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Giving the gift of sight

By LEANN ECKROTH
Bismarck Tribune

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Death can prove a difficult period no matter what the circumstances. But lost loved ones can live on through the gift of sight.

The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota has coordinated cornea transplants for nearly 15 years. Since 1995, some 3,000 donors have given vision to others here and abroad.

The cornea is the eye's outermost layer. It is a thin, dome-shaped piece that covers the front of the eye and acts as the eye's primary lens, controlling and focusing the light that enters the eye.

Trained technicians remove the tissue at the hospital in sterile conditions. The procedure takes about an hour.

"We have some packaged kits all ready for them. They have all of the instruments already in there," Thomas said.

The eye bank relies upon a series of Lions volunteers who drive the packaged cornea tissue across the state. "We have relay systems that work really well," said Karen Thomas, the program's executive director.

Recently, a link of drivers was organized from Devils Lake to Jamestown to move tissue to Bismarck.

Others make the four-hour trek from Williston, passing on to another see **EYE BANK** on page 3



Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Executive Director Karen Thomas looks over one of the packages of tissue that arrived at the Eye Bank.

'Hall' nominations sought

How time flies when you are having fun. It is already February and it is time for the North Dakota Lions Clubs to select an outstanding member and prepare an application to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

While only one exceptional Lion will receive the 2010 Lions Hall of Fame Award, the process is an excellent way to honor that member of your club who has provided dedicated service to your club and community.

The final date for submission of an application for the award is April 17, 2010. However, the application must be received by April 22, 2010, to allow time to process the applications for the

HoF committee to review on April 30, 2010.

The process of gathering the required information from club, district, state, and International Lions Clubs records can take a substantial amount of time to complete the research. Also, please take the time in preparing the application to make sure it is thoughtfully and carefully prepared and follows the format of the application. Therefore, do not delay in the preparation of your club's application to avoid missing the submission deadline. If you have questions about the process, please contact David Blackstead at 223-0254 or by email at davidj@bis.midco.net

Lions respond to Haiti earthquake victims

Haiti, and the thousands of victims of the earthquake there, are the headlines in the news around the world. And around the world, Lions have sprung into action. Lions Clubs International, the largest service organization in the world, is well known for prompt and efficient responses to such disasters. When the tsunami disaster occurred a few years ago, the first new house that was inhabited by victims who had lost their homes, was built by Lions. When Hurricane Katrina struck the American coast, Lions were among the first to respond. And they are still there long after the first terrible days have passed.

The international Lions organization was there several years ago when Rapid City was struck by a flood. More recently, they were there when the flood devastated Grand Forks, when flood waters poured through North Dakota communities last spring, and when the tornado struck Dickinson last summer.

Wherever the disaster, it is Lions worldwide responding to the need. Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Established in 1968, LCIF has been involved with blindness prevention and treatment for more than 15 years through the SightFirst program. LCIF was ranked by a Financial Times study as the #1 non-governmental organization with which to partner. Learn more at www.lcif.org.

The foundation has a history of recognition for its effectiveness and efficiency in order to maximize humanitarian service to those in need. In 2007, LCIF was named the number one non-governmental organization (NGO) worldwide with which to partner. In the chaos that followed the tsunami disaster, an American official remarked, "What we need is an organization with an international footprint, with the ability to build." That's the Lions.

With nearly 1.3 men and women volunteers from every part of the world, Lions members live the organization's motto, "We Serve."

In addition to the blood, sweat and tears of Lions working shoulder to shoulder, Lions also respond to enormous financial

needs, through the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). This is how others can help, whether or not they are Lions.

A \$1,000 donation given in the name of an individual, qualifies that person to receive a Melvin Jones Fellowship from LCIF, to be presented by the local Lions Club. Named for the founder of Lions, it is LCIF's highest form of recognition to acknowledge an individual's dedication to humanitarian service.

Donations of any amount are encouraged and appreciated. One can only imagine how significant they are to the unfortunate victims who have lost everything. Home, possessions, livelihood, and even family.

To learn more about Lions and LCIF, or to make a donation, contact your local Lions Club, or Lion Dave Czywczynski at (701) 873-2137 or Lion Jan Froemming at (701) 584-3606.

Each and every club is asked to do some kind of project for the Haiti disaster. Whether it's a raffle, supper or a donation, each and every club should do something. I have already received funds from several clubs showing their generosity.

LCIF gives every cent of every dollar to humanitarian projects. Administrative costs are paid by interest earned on long-term investments, allowing for 100 percent of every donation to have a direct impact on the lives of people around the world.



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driver waiting in Stanley and then another to Minot. Law enforcement agencies like the North Dakota Highway Patrol will help, or eye bank personnel may pick up the last part of a leg if there is no one else to move the tissue.

"We have Lions volunteers in every town," Thomas said. "Tissue comes from every city in North Dakota."

Chuck Esser, a retired environmentalist from Mandan, will go out and meet other drivers and return with the cornea tissue. "We've gone as far as Carrington or halfway to Minot," he said. "Somehow the calls always seem to come in at two in the morning."

Esser has been transporting tissue for the eye bank for four years.

"There is nothing like the feeling of delivering it. When you walk in, you know somebody's waiting for it and it's going to help someone. It's awesome," Esser said.

Retired teacher Jerry O'Connor of Grand Forks has been transporting eye tissue for 10 years between Grand Forks and Fargo. Several of the transports have been from 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. "It's something I can do, so I do it," he said. "You know you're doing something worthwhile."

The tissue may arrive at the eye bank in Bismarck any time of the night or day. "We can get donors at two in the morning, four in the morning or five in the morning," Thomas said. "We're on the clock 24-7."

Time is critical to ensure healthy tissue arrives for safe storage, examination and to be given to a patient with sight issues.

Early consent from family is important. "Usually, we like to have the tissue removed within six hours. After that, we have to have it transplanted within 14 days," Thomas said.

"If someone dies in the hospital, the hospital calls (us), that number gets triaged onto us. We call the families and get consent for the donation," she said.

"They get packed and transported and take them back here to the eye bank," Thomas said. "Once it gets here, we evaluate it."

All cornea tissue is brought to the eye bank headquarters in Bismarck. The donor's medical history and blood samples are sent to the lab in Bismarck.

"We evaluate all the tissue here, do all the screening before we send them out," she said. "Within 12 hours, we would like it here." Arrival time depends on weather conditions. From there, it is stored in a temperature-controlled refrigerator.

Thomas said about 150 North Dakotans donors give cornea tissue per year. Of those, about 100 benefit someone in this state. About 90 percent are used for transplants. About 30,000 corneal transplants are performed a year around the United States

Those interested can be registered on their driver's license.

Donors also may register online at the DOT Web site at www.donate.nd.gov. These steps alert law enforcement and hospital officials of donor status.

The next step requires donors be frank to those closest to them. Family members must give consent when donors cannot.

"Let your family know your wishes so that it's not so difficult to make that decision," Thomas said. "... When people die, it can be overwhelming for families ... They're trying to get a lot of things done."

The cornea tissue helps a whole spectrum of recipients. These include those who have lost eyesight due to corneal disease, had an accident, eye surgery that went poorly, had cancer in their eye and other deformities.

"We do try to transplant as many as we can here," Thomas said. "If all else fails, and we can't transplant them here, then we send it out."

Pegged maps in her office show where tissue has helped people across the country and the world. The cornea tissue has benefited people as far away as Africa and Europe.

Tissue found unsuitable for a transplant can be used for research. Standard policy allows the eye bank to accept tissue for transplants from donors up to age 74.

"We had a donor that was 79. It was very good tissue. Instead of bringing it for research, we used it for a transplant," Thomas said.

"Eye surgery does not preclude you from being a donor. Cataract surgery does not preclude you from being a donor. A lot of

people think if you have eye surgery yourself you cannot be a donor. Diabetics can be donors, people who have had cancer can be donors," she said.

The tissue is given to recipients for free, but there are other medical costs associated with transplanting the corneas. "We cannot sell them; we donate them," Thomas said. She said doctors pay for their time.

Lions clubs around the state raise money to pay the technicians who remove the cornea tissue at the hospitals. Other funds come from donations from families.

She said doctors provide her with a list of people who need tissue. "We try to match a cornea for them. It's kind of fast and furious. ... If we don't have one, we have to find one on our network."

Although saying goodbye to a loved one is difficult when there is a death, Thomas said many find comfort because of the help the eye bank can provide. "Sometimes the families will call us and will be very thankful they did this," she said.

For more information about the program, call 701-250-9390 or 800-372-3751.

(Reach reporter LeAnn Eckroth at 250-8264 or leann.eckroth@bismarcktribune.com.)



Thomas inspects a container that carries tissue.

5NE Governor's Report

As I was about to start my year as District Governor, several Past District Governors told me that the year would pass very quickly. How right they were. It seems that I am writing these monthly reports for the North Dakota Lion paper on a weekly basis.

Visitations

Now that I am finally on the visitation trail, I must say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the visits I have made so far and I fully expect that rest of my visits to the District Lions Clubs will be every bit as enjoyable as the five visits I have made through January. By the time this issue is printed I will have visited five more clubs with a total of eleven scheduled for the month of February. Weather prevented me from making my scheduled visit to the Kulm Lions Club. As expected I have had to make several changes to accommodate the wishes of the respective Clubs. There are several Clubs for which I have not scheduled a visitation. Those are for the most part clubs, which meet on Wednesday and Thursday. Since those days are for the most part open, I suggest that those Clubs decide when they would like to have me visit and give me call at 218 779-2022 or e-mail me at westy1@gra.midco.net.

Membership

I know you get tired of my stressing of membership, but I do not believe I can ever put too much emphasis on the need to be on a constant watch for people who you believe would make good Lions. I would be perfectly happy to induct new members at everyone of my club visits. I have inducted seven new members on my visits so far and have been told by several clubs that I will have more to induct on future scheduled visits. Some of the clubs I have already visited have indicated they were planning membership drives this spring.

Spring Leadership Training

I want to take this opportunity to remind all clubs of the Spring Leadership Training which will be held in the Valley City Eagles Club on Saturday, April 10, 2010. I strongly urge every club in the District to send at least their Club



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Secretary to this session. The cost is \$10.00 per person, which every club should be able to afford to reimburse any member attending the session. The reason I urge the Club Secretary to attend is that is very apparent that many secretaries are unaware of their responsibilities. As of the last report I received from LCI which was as of 12/31/09 showed that 15 of the 35 clubs in 5NE had not filed a Monthly Membership Report (MMR) with LCI for 3 months or more.

Those should be filed monthly and at least every month where there is a change in your club membership. Likewise, the Monthly Activities Report (MAR) is to be filed with LCI and 15 5NE clubs have not filed within the past year. The training session will not only instruct a secretary what reports to file, but also how they can be filed. More on this next month.

Wayne Westlund, District Governor

South Forks



New members

District Governor Wayne Westlund recently swore in five new members for the Grand Forks South Forks Lions club. Shown above are Lions, from left, Kirk Tigum, Brian Harris, Wayne Westlund, Dave Britton, Terry Dunphy and Dennis Horner. The very successful drive was led by Lion Tracy Wicken.

5NC Governor's Report

Gutten Dag. Another winter month has passed. This one was a rough one with many power outages in our rural areas. We were without electricity for six days and water for nine days. We called it the adventure of 'ruffing it' It really makes a person appreciate the luxury of electricity.

Lions in Sight

Saturday's January 30, 2010 was a District SNC's Region One LIONS IN SIGHT event. This 'Winter Arts in the Park' crafts and display along with a free will donation Soup & Sandwich luncheon was held at the Wishek National Guard Armory. It was the scene of good music, good food, good exhibits and a good variety of vendors. You were greeted in the lobby by the hosting Wishek Lions member welcoming you to our first and hopefully annual event. Region one Lions clubs of 15 situated in the South central one third of ND had the opportunity to attend and participate by showcasing their projects to the public. Eleven of the fifteen clubs participated in some way. A matching public relations grant was applied for to help advertise the event in seven weekly region newspapers. The idea of LIONS IN SIGHT evolved when all district governors were trained in Minneapolis, Minn. in July 2009 at the International convention. All were encouraged by the Lions Club's International President Eberhart Wirfs to tell their Lions clubs to come out of their den. Different types of fundraisers were held at the January 30th event. A bake sale, fry bread booth, polished rock booth and the luncheon of noodle, vegetable or chili soup and sandwiches, cake, coffee and lemonade. The event was attended by approximately 200 people. Donations collected on Saturday were \$2209.31 for the Haitian Earthquake Relief Fund.

Cabinet meeting rescheduled

The January blizzard created a problem for my 3rd scheduled SNC cabinet meeting on January 23 at Fort Mandan. It was Saturday, Feb. 6. The fourth and final meeting date has been set for May 22, 2010. Location to be announced later.

Haiti relief



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I hope that each club did a fundraiser for this very needy project to help all the sorrow and strife in Haiti. PDG Craig Wollenburg, Rugby has coordinated this project with the suggested date to hold the event on the weekend of February 5-7, 2010 in the states of ND & SD.

Invite your spouses

I am again asking all clubs to invite spouses into your clubs. If you want to remain a men's club invite your wives, sign them up as members and then club branch them. They can have their own officers, meetings and do their own projects. Or you can work together on projects. This is a win, win situation. To meet my goal of a plus membership I encourage all clubs to increase their membership by two. It will work.

Club secretaries

Please report your new members on the Monthly Membership report manually or on LCI's website as soon as possible. This will give me, as your DG, an up-to-date report. Call me if you need help.

Prairie Rose



Membership Award

Immediate Past (Bismarck) Prairie Rose President Julie Schwartz (left) receives the President's Diamond Award pin from Current Club President Jenell Loftesnes during the January 7 regular monthly membership meeting. The award recognizes the club's net gain of three members during the 2008 - 2009 club year.

Minot



New member

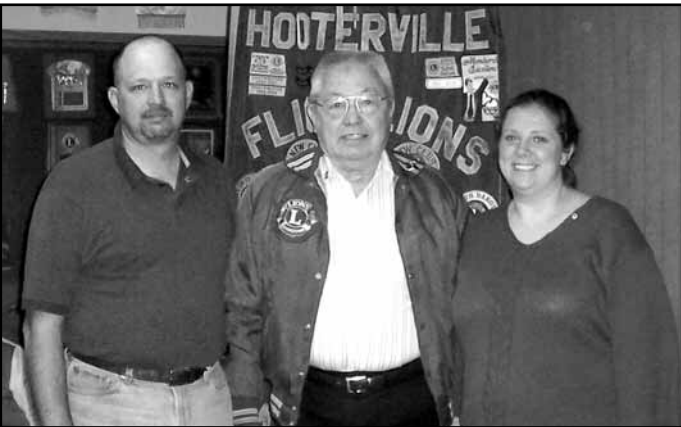
A new member of the Minot Lions Club is Dena Filler, left. PDG Dolly Allef, center, conducted the installation. Lion Terry Narum is her sponsor.



Price honored

Lion Gary Price, left received a Melvin Jones Award at the club's most recent meeting. The presenter is Past President Denise Messmer.

Hooterville



Club inducts two

The Hooterville Flion Lions recently welcomed two new members into the fold. The two additions include Ron Tolzin, left and Chelsea Neal, right. They were sponsored by PDG Tony Alef.

We ENJOY sharing your information with others who share your dedication to the cause of Lionism!

Send us your stuff!

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Lions 'In Sight' at game

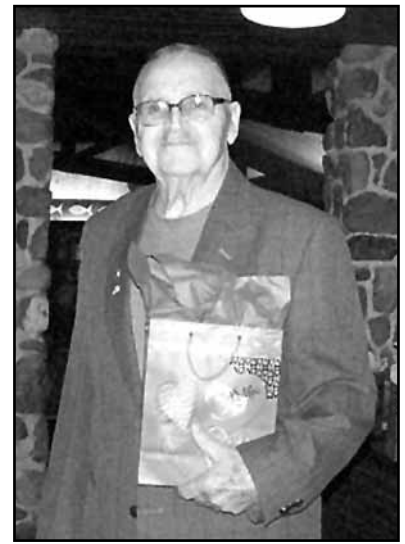
The invitation to area ND Lions Clubs "Night with the Dakota Wizards" was held on Dec. 20, 2009 at the Bismarck, Civil Center. These pictures were taken in section 101.

The event was attended by Lions members from Medina, Streeter, Bismarck, Mandan and Lehr. More Lions attending were scattered all over the center. The Wizards are in their 15th season. They won the game against the Utah Flash team. Ryan Carlson, director of group sales for the Wizards, partnered with area Lions clubs to become more visible and a reduced rate for the ticket was a "Thank you" for being involved in community projects. This was a social "LIONS IN SIGHT" event.



Among the Lions members who took in a Dakota Wizards basketball game recently were, from left, VP Arlen Fetch, Mandan Dakota Lions; Lion Peg Perman, Streeter Lions, and husband, Troy Perman. Back, three granddaughters of Medina Lions Secretary Jim Cowell and Lion Mabel Cowell.

Lake Metigoshe



Flion Lions

Hooterville Flion Lions who attended the charter night anniversary were, from left, Mitch Koch, Mary Ellen Haskins, Dolly Alef and Tony Alef.

Charter member

Kay Bonebrake



Rugby visits

Rugby Lions who were in attendance at the anniversary were Janet Miller and Betty Triplett.



Fifteen-year members

At the Lake Metigoshe Lions Charter Nite Anniversary in January, Monarch Awards were given to four Lions for 15 years' service to Lions. (One Lion, Cedric Jacobson, with 20 years' membership, was not present). Recognized for 15 years of dedication to Lionism were, from left, Lions Mona Johnson, Arline Bonebrake, Jim Dignan and Jim Dahle.

Symptoms of Diabetes

- ✓ Frequent Urination
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Unexplained Weight Loss
- ✓ Irritability
- ✓ Blurred Visio
- ✓ 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

PID John Rabideau keynotes District 5NC 2010 Spring Leadership Conference

By LION JEANNE SELBY
District 5NC PR Chair

The sixth annual District 5NC Spring Leadership Conference, slated for Saturday, April 10, will feature Past International Director John E. Rabideau, from Churchville, NY as the keynote speaker and showcase Lions talents from across District 5NC as well.

PID Rabideau has been a member of the Churchville (NY) Lions Club since 1974. An independent insurance agent and veteran of the U.S. Navy, Rabideau served as an International Director from 2002 to 2004. He has held many offices at the local club level, as Zone and Region Chairs, District Governor, and Council Chairperson. In addition, he has chaired state and Lions International committees and led several training seminars and leadership forums. A Melvin Jones Fellow, Rabideau has received numerous awards, ranging from 100 percent President to the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows on its members.

While the leadership conference planning committee continues making conference arrangements, 5NC District Governor James Ruff encourages all

District 5NC Lions to attend the one-day conference, but he especially urges all club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers to attend. Special break-out sessions have been scheduled specifically for those three officers, as well as for other club officers and members.

During this year of transition and change, District Governor Ruff also extends a special invitation to Lions from Districts 5NE and 5NW interested in attending the 2010 leadership conference to complete the accompanying registration form and join District 5NC Lions on April 10.

The following seminars have already been confirmed: Pointers for Presidents, given by DG Elect Bev Charles of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions; Secretary's Training, presented by 5NC Cabinet Secretary (and Bismarck Prairie Rose Secretary) Carolyn Lean; Tips for Treasurers, led by PDG Craig Wollenburg of the Rugby Lions; Refining Public Relations, presented by 5NC Public Relations Chair JeAnne Selby of the Prairie Rose Lions; New Member Recruitment, led by PID John Rabideau (tentative); New Member Orientation, presented by PID John Rabideau (tentative); and an Introduction to the

Great Plains Assistance Dogs for America (GPAD), which provides trained service dogs to those who are wheel-chair-bound, those with emergency medical needs, as well as response dogs for those who have seizures or more debilitating diabetes, and therapeutic dogs for nursing homes or home-bound individuals. GPAD is located at Jud, ND.

A brief presentation will explain the 2010 Great Plains Leadership Institute, a three-day advanced leadership opportunity open to all Lions, to be held at Storm Lake, IA in July.

The one-day leadership conference will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. The site of the 2010 event is yet to be determined; check the next issue of the ND Lion for an announcement of location.

The cost per person is \$10.00 (which includes the noon luncheon) in advance. Additional information is available from DG James Ruff, 5 NC Leadership Conference Chair, at 701-378-2290 (home), 701-378-2390 (work), 701-321-9956 (cell) or jamesr@bektel.com; or from District 5NC Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Lean, at 701-255-0531 (home) or clean@bis.midco.net.

Leadership Conference Registration Form
Sixth Annual District 5NC Spring Leadership Conference
Saturday, April 10, 2010 • 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. • Place to be determined

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Club Affiliation</i>
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1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Number attending _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to ***Lions District 5NC***

Mail registration and payment to ***DG James Ruff, P. O. Box 67, Lehr, ND 58460*** or to ***Cabinet Secretary Carolyn Lean, 2120 South 12th Street #214, Bismarck, ND 58504***

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5NW Governor's Report

Greetings fellow Lions! I hope everyone is staying warm.

5NW New Lions and DG Knight Award Winners!

It's an honor to welcome the following new Lions: Jane Cote-Elgin Dakota, Shelly Geesy-Elgin Dakota, Cindy Schuster-Elgin Dakota, Robert J. McGinnis-Elgin, Eric Schuster-Elgin, Bonnie L. Morel-New England, Doug Hauck-Richardton, Douglas G. Murray-Stanley, Donald W. Longmuir Jr.-Stanley, Daryl Jurgens-Taylor, Jerome L. Langseth-Williston.

Congratulations to all the Sponsoring Lions and our newest Knight Award winners: Carol Winkler-Elgin Dakota, Ruby Koepplin-Elgin Dakota, Jan Froemming-Elgin Dakota, Dale Froemming-Elgin, Dale sponsored two lions this month, Gary Morel-New England, Ambrose Hoff-Richardton, Milton Enander-Stanley, Stan Wright-Stanley, Harlan Bloom-Taylor, Doug D. Black-Williston.

Lions In Sight

How' is your Lions In Sight event coming along? Hopefully you have everything planned. If not, just remember that getting started is the hardest thing to do. We as Lions really need to let our communities know what we do, not only in our community but worldwide. Share with your community all the wonderful things that our foundation does. If your club needs help with this, feel free to contact any of district cabinet members for their assistance.

Club visitations

VDG Pat and I have visited another zone meeting and let me tell you that doing the visitations is the most rewarding thing one can experience. The fellowship, tail twisting, storytelling, and sharing of ideas is worth the effort it takes to go out on a snowy winter night. Make every effort to attend your next Zone Meeting. You'll come away smiling and proud of your fellow Lions.

Public relations grant

I hope by now we have started seeing the newspaper ads that District 5NW has placed into our newspapers throughout the district. We have secured the services of the North Dakota Newspaper



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Association for the next four weeks. So watch for more ads.

For the week was January 24-30, 2010, we will have a Lions ad about the work we do as Lions through LCIF along with an article about Haiti and examples of how we through LCIF have helped during natural disasters in the past and asking all to consider doing something now for Haiti.

For the week of January 31-February 6, 2010, we will run an ad relating to the fact that we are Lions, we are global, we serve where we live, etc.

For the week of February 7-13, 2010, we will run a similar ad to the one above again showing that we are Lions and we work to help within our communities.

For the week of February 14 - 20, 2010, we will run an ad that says, "Join the Club", Make a Difference and carries the www.lionsclubs.org website.

These will go out to all papers serving the SW and the NW part of our state and all our clubs should be able to see the ads on a weekly basis.

The NDNA staff is happy to serve our needs in the news media and seem very happy with the volunteer work we as Lion do throughout our part(s) of the state.

Let's continue to do the work of our motto "WE SERVE".

Spring Rally coming soon!

It's time to set your calendars. The 9th annual Spring Rally will be held in Dickinson at the Elks on Saturday, April 17. Registration will be from 9am till 10am (MST TIME) with coffee and muffins. The rally will begin at 10am and end around 4pm.

I hope to see each and every club there. This is your rally where we provide the very necessary officer training to make your club work efficiently. Also I will be knighting our district's new Lions. So you sponsoring Lions, let's get those new members to the rally. A new member orientation will be offered AND attending the rally will also help the new Lion toward earning their Rookie Lion Award.

The district cabinet would like to invite the lions clubs from SNC who will be part of the western district to come and take part in the spring rally's officer training. Watch for more details

DG Kevin
In Lionism
We Serve

Eye Bank has new website



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

www.lionseyebankofnd.org

Halliday



Melvin Jones

The Halliday Lions club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to three of its members recently. Those honored with the award were, from left, Rene Kraus, Luann Selle and Weald Mann.

Williston Korner



100 percent secretary

Williston Korner Lions Secretary Lois Reiersen, left received her 100 Percent Secretary award for 2008-2009 at the January 19th meeting of Zone 3-A. Zone Chairman Loren Haugen presented the award on behalf of DG Kevin Vannett who sent along his congratulations.

District 5NC Lions Leader Dogs School For The Blind Raffle

•\$1.00 Per Ticket
•Winner need
not be present



• Drawing will be held on **April 14, 2010**
at 7:00 p.m. at Lehr Community Center

- 1st Prize - Fleece Blanket with Dogs
- 2nd Prize - Pampered Chef 12" Skillet w/ lid
- 3rd Prize - Pet Feeder

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City of Lehr Permit #40

Elgin Dakota



Dakota Lions Scrapbook

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club is busy making a scrapbook of past memories of club activities. Here Lion Gail Schatz, left, and Lion President Elsie Stelter meet to put items together over the past several years during the February winter blizzards. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Elgin and Elgin Dakota

Dakota Lions Peace Poster winners

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club recognized the winners of the Peace Poster Contest along with their parents during the regular meeting and supper on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010, at the Elgin Community Center. Making the award presentations was Lion President Elsie Stelter.

First place winner was Christopher Bren son of Lion Dale and Lion Kim Bren who received \$25 for first place. He also received \$20 for his third place entry in the district competition.

Second place went to Nicolas Rivinius of Elgin who received \$15. He is the son of Glen and Kay Rivinius. Lion President Elsie Stelter made the presentation.

Third Place in the Peace Poster Contest went to Jordan Wruck son of Jeff and Reva Wruck of New Leipzig. He received \$10 from Lion President Elsie Stelter.



Lion Dale and Lion Kim Bren; Christopher Bren and Lion President Elsie Stelter.



Reva and Jordan Wruck and Lion President Elsie Stelter.



Lion President Carlton Levorsen, Lion Elmor Wutzke and Lion Leona Wutzke. *Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.*

Lions clubs give awards

The Elgin Lions club presented President Carlton Levorsen with the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award in Lions, during the annual Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 12, 2009 at Our Place Cafe. Lion Levorsen has been a member since 1982.

Also recognized for outstanding service to the Elgin Lions Club was Lion Elmor Wutzke Lions Tamer who over the years put out the Lions sign on main street and took it down, plus he always put out the Lions speaker, gavel for regular meetings and was a greeter. He has since moved to Bismarck and will be missed.

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club also recognized Lion Leona Wutzke with a handsome plaque for her years of service to the club. She was the Lion Tamer for many years and will be greatly missed.



Kay, Kayedenn and Nicholas Rivinius and President Elsie Stelter.



Attention Club Officers: OFFICIAL NOTICE

MD-5 Convention – June 3, 4 & 5, 2010



THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2010 MD-5 CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 3-4-5, 2010, IN SASKATOON, SASK.

THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS:

1. The Official Convention Rules for 2010
2. Your Club's Credentials Form
3. Your Club's Contest Entry Form
- a) Most Lions Miles Traveled
4. Order Form for Convention Proceedings
5. Constitution and Bylaws Changes to be voted on in Saskatoon

The official convention rules should be reviewed by your club officers and explained to your delegates. Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. There will be 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.

Your Club Credentials Form is very important. Delegates and alternates must be selected. The form should be mailed, in time to arrive by May 27, 2010, to DG Ron Ewles, 98 Bence Crescent, Saskatoon Saskatchewan S7L4J1 (Please account for slow mail.) The form also can be presented to: Credentials Committee at the Lions Registration Desk at the Travelodge Hotel, upon arrival at the Convention but no later than 1 PM, June 4, 2010.

The Lion Contest Forms should be given to your delegation to be presented to the Convention Committee Chairman, PDG Gladi Andrew, c/o The Lions Registration Desk at the Travelodge Hotel. The basis for Most Miles Contest is for clubs 25 and under in members and 26 and over in members. For the Most Lions Miles Contest points are awarded on the basis of 3 for a Lion, 2 for a Lions wife, and 1 for each child in attendance. The points are totaled and multiplied by your round-trip mileage to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. In completing these forms only count those who have pre-registered.

The properly Certified MD5 Lions attending the annual MD5 Convention may vote on proposed changes to the MD5 Constitution and Bylaws if the need arises.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Convention Committee
Council Chair PDG Duane Zwinger
PDG Gladi Andrew, Chairperson
PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

REQUEST FOR MD-5 CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS

The Constitution of Lions Clubs International requires clubs desiring a copy of the proceedings of the Multiple District Convention to request a copy from the Multiple District Secretary. If your club wishes to receive the convention proceedings, please club and mail this form by June 30, 2010, to: PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072-2832.

Please send me a copy of the 2010 Saskatoon Multiple District Convention Proceedings:
(Please print clearly)

Club _____
Secretary _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Prov./Zip _____

MD5 Convention Rules 2010

1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on parliamentary procedures.
3. Lions in good standing must be registered in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with indebtedness of over \$50 to Lions International or their District will be considered not in good standing.
4. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
5. Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from Lion Wayne Choponis, MD5 2010 Convention Treasurer, 1817 Wilson Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask. S7J 2N8, until June 30, 2010. After this date requests should be made to MD5 Sec/ Treas PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds can be requested sixty days after the conclusion of the convention.
6. All resolutions shall be submitted to PDG Ken Gifford, Chairperson of Rules & Resolutions Committee by 1 p.m. Thursday, June 3, 2010 in care of the Lions Registration Desk, at the Travelodge.
7. Credentials to vote at the MD5 Saskatoon Convention can be mailed to DG Ron Ewles, 98 Bence Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 4J1 or delivered upon arrival at the convention, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Travelodge, Saskatoon, Sask. no later than 1 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2010.
8. Entries for: Most Lions Miles and Most Lioness Miles submitted by registrants, The Lions, and Leos, Clubs of the Year, Club Website Contest, District Club Scrapbook, and District Club Newsletter winners are to be submitted, from each District Governor, to PDG Gladi Andrew, Chairperson-Convention Committee, by 1 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2010 in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Travelodge, Saskatoon, Sask.
9. Any details regarding changing the Constitution and By Laws shall be submitted to PDG Ken Gifford, Chairman Constitution & By Laws Committee by 10 a.m., June 3, 2010 in care of the Lions Registration Desk, Travelodge, Saskatoon, Sask. Phone: 306-242-8881.
10. All reports of Committee meetings held at the convention shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer, PCC Mike Brand, in care of the Lions Registration Desk by 8 a.m., June 3, 2010. Reports shall be typewritten in a format approved by council for inclusion in the convention proceedings report.

MOST-LIONS-MILES-TRAVELED CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This form should be given to your delegation to present to the Convention Committee Chairperson PDG Gladi Andrew, at the Lions Registration Desk at the Travelodge.

The basis for the Most Lions Miles Contest is for clubs 25 and under in members and clubs that have 26 and over in members. Points are awarded as follows: 3 points for a Lion, 2 points for a spouse and 1 for a child. The points are totaled and multiplied by your round-trip mileage to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Count only those individuals that are pre-registered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary.

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Convention Committee
Council Chair PDG Duane Zwinger
Chair, PDG Gladi Andrew
PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

Name of Club _____ District _____

Lions Club Membership on March 30, 2010: _____

PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDANCE AT SASKATOON, SASK. 2010 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION:

Lion: _____ Spouse: _____ Children: _____

Round-Trip mileage to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan _____

IMPORTANT:

Bring this form with you and leave it at the Lions Registration Desk at the Travelodge, no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2010. Please note that only those who are pre-registered count in this contest.

***** TAKE TO THE MD5 CONVENTION *****

11. All State and Provincial Breakfasts, as scheduled in the Convention Program, shall be the location for business peculiar to these areas.
12. Privilege to speak regarding convention sites or any matter pertaining to MD5 business must be requested of Council Chairman, PDG Duane Zwinger.
13. In our Business Sessions a delegate will be recognized by the Council Chairperson provided that said delegate stands, goes to the nearest microphone, and states his/her name and club for recording purposes. No Lion shall be allowed to speak for more than three (3) minutes each time on any one subject without the consent of the convention delegates.
14. All voting at business sessions shall be conducted by card vote by qualified delegates present. A roll call or secret ballot vote may be directed by the Chairperson if considered warranted, or may be requested by a motion passed by a majority of qualified delegates present. The Credentials Committee shall conduct all written ballot voting. After the votes have been counted, said ballots shall be turned over to the Secretary to destroy. Voting shall be based on one (1) vote for each ten (10) members of a club or a major fraction. Five (5) members shall constitute a major fraction.
15. Solicitation or sale of club project items with the exception of the host club(s) is prohibited. The host club(s) shall secure permission from the Council of Governors.
16. Business Sessions shall be smoke free. Smoking areas shall be established outside of the business area and for all convention meals.
17. Invitations to host the 2010 MD5 Convention shall be mailed to PDG Gladi Andrew, Box 231, Bredenburg, SK or submitted to the Registration Desk at the Travelodge, Saskatoon, SK, no later than Friday, June 4, 2010 at 1 p.m.
PDG Ken Gifford, Chair
PDG Duane Zwinger, Council Chair
Rules and Resolutions Committee
PCC Mike Brand, Council Sec/Treas

VOTING AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. The Rule for voting is 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. Please select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Please mail this information to DG Ron Ewles, 98 Bence Crescent, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7L 4J1 to be received by May 30, 2010, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk, in the Travelodge, no later than 11 am, June 4, 2010.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY, PRIOR to coming to the Convention.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Name of Club _____ District _____

Total number of members in Club as of March 30, 2010: _____

Name of Voting Delegates attending the MD5 Convention in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan _____ Office held in Club: _____

Club Secretary's Signature _____

Please send this sheet along with your club secretary or a club representative that will be attending the MD5 2010 Convention.

***** TAKE TO THE MD5 CONVENTION *****

APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

Application to be postmarked on or before Saturday, April 17, 2010

SECTION A

DESCRIPTION (On separate sheet(s) list office and year or as requested)

1. Each year Active member (15 consecutive years prior to application)
2. Each year Club Office of President, Club Secretary &/or Treasurer
3. Each year Club Board Member (not as President, Secretary or Treasurer)
4. Each year Club Committee Chairman (list year and committee)
5. Each year Program Presenter at District, State &/or Multiple District meetings
6. Each year Region Chairman or Zone Chairman
7. Each year Vice District Governor or Deputy District Governor
8. Each year District Governor or International Officer
9. Each year appointed as member of District Cabinet
10. Each year District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer
11. Each year State Chairperson of a Lions function
12. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President
13. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary and/or Treasurer
14. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member
15. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President
16. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary and/or Treasurer
17. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Member
18. Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairman
19. Each year Multiple District 5 Chairperson (does not apply to MD5 Council members)
20. Each year District Rally attended (List years and cities)
21. North Dakota State Conventions attended (List years and cities)
22. Multiple District conventions attended (List years and cities)
23. International Conventions attended (List years)
24. USA/CANADA Forums attended (List years and cities)
25. Melvin Jones Fellow (List years)
26. 100% District Governor Award (List year)
27. Club President Excellence Award (List years)
28. 100% Club Secretary Award (List years)
29. Hosting Foreign Exchange Student (List year, student's name and home country)
30. ND Chairman MD5 Youth Exchange Camp (List year, and location)
31. Each sponsored new Lion member Include a printout from LCI listing new sponsored members
32. Guiding Lion List year(s) and clubs
33. Extension Award List year(s) and club(s)
34. Other Awards Club, District or LCI

SECTION B

Prepare a written personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, when and where joining Lionism. Include all achievements as a Lion and outside of Lionism, volunteer work and other associations and personal recognition.

SECTION C

(Please print or type)

NOMINEE CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information I have provided is an accurate rendering taken from personal and club records.

NAME: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

TELEPHONE: _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION: I certify that the information provided is an accurate rendering taken from club and other verifiable sources.

PRESIDENT: _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY: _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

Nominations must be postmarked: **ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010.**

This nomination form must be signed by nominee, Club President and Club Secretary and returned along with the information submitted for points in Sections A and the resume for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee.

**OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION:
4X5 OR SMALLER RECENT B&W PHOTOGRAPH OF
APPLICANT SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION**

RING SIZE _____

Mail completed application to:

PDG David Blackstead, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association
925 Arthur Drive, Bismarck, ND 58501

State Lions Convention

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Grand Forks
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October
29 & 30, 2010



Lodging:

CanadInn

Attached to the Alerus Center
1000 S. 42nd St.
\$119 per night
701-772-8404

Ramada Inn

Exit 141, Alerus Center 1 mile S.
1205 N. 43rd St.
\$79 per night
701-775-3951

Hilton Garden

Exit 140 N. of Demers Ave.
4301 James Ray Drive
\$99 per night
701-775-6000

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):

Feb. 1, 2010 – Sep. 30, 2010	\$75/person
Oct. 1, 2010 – On Site	\$95/person

**Rookie Lions, anyone who becomes a Lion after Nov. 1, 2009, are subject to early bird rate at \$55/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: _____

Address: _____
Street City State ZIP

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Amount enclosed: _____
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

Take the N.D. bus to Saskatoon

Seats are still available on a 47-passenger bus to travel from North Dakota to Saskatoon for the MD-5 Lions Convention, set for June 2-5, 2010. The cost per person for the bus ride is \$150.00. Make checks payable to Saskatoon Bus Trip % Robert Littlefield, 2212 South 17th Street, Moorhead, MN 56560.

Seats are available on a first come-first served basis. We must have a definite count by March 1st with the bus company, Shuck Bus Company.

The Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon is the convention site (306-242-8881 or 888-278-4209). Riders are responsible for making their own hotel reservations. Guarantee your room at the Travelodge Hotel for arrival after 6 p.m.

The tentative pick-up and drop-off schedule is, as follows:

Wednesday, June 2, 2010

6:30 a.m.	Bus leaves Grand Forks
7:45 a.m.	Bus leaves Fargo
9:00 a.m.	Bus leaves Valley City
9:45 a.m.	Bus leaves Jamestown
11:45 a.m.	Bus leaves Bismarck
12:45-1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break in Washburn
2:45 p.m.	Bus leaves Minot
6:00-7:00 p.m.	Dinner Break in Regina

Saturday, June 5, 2010

10:00 p.m.	Bus leaves Saskatoon
5:30-6:30 a.m.	Breakfast Break in Minot
8:30 a.m.	Bus leaves Bismarck
10:30 a.m.	Bus leaves Jamestown
11:15 a.m.	Bus leaves Valley City
12:30 p.m.	Bus leaves Fargo
1:30 p.m.	Bus arrives in Grand Forks

*Riders will have time to change clothes

10:00 p.m. Bus arrives in Saskatoon after the banquet.

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 refreshments, and arriving in Saskatoon on Wednesday evening, in time to participate in all convention activities on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

5-NE DGE Robert Littlefield is coordinating the trip. Meal stops/visitations are being coordinated by 5-NW 1st VDG Pat Vannett. For more information, contact Littlefield at R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu or call 218-790-4346.

BUS RESERVATION FORM

Name _____

Club _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Please reserve _____ seats @ \$150/seat: \$ _____

Send form and check to:
DGE Robert Littlefield
2212 South 17th Street
Moorhead, MN 56560

RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 1, 2010!