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Inside International

Redistricting passes MD5 test

By PID Bruce Schwartz

Easily the hottest issue in Multiple District 5, and especially in North Dakota, has been the redistricting plan. The plan, which has been before MD5 Lions for nearly two years, was approved by the delegates to the June 2009 MD5 convention in Minot by a resounding margin of 133 yeas to 17 nays. A 2/3s majority vote was required for passage.

The next and final step in the redistricting approval process is to present the formal proposal to the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors for their approval. The proposal needs to arrive at International headquarters by Aug. 15, 2009, and will most likely be acted upon at the Sept. 28-Oct. 2 board meeting. If approved by the International

board, the newly redistricted MD5 will begin operations on July 2, 2010.

The redistricting plan will reduce the number of MD5 sub-districts from the current nine to six, two each in Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota. Saskatchewan currently has four sub-districts, North Dakota has three and South Dakota has two.

Probably the most important reason redistricting is being proposed in MD5 is that eight of the nine sub-districts are below the mandated 1,250 members and/or 35 clubs. Sub-districts are negatively affected financially when below standard, which usually leads to, among other things, dues increases.

Another important reason is that finding adequate numbers of qualified

leaders becomes more difficult when there are fewer members from which to draw.

If the MD5 redistricting proposal is approved by the International board of directors at their fall meeting, it is my hope that all Lions in North Dakota will support the plan as we reorganize toward a successful beginning in July of 2010.

The Funnies:

A traveling salesman asked the farmer why the train station was so far from the town. The farmer replied, "I guess because they wanted to put it near the tracks."

People begin to cut their wisdom teeth the first time they bite off more than they can chew.

Narum LePage Service Award recipient

By CANDY LIEN
ROBERT JOHN LEPAGE
Service Award Selection
Committee chairperson

The North Dakota Association of the Blind has selected Terry Narum of the Minot Lions Club as the recipient of the 2009 Robert John LePage Service Award. In the words of Leslie Coughlin, the President of the Minot Lions Club of which Narum has been a member for the past twenty years, Narum has served as Treasurer, Lion Tamer, Tail Twister and a member of the Board of Directors. During his chairmanship of the eyeglass-recycling project, Narum has overseen the processing of over 635,000 pairs of eyeglasses, which have been distributed by medical missionaries to those in need on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. Narum not only uses his garage to store these glasses, but he also

provides space in his office for sorting and cleaning the donated spectacles, and houses the reading machine used by fellow Lions in the reading process. He sees to it that the glasses are properly sorted, sanitized, read, and packaged for distribution. Narum has also involved many youth and other organizations with this project.

"Narum is also very active in the local community," explains Coughlin, "serving as the 'go to guy' when services are needed right here at home." An example of Narum's community involvement is his help with local schools in determining which hardware and/or software would best benefit students that present a need for Technical assistance. "He has been instrumental in advising our club on many requests for computers, braille readers, and programs that are most

helpful for those of all ages who are visually impaired," says Coughlin.

This Service Award was named after the late Robert John "Bob" LePage, a long-time member of the Gateway Lions of Fargo, who passed away suddenly on September 9, 2008. LePage devoted over two decades of his life to serving the unmet needs of the blind and visually impaired in eastern North Dakota. In gratitude to his years of service, the North Dakota Association of the Blind has instituted this award and named it after Bob, who was its first recipient in June of 2008.

Narum was invited to attend a luncheon at the annual state convention of the NDAB held in Rugby in June, where he was presented with a commemorative plaque.

Respectfully submitted

Carrington Lions Golf Tourney is a success

The Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank 3rd annual golf tournament was at the CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington June 12. The event was deemed a success, as the tournament was played under almost perfect conditions. There were a total of 19 teams in attendance with a total of 76 golfers. The Lions clubs from Jamestown, Gackle, Harvey, Fargo, Bismarck, Larimore, Rugby and Carrington had golfers.

All teams had a chance to win cash prizes for team places, there were hole contests on every hole, every golfer got a door prize and two meals. We had much fun with the selling of mulligans and the string. The golfers had a chance to buy some very nice prizes at the auction as well.

The Carrington Lions Club would like to thank the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Service Dogs for America for donating prizes for the tournament. A huge thank you to the other businesses that helped support the tournament as well.

Proceeds from the golf tournament will be used to support the



Pictured above are members of the Carrington Lions as they are preparing to register entries into their golf tournament June 12.

many service projects of the Carrington Lions. Major donations will be given to LCIF, Eye Bank, Service dogs and Leader Dogs.

Register for state convention

PDG Herman A. Schafer

Greetings All,

If you have registered for the convention at Mandan Oct. 30-31, 2009, this is great.

However, please remind all the members of your club. The fee for registering at this time is \$40 per individual. Meal fees are itemized. Please look at the monthly ND Lion where you can find the registration form. Thanks. You will enjoy this convention.

Have a great summer.

Eye Bank has new website



The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota has announced it has a new website. The new address is:

www.lionseyebankofnd.org



Lions pins available

The new North Dakota Lion state pins are now available. This year the featured North Dakotan is Virgil "Quicksilver" Hill

5NC Pin Chairman Tim Thueson said some 2008 pins, featuring Jim Kleinsasser, are also available.

MD5 pins from this year and 2010 can also be secured by contacting your district's pin chairperson.

5NE- Arlo Anderson 701-645-2519

5NC- Tim Thueson 701-250-9705

5NW- Dale Froemming- 701-584-3606

ND 2008- Kleinsasser- \$2 ND 2009- Hill- \$2

MD 5 - 2009- Minneapolis- \$2.25 MD 5 - 2010- Sydney- \$2.25

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5NC is 100 percent 10 years in a row

District 5NC Leader Dogs for the Blind chair Bruce Schwartz reports that the district has achieved 100 per cent status for the 10th year in a row. In addition, the total amount of funds raised for the 2008-09 year was \$6,847.50.

The official 2008-09 Honor Roll of Leader Dog Clubs shows the contributions made by all 5NC clubs.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 5NC!

HONOR ROLL OF LEADER DOG CLUBS DISTRICT 5-NC YEAR 2008-2009

1. ASHLEY.....\$300.00	24. NORTH STAR\$125.50
2. BISMARCK.....\$750.00	25. PETTIBONE\$75.00
3. BOWDON.....\$50.00	26. PLUM VALLEY\$150
4. BRADDOCK.....\$50.00	27. PRAIRIE ROSE.....\$150.00
5. CAPITOL CITY\$500.00	28. RIDIN' LIONS\$150.00
6. SUPER STS LEO ...\$100.00	29. ROBINSON\$100.00
7. FREDONIA.....\$50.00	30. RUGBY.....\$175.00
8. GACKLE.....\$50.00	31. SAWYER\$200.00
9. GARRISON\$100.00	32. SAWYER LEO.....\$200.00
10. GLENBURN.....\$50.00	33. STERLING\$50.00
11. GOODRICH\$100.00	34. STRASBURG\$125.00
12. HARVEY\$125.00	35. STREETER\$50.00
13. HAZELTON.....\$200.00	36. TURTLE LAKE\$ 45.00
14. HOOTERVILLE\$100.00	37. TUTTLE.....\$100.00
15. LAKE MET.....\$150.00	38. U OF MARY.....\$100.00
16. LEEDS.....\$100.00	39. WASHBURN.....\$250.00
17. LEHR.....\$100.00	40. WILTON.....\$50.00
18. LINTON\$100.00	41. WING.....\$50.00
19. MAGIC CITY.....\$402.00	42. WISHEK\$275.00
20. MCCLUSKY.....\$50.00	43. ZEELAND.....\$50.00
21. MEDINA.....\$200.00	44. ZEELAND DAK\$100.00
22. MINOT\$600.00	
23. NAPOLEON.....\$50.00	



Charter Member PDG Loren Bergsrud honored with award and chevron for 40 years of service. PDG Loren cuts the cake celebrating Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club 40th Anniversary and his 40 years of faithful service.



DG Duane presenting JP Johnson with the Melvin Jones Award.

Club honors members

On April 16, 2009 the Emerado-Arvilla Lions Club celebrated 40 years of service. DG Governor 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 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 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.

WHEN SENDING PHOTOS

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

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5NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

I wish to take this opportunity to extend my greetings to all the Lions of 5NE, and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible during the coming year. While I did expect to have some duties to perform shortly after being sworn in as your district governor for the coming year, I have to admit that I did not expect to be writing this report the day after I was sworn in.

Jim Ruff of 5NC, Kevin Vannett of 5NW and myself, along with 750 other district governors from around the world received our oath of office from newly installed International President Eberhard J. Wirfs shortly before 1 p.m. Friday, July 10. The swearing in of the new district governors was the last item on the agenda for the convention. Upon arriving home from the convention I found I had received a call on Friday at 3 p.m. from Stu Merry, asking if I could have this report to him on Monday the 13th. I also had an e-mail from LCI when I arrived home. So much for having my first weekend off.

I know many of you in 5NE have attended an international convention prior to this one. It was my first and I hope not my last one. It certainly was an experience that I will not forget. Most of the new district governors arrived in Minneapolis Wednesday, July 1. The next day was spent with all 753 new district governors and spouses having their picture taken with President Wirfs and his wife Margit.

The next four days were spent in the classroom. There was a lot of information that was presented to us. The nine governor-elects from MD5 shared a classroom with governor elects from Minnesota, Manitoba and Ontario. This gave the nine of us from MD5 an opportunity to meet and share our experiences and problems with 22 other governors.

The International Convention itself began on Tuesday with a parade down Nicollet Avenue with approximately 10,000 Lions marching in the parade. MD5 marched as a unit and we were fortunate to be number 15 of 154 units marching in the parade. According to the information given to me at the registration desk, more than 12,000 Lions from around the world were registered. During the Parade of Flags I found that there are Lions Clubs located in countries that I have never heard of nor do I have a clue where they are located.

I wish to take this opportunity to remind club treasurers to pay dues to Lions Clubs International as soon as possible. They should be paid by the end of July. As I am sure you all are aware, we have voted to reduce the number of districts in North



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Dakota from three to two. However, before this can be done, the International Board of Directors must approve it. It is my understanding that the board will take no action until all dues are paid.

I apologize for the rambling in this hastily written column, and I certainly hope to do better in future reports with more time and thought put into it. In future reports I will attempt to set out some of the goals and programs, which International President Wirfs has set out in his motto for the year, "Move to Grow."

I will also set out the goals which Vice District Governor Robert Littlefield and I hope to accomplish in the coming year. During the month of August I will start contacting clubs in 5NE to set up visitation dates. I am hoping to visit the clubs located the furthest distance from Grand Forks before the winter weather gets too bad. If any of the clubs have a specific celebration that you would like me to attend, please let me know as soon as possible.

Past Director Duane gave me one piece of advice, which has already come to fruition. He told me to be flexible because things do not always work out as planned. I originally had my first cabinet meeting set for Saturday Aug. 8. I then was informed that the board of directors of the Eye Bank of North Dakota and Lions Foundation of North Dakota would be meeting in Bismarck on that date. I have reset the first 5NE for Saturday, Aug. 15 at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks. I will, however, notify all members individually by e-mail of this change.

Red River Lions Club

Carl Jessen Memorial Golf Tournament

(22nd Annual Red River Golf)

****OPEN TO ALL LIONS AND FRIENDS****

DATE: Wednesday, August 5, 2009 TIME: 1:00 PM SHARP

LOCATION: Larimore Golf Course

COST: \$50.00 cart included -- \$40.00 no cart

Also includes - Brats, Kraut & Chips following for all participants

PLUS prizes!!!!

PLEASE RSVP individual or teams and entry fees by August 3rd.

(RSVP form below)

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Please RSVP following section by August 3rd to:

Lion Oscar Sorenson, 3402 Belmont Rd., Grand Forks, ND 58201
(name and phone number)

Player #1 _____

Player #2 _____

Player #3 _____

Player #4 _____

Player #5 _____

Player #6 _____

NEW ROCKFORD



New Melvin Jones

New Rockford Lions presented their Melvin Jones Award recipients for this year, on June 1. The presentation was hosted by the New Rockford Eagles Club. The family and friends of the recipients were invited to the dinner meeting. Pictured are former Melvin Jones recipients Bill Starke (left) and Darwyn Kanzelman (right) presented Gary Coon and Bruce Hirschert with their Melvin Jones awards.



Lion is 101

George Kaftan turned 101 years old April 8. His wife Gayle and their three daughters, Sharon Oien, Joann Colville and Georgine and Doug Neshein helps George celebrate. The group enjoyed lunch at Wanda's Place in LaMoure. George has been a LaMoure Lions Club member since May 1967.



Highway clean up project

New Rockford Lions Club members and family spent the one evening cleaning a two mile stretch of road. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a meal together.

VALLEY CITY



Karch honored

Lion Judy Karch, president of the Valley City Lions Club, received a Melvin Jones Award at the club's awards night June 16. Presenting the award was 5NE DG Duane Zwinger. DG Duane also installed the new officers for 2009-10.

Lions Creed

They achieve success who live well,
laugh often and love much;
Who gain respect of intelligent people
and the love of little children;
Who fills their niche, who accomplishes their task,
who leaves the world better than they found it,
whether by an improved poppy, a perfect
poem or a rescued soul;
Who never lack appreciation of earth's
beauty, or fail to express it;
Who always see the best in others,
and give the best they have;
Whose life is an inspiration,
whose memory is a benediction
THAT PERSON IS A LION



Zone 3A Lion's Garlic and Grape Festival

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Minot Municipal Auditorium

420 – 3rd Ave. SW, Minot ND 58701

General Admission: \$5

Wine Tasting: \$3

(only at the door)

The Zone 3A Clubs consist of Minot Lions, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Sawyer Lions, and the Garrison Lions.

The Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival is a one-day event featuring food laced with garlic, wine tasting, crafts, and miscellaneous entertainment and education. Funds raised will be used for Lion's charitable activities.

Lion's Clubs in North Dakota are invited to participate in the Festival as a Food Vendor, Craft Vendor, Education Vendor, or Entertainment Vendor. Vendors are selected on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information or to request a vendor packet, contact one of the following:

Garlic Food and Wine Vendor Chair: Denise Norsby -
701-728-6688 or dnorsby@srt.com

Craft Vendor Chair: Audrey Lunday, 701-838-2311

Entertainment Vendor Chair: Nadine Holmly -
701-852-4755 or njholmly@hotmail.com

Demonstration/Education Vendor Chair: Mike Rose
701-857-6444 or mrose@ndsuxext.nodak.edu

Festival Chair: Gary Price
701-838-2901 or caldak@srt.com

5NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Hello und Guten Dag. (good day in German).

At this writing, my wife, Lion Donna and I are preparing to go to Minneapolis for the 92nd International Convention. I will be in training from July 2nd through July 6th. This will be educational and exciting. There will be the familiar faces of our 8 other governor elects from MD 5, but we will also meet many more DGE's, also in training from all over the world.

I am looking forward to working with all the clubs in our 5NC district and with all you good and hard working Lions members & hopefully prospective new Lion members. It will be a great challenge for me. I want to take this opportunity to 'thank you' for entrusting this position to me. Thank you to DG Craig Wollenburg for your help and support this past year. We have two prospective clubs that we will be working on together this early fall hoping to get the 20 members needed to charter their clubs. These communities are Steele and Lincoln.

Our new International President Eberhardt Wirf's motto is: 'Move to Grow'. He is looking at the possibility of adding more Leo Clubs by introducing two new branches. Starting July 1, 2009 there will be a new policy for Leo clubs. A fresh new look, along with two separate and distinct tracks: The 'Alpha' Leos club will be for youth between the age of 12 to 18 with the focus on individual and social development. The 'Omega' Leos Club membership will consist of Leos from the age of 19 to 30 with the focus on personal and professional development. After the age of 30 they need to join a Lions club in their community.

We need to get our young people started earlier in Lionism. A positive start is to introducing them to our Lions clubs by offering the 11-13 year olds in our community the International Peace Poster contest. I saw real enthusiasm from the children when our local club's peace poster chairmen, presented the contest to three schools in May. Please promote this contest to your talented youth in your communities. You still have time to order kits from LCI (\$9.95/kit plus S&H deadline is Oct 1, 09) and promote this year theme: 'The Power of Peace'.

On the international level at its March meeting in New York the membership development committee approved 'Family Oriented Clubs' to include children under the age of 12 in their activities. These children will be called Lion 'CUBS.' This is a step forward to make volunteerism a



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family affair.

Another goal that the president has set for us to work on is to bring more women into our Lions clubs. If your club is an all male club and you want to stay that way start a club branch with inviting your wives to join the branch. Two good thriving examples in our district would be the all men's club at Zeeland and the all women's Zeeland Dakota Lions Club. Or the Bismarck's North Star all men's Lions Club and the Prairie Rose all women's club. These clubs are very active in their own separate clubs, but work well together when service projects require the talents of both genders. It's a win-win situation.

My # 1 personal goal is to encourage you to invite more women to your meetings and encourage them to become members in your existing club. They will help to make a difference. Women have many good ideas that will help to put a 'spark' in your club if it has gone stale. Please invite them to join.

Goal #2 will be retention. We will have to work a lot harder on retaining our present members. We have no control over death, but we should have control of dropped members. Ask for help when your club has problems. I will help you get in contact with experienced PDGs (Past District Governors) that are willing to help IF our present cabinet can't. That's why we are here.

Goal #3 is to promote the donor program.

The Lions Eye Bank of ND help make people's final gift-the gift of sight-a reality. I encourage you to 'Be an Eye Donor & Change a Life!' Each year approximately 46,000 American need a cornea transplant. By pledging to become an eye donor, you can help give the "gift of sight" to others after you are gone. Becoming a donor is as simple as putting it on your driver's license or letting your family or next of kin know about your choice to donate.

If Lions International approves redistricting of MD5, (we will have that information sometime in September or October) we will need to prepare to split our 5NC district. Approximately half of the clubs go to 5NE and half to 5NW. There will be some extra duties for myself and the cabinet as this will have to be completed by July 1, 2010.

I would ask all clubs to e-mail me at jamesr@bektel.com with their preference to when they would like me to visit their club. I do have my first visit scheduled with Prairie Rose of Bismarck on Thursday, August 6. My second club visit will be in Minot on, Monday the 10th of August to visit with Hooterville Flion Lions club & hopefully other clubs in Minot.

Last but not least: Here is the Tip of the Month: New Presidents use this ND LION magazine at your meetings to discuss the goals of our International President and the goals of your three District Governors of ND. Use it as a tool to help your club get ideas on what other clubs are doing. Then send in your news articles to this paper to share your accomplishments. Also visit the web site www.lions.org. There is a wealth of information at your fingertips on this site.

I look forward to working closely this new year 2009-2010 with my new cabinet, with my two colleagues: 5NW DGE Kevin Vannett, Mandan & 5NE DGE Wayne Westland, Grand Forks and the VDGE's in training: 5NC Bev Charles, Bismarck, 5NW Pat Vannett, Mandan & 5NE Robert Littlefield, Fargo. We will proudly represent ND, your districts and your clubs. We all need to work together to remain the largest and best 'WE SERVE' club in the world.



HOOTERVILLE

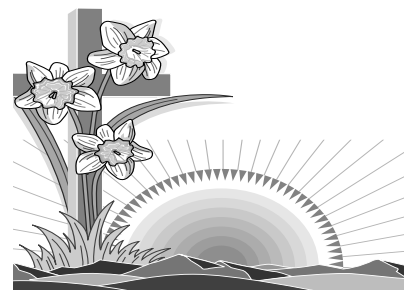


Hooterville Flion Lions 2009-2010 officers include, from left, Board of Directors Tony Alef, Bill Alef, Marshall Hill; Secretary Dolly Alef; President Mary Ellen Haskins; Vice President Joyce Kuntz; Treasurer Mitch Koch; Tail Twister/Lion Tamer Argy Nelson.



Flapjack frenzy

The Hooterville Flion Lions completed their Spring Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on May 8th, 2009 at the Doolittle Center on Minot Air Force Base. Lions Vince Catudio and Jim Simmons were hard at work flipping pancakes for the four-hour period.



In Remembrance

Alexander – Paul Berge
Dickinson – Ernest Messmer
Glen Ullin – Ida Richter
Bismarck – Dr. P. Roy Gregware
Rugby – Orville Reichert
Medina – Reuben Schlecht
Bismarck – Rev. Gordon Neuberger
Minot – Dr. Gordon Olson

NORTH STAR

PRAIRIE ROSE



Club of the Year

North Star Lions Dave Charles, Brach Johnson, and Tim Thueson accept the MD5 Club of the Year Patch at the Multiple District Convention on June 6.



Surprise

5NC's District Governor Elect James Ruff of Lehr had a pleasant surprise at the MD5 Lions Convention in Minot. His daughter, Marjorie Bubach, who lives in Minot, was part of a singing group, the NU-Tones, who entertained the conventioners on Thursday night at the Holiday Inn. Ruff was not aware that his daughter would be part of the entertainment.

The NU-Tones are 12 members of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society in education, made up of teachers in the Minot area, who have begun to entertain locally with melodies from "Sister Act" and other songs from three decades.

Marjorie Bubach is an English teacher at the Magic City High School in Minot, and has been teaching there for 10 years. Prior to that, she taught for 13 years at Surrey. The Lions were in Minot from June 4-6 for the Multiple District 5 convention, which includes the areas of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan.



Award winners

The Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions won the Multiple District Scrapbook Award at the MD5 Convention. Here is President Julie Schwartz, left, accepting the award on behalf of Noreen Sandberg, the Prairie Rose Scrapbook Chairman, from Past District Governor Jan Froemming, right.



Welcome DG James

Pictured are 5NC's District Governor Elect James Ruff and his wife, Lion Donna, taken directly after the Red Jacket Ceremony at the MD5 Convention held in Minot on June 6. DGE Ruff will officially take over the duties of District Governor after July 1.

McFall keynotes 5NC spring leadership conference

Final District cabinet meeting follows conference

By LION JEANNE SELBY
5NC PR Co-chair

Scott McFall keynoted the 5th Annual District 5NC Spring Leadership Conference, held Saturday, April 25, at the recently renovated Mysteria Theater in Mandan. McFall, a local illusionist/hypnotist, author, motivational speaker, entrepreneur, and along with his wife Sandi, co-owner of the Mysteria, interspersed his 10:00 a.m. leadership presentation with wisdom, humor and spinning sabers.

Following an informal noon luncheon, included in the \$10 per person registration fee, conference participants attended one of three half-hour breakout sessions led exclusively by District 5NC experts.

One session was designed for club presidents and those interested in learning about the skills and abilities needed to be an effective club leader and/or club president. This session was led by Vice District Governor Elect Bev Charles, of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions. Lion Charles is also Zone 2A Chair.

Another breakout session was designed especially for club secretaries and those interested in learning the skills needed to

be an effective club secretary or "100 percent Secretary." The presenter for this session was Past International Director Bruce Schwartz of the Bismarck Lions Club. PID Schwartz is also the winner of numerous "100 percent Secretary" awards.

A third break-out session, on public relations, offered



Leadership Conference keynote speaker Scott McFall interspersed his keynote leadership presentation with sabers, humor and wisdom.



District 5NC Governor Craig Wollenburg discusses re-districting during his District 5NC update at the conclusion of the April 25 Spring Leadership Conference in Mandan.



District 5NC VDG James Ruff gestures during his remarks at the conclusion of the 2009 Spring Leadership Conference.

suggestions for simply, easily and effectively promoting Lionism in one's community. Presenter JeAnne Selby guided the group in identifying techniques that help Lions members solicit community support, donations and new members. Lion Selby, a member of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, currently serves a fourth consecutive District 5NC administration as District PR Chair.

District 5NC Governor Craig Wollenburg, of the Rugby Lions, provided a District 5NC update, addressing re-districting, the "state of the District," and district technology advances, at the conclusion of the day.

District 5NC Vice District Governor James Ruff, Lehr Lions, also briefly addressed the participants on district communications and membership.

DG Wollenburg convened the final District 5NC cabinet meeting for the 2008-2009 term at about 3:15 p.m., immediately following the conclusion of the Spring leadership conference. He invited all District 5NC leadership conference participants to stay on for the short cabinet meeting, which ended about 4:30 p.m.

Symptoms of Diabetes

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

Risk Factors

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

5NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Dear Lions of 5NW,

I am presently writing this letter to you from the International Convention in Minneapolis.

I would like to take this time to congratulate IPDG Pat Trotter on the completion of his year as District Governor. The district appreciates and thanks him for his service.

Congratulations also go to Lion Pat Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, Vice District Governor, and Lion Duane Schatz, of the Elgin Lions, 2nd Vice District Governor, on their new positions. I look forward to their work on the MERLO Team.

Our International President, Eberhard Wirfs' theme this year is "Move to Grow."

"We must move if we are to grow," said President Wirf in his address to the incoming District Governors and their spouses. Move to grow in social understanding, in LCIF, in service, and in our commitment to the blind.

As District Governor this year my theme is "Knights for the Blind." I chose this theme because of the vision problems I have experienced over the last two years. My personal experience has given me an understanding of why the Lions took on the challenge of Helen Keller. Since 1925, Lions have been called to be "Knights for the Blind." I challenge each of you to be my "Knight for the Blind" by personally sponsoring a new member. When you do, you will be knighted and receive my personal "Knights for the Blind" pin.

Lions Clubs, I want to challenge you to financially support the following vision programs: Vision USA, ND Lions Diabetic Ocular Research Center (located at UND), Lions Eye Bank of ND, Leader Dog for the Blind, Service Dogs of America (Jud, ND), ND Lions Foundation. The amount of giving is not as important as our commitment to these vital Lions projects. Anything your club can give is greatly appreciated.

At this time I would like to personally thank my cabinet for stepping up and committing themselves to move to grow by being a "Knight for the Blind." They are as follows:

- Lion Pat Vannett, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Vice District Governor, MERLO Team Chair
- Lion Duane Schatz, Elgin Lions, 2nd Vice District Governor, MERLO Team
- Lion Sherry Fetch, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Cabinet Secretary
- Lion Arlin Fetch, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Cabinet Treasurer



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- Lion Robert Gaebe, New Salem Lions, Zone 1A Chair (Mandan, West River, Mandan Dacotah, Glen Ullin, Hebron, New Salem, Mandan HS Leo)
- Lion Russell Zeigler, Richardton Lions, Zone 2B Chair (Beulah, Halliday, Hazen, Killdeer, Richardton, and Taylor)
- PDG Dave Czywczynski, Beulah Lions, Region 1 Chair (Zone 1A and 2B), LCIF
- Lion Loren Haugen, Williston Korner Lions, Zone 3A Chair (Alexander, Aarnegard, Ray, Watford City, Wildrose, Williston, Williston Korner, Williston HS Leo, Trinity HS Leo)
- Lion Stanley Wright, Stanley Lions, Zone 3B Chair (Berthold, Columbus, Kenmare, Noonan, Stanley)
- IPDG Pat Trotter, Williston Korner Lions, Region 2 Chair (Zone 3A and 3B)
- Lion Roger Walters, Bowman Lions, Zone 3B Chair (Bowman, Dickinson, Dickinson Noon, Dickinson Campus, New England, Reeder, Scranton)
- Lion James Heim, Elgin Lions, Zone 2A Chair (Flasher, Elgin, Elgin Dakota, Mott, Regent)
- PDG Chuck Whitney, Bowman Lions, Region 3 Chair (Zone 3B and 2A)
- PCC Dale Ekstrom, Mandan Lions, MERLO Team
- Lion Lewellyn Rustan, New England

Lions, MERLO Team

- PDG Herman Schafer, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Public Relations
- Lion Shirley Schafer, Mandan Dacotah Lions, Youth Activities
- Lion Ruthie Wagner, Williston Lions, Diabetes Awareness
- Lion Don Flynn, Scranton Lions, Environmental
- Lion Allen Tellmann, New Salem Lions, Vision
- PDG Jan Froemming, Elgin Dakota Lions, Lions Initiatives
- Lion Art Owens, Mandan Lions, Convention
- Lion Lois Rierson, Williston Korner, Information Technology
- Lion Gordon Aas, Stanley Lions, Honorary
- Lion Gail Schatz, Elgin Dakota Lions, Hearing and Speech
- Lion Dale Froemming, Elgin Lions, Pin Chair
- Lion Tim Duppong, Glen Ullin Lions, International Understanding & Cooperation

The district has added a 2nd computer and projector for the use of the cabinet.

This year the North Dakota State Pin features Virgil "Quick Silver" Hill. To order your pins, contact our District Pin Chair, Lion Dale Froemming at 584-3606 or dalejan@westriv.com.

Together, let us take action directed to grow into becoming "Knights for the Blind".

Dedicated with you in service,
Lion Kevin Vannett
District Governor 5NW

Cabinet Meeting Dates:

- July 25, 10 a.m. MDT, Dickinson Elks
- Oct. 30, 10 a.m. CDT, Mandan Seven Seas
- Jan. 9, 10 a.m. MST, Dickinson Elks
- April 17, Dickinson Elks, Time TBA

Convention Dates:

- State Convention, Mandan Seven Seas, October 30 & 31
- Spring Rally, April 17, 2010, Dickinson Elks

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

WILLISTON

Five 5NW Lions honored as 'Everyday Heroes'

International President, Al Brendel, has honored five of our district Lions with his Presidential Certificate for being Lions "Everyday Heroes". Lion Ruthie Wagner, Williston Lions for her work on the Spring Rally and as Zone Mentor; PDG Jan Froemming, Elgin Dakota Lions for her work with Leader Dogs and the Spring Rally; Lion Pat Vannett, Mandan Dacotah Lions for always stepping up to assist the District when asked especially with the

Youth Camp and the MERLO Team; Lion Loren Haugen, Williston Korner Lions for his work with the Diabetes Strides Walk; and Lion Kevin Vannett, Mandan Dacotah Lions for filling in a vacated Vice District Governor position.

DG Pat Trotter recommended these Lions for the award for their outstanding and selfless service at the Zone and District levels. Congratulations to all!



Every day Hero Lion Pat Vannett is recognized during 5NW's Spring Rally in Williston. Presenting the award is PID Gary Shokey and DG Pat Trotter.



PDG Jan Froemming is presented with the Hero Award at the 5NW Spring Rally from PID Gary Shokey and DG Pat Trotter.



During the MD 5 Convention, Lion Kevin Vannett receives his Hero Award from ID Dana Biggs and DG Pat Trotter.



Lion Loren Haugen is honored with the Hero Award during 5NW's Spring Rally in Williston. Presenting his award is PID Gary Shokey and DG Pat Trotter.



At the 5NW Spring Rally in Williston, Lion Ruthie Wagner is presented her Hero Award from PID Gary Shokey and DG Pat Trotter.

DICKINSON



Moore honored

Dickinson State University student Mandi Moor was the featured speaker at the June 11th meeting of the Reeeder Lions Club. The club had given Mandi a monetary gift of \$100 for a trip to the Washington, D.C. area with history class members to visit historical sites. Pictured, from left, are, Mandi's friend, Mandi's grandfather, Lion Keith Hagen, Mandi and Lion Grace Hagen, Mandi's grandmother

REEDER



New Lions members include, front, from left, Marilyn Hanson and Angie Kalina. Back, Marvin Soehren, Sharon Soehren and Ron Bugner.



Medical benefit for Paul Hutton sponsored by the Reeder Lions.



Boy Scouts from Hettinger volunteered to help serve.



Reeder Lions and the Hettinger Boy Scouts.

Reeder Lions keep busy

The Reeder Lions Club boast the addition of five new members to its roster. We are grateful to the new members for their interest and dedication to serving others.

The club sponsored a Medical Benefit May 3 for Paul Hutton who was in need of eye surgery.

The pancake and sausage supper at the Reeder Community Center was well attended with \$1,631 raised with supplemental funds by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans #31324 of \$500, making a total of \$2,131 to pay medical expenses. The Hettinger Boy Scouts assisted with the serving.

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Paul Hutton and Reeder Lions President Donna Olson.

Red Jacket ceremony

Pictured are the new DG's for MD5 who received their red jackets June 6 Minot. Front, from left, District 5-SW DGE Doug Scheller, Rapid City, SD; District 5-NC DGE James S. Ruff, Lehr, ND; District 5-CE DGE Al Cook, Regina SK; District 5-NE DGE Wayne Westland, Grand Forks, ND. Back, District 5-SE DGE Tom Grimmond, Sioux Falls, SD; District 5-CN DGE Ron Ewles, Saskatoon, SK; District 5-NW DGE Kevin Vanette, Mandan, ND; District 5-CW DGE Gordon Waldron, Swift Current, SK; District 5-CADGE Doug Madill, Saskatoon, SK.



October 23-24, 2009 at the Regina Travelodge
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Registration Fees: (Postal cancellation date used in early bird)

Registration: Early Bird @ \$75.00 (until Sept 15th, 2009).....\$ _____

Registration: After Sept. 16th, 2009 - \$90.00\$ _____

First Timers & Leos: Early Bird @ \$55.00 (until Sept 15th, 2009).....\$ _____

First Timers & Leos: Registration After Sept. 16th, 2009 - \$65.00\$ _____

Seminars ONLY (NO Meals)\$15.00\$ _____

Friendship Supper Friday Evening 6:30 P.M. \$25.00 Each (must be pre-paid)\$ _____

Amount Enclosed\$ _____

Mail to: Lion Wes Cook, 6218 Sherwood Dr., Regina, SK S4T 7G2 (wescook@sasktel.net)

Contact Person: Lion Herb Harrison at (306)569-0481 or E-Mail: hharrison@accesscomm.ca

Please make your cheque payable to – District 5CE/5CW Fall Conference 2009

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E-Mail: www.travelodge.ca Web Site: www.travelodge Regina.com

A Credit Card Number is required at time of booking reservation.

ALTERNATIVES There are a number of hotels and motels in the area; some are West Harvest Inn @ 586-6755; Holiday Inn Express @ 789-5888; Sherwood House Motel @ 586-3131.

Cancellation Policies Registrations – Subject to District Cabinet Rules of Order

ALL OTHER INQUIRIES – CALL (306) 569-0481 or E-Mail: hharrison@accesscomm.ca



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



WILLISTON KORNER

Scholarships presented

Pictured is the Korner Lions Scholarship presentation. Both recipients were awarded \$500. From left, are, Chet Hill, Scholarship Committee chair, Jacob Schauer, scholarship recipient; Mari Goldade, scholarship recipient; and Lee Gunlikson, president.



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**

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.

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

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.	