Ideas) among many others.

Please do not hesitate to take this clear-eyed look at what is happening in and around your club. Course corrections are not necessarily needed because of failure or mistakes, but because times change and it is up to individuals and organizations to adapt and change with them. It is important for the club to meet the needs and expectations of its members. Involvement in the community is key to meeting member's expectations.

Nothing could illustrate how quickly times can change better than the worldwide economic turmoil of 2008. But like all change, it presents both challenge and opportunities. Difficult economic times often motivate community-minded individuals to do even more for their neighbors in need. Also, many families are looking for activities in which all members can participate and which do not require a large monetary investment. Because there is no better or more cost-effective way to serve than through Lions Clubs International becoming a Lions Club member is an increasingly attractive opportunity.

Your club can best take advantage of these new conditions by developing new service activities to meet the changing needs of your community. Be relevant! Do your best to find out about the challenges that face your community today and devise new ways to meet them.

Only by changing and adapting to the prevailing conditions can your club be a beacon of hope and an anchor of stability in troubled times. But if you are successful in this effort the good people of your community will surely recognize what we already know: that it is a great joy and privilege to be a Lion.

You have my best wishes for a happy and successful new year of service.

MOTT



Cottonwood – a North Dakota bluegrass group - provided a wonderful afternoon of music.



Lion Dean Johnson, left, received a special recognition certificate for 54 years of membership in the Mott Lions Club. Also receiving recognition were Lion Richard Halvorson for 46 years, Lion Larry Gjerstad for 42 years and Lion Leo Brackel for 25 years. Lion Dave Czywczynski from Beulah was our guest speaker and is shown presenting Lion Dean with his certificate.



Recently, the Mott Lions club celebrated its 80th Anniversary. The club sponsored a free concert for the public, complete with cake and coffee. The bluegrass group, Cottonwood, performed for an audience of about 100 people on a cold, wintry day. Mott Lions club officers, from left, include President, Lion Maggie Banyai, Secretary, Lion Margaret Gjerstad, Treasurer, Lion Larry Gjerstad, 2nd Vice, Lion Troy Mosrucker.

**OFFICIAL APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION TO THE
NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME**

MAILING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009

SECTION A

DESCRIPTION (On separate sheet(s) list office and year or as requested)

1. Each year Active member (15 consecutive years prior to application)
2. Each year Club Office of President, Club Secretary &/or Treasurer
3. Each year Club Board Member (not as President, Secretary or Treasurer)
4. Each year Club Committee Chairman (list year and committee)
5. Each year Program Presenter at District, State &/or Multiple District meetings
6. Each year Region Chairman or Zone Chairman
7. Each year Vice District Governor (or Deputy District Governor)
8. Each year District Governor or International Officer
9. Each year appointed as member of District Cabinet
10. Each year District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer
11. Each year State Chairperson of a Lions function
12. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President
13. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary and/or Treasurer
14. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member
15. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President
16. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary and/or Treasurer
17. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Member
18. Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairman
19. Each year Multiple District 5 Chairperson (does not apply to MD5 Council members)
20. Each year District Rally attended (List years and cities)
21. North Dakota State Conventions attended (List years and cities)
22. Multiple District conventions attended (List years and cities)
23. International Conventions attended (List years)
24. USA/CANADA Forums attended (List years and cities)
25. Melvin Jones Fellow (List years)
26. 100% District Governor Award List year)
27. Club President Excellence Award (List years)
28. 100% Club Secretary Award (List years)
29. Hosting Foreign Exchange Student (List year, student's name and home country)

SECTION B

DESCRIPTION (Items 1-4 may require additional sheets.)

- 1. Each sponsored new Lion Member **(Must include a print-out from Lions International listing new members sponsored)**
- 2. Guiding Lion (List years and clubs)
- 3. Extension Award
- 4. Other Awards
 - Club
 - District
 - Lions International

SECTION C

Prepare a written personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, when and where joining Lionism. Include all achievements outside of Lionism, volunteer work and other associations and personal recognition.

SECTION D (Please print or type)

NOMINEE CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information I have provided is an accurate rendering taken from personal and club records.

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided is an accurate rendering taken from club and other verifiable sources.

PRESIDENT: _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

Nominations must be postmarked: ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2009.

This nomination form must be signed by nominee, Club President and Club Secretary and returned along with the information submitted for points in Sections A and B and the resume in Section C for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION 4X5 OR SMALLER RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT & RING SIZE

Mail completed application to:

PDG David Blackstead, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association
925 Arthur Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501

7TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

PROVIDED FOR THE LIONS OF MULTIPLE DISTRICTS 5, 9, 17, 26 AND 38
BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY - STORM LAKE, IOWA - JULY 17-19, 2009

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

Name _____ | _____ | _____ Badge Name (If Different) _____
Last First Initial

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ | _____ | _____ | _____
Street Number/PO Box City State Zip/PC

Phone () _____ | () _____ | _____ Home
Business e-mail Address

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.

_____ Vegetarian Diet requested. _____ Wheelchair Access required.

_____ Please list any other special requests. _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to:

PID Gary Fry PO Box 606 Mitchellville, IA 50169 (515)967-4645 frygj35@msn.com	PID Lloyd Hansen 312 17th Ave. Brookings, SD 57006 (605) 692-2471 lh@brookings.net	PID Rick Myers 2790 Big Island Road Fremont, NE 68025 (402)721-3686 rmyers@MICROLNK.com	PID Ernie Young 103 Ferncliff St. Lansing, KS 66043 eyoungks@aol.com	PID Randy Heitmann Box 340 Cambridge, NE 69022 byron@swnebr.net
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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:



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





**EYEGLASS
RECYCLING
REPORT
JANUARY
2009**

**Eyeglasses received
since 1998**

606,000

Eyeglasses in system

66,000

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

2,000

Eyeglasses received from:

- Valley City Lions Club
- Minot Lions Club
- Hooterville Lions Club

Eyeglasses shipped this month to
Dr. Larry Morrison,
Detroit Lakes MN

Destined for Jamaca. Any Lion
wishing to carry a pair to Jamaca
should pack his/her bags quickly.

Seriously looking for Lions or a
Lions Club willing to take over part
of the recycling project!
Three parts – initial sorting,
cleaning, reading!!

Terry Narum,
Recycling chair

Minot Lions Club
5101 14th St SW
Minot ND 58701

BOWMAN



The Bowman Lions club held its annual White Cane Day in Nov. 2008. Pictured, from left, are Kirsten Jacobi, Jodi Olind and Lion Chuck Whitney.



The Bowman Lions Club held its annual Turkey Jamboree in November 2008. Proceeds from this year's event paid for the glucose kits at the Southwest Medical Center's annual screening. Pictured is Lion Deb Patterson.



The Bowman Lions Club held its annual Super Bowl Soup and Sandwich Benefit on Sunday, Feb. 1 at the Bowman Lutheran Church. The benefit was well attended. The local Cub Scouts and some of the Dakota Prairie Helping Hands HOSPICE members also volunteered to help with the event. The benefit was held to help purchase medical equipment for a local resident.



The Bowman Lions Club welcomed its newest member, Sandy Oberfoell, during the December 2008 Christmas party. Pictured: DG Pat Trotter, new member Lion Sandy Oberfoell and sponsor Lion Ken Silha.



Pictured are, from left, Lions Terri Whitney, Terry Walter and Lion Deb Patterson.