

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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## Lions to 'Anchor' in Mandan *State convention is Oct. 30-31*

PCC DALE EKSTROM  
*Convention chair*

It's not too late to register for the 2009 State Convention at the Seven Seas Hotel in Mandan. Our theme and focus this year is "Anchored in Service" and we believe we have planned a convention that will inspire you.

Over 200 Lions and guests have registered and are planning to attend. In addition to conducting the business of the district and state, the convention offers participants an opportunity to attend educational and motivational seminars, good food and fellowship, featured speakers and guests and some fun.

Plan to arrive early on Friday, October 30 to take in the Ice-Breaker for a great



social time. Also on Friday a Special Service Project will take place for participants not attending various meetings.

Saturday is filled with activity ranging from the Opening Breakfast session, three segments of seminars, a Model Luncheon (featuring Leonard Quinn with Leader Dog) and including the Lions Hall of Fame presentation, and the culminating Governor's Banquet with International Director Art Marson as the featured speaker.

We are also inviting you to take some time to visit the display area and enjoy our "Coffee Barge." The Coffee Barge will be available on Friday afternoon and most of Saturday. No coffee breaks are scheduled for either day, so instead, whenever the urge

for a cup of coffee or homemade treats occurs, come on in and help yourself.

See you in Mandan!

## MD5 redistricting is a go

BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ

At its regular fall meeting in New Orleans, the LCI Board of Directors approved the Multiple District 5 redistricting proposal. This action paves the way for a redesigned MD5 to begin operation on July 2, 2010.

The primary change that redistricting brings to MD5 is to reduce the number of sub-districts from nine to six. Saskatchewan will now have two sub-districts instead of the current four, North Dakota will change from three sub-districts to two and South Dakota will remain the same with two sub-districts.

The MD5 redistricting proposal

has been under consideration for nearly two years. It began with the formulation of a step-by-step process, which was done by the MD5 Long Range Planning Committee. All steps in the process were approved by the MD5 Council of Governors with final MD5 adoption of the proposal secured by an overwhelming vote of the delegates to the 2009 MD5 convention in Minot last June. The proposal was then approved by the LCI Board of Directors Oct. 2, 2009.

There are many reasons for the redistricting of MD5 chief of which is declining membership. Our Association constitution and bylaws require sub-districts to have a minimum of 1250 members and 35 clubs. Currently, eight of the nine

sub-districts in MD5 are below the membership requirement.

The time period between October 2, 2009 and July 2, 2010, will be used to reorganize. Large amounts of planning and decision making will be required to provide for a smooth transition to the newly formed sub-districts. For this reason it is very important that clubs make every effort to be represented at the various conventions and conferences that will be held during this transitional period. The time had come for Multiple District 5 to pursue redistricting. I encourage all Lions to view this event as a positive move forward and a means to reinvigorate our great cause.

# Team effort takes over recycled eyeglass program

## Used eyeglasses still welcome

Submitted by  
LION TERRY NARUM

The Minot Lions Club has handed off two of the three parts of the ND Eyeglass Recycling Program to the Bismarck Lions Club.

The Minot Lions Club will continue as the collection site and do the first sort prior to forwarding used eyeglasses to the Bismarck Lions Club. The Bismarck Lions Club, in conjunction with the Missouri River Correction Center, will do the washing, sanitizing and hand drying prior to reading the prescriptions and bagging the glasses.

The Minot Lions Club has also transferred its two eyeglass reading machines to the Lions Eye Bank in Bismarck for use of the Lions Eye Bank, Bismarck Lions Club and the Missouri River Correction Center or other volunteers willing to read glasses under the direction of the Bismarck Lions Club. The Missouri River Correction Center will use the eyeglass project as part of the preparation process for re-entering convicts from the ND Penitentiary into society.

The Minot Lions Club recently shipped approximately 39,000 pair of glasses, which had been sorted by the Minot Lions Club, to the Bismarck Lions Club. The shipment was made up of glasses ready to be read as well as glasses needing to be washed and dried at the Bismarck facilities.

A special thank you to Cross-Country Courier for taking care of the expenses related to the shipment. Your help is always welcome.

The Minot Lions Club wishes to thank the Bismarck Lions Club for spearheading these two very important and time-consuming parts of the ND Eyeglass Recycling Program. The club also continues to encourage Lions Clubs as well as other sight minded organizations to continue collecting used eyeglasses and sending them to the Minot Lions Club for the initial sort. Currently, the ND Eyeglass Recycling program has processed in excess of 650,000 pair of glasses over the last eleven years and with the help of the Bismarck Lions Club.



Lions members loaded equipment on Cross-Country Courier truck for shipment to Bismarck.

The Missouri River Correction Center and other Lions Clubs hope to move closer to 1,000,000 pair of glasses.

Lions may continue sending used glasses to the Minot Lions Club, c/o Lion Terry Narum at 5101 14th St. SW in Minot ND 58701, or contact Mr. Narum at (w) 701-857-6018 or (h) 701-838-7387.

Glasses ready to be read or already read will go to the Bismarck Lions Club c/o Lion Ross Espeseth (h) 255-1773 or (w) 701-250-8968. On behalf of the Minot Lions Club, thank you to all ND Lions Clubs for their support over the last eleven years of this very worthwhile program.

We ENJOY sharing your information with others who share your dedication to the cause of Lionism!  
**Send us your stuff!**  
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## MD5 Youth Exchange opening

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to officially inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that the Youth Exchange Chairperson's term will expire on June 30, 2010. The term will run from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.  
If you would like an application, email MD5 Sec./Treas. Mike Brand at [vc1ion@msn.com](mailto:vc1ion@msn.com).  
**Deadline for applying for this position is March 15, 2010.**

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# State Historical Society Foundation to discuss partnership with Lions Clubs at convention

Staff from the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation will have a booth at the State Lions Convention to visit with Lions members and to display the architect's model of the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center.

At last year's state convention, delegates passed a resolution for each local Lions Club to make a five-year pledge to financially support the expansion of the Heritage Center. "This support provided great leverage with the North Dakota legislators in May when they approved \$39.7 million in state funds for the project," says Bill Schott of Bismarck, a longtime Lions member and a SHSND Foundation development officer. "We want to thank everyone we see at the convention this year for their support."

In addition to the state allocation, the \$51.7 million budget will require the Foundation to raise \$12 million in private and federal funding. Schott will speak at this year's convention asking Lions to help with providing contacts across the state for the Foundation's History's Heroes Program, which is seeking 10 individuals, families or communities from every county in North Dakota to pledge \$10,000.

Schott says throughout the year state Lions have been promoting the expansion in their home towns and at club meetings. Each club has received a case statement and expansion DVD, and detailed information about the project, which adds 97,000 square feet to the state museum on the Capitol grounds. State Lions members also showed their support in Bismarck between January and May when the North Dakota Legislature was in session, including Bruce Schwartz of Bismarck, Past International Director of the North Dakota Lions Clubs, and Chuck Esser of Mandan, a member of the Bismarck Lions Club, who testified at hearings. Many other Lions attended hearings and contacted their local legislators to support the funding.

Schott has been coordinating the statewide fundraising effort between North Dakota service clubs. He has been working with Don Walz of Bismarck, SHSND Foundation Trustee, to involve all statewide service clubs to support this campaign. Contacts have been made to Sertoma Clubs, Optimists, Kiwanis groups and more.

Virginia Nelsen, executive director of the SHSND Foundation, says the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center will make a wonderful gift to the people of North



Longtime Lions Club member and SHSND Foundation development officer Bill Schott, left, shows other Bismarck and Mandan Lions Club members a model of the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center, which state Lions Clubs have agreed to support financially. Pictured from left next to Schott are Les Colen, past president, Capitol City Lions Club, Bismarck; Dave Blackstead, member, Capitol City Lions Club, Bismarck; Dan Long, president, Mandan Lions Club, and Tom Mayer, board member, Capitol City Lions Club, Bismarck.

Dakota for the 125th Anniversary of Statehood. "How exciting to open the doors of this new facility for this celebration in 2014," says Nelsen. "The support by the statewide Lions Clubs is helping to bring

this closer to reality."

For more information, contact Andrea Collin, development consultant, SHSND Foundation, 701-425-3384, [acollin@btinet.net](mailto:acollin@btinet.net), or Bill Schott, 701-391-5611.



This is the new front entrance to the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center shown from the north on the State Capitol Grounds in this artist's rendering.

# 5NE Governor's Report

This abbreviated monthly report is being written less than one week after returning home from the hospital where I had a totally unexpected but very necessary emergency surgery. My initial reaction after returning home and suddenly realizing my monthly governor's report was due was to call the publishing company and tell them they would not be receiving a report from me for this month. After I gave it some more thought, I decided that there were a couple of issues that I needed to get out to the members of 5NE.

## State Convention

I have addressed the issue of attendance to the state convention by the respective clubs in my previous reports. And I again take this opportunity to encourage each and every club in the district to send at least one member to the convention in Mandan at the end of this month. (Each club is allowed on voting delegate for each 10 members in your club).

At the coming state convention there will be several important decisions which will have to be made. In no particular order I would name the following: Assuming approval by the International Board of Directors of our request for redistricting, a new constitution will have to be approved. We need the approval of Lion Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lions club as 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2009-2010 year. We will also have to select the 2nd Vice District Governor for the coming year with Directors to the North Dakota Eye Bank Board and the North Dakota Lions Foundation Board.

Certainly the more clubs we have represented at the convention, the better off our district will be. Each delegate can then go back to your own club and report directly to your membership. And while I will not attempt to quantify the importance of it, this is a great opportunity to meet new Lions from around the district and state. My first state convention certainly provided me with a new awareness to just how great the Lions organization is. It is my sincere hope to see a tremendous turnout in Mandan.

## Youth Exchange Camp

The Lions Youth Exchange Camp, 2011, will be at Wesley Acres Camp near Valley City. All District 5NE clubs are asked to begin thinking about how they want to support the camp and, we hope, interact with the campers.

The camp will need financial support, volunteer Lions to act as counselors, clubs to help us arrange community service projects, and, most important, clubs and club members to share hospitality with youth. Host families will be needed for international youth, too.

Remember; each district in our MD5 is eligible to send a minimum of two campers. A total of 40 youth, 20 from our MD5 and 20 from around the world, will live and learn together in our own United Nations for a week in July 2011. You will want to be a part of the experience.

If you have questions, contact either Lion Katherine Tweed, District 5NE Youth Exchange chairperson at 701-235-2115 or ktweed@cableone.net or Lion Dave Charles, District 5NC Youth



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## Dues

It has come to my attention that there seems to be some question as to just how much one must pay over and above the local dues charged by the clubs within 5NE. Each club determines the amount of its local dues and is not included in the figures that follows. The dues owed to Lions Club International (LCI) is \$39 per year with one-half of that amount due in July based on the Monthly Membership Report (MMR) filed by each club Secretary as of June 30 and the second half due in January based on the December 31 MMR.

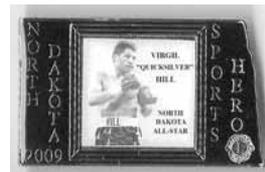
The dues paid to the 5NE Treasurer totals \$17.50 per year and are collected at the same time and like manner of the LCI dues and based on the same MMR's. A breakdown of the \$17.50 is as follows: 5NE-\$8; MD5-\$4; ND Lions Newsletter-\$4; ND State Convention-\$1 and ND Lions Hall of Fame- 50 cents. I trust that this will answer any question regarding the dues paid within 5NE.

There is one other cost that is assessed to each club and is not based on the number of members within the club. Each club has been billed a total of \$5.75 to pay for the MD5 Club Officer Bond.

## Visitation

Needless to say, my surgery has somewhat complicated and delayed my visitation plans. Fortunately I had scheduled no visitation that required cancellation. I will not schedule any visitations until I am cleared by my doctor. Once I am cleared to travel I may ask some clubs of a visit within a short period of time. However, I will not visit any club without first receiving the ok of the club president.

# 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

# 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 MitchHell 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. 18.00 3 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 Twining 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**

# 5NC Governor's Report

Where does the time go? We are already into our fourth month as District Governors. September has been a very exciting month for me.

## Lilli Mann

All Lions clubs in the State of N.D. were sent a letter from the New Rockford Lions club asking for monetary support for their service project to help a granddaughter of a Lions couple from their club. As most of you know the little 8-year-old girl, Lilli Mann is losing her eye sight. She was going to China for stem cell treatment. It was brought to my attention by a PDG that we ND District Governors should help Lilli get a host family in China to help with needs such as an interpreter lodging, transportation, etc. Visiting with 5NE's Governor Wayne Westlund, I would be the contact person for the three district governors as this was a state project.

China is one of the newest countries in Lionism. At that point I knew this was not going to be an easy task. I started gathering information from the mother of Lilli. I also received help from LCI. Yoshiko Merz, a Chinese speaking employee at LCI, made contact with the Quinguo Lions club in China. Lion Richard Chu, Vice President of the club, e-mailed me with his phone number. I called him at 6 p.m., not knowing it was 6a.m. in China. He spoke very good English and he stated that the Quindao Lions were going to help Lilli and her family while in China. This is such a great humanitarian effort on behalf of the Chinese Lions Club and Lion Richard Chu. I certainly hope that everything goes well for Lilli and that she will get her eyesight restored after she receives the treatment. I can certainly speak for all Lions in N.D.; our prayers are with this little 8-year-old girl.

## Tree Bowl

PDG Carla Bender was invited to accept an award on behalf of the District 5NC Lions Volunteer Organization Tree Award for 2009. She was unable to attend because of a previous commitment; therefore I was invited to accept the award on her behalf. This presentation was held at the Fargo Dome on September 19. Nominations were received from across the state and the award winners were recognized by the North Dakota Forest Service and NDSU.

On July 12, 2006, the small community of Coleharbor was hit by a terrible storm. The catastrophic wind damaged homes, buildings, vehicles and trees throughout the community.

Following the aftermath, the District 5NC Lions hosted an event in Coleharbor to replant trees that had been lost. They put the motto "We Serve" into action. They contacted Bailleys Nurseries and secured a donation of 365 trees. They also were successful in seeking other commercial sponsors, including Great River Energy and West River Cooperative Telephone, to help defray the cost of equipment rental.

Nearly 100 Lions from 13 clubs planted 365 trees in the park, in yards and around town. Members served hamburgers and a picnic lunch for all the volunteers as well as Coleharbor residents.



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The award winners were honored at the Fargodome.

During the awards ceremony, NDSU President Joseph Chapman and State Forester Larry Kotchman, presented each winner with a special Tree Awards, plaque and limited edition centennial print. The 14 award winners were also recognized on the field during the NDSU half-time activities at the Trees Bowl Football Game in the Fargodome. I had asked Lion Emil Roesler from our local club to attend this occasion with me. It was an exciting afternoon well spent.

## USA/Canada Forum

On Sunday, September 20, DG of 5NC Ron Ewles and Carol from Saskatoon, Sask., Canada arrived at the farm. We four were to travel to Memphis, TN for the 33rd annual USA/Canada forum. What a great convention. Twenty-eight hundred Lions from all over the world. There were 65 different workshops/sessions offered on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. We split up so we could get the most bang for our buck by attending twice or four times as many seminars. There were excellent speakers at all the luncheons and dinner meals.

On Sunday we headed for Branson, MI and took in a show. We arrived home on Tuesday. Thank you to our friends the Ewles for providing their car. The trip was great.

## ND Lion Project

Club rosters with updated information, addresses, hard copy or e-mail have been coming from the secretaries. Thank you for your time spent in this project. Clubs that have not responded will receive a personal phone call to complete this project. I would like to get this project completed before the convention.

## ND State Convention

If you have not registered for the ND State Convention, please do so. I would like to see a great number of Lions there. This is your convention. Club secretaries please submit your delegates and alternates names to me by the October 24th deadline so we can prepare the list properly. New Lion Members you will be able to receive a break in the convention registration fee. Take advantage of the savings. The fee is \$25.

## Survey

Last but not least, club members please do the club evaluation form provided in the September ND Lion issue on page 6. Return them to your President. This will provide the District with valuable club health information in all areas.

Again, Thank you for all your help. See you at the convention.

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

# Turtle Lake



## New members

The Turtle Lake Lions club is growing by leaps and bounds. Pictured are those who have joined the club in 2009. Those pictured include, from left, Gerard Goven, Joel Johnson, Toby Kramer, Vicky Tolbert-Neff, Gaillard Peltier, Palmer Schmidt, Greg Wilks and Josh Freeman.

## Garrison



## Lions honored

Five Lions were honored for their dedication to service Monday night during the club's regular meeting. The five received 25-year chevrons for a quarter-century of Lionism. Making the presentation was Lions Vice President Mike Maki. The five include, front, from left, Lions Les Korgel and Bill Melaas. Back are Lions Don Gackle, Gordon Hill, Gail (Spanky) Larson and Terry Vandal. Three other members have been club members for 25 years as well but were not in attendance, they were Lions Dick Hendrickson, Dan Splichal and Leigh Wagner. *Photo by Stu Merry*

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- Name Photos Please - No numbers.
  - ID people in the photo.
  - In the caption include name of club that is pictured.

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## Medina

# Medina Lions sponsor Fall Festival

The community of Medina enjoys an Annual Fall Festival, sponsored by the Medina Lions Club and planned by a coordinated effort of many organizations, businesses and residents of the community.

The three-day event began Friday evening with entertainment by Moose Creek Symphony Bluegrass Band. Saturday's events included a parade, beef feed, truck/tractor pull, pedal pull for the youngsters, an exhibit hall to browse through (pie and coffee was also being served at the hall), gardening and craft activities, "messy bessy" contest, bingo, and a street dance.

Sunday morning, an ecumenical church service was held at the school, followed by a knoephla and garden soup luncheon. The festival concluded with an ice cream social and an afternoon of gospel and praise music.

The Fall Festival is an event the entire community looks forward to each year.



Lions Ann Dammel and Sourey Schmidt.



Center; Lions Karl Limvere and Marvin Dockter. Left, Lion Chris Hogstad dishes up some delicious ice cream. Right; Lion Jim Cowell mops up. In the background is Lion Brenda Guthmiller.



## Lake Metigoshe

# Dr. Dunderland speaks at Lions meeting

Lake Metigoshe Lions met in September and were privileged to hear Dr. Paul Dunderland, Optometrist speak on his recent trip/mission to Ecuador.

While there, the team that left from Minnesota saw and examined a few thousand people and refracted and fitted more than 2,500 people with the used eyeglasses they brought along with them.

The days were long, but rewarding, and the people were so thankful, some seeing for the first time. Used eyeglasses bring a new life to some people.

During the Lions meeting, Lion Terry Espe was presented with a membership (5) key for having sponsored five Lion members during the past few years.

# 5NW Governor's Report

Greetings fellow Lions!

Where has the time gone? Already 1/4 of the Lion year has passed. September was busy with 14 club visitations. During my visit to the Leo Clubs in Williston I was impressed with what a wonderful bunch of future leaders they are. The clubs were kicking off a joint food drive for the Salvation Army. They showed excellent leadership with having all the details worked out. It was great to be able to observe that leadership.

During September, we also attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. If you ever have a chance to attend the USA/Canada Leadership Forum do so. This is by far one of the finest Lions educational opportunities. The motivation you get from this event is remarkable.

I would like to thank the following for being my newest Knights for the Blind by sponsoring a new member Lion Lois Reiersen, Williston Korner Lions and Lion Dale Froemming, Elgin Lions.

We finally heard from Lions Clubs International and they have approved the redistricting proposal for our multiple district. That means that the revised constitution that was sent out will be voted on by the delegates at the convention.

Remember that the North Dakota State Lions Convention is just days away so make sure you attend. The noon speaker will be DG Leonard Quinn. He will be talking about Leader Dogs for the Blind and sharing his story. Many powerful workshops are planned. Plus there will be time for you to make new or renew Lions friendships. I would invite all clubs to bring their Peace



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Posters to the convention to be displayed for all Lions to share these wonderful works of art. Remember that the District's winning poster will be made into a postcard by the District Governor.

If you know of a violinist let me know because the International President has set in place an international music contest for that instrument.

Thank you to all of the Lions Clubs who are financially assisting Lilly Mann the granddaughter of New Rockford Lions members Randy and Barb Mann. You may be interested to know that Lilly is also the great granddaughter of Ewald and Olga Mann of the Halliday Lions. Over \$4,000 has been raised by Lions Clubs. Great work but more assistance is still needed. If you can help please do so. Service can and does exceed all boundaries.

Thank you Lions for all of the dedication and service you give to our international organization, your district, zone and your communities. You are touching peoples' lives every day in many ways that you do not even

yet know.

Invite your friends, family, neighbors, anyone that you do business with to become a Lion. Give them the same opportunity that someone gave you. To be a part of the greatest service organization in the world!

In Lionism  
We Serve  
DG Kevin

## Dickinson

### Dickinson Lions donate clock to Rocky Butte Park

The Dickinson Lions club donated an outdoor clock to Rocky Butte Park (band shell park) in the summer of 2008.

The Lions members on the clock committee are Dennis Grenz, Don and Lucy Kostelecky, Steve Lervik and Neal Steiner. The group worked in cooperation with Glen Bruhschwein, park committee member, and James Kramer, director of Dickinson Parks and Recreation, who acted as liaison between the Lions and the park committee. The clock was purchased and shipped from the East Bay Clock Company in Gulf Breeze, Fla. The clock is 11'6" tall with a black metal finish and has gold accent. The clock is double-sided with white faces and illuminates at night.

"Dickinson Lions Memorial Clock" is engraved on the top. The clock was placed southeast of the band shell. Dickinson Parks and Recreation officials installed spotlights and had the existing concrete path extended to the clock.

Together, the two groups had a round stone planter built for



the clock to stand in. The planter is 27 inches in circumference and 19 inches high with bench seating on the top.

The Dickinson Lions club added gold mound spires, petunias and columbine donated by Connie Ladbury to the planter this spring.

### Club donates to tornado relief

The Dickinson Lions club donated \$1,000 to the Dickinson United Way Disaster Relief Fund from the tornado Dickinson had July 8. THE club's annual steak fry was Aug. 11. Club members said the group was unable to have the event at the Lions Park, as the weather was rainy and cold, so the steaks were made at the Elks. The club also hosted its installation of officers at that time with DG Kevin Vannett installing the officers for 2009-10.

# Reeder



## Scouts, Lions work together

Reeder Lions members and Hettinger Boy Scouts, along with leaders Rodney and Terri Holzmann, completed three miles of ditch cleaning in the Reeder area Sunday, Sept. 20. The scouts are working toward community service badges

## MD-5 Lions Club Contests

### 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.

### 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.
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 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.

## DG visits

Lion District Governor Kevin Vannett honored the Reeder Lions Club with a visit at its regular meeting Sept. 10. Lions club President Pam Howe was presented with a special pin, and DG Kevin shared both personal history and encouragement to be Knights for the blind and promote Lionism. Pictured are, from left, District 5NE Governor Kevin Vannett, Reeder Lions President Pame Howe, Lion Arlen Fetch, Mandan (middle) Lion Trevor Vannett (foreground) Trevor's service dog.

### 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

# Williston & Trinity Leos



## Visit Williston Leos

5NW-DG Kevin Vannett and 1st District Vice President Pat Vannett met with the Williston High School Leo Club. Shown here DG Kevin and VDG Pat talk with Williston High School Leo President Andrea Thompson. Representatives of the Trinity High School Leo Club also met with the Williston High School Leos to discuss their joint upcoming food drive project. *Pictures submitted by Zone 3A Chairman, Loren Haugen who also visited the Leo Clubs.*

## Pin presented to Trinity

On September 14, Lion DG Kevin Vannett presented his governor's pin to Trinity Christian School Leos Vice President, Megan Telehey and to Williston High School Leo President, Andrea Thompson. Lion DG Vannett and 1st Vice President Pat Vannett, along with Zone A chairman Loren Haugen, visited the clubs and presented them food donations to help kick off their food drive which began September 14.

# Williston Korner



## DG visits

DG Kevin and VDG Pat Vannett recently visited the Williston Korner Lions Club Meeting. The meeting was Sept. 14. Pictured, from left, are DG Kevin Vannett, VDG Pat Vannett, Secretary Lois Reiersen and President Lee Gunlikson.

## LIONS FOUNDATION OF NORTH DAKOTA INC CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Club \_\_\_\_\_

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Bowman, ND 58623-0273



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- \$300 - Silver Club
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# Make Saskatoon, Sask. your International Convention for 2010

In 2010, the International Convention is in Sydney, Australia. Most North American Lions will be unable to make the trip. However, good fortune is smiling on North Dakota Lions who can make the Multiple District 5 Convention in Saskatoon their 2010 international convention! 1st VDG Robert Littlefield has reserved a 47-passenger charter bus through Shuck Bus Company to bring a large delegation of North Dakota Lions to Saskatoon. Registration is now open for the MD5 Convention, set for June 3-5, 2010. The Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon is the convention site (306-242-8881 or 888-278-4209).

Think about how much fun it will be to ride on a luxurious charter bus with Lions and friends from across the state! Leave the worry of driving to trained professionals. Have fun playing cards and games, reading, visiting with friends, enjoying some snacks, and arriving in Saskatoon on Wednesday evening, in time to participate in all convention activities on Thursday,

Friday, and Saturday. Guarantee your room at the Travelodge Hotel for arrival after 6 p.m.

The bus will travel through North Dakota to Saskatoon on Wednesday, June 2nd. The bus will start in Grand Forks, with stops in Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Bismarck, and Minot before heading into Canada. Arrangements are being finalized by 1st VDG Pat Vannett for the group to stop at two clubs along the way for lunch and dinner meals.

On Saturday evening, June 5th, after the banquet, the bus will load and leave, with riders will be dropped off on Sunday morning and early afternoon back in North Dakota.

Lions and their guests may reserve seats on the bus by returning the form and \$50 deposit to 1st VDG Robert Littlefield, 2212 South 17th Street, Moorhead, MN 56560. Seats may also be reserved at the ND State Lions Convention on October 30-31, 2009 in Mandan, ND. The balance on each seat is due by February 1, 2010.

## BUS RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(2) @ \$50/deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Balance of \$100 payable by February 1, 2010 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: 1st VDG Robert Littlefield, 2212 S. 17 St., Moorhead, MN 56560 or Hand in at:

ND State Lions Convention in Mandan, ND on October 30-31, 2009

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(Oct. 15, 2009)

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# ND State Lions Convention Program

**Friday, October 30, 2009**

**9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Registration & Greeting  
(Hallway & Cutty Sark)

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** ND Cabinet Meetings  
5NW - Nautilus/Lightning,  
5NC - Executive I, 5NE - Executive II

**12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Service Project, American Red Cross

## "COFFEE BARGE"

(Coffee & treats available noon to 5:00 p.m. Friday,  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.)

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** ND Eye Bank Board Mtg. - Nautilus/Lightning

**2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** ND Lions Foundation Board Mtg. - Nautilus/Lightning

**3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** ND Past District Governors' Mtg. - Nautilus/Lightning

**5:00 p.m.** Lions Chorus Practice (Pier Seven Room)  
Hospitality Rooms

## "DINNER ON YOUR OWN"

**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** Ice Breaker, Music, Fun Activities, and Entertainment - Pier Seven Room

**Saturday, October 31, 2009**

**7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Registration & Greeting

**7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast & Opening Session - Pier Seven

**Invocation** - Rev. Richard Hagestuen  
DG Wayne Westlund 5NE Presides

**Presentation of Colors** - Seventh Cavalry  
**National Anthem** - (Canada & USA)

**Welcome** - Mandan Mayor, Tim Helbling

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** North Dakota District Meetings  
District 5NW - Nautilus/Lightning  
District 5NC - Executive I  
District 5NE - Executive II

**10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

### **Breakout Sessions:**

Santa Maria - Terry Nelson - Low Vision Equipment  
Embassy - Robert Littlefield & Pat Vannett  
Lions Orientation "New Members Only"  
Nautilus/Lightning - T. J. Russell - "How to Sell a Hot Dog"

Executive I - Bill Christenson & Becky Rhodes  
Strides/Diabetes Walk

**11:10 a.m. - 11:55 a.m.**

### **Breakout Sessions:**

Santa Maria - Dr. Dan Little - Computerized Topography of the Eye - (OCT)

Nautilus/Lightning - Tracy Potter - Fort Abraham Lincoln  
Frontier Diplomacy & History

Executive I - Lynn Helms - North Dakota's Energy Resources

Embassy—Robert Littlefield & Pat Vannett

Lions Orientation for New Members at Heart

**12:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Noon Luncheon - Pier Seven

**Invocation** - Rev. Gary Heaton

DG James Ruff 5NC Presides

Lions Chorus Directed by Bill Schott

**Presenter** - Lion Leonard Quinn

## HALL OF FAME PRESENTATION

### **Synopsis of ND Hall of Fame History**

PDG Dorothy Polson

### **Presentation of Candidates**

PDG Dan Vondracheck

### **Presentation of Certificates of App.**

PDG Dorothy Polson

### **Presentation of HoF recipient for 2009**

PDG Gary Frier

### **Escort PDG Brach & Marian Johnson to dias**

2008 HoF recipient Allen & Diane Dockter

### **Presentation of HoF plaque & ring to**

### **Brach Johnson**

PDG Dorothy Polson

### **Presentation of HoF club patch to Joel Newgard, Pres., North Star Lions Club**

PDG Don Polson

**Remarks** - HoF recipient, PDG Brach Johnson

**2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Embassy - Terry Nelson - Low Vision Equipment

Santa Maria - Dr. Dan Little - Computerized Topography of the Eye—(OCT)

Pier 7 - ID Art A. Marson & JoAnn - Question & Answer  
Nautilus/Lightning - Leonard Quinn - Living and Working With Leader Dog.

**3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.** ND Lions Eye Bank & ND Lions Foundation scheduled to meet jointly re: Reports & Parade of Green Nautilus/Lightning

**4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** ND State Lions Meeting

DG Kevin Vannett 5NW Presides

Nautilus/Lightning

**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** No Host Happy Hour

**6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Parade of Governors "BANQUET"  
Pier Seven Room

**Invocation** - Rev. Ben Dove

DG Kevin Vannett 5NW Presides

Missouri Valley Boys

**Keynote Presenter** ID Art A. Marson

**Certificates of Award**

**Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards**

# ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS OFFICIAL NOTICE

**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.***



# Leader Dogs for Blind now offers GPS capability

## Donations sought for program

Submitted by  
Leader Dog Chair of 5NC  
LION DONNA RUFF

When traveling in Memphis, TN last week, we had the good fortune of using a GPS to get around traveling in the city. Imagine trying to follow driving directions to a new location but all the street signs along your route have been removed. Your trip would be difficult and stressful. This is what it is like to travel when you are blind and cannot use street signs for guidance. The GPS technology being used at Leader Dog gives the user 'audible street signs' so they can navigate in a new environment without having to stop and ask for directions.

In April 2009, Leader Dog for the Blind graduated its first class to receive free Trekker Breeze GPS units and training along with their dog guide. The Trekker Breeze, and audible GPS device, gives



step-by-step directions for a programmed route and notifies the user of upcoming streets and landmarks.

Gary Thompson of Springfield, Missouri says, "I love my Breeze. (A hand held GPS unit). It has made my life a lot easier, especially when traveling in new areas. The Breeze and a Leader Dog go together like peanut butter and jelly. For instance, the Breeze announces when I'm nearing a cross street; so when my dog slows down then stops at the curb, I'm completely aware of my situation."

Greg Grabowski, Leader Dog president and CEO, added, "We strongly believe that this technology is an effective tool for independent travelers.

"Preliminary research suggest that people using the device expand their travel environments and experience," he said.

The first letters to all clubs in 5NC have been mailed to the club secretaries. As Leader Dog chair, I would like to encourage all clubs to continue to give as much as they can donate to LEADER DOG. It is a great investment on our part. It costs an average of \$38,000 to train a guide dog and its new owner. But because of your generous donations, it costs 'zero dollars' to the recipient. Lions, if you want to hear an excellent speaker attend the ND State Convention in Mandan at the Seven Seas on October 31 to listen to DG Leonard Quinn, a graduated of Leader Dog, speak at the Saturday luncheon and hear how a guide dog changed his life. Hope to see you there.

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# Remember the ND Eyebank

## Parade of Green at convention

LION CHUCK WHITNEY PDG  
President, ND Lions Eyebank

With the State Convention quickly approaching, many of you should be thinking of our annual Parade of Green. This year has been one of challenges for many of us and your ND Lion's Eyebank is no exception.

In spite of the hard work of our Executive Director and her excellent staff, we have had our first down year in over four years.

Traditionally, you have given us your support in annual donations which often have permitted us to buy new equipment, or as in years like the one past, use less of our reserves to cover operation shortfalls.

As the 2009-2010 ND Lion's Eyebank president, I would like to ask you to remember us and give as you can. The

giving levels were established over 10 years ago, and they are as follows: PLATINUM: OVER \$3,000; GOLD: \$1,501-3,000; SILVER: \$501-1,500; BRONZE: 101-500; BLUE: \$50-100; and RED: UNDER \$50.

As always, know that your contribution helps us in our primary mission of recovering

and distributing Eye Tissue in our ongoing effort to remain at the forefront of Helen Keller's 1925 Challenge to us: Be Knights for the Blind.

Thanks for your past support. See you in Mandan.



### Eye Bank thanks

The Lions Eye Bank would like to send a special Thank you out to the Harvey Lions for their donation of \$1,660 from their recent Golf Tournament.

Karen Thomas, Executive director  
Lions Eye Bank of ND