

NORTH DAKOTA LION



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Enderlin Lions rent out tent

Sometimes an opportunity comes disguised as used canvas and wooden poles. Such was the good fortune of the Enderlin Lions Club when they got into the tent rental business.

In the summer of 2006, Enderlin's Community Advocate, Tamra Kriedeman, told the Lions of a 40'x100' three-pole tent for sale. The seller was contacted, Lions Club membership approval was obtained and the tent found a new home. Thrown in on the deal were several extra roof panels, poles, mauls, 300 collapsible chairs, a portion of an elevated stage, three dozen block and tackles, side panels and even 2 "elephants" (levers to pull out stuck stakes). Also included were written instructions and the first rental was to CornerStone Bank of Enderlin.

During the last week in August 2006, a 40'x100' blue and white Big Top rose in Enderlin's downtown Baxter Park for a bank picnic. Over the coming winter, a club tent committee, consisting of Lions Jerry Carlson and Andrew Albert Peterson, was formed and rental rates were set. The club also incorporated to limit liability and clients are also urged to comply with North Dakota One-Call to check for potential underground problems.

Advertising was initially word of mouth. Lion Brett Klabo recognized this shortcoming and organized a run of printed rental schedules for distribution.

In addition, some print advertising has been recently purchased in three local newspapers. Another essential purchase was an 8'x18' enclosed cargo trailer, generously financed by Lion Mike Lemna, with terms allowing the club to repay when a few extra dollars rolled in.

July 2008, saw a long distance rental lined up by former Glen Ulin Lion Pat Feist, who had moved to Enderlin to be one of the school's administrators. Lions Dean Torbenson and Mike Lemna, along with several friends and an accompanying camper, made the 225-mile one-way trip and spent three days in Glen Ulin, following the tent setup, celebrating the



city's 125th birthday.

By adding or removing 20' roof panels, the tent can be had in 40'x40', 40'x60', 40'x80' and 40'x100' sizes. Rental rates begin at \$600 (including setup and take down) for the smallest tent, with another \$100 added for each additional 20.' Mileage is thrown in within a 25-mile radius of Enderlin and is negotiable beyond. Tables, chairs, and stage rental are extra.

According to Lion Jerry Carlson, this tent rental project has jump-started the club.

"The club took a chance when it made the initial purchase, but the project has evolved to where it is now a very big part of what we do. An additional positive is the club's younger members definitely took new interest in community service."

Since pitching 18' tall poles is somewhat physical, their interest is much appreciated. Lions Treasurer Donn Larson agreed the rentals have encouraged not only younger members' participation but has involved the majority of the Club's approximate 40 members.

"We have made some good money with this tent. We have also made some additional purchases, such as new aluminum poles and the cargo trailer but so far it has been an excellent project."

Lion Director Maynard Torbenson organized a telephone calling tree which notifies all members of the time and place



for a set-up or take-down. Anywhere from four to a dozen members will show, and the bigger the tent, the longer the commitment. Usually there are willing spectators who are also pressed into service and a 40'x40', complete with side panels, can be put up in an hour but a 40'x100' can take two or three times as long depending on how large the crew.

Lion Carol "Christy" Christianson adds, "One good thing about our tent rental is any member can help. Even the older members can lay out stakes or help gather up pieces for repacking."

Lion Mike Lemna said, "The tent has been a good way to meet people. We had fun in Glen Ulin and two rentals a month, during the warm months, are just right." The tent has been rented for birthday parties, wedding receptions, picnics, livestock shows, machinery expos, community and church celebrations and family gatherings.

For more information, or to book a date, call Enderlin Lion Jerry Carlson (701) 437-3224.

Medina Lions Recycle for Sight Eyeglasses are collected and delivered to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota

The Medina Lions Club sought the cooperation of the Medina Post Office to carry out a very successful "Recycle for Sight" eyeglass collection drive. The postmaster and rural delivery personnel all agreed to participate in this worthwhile project.

Recycle for Sight Chairman, Lion Mabel Cowell, sent notices to postal customers in Medina, Cleveland and Woodworth, which is the Medina Post Office service area. The notice invited customers to join the Recycle for Sight effort on July 8th by depositing their used eyeglasses in the box provided at the drop site or leave them by their mailbox to be picked up by their mail carrier.

On July 8th mail carrier John Woehl collected glasses on the Woodworth route, mail carrier Heather Dehne collected glasses on the Cleveland route, and glasses were collected on the Medina route by substitute carrier Dennis Behm. Glasses were also dropped off at the post office. Lion Mabel then retrieved the eyeglasses from the post office and also emptied the permanent collection site box at the Medina Café.

She delivered 193 pairs of



Mabel Cowell, Medina Lions Recycle for Sight Chairman and Karen Thomas, Lions Eye Bank of ND Executive Director.

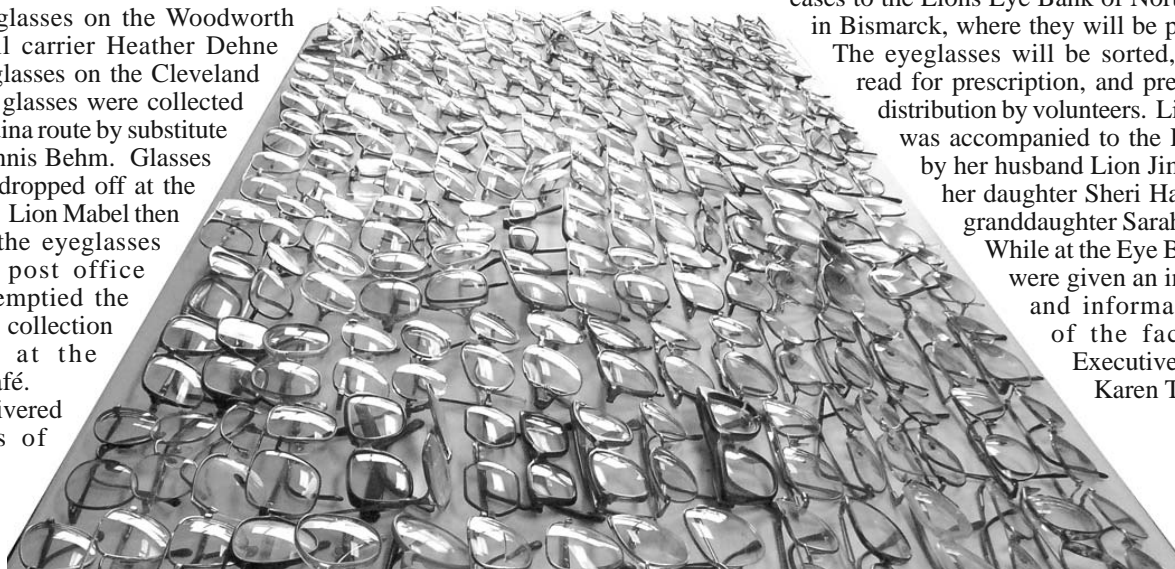


L-R: Cleveland Carrier Heather Dehne, Lion Mabel Cowell, Postmaster Julie Felchle, and Medina Carrier Stan Spitzer.

eyeglasses, 22 pairs of sunglasses, and 55 eyeglass cases to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota in Bismarck, where they will be processed.

The eyeglasses will be sorted, cleaned, read for prescription, and prepared for distribution by volunteers. Lion Mabel was accompanied to the Eye Bank by her husband Lion Jim Cowell, her daughter Sheri Hanson and granddaughter Sarah Hanson.

While at the Eye Bank, they were given an interesting and informative tour of the facility by Executive Director, Karen Thomas.



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Union State Bank Checking Acct. Balance 7/1/08 \$5,055.11

Income:

Newspaper Assessments 12,708.00
District Governor Payments 1,800.00
Sustaining Memberships 1,845.00
Bronze Clubs 3,798.00
Silver Clubs 300.00
Gold Clubs 2,511.00
Diamond Clubs 1,000.00
Other Donations 327.14
Memorials 975.00
Visitation Bear 425.00
Interest Income Checking 78.41
Interest Income CD's 2,306.81
Total 4,114.00

Designated Funds

ND Ocular Research Center 460.00
Vision USA 3654.00
Total 4114.00
37,243.47

Expenditures:

BHG, Inc. 12,412.56
Auditing 150.00
Banners and Pins 90.00
Board Meeting Expense 2,465.90
Filing Fees 10.00
Postage 105.01
Printing 32.50
Travel 51.00
Transfer to Grant Acct 7651.44
Transfer to Savings 3,238.28
Total \$26,206.69

Designated Funds Disbursed

ND Ocular Research Center 460.00
Vision USA 3,654.00
Total \$4,114.00
White Canes Purchased 235.00
\$30,555.69

Checking Acct Balance 6/30/09 \$6,687.78
Western Cooperative Credit Union savings Balance 7/1/08 \$1,409.69
Interest Income 9.38
Transferred from checking \$3,238.28
Total \$4,657.35
Transferred to CD \$3,000.00
Savings acct. Balance 6/3/09 1,657.35

CD'S

Dakota Community Bank 10,1573.81

Western Cooperative Credit Union 12,000.00
CD Balance 6/30/09 11,3573.81
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS 12,1918.94

GRANT ACCOUNT

Account Balance 7/1/08 1,847.67
Interest Income 28.86
Transferred from checking 7651.44
Balance 6/3/09 9,527.97

The Foundation board held its election of officers at the June meeting:

The following were elected

President: PDG Tim Thueson
Vice-Pres: PDG Al Kahlbaugh
Sec. Carol Voegelé
Treas. PDG Chris Voegelé

The following donations were received by the foundation:

Vision USA
Grand Forks Lions Club \$120.00
Gold Club \$500.00
Noonan Lions Club
Bronze Club \$100 to \$300.00
LaMoure Lions Club \$150.00
Memorials
Kathy R. Ashe in memory of Lion Carl Jessen

David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of Lion Gordon B. Olson

David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of PDG Olgar Barsness

Your foundation board extends its sincere thanks for your continued support.

Lions of North Dakota;

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board is looking for an Executive Director of the Foundation. This is a volunteer position, however all expenses incurred will be paid according to the Lions Rule of Audit.

Some of the duties are as follows:

- Attend all Board Meetings
- Assist the president in setting up board meetings.

- Promote the Foundation by doing presentations at club meetings.

- Possibly be in charge of maintaining the newspaper mailing list.

Since this is a new position, other duties may be assigned. This can be a very worthwhile and rewarding experience.

If interested, please contact your foundation Secretary, Lions Carol Voegelé PO Box 273 Bowman, ND 58623 or call 701-523-5435.



At International

District Governor Wayne Westlund, left, and Vice District Governor Robert Littlefield from District 5NE modeled with the North Dakota flag before the Lions Clubs International convention parade in Minneapolis. DG Westlund joined his fellow district governors carrying the Multiple District 5 banner and VDG Littlefield carried the North Dakota flag. The MD5 "marching unit" earned second place in the Precision Demonstration Unit section of the parade. The Saskatoon Lions Community Band made sure the MD5 group stepped smartly during the parade.

5NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Here it is the first of August, which means I have already completed 1/12 of my year as District Governor.

Several PDG's have told me that the year as District Governor will be very busy, but because of the hectic schedule the year will pass very quickly. If the first month is an indication, the PDG's were right. Time will pass quickly.

Of course the first 10 days were at the International Convention and I had the good fortune of spending the next two weeks with my son from Texas and their families. We never can spend too much time with our grandchildren.

If you recall in my last months' report I told you about the busy schedule they had for the new District Governors at the International Convention. In reading my report I noticed that in my haste to get the report written, I had neglected to mention what I thought was one of the highlights of the convention.

I failed to mention the keynote speech to the international assembly by retired General Colin Powell. As I am sure most of you know, General Powell when he retired from the Army held the highest position in the military, that being Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. And not too long after retiring he was appointed by then President Bush to the position of Secretary of State. In my humble opinion, it was one of the greatest speeches that I have had the privilege of hearing.

General Powell is a tremendous speaker and if any of you ever have a chance to hear General Powell talk, I would suggest that you do not pass up the opportunity.

I am still looking for two volunteers to be Zone chairperson for Zones A-3 and B-2. The A-3 Zone consists of the following clubs: Carrington, Jamestown, Jamestown Buffalo City, New Rockford and Valley City. The B-2 Zone consists of the Chaffee, Davenport, Sheldon, Enderlin, Kindred, Leonard, Wahpeton and Wahpeton Headwaters Lions. To be qualified as a Zone chair one must have served as a Club President.

I am hoping that a former club president out there will give me a call and volunteer their services. You can reach me at 218-779-2022. This is not a position that is going to require many hours of time. We would ask that you conduct three meetings a year that should be attended by club presidents and club secretaries from the Zone.

In addition to those meetings, the Zone



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Chair is part of the 5NE cabinet, which meets four times a year, one of which is at the State Convention. However, not being able to attend all four meetings does not disqualify one from serving as Zone chair.

While I realize that many of you are not particularly interested in serving at a level above your local club or feel you are not qualified to do so I would say "Do not underestimate your own abilities." And the size of your own club has no bearing on your ability. The Lions have a number of leaders at the International and District levels that come from small clubs. Please give me a call. Since I have not had the opportunity yet to meet many of the clubs in the southern part of 5NE I do not know who may have served as a club president.

And while I am on the subject of volunteers I wish to take this opportunity to announce that Lion Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lion Club has agreed to accept the position of 2nd Vice District Governor for 5NE. That position was approved last year by LCI.

However, because redistricting was still in limbo within North Dakota (redistricting had been rejected at the State Convention) we in 5NE elected to not fill the position. It became imperative that the position be

filled immediately, when LCI requested that training for the position be conducted at the next multi-district meeting. Since MD5 had it's first meeting Aug. 21-22 the Long Range Planning Committee had to act quickly even though ratification of the appointment cannot take place until State Convention in October.

Lion Steve retired after a career in the Air Force as a B-52 crewmember. After he retired from the Air Force he was appointed executive director of the Grand Forks International Airport. He recently retired from that position after seeing the completion of plans for a new passenger terminal building.

He has served as numerous club positions, including that of club president. He has also served as zone chair and has been the 5NE membership chair for the last two years. I know Lion Steve will be a great addition to the leadership of 5NE for the 2009-2010 year and both VDG Robert Littlefield and I welcome him to the position.

It is with great regret that I announce that the Lakota Lions Club and the Fargo Edgewood Lions Clubs have decided to disband and have turned in their Charters.

The Lakota Lions Club was one of the oldest clubs in North Dakota having been chartered in 1926. That means we will have to work even harder this coming year to increase our clubs' membership to make up for the loss of the two clubs. There will be more about membership in my future reports.

On the positive side, I will take this opportunity to announce that I have appointed CC Duane Zwinger to the board of directors of the North Dakota Lions Foundation. He will complete the term, which became open due to the untimely death of Lion Carl Jessen this past April.

Lastly, I will close on a high note. As of the first of August approximately two thirds of the clubs have already paid their 5NE dues for the first half of the year and I thank the club treasurers for their promptness.

This is impressive given the fact that many of the clubs within 5NE do not meet in the summer time. I do trust that the same clubs have paid their dues to LCI. All clubs must have their dues to LCI before the International Board of Directors will give consideration to our redistricting plan. So if you have not paid the LCI dues do so immediately.

CARRINGTON



Carrington Lions donate

Carrington Ambulance service lost one of its ambulances in a roll-over crash while transporting a patient to Fargo. In a city-wide fundraiser for Paramedic Mike Parr, who was injured in the accident, and a fund drive to replace the ambulance, the Carrington Lions donated \$500 to the Ambulance fund and \$100 to Mike Parr. Pictured, from left, Lion Doug Roundy, Paramedic Mike Parr and Lion Illa Zink.



The Carrington Lions "Honor Flight" Spaghetti Feed/Bingo Fundraiser

The Carrington Lions held a Spaghetti Feed/Bingo fundraiser on April 15th to raise funds to send one WWII veteran to the WWII memorial in Washington DC. The fundraiser was so successful; the Carrington Lions will be able to send several veterans. Cooking the meal were; (L-R) Carrington Lions: Roger Gussiaas, Gerald Paulson, DG Duane Zwinger and Brian Duchscherer.



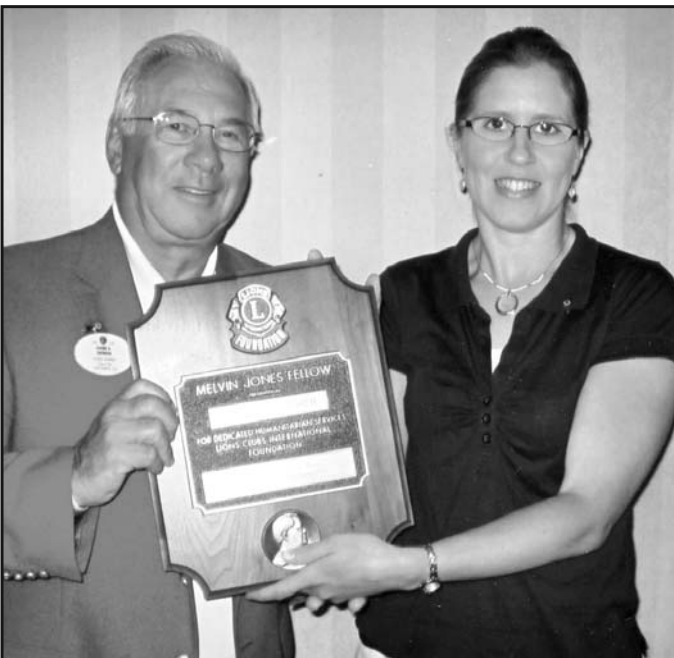
Carrington brothers, Pete and Lloyd Peterson who took the Honor Flight trip last fall, shared their experiences with the crowd at the Carrington Spaghetti Feed/Bingo night on April 15th.



Bingo... Yup, You are a Winner

5NE DG Duane and Carrington Lion Illa check over the winning card.

GRAND FORKS



Boettcher honored

Lion Terra Boettcher of the Grand Forks Lions Club received her Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from PDG Duane Zwinger.

BUFFALO CITY



Gavel passed

Gloria Wentz, out-going president of the Buffalo City Lions Club, Jamestown, passes the gavel to in-coming President Allison Suko at the annual family picnic for club members.

NEW ROCKFORD



Ambulance funds

New Rockford Lions Vice President Dennis Gehrtz presents ambulance representatives Sandy O'Connor and Nathan Presnell with a \$250 donation during Life Savers in the Park on Aug. 4th. The money will go towards purchase of new equipment for the ambulance crew.

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5NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

"Hullo und Guten Dag."

This is what our International President would say in German. Translated he is saying "Hello and good day." President Wirfs is the first Lion from Germany to be an International President. He is very proud of this fact and we are also proud of him.

In training he emphasized that being District Governor was more than a position. We have many responsibilities. We are the CEO of our district and he stated he expects us to carry out our duties. His goal is to increase the number of Lions in the world (especially eastern Europe) which he plans on doing. My goal is to increase the number of Lions in our 5NC district by club branching Lincoln to Prairie Rose and Steele to Lehr Lions so these clubs can get their year started. I also have applied for an extension workshop later this fall. More on that later.

Book

When we were at the International Convention we purchased the new book on the history of Lions Clubs International - LIONS CLUBS IN THE 21st CENTURY. The book contains 383 pages, including 71 photographs. Nine decades of history and a look into the future where Lions can give still further of themselves on behalf of community and human needs.

Among the topics surveyed in the chapters is Helen Keller's impact on sight activities. LCIF, Sight First, Campaigns SightFirst I & II, membership & club growth, youth activities, leadership and other subjects that have enabled Lions Clubs International to become the largest and most active service club organization in the world.

We, District Governors, have been asked to promote and encourage clubs and individual Lions to secure a copy of this book. It is suggested that clubs give a copy to their new members upon induction. Give your local or school libraries a copy. The cost of the book is \$29.95. You can order it from club supplies division at International headquarters

First Cabinet Meeting

Our first cabinet meeting was Saturday, July 25 at 10 a.m. at the Lehr Community Center with 14 cabinet members in attendance. It was a very successful meeting with good discussion from all.

But I as the CEO have a problem and I'm asking you Lions to help me fill seven cabinet positions still open. They are as follows.

1.) Membership/Women in Lions. 2.) Retention/Orientation and 3.) Leadership



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on the MERL team.

We are also in need of zone chairs as follows:

- Region 1: Zone 1-A (Ashley, Fredonia, Lehr, Linton, Strasburg, Wishek, Zeeland & Zeeland Dakota)

- Region 1: Zone 1-B (Braddock, Gackle, Hazelton, Medina, Napoleon, Sterling, Streeter).

- Region 2: Zone 2-B (Bowdon, Goodrich, Harvey, Pettibone, Robinson, Tuttle, Wing)

- Region 3: Zone 3-B in Region 3 (Glenburn, Hooterville, Leeds, Lake Metigoshe, Rugby).

I'm requesting the club presidents to ask your most qualified "spark plug" of the club membership to take the challenge to expand their horizon by stepping up to the next level of service being the district level. Give me a call with your suggested leader

Club Visitations

Club visitation is going well with five clubs completed by the time you read this article. August 6: Prairie Rose with installation of officers. August 10 with Minot at Noon & Hooterville Flion & Plum Valley club as their guests with a picnic at 5 p.m. August 11 breakfast at 7 a.m. with Magic City Lions.

Thank you for working together to make

this two-day visitation trip go so smoothly. I would certainly welcome a phone call, e-mail or letter from the officers for club visitation dates. The sooner you do this the easier it will be for me to put you in my schedule.

On Saturday, Aug. 8, the ND Eye Bank and ND Foundation held their meetings back to back at the Expressway Suites Inn at Bismarck. I will be attending the MD5 Council meeting at Minot Aug. 21-22 at the Holiday Inn.

Aug. 28-30 is set aside for my wife, Lion Donna Ruff, Leader Dog Chairman appointed by Past Leader Dog chair, Bruce Schwartz to attend the Leader Dog School in Michigan. She is very enthusiastic about Leader Dog and is asking all the clubs to keep up their support for 100% participation 11th year in a row.

The highlight of this month was saving the Fredonia Lions club. You can read the how, when, what & why of the transaction in the article. FREDONIA LIVES.

Retention

Fellow Lions, we are at 1,134 members in District 5NC. This is a loss of 31 members from last year. We need to close the back door of Lions dropping off the membership roster. We have to start at the club level. Are they quitting because of long boring meetings or lack of meaningful involvement? Remember, a working Lion is a happy Lion. Every active Lion makes their community a little better place to live.

Membership

Every member we recruit means two more hands to help get the job done. As your DG I challenge each and every Lion to recruit at minimum one new Lion. Invite your wife to your club meeting.

They will be an excellent addition to your club. With this we need to retain all our present Lion members. My goal is to have a net gain of 65 members by 6-30-2010. Doing the math, that would put us at 1199. Are you up to the challenge?

CONGRATULATIONS to the LaMoure Lions Club Member George Kaftan on his 101st birthday April 8. We had challenged the Lions Clubs in the state of ND "who had the oldest Lion member" back in April's issue, when the Lehr Lion member Minnie Kranzler turned 100 on April 20. Lion George, you are now the oldest Lion in 5NC, unless some older Lion comes out of their den.

WE SERVE with an OPEN HEART. (President' Wirf's theme song.)

CAPITAL CITY



District Governor Craig Wollenburg, Sister Thomas Welder, Past International Director Bruce Schwartz.



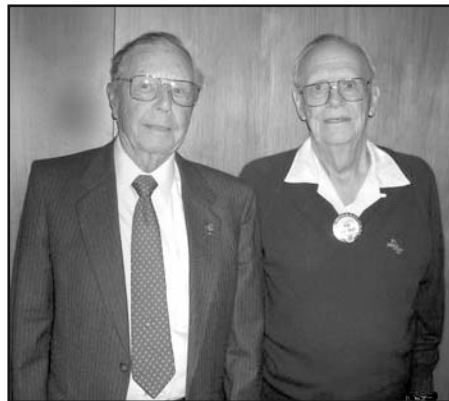
Melvin Jones Awards were presented to, from left, Sister Thomas Welder, Lion Don Stoltz, President Carol Vondrachek.

Capital City Lions celebrate 50th

The Capital City Lions Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary April 17, 2009. Dignitaries in attendance were PID Bruce Schwartz and DG Craig Wollenburg.

Also in attendance were charter members Cliff Giese and Al Van Vleet, both who are still active members of the club. Al Van Vleet has been in Lions for 59 years and Cliff Giese for 57 years.

Melvin Jones Awards were presented to President Carol Vondrachek, PDG Don Stoltz (progressive) and Sister Thomas Welder, president of the University Of Mary. Sister Welder was given the award for her public service and her support of the University's Lions Club. Another honored guest was Andrea Ronderos, coach of



Charter members are Lions Cliff Giese and Al Van Vleet.

State Champion Bismarck High School Girls Basketball Team. She spoke on how much it meant to play in the Lions All-Star Basketball games.

The Capital City Lions Club has much to be proud for its dedication to public service and upholding the goals of Lions International. The accomplishments are made possible because of their dedicated members. The club members have received 36 Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Besides the Melvin Jones Awards, six club members have been District Governors for District 5NC and three club members have been elected to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

Clubs invited to Garlic, Grape Festival in Minot

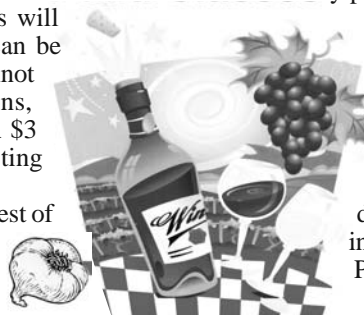
Lions Clubs statewide are invited to partake in a unique and fun festival that raises money for participating clubs. The Minot area Lions Clubs are coming together for a third year for the Souris Valley Garlic and Grape Festival, Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, Minot.

Musical entertainment will be provided. Food and craft vendors plus educational programs will be throughout the day. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Hosting the event are Minot Lions, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Garrison Lions, and Sawyer Lions clubs. A \$3 fee will enable the holder to do some wine tasting before purchasing North Dakota-made wine.

New to this year's festival is a cooking contest of recipes with garlic or wine contest. Interested parties are invited to pick up the registration forms from either Gourmet Chief, downtown

Minot or from the County Extension service office at the courthouse, also in Minot. The \$10 registration fee will be donated to the ND Lions Sight Programs. Registration is required by Sept. 17. Cooked or baked items are due at the auditorium by 11:30 on Saturday, Sept. 19. Judging will take place at 11:45 a.m. A variety of culinary prizes will be offered for the winners.

Among the educational events are braiding garlic, basics of wine making, growing garlic or grapes, cooking with garlic and/or wine. A grape stomping event will be held in the afternoon. Proceeds from the event will be used to support Lions sight programs in the area. Last year the event raised more than \$28,000 including donations, which was distributed among the participating clubs for service in their areas. For additional information contact Gary Price at 701-838-2901 or caldak@srt.com



FREDONIA

Fredonia Lions club serves community for 27 years

The small community of 51 people has had a Lions Club for the past 27 years with many good service projects.

DG James Ruff received an e-mail from LCI July 15, 2009 that the Fredonia Lions Club had just turned in its charter. The club had made the decision to disband in April of 2009 after struggling for the last two years to keep it active. A reply was requested by LCI ASAP and possibly before July 24 from the DG with a decision. With a short window of opportunity an action plan was presented to LCI and an encouraging reply was e-mailed back to DG Ruff with "hope you will achieve success in saving the club charter."

Phone messages were left on answering machines about transferring their memberships to neighboring clubs. With no responses from the previous board of directors, a drive was conducted to save the charter. The 12 previous Lions were dropped from the membership so the dues amount billed to the district could be credited.

One week after the email a meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening July 23, and 14 new members wrote checks for one year's dues to LCI and 5NC. Election of officers was conducted. The club will keep its same name, meeting place, date and time. The new Lions Club encouraged and recruited family units. As of this writing they have eight women and seven men. One more added after meeting. (five family units and five single head of household members.

The neighboring Lehr Lions club has invited the new club to be their guests at their first official meeting Sept. 9th. Orientation has been scheduled.

The club members have been invited to attend their first regional meeting in Napoleon on the 17th of September. The new directory had the information removed at the request of the old board. All cabinet, president, secretary officers who have received or will receive the new 2009-10 ND Lions Directory can update their new blue book.

On page 41 write FREDONIA in between BRADDOCK and GACKLE.

Write: "for club information go to page 99." On page 99 write the following: Fredonia 58440, Club #40591 Chartered: 12-21-1981. Zone 1A, 2nd Thurs. 8 p.m. Home Plate Cafe, 104 Main St. President: Lion Larry Hehr, 107 Logan St, Fredonia, ND Spouse: Maureen, (h)698-2264(e) larryhehr@mac.com. Secretary: Lion Larry Schlenz, 110 Dakota St., Fredonia, ND Spouse: Gwen (h) 698-2213 (e) schlenz46@live.com.

To make this new Fredonia club feel welcome, I'd like to encourage a Congratulations "Card Shower" from individual Lions and or club secretaries to let them know 'They will make a difference in their community, district, state and nation & worldwide.

GARRISON



New Lions

The Garrison Lions Club welcomed two new members July 13 at the group's regular meeting. Joining the Lions was Mike Youngs, left, and Jason Mattheis, right. Pictured with the new members is Garrison Lions President Steve Brannan.

Photo By Stu Merry

NAPOLEON



Celebrate 80th

The Napoleon Lions Club, the state's oldest active club, which is celebrating its 80th anniversary this year, had a float entered in Napoleon and Braddock parades for those cities' 125th celebrations. Napoleon Lion President John C. Johs drove the float through both parades.

Convention meal information sought

We don't want you to go hungry!

Nearly 200 Lions have pre-registered for the upcoming State Convention in Mandan, but a substantial number of them have not designated their meal choices. If you are one of those, please make your selections for Saturday's meals, complete the registration form, enclose a check for the meals and send it to Herman Schafer. We want to make sure the Seven Seas has an accurate number for meals and you pay for only the meals you want.

The convention committee is busy finalizing seminars, the convention schedule and dozens of details and plan on offering you a great experience. If you haven't registered, take time today to complete the registration form (including meals), send it in and join us on Oct. 30 and 31.

LAKE METIGOSHE



Officers

Club officers include Lions Bill McKay, Tail Twister; Gale Feland, 1st Vice Pres.; Jim Dahle, President; Terry Espe, Lion Tamer; Mona Johnson, Sec.; Cedric Jacobson, Treas.; Dennis Hanson, Membership Chairman.



Lions Install

At their June Meeting, Past District Governor Chris Helgesen installed the officers for Lake Metigoshe for the year July 1-09 to June 30 - 2010. Pictured is Past District Chris Helgesen, new member, Lion Dobie Thom and sponsor, Lion Les Halvorson.



100 percent

100 percent attendance pin winners included, from left, Lion Jim Dahle 1-yr.; Lion Peggy Bender 1- yr.; Lion Gene Bender 5 yrs.; Lion Dennis Hanson 12 yrs.; Lion Mona Johnson 14 yrs.

MINOT



Michels honored

Lion Leslie Coughlin recognizing MD5 Convention chair Deb Michels with flowers and certificates.



New member

Lion Lowell Latimer pinning new Lion Member Roger Reich with his Lion pin. Lowell is his sponsor.



Coughlin recognized

2009-2010 President Lion Jim Johnson giving outgoing president Lion Leslie Coughlin a plaque for her year of service to the Minot Lions.

5NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Corrections

At the cabinet meeting on Saturday, members of 5NW found a few typos to the Lions Directory. Members please note:

The corrections are as follows:

Pg 56. Lion Arlen Fetch His name is spelled with an "e" not a "I".

Pg 57. Lion James Heim (Zone 2A Chair) correct address is: 403 2nd Ave NE

Pg 57. Lion Loren Haugen (Zone 3A Chair) correct phone number is: 572-9304

Pg 58. Lion Don Flynn (Environmental Chair) correct address is: 3401 Sharloh Place Unit 8. (His name is spelled with I n - Don)

Dear 5NW Lions,

What a first month! While the whirlwind was beginning at the International Convention another, much stronger wind was whirling in North Dakota. In fact a tornado hit Dickinson on July 8. And so immediately upon returning we set in motion the process for another LCIF Grant for our district. I am happy to say that we have received a \$10,000 LCIF Emergency Disaster Grant to assist the tornado victims in Dickinson. This grant is for emergency supplies, which include food, water, medicines, and clothing. The clubs of Dickinson will be managing the grant and providing these supplies for those in need of these items.

Some of the clubs have asked how they can assist. I would have you contact either of the Dickinson Lions Clubs presidents. They have hands on experience of the communities' needs. The major need at this time is for lodging for the displaced victims. VDG Pat and I have been to the area and can say that in the usual North Dakota way, the community has pulled together and they are doing very well.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of Dickinson.

International Competitions & Contests

International President Eberhard Wirf is starting a Global Youth Music Competition. This year's competition is for the violin. If you know of anyone who may benefit from this competition and who is under 25 years of age, please contact me for details. Or, you can find information at www.lionsclubs.org.

I would also remind all the clubs to remember the Peace Poster Contest. You all should have received the Peace Poster kits by now. I plan to make post cards



Lion Kevin Vannett
District Governor 5NW

1101 Sunset Drive
Mandan, ND 58554
663-1957

using District 5NW's winning poster. So, encourage participation and make sure you get them in by the deadline. For more information, contact our District Youth Chair, Lion Shirley Schafer at hsgr25+1@riverjordan.com or 701-221-2320.

Redistricting Update

As stated in the last ND Lion, Lions International will be reviewing our multiple district redistricting plans at their next meeting. Your district leaders, along with the leaders of all of the ND districts, are working together to ensure a smooth transition if in fact this plan is approved. I will keep the district posted as to the progress.

District Governor

Visitation Highlights

Lion Pat and I have already visited several clubs. Thank you Lions for welcoming us! We look forward to visiting each and every club throughout the District. To schedule your District Governor visit, please call me. Or, I will be calling you!

Great Plains Lions

Leadership Institute

The district sent 1st Vice DG, Pat Vannett and 2nd Vice DG, Duane Schatz to the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Storm Lake, Iowa. Both have reported to me of the fantastic seminar that was held and of the valuable tools they have brought back to our district. Already in our consultations, I have seen their personal growth and dedication to Lionism, which will benefit our district for years to come. Thank you vice district governors for

your personal commitment and for giving your time and talents to our district. 5NW is very fortunate to have such dedicated upcoming leaders.

Moving & Growing

Membership In 5NW

It was my pleasure to receive a letter of congratulations from our Global Membership Team Leader, PID Gary Fry for a positive membership growth in our district for the month of July. This growth is do to your efforts to grow your clubs. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU!

Remember - your MERLO Team is available to assist you in your efforts. Give any of them a call with any question. They are, Lions Pat Vannett, Duane Schatz, Dale Ekstrom, Jack Colby and Lewellyn Rustan. I am confident in their ability to assist you.

WELCOME to the following - our newest Lions of District 5NW:

- Rose Aken - Mandan Dacotah Lions Club
- Meridean Sprecher - Mott Lions Club
- Winona Olson - New England Lions Club
- Elaine Hegge - New England Lions Club
- Thomas Gorek - New England Lions Club
- Bernadine Gorek - New England Lions Club
- Jody Hoff - Richardton Lions Club
- Lynda Hill - Williston Korner Lions Club

MD5 Rookie Lion Award

This award is available to all new Lions who complete the following within their first full year:

The new Lion must:

Visit another Lions Club Meeting.

Attend at least one Zone Meeting.

Attend one Lions Club Board Meeting.

Bring a guest to one Lions Club Meeting.

Attend at least one hour of orientation on Lions.

Be active in one or more fundraisers for the member's Lions Club.

Serve as an active member on one club fund raising/club project Planning Committee.

Be active in one or more Lions project(s).

Attend one of the following: A Lions

ELGIN

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Induct two

The Elgin Lions Club installed two new members during the regular meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2009 with Lion Jerry Roehrich of New Leipzig sponsored by Lion Duane Schatz and Lion Theo Stoller, Human Resource director at Jacobson Memorial Hospital, sponsored by Lion (Father) Myles Stoller. The Elgin Lions held installation of new officers Thursday, June 25. The annual Lions Picnic was Sunday afternoon, July 26 with free steaks for all Lions Members. Pictured are Lion Duane Schatz, Lion Jerry Roehrich, Lion Theo Stoller and Lion Myles Stoller.

Lions hold kids fishing day

The Elgin Lions Club held its annual Kids Fishing Day Saturday, July 11, 2009, at Sheep Creek Dam south of Elgin with 13 young people in attendance. Courtney Poland area game warden spoke to the young people about water safety, littering and courtesy to other fishermen. There was also a Bass Fishing Tournament being held at Sheep Creek and many nice Bass were caught.

Twelve boats and many fishermen were on the water seeking Bass for the day. Winners of the prizes (two rod and reels and a fishermen's packet donated by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department) were: Jacob Edinger of Carson with the biggest fish. His catch included two 19-inch rainbow trout; Megan Ormisten of Hettinger a fishermen's packet for the most fish including four Bluegills; and Nathan Bren of Elgin a rod and reel with the first fish a nice Rainbow Trout.

Each young fishermen received a \$5 Elgin Buck Certificate. And the three



Pictured are, from left, Jacob Edinger; Megan Ormisten, and Nathan Bren.

Photo by Lion Duane Schatz

winners each received \$10 courtesy of Sieb's Bar and Lounge and Walleye Inc. of Dickinson.

Elgin Lions members volunteering for the day were: Lion Lawrence Ackerman, Julius Zimmerman, Duane Schatz, Dean Zimmerman, Art Rath, bus driver; Clarence Werner, Rueben Zacher, Jim and Maxcine Heim, Ralph Meidinger and Peter Rouse.

officer training meeting, a cabinet meeting, a district/state/provincial/multiple district convention, or other similar meeting.

Knights For The Blind!

Thank you to the following Lions who have taken up my challenge to become my personal Knights for the Blind. As stated in my last newsletter, every Lion that moves to grow our district by sponsoring a new member this year will become my personal Knight for the Blind and will receive special recognition, a certificate and my personal Knight for the Blind pin. Congratulations Knights!

- Kathi Runge – Mandan Dacotah Lions Club
- Shirley Halverson – Mott Lions Club
- Charles Olson – New England Lions Club
- Richard Hegge – New England Lions Club
- Arnold Rotering – New England Lions Club
- Vivian Rotering – New England Lions Club
- Ambrose Hoff – Richardton Lions Club
- Chet Hill – Williston Korner Lions Club

Mandan To Host Its 1st

State Convention

The State Lion's Convention is coming soon. Let's get registered! This will be a very exciting convention. The Mandan Lions Clubs are hosting and you can expect a good time with many informational seminars. There is a great slate of speakers and tons of fun already planned. Come to Mandan and celebrate being "Anchored in Service" at the State Convention, October 30 & 31, 2009.

Cabinet Meeting Dates:

Oct. 30, 10 a.m. CT Mandan Seven Seas

Jan. 9, 10 a.m. MT Dickinson Elks

April 17, 3 p.m. MT Dickinson Elks

In Lionism We Serve,
Lion Kevin Vannett

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

NO Exceptions!

MOTT



New officers

New Lions officers for Mott include, front, from left, Lions Darlene Kallis, Lion Tamer; Margaret Gjerstad, Secretary; Troy Mosbrucker, President; Beverly Austin, Tail Twister; Kurt Blickensderfer, Director. Back, Lions Walter Kallis, 2nd Vice; Bruce Kallis, Director; Maggie Banyai, Past-President; Merlyn Austin, 1st Vice; Larry Gjerstad, Treasurer Not pictured is Lion Leo Brackel, Director.

WILLISTON KORNER



New member

Williston Korner recently inducted a new member, Lynda Hill, July 27. Pictured, from left, are Lion Lee Gunlikson, club president; Lynda Hill, new member; Lion Chet Hill, sponsor; and Lion Loren Haugen, who conducted the did the induction of the new member.



Certificate presented

At the regular meeting of the Mott Lions July 20th, Past President Lion Maggie Banyai was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her years of dedicated service to our Club. Presenting the certificate is President, Lion Troy Mosbrucker.



WILLISTON LIONS TO CELEBRATE

The Williston Lions Club turned 75 on July 27th. Plans are underway for an anniversary party Saturday evening Oct. 10.

Watch the September ND Lion for details and meal registration form.

Any questions please feel free to contact the Club President Ruthie Wagner at rwagner@wil.midco.net or 701-774-3015.



In Remembrance

Paulene Newell - Valley City
Leary Getz - Bowman
Olger Barsness - Minot

Lions District 5 Convention

**October 23-24, 2009 at the Regina Travelodge
4177 Albert Street, Regina, SK
584-6320 / (800) 578-7878 / www.travelodge.ca**

"YESTERDAY-TODAY-TOMORROW" (A TWO DAY working conference)

Name: _____ Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest

Last

First

Middle

Name: _____ Lion/Lioness/Leo/Guest

Last

First

Middle

Address: _____

Street/P.O.

City/Town

Prov/State

Postal Code

Home Club: _____

Res. Phone: _____ Bus: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail (Optional) _____

Special Dietary Needs/Physical/Comments

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

Make your own hotel arrangements and quote ID#232029 at Travelodge for LIONS rate

Hotel Accommodation: Regina Travelodge – Tel: (306) 585-3443 Fax (306) 586-9311

E-Mail: www.travelodge.ca Web Site: www.travelodgeregina.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 at 586-6755;

Holiday Inn Express at 789-5888; Sherwood House Motel at 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



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*

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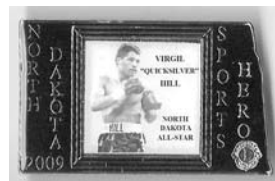


New officers

Club officers for 2009-2010 were installed at the July picnic. New officers include, from left, President Pam Howe, Secretary Bonnie Bugner, Membership Co-chair Zola Hagen and Second Vice President Phyllis Enerson. Back, Treasurer Larry Jackson, Tail Twister Derald Bugner, Vice President Bruce Hagen and Director Russell Doe.

Correction should be Reeder

Last month's (July) Lion listed Dickinson as the club that honored Dickinson State student Mandi Moor. Moor is a student at DSU, but was the featured speaker at the Reeder Lions club meeting. Moor received \$100 from the club to go towards a trip to Washington D.C.



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