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Lions Youth Camp a huge success

**By PDG Ted Pukas,
2009 Paha Sapa Lions
Youth Camp registrar**

Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world. A lofty goal of Lions... and in a large way it was accomplished at the conclusion of the Paha Sapa Lions Youth Camp.

This year, Lions District 5-SW sponsored the camp from July 5-11. The camp was headquartered at Kamp Kinship located in the northern Black Hills. Youth from 11 countries on four continents were brought together with a determination of developing new and lasting friendships. Youth represented Austria, Canada, Brazil, Finland, St. Martin in the French West Indies, Germany, Italy, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland and the USA. Youth from abroad lived with host families for about one week prior to camp and one week afterwards. Twenty-two families in Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota opened their homes during this cross-cultural exchange.

The youth enjoyed the usual camp activities including difficult climbing walls and an exciting two-way zip line. During the week there were educational tours of historic Deadwood and Jewel Cave, a visit to the Center of our Nation at Belle Fourche, a hiking trek to beautiful Spearfish Falls and a visit to Crazy Horse. The youth took in the awe inspiring lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore, a tour of a Black Hills Gold jewelry factory and several other attractions in western South Dakota. Lots of fun things were also included such as Gulches of Fun in Deadwood and the opportunity to swim in three different indoor pools.

5-SW Lions Clubs were very generous in providing many plentiful and exceptional meals for the youth attending the camp. A special thank you to the Lions of Belle Fourche, Lead-Deadwood, Spearfish, Sturgis, RC Downtown, RC Rushmore, RC Evening Star, RC Metro, Hill City, Custer, Edgemont, and Hot Springs for providing meals along the road for our campers.



Forty-two happy Paha Sapa campers at Dinosaur Park in Rapid City.

Amadeusz Gorski, Poland and Joost Dijkstra, Netherlands (both hosted in 5-NE) show strength and agility in successfully scaling camp climbing wall.



Youth are our future and the future of Lions. Plan to support the Lions Youth Exchange Program next year and every year ... you will be richly rewarded.

INSIDE INTERNATIONAL



By PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ

LCIF announces new fund-raising system

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has just begun a new program for raising money for our international foundation. It is called the LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

Since its inception in 1968, LCIF has never had a focused, well organized, goal oriented program for fund-raising. Funds were received at LCIF, processed, banked and eventually put to work doing LCIF projects. Starting this year that is being changed.

It was the tremendous success of Campaign SightFirst II, which raised over \$200 million over a three year period, that prompted the idea of applying SightFirst II fund-raising techniques to LCIF fund-raising. This plan, however, is ongoing and is designed with a goal of increasing annual contributions to LCIF from approximately \$20 million to \$30 million by 2012.

North and South Dakota have been designated as a Sector in the overall LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN and I have accepted the position of Sector Coordinator. Each of the five districts in North and South Dakota have District Coordinators which I would like to announce at this time. They are:

- District 5SE PDG Cindy Iversen
- District 5SW PDG Ken Gifford

District 5NE VDG Robert Littlefield
 District 5NC PCC Dan Vondrachek
 District 5NW PDG Dave Czywczynski
 A huge THANK YOU goes out to our District coordinators for accepting this important position.

All clubs in North and South Dakota can expect to receive information along with invitations to contribute to LCIF from your respective district coordinators. Currently, well below 50 percent of the clubs in North and South Dakota contribute to LCIF. With this in mind, the primary goal of this new program will be to make every district a 100 percent district for LCIF.

I plan to provide news and information regarding the new LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN in this column throughout this year and beyond. In addition, information will be provided at the various conferences and conventions as they occur in our Sector.

The Funnies

Lots of people have nothing on their mind and it definitely shows.

My doctor told me I have the body of a 35-year-old. He even told me where the guy was buried.

SOUTH FORKS



Five given Melvin Jones

The South Forks Lions celebrated their 45th anniversary at a charter night dinner celebration. District Governor Duane Zwinger was the guest speaker. Pictured are then District Governor Zwinger with the five Melvin Jones recipients. From left are DG Duane, Lions Bob Tupa, Charles Zick, Owen Graupe, Larry Eickman, Brad Westrum and incoming District Governor Wayne Westlund, who is a South Forks member. Inset photo, Lion Roger Johnson is pictured being presented with last year's Lion of the Year award by South Forks Lions President Owen Graupe. Lion Johnson chaired the Lions Christmas in the Park project this past year.

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Where in North Dakota is...?

Most of you remember the popular game of a few years ago, “Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?” Well, the Lions clubs of North Dakota have a similar situation. Where in North Dakota is.....?

The Hooterville Flion Lions Club has for many years had a stuffed animal bear traveling throughout North Dakota. The bear would stay at a Lions Club for a few days, then would be taken to another Lions club. For each day that the bear was a guest at a Lions Club, the club would pay \$5 to the North Dakota Lions Foundation. At last sighting the bear was in the southeastern part of North Dakota late last fall, but seems to have gotten lost.

The Carrington Lions club last spring

started a similar project. A stuffed animal dog, his name was “Randy”, was to travel from Lions club to Lions club. For each day “Randy” stayed at a Lions club, the club would donate \$5 to Assistance Dogs of America at Jud. “Randy” started in the eastern part of North Dakota. Randy seems to be lost as well.

The purpose of these projects was twofold: 1) to encourage Lions clubs to make visitations and 2) to generate a few dollars to help these worthy causes. Why do we have these as goals of the projects? 1) Visitations of Lions clubs needs a very serious boost. 2) At \$5 per day for a year would generate \$1,825 to each of these worthy causes. A nice little sum.

So Lions clubs of North Dakota, look to see if you have either of these animals in your possession. If you do, make a visitation to a neighboring Lions club and present the animal to the Lions club. Also donate to the North Dakota Lions Foundation or Assistance Dogs of America for the time that the animal spent at your Lions club. Let’s get these two guys to again start doing what they were intended to do. If your Lions club has one of these animals in your possession at the present time, would you send an email to dzwinger@daktel.com to let us know where the animals are now. THANKS



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Director to run in marathon

Dear colleagues:

On Saturday, Oct. 10, I will be running in the Baltimore Marathon as a member of Tissue Banks International and Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Run for Vision.

I am participating not only for the fun of the race, but because I want to support our community and the work the Lions clubs and Tissue Banks International do in our

state in advancing corneal transplantation for people in need or impaired eye sight.

I hope you consider sponsoring me at your discretion for your organization or individual donation. Please make checks payable to Frederick Griffith Foundation

Thank you so much!
Karen Thomas

Directory corrections

At the recent 5NW cabinet meeting, attendees found a few typos to the Lions Directory.

The corrections are as follows:

- Pg 56. Lion Arlen Fetch His name is spelled with an “e” not a “l”.
- 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 1 n – Don)

5NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings from my office to fellow Lions of 5NE and all of North Dakota. Since my last report the first meeting of the 5NE took place at the Ramada Inn of Grand Forks on Saturday, August 15. A total of 14 members were present and 1st VDG Robert Littlefield presented his reports by speakerphone. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was in attendance and a special thanks to Lion Robert who took nearly an hour away from his family presenting reports on several topics and answering questions from members present. Reports were given by all members present. District Treasurer Tom Saddler reported that the majority of Lions Clubs within 5NE had already paid their dues. The next 5NE meeting will take place at the State Convention in Mandan on Friday, October 30.

On Friday, Aug. 8, I attended the meeting of the North Dakota Eye Bank Board of Directors in the morning and that afternoon the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Lions Foundation met. On Friday, August 21 I went to Minot for the MD5 Council of Governors meeting. The meeting started at 6:00 p.m. on Friday and went all day on Saturday. I returned to Grand Forks on Sunday morning. By the time this report goes to press, I will have attended the Charter Night of the brand new Lions Club in Casselton and the Kulm Lions Club Steak Fry. My first official club visit will be the Charter Night at Casselton. I can think of no better way to start my club visitations by welcoming a new Lions Club into the world of Lionism.

State Convention

While I realize that the State Convention is still nearly 2 months away, I wish to take this opportunity to encourage every club in 5NE to send delegates to the convention. Last year with the important issue of redistricting being voted on I believe there were voting delegates from only 16 of the 35 clubs in attendance. Attending a State Convention is a great opportunity for one to meet Lions from all around the state. It also provides a person to expand and gain a better understanding of Lionism beyond one's own club. To become a convention delegate the club secretary must submit the names of their delegates to the State Lion Convention. Each chartered club in good standing with the district shall be entitled to select one certified delegate and one alternate delegate for every ten members and major fraction thereof, a major fraction being 5. The eligible voters will be based on the number of members of a club determined by the most recent available records of the International Office, preceding the convention. For a club to be in good standing, it must have paid its club dues to the district prior to the convention. I again urge the officers of each Lion Club within the district to urge attendance by a member or members of your club.

Club Membership Dues

This is a memo to the club treasurers. As of August 31, 2009, 8 of the 35 clubs within the district had not paid either their national or district dues. Those who have not paid know who you are. I also know that several clubs do not meet during the summer, so



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there may be a legitimate reason for the dues not being paid at this time. However, if the dues are not received by the 21st of this month, you will be receiving a call from either myself or 5NE Treasurer, Tom Saddler. Please pay the district dues to Tom Saddler at 3725 Cherry Street, Grand Forks, N.D. 58201. The LCI dues are sent to Oak Brook, Ill., 60523-8842.

Redistricting: While we have not yet received word that the International Board of Directors have approved our redistricting plan we are moving forward under the assumption that it will be approved. This will require a vote by the delegates to the convention on newly proposed constitution and by-laws. A copy of the proposed constitution and by-laws for the new district 5NE is being sent via U.S. mail to every club president pursuant to the requirement that proposed changes to the existing constitution must be made available to every club president 30 days prior to the convention at which time they will be considered and voted upon by delegates. If you do not receive a copy prior to September 30, 2009, please contact me and I will get a copy to you.

Extension Workshop

I will have more on this next month but do want to take this opportunity to announce that LCI has approved our request for an extension workshop next month. John and Wanda Barnett will be conducting the workshop. They conducted a workshop in Fargo last year that led to the formation of new clubs in Mayville-Portland and Casselton.

MEDINA



Donates to Linton Flood Relief

Medina Lions Treasurer, Ann (Schneider) Dammel (right), presents a \$100 donation to the Linton Lions Club for flood relief. Accepting the check are Kalyn and Ryan Schneider, children of Linton Lions Club member, Ken Schneider (not available for photo), and grandchildren of Lion Ann.

5NC GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Greetings, or Guten Dag, or Hullo.

Fall is in the air and club's summer vacation is over.

I attended the council meeting and the MD5 MERL Conference at Minot on August 21-22. We nine District Governors were asked to list our 2009-10 top priorities and share our action plan for the year. The top 5 topics most frequently discussed were: 1.) Establishing new clubs. 2.) Increasing Membership by recruiting new members, younger members & spouses of present members. 3.) Developing Leadership. 4.) Increasing retention, decreasing drops, or closing that back door. 5.) Recognizing where clubs are struggling earlier by using Zone/Region chairs or the MERL team.

These same priorities have been listed by previous governors and their MERL teams and have been a problem for the last 20 years! So what is the solution? We discussed what is the "root cause" of these problems? What will our strategy be in solving the root cause? What tactic are we going to use? What action plan are we going to take?

Because of lack space I will only focus this September on my plan for trying to solve problem number 4.) Retention-closing that back door. My action plan is to use my three Region Chairperson in 5NC by helping conduct the collection and tallying of a '42 Club Survey'. We will use the ND Lion as a tool to print the following survey.

1128 Lions in our District receive the newspaper by mail or e-mail. The three region chairpersons are being challenged in a friendly competition to see which region will be the most successful in receiving the most percentage of completed surveys. Region One has 15 clubs with 388 members. Lion Donna Ruff is their chairperson. Region Two has 17 clubs with 437 members. Lion Lynell Thueson is their chairperson. She has one Zone chairperson to help her with the project. Region Three has 10 clubs with 303 members and Lion Gary Price will cover both Zones.

All 42 presidents will be asked to promote and collect the completed surveys from their club members. The purpose of the survey is help me see your club's strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan to address problems that need attention. We need to find out why we have that unhappy Lion member and help this Lion through that period, get him more involved.

Every Lion has a talent, we need to utilize it. You do not need to sign the survey



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unless you want to. Please complete and return this survey to your club president. They will give it to their region chairman. The deadline is October 15. (Three weeks to complete). The survey could be completed in 30 to 45 minutes. Your input is extremely important to your club.

We want to strengthen all clubs that are at risk of dropped membership. Thank you for taking the time to complete it. Make copies if more are needed.

District Governor's date calendar

Please call with your club visitation date or I will be calling the club presidents to schedule. I would like to visit your club in the beginning of the Lion year. Before the

snow flies.

DVD

ND's MERL team mentor PDG Cindy Iverson, Madison, SD will be mailing me a DVD on Orientation that will be available.

ND State Convention

Oct. 30-31, 2009 at the Seven Seas in Mandan

Convention Delegates Needed

Club secretaries should submit the names of their delegates to vote at the State Convention to me. Your clubs dues must be paid before your delegate can vote. Send your checks to Cabinet Treasure James Raile, 907 7th Ave S, Wishek, ND 58495. The number of delegates is determined by LCI's last membership report. Example: 31 members=3 delegates. 35 members=4 delegates. Clubs should also select an Alternate. Only to cover delegates if unable to attend.

Important:

Club Presidents, you should be receiving the proposed constitution and by-laws that will be voted upon at the state convention. Please review it with your Board of Directors / delegates. 5NC's clubs will be divided 1/2 going to the west and 1/2 going to the east. Forming two new districts with the same names.

Website Addresses:

Use these sites as a tool to help you and your club become the best Lion Club you can be.

- www.lionsclubs.org worldwide information
- www.md5lions.org ND, SD, SASK information.
- www.5nclions.org central N.D. information.

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(President Wirf's theme song.)

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District 5NC Club Survey (To Help Retention)

Club Name _____

I have been a Lion for _____ years. I joined my Lions club because? There are 7 possible reasons for joining listed below. Please prioritize them by putting a 1 beside the most important reason and then 2 for the second choice, etc. You may not think all 7 are relevant, so just rank them as far as you think applies to you.

- _____ a.) to help people in my community who are in need of help.
- _____ b.) to help people in North Dakota who are in need of help.
- _____ c.) to help people around the world who are in need of help.
- _____ d.) because my club was known for the service the members provided.
- _____ e.) because I liked the people who were already members.
- _____ f.) because I wanted to Learn some leadership skills.
- _____ g.) for fun and fellowship with other members.

For each question, please rank your club's performance using this scale:

A=Always, O=Often, ST=Sometimes, S=Seldom, N=Never.

- _____ I enjoy my Lions Club.
- _____ I feel involved in club activities & an important part of the club.
- _____ My input during club meetings is valued.
- _____ My input during committee meetings is valued.
- _____ My club has committees for projects & activities.
- _____ I enjoy the committee(s) I serve on.
- _____ The activities I am involved with are meaningful to me.
- _____ My club responsibilities take to much of my time.
- _____ I feel I have too many club responsibilities.
- _____ There are well-established "groups" or "cliques" in the club.
- _____ I think all members feel they are an important part of the club.
- _____ I have continually performed the same role in a committee.
- _____ I repeatedly perform the same function at our club activities.
- _____ I prefer to perform the same role/function each year.
- _____ The members in our committees have essentially remained unchanged in the last several years.
- _____ I prefer the committees to remain unchanged.
- _____ I think we should have more female Lion members
- _____ I like the way our meetings are conducted.
- _____ Club meetings are boring.
- _____ Club meetings are informative and we have good programs.
- _____ We have a good tail twister & he/she adds fun to the meeting.
- _____ The club members work together harmoniously to reach goals.
- _____ New ideas, projects & services are encouraged.
- _____ Friction between club members causes our club to be unproductive.
- _____ There are people in my club that make me feel uncomfortable.
- _____ The men and women in our club get along well.
- _____ I feel we do not do enough service.
- _____ I feel we do not have enough members to provide all the service that is needed.
- _____ I think we should have more members.
- _____ I enjoy working on projects but do not like attending meetings.
- _____ I would like to be an officer but feel I do not know enough.
- _____ The club meeting time is a good time for my schedule.
- _____ The club meeting date is a good date for my schedule.



Write your club name on a blank sheet of paper and answer the numbered questions.

1. My favorite club project is:
2. My favorite fund-raising activity is.
3. The best thing about my club is.
4. My least favorite club project is.
5. I think my least favorite project should be dropped. Yes or No.
6. My least favorite fund-raising activity is.
7. I think my least favorite fund-raiser should be dropped. Yes or No.
8. Our club strengths are.
9. These are the primary areas I think need improvement.
10. I would like to make the following suggestions.
11. What should the District Governor and District 5NC do to help make my club better?

PRAIRIE ROSE



Loftesness installed

During the Aug. 6 (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions meeting, Bismarck Lion Howard Loftesness installs his wife, Lion Jenell, as president of the Prairie Rose Lions for the 2009 - 2010 term. The remainder of the installation of new club officers was conducted by DG James Ruff, Lehr.



Schwartz honored

(Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lion Julie Schwartz accepts a Certificate of Appreciation, presented by her husband, PID Bruce Schwartz, on behalf of Immediate Past International President Al Brandel, during the club's August membership meeting. The certificate recognizes Lion Julie's piano accompaniment for ID Bojan Sobar and his wife Olga, of Rijeka, Croatia, during a July 7 concert (with an audience of 1,200) at the 2009 International Lions Convention in Minneapolis, MN.

MD-5 Lions Club Newsletter Contest

The following are general minimum guidelines:

1. Newsletters should be placed in a 3 ring binder.
2. Newsletters should be placed in sheet protectors.
3. 3 ring binder should be clearly labeled with the Club Name.
4. Newsletter should be concise and informative.
5. Newsletters will be also judged for the quality of content, page layout, publication design and production.
2. Web sites will be judged for quality of content and design.
3. URL of the Website shall be submitted to the Chairman of the MD-5 Public Relations Committee prior to May 15th.

MD-5 LIONS CLUB SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

1. Should be placed inside a 3 ring binder.
2. Binder should be clearly labeled with the Club Name.
3. Should have a Table of Contents
4. Pictures should have a short description and people clearly labeled.

MD-5 LIONS CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

1. Website shall be a Club Website and not a State/Provincial/Zone/International website.

MD-5 LIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

1. There are five categories: animal life, plant life, urban or natural landscape, weather phenomenon, a special annual theme (announced on the LCI website each year).
2. Photo's will be judged on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the environmental theme.
3. One 8" x 10" printed photo to md-5 service & public relations chairman is January 15th.
4. Pictures should have a label on the back with : name of lion photographer, lions club of photographer, email address of photographer.
5. Contest photos become the property of MD5/LCI.

Lions All-Star Basketball a success

Thanks to North Dakota Lions, The North Dakota Coaches Association, Players, Sponsors and other volunteers the 33rd Annual Lions All-Star Basketball Games were a great success.

Each year the Lions All-Star Basketball Committee selects special charity project or projects to highlight. This year two projects were selected. They are the Roughriders Honor Flights for WWII Veterans. This program provides flights for these Veterans to Washington DC to view the new WWII Memorial.

Co-Chairman of the Honor Flights, Kevin Cramer, gave a summary of what these flights means to the WWII Veterans. The second donation was to the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation to help with expansion plan for the State Historical Society. Each project received \$1,000.

Funds for these projects came from a special funding project associated with the Lions All-Star Basketball where club from Central and Western ND can purchase tickets to the games at a discounted price. The money received is used only for these projects. The Lions Clubs who participated were:

Beulah, Capital City, North Star, Bowman, Dickinson, Flasher, Harvey, Hooterville, Lake Metigoshe, Linton, Mandan West River, Minot, Minot Magic City, Minot Plum Valley, New Salem, Noonan, Reeder, Turtle Lake, Williston and Williston Korner.



Lion Don Stoltz, left, introduces Kevin Cramer and some of the WWII Veterans that made the Honor Flight to view the WWII Memorial. They were on the first flight that took place this past spring. A second flight is scheduled this September.

Garlic & Grape Festival is finally here

A fun filled day is slated for the 3rd Annual Souris Valley Garlic and Grape Festival, Sept. 19, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Minot Municipal Auditorium, Minot.

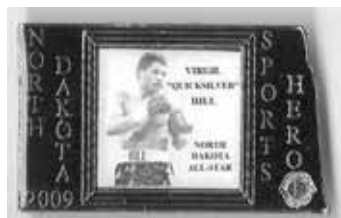
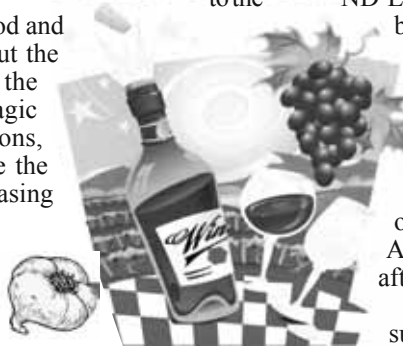
Musical entertainment will be provided. Food and craft vendors plus educational programs fill out the day. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Hosting the event are Minot Lions, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Garrison Lions, and Sawyer Lions clubs. A \$3 fee will enable the holder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

New to this year's festival is the cooking/baking with garlic or wine contest. Interested parties are invited to pickup 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. Judging will occur 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.



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

Lions pins available

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

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

Greetings fellow Lions,

I would like to start this month's newsletter by thanking Lion Meredith Walter for sponsoring a member and being my personal Knight for the Blind. Welcome Lion Lawrence Huwe, our newest member of the Noonan Lions!

Where has the time gone? Just think that 1/6 of the year is gone - so much so fast. August has been a jam filled month with club visitations, ND Eye Bank and ND Foundation meetings, Council of Governors meeting and best of all, my visit to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

Let me tell you about this wonderful place. Founded in 1939 by three Lions, they provide leader dogs at no cost to the recipients. These costs include dog training, airfare, and room and board. Leader Dogs for the Blind is also the first dog school to provide handheld GPS navigation systems at the same time the recipient receives their dog. The puppy program is awesome. They have their own breeding stock and they also take in dogs privately and through kennels. I would encourage all Lion members to visit the school in Rochester, MI if you're ever in the area. Feel free to learn more through their web site www.leaderdog.org

The Dickinson Lions have been working hard on the emergency grant from LCI. We will be wrapping up this grant very soon. This might be a great opportunity to plant some Ginkgo trees to replace some that were lost in the disasters that have hit our district this year. Contact your Environmental Chair Lion Don Flynn (701) 590-1318.

We are still waiting to here from Lions International about the redistricting proposal. This is an opportune time to update our district's Constitution and By-laws. These updates will be mailed to each of our Lions clubs for your review. Be prepared to vote on and adopt these changes at our annual district meeting in Mandan Oct. 31 during the ND Lions State Convention. So, let's get registered for the convention.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the convention. This year's convention will be very motivational with great speakers and presenters. Also, I will by "knighting" the newest Lion members. The new members will be offered a New Member Orientation and for the rest of us there is a New Member at Heart Orientation. Remember to fill out your delegate form and send it to the District Governor prior to the convention. This will speed up the certification process.



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The MD5 Council of Governors is pursuing a public relations grant for the Multiple District. What a great way to spread the word about Lionism.

I have 13 club visits for the month of September. Also this month, Lion Pat and I will be attending the USA/Canada Forum in Memphis. We look forward to this great opportunity to learn more ways to assist our clubs. I would encourage every Lion

to attend a USA/Canada Forum in the future.

Please remember to get back to your DG with the updated list that the Foundation sent out on how to receive your newspaper.

The MERL Team is working hard on club membership growth and also pursuing extension possibilities. If you are aware of individuals in the New Town, Tioga, Belfield, and Southheart area, please feel free to talk to them about Lionism. OR how about someone in your own town! If anyone has another location in mind let your MERL team know.

Lions you should be thinking about attending your 1st Zone Meeting for the year. Watch for your notification and plan on attending. Be sure to invite any new member as this will help them achieve the Rookie Lion Award.

In 1925 Helen Keller asked us to be her knights for the blind. I'm challenging each and every club to:

1. Attend the State Lion's Convention
2. Put membership on your agenda
3. Invite new members to your club
4. Contribute to LCIF, Foundation of

ND, Service Dogs of America at Jud ND, Leader Dogs for the Blind, ND Lions Eye Bank, Vision USA, and the ND Lions Diabetic Ocular Research Center.

Lets be those KNIGHTS for the BLIND!

MANDAN WEST RIVER



New Melvin Jones

Mandan West River Lions Club recently presented Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to Arden Haggerott, left, and Joe Kalvoda. Presenting the awards was Jack Stewart.

WILLISTON KORNER



Lions Strides Walk

Area Lions members from Ray and Williston gathered at Spring Lake Park Saturday to raise money for diabetes. Left to right: Walt Johnson, Randa Eldred, Bill Christianson, Roy Clark, Twyla Stancel, Janelle Olson, Loris VanBerkom, Sandy Hampton, Ronelle Gravgaard, Steve Broe, Loren Haugen, Becky Rhodes, Don Surh, Nancy Rice, Kiersten Kemp, Chris Kemp and Debbie Kemp. *Wanda Olaf, Williston Herald.*



Nancy Rice, Diabetes Educator with Mercy Medical Center, provided diabetes information for individuals who attended the Strides Walk.



Sandy Hampton and Ruthie Wagner manned the registration desk. Williston Korner Lions hosted the Strides Walk at Spring Lake Park in Williston Aug. 29. The club raised \$995 that will be donated to the Zone Diabetes Committee.

A large, soft-focus background image of white flowers, possibly hydrangeas, covers the entire page. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some showing distinct petals and centers.

Williston Lions 75th Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, October 10

5:30 PM - Social

6:30 PM - Dinner
Elks Lodge 1214

408 1st Ave E.

RSVP by September 28 to:

Ruthie Wagner

701-774-3015

rwagner@wil.midco.net

Appetizers/Salad

Tuscan Green Beans

Baby Potatoes

With Fresh Herbs Pork

Tenderloin In Peach

BBQ Sauce Stuffed

Chicken Breast

Baked In Puff Pastry

Dessert

\$20

No Host Bar

A Block Of Rooms Have
Been Reserved Under

The Williston Lions At
The Marquis Plaza For

October 10

Reserve By September 25

\$70 Plus Tax

774-3250

NOONAN



100% president

5 NW District Governor Kevin Vannett, right, visited the Noonan Lions Club on Monday, Aug. 3. He was joined by his wife Lion Pat Vannett, and their son Trevor. Lion Kevin Vannett presented Lion Doug Clemens, the 100% Presidents Award.



Top organization

Lion Jay Espeseth, Lion Meredith Walter and Lion Tom Rowse represented the Noonan Lions when Divide County EDC member Kay Garbel presented the group with the 2009 Organization of the Year Award. The Noonan Lions, now 55 years old 33 members strong, hosts dinner theater performances, maintains two RV parks, publishes the Noonan Community Calendar and hosts an annual community brunch.

ELGIN



Lions District Governor visits

Pictured are Lion Pat Vannett, District Governor Kevin Vannett, Lion Duane Schatz and Lion Gail Schatz. The Elgin Lions Club was visited by Lions District Governor Kevin Vannett of Mandan during the Friday, July 31 Lions Hamburgers in the Park. The family enjoyed seven hamburgers and 10 pieces of homemade pie. District Governor Kevin and his wife First Vice District Governor Pat Vannett brought special Lions pins to Elgin for Lion Duane and Lion Gail Schatz who serve on the District Governors cabinet. They enjoyed lots of visiting with many Lions members including Lion Art and Lion Mildred Rath, Lion Elmer and Lion Winifred Kramer and Lion Ralph and Lion Agnes Meidinger. *Photo by Lion Agnes Meidinger.*



Lions install new member

Pictured, from left, are Lion Shawn Lince, Lion Allen Fichter and Lion President Jim Zimmerman. The Elgin Lions Club installed a new member Lion Allen Fichter of Dickinson during the regular meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2009 at Our Place Cafe banquet room. Lion President Jim Zimmerman held his last meeting of the year. Lion Zimmerman introduced Allen Rivinius who spoke on the Cannonball River flooding at his Stone Butte Cabins southeast of Elgin. The water around the cabin area was four feet higher this year than in 1997. Lion Carlton Levorsen will be the new chairman for 2009-2010. New officers for the coming year were installed. Lion Treasurer Shawn Lince was Lion Fichter's sponsor. The Lions Club held their annual door prize drawing and several members won a few bucks, but Lion Sisco Maier won the largest amount with which he spent later at the watering hole. Lion Kurt Maxon won the Shanigan that includes \$5 going to his wife Judene for allowing him to attend the regular meeting. The annual steak fry at the Elgin Golf Club was planned for Sunday evening, July 26 with free rib-eye steaks for all members. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

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

2009 – 2010 District Governor's MD-5 Club of the Year Award

Club Name _____

*Contest Will Run From July 1, 2009 Through
April 30, 2010 - MD-5 Club of the year,
Club with the highest point total by April 30, 2010*

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- 1A. Charter a new Leo Club, 30 points
- 1B. Sponsor a youth for exchange or camp, 1 point/per \$2/per Member
- 1C. Sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, 5 points per kit placed
- 1D. Sponsor a youth oriented project, 10 points per project
- 1E. Host a visiting youth, 10 points per youth
- 1F. Work with youth (Leo/Scouts etc), 1 point/per Hr./per Member

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- 2A. Sponsor a new Lions Club, 50 points
- 2B. Sponsor a Club Branch, 25 points
- 2C. Membership increase of 5%, 15 points
- 2D. New Member, 10 points per member
- 2E. Dropped members (other than deceased), - 5 points per member
- 2F. Conduct orientation within 2 months, 5 points per Lion oriented
- 2G. MMR to LCI by the 20th of the current month, 2 points/per month
- 2H. PU-101 report submitted to LCI by April 15th, 10 points
- 2I. Lion attendance at Zone meetings, 2 points/per Lion/per meeting
- 2J. Lion attendance at Officer Training, 3 points/per Lion/per meeting
- 2K. Conduct club visitations (minimum 3 Members), 5 points per visit
- 2L. Sponsor a club member to a Leadership Institute or USA-Canada Leadership Forum, 10 points per Member

PUBLIC RELATIONS

- 3A. Publicize a club project in local paper, TV, State/District/Provincial Newspaper/Newsletter, 5 points per article
- 3B. Club member at State/District/Provincial/MD5 or Int'l Convention, 5 points per Member
- 3C. Club visibility (parades/presentations etc), 5 points per occasion
- 3D. Certified Guiding Lion (active mentorship), 10 points each

SERVICE

- 4A. Sponsor a seeing, hearing or assistance dog, 25 points
- 4B. Conduct one International Understanding Project, 10 points
- 4C. Donation to District/Provincial Foundation, LCIF, Eye Bank or Leader Dog/LFC, 1 point/per \$2/per Member
- 4D. Donations to individual or family in need, 1 point/per \$2/per Member
- 4E. Melvin Jones Fellowship awarded, 1 point/per \$2/per Member
- 4F. Work on an environmental project, 1 point/per \$2/per Member
- 4G. Club work project for individual/family in need 1 point/per HR/per Member
- 4H. Other donations, 1 point/per \$2/per Member

Total points:

Example: Club of 16 Sponsored a Youth To MD-5 Camp For

\$250. Divide The \$250 By \$2 = \$125. Then Divide \$125 By The Number Of Members In The Club (16) = 7.8125. Then 7.8125 Times The Number Of Points = 7.8125 Points.

Clubs Are To Forward Completed Forms To Their District Governor On Or Before April 30, 2008

Rev. Date: August 18, 2008

District Governor Signature

Example: Supporting Information

Club With 16 Members

- 1A. 30.00 Chartered A Leo Club With 25 Members At Mitchell Middle School
- 1B. 7.81 Sponsored Jordan Kaus For \$250 To Camp In Canada
- 1C. 5.00 Conducted At Middle School With 110 Participants
- 1D. 90.00 1) Daddy Dolls For Kids Of Soldiers Deployed To Iraq - \$500, 2) Mega Gymnastics - \$ 50, 3) After Prom - \$500, 4) SD Chips Health Fair - \$600, 5) Boys State (Elliot Nelson) - \$ 50, 6) Safe House - \$150, 7) Camp Gilbert - \$150, 8) Park & Rec Baseball Shirts - \$300, 9) Davison Co. 4-H Club - \$250
- 1E. 10.00 Sponsored A Youth From Italy To Md-5 Camp
- 1F. 6.00 3 Club Members Helped Leo Club With Their First Fundraiser (2 Hrs.)
- 2A. 50.00 Sponsored a New Lions Club At Dakota Wesleyan University
- 2B. 25.00 Sponsored a Club Branch at Queen of Peace Hospital
- 2C. 30.00 Increased From 13 To 16 Members
- 2D. 15.00 3 New Members
- 2E. - 5.00 Member Dropped For Non Payment Of Dues
- 2F. 15.00 Oriented 3 New Members
- 2G. 20.00 10 Months X 2 Points
- 2H. 10.00 Pu-101 In By April 15th
- 2I. 18.003 Members To 3 Different Zone Meetings
- 2J. 9.00 President, Secretary, Ipdg Attended
- 2K. 10.00 3 Palace City Lions Attended The Mitchell Noon And Avon Clubs
- 2L. 10.00 IPDG Went To Usa/Canada Forum
- 3A. 5.00 Mitchell Daily Republic Published Article on Daddy Doll Donation
- 3B. 10.00 IPDG Attended Fall Forum and Int'l Convention In Chicago
- 3D. 5.00 Ground Breaking Ceremony For Lion Handicap Pier
- 3D. 10.00 IPDG and Club President Are Mentoring Club At University
- 4A. 25.00 Purchased Seeing Eye Dog For Inez Schnable
- 4B. 10.00 Started Twinning With Club In Mitchell, Germany
- 4C. 60.40 \$1,733.32 To Lci (Csfii), \$200 To Sdlf Raffle Tickets
- 4D. 9.69 \$310 To Optomotrist's For Glasses
- 4E. 156.25 5 Melvin Jones Fellowship
- 4F. 46.88 Club Built New Outhouse at Lake Mitchell for \$1,500.
- 4G. 50.00 5 Members Painted Elderly's House (Paint Was Provided) 10 Hrs. Each
- 4H. 10.94 \$100 To District Governor's Cause, \$100 Parade Of Lights, \$50 To Barbershop Quartet, \$100 Dwu Club Charter Night Donation, \$5,000 to City of Mitchell for a 50' Floating Fishing Pier for Disabled Personnel.

754.97 Total

Lions District 5 Convention

**THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2009 DISTRICT CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION OCTOBER 30 & 31, 2009 IN MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA
THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS**

1. The Official 2009 Convention Rules
2. Your Club's Credentials Form
3. The Proposed Revised Constitutions and Bylaws for the anticipated redistricting will be voted on at the District Meetings. Said proposed Constitutions and Bylaws are being mailed to each club.

ND STATE LIONS/ND DISTRICTS CONVENTION RULES 2009

1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on parliamentary procedures. Host District Governor shall appoint a convention parliamentarian and a convention secretary.
3. Presiding Officer – The host District Governor (5NW, DG Kevin Vannett) shall be the designated officer to preside at the state meeting.
4. Quorum – A majority of the registered certified delegates in attendance at a convention session shall constitute a quorum.
5. Lions in good standing must be registered and certified in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with indebtedness of \$50 over 90 days old to Lions International or their District will be considered **not** in good standing.
6. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
7. Credential to vote at the District/ND State Convention shall be mailed to the Credentials Committee Chair, Lion Sherry Fetch, 406 4th Avenue NW, Mandan, ND 58554, or delivered upon arrival at the convention in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Mandan Seven Seas, Mandan, ND, no later than 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.
8. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to, the respective convention.
9. Solicitation or sale of club project items, with the exception of the host district is prohibited.
10. Business sessions shall be smoke free. Smoking areas shall be established outside the business area and for all convention meals.
11. Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from Lion Art Owens, Mandan Lions Club, P.O. Box 422, Mandan, ND 58554, until November 30, 2009. After this date, requests should be made to PCC Dale Ekstrom. No refunds can be requested sixty days after the conclusion of the convention.

DISTRICT VOTING AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS HELD DURING THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION

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

The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Mail this form to Lion Sherry Fetch, 406 4th Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554 to be received by October 30, 2009, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk at the Seven Seas Hotel, Mandan, ND, no later than 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 30, 2009.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY PRIOR to coming to the Convention or by your District Governor.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Names of Voting Delegates attending the 2009 District Convention	Years in Lions

Signature: _____

Club Secretary or District Governor

IMPORTANT: Mail this form to the Credentials Committee Chair, Lion Sherry Fetch, 406 4th Ave NW, Mandan, ND 58554. Or submit to the Registration Desk at the State Convention no later than 7:00 p.m., Friday, October 30, 2009.



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





A number of participants from this year's North Dakota Leadership Seminar used updating a trail at the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery as their volunteer service project.

'Leaders' aid national fish hatchery

By Stu Merry

A number of area youth recently converged on the Garrison Dam National Fish Hatchery to help repair the sand/dirt trail that runs near the hatchery. The project was an effort by alumni of this year's North Dakota Leadership Seminar.

According to officials, the North Dakota Leadership Seminar takes place every June at the University of Mary. Twice a year, the alumni of the organization hold a winter excursion and a summer excursion. This year's summer excursion was at Sakakawea State Park near Pick City.

"We dumped sand along the trail and helped cleaned it up," said Sara Nitschke, Mandan, one of the coordinators of the event.

Nitschke shared that the NDLS is an "amazing organization, especially with all the community support." NLDS began in 1981 and was supported in part this year by area Lions clubs.

Summer Excursion takes place towards the end of the summer,

Nitschke said. This year the date was Aug. 7-9.

"Summer Excursion is for the alumni of the seminar," she said. "Anyone can become an alumni once they have attended the camp as a sophomore."

Courtney Krebsbach of Max and McKenzie Matteson of Garrison were part of this year's alumni committee.

Nitschke said schools in North Dakota could send 1-2 representatives that are nominated by either community members, school counselors, or teachers and faculty.

The fish hatchery project was selected this year by the NDLS Alumni state board. The group is elected into office each year. One of the positions is the director or service projects. The director plans the service projects for the Summer Excursion, Winter Excursion, and various projects throughout the year that all the alumni can attend. This year, Director Renae King of Williston selected the fish hatchery.

District 5NC to receive tree honor in Fargo

Fourteen Trees Award winners from across the state will be recognized at the Trees Bowl and Awards Ceremony by the North Dakota Forest Service and North Dakota State University (NDSU) on the NDSU campus and the Fargodome on Saturday, Sept. 19. Among those who will be recognized are members of District 5NC. The district will receive the Volunteer Organization Award.

According to Glenda E. Fauske, coordinator, Information and Education with the North Dakota forest Service, the Trees Awards recognize individuals, organizations and agencies who contribute in an outstanding way to forestry activities. Forestry

activities can include fire mitigation, protection and suppression; tree planting, preservation, or maintenance; community forestry efforts; forest management practices; forest recreation; or environmental education.

The winners will participate in a ceremonial tree planting on the downtown NDSU campus near Barry Hall at 1:30 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow in the Fargodome at 2:45 p.m. President Dr. Joseph Chapman and State Forester Larry Kotchman will present each winner with a plaque and tree print. Following a luncheon, the winners will attend the Trees Bowl at 6 p.m. and be recognized on the floor during halftime.