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Johnson to join Lions 'Hall'

Dennis Anderson, president of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association, is pleased to announce that the recipient for the 2009 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame award is PDG Brach Johnson, a member of North Star Lions Club in Bismarck.

Brach Johnson first joined Lions in Glen Ullin, North Dakota while teaching music there from 1969 to 1974. He immediately became involved in the Glen Ullin club, serving as Secretary for three years. He moved to Bismarck in 1974 and became an award-winning agent for the Farmers Union Insurance Company.

Lion Brach was instrumental in the chartering of the North Star Lions Club in January of 1980. Brach has served in many of the local clubs offices:



Secretary/treasurer for four years, treasurer for two years, and as President twice. He has been the only song leader the club has had. In addition, he has been the choir director at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church for 34 years.

Brach has served on the Board of the Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center in Bismarck for nearly 12 years.

One other noted activity of the North Star Club that PDG Brach instituted was the club's fund-raising project of cooking and selling turkey legs at several events, but primarily at the Street Fair in Bismarck each fall. The North Star club was the forerunner in offering turkey legs as a charity event.

Lion Johnson was involved in the Lions All-Star Basketball Games when they were under the auspices of the Lions

Foundation of North Dakota. He served as chairman of the games or as chairman of a vital committee for five years in the early 1980's.

Brach was also deeply involved in forming the Lions Eye Bank, first only a donor bank, which has evolved into a fully-operational tissue bank and now operates as the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

Lion Johnson served as District Governor in 1992-1993 and served as MD5 Council Chairman the following year. Brach has attended International conventions in Hong Kong, Phoenix, Minneapolis and Denver.

CC Brach has attended nearly all of the State Lions Conventions and MD5 conventions since becoming a Lion in 1969.

He and PDG Marian have two married children (Lions) and two grandchildren. When not in the office or on other Lions activities, you can find him either golfing, hunting or RV traveling.

Special vision equipment presented to Fargo youth

Paxton Franke, a Fargo youth who has a blinding vision disorder, was presented a Magnalink Student CCTV camera and HP Laptop computer with a total value of \$4,000, at the Fargo Lions Club Monday, June 1.

Paxton, and his parents Jessica and Aaron, received the sight enhancing equipment through donations from the Fargo Lions Club, Arthur Lions Club, Fargo Edgewood Lions Club, West Fargo Lions Club, Barnesville Lions Club and Dilworth Lions Club.

Special equipment pricing came from Lion Terry Nelson of the Low Vision Store, St. Paul, and Dustin Nitschke, Netrix Information Technologies,



Lion Bob Ames presented Paxton Franke, and his parents, Jessica and Aaron, part of the equipment to help Paxton with his learning. Paxton suffers from a sight-related disease and will be greatly helped by the equipment provided through the generosity of several Lions clubs.

Inc., Fargo.

Paxton's teacher is Julie Anderson, a specialist for the visually impaired in the Fargo Public Schools. This equipment will greatly enhance Paxton's ability to learn and enjoy school.

Fargo Lion Bob Ames, a principal with Foss Architecture & Interiors, coordinated the project.

Lions Clubs International motto is "We Serve." Founded in 1917, Lions is the world's largest service club, whose primary goal is to eliminate preventable blindness and help the sight impaired around the world.

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Pictured are the Lions members that were present in Northwood May 9 for the presentation of checks to purchase a Bone Density Scanner machine. Presenting the checks to CEO Pete Antonson is DG Duane Zwinger, fifth from left. Also pictured (between DG Duane and Antonson) is IPDG John Dobbs.

Northwood recipient of LCIF grant

A devastating tornado ripped through the town of Northwood in August of 2007. Immediately LCIF went into action. Then DG John Dobbs secured a \$10,000 Emergency Grant to aid the citizens.

Fundraising took place by area Lions Clubs to help in a larger manner. After much deliberation the committee decided to purchase a Bone Density Scanner Machine for the Northwood Deaconess Health Center. A Standard Grant application was sent into LCIF to secure matching funds for the purchase. The application had to be modified a couple of times, then was sent

back to LCIF headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill.

The LCI Board of Directors at its March meeting approved the grant application. District Governor Duane Zwinger and a number of other Lions members from the area were in Northwood on May 9 to make the presentation of the monies to CEO Pete Antonson of the Deaconess Health Center.

The machine was placed on order and should be in full operation very soon. The community of Northwood and the people of Deaconess Health Center are very appreciative of the kindness of LCIF and the area Lions Clubs.

Free eye exams offered for low income families

Free eye exams and eyeglasses, if necessary, will be offered to uninsured workers and their families who are residents of North Dakota, through the Vision USA-ND Project.

As part of the national program called Vision USA, participating optometrists are donating their services to provide comprehensive eye exams to children and adults.

In addition, local Lions Clubs, the Dakota Medical Foundation, Vision Services Inc. and optical laboratories are providing funds and/or discounts to cover the cost of lenses.

To qualify, applicants must be North Dakota residents and have lived in the state for at least two years. The applicant must live in a family unit where someone in the household is working at least part-time.

The individual must not have vision insurance or be on

Medicaid, Medicare or Indian Health Services, have income below an established level based on household size, and have had no eye examinations for at least three years. Both children and adults are eligible.

Applications may be obtained from county social services, school administrators, local Lions Club members and optometrists, or by writing Vision USA-ND Project, 921 South 9th Street, Suite 120, Bismarck, ND 58504. Applications can also be downloaded at www.ndeyecare.info. Click on the Vision USA link.

All applications will be reviewed. Eligible persons will be notified and referred to a participating optometrist.

For further information, contact: Vision USA-ND Project, Office of ND Optometric Association, Nancy Kopp, executive director, 701-258-6766.

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Other donations

Northwood Lions Club \$50

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VISION USA

Ashley Lions Club	\$144
Leonard Lions Club	\$90
Bowman Lions Club	\$150

The following memorials were all made in memory of Lion Carl

Jessen:

Oscar and Ladell Sorenson, Justin G. and Amy Bergenon, Citizens

Mayville



5NE DG Duane Zwinger presented the International President's Commendation to, from left, Robert Littlefield, Pat Roundy and Doug Roundy, at the 5NE Cabinet meeting in Mayville May 9. Not pictured is Sarah Nathan.



DG Duane Zwinger, right of 5NE is pictured passing the gavel to VDG Wayne Westlund at the cabinet meeting in Mayville May 9.



IPDG John Dobbs, right, received his 100 percent District Governor's certificate from DG Duane Zwinger at the 5NE Cabinet meeting in Mayville May 9.

Gackle

DG's Craig Wollenburg, Duane Zwinger honored

Recently, our 5NC District Governor, Craig Wollenburg, and 5NE District Governor, Duane Zwinger, who is also past superintendent of our public school, each gave impassioned presentations that made us all proud to be Lions and motivated us in our community service and support of Lions International.

We think highly of both of these men and appreciate their visits to our Lions Club. In appreciation and honor of them both, the Gackle Lions Club contributed \$100 to the Northern Valley WWII Honor Flight, which both men held up as a high priority.

5NE Governor's Report

Fellow Lions of 5NE and the State of North Dakota, I bring you warm greetings on this my last report during my tenure as District Governor. It is hard to believe that the Lions year for 2008-2009 is almost completed. It truly has been a great experience for Mary Ann and myself. We have had many great memories and have met and developed many new friendships. We thank you, the Lions of 5NE for giving us this opportunity to serve you as District Governor.

MD 5 Convention

The annual MD 5 Convention was held in Minot on June 4-6. What a wonderful time was had by all. The highlight of the convention was to have ID Dana Biggs as the guest speaker and to have with her husband PIP Bill Biggs. They both gave us much insight into the real workings of Lionism.

Regarding official business of MD 5, the most important topic was in regards to redistricting. The vote was taken on Saturday, June 6 by the "official" voting delegates at the convention. The vote was 133 in favor and 17 opposed to the redistricting plan as presented. What this means is that the plan to have Saskatchewan change from four sub-districts to two, North Dakota would change from three sub-districts to two and South Dakota would remain with two sub-districts. This plan will be forwarded to Lions Club International and will most likely be voted on by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. Hopefully they will approve the plan and we will have this format in place by July 1, 2010.

At the Saturday night Banquet IPDG John Dobbs was awarded the International Leadership Medal and PDG Katherine Tweed was awarded the Presidential Medal. These are the highest presidential award medals that are given. PDG David Bowen was honored with the Senior Counselor Award at the noon luncheon on Friday. Congratulations to you PDG's on earning these awards. I want to thank and congratulate Chairperson Deb Michels and her committees for putting together a great convention. You all did a SUPER JOB.

International Convention

This year's Lions International Convention will be held in Minneapolis on July 6-10. I am hoping that a number of you Lions of 5NE are planning on making it to this convention. There is still time to register and then enjoy the festivities. One of the highlights of the convention is the "Parade of Nations" and MD5 will be marching number 15th in



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the parade. The parade is set for Tuesday, July 7 starting at 9:30 AM. Parade attire is black pants/Capri, white polo shirts, blue MD5 vests and black walking shoes. This convention is a great opportunity to learn more about the Lions organization. This convention will not get any closer to us than Minneapolis.

Awards

I will be awarding three awards at the end of this Lions year. Two awards will go to clubs and one is for individuals. They are as follows:

1) Top three Lions Clubs of 5NE regarding greatest % of increase in membership from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

2) Top three Lions Clubs of 5NE that have earned the most points using the formula for visitations that was sent to each club.

3) Award to all Lions Club secretaries of 5NE that have faithfully submitted reports to LCI.

Extension

5NE had a great year regarding extension. The UND Campus Lions Club of UND and the Lions Club from Mayville-Portland were recently chartered. Because of these new Lions Clubs and other clubs from the district gaining members, 5NE was able to stop the decline in net membership for the district. We will be soon chartering another new Lions Club. The Casselton Lions club will have their "Charter Night" on Wednesday, August 12. Please mark that date on your calendar. More details on that evening will be coming very soon, Lion Robert Littlefield is the Guiding Lion and the Fargo Lions Club is the sponsoring club.

Thanks

1) I want to thank all members of the cabinet for a job well done. You all worked hard to accomplish the goals that we set forth at the beginning of the year.

2) I want to thank all the Lions Clubs of 5NE and their members for all of the special things that you do for your communities and for everyone statewide as well as worldwide.

3) I want to thank the fellow District Governors of MD5 for all of the great times together. Your friendship will be and is very special to Mary Ann and myself.

DGE Wayne Westlund

DGE Wayne Westlund will complete his training in Minneapolis and then officially become District Governor of 5NE on July 10, 2009. I want to congratulate and wish Lion Wayne the best in his year as District Governor. He has a very good grasp of what Lionism is all about and has some definite plans and goals for the coming year. I will give him my total support. I trust that you fellow Lions of 5NE will do likewise.

Conclusion

Again, thanks Lions of 5NE, it truly was a pleasure to be your District Governor for 2008-2009. It was a humbling, but rewarding experience and one that Mary Ann and myself will cherish for many, many years.

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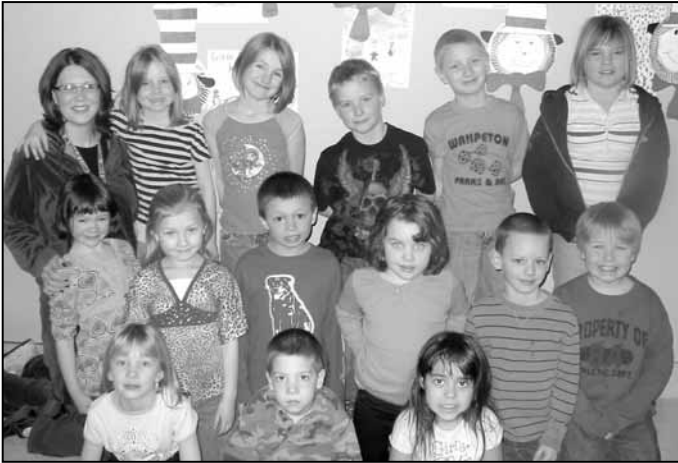
The MagniLink Student Addition has a combined reading/distance camera, ideal for use at school. This CCTV system can also be carried by children and connected to a laptop or a desktop computer. The MLS Student Addition can be used for both reading and distance viewing. Paxton can change between the reading and distance

modes by tilting the camera head.

The distance mode is used to look at the blackboard and the reading mode is used to magnify text and images in schoolbooks, magazines and other printed material.

It is likely, although not confirmed, that Lion Terry Nelson set up the equipment for Paxton following the meeting.

Wahpeton



Lions help readers

The Wahpeton Headwaters Lions Club collaborated again for the 3rd year with Mrs. Adonica Good's 1st grade class from Wahpeton Central School. On a weekly basis, one or more Lions members were matched up with a 1st grader for reading. The children had an opportunity to read a book of their choice aloud. It provides reading practice, builds their self-confidence, as well as one-on-one time with another adult. "Remember it takes a village to raise a child". Pictured, front, from left, Erica Plummer, Aaron Bohn and Samara Velazquez. Middle, Korie Riely, Alexis Hendrickson, Seth Gunville, Samantha Whaley, Bradi Leshovsky and Jaixen Silvernail. Back, Mrs. Good, Jennifer Berg, Jordyn Kahler, Nevin VanCleave, Garrett Lathrop, Abbigayle Glander.

All-Star games to be televised

Many North Dakotans will have the opportunity to watch the legendary Lion's all-star basketball games in July, right in the comfort of their own homes. Many telephone cooperative/companies, with more than 22,000 households, will be airing the games ... with the likelihood of additional cooperatives/companies still coming on board before July.

The best high school basketball players in North Dakota, boys and girls, will compete in head-to-head Class A vs. Class B action in Bismarck July 21 and in Fargo July 22. These deserving young athletes get the opportunity to show their on court skills representing their schools and communities in a couple of heated Lion's all-star basketball games.

BEK Sports, a subsidiary of BEK Communications Cooperative - Steele, N.D., is spearheading broadcast efforts to deliver this game LIVE to a large portion of North Dakota viewers.

BEK Sports broadcasts live region-wide high school football, volleyball, basketball and wrestling events. Offering the Lion's all-star basketball games to area viewers – and beyond – was a natural fit for them, BEK Sports Broadcast Supervisor Jordan Hassler said.

The games will be broadcast from the BEK Sports mobile production vehicle, which allows for live broadcasting across the state. To bring the Lion's games to viewers across the state, BEK Sports will use a staff of 15, including a director, a sideline producer, multiple camera operators, two announcers and a sideline reporter. In addition to the excitement of bringing the Lion's games to many North Dakota communities live for the first time, the broadcast will also provide an opportunity for the basketball players to show their talents – some for the first time on television.



Celebrate Seuss

On Dr. Seuss's birthday – March 2nd, the Headwater's Lions Club, along with their 1st grade pals, honor the first baby born on or after Dr Seuss's birthday at St. Francis Healthcare Campus. A Dr Seuss book and a Cat in the Hat character were presented to Shaelee Grace, daughter of Don and Mindy Tayer. Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss and Happy Reading Shaelee! Pictured, from left, are Linda Braun – Headwater's Lions treasurer, Don, Mindy, Shaelee Grace, and Becky Lankow, Headwater's Lions secretary.



Initiation

James Kraus, left, transferred from the Willmar, Minn. Lions. Also pictured are new members Paula Bakken and Kim Mann, along with Membership Chair Sandy Eichhorn.



Membership pin

Ann Trebesch, left, received her membership pin Jan. 28 from Becky Lankow, Membership Committee, for recruiting two new members.

LaMoure



Appreciation dinner

This year, the LaMoure Lions Club hosted the LaMoure Volunteer Fire Department. This event was Monday, March 16 at the Memorial Park Country Club in Grand Rapids, N.D. More than 70 people attended. Special entertainment was by the LaMoure School Music Department under the direction of Tricia Lebahn. Featured speaker was Past 5NE District Governor John Dobbs, escorted by his wife Anita. He spoke on volunteerism in the community and did a superb job.

Carrington



Club donates

The Carrington Lions have donated \$500 to the Carrington Ambulance fund drive. The Carrington Health Center is raising money to purchase a used ambulance to replace one, which was in a roll-over accident. They also donated \$100 to the Mike Parr fund established when he was injured while transporting a patient to Fargo. Pictured, from left, are Carrington Lions treasurer, Doug Roundy, Paramedic Mike Parr and Lion Illa Zink who is also an ambulance volunteer.

Emerado-Arvilla

Club honors long-time member



Charter Member PDG Loren Bergsrud honored with award and chevron for 40 years of service by PDG Dennis Anderson.

On April 16, 2009, the Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club celebrated 40 years of service. DG Duane Zwinger and his wife Lion Mary Ann shared the evening with the club along with Lions Doug and Pat Roundy of the Carrington Lions Club.

The club honored PDG Loren Bergsrud, the only remaining charter member, with a cake and a chevron. PDG Loren has been an active member for all 40 years, serving in many different capacities. His term as 5NE District Governor was 1981-1982.

The club also honored Lion James (JP) Johnson as their Melvin



DG Duane presenting JP Johnson with the Melvin Jones Award.

Jones recipient. Lion JP has logged years of faithful humanitarian service, both in and out of Lions. His faithful wife, Dorothy has always supported him in all he does and is generally working along side him at Lions and other activities. DG Duane presented the Melvin Jones Award to JP and Dorothy pinned the Melvin Jones pin onto JP's vest.

Lake Metigoshe



Cleanup, birthday celebration

The Lake Metigoshe Lions club held its "Ditch Cleanup" around the Loop & H&B Trail on May 18, 09 which coincided with Lion Kay's 94th Birthday. Lion Kay is a Charter Member of our club and has been a member for 28+years. A potluck picnic followed the cleanup and we celebrated his birthday. Pictured around pick-up loaded with garbage, top photo are Lions Bill and wife Mary, Jim Dignan, Cedric Jacobson, Rod and Ann Parrill, Diane Dignan, Oliver Dunderland, Myra and Les Halvorson, Dobie Thom, and Dennis Hanson. Not pictured - Lions Kay and Arline Bonebrake, Bryan Schweitzer, and Mona Johnson. Bottom photo Lion Kay taking a happy birthday call.



Hooterville



Melvin Jones

The Hooterville Flion Lions Club presented Wilhelm "Bill" Alef with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the club's recent 34th Anniversary celebration.

Garrison



New member

Garrison's Lions club welcomed a new member at its April meeting. Pictured at left are new member Jason Mattheis and his sponsor, Lion John Backhaus. Also pictured are club treasurer Les Korgel, District Governor Craig Wollenburg and Secretary Stu Merry.

University of Mary

U. Mary Lions provide help for displaced youngsters

The University of Mary Lions embarked on a project to help children who have been homeless and are finding places to live with their families. Their project is called "My Bag of Care", and involved filling pillowcases with shampoos, soaps, lotions, toothpaste and other personal items chosen for their age level. The colorful pillowcases were sewn by the Prairie Rose Lions Club, and the Optimist Club at University of Mary also helped with the gathering of donated items. Donation boxes were placed in the classrooms at the University of Mary and any students who wanted to give products could place them in the boxes when they came to class.

The University of Mary Lions are working with Nancy Kleingartner of Welcome House, which helps formerly homeless families get settled when they begin to re-enter a home situation. The University students felt that having a "bag" of their own personal items (and sometimes a few toys ...) would help them in their transition. Seventeen pillowcases were filled in all, and the students plan to make it a continuing project.



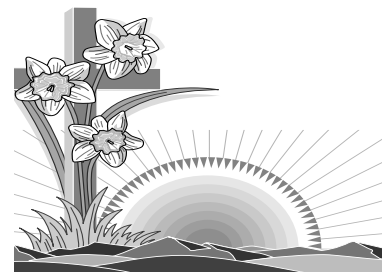
The University of Mary students in this photo are from left to right: Jennie Dvorak, Wes Wakefield, Carmen Dahl, Adrienne Nelson, Justene Dahl, Sagan Orr, Ann Marie Werthmann, Ciara Martel, and Kristin Mathern.

Prairie Rose



Lions Sew

The Prairie Rose Lions shown here are VDGE Bev Charles, Lori Newgard, and Marian Johnson. Nearly 10 of the Prairie Rose Lions helped to sew pillowcases, and VDGE Bev Charles donated the material.



In Remembrance

Kulm – Deopold Herman

Sheldon – Robert Offerman

Hankinson – Ernest Woytassek

Emerado-Arvilla – John Pifer, Sr.

Turtle Lake – Alvin Hirschhorn

Leeds – Alfred Fredrickson

Carson – John Riehl

Steele – Everett Barta

5NW Governor's Report

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Thank you

This is my final issue of the newsletter and I would like to thank each lion that helped me throughout the year with the many challenges I faced. I feel we have made some progress in some areas and we didn't move forward at all in others. I would like to thank and congratulate DGE Kevin Vannett for stepping forward and taking on the job of District Governor on such short notice.

Leaderdog

Congratulation and thanks go out to iPDG Jan Froemming for the excellent job she did this year for the district and Leaderdog. Once again the district has 100% club participation. Jan also was able to get donations from the three Leo's clubs in our district.

Flooding

At this time our district has used up the outstanding emergency grant with the majority of the funds going to the residents of Beulah.

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



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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

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

My congratulations to the Minot area Lions. What a fantastic job they did with the MD-5 convention.

Mandan Leos

Mandan Leos Club continues active pace

September—Our kickoff meeting found 62 members interested and these signed up. Forty-eight of them were new members.

October—Trick or treat for glasses was held on a cold wintry type evening and we collected 565 pairs of glasses.

November—The Leo Club had 38 students who worked at the State Special Olympics Bowling Tournament at Midway Lanes. A number of Leo Club members helped serve Hot Dogs for Santa Days at the Community Center.

Nov. and Dec.—The club sold kuchen as a fundraiser during late November and early December and made over \$700.

January & February—The Leo club hosted a Singing Valentine's idea to help fund homeless children in our school system.

The Leo Club also had a program from the Central Dakota Humane Society by Cameo Skager and one from Kathleen Kelly of Mandan Public Schools on Homeless Children.

March and April—The Leo Club worked on organizing a team for the Great American Bike Race. They made shirts that said, "Trevor's Girls." They had 15 students take part, which included ten riders and five volunteers. They donated \$300 with the help of some private donators. Their captain was Trevor Vannett. They seem excited to do this again next spring.

The Leo Club provided workers to help the Mandan Lions Club serve their annual breakfast.

May—The Leo Club provided some workers to assist the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club with a spaghetti benefit for

the Mandan Fire Department. They also handled a Food Drive for Aid Inc. of Mandan. They collected 1043 items for this Food Drive. Some of the Leo Club assisted with the Special Olympics Track Meet.

At it May meeting, Leo members donated the following amounts: \$300 to Mandan Public Schools Homeless Children's Program \$100 to Central Dakota Humane Society; \$50 to Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester, Mich.; \$50 to Service Dogs of America in Jud, N.D.

Leo Club members have made the decision to do 15 hours of service work before they receive their Leo Club Pin.

Many of the Leo club members demonstrate that they are top scholars at Mandan Senior High School.

Minot



Club donates

During the spring flooding around the Minot Area, many of the supplies from the Salvation Army had become depleted. Fellow Lions of Magic City Lions and the community came together May 5 to help restock the Salvation Army shelves. A tandem truck was brought to Sleep Inn-Inn & Suites during one of our regular meetings and the Magic City Lions did a tremendous job of filling the truck. Thank You Lion Ron for organizing and Magic City Lions for collecting and loading items.

Elgin



Donate to Saddle Club

The Elgin Lions Club voted on March 26 during the regular membership meeting, to donate \$600 to the Elgin Saddle Club for the 48th Annual NDRA Rodeo to be held in Elgin. Here Lion President Jim Zimmerman, right, presents a check to Nancy Koepplin, rodeo secretary/treasurer, April 9. In other historic business, Lion Carlton Levorsen (former owner/president of the Farmers State Bank) won the weekly Shannigan of \$5 for his wife Harriet written on the last check of Farmers State Bank. The Shannigan is drawn at each regular meeting to encourage better attendance, but is given to the wife of the Lion. The Lions Club has new checks now with First International Bank. Lion Levorsen was also elected as the new Lion President for next year. A 2A Zone spring meeting was planned in Elgin for Thursday May 28 at Our Pace Cafe. A free supper sponsored by the Elgin Lions Club was provided for all Lions in 2A Zone including Elgin Lions, Elgin Dakota Lions, Mott, Flasher, Regent, and New England Lions. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz*

Columbus



Benefit funds

Columbus Lions President Lion David Peterson is pictured presenting a check to Lynn and Ann Brodal. The couple lost their home to a fire Dec. 26, 2008. A benefit was held on their behalf, which was sponsored by the Columbus Lions Club, raising about \$4,455.

Burgers in Dykshoorn Park

By Herman A. Schafer

The Summer Concert Series has begun at the Mandan Band Shell. Each week from Monday through Thursday a different group of musicians performs at 7:30 p.m.

This year again as happened the past two years, the Mandan Dacotah Lions will be present every Tuesday starting June 9 from 5:30-8 p.m. to prepare and serve Quarter Pound Burgers, Brats, Water, Chips and Coffee. Several times during the summer we will serve pie or kuchen, too. Proceeds from sales made by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club are returned to Mandan by donating to various local functions. We are here to bring service to our community.

You are invited to join the Mandan Dacotah Lions every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Dykshoorn Park. You are invited to join the Musicians Association each Monday through Thursday at 7:30 p.m. to enjoy the musicians who share their many talents.

Hazen Lions hosting fly-in breakfast June 28

The Hazen Lions Club will serve pancakes, sausage and scrambled eggs from 7 a.m. to noon MDT Sunday, June 28 at the Mercer County Regional Airport, one-mile east and 1/2 mile south of Hazen.

The event is the Mercer County Regional Airport Hazen Fly In.

The public is welcome to breakfast and static aircraft displays. You can visit with Astronaut Frank Borman and his Turbine-powered L19 – Bird Dog.

Plane rides will be available and entertainment provided. A short video on Eldon W. "Al" Joersz, a former Hazen resident, who holds the world speed record.

The static aircraft displays include a T-28 Navy Trainer, Flying P-51 War Bird and Black Hawk Helicopter, displayed by the Air National Guard.

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Registrant A

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Please check all that apply

Special Meals: ☐ Diabetic ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Other _____
(It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

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(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)

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visit our website at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>

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33rd ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

HOUSING

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. **Do not register directly with the hotel.** Please Indicate 6 choices in order of preference. **Rooms cannot be reserved without \$125 US deposit**

HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE
<input type="checkbox"/> Marriott Memphis (Headquarters)	\$162.00	Adjacent
<input type="checkbox"/> Crowne Plaza	\$152.00	3 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Inn Downtown	\$119.00	5 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Sleep Inn	\$109.00	5 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> The Peabody Memphis	\$179.00	8 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Tree Downtown	\$119.00	8 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Hampton Inn & Suites	\$125.00	8 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Springhill Suites by Marriott	\$125.00	10 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Select Downtown	\$135.00	10 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Inn Select Airport	\$119.00	30 min shuttle
<input type="checkbox"/> Memphis Marriott East	\$ 94.00	30 min shuttle

RV Park: The official Forum RV Park is Tom Sawyer's Mississippi River RV Park. Please make your reservations by calling: 1-870-735-9770 or visit www.tomsawyersrvpark.com

☐ I will be staying at the RV Park

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

in Room _____ # of Beds _____

Sharing Room with _____

Special Room Requests: ☐ Non-smoking
Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

Other _____

HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

I will be arriving by:

☐ Air ☐ RV ☐ Undecided

☐ Car ☐ Other _____

Attention Lions Golfers

Mark Saturday August 1, 2009
on your calendars for the
15th Annual 5 NC
Golfarama Fundraiser
for the Lions Eyebank
of North Dakota

The place: Harvey Country Club, Harvey

The format: Four-person teams
open to the first 18 teams

The play: Blend of scramble and alternate shot
10 a.m. start

Entry fees: \$120 per team, which includes entry
fee and brats/hamburgers served
during/following the tournament

Registration closes July 30

If your club wants to be included, get your registration fee in now. You can line up your players later. We don't anticipate any open slots and the first 18 paid teams will be all we can allow. Please send your check and list of players (if available) along with their 18-hole scores to the Harvey Lions club c/o Steve Kourajian, 613 Riverview Drive, Harvey, ND 58341. Checks can be made out to the Harvey Lions club. Questions, contact Steve Kourajian at 324-4456. If you cannot field a complete team you can send one, two or three individuals at \$30 each and we will pair them with other teams. Remember that contributing to this event is considered as part of your club's donation to the Eyebank. Why not have a little fun and get credit for your Lions club for donating to this worthy cause.

Name of Club _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Name _____ Score _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

Golf Carts Needed _____

Can rent at course or bring your own.



**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.

REGISTRANT INFORMATION. Please type or print name as it appears on passport/photo ID.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
Address _____ City _____ State/Province _____
Postal Code _____ Country _____
Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

☐ Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ ☐ Leo ☐ Lioness

SPOUSE: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____
☐ Lion: Club No. _____ Club Name _____ District _____ Title _____ ☐ Lioness ☐ Non-Lion

CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____
CHILD: First Name _____ Last Name _____ Nickname for badge _____ Age _____

☐ Club Delegate ☐ Alternate Delegate

☐ This is my first LCI convention. ☐ Not my first convention, I have attended _____

☐ Letter of Invitation (If a visa is required for your country of origin) [Club number must be provided above to verify membership]

The plenary sessions are presented in English with simultaneous translation. Will you require a headset? ☐ No ☐ Yes

PACKAGE A: Includes convention registration for each name listed above plus one (1) hotel room serviced by shuttle buses during convention.

☐ Before December 31: Reservation in delegation hotel

☐ After December 31: ☐ I prefer my delegation hotel

☐ Prefer hotel based on: ☐ room rate of _____ ☐ location near convention center

Arrival date _____ Departure date _____

Number of Guests in Room: _____ Number of Beds Needed ☐ 1 ☐ 2

Special Requirements ☐ Non-smoking ☐ Wheelchair Accessible ☐ Other _____

Indicate special needs _____ Subject to hotel availability.

* Hotel deposit is not the rate but reserves the room. Deposit will be credited to hotel bill at checkout.

PACKAGE B: REGISTRATION ONLY. Includes convention registration for each person listed above.

NO ROOM REQUIRED. I am staying at _____

OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS I/we are registered above and request tickets to the following event(s):

EVENT	DATE/TIME	FEE	QUANTITY	AMOUNT DUE
Membership Key Award Ice Cream Social (2 ticket limit)	July 8 / 14:00 – 16:00	\$20	_____	\$ _____
Melvin Jones Fellow Luncheon	July 8 / 13:00 – 15:00	\$50	_____	\$ _____
"The Hero Awards" Banquet (2 Comp tickets for each past president and past director)	July 9 / 18:30 – 22:30	\$120	_____	\$ _____

Meal Preference: ☐ None ☐ Vegetarian ☐ Indian Vegetarian ☐ Diabetic

PAYMENT • Full payment is required with this form. • US currency only. Checks and money orders must be drawn on US banks.

• Only Visa and MasterCard accepted. Credit card must be in the name of the registrant. • Contact LCI for wire transfer instructions.

REGISTRATION FEES

	Adult	Child (17 and under)
Early (before 31/Dec/2008)	US\$100	US\$10
Regular (1/Jan-1/May/2009)	US\$130	US\$10
Late (2/May/2009 – onsite)	US\$150	US\$10

Package A:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Hotel Deposit: US\$ _____ \$150.00

Total Due: US\$ _____

Package B:

Registrations: US\$ _____

Ticketed Events: US\$ _____

Total Due: US\$ _____

OR

☐ Check ☐ Bank transfer/deposit (copy must be attached to this form)

☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard Your name as it appears on the card _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Mail form and payment to: Attn: Convention Division • Lions Clubs International • 300 West 22nd Street • Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842 USA

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.

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

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312 17th Ave.
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lh@brookings.net

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eyoungks@aol.com

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Cambridge, NE 69022
byron@swnebr.net



2009 State Lions Convention "Anchored in Service"

October 30 & 31, 2009

Mandan Seven Seas - Exit 152 on I-94



Lodging

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

Registration

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



Choose the Meals you want:

(Friday Icebreaker, coffee breaks included in registration)

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

___ **Special dietary needs:**

Meal Total -

Registration -

Total Amount -



Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant.

Name: _____ Lion Guest (circle one)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

ZIP

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Mail registration form & check to:

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



Fargo

Fargo Lions club honor three

The Fargo Lions Club recently awarded the last three Melvin Jones awards given in recognition of the club's Model Club status for Campaign SightFirst II.

Lion Mel Olson transferred his membership to Fargo Lions in 2005. His sponsor was Lion Neil Jordheim. He was an active member in the Bismarck Lions Club before coming to Fargo. He served as Fargo Lions President in 2006-07 and has assumed additional leadership responsibilities at the Zone and District levels.

Lion Tod Dahle was inducted into membership in 2004. His sponsor was Lion Dave Rogness. He served as Fargo Lions President in 2007-08 and has provided several training programs at the club and District levels.

Lion Mona Tedford was first inducted into Fargo Lions membership in 1990. She was out of the community from 1997-2002, when she returned to membership. Her sponsor in 2002 was Lion Jane Pettinger. Mona served a partial term as club president from 1996-97 and has just completed a full term as the 2008-09 president. A major accomplishment of her term has been the formation of a cyber tier of membership for those who cannot attend meetings on Monday at noon but want to serve and participate in club activities.

Lion Robert Littlefield, who served as the club's co-chair of the Campaign SightFirst II initiative, presented the awards.

Top Photo: Lion Mona Tedford receives her Melvin Jones Award from Lion Robert Littlefield.

Middle Photo: Lion Mel Olson receives his Melvin Jones Award from Lion Robert Littlefield.

Bottom Photo: Pictured is Tod Dahle receiving his Melvin Jones award from Lion Robert Littlefield.



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

Club: _____

Secretary: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: ____ Zip/PC: _____