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Prairie Rose Lions volunteer for eyeglass project

By LION JEANNE SELBY

The Prairie Rose Lions, through a recent volunteer project, touched the lives of approximately 6,000 people in "yet-to-be-designated" third world countries. According to Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry Narum of the Minot Lions, a pair of eyeglasses in third world countries costs the recipients a year's wages.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions spent a day (Saturday, April 18) in Minot volunteering for the eyeglass project, spearheaded by Project Chair Lion Terry and the Minot Lions.

Under the guidance of Lion Terry, 10 Prairie Rose Lions each spent 4.5 hours sorting a total of approximately 6,000 pairs of donated eyeglasses.

Since this was the fourth year of volunteering on the eyeglass project for the Prairie Rose Lions, Lion Terry again provided only a brief overview of the step-by-step process through which the thousands of pairs of eyeglasses pass prior to being distributed by non-denominational Christian groups and Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity (VOSH) volunteers in developing countries around the world where no eye care is available.



Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry Narum of the Minot Lions demonstrates the club's computerized lensometer, which reads both eyeglass lenses in about 17 seconds and prints a label.



Prairie Rose Lions pose with the approximately 6,000 pairs of used eyeglasses they sorted on Saturday, April 18, at the home of Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry Narum. The group includes (seated front, from left to right) Lions Norene Sandberg and JeAnne Selby, Minot Lion and Eyeglass Project Chair Terry Narum; (back row, left to right) Lions Lori Newgard, PDG Carla Bender, Joanne Hill, Randa Kinzler, Denise Kirsch, Pam Wheeler, Suzanne Paulsen and PDG Marian Johnson.

In previous years the Prairie Rose Lions have also spent time machine washing and hand-drying several thousand pairs of eyeglasses, in addition to the initial

sorting step.

Lion Terry demonstrated the Minot Lions' computerized lensometer, purchased

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PDG Carla Bender was among 10 Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions that helped presort 6,000 pairs of eyeglasses at the home of Eyeglass Project Chair Terry Narum in Minot April 18.

Official Notice

The question of the redistricting of Multiple District 5 will be voted on by the delegates to the MD5 convention in Minot, North Dakota, on June 4-6, 2009. A "yes" vote would change the number of sub-districts from nine to six; two instead of four sub-districts in Saskatchewan, two instead of three sub-districts in North Dakota, and South Dakota would remain the same with two sub-districts. Approval requires a 2/3 rd majority. If approved by Multiple District 5 and then approved by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors, the changes would become effective on July 1, 2010. A "no" vote would result in no change for Multiple District 5.



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Eye Bank thanks 2008 tissue transporters

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Thank you all for helping the Eye Bank out!

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in 2006. The lens reader accurately reads both eyeglass lenses in about 17 seconds and prints a label. Prairie Rose Lion Lori Newgard used the lensometer to read the lenses of about 200 pairs of eyeglasses and print labels for each.

Bismarck Prairie Rose President Julie Schwartz praised the Minot Lions, Eyeglass Project Chair Lion Terry and the continued support of the Prairie Rose members for the eyeglass recycling project. "I have the deepest appreciation for everything that Terry has done all these years. It's a huge job sorting, cleaning and reading the prescriptions. With all the welcome donations, he and his family have no garage for months at a time! Everyone from our club that has volunteered has been surprised at the amount of work involved in this wonderful project. It's an enlightening

day, as we learn the various steps in the whole process. And it's always a fun day volunteering!"

Lion Terry and the Minot Lions continue to solicit used eyeglasses from across the state, as well as Lions clubs wishing to spend a day volunteering and learning about the eyeglass recycling project.

In addition, Lion Terry is now soliciting a Lions club or individual to assume responsibility for two of the three steps in preparing the used eyeglasses for distribution.

After spearheading the eyeglass project for 11 years and achieving his self-imposed goal of processing the number of eyeglasses equal to the population of North Dakota, Lion Terry is now looking for someone to coordinate the washing/drying and reading portions of the project.

For more information and/or to volunteer, Lions Club service chairs or officers may contact Lion Terry at 701-838-7387 (home) or 701-720-3492 (cell).

We ENJOY sharing your information with others who share your dedication to the cause of Lionism!

Send us your stuff!

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'Hall' nominees are announced

The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Committee has received five names for consideration to the Hall. The nominees include Lion Brach Johnson, Bismarck North Star Lions; Lion John (Jack) Stewart, Mandan Lions; Lion Dave Czywczynski, Beulah; Lion LeRoy Haas, Ashley; Lion Jerome Schwartzenberger, Napoleon.

Brach Johnson

Brach Johnson first joined Lions in Glen Ullin while teaching music there from 1969 to 1974. He moved to Bismarck and

became involved as an agent in the insurance business. Lion Brach was instrumental in the chartering of the North Star Lions Club in 1980. Brach has served in nearly all of the local clubs officers, several more than once. He also played



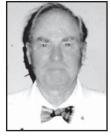
a large roll in establishing the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank during its formative years and helped nurture that organization for many years.

Lion Johnson served as District Governor in 1992-1993 and served as MD5Council Chairman the following year. Brach has attended International conventions in Hong Kong, Phoenix, Minneapolis and Denver. He and PDG Marian have two married children and two grandchildren. When not in the office or on other Lions activities, you can find him golfing, hunting or RV traveling.

John 'Jack' Stewart

Jack has had a variety of jobs over his many years, 29 months in the Army Air Corp, college student for four years, Ag

teacher for another four years, farmer for 12 years and NDSU Extension Service 29 years. During that time Jack was told that all County Agents are Lions. He became a Lion and remains a Lion by choice.



Jack joined the

Mandan Lions Club in 1969, and has held every office except Secretary/Treasurer, serving as president in 1977-78. Jack was elected District Governor in 1992-1993. Lion Jack served as a Guiding Lion for three new Lions Clubs and has attended one USA/Canada Forum, five International

Conventions and countless Multiple District and State conventions.

Jack and Dorothy have been married for 62 years and are the parents of three sons, and have eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Dave Czywczynski

Lion Dave has had the opportunity to be an extremely active Lions Club member in two clubs in western North Dakota,

Bowman from 1983 to 1996 and Beulah since 1996. He has served as president of both clubs and received the President of the Year in 1989 by the District Governor. Dave was District Governor for 5NW in 1991-1992 and received a Melvin



Jones Fellowship at the end of his term.

Dave has been a District Cabinet member for 18 years, served two terms as President of the Past District Governors Association and is currently president of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. He has attended 19 State, seven MD5 conventions and has received five International President's Certificate of Appreciation Awards and a Guiding Lion Award.

He has served on the Beulah Park Board for 11 years and is President of the Beulah Parks and Recreation District. Dave and Linda have been married for 35 years and have three grown children.

LeRoy Haas

During his 23 years as a member of the Ashley Lions Club, LeRoy served as President, eight years as Secretary/

Treasurer and on countless committees. Prior to becoming District Governor in 1999, he held the positions of Zone Chairman, Region Chairman and Vice District Governor.



During his term as Governor, District 5NC

received its first 100 percent participation in Leader Dog support. He was also the Zone Director for SIGHTFIRST II for the recently completed fund drive. Lion LeRoy is a Certified Guiding Lion and is a volunteer to deliver eye tissue to the Eye Bank in Bismarck.

Lion LeRoy was a member of the US Air Force for four years and retired from the US Army after 20 years. He returned to Ashley and has worked for a car dealer for nearly 30 years. He has served on the Park Board and was Commander of the Venturia VFW. Lion LeRoy and Rose have been married for over 36 years and have three sons and five grandchildren.

Jerome Schwartzenberger

Lion Jerome Schwartzenberger is a 50-year Monarch Award recipient as a member of the Napoleon Lions Club.

Lion Jerome started his 50-year Lions career in 1959 and served as President of his club twice. Lion Jerome served as club secretary from 1980 to 1995, Zone Chairman in 1970 and received the 100 percent Secretary award in 1985.



Lion Jerome was very active in many community functions, and 14 years in the North Dakota National Guard, attaining the rank of Captain and was commander of units in Wishek Linton and Valley City. Jerome served eight years on the Napoleon City Council, four years as president.

Jerome is the former owner/operator of the Napoleon Homestead, a weekly newspaper in Napoleon. Jerome and his wife, Christine, are the parents of three children and are proud grandparents of six



5NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota, I bring you warm greetings and trust that your Lions year has gone well. It doesn't seem possible, but the 2008-2009 Lions year is rapidly coming to a close. We have only two months left to accomplish the goals that we set forth to accomplish.

Service Dogs for America workday

The annual workday at Service Dogs for America at Jud will be held on Saturday, May 2. This is a project that is very necessary for the success of the facility. Much work is planned to be done on that day; student cabins need cleaning, main building needs work, flower beds need cleaning and planting, fence project is to be completed, dog houses are to be built, etc. So please come and help with this very valuable project. At the end of the day at 5:00 PM, the Davenport Lions Club will serve a steak fondue and homemade potato chips for all the workers to enjoy.

May 9, 2009

The day of Saturday, May 9, 2009 will be a very busy day for Lions of 5NE. At 11:00 AM in Northwood, there will be a short program at which time the monies generated to help after the tornado of August 26,2007 plus the monies from LCIF for the standard grant will be given to the Northwood Deaconess Health Center. These funds will be used to purchase a Bone Density Scanner. Then at 1:00 PM in Mayville will be the spring 5NE Cabinet Meeting. This will be the last Cabinet Meeting for the 2008-2009 Lions year. (The Cabinet meeting will be held in Paula's Steakhouse & Lounge.) Then starting at 6:00 PM at Mayville State University at the Campus Center Luckasen Room will be the "Charter Night" for the new Lions Club of Mayville-Portland. It would be very nice to have a large number of Lions members at this very great celebration. If you intend to attend please give Deb Kyllo a call at 701-788-3765 or email dck@polarcomm.com

Emergency grant

We in 5NE received an Emergency Grant of \$10,000 to help during these difficult times regarding the flood. I would like some help and suggestions as how to administer these funds. We in 5NE are very unique as the flood has hit not just 1 or 2 communities, but a large number of communities. So how do we determine which communities to help? The Grant



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monies may be used for water, food, clothing, medical supplies, blankets and cleaning supplies. Please get in contact with myself in regards to helping make decisions. Also get in touch with myself if you feel that some people in your community would qualify for emergency relief.

President's letter

I recently mailed to each of the presidents of the Lions Clubs of 5NE a letter. The letter contained some very important information regarding membership. (That has been one of my main goals for this Lions year.) I talked about the 5% membership increase for each Lions Club of 5NE. I talked about the new award that MD5 has for new Lions members. The award is called the "MD5 Rookie Lion Award." New Lions have one year to accomplish nine different Lions activities to earn the award. I talked about the Lions Clubs visitation contest and gave the form to report Lions Club's visitations. I am hoping the Lions Clubs presidents of 5NE will share this information with the membership of their Lions Club.

Visitations

Mary Ann and myself have nearly completed all of the visitations to the Lions Clubs of 5NE. This has truly been a great experience. We have been warmly greeted by each of the Lions Clubs. Have watched some great Lions clubs in action. Learned about some great fund raising activities

and heard about some very good service projects. Most of all we saw that the Lions Clubs of 5NE were doing great things and having much fun doing these activities. They truly were using the motto of the Lions "We Serve."

Secretary's duties

I am hoping that all Lions Clubs of 5NE have held their election of officers for the 2009-2010 Lions year. With that taken care of, I am hoping that the secretaries of each of the Lions Clubs have completed two major duties. The first duty would be to report the new officers to LCI on the PU 101 form. The second duty would be to report the new officers to Marian Johnson in Bismarck for the state directory. (Forms have been previously provided for these two duties.) Secretaries are reminded that the deadline for these reports is May 15.

Lions functions

I am reminding each of you about five very important Lions functions. The registration forms are in this North Dakota Lion or have been in previous issues. They are as follows:

- A) MD5 Convention in Minot on June 4-6
- B) Lions International Convention in Minneapolis on July 6-10

(It isn't going to get any closer. We need a large delegation from North Dakota.)

- C) Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Storm Lake, Iowa on July 17-19
- (Best leadership seminar the Lions promote.)
- D) USA/Canada Forum in Memphis on September 24-26
- (Best format to learn about Lionism. Truly great.)
- E) North Dakota State Convention in Mandan on October 31 & 31

Redistricting

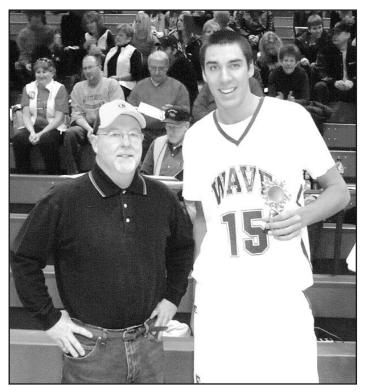
The vote to change the State of North Dakota from three districts to two districts will take place at the MD5 convention in Minot. It is very important that all Lions Clubs of the state have their delegates at the convention and vote. The form to have "credentials" to vote was in last months issue of the North Dakota Lion. Select your delegates, then return the completed form to DG Craig Wollenburg at Rugby

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SOUTH FORKS



Pictured are some of the Lions ticket sellers, from left, Tracy Wicken, Leon Comeau and Harold Vold.



Brandon Brekke, right, from East Grand Forks, won the slam-dunk contest. Brekke will be attending UND in the fall on a basketball scholarship. Presenting the award is Lion Rex Huss.

Shootout a success

By JOEL MEDD

The Grand Forks South Forks Lions club recently conducted its 14th annual Dick Compton Memorial Basketball Shootout.

The shootout was first organized by long-time Lion Richard "Dick" Compton, as a way to bring teams from eastern North Dakota and Western Minnesota together to compete on the basketball court. The tournament organizer this eyar was Lion Brad Westrum.

Teams from Kitsson County Central, Cavalier, Stephen-Argyle, Park River, Ada-Borup, North Border, Eeast Grand Forks and Four Winds from Fort Totten competed.

Approximately 20 South forks Lions helped with the event, including one Lion referee.

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Hooterville Flion Bear

The Hooterville Flion Lions Club has had a Lions Bear traveling around the Lions Clubs of the State of North Dakota. The Lions Club must pay \$5.00 per day that the "Bear" stays at their Lions Club. This "penalty" goes to the North Dakota Lions Foundation. The Lions Bear got into our district early this fall. I followed it as it made a few Lions Clubs. I am wondering were the "Bear" is now? Let me know. If it is at your Lions Club, pay the penalty and visit some Lions Club and move it along.

3rd Annual

Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank

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Friday, June 12th, 2009

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 8, 2009

Send your registration to: Duane Zwinger, 590 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421 or call 701-652-1752 or e-mail dzwinger@daktel.com

Make Checks payable to the Carrington Lions Club

5NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Fellow Lions.

Take heart summer is just around the corner. Farmers are in the fields, calving season is in ending for the ranchers and around the state are cleaning ditches! July 1 will be here before we know it which signals the start of a new Lions year. New officers, new projects, new challenges, International Convention in Minneapolis, new members. Several updates:

Leadership Conference

The 5NC Leadership Conference was a success! Our main speaker was Mr. Scott McFall. He is a motivational speaker and his presentation was a hit with everyone who attended. After his presentation we broke into several focus groups led by Lions members from our District. PID Bruce Schwartz held a session for Secretaries, VDG - Elect Bev Charles a session for Presidents and Lion JeAnne Selby, the current co-PR Chair, led a session on media relations and internal and external communication. Lions need to blow our own horn and call attention to what we do and we came away from this session with a better understanding of how to do just that. Thank you all for your work and especially to Leadership Chair Ross Espeseth for putting this all together.

I would like to add that Scott McFall is from Mandan North Dakota. It reminded me of something. The talent in this state never ceases to amaze me. So often we feel that we need to bring in people from outside North Dakota for events such as this and we overlook the brainpower and talent that we can find right here. Just like Lions need to prompt what we do - we need to promote our state. We need to promote the talented people we have, the quality of life, the beauty of the land, the determination of hard-working people, and what we can do. This was put on display for the entire country to see during the recent flooding. National news teams were here to report on a disaster. That's not what they saw. There was no looting, no whining, no wringing of the hands, no waiting for help, nothings of what they expected. Instead they saw people from all over North Dakota banding together to meet a challenge. What a sight! Your enthusiastic and exceptional motivational presentation reminded me of all the talented people in North Dakota and why I proud to be from North Dakota and proud to be a Lion. The clubs in our district are full of just such talented, passionate, and capable people. Thank you.

Cabinet Meeting

The cabinet held its final meeting



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following the Leadership conference. Redistricting and related issues dominated the agenda. Assuming the plan that will be voted on at the MD-5 convention in June is approved, it will sent to LCI and they will vote on it at their Fall meeting that will be held the end of September. We will know the results by the time we hold our State convention. There is a lot of work that needs to be done between now and then and it will take the cooperation and input from all of the DG's, VDG,'s and the VDG'delect, in order to ensure a smooth transition. Much of this work will be taking place between now and the MD-5 convention. If you have any questions please give me a call and I try and answer them for you. We also discussed the situation in Linton use of the proceeds from the Emergency Grant and the extension efforts taking place in the district.

VDG James is still looking for a few good Lions to serve on his cabinet during

the 2009-2010 year. Why not give it a try? Remember like anything what you put into it is what you will get out of it. If you're up to the challenge give Lion James a call as soon as possible.

Membership

At the start of the year I challenged each club to increase their membership by one member. If you haven't reached this goal we still have 2 months to go. Remember membership is our lifeblood. Increasing membership increases the number of hands we have for service. During my visitations this year I emphasized our accomplishments as Lions. Accomplishments and programs that have helped people throughout the world as well as in our state and our local communities. We Serve. That's what we do and that's what we are about. Share these accomplishments, this message, and the Lions story with prospective members. Talk to people, advertise, take any opportunity to spread the word and we will reach out goal.

The Washburn Lions set a goal of 10 new members. The last report I received was that they had 5 and were working on number six. Several other clubs have increased membership significantly as well. How did they do it? They told people what we do and then they asked them to become part of the largest service organization in the world. How about you? Can you do it too? Two months left. Let's reach that goal.

MD-5 Convention

Be sure and register for the MD-5 Convention, June 4-6 in Minot. The Lions of Minot, the surrounding area and chairperson Deb Michels have been put together a great program and convention. The registration form can be found in this edition of the ND Lion newspaper. Thanks Deb and all of the Lions who have helped make this event possible.

Good luck on all your summer projects and have a great summer. DG Craig



Braddock - Milo Pocta

HOOTERVILE



Food drive success

The Hooterville Flion Lions successfully completed the Spring Food Drive, "Operation Helping Hand," at the Miracle Mart grocery store at Minot's Dakota Mall on Saturday, April 4th from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. The food collected went to restock local food pantries. The Hooterville Lions in this photo include Lions Sheila Miller, Mary Ellen Haskins, Ray Webb, Lion President Joyce Kuntz and Rita Webb.

RUGBY



Officers honored

District 5NC Governor, Lion Craig Wollenburg, center, presents Lion Betty Triplett, left, the 100 percent Secretary Award for 2008, and Lion Charles Repnow, right, the 100 percent President Award for 2008. The Rugby Lions Club has been in existence for more than 80 years.

Leadership Seminar aproaches

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With the North Dakota Leadership Seminar fast approaching, we want to thank these Lion Clubs for their donations. This year's seminar runs from Friday, May 29th through Sunday, May 31st. Students completing their sophomore year, representing high schools from across North Dakota will be venturing to Bismarck and the University of Mary for the 2009 leadership conference.

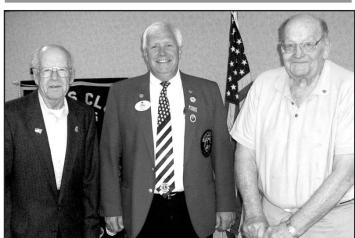
Fund raising goals for this year's seminar have been set at \$30,000. With the student registrations from across the state coming in strong, fund raising is a concern – especially in light of the current economic climate. With so many requests for donations, we have always been pleased that service organizations, businesses and individuals have continued to set aside funds for the youth of ND and the ND Leadership Seminar. To date, over 110 students have registered for this year's seminar.

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

| Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club | Bismarck ND | \$ 100.00 |
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| Capital City Lions Club | Bismarck ND | \$ 300.00 |
| North Star Lions | Bismarck ND | \$ 220.00 |
| Carrington Lions Club | Carrington ND | \$ 100.00 |
| Garrison Lions Club | Garrison ND | \$ 100.00 |
| Lehr Lions Club | Lehr ND | \$ 50.00 |
| Magic City Lions Club | Minot ND | \$ 500.00 |
| Plum Valley Lions | Minot ND | \$ 100.00 |
| The Minot Lions Club | Minot ND | \$ 100.00 |
| Washburn Lions Club | Washburn ND | \$ 100.00 |

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

MINOT



55-year members

Two Minot Lions were recently honored for 55 years of service to Lionism, receiving 55-year pins. Pictured, from left, are Olger Barsness, and Gordon Olson, right. Making the presentation, center, was District Governor Craig Wollenburg. The pins were presented Monday, April 6.

5NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings Fellow Lions,

HELP!!!! WE NEED LIONS TO HELP THE EXTENSION TEAM FINISH THE NEW CLUBS THAT WERE WORKED ON LAST YEAR!!!

Please contact me for more information.

Flooding

As most of you are aware this year North Dakota was hit with severe flooding throughout the state, and District 5NW was not spared. On March 25th I applied for an emergency grant to help those in our district with the flooding. My thanks go out to LCIF for the very fast response time; I sent the application in at 1:34 p.m. and had the approval by 2:00 p.m. I worked with the Beulah and Hazen Lions and set up a program so that only those that needed the help would be receiving it. As of this date approximately \$8,000.00 has been given out to the flood victims

Spring Rally

What a fantastic Spring Rally we had on April 18th in Williston, I have received numerous phone calls and e-mails letting me know what a terrific rally this was. My thanks go out to our guest speaker, to all of our great presenters, and ESPECIALLY to the Williston Lions who hosted this rally.

THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE!!!

Lion Pride

I challenge each and every Lion to show their pride in the number one non-government service organization in the world. When you get ready to leave the house for the day make sure you are wearing something that let's everyone else know that you're proud to be a Lion, whether it's your lapel pin, a lions shirt, or a baseball cap. Make it a habit to put something on every day. Club Tailtwisters this could be a new way to not only increase your admin funds but it would also promote Lions in your community.

State Convention

Remember Lions this is our districts turn to host the state convention. The convention is being held in Mandan at the Mandan Seven Seas on October 30-31, 2009. Registrations can be found in the ND Lion or you can contact Dale Ekstrom at (701) 663-4859 or Herman Schafer at (701) 221-2320



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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 in 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 2nd 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 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.



HAZEN



Giving the gift of sight

On behalf of the Hazen Lions Club, club Secretary Maxine Beckwith, far left, and club President Elden Zuern accept a donation of \$740.50 from Larry and Gary Folkerts of Tiffany Glass Works, Hazen. The donated funds were raised by an auction held by TGW in early February that included over 150 framed and matted pieces of wildlife and nature art. The auction's proceeds will benefit the Hazen Lion's Club and the Lions' international program SightFirst, which has restored sight to 7.5 million people through cataract surgeries, prevented serious vision loss for 30 million people and improved eye care services for hundreds of millions. The local club has pledged \$12,000 to SightFirst over a five-year period. To date, they have donated over \$6,000.

RAY



After prom funds

The Ray Lions Club raised \$1,375 for the Ray After Prom Parents Committee to be used for the Ray High School After Prom Party. Pictured are: Lion Mike Steffan, president of the Ray Lions, Mary Bergstrom from the After Prom Parent's Committee, and Lion Walt Johnson, treasurer of the Ray Lions. Each year the Lions sell \$10 raffle tickets for \$25 drawings at every home basketball game, both girls and boys. The final home game prize is \$100. Thank you to all that participated.

THANK YOU

Gary and Larry Folkerts TGW, INC. 108 12th Avenue NW Hazen, ND 58545

Thank you so much for the \$740.50 you donated to the Hazen Lions Club from proceeds of the wildlife online auction. This money will be donated to Lions International as part of our \$12,000 pledge toward SightFirst II.

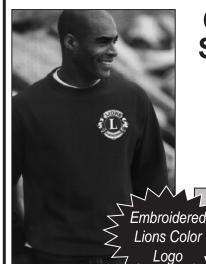
We appreciate all you and TGW do for Hazen Lions. You have the true spirit of SERVING!

Maxine M. Beckwith Secretary

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

No Exceptions!

Would you like to get a Lions sweatshirt for your club



Crewneck Sweatshirt \$19⁵⁰

S-XL if ordered in quantities of 12-23

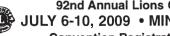
Zip Top Sweatshirt

S-XL if ordered in quantities of 12-23



Call Laura at 1-800-658-3485 for more information

> 71 N. Main St. Garrison, ND



92nd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention JULY 6-10, 2009 • MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, USA

Convention Registration and Hotel Reservation Form

Deadline for Advance Registration is May 1, 2009. See http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/news_conv_register.shtml for details.

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Credit Card and Bank Transfer Payments can be faxed to: (1-630) 571-1689 (If you fax, please do not mail original)

• Allow 4 weeks for processing and mail delivery of your confirmation.

Attention, Club Officers OFFICIAL NOTICE

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2009 MD-5 CONVENTION **TO BE HELD JUNE 4-5-6, 2009, IN** MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE **ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS:**

- 1. The Official 2009 Convention Rules
- 2. Your Club's Credentials Form
- 3. Your Club's Contest Entry Form: a) Most-Lions-Miles-Traveled Contest
- 4. Order Form for 2009 Convention Proceedings
- 5. Constitution and Bylaws Changes to be voted on at 2009 MD-5 Convention in Minot, ND

The Official Convention Rules should be reviewed by your club officers and explained to your delegates. Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules: one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due, must be paid.

Your Club Credentials Form is very important. Delegates and alternates must be selected. The form should be mailed, in time to arrive by May 27, 2009, to DG Craig Wollenburg, 109 1/2 S. Main, Rugby, ND 58368. (Please allow for slow mail.) The form also may be presented to the Credentials Committee at the Lions Registration Desk at the Holiday Inn-Riverside upon arrival at the Convention, but no later than 1:00 p.m. on June 5, 2009.

The Lions Contest Form should be given to your delegation to present to the Convention Committee Chairman, PDG Jan Froemming, in care of the Lions Registration Desk at the Holiday Inn-Riverside. The basis for the Most-Lions-Miles-Traveled Contest is for: (1) clubs with 25 or fewer members, and (2) clubs with 26 or more members. Points are awarded on the basis of 3 points for a Lion, 2 points for a Lion's spouse, and 1 point for each child in attendance. The points are totaled and multiplied by round-trip mileage to Minot, North Dakota. When completing this form, count ONLY those who are *pre-registered* for the convention.

Properly certified MD-5 Lions attending the annual MD-5 Convention may vote on proposed changes to the MD-5 Constitution and Bylaws, if the need arises.

If you have any questions, please contact the MD-5 Council of Governors Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Brand.

MD-5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS PDG Jan Froemming, Chairperson, Convention Committee Council Chairman PDG Brian Tinker PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

REQUEST FOR MD-5 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The Constitution of Lions Clubs International requires clubs desiring a copy of the proceedings of the Multiple District Convention to request a copy from the Multiple District Secretary. If your club wishes to receive the convention proceedings, please clip and mail this form by June 30, 2009, to: PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072-2832.

Please send a copy of the **2009 Minot Multiple District Convention Proceedings to:**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

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tion Desk at the Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND, no later than 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009. NOTE: Only those who are PRE-REG-ISTERED may be counted in this contest.

IMPORTANT: This form must be delivered to the Lions Registra-

***** TAKE TO THE MD5 CONVENTION *****

MD-5 CONVENTION RULES 2009

- 1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
- Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on parliamentary procedures.
- Lions in good standing must be registered in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with indebtedness of over \$50 to Lions International or their District will be considered not in good standing.
- 4. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
- 5. Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from Lion Jerry Jorgenson, Minot Lions Club, MD-5 2009 Convention Treasurer, PO Box 1671, Minot, ND 58702, until June 30, 2009. After this date, requests should be made to MD-5 Sec./Treas. PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds can be requested sixty days after the conclusion of the convention.
- All resolutions shall be submitted to PDG Donelda Phillips, Chairperson, Rules & Resolutions Committee. by 1 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2009, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND.
- 7. **Credentials** to vote at the MD-5 Convention shall be mailed to DG Craig Wollenburg, 109 1/2 S. Main, Rugby, ND 58368, or delivered upon arrival at the convention in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND, no later than 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009.
- 8. Entries for Most-Lions-Miles-Traveled Contest and Most Lioness-Miles-Traveled Contest submitted by registrants; Lions and Leos Clubs of the Year, Club Website Contest, District Club Scrapbook Contest, and District Club Newsletter Contest winners are to be submitted, from each District Governor, to PDG Jan Froemming, Chairperson, Convention Committee, by 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009, in care of the Lions Registration Desk., Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND.
- Any details regarding changing the Constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted to PDG Donelda Phillips, Chairperson, Constitution & Bylaws Committee, by 10 a.m., Thursday, June 4, 2009, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Holiday Inn-Riverside, PO Box 2228, Minot, ND 58701; phone 701-852-2504.
- 10. All reports of Committee meetings held at the convention shall be submitted to Sec.-Treas. PCC Mike Brand, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, by 8 a.m., Thursday, June 4, 2009. Reports shall be typewritten in a format approved by council for inclusion in the convention proceedings report.
- 11. All State and Provincial breakfasts, as scheduled in the Convention Program, shall be the location for business peculiar to these areas.
- 12. Privilege to speak regarding convention sites or any matter pertaining to MD-5 business must be requested of Council Chairman PDG Brian Tinker.
- 13. In Business Sessions, a delegate will be recognized by the Council Chairperson provided that said delegate stands, goes to the nearest microphone, and states his/her name and club for recording purposes. No Lion shall be allowed to speak for more than three (3) minutes each time on any one subject without the consent of the convention delegates.
- 14. All voting at Business Sessions shall be conducted by card vote by qualified delegates present. A roll call or secret ballot vote may be directed by the Chairperson if considered warranted, or may be requested by a motion passed by a majority

- of qualified delegates present. *The Credentials Committee shall conduct all written ballot voting.* After the votes have been counted, said ballots shall be turned over to the Secretary to destroy. Voting delegates shall be based on one (1) vote for each ten (10) members of a club or a major fraction thereof. Five (5) members shall constitute a major fraction.
- 15. Solicitation or sale of club project items, with the exception of the host club(s), is prohibited. The host club(s) shall secure permission from the Council of Governors.
- 16. Business sessions shall be smoke free. Smoking areas shall be established outside the business area and for all convention meals.
- 17. Invitations to host the 2015 MD-5 Convention shall be mailed to PDG Jan Froemming, Box 134, Elgin, ND 58533, or submitted to the Registration Desk at the Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND, no later than 1 p.m. Friday, June 5, 2009.

PDG Donelda Phillips, Chairperson Rules and Resolutions Committee PDG Brian Tinker, Council Chair PCC Michael Brand, Council Sec./Treas.

VOTING AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION

Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules: one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due, must be paid.

The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Mail this form to DG Craig Wollenburg, 109 1/2 S. Main, Rugby, ND 58368, to be received by May 30, 2009, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk at the Holiday Inn-Riverside, Minot, ND, no later than 11 a.m., Friday, June 5, 2009.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY <u>PRIOR</u> to coming to the Convention.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Club Name: ______ District: _____ Total number of club members as of March 30, 2009: _____ Names of Voting Delegates attending the 2009 MD5 Office held in Club: Convention in Minot, ND:

<u>IMPORTANT</u>: Send this form with your club secretary or club representative who is attending the 2009 MD-5 Convention.

Club Secretary's Signature: __

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Lionism is BOOMING in Winot! June 4, 5 and 6, 2009

Holiday Inn 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, ND

| MD5 2009 REGISTRATION FORM | REGISTRATION FEES: | |
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| 1) | MD-5 2009 Convention, | |
| 2) | PO Box 1671, Minot, ND 58702 | |
| 2) Do you have any special needsphysical or food? | | |
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| Is this your first MD5 Convention (Yes or No) 1) 2) | | |
| REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested | from Lions MD5 2009 Convention Lion Jerry Jorga | enson Treasurer |
| Minot Lions, PO Box 1671, Minot, ND 58701 until June 30, 2009. | | |
| Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds | | |

convention. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Deb Michels at 701-838-4481.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

HOLIDAY INN--Convention Location, 2200 Burdick Expressway East, Minot, ND. Reservation phones 701-852-2504 or 1-800-468-9968, room block guaranteed until May 13, 2009 at \$59 per night.plus taxes. Ask for Lions Convention. Room. Check-in 4 pm, checkout at noon.

Limited RV spots may also be available next door at the Riverside, call 852-2580.

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Registration

Feb. 16, '09 - Oct. 15, '09

\$40/person

Oct. 15, '09 - On Site

\$50/person

| Choose the Meals you want: | |
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| (Friday Icebreaker, coffee breaks included in registration) | |
| Saturday Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, bacon, Hash Browns, Assorted | \$ 9.95 |
| Danishes, Fruit juice, coffee, tea, or milk | |
| Saturday Luncheon - Stuffed chicken breast with bread dressing, Tossed | \$ 10.50 |
| salad, Roasted Red potatoes, Country Trio Vegetables, Chocolate Cake | |
| with warm Caramel Sauce, coffee, tea, or milk | |
| Saturday Banquet - Prime Rib of Beef, Mandarin Orange Salad with | \$ 22.00 |
| Poppyseed Dressing, Baked Potato, Glazed Carrots, Real | |
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PDG Herman Schafer, 445 London Ave #1, Bismarck, ND 58504



Eyeglass Recycling Report - May 2009

Eyeglasses received since 1998

635,000 pair

Eyeglasses in system

49,500 pair

Eyeglasses ready for shipment

300 pair

(Read by the

Prairie Rose Llons Club, Bismarck)

Eyeglasses received from:

Minot Lions Club
Harvey Lions Club
Capital City Lions Club

Eyeglass recycling chair's final report.

Group or individual needed to step forward.

Terry Narum Recycling chair Minot Lions Club 701-857-6018 (w) 701-838-7387 (h) 701-720-3492 (c)

Recycling chair's final report

A special thank you for all the help from Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club for coming up to Minot to sort eyeglasses on Saturday, April 18th. We had two dozen willing hands and they worked feverishly to get about half of the eyeglasses not previously sorted ready to be washed. This is their third year of donated hours from the Prairie Rose Lions Club in excess of 50 hours per year and their time is so greatly appreciated.

Many states and organizations have switched to a cost per pair of donated glasses to cover expenses as well as to pay people to read the glasses. North Dakota has resisted this trend and provided free glasses shipped to the optometrist's locations in support of their personally paid for mission trips. The optometrists and their assistance have paid ALL of their travel expenses, organizational expenses, as well as taken personal vacation or unpaid time to make these extremely high quality mission trips. The Lions support and thank them for their efforts.

Final stages

The eyeglass program is in its final stages in North Dakota unless someone or

some group steps forward to take over two of the three parts of the program. There are options for getting the man-hours donated from non-Lions sources but the organizational time has not brought forth anyone interested. We are getting very close or at a shut down point with donated eyeglasses forwarded on to out-of-state recyclers who not only supply eyeglasses by also recycle metal for a profit.

My concern is that N.D., S.D., Minnesota, Montana and Canadian optometrists will loose out on a free, quality supply of read eyeglasses for mission trips from our area. Many of these trips have, to some extent, been a direct result of the availability of quality free glasses.

Are you, or is your club willing to step forward and explore its options? I have not had any response from clubs, zones, districts or the state. I feel this has been a very worthwhile project and if it has run its course and needs to die, I can accept that. If you are concerned or want to help, please give me a call. Terry Narum, Recycling chair, Minot Lions Club, 701-857-6018 (w), 701-838-7387 (h), 701-720-3492 (c).

A note of apology regarding photography

Editor's note: The following appeared in a recent issue of the Building Association News regarding the submittal of photos to their newspaper. The same guidelines apply to photos submitted to any newspaper as well as the North Dakota Lion.

Several of you sent digital images this year and I need to explain why we could not use many of them. Photos of high enough quality for print reproduction need to be saved at resolution of 300 dpi when you take the picture. This can be in either jpg, gif or tif format. The important number is 300 dpi. It has nothing to do with the "mega pixels" of your camera.

Most of the images sent to me were 72 dpi. This is fine if the pictures are going to be printed at say 1 inch by 2 inches, but not if they are going to be run in a size that allows us to see the people in the picture. Those of you who have digital cameras often save at that smaller size so you can get more images on your memory card, and for many purposes, like digital frames or web pages, those size images are fine. But if you wish to use them for other purposes or print at a larger size, say 5 x 7 or bigger, the images will bitmap and blur. Definitely not what we want for our publication.