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Fargo firm donates to Lions

Submitted by
PDG Katherine Tweed

In honor of its 50 years of service, Eyecare Associates Fargo presented 181 pairs of new eyeglasses to the Fargo Lions Club to be used to help others see.

Fargo Lions past president Neil Jordheim, treasurer Jason Jaeger and Health Services Committee member Jane Pettinger were on hand for the presentation.

Drs. Kevin Melicher and Barbra Brookshire of Eyecare Associates said during the presentation, "Patients have given so much to our office and staff that it is important that we give back to our community."

The Fargo Lions Club is working through a number of different schools and social services to be sure those in need receive the eyeglasses. Drs. Gary Renier and Lori Scheel, members of the Fargo Lions Club, are active in helping the club identify eye issues and helping the club fulfill Lions mission to eliminate preventable blindness and help those with vision problems.

In addition, during 2009, Eyecare Associates continued its ongoing program, **Our Focus is You**. This program provides eye examinations and eyeglasses to individuals who have no other means of receiving vision care.

With these two programs, Eyecare



Pictured are the doctors and their staff during the eyeglass presentation.



Associates Fargo is proud to have donated more than \$23,000 in needed eyecare to the F-M community during 2009.

Eyecare Associates has an internship program that has helped train more than 70 young optometrists, many of whom have chosen to return to North Dakota following their education.



Fargo Lions, from left, Neil Jordheim, Jane Pettinger and Jason Jaeger, outside Eyecare Associates West Acres office.

Large donations to LCIF despite global recession

In late September, Lion Philip Stern, an attorney and Lions District Governor in District 16-E, New Jersey, presented a US\$95,000 donation to LCIF. The case he won claimed that a debt collector unlawfully left messages for consumers without making proper disclosures. At Stern's suggestion, the court approved a US\$95,000 award to LCIF. More recently, during a welcome reception and LCIF seminar on October 26th in honor of LCIF Chairperson Al Brandel's visit, more than 225 Lions from across The Republic of Korea presented their combined 2009-2010 pledge of more than US\$1.25 million for LCIF. While it is the Lions of Korea's tradition to present a pledge of donation to LCIF each year when the LCIF Chairperson officially visits Korea, this pledge was more than three times the amount usually pledged.

Disaster update

LCIF and Lions have responded to a number of large-scale disasters recently. The Philippines, Samoa and Indonesia have all been affected by natural disasters ranging from earthquakes to typhoons. Updates and other details about LCIF and Lions relief efforts are posted on-line.

Lions Celebrate World Sight

Lions marked World Sight Day in Prague on Thursday, October 8. Typically held the second Thursday of October, the annual event is now in its 10th year and has become an international event of Vision2020. With SightFirst funding from Lions Clubs International Foundation, Lions partnered with Prima Visuz and local ophthalmologists to provide free vision screenings to 125 kindergarten children on Lions World Sight Day at two schools in Prague.

Al Brandel
LCIF chairperson



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New partnerships

A new partnership with The Clinton Global Initiative will work with LCIF and Lions on a cataract initiative in Peru. In total, 7,500 cataract surgeries are to be performed within the Lima metropolitan area. In addition to fostering new relationships with organizations, LCIF is working to strengthen and expand existing partnerships. The partnership with Special Olympics was extended for 12 months through a US\$1,000,000 grant to continue the Lions-Special Olympics Opening Eyes Program. LCIF's partnership with The Carter Center was also recently extended to continue work with sight restoration in Latin America and Africa.

Earthquake Reconstruction Update

Lions marked the year-and-a-half anniversary of the earthquake in Sichuan Province of China with the official dedication of the Peng Hua Lions Village. LCIF Chairperson Albert Brandel and his wife Dr. Maureen Murphy, Second Vice President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam and Lions from China, Hong Kong & Macau participated in the dedication, handing over the keys to 80 newly constructed homes. The Foundation has awarded more than US\$3 million for reconstruction projects in the area, and Chinese Lions contributed financially to the rebuilding. Lions provided housing, but also helped rebuild the entire village, which was leveled during the earthquake.

Asks to support Lion Gene

PDG Dolly Alef
Hooterville Lions

Greetings: Most of you know that Lion Gene Bender of the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club suffered a stroke (blocked carotid artery) and was flown to Mayo.

You can register at the carepages website free of charge, get all the updates on his progress and send him a note. I'm sure he would appreciate hearing from you. He and Peggy need all the support they can get during this tough time. Let's show him how Lions support each other.

More Mann donors

More North Dakota Lions Clubs have donated to the Lilly Mann fund. In the Nov. issue of the N.D. Lion, a story noted the surgery was a success. Some additional clubs also donated funds to Lilly. Those clubs include the Lehr Lions, Buffalo City Lions, Wilton Lions, and individuals Raymond and Donna Frank and Roger Wick. If your club hasn't had a chance to help yet, there is still time. Mail donations to chairperson Jodi Hirschert, 428 1st Ave. N. New Rockford, ND 58356.

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Good will in Texas, USA

Al Brandel
LCIF chairperson

Emelly was born with a chromosome disorder that resulted in her being intellectually disabled, unable to move and afflicted regular with seizures, she was unable to sit upright and indicated little, or no, awareness of activity or people.

With grant funding made possible from LCIF, Emelly attended a program at the Houston Therapeutic Equestrian Centers, whose mission is to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities through therapeutic horseback riding and related activities.

Since participating in the therapeutic riding program, Emelly has developed sufficient strength to sit upright. Her breathing has improved and the seizures are much less frequent.

"We're so grateful to the Houston East End Lions in Texas who helped make this program possible for our darling Emelly. I know that Lions do so much to help children," said Maria, Emelly's mother. "It really is difficult to describe the benefits of the therapy, but quality of life for Emelly and all our family members, has improved so much. We anticipate continued improvement with this invaluable therapy."

I would like to offer my most sincere thanks to all of you who help LCIF make miracles happen every day. Its through the generous support of Lions like each of you that Emelly and her family have found a sense of hope for the future. She is just one of the millions of people LCIF helped this past year. Cataract surgery helped Huang in China to see his 14-year old grandson for the first time. Yanatou in Cameroon will not go blind from river blindness like her parents due to receiving bi-annual medication. Mikael in Norway learned to say no to drugs through Lions Quest. You have the power to help us help many more people this coming year.

In appreciation of the holiday spirit, Maureen and I are making a personal contribution to LCIF to help those in need worldwide. We ask that each of you consider helping someone during this season of giving, as many of you have done before.

On behalf of everyone at LCIF, Maureen and I wish you much joy this holiday season.

Thank you for your continued support.



Saskatchewan girl wins MD5 Peace Poster contest

Ruti Korolski, a 8th grade student at Bredenbury School, Bredenbury, Saskatchewan, Canada took a big step towards becoming an internationally recognized artist when she won a local competition sponsored by the Bredenbury and District Lions Club.

Ruti's poster has advanced through the Bredenbury Club, District 5 CA and MD5 levels of competition and is now advancing to the international level, which is the final level in the contest. Ruti's poster is one of more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"The Power of Peace Keeps Us Together," the 13-year-old from Bredenbury said. The poster was selected for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "The Power of Peace" by a panel of judges made up of local artists. The artists were astounded at the imagination of the young participants and the artwork they submitted. Each poster received the appreciation of the judges for their excellent work. The judging was held on November 27, 2009 at Regina, Saskatchewan.

MD 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson, Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett, said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students from eight of the nine Districts in MD5.

"All the Lions of MD 5 are cheering for Ruti as her poster advances to the international competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Lion Meston-Pockett said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$2,500, plus a trip for the winner, two family members and the sponsoring club president to New York City, New York, USA for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.



Give the greatest gift this year

This holiday season you can give the greatest gift of all-the gift of sight. A donation of US \$1 will provide river blindness medication, US \$15 cataract surgery or US \$50 low vision adaptive devices. Please help us help more people in the coming year.

5NE Governor's Report

Greetings to everyone from the Westlund household and I hope all of you had a very Happy Thanksgiving. My wife and I just returned from a 10-day trip to Texas where we had a great Thanksgiving with our youngest son and his family as he left the next day for Fort Bliss Army Base in El Paso. He is with the Texas National Guard and his unit is on its way to Iraq. We were so happy he could get home for three days to be with his family. We then went to Dallas where we spent four days with our oldest son and his family.

MD5 Meeting

Prior to leaving for Texas we attended the MD5 Council of Governor's meeting in Minot on Nov. 20 and 21. Our meeting started at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with a meeting of the entire council and at the completion of the council meeting we met with the committee to which we are assigned. The committee, of which I am a member, did not end until nearly 11 p.m. We reconvened at 8 a.m. on Saturday with PID Gary Fry of Iowa as the speaker.

Lion Fry is the GMT representative for MD5. For two hours the discussion was how to increase membership by improving retention of our current membership and then adding new members by using the membership plans we currently have in place and lastly by adding new clubs through extension within MD5.

Also present in Minot were the new DGE's and 1VDGE's and several spouses. As has been mentioned previously, this year both the 1stVDG's and the 2ndVDG's are receiving training, which will allow them to take over the leadership under the new redistricting which will begin next year.

Membership

I know you get tired of the other DG's and myself constantly harping about membership, but we cannot exist without members. Two clubs from 4NE have gone off the books this year. Both the Lakota Lions Club and Fargo Edgewood Lions Clubs have disbanded. That is a loss of approximately 30



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members, which have to be replaced just for the membership in 5NE to remain even. Again I want to reiterate that the 4-step membership plan does in fact work if your membership chairs will put it into effect. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate the membership chair of my own club (South Forks Lions) who has put the plan in place, and on Dec. 1 our club had 12 guests (all potential new members) attend our meeting. I will let you know at a later date how many

of those 12 become members.

Reports

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the club secretaries who faithfully provide me with your monthly membership reports (MMR) and your monthly activities report. While both of those reports are important certainly the membership report is the more important one and I plead with all club secretaries to get that report into LCI on a monthly basis.

Each month I get a report from LCI which lists the date of the last MMR received. Some of the clubs have not sent in their reports for several months. These reports will be of most importance at the end of November as it is those numbers that determine your annual dues. So to those clubs who have not been sending your report to LCI on a monthly basis, please do so. If you have any questions, let me know.

Visitation

I have finally been able to schedule my first two visitations. I will be at the Northwood Lions on Tuesday, Dec. 8 and I am happy to announce that I will be inducting several new members into the club. I will be at the Grand Forks Red River club on Monday, Dec. 14. I hope to be contacting several clubs this month to set up dates during the month of January.

In closing I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to wish all Lions and their families in 5NE a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. You are part of a great organization.



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LCIF helps Dickinson

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has donated more than \$3,715 to tornado victims of the July 8 Dickinson tornado disaster.

Funds were requested by the club.

Olaf Sandvick, sec.

Grand Forks Red River



Red River Lions Club members pictured with Garrett Barclay.

Grand Forks Red River Lions donate to injured youth

Submitted by Katrina Wendel
Secretary, Grand Forks Red River Lions Club

Garrett Barclay of Grand Forks, formerly of Crystal, N.D., was a guest of the Red River Lions of Grand Forks on Monday, Nov. 23.

Garrett, age 22, suffered a spinal injury in a vehicle rollover three years ago and is paralyzed. He has been undergoing therapy and is in need of special equipment, which will help to return feeling and bring useful mobility

to his lower body and legs.

Lions Jim Anderson and Duane Preabt attended a fundraiser sponsored by the Crystal Clovers 4-H Club to help raise money to provide this equipment. Red River Lions contributed \$1,500 to the effort.

Garrett has made considerable progress over the last couple of years and is hoping to go back to school and through this equipment, to gain mobility to enable him to be more independent.



Donates to Altru

Pictured is Grand Forks Red River Lions Club President B.J. Maxson, left, presenting a check to Jon Green, executive director of the Altru Foundation. The check was presented Monday, Oct. 12. Altru Health Facilities is Grand Forks' only community-owned hospital, and the funds contributed help to sustain the patient care programs and services at Altru Health System that save and improve the lives of thousands of North Dakota and Minnesota residents and visitors every year.

Convention registration reduced again for Lions

For those who attended this year's convention in Mandan, you heard the announcement of a reduced registration fee for the 2010 convention in Grand Forks. Well ... we have even better news today. Thanks to the generosity of the PDG's we are lowering the registration cost once again! The EARLY BIRD rate of \$55 will be in effect until Jan. 31st. From February 1 through Sept. 30, the rate will be \$75; and, from Oct. 1 until the conference opens, the rate will be \$95.

THIS INCLUDES ALL MEALS, MEETINGS, ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS!! If you do the math, this means that for every 10 members who would have attended at the original rate, you can now send 15 plus one for meals only. In smaller numbers, four at the old rate will now get you 6+ registrations. Now that's a stimulus package!

Mail your registration form and check to: South Forks Lions Club/Attn: Roger Johnson, P.O. Box 6164, Grand Forks, ND 58201. We'll be "Roarin' on the River" in Grand Forks, October 29-30, 2010!

Fargo

Lions host vision screening program

Submitted by
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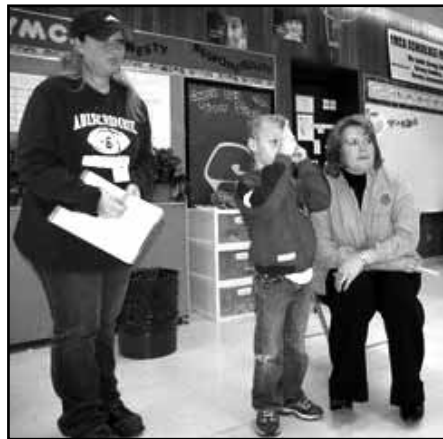
The Fargo Lions Club Vision Screening program keeps expanding each year. This fall, at four local elementary and junior high schools, Fargo Lions screened approximately 1,350 students. A number of students had such poor vision they could not see the large E at the top of the chart. Many other vision problems were addressed.



Fargo Lion Lyle Swor



Fargo Lion Joe Dobbs



Fargo Lion Sue Anderson, seated.



Fargo Lion Neil Jordheim



Fargo Lion Karna Nelson



Fargo Lion Sue Anderson (right)

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share your dedication to the cause of Lionism!

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5NC Governor's Report

Greetings

Christmas is again on the horizon, also half of my year will be gone. I have had a good time with club visitations this month between trying to get some work done in the business and other Lions activities.

Loss

I am sad to report we have lost a great Lions member in 5NC. Lion Leonard Landenberger and his wife Doris, Tuttle, were killed in an automobile accident. Our sympathy goes out to all their family members and friends. Lion Leonard was the President of the Tuttle Lions club. I got to know him at a convention years ago and he attended an organizational meeting for a club at Steele. He will be missed by all that knew him.

My wife Lion Donna and I have been doing some "LIONS IN SIGHT" Eden Pure Heater Sales and Pampered Chef fund raising projects on behalf of our neighboring Lions clubs for LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND. We enjoy visiting with holiday shoppers at these local 'holiday craft fairs' talking about our great Lions organization.

Speaking of "LIONS IN SIGHT", the Presidents and Secretaries of Clubs in 5NC should have received an e-mail to share with their club members about the Wizard Basketball Game to be held at the Bismarck Civic Center on Sunday, December 20 at 3:PM. This is a project of Second Vice District Governor elect Gary Arman, also President of the Bismarck Capitol City Club. Rates have been reduced for all Lions Members. Deadline to reserve is December 16. Remember to wear your Lions vests. This will be a 'Social event' where we can be seen in public and again visit with fans about our great organization. If you have questions contact Lion Arman. See you there.

5NC Environmental Chairman Gene Bender, Bottineau, member of the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club and also fondly called Coach Bender of Dakota College suffered a stroke and is recuperating at the St Mary's/Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. A Care Page



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has been set up to keep us updated on his progress. Log on to <http://www.carepages.com> and sign up for a free membership, a service provided for patients of Mayo Clinic, and send him your best wishes. He will enjoy that.

I am sorry to report to you that the Bismarck/Mandan Ridin' Lions Club has disbanded as an active Lions Club in our District. Some members are interested in transferring their membership.

Peace Poster news:

Six clubs in 5NC (Napoleon, Gackle, Wishek, Lehr, (2 contests), Fredonia, North Star) handed in their clubs winning Peace Poster by the deadline for the second round of judging. This years theme was: The Power of Peace. 5NC Judges were PDG Craig Wollenberg, Rugby Lions and DGE Bev Charles, Prairie Rose Lions Club. Larissa Ruff, Fredonia, daughter of Randy and Sara Ruff, 7th grade student at Kulm Public School won the competition for the second year for 5NC. She was sponsored by the

Lehr Lions Club. The winner of the 3rd round of judging was Ruti Korolski, 8th grade student at Brendenbury, SASK, Canada.

Her poster will advance to the international level. Congratulations to all the winners of 5NC and district MD5 & Ruti. I would encourage more clubs to offer the contest to our 11-13 year old youth. It can be 4-H, Boys/Girls Scouts groups and schools. This is a way to get them to know about our great organization.

Dues reminder

Club Treasures of 5NC, you will be receiving a dues statement for the 2nd half of your club's dues from 5NC treasure James Raile, Wishek Lions Club. This is for January 1, 2010 to June 30, 2010.

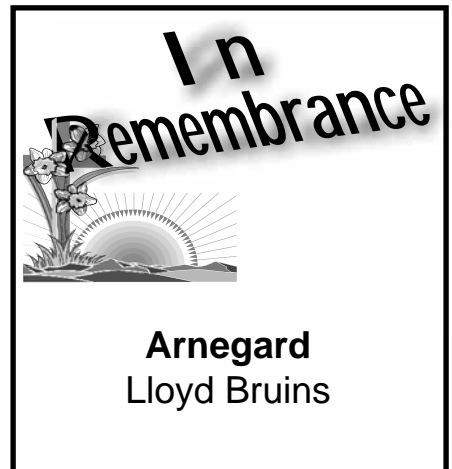
5nc cabinet meeting date set for January 23. Location is pending in Bismarck. If weather is not favorable we will do a conference call. More on this next month. Cabinet members call me if you have questions about this matter.

5nc Leadership Spring Rally is scheduled for April 10, 2010 at Fort Mandan.

Club visitation

If we do not have your club visitation scheduled please call me to schedule one at the phone number or at the e-mail address above.

I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my wife, Lion Donna and myself.



Arnegard
Lloyd Bruins

District 5NC State Convention recognitions



PDG Craig Wollenburg (left) presents a Club President Excellence Award to Lion Cal Bender, Immediate Past Club President of the Bismarck North Star Lions, during awards ceremonies at State Convention in Mandan October 31.



PDG Craig Wollenburg (center) of the Rugby Lions receives the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from ID Art Marston (left), as PID Bruce Schwartz looks on. The certificate is awarded in recognition of distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International.



District 5NC Cultural & Community Chair Doreen Clock (second from left) presents the 2009 Cultural & Community Activities Award to representatives of the Lehr Lions Club. Lehr Lions include 5NC District Governor James Ruff (far left), Club President Donna Ruff (center), Club Secretary Bonnie Wiskus and Lion John Wiskus.



Bismarck North Star President Dr. Joel Newgard holds the trophy the North Stars received recognizing their club as the 5NC and MD5 Club of the Year for 2008 - 2009. President Newgard is surrounded by many of the 33 North Star members attending the 2009 State Convention.



(From left to right) Bismarck North Star Lions Dr. Ken Silbernagel, Dr. Joel Newgard, Tim Johnson and Larry Tosseth received Melvin Jones fellowships from their club on October 31. Named for the Lions International founder, a Melvin Jones fellowship is one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon Lions members.



Larry and Maureen Hehr of the Fredonia Lions Club received "Spark Plug" awards (actual vehicle spark plugs worn around their necks) from 5NC DG James Ruff during the 2009 State Convention. DG Ruff recognized the Hehrs for their outstanding recruitment efforts in reviving the faltering Fredonia Lions Club and retaining their 1982 club charter.

District 5NC State Convention recognitions



Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion JeAnne Selby (second from left) was honored by her club with a Melvin Jones fellowship plaque and pin on October 31. Assisting with the presentation are Club Treasurer Evelyn Silbernagel (far left), her sponsor Loris Freier, and ID Art Marston, WI.

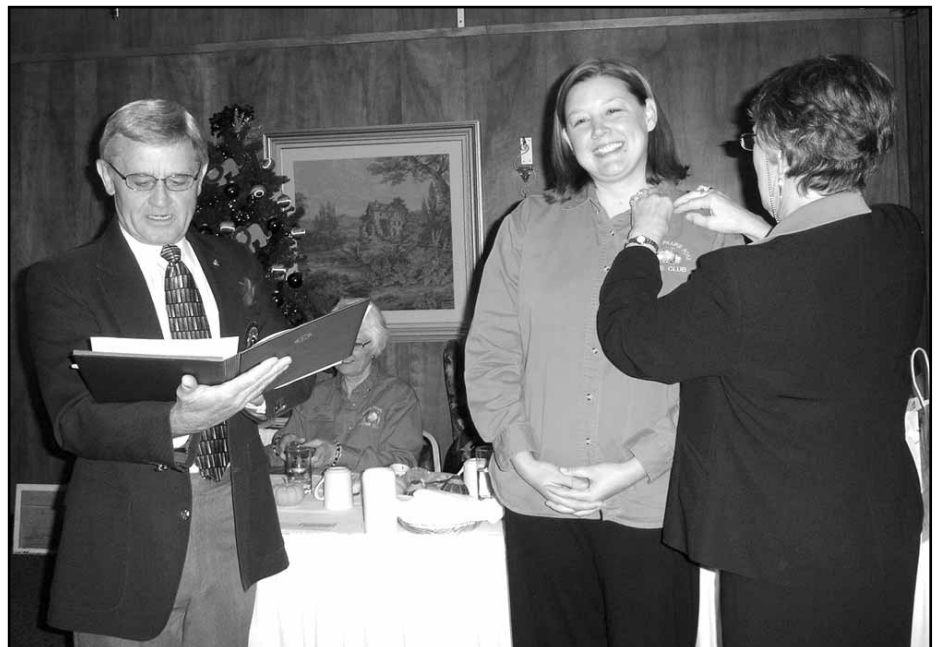


PDG Carla Bender, on behalf of District 5NC Lions members, accepts a North Dakota Trees Award from District 5NC DG James Ruff. The plaque, one of 14 awarded by the North Dakota Forest Service, recognizes the Lions District 5NC tree planting project in Coleharbor, ND on May 19, 2007. Approximately 100 Lions and Leos from District 5NC planted 365 trees that day; in addition, the Lions also provided a noon lunch for all Lions volunteers and Coleharbor residents (which totaled about 150).

Other District 5NC recognitions

- MD5 and 5NC Best Club Newsletter of the Year Award to the Minot Lions
- MD5 and 5NC Best Club Website Award to the Minot Magic City Lions
- MD5 and 5NC Best Club Scrapbook Award to the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions
- 100% Secretary Awards to PDG Lucille "Dolly" Alef of the Hooterville Flion Lions, Minot, and Lion Jim Bumann of the Bismarck North Star Lions
- 100% Leader Dog Certificates to PID Bruce Schwartz, District 5NC Leader Dog Chair in 2008 - 2009, as well as to PDG Craig Wollenburg, District 5NC Governor during the 2008 - 2009 term
- PDG Chris Helgeson, Sawyer Lions, and DG James Ruff, Lehr Lions, were elected to the North Dakota Lions Foundation Board
- Lions Mabel Cowell, Medina Lions, Larry Hehr, Fredonia Lions, and PDG Dan Vondrachek, Bismarck, were elected to the North Dakota Eye Bank Board

Prairie Rose



A family affair

Past International Director Bruce Schwartz, left, presides over the induction of new Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Member Randi Iverson (center) on Nov. 5, as her sponsor, Julie Schwartz (right), affixes Lion Randi's new Lions pin. PID Bruce and Immediate Past Prairie Rose President Julie are the parents of the newest Prairie Rose member.

Rugby



Library support

The Rugby Lions Club hosted the third annual Tables Envisioned show this past summer. Pictured here are co-chairs of the event, Charles and Jan Repnow, with Heart of America librarian, Amy Bryn, left. Proceeds from the event went to support the elevator fund at the library, large-print books for the library, and other Lions projects.



Lion Betty honored

Lion Betty Triplett, Rugby Lions club secretary extraordinaire, celebrated her birthday on Dec. 7. She was presented an almond tart cake in the shape of an "L" because of her loyalty to Lions! Pictured are the Betty cheerleaders, from left, Lion Ruth Fedje, Lion Janet Miller, Lion Jeff Miller, Lion Pat Bye. (Leave it to the token male to get things upside down!)

Tuttle

Club mourns president's death

Words cannot express the sadness felt by the members of the Tuttle Lion's Club with the passing of our current President, Lion Leonard Landenberger. He was a charter member of the club when it formed in September of 1974.

Throughout the years he held many offices in the club as well as Zone Chairman. He was always a very active member who believed in Lionism. Not only will he be missed by the club but also the entire community.

He was instrumental in developing a low-income housing and was still active in its everyday operation, not only in its maintenance but also in procuring grants for improvements. He was always willing to volunteer in many of the other community activities including the recent all school reunion.

Leonard farmed and also did carpentry work. He built birdhouses from various materials, which he decorated as well as other crafts. Some of his crafts are available at the Tuttle Community Store.

He was our local historian who knew and wrote about many of the pioneers in the area as well as historical events. The entire community will greatly miss Leonard not only for his accomplishments but also for being a great friend to all.

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Bismarck



Host Governor

5NC District Governor James Ruff made his official visit to the Bismarck Lions Club on November 30. He is shown here delivering his message to the club. His wife Donna was also present and made a short Leader Dogs for the Blind presentation.



Swenson MJF

Bismarck Lions Club member Harley Swenson receives his Melvin Jones Fellowship pin from his wife Margaret during a ceremony on November 30. Swenson was instrumental in promoting the club pumpkin project for many years by donating prime land and assisting in the marketing of the pumpkins. 5NC District Governor James Ruff made the presentation.



MJF awards

The Bismarck Lions club recently presented four of its members with the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship award. Then 5NC District Governor Craig Wollenburg, center, is shown with recipients (from left) Terry Ness, Jerry Tjaden, Chuck Esser and Arnie Fleck. CONGRATULATIONS!

Garrison



The Garrison Lions club inducted three new members during its annual Christmas party Monday night, Dec. 14. Pictured are sponsors Gail and Gloria Larson, new members Mark and Julie Retterath and Todd Gehring and sponsor Michelle Gehring.



Lion Gail Larson gets some advice in opening a difficult to open gift from Lion President Steve Brannan during the club's annual Christmas and gift exchange.



A blindfolded Lion Gloria Larson gets some help from Lion Tami Engel in her endeavor to place a finishing touch on a caricature of a Lion king and queen. The activity is similar to pin the tail on the donkey.

Harvey

Harvey team wins 2009 Golfarama ND Lions Eye Bank Big Winner, Too

Ten teams gathered for the 15th Annual 5NC Golfarama Fundraiser for the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, held at the Harvey Country Club in Harvey, ND on August 1, 2009.

Winners of this year's event was the team of Eric, Steve and Shaun Kourajian and Steve Wangen of Harvey. Second place went to the Harvey Eagles Club team and third place went to the Hinrichs Super Valu team of Harvey.

Clubs contributing to the Lions Eye Bank fundraiser were the Washburn Lions, Bismarck Capitol City Lions, the Bismarck Lions Club, the North Country Bank Team of McClusky and several teams from the Harvey area. There were prizes for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Eric Kourajian of Harvey won the Shootout contest with a shot 18 feet from the pin.

Thanks to the 15 banks and businesses that sponsored holes and team and the generosity of several area businesses, we were able to raise nearly \$1700. Listed below are those generous businesses whose sponsorships and donations were greatly appreciated.

\$100 Hole Sponsors

- First State Bank, Harvey, ND
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- First National Bank of McClusky, McClusky, ND
- Pete's Tractor Salvage, Anamoose, ND
- St. Aloisius Medical Center, Harvey, ND
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- Choice Financial Group, Goodrich, ND
- Harvey Eagles Club, Harvey, ND
- Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, ND
- Ripplinger Motors, Harvey, ND
- Hertz Funeral Homes, Harvey and McClusky, ND



Winners of this year's event was the team of, from left, Eric, Steve and Shaun Kourajian and Steve Wangen of Harvey.

- Tom's Home Furnishings, Harvey, ND
- Dakota Computer Pros, Harvey, ND
- Hinrichs Super Valu, Harvey, ND

Other Donations:

- ND Lions Eye Bank, Bismarck, ND – golf balls
- Central Distributing, Carrington, ND – bottled water
- Schwans Wholesale, Devils Lake, ND – 12 packs of Miller Lite
- Harvey County Club - \$15 Gift Certificate
- Scheels Sporting Goods, Minot, ND - \$50
- Scheels Sporting Goods, Bismarck, ND – golf balls
- Eye Clinic of North Dakota, Bismarck, ND – 4 golf shirts
- Target, Minot, ND - \$25 gift certificate
- Harvey Lions Club – folding chairs and 12 packs of pop

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5NW Governor's Report

Seasons Greetings and
Happy New Year to All

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful
Thanksgiving sharing time with your
family and loved ones.

5 NW New Lions
and DG Knight Awards

It's a privilege to welcome the
following New Members into
Lionism:

Rorrie Sabrosky - Killdeer, Gary
Koschmeder - Stanley, Richard Wendt
- Stanley, Kristy Pittsley - Watford
City, Ken Stockert - Dickinson, and
Brian Reinbold - Mandan Dacotah.

Now it's with great pleasure that I
introduce the new Knights for the Blind
award recipients:

Kirk Sabrosky - Killdeer, Richie
Christensen - Watford City, Ruthie
Sandvick - Dickinson,

Steve Moore - Mandan Dacotah,
and Gordon Aas - Stanley. Gordon
sponsored two Lions.

Peace Poster
Contest winners

It's with pride and pleasure that I
thank all the youth for the wonderful
peace posters.

First place went to Caitlin Cordova
of Mandan, Sponsored by Mandan
Dacotah Lions.

Second place went to Tanner Fischer
of Amidon Sponsored by Bowman
Lions.

Third Place went to Christopher
Bren of Elgin Sponsored by Elgin
Dakota Lions.

I will be making post cards from the
winning poster. The districts winning
peace poster by Caitlin Cordova was
sent forward to the multiple district
competition and was named as runner
up for North Dakota, South Dakota,
and Saskatchewan. We are so proud
of our youth!!

Lions in Sight

International President Eberhart
Wirfs has asked us to organize a public
awareness event for each of our clubs.
His program called **Lions in Sight**
should take place the last two weeks



Lion Kevin Vannett
District Governor
5NW

1101 Sunset Drive
Mandan, ND 58554
663-1957

of January 2010.

His objective is to create public
awareness. So let's check out the LCI
web site for ideas to help implement
your plan of action. Remember the
three easy steps are

T - Tell the Public

H - Hold a community open house

O - Organize a project for the public
to see

Multiple District
Receives PR grant

I have good news the multiple
district was approved for a \$20,000

PR Grant our share for the district is
\$2222. Let's be watching for new and
exciting promotions in membership
growth. I believe this would be a
perfect time to put membership on
our agenda. The hardest thing to do
with any job is getting started. So let's
get started and put your membership
plan together. Don't forget the district
MERL team is here to help you. I know
we can do it if we put our membership
plans and minds to it!

District Governor
club visitations

VDG Pat and I have been doing club
visits all around the district and let
me tell you that it's been wonderful
visiting the clubs. We have attended
Zone Meetings, Anniversary's and
other special events of your clubs. This
year the Williston and Richardton
Lions clubs celebrated their 75th
Anniversaries. Congratulations to
both of them.

Upcoming events

Let's not forget our upcoming
events. On January 9, 2010 will be
our cabinet meeting all are welcome to
come and share how the cabinet works
for you and your club. This will be held
at the Dickinson Elks.

The Spring Rally will be held April 17,
2010, also at the Dickinson Elks. Plan
on attending, your Leadership Rally.
This again will be an outstanding event
for all members of your club.

Thank you, DG Kevin Vannett

LIONS FOUNDATION OF NORTH DAKOTA INC

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FOR

Club Name

Address

☐ \$1,000 - Diamond Club

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☐ Other \$

☐ 100% Club

Check here if all your club members
are sustaining members for this year.



SEND TO:

PDG Chris Voegelé
PO Box 273
Bowman ND 58623

Mott



New member

We inducted a new member, Lion Meridean Sprecher, at our November meeting. She is shown here with Lion Richard Halvorson (sponsor) and Lion Troy Mosbrucker (President of the Mott Lions Club). Also in November we sponsored a Free Diabetes Screening for the public. There were 30 participants for this screening, which our club funded. And we also served a pancake and sausage breakfast in November, which helped raise funds so we can continue with service projects in the community.



Adult prom held

The Mott Lions Club was busy during the month of November. On Nov. 6th, we sponsored an Adult Prom - an opportunity for the folks of the community to dress up and enjoy an evening of dancing to a live 8-piece band! We decorated the Hall and provided a Hors d'oeuvres buffet. Everyone who attended has asked us to do it again. Our theme was "Sentimental Journey" and shown here are two of our members, Lion Darlene Kallis and Lion Meridean Sprecher.



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Eye Bank meeting Jan. 16

The Lions Eye Bank has its next board meeting Jan. 16 at 10 a.m. until noon at the Expressway Suites in Bismarck. The Foundation meeting is to follow at 1 p.m.

KAREN THOMAS
Director,
Lions Eye Bank of ND

ND launches on-line donor registry

By Susan Mau Larson
Public Affairs director
LifeSource
St. Paul, Minn.

Editor's note: This letter was sent to Karen Thomas, director, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

I am very proud to announce that as of Nov. 17, citizens of North Dakota now have the opportunity to register their donation intentions on-line. Historically, North Dakotans had to make this designation on their driver's license or state identification card. The launch of the new registry provides an additional opportunity for individuals 14 years of age or older to securely and privately document their decision to be a donor from any computer with Internet access.

The new registry is in memory of Alexa Kersting, a 14-year-old girl from West Fargo who died while waiting for a lung transplant in 2004. The goal of the registry is to make it easier for all North Dakotans to save lives through

organ and tissue donation so that other families don't have to endure the loss of a loved one due to a lack of available organs for transplant.

North Dakota has one of the highest donor registration rates in the country with 64 percent of licensed drivers choosing to give the gift of life through donation. The Department of Transportation will manage this registry and the donor registration information will be held in the driver's license database.

The registry will be promoted through a statewide advertising campaign, which will run through January. By providing an additional means for people to register, North Dakota is poised to have the highest rate of donation in the country.

We are very proud of this accomplishment in North Dakota and recognize it is a direct result of a strong community support, including elected officials, hospital leadership, community members and the Department of Transportation.

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4301 James Ray Drive
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Spring Hill Suites

Exit 141, Alerus Center less than 1 mile N.
2837 S. 42nd St.
rate has not been determined
701-757-4150

Registration (Meals included)

Oct. 29, 2009 – Jan. 31, 2010 \$75/person

Feb. 1, 2010 – Sep. 30, 2010 \$95/person

Oct. 1, 2010 – On Site \$115/person

**Rookie Lions, anyone who becomes a Lion after Nov. 1, 2009,
are subject to early bird rate at \$75/person all year (offer ends Oct. 31, 2010)

Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant

Name: _____ Lion or Guest (circle one)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

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Make check payable to: ND State Lions Convention

Mail Registration form and check to:
South Forks Lions Club/Attn: Roger Johnson
P.O. Box 6164
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Questions regarding 2010 convention or Registration
please e-mail Del Hager, committee co-chair: del714@hotmail.com

Elgin



Ruth Boyer and President Carlton Levorsen.

Lions Donate to Library Fund

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$10,000 to the Elgin Public Library Fund drive recently and here Ruth Boyer, President of the Library Committee, accepts the check from Elgin Lions President Carlton Levorsen.

These funds will be used to make the library handicapped accessible and help with the moving process from the Elgin Community Center.

The new library will be now located at 121 Main Street formerly the Zacher Building, once owned by Lion Harry and Lion Esther Zacher.

Thanks to the Lehr Lions Club

An early "getting into the Christmas Spirit" action was taken by the Lehr Lions Club on this year's new service project. The committee was spearheaded by chairman Lion Vicky Schnering.

This was the clubs goal: To thank our overseas troops by sending them Christmas packages and letting them know that we are thinking of them and thanking them for serving our country. Lions helping Vicky with the project were Don Schnering, John and Bonnie Wiskus, Eugene and Marilyn Roesler and Roger Maier.

Vicky purchased items that were requested by service men and women such as washcloths, baby powder, baby wipes, T-shirts and sweats, shampoo, breakfast bars, snacks, gum, coffee. Twelve shoeboxes were collected. Gifts were wrapped and packed by the above members.

Members also put in the boxes items they thought the soldiers would enjoy. Vicky made tree ornaments with the 'Lions Logo' for their tree. The package was mailed by November 1.

President, Donna Ruff received the first of two "Thank yous" postmarked November 14 from APO AE 09354. The location was Bagram. The country was Afghanistan. The card was written by Amber Monette. She writes:

Dear Lehr Lions:

Thank you so much for the great care packages! All of our soldiers really appreciate everything. It is nice to see things come from ND too! Thank you for your support.

Amber Monette.

PS

Thank you from all the soldiers of RAID 1-188 ADA.

The second correspondence was received on Nov 28 when Lion Vicky received this e-mail with an attached letter & picture (seen above.)



Dear Victoria Schnering:

Thank you so much for the gift box you and the Lehr Lions Club sent to our location. Our group was in the middle of a very long day when your packages arrived. Since we have not received any packages such as yours, a look of confusion came over our faces.

Upon opening your package we all began to relax a little and enjoy some of your goodies you had placed inside. Since some of us enjoy hunting and fishing we especially loved the magazines you put in the box. As far as the presents you put in the box they have remained unopened since we will wait until Christmas.

Thank you so much again for your kindness and please share our gratitude with the Lions Club and anyone else who helped with the package.

Sincerely, Travis Bridwell

*Det 42 OSAA, Bismarck, ND
Army National Guard.*