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Mission to Brazil: Deliver glasses

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Eye glasses donated in North Dakota will help people in southern Brazil.

Optometrist Dan Long, his daughter Kelly and about 10 other people from two Bismarck churches will travel to Brazil in July to provide eye exams and free eye glasses to people who live in some of the poorer areas.

"It is exciting," Long said. "You look at the boxes in the bank or store and it doesn't look like much, but it means that someone can go to school and work."

A group from Dickinson recently returned from the same area of Brazil, where they distributed about 1,500 pairs of eye glasses. Long's group will bring another thousand pairs.

The glasses are collected by the Lions clubs in North Dakota. At one point, the donated glasses would go in Long's garage in Mandan, where he would clean them and use a lensometer to read the prescription.

Then, Terry Narum, a member of a Lions Club in Minot, decided he wanted to collect 650,000 pairs of glasses to donate, the equivalent of the state population, Long said. Narum met his goal last year, and now he will be going on the mission trip to Brazil, he said.

Long started taking trips to give eye exams and eye glasses when he was in optometry school in Chicago. This is his eighth trip. He has been to Honduras, Mexico and Armenia on



Dan Long, foreground, and his daughter, Kelly, 17, are traveling to Brazil to distribute 1,000 used eyeglasses donated from across North Dakota to the Lions clubs.

previous trips. His daughter Kim and son David have gone on previous trips. This will be Kelly's first trip.

"I'm looking forward to touching people in Brazil, the spiritual aspect," Kelly Long said.

She will be the president of the Mandan High School Leo Club next year. The Leo Club is a student organization affiliated with Lions Club.

The people in the group are from Century Baptist Church and Bismarck Baptist. The organization hosting them is Chains of Love, a group home for foster children. While they are there, the group also will work with the children and help with any renovation projects the organization needs, Dan Long said.

The eye exams will be given in surrounding neighborhoods at community centers. They will use hand scopes to determine prescriptions and find glasses that most closely match those prescriptions.

"It's not like here where we ask one or two," Long said about the equipment used in most eye exams in the United States.

The people going on the trip will spend two weeks there. Each person pays their own expenses. Donations that are received will be used for other aspects of the trip, such as the group home renovation.

(Reach reporter Sara Kincaid at 250-8251 or sara.kincaid@bismarcktribune.com.)

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I would like to thank all these clubs for there contribution of tickets purchased during the All-Star Basketball games with proceeds going to the Lions Eye Bank.

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Wagner recives LePage Service Award

The North Dakota Association of the Blind is pleased to announce the selection of Lion Ruth M. Wagner, Williston, as the winner of the 2010 Robert John LePage Service Award.

According to Lion Christopher F. Kemp, Secretary of the Williston Lions Club, "Ruthie," as she is known, has been an active member of the club since she joined the organization in December of 1992, at the club, zone, and district levels."

"We have one of the largest clubs in the state of North Dakota, with 70 members, and Ruthie is a major reason for our success," writes Kemp. "She is the backbone of our club, and her energy and enthusiasm for helping those in need, especially those who are vision impaired, is inspirational."

"Although she is committed to all of the great service projects the Lions are involved in," Kemp continues, "Ruthie holds near and dear to her heart the projects that focus on work for the blind and visually impaired."

These projects include working on mailing lists and helping with the planning for the NDAB state convention which has been held in Williston twice during the past few years. This year, she helped plan the picnic for attendees of the convention.

One of the most helpful services Ruthy has provided for those with low vision has been to organize transportation for campers from the Williston area who wish to attend the NDAB summer camp program for adults at Camp Grassick, near Dawson, ND. She has made sure that the director of the camp, who has low vision and cannot drive, gets to the camp as early as she needs to in order to make preparations ahead of time.

"Through her encouragement, enthusiasm and countless hours of service, the Williston Lions Club raises funds annually to support sight programs such as Leader Dog, ND Eye Bank, NDAB, and Sight First Campaigns," wrote Barb Daniels, Immediate Past President of the Williston Lions Club.



Committee member Shereen Faber and Ruth Wagner, this year's LePage award recipient.

Wagner was honored at a banquet during the 2010 NDAB State Convention, which was held at the Williston Airport International Inn the weekend of June 11-13.

Committee member Shereen Faber presented Ruthy with a plaque that reads, "With thanks and appreciation for your 'vision' and dedication to people with sight loss in North Dakota." The plaque is also inscribed with the motto of the North Dakota Association of the Blind: "Not he who lacks sight, but he who lacks vision, is blind."



Your MD-5 DG's

District Governors in MD-5 Vests stand by the fountain in Hyde Park before the start of the International Convention parade in Sydney, Australia. Left to right: Al Adrian, Doug Reid, Bev Charles, Robert Littlefield, Larry Burkhead, and Rob Hill.

As I write this column, I am sitting on the airplane flying over the Pacific Ocean returning from the 93rd International Lions Convention in Sydney, Australia. I find myself filled suddenly with emotion; patriotism in returning to the USA in time to celebrate the 4th of July — a time when Americans feel a particular pride in the events surrounding our nation's founding and the freedoms we hold dear. In addition, I feel humbled by the responsibility entrusted to me and honored to have the opportunity to serve the Lions of District 5-NE as governor. But, beyond the patriotism and gratitude, I am excited to begin this very important year in the history of Lions in North Dakota.

We are at a point in time when two new districts are coming together, strengthened by the rich traditions of three; with new leaders committed to creating exciting opportunities for service to those in need. Please accept our sincere appreciation for the financial support and encouragement given to me and my wife, Kathy. We will do our very best to serve the district and Lions Clubs International.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Presidential theme

This year, International President Sid Scruggs, III, established the theme *A Beacon of Hope* and called upon all 1.35 million Lions worldwide to recommit themselves to service. This means more than doing what has always been done before. Instead, all Lions are called upon to go beyond and extend the hands of service to even more people in need. Imagine the changes we would see in the world if 1.35 million people made service their priority! We would feel a ripple effect around the world as more people benefited from LIONS — Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service and our local clubs would likely find more people interested in joining with such a caring and dedicated group of individuals.

As we begin this year, club executive officers are asked to review their club's service activities and identify one as a signature project. You already may have

such a project or you may decide that there is a new project needed in your community. Club presidents are asked to report on their signature project at the first zone meeting in September.

The international focus of being a *beacon of hope* for individuals in need of assistance emphasizes several areas: service, public relations, membership, youth, leadership, and giving. Clubs should establish goals including as many of these areas as possible. My district goal—"Speak Up for Service through Lionism!"—is one way to address several aspects of the international theme. Service is the primary focus and increasing awareness through public relations is one way to make sure your community knows what your Lions Club is doing.

When people find out the difference local club leaders and club members are making in the lives of people at home and around the world, they will want to join and club membership will grow. With more members, clubs can do more service, and the word gets out to young people and others who may not have known much about Lionism. Let's *not* make Lionism our "best kept secret." Rather, we all need to become aware of

public relations and *speak up!*

Focus on Service

The four key service areas emphasizing this year's Presidential Theme "A Beacon of Home" are: Engaging our Youth; Sharing the Vision; Relieving the Hunger; and Protecting our Planet. At a minimum, clubs are asked to choose one of these areas and develop a new project. August (*Let youth lead!*), October (*Impact someone's vision!*), December-January (*Feed the hungry in your community!*), and April (*Protect the environment!*) are target months for these special projects.

Club leaders will receive e-mails and other resources to help them plan as each target month nears. But planning begins now. Remember: 1) Don't start from scratch. Build on an existing project or partner with another local organization. 2) Make it hands-on. Participation energizes members and generates interest from observers. 3) Be visible so people know what you are doing. 4) Don't forget recognition and thank those Lions and non-Lions who made the project a success. 5) Create excitement and consider ways to promote participation.

Club secretaries should report their club's service projects on monthly activity reports. Clubs that submit projects related to the service action campaigns through the online Service Activities Report will automatically be considered for district and international awards and recognition.

LCIF Development Fund

The Lions Clubs International Foundation is the source of funds for emergency grants and programs to support those in need around the world. North Dakota has received several emergency grants in recent years to help with recovery from floods and tornadoes.

The LCIF Development Fund is a way to provide support to this very important source of assistance. We are asking clubs not already making an annual donation to LCIF to start this year. Those clubs already supporting LCIF are asked to give an additional amount because the need



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is great. Contributions to the LCIF Development Fund may be used for Melvin Jones Fellow Awards to recognize club members who achieved distinction in their club. You will receive more information about this and I will be speaking about this topic at the region rallies and club visitations.

DISTRICT NEWS

Region rallies scheduled in August

Region rallies will be held in August as a way for the Kathy and me to meet with club leaders, zone chairs, and region chairs. The events are being scheduled by the region chairs and will be more social than business. I hope to have an opportunity to introduce the major themes and projects being developed on the district level in 2010-2011. Club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs are strongly encouraged to attend with partners or spouses. More details will come in the August newsletter.

5-NE constitution & by-laws passed

This is a recap of the activities that took place during the 2009-2010 year of planning for redistricting. Club delegates at the 2009 district meeting held in Mandan last October unanimously passed the proposed district constitution for 5-NE. After that meeting, a committee was formed to discuss how the by-laws should be drawn up and presented. DG Wayne Westlund, DG James Ruff, PDG Craig Wollenburg, CC Duane Zwinger, and DGE Robert Littlefield met in January to discuss how the by-laws should be drawn up and presented to the membership of the new district. Other interested Lions were consulted for their input.

The committee decided that the by-laws should follow the standard by-laws of Lions Clubs International, with the only information particular to the district being the assessment of dues. Once the committee agreed on the proposed dues structure, the proposed by-laws were printed and distributed, along with a ballot, to all club presidents. Ballots were received

with 403 Lions voting to approve and 2 Lions voting not to approve. With this vote, the proposed by-laws were approved and will be adopted by the District Cabinet at its July 24 meeting.

Proposed amendments to the constitution and by-laws must be submitted to the district governor at least 30 days prior to the annual district meeting at the state convention, this year scheduled on October 30, 2010 in Grand Forks.

State convention in Grand Forks

The state convention is scheduled on October 29-30, 2010 in Grand Forks. The theme "Roarin' on the River" will guide the activities as Lions from across the state travel to District 5-NE for the annual gathering.

The details and registration form for the convention are included in this newsletter. If you have questions or need information, please contact the convention chair, Del Hager, at del714@hotmail.com.

The district goal for 2010 is to increase club participation at the convention by 50% over last year. There were 14 clubs from 5-NE represented at the 2009 convention, so that means we need to increase attendance by 7 over last year and have representation from 21 of 58 clubs to meet the goal. I know we can exceed this so plan to take a drive over to Grand Forks on October 30th and participate in the convention!

Club presidents are asked to have at least one person from their clubs attend the district meeting on Saturday morning. In addition to the district meeting, there are information sessions, programs, three meals, a state meeting, and the *Parade of Green* for clubs to present their donations to the Lions Eye Bank of ND, the Lions Foundation of ND, and Service Dogs of America.

The convention committee is working hard to make this event a big success. Make sure you are "roarin' on the river in 2010!"

Focus on youth recognition

This year, District 5-NE has

an Awards Team to help promote district and international recognition programs. Lion Mary Ann Zwinger (Carrington) is the team leader, along with team members Cliff Vining (Leonard), Ken Hansen (Carrington), Karna Nelson (Fargo), and Betty Triplett (Rugby). Their task is to help clubs identify ways to recognize their members and club in conjunction with district and international deadlines. Listed below are three service activities involving youth — the first theme area identified for increased service. Specific rules and guidelines to help clubs offer these programs are available through the Awards Team. Contact the team leader at dzwinger@daktel.com or call 701-650-8476 for help in getting access to these materials.

Peace Poster Contest: Clubs can get Peace Poster kits from LCI and distribute to art teachers in local schools. The contest theme is "Vision of Peace." Club contests should be completed by mid-October so zone and region levels of competition can occur in a timely manner. Region winners will be brought to the district competition to be held at the state convention on October 30. The region winners will be displayed in Grand Forks at the Alerus Center and those attending the state convention will vote to select the District 5-NE winner advancing to the multiple district level in November.

Essay Contest: Clubs can get information from the LCI website. This is a new event being introduced this year for those who are considered visually impaired according to established guidelines. Participants must be 11, 12, or 13 years of age on November 15 to participate. The contest theme is "Power of Peace." Club level judging should be completed by mid-October so zone and region levels of competition can occur prior to the state convention where the winner will be announced and advance to multiple district level in November.

Speaking Contest: Club leaders may request guidelines from the district

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awards team. This is a new event being introduced this year in conjunction with the "Speak Up for Service through Lionism" theme. Students in grades 9-12 give a 5 minute speech on a topic related to youth and service. Attendees at the state convention in Grand Forks will be able to observe how the speech contest is run and the top speakers from the district will deliver their speeches as part of the program at the Saturday luncheon at the convention.

Keep reports & payments current

Club secretaries should check their rosters to be sure that all member addresses are up to date with LCI. This information is used to make sure the *North Dakota Lion* gets to everyone who should be receiving it. Also, secretaries need to make sure their membership rosters are current. If names have not been removed someone from the LCI records and the billing date passes, the club will be held responsible for paying the dues. Save your club money and keep your lists current! MMRs are due to LCI monthly. While some clubs continue to use the paper format, the LCI online reporting system has been found to be efficient and easy to master for club secretaries converting to this form of reporting. Whichever method is used, the information is essential to the zone chairs, region chairs, and district officers. Make every effort to complete the forms on a monthly basis.

Club treasurers should pay their district and international dues in a timely manner. The first half billing for payment of district dues was sent in June. The LCI billing for international dues should also have been received. Help keep your club and the district in good standing.

5-NE award winners at MD-5 convention

PDG Katherine Tweed was one of three recipients of the Service to Youth Award for her long-standing commitment to Youth Exchange in

Multiple District 5. The award was presented by PDG George Pretli, Chair of the MD-5 Youth Exchange Committee.

The other district winner was the

Fargo Lions Club earning the MD-5 website of the year award. Incoming president Michael Gallagher was present at the convention to receive the award.



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29 & 30, 2010



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rate has not been determined
701-757-4150

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

Dear Fellow Lions,

First and foremost I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as your district governor this year. I wish you all could have been with me at the 2010 LCI Convention, especially when we were marching in the Parade of Nations. People were lined up all along the parade route; watching more than 10,000 Lions, some in native dress, some with bands, march down Macquarie Street in the heart of Sydney Australia.

Before the parade began, Lions from different countries would come up to us and ask to have their pictures taken with us and trade pins. I was front and center of our MD5 group, helping to carry our MD5 banner. It was so heartwarming to see the people watching the parade, wave at us, or give us a thumb's up, and hear them cheer for the United States and Canada and North Dakota as we passed by. I had always wondered how people could continue to smile and wave as they marched in parades and now I know!

When International President (IP) Sid Scruggs spoke on his presidential theme 'a Beacon of Hope' he inspired us with his vision of each and every one of us being 'a Beacon of Hope' by letting our inner light shine through service. As he spoke memories flooded my mind of a time earlier in the year when I was searching through back issues of the North Dakota Lion.

I was reminded of projects that my own club has accomplished, which led me to think of other club's projects I have seen on activity reports, which in turn brought to mind people I have met who were touched by Lions service activities that were not officially recorded. It always amazes me what Lions – service minded men and women, young and old, who work together voluntarily – can accomplish! IP Sid Scruggs reminded us that our Lions motto is 'We Serve' NOT 'We Raise Money'. He then challenged us to make sure our Lions signature service projects meet the needs of our communities and continue to be relevant and fun.



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Also, he encouraged us to invite our non-Lion family members and friends to join in our service activities, especially before asking them to attend club meetings, because in serving our communities we not only make the world a better place to live, but we also better ourselves, and inspire others to join us in service as Lions. When I think of how North Dakota Lions have made a positive difference for individuals, their communities, and the world, I am very proud to be a Lion. Together, we North Dakota Lions truly do make a positive difference in our local communities and around the world.

This year holds many opportunities for us as we restructure both at the district and international levels. Lions Clubs International (LCI) began developing a Global Membership Team (GMT) a few years ago, and now are in the process of expanding the GMT to the multiple and district levels and creating a parallel Global Leadership Team (GLT) to replace the existing MERL Team. International Immediate Past President Eberhard J. Wirfs said, "The overall purpose of expanding GMT and creating GLT seeks to

address three basic goals: continued growth, improved club success, and ultimately better leadership development to ensure that LCI remains the world's global leader in community and humanitarian service." LCI has almost 45,000 clubs, with over 1.35 million members, in 206 countries and geographical areas. Last week LCI announced a positive growth of 26,000 members for 2009 – 2010!

Although Constitutional Area I was the only area that did not see an increase in membership, by all accounts we should see a positive increase in members by the end of this coming year. Note: we did have positive growth within districts of MD5 and specifically North Dakota this year! If you want to learn more about GMT go to LCI's website www.lionsclubs.org and type, Global Membership Team, in the right hand corner search box. Also, keep a look out for more information in future editions of the North Dakota Lion and the Lion magazine.

It was very evident during our District Governor Elect Training in Sydney, Australia that our MD5 Trainer PCC Leo Grossman from Carlyle, Saskatchewan and the whole MD5 Council did an outstanding job of training us beforehand. I also want to thank the 2009 – 2010 North Dakota District Governors Wayne Westlund, James Ruff, and Kevin Vannett, Council Chair Duane Zwinger, North Dakota Representative PDG Craig Wollenburg, PID Bruce Schwartz, PDG David Blackstead and the members of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association who have helped in the transition for North Dakota Lions as we redistrict from three to two districts.

It has often been said that to predict the future we need to create it. It is very encouraging to see so many Lions in North Dakota who are committed to creating a prosperous future for Lionism and ensure its continued growth in our great State and beyond. Our new 5NW District will begin our first year, 2010 – 2011, with 55 clubs and 1567 members. Congratulations and Welcome to the South Heart

Lions Club which was chartered May 20, 2010. Thank you Guiding Lions Lewellyn Rustan and Mark Koller; Sponsoring Club the New England Lions Club; 1st VDG Pat Vannett; and new South Heart Lions Riley Mattson (President) and Dickie Jo Kubas (Secretary) for all of your work in making the South Heart Lions Club a reality. Dave and I were disappointed we could not attend your Charter Night Banquet and Golf Tournament this June, but we were happy to hear from 1st VDG Pat Vannett about your successful events and look forward to meeting with you.

I want to thank 1st VDG Pat Vannett and 2nd VDG Gary Arman for meeting with me on a regular basis and helping to get everything set up for the transition of our new district; and a special thank you to Lion Carolyn Lean for her amazing work on the North Dakota Lions Directory. Also, I want to recognize and thank those Lions who have stepped up and volunteered to work on our new district's cabinet and also extend an open invitation to all District 5NW Lions to join us. The following Lions are members of the 5NW District Cabinet:

- Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) Kevin Vannett (kvannett@bis.midco.net)
- 1st Vice District Governor (1st VDG) Pat Vannett (pvannett@bis.midco.net)
- 2nd Vice District Governor (2nd VDG) Gary Arman (garman@bis.midco.net)
- Secretary Lois Reiersen (loisr@co.williams.nd.us)
- Treasurer Carolyn Lean (clean@bis.midco.net)

District 5NW Zone Chairpersons:

- PDG Jay Espeseth (925 - 5758): Zone 1-A: Berthold, Columbus, Kenmare, Noonan, Stanley
- Jack Colby (jackcolbynd@hotmail.com): Zone 1-B: Alexander, Arnegard, Ray, Watford City, Wildrose, Williston, Williston Korner; Trinity Christian and Williston High School Leo Clubs
- Darlene Miller (dmiller@srt.

com): Zone 2-A: Garrison, Glenburn, Hooterville Flion, Lake Metigoshe, Minot, Minot Magic City, Minot Plum Valley, Sawyer; Sawyer High School Leo Club

- Roger Walter (rtwalter@ndsupernet.com): Zone 3-A: Bowman, Dickinson, Dickinson Noon, Dickinson State University Campus Club, New England, Reeder, Scranton, South Heart

- PDG Jan Froemming (dalejan@westriv.com): Zone 3-B: Elgin, Elgin Dakota, Flasher, Mott, Regent

- Russell Zeigler (russell.zeigler@sendit.nodak.edu): Zone 4-A: Beulah, Halliday, Hazen, Killdeer, Richardton, Taylor

- PDG Herman Schafer (hsgr25+1@riverjordan.com): Zone 4-B: Glen Ullin, Hebron, Mandan, Mandan Dacotah, Mandan West River, New Salem; Mandan High School Leo Club

- Mike Blazek (mbrealty@westriv.com): Zone 5-A: Bismarck, Bismarck Capital City, Bismarck North Star, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Goodrich, McClusky, Turtle Lake, University of Mary, Washburn, Wilton; Saint Mary's Central High School Leo Club

District 5NW Committee Chairpersons:

- Convention: Dave Charles, Cultural & Community Activities and Environment: PDG Chris Voegele, Diabetes Awareness & Action: Loris Freier, Extension: Lewellyn Rustan, Hearing Preservation, Awareness & Action: Gail Schatz, Honorary: PID Bruce Schwartz, Information Technology: PCC Brian Tinker, International Relations and Pin Trading: PDG Tim Thueson, Leader/Service Dogs: PDG Jan Froemming, Leadership Development and Vision USA: PDG Chuck Whitney, Lions Alert: PDG Gary Freier, Orientation: PCC Dale Ekstrom, Pin Trading: Dale Froemming, Public Relations & Lions Information: JeAnne Selby, Sight Preservation, Awareness & Action and Zone Mentor: Ruthie Wagner, Youth: IPDG Kevin Vannett

- LCIF Coordinator: PDG Dave Czywczynski

- Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Board Members: PDG Tim Thueson (President), Lynell Thueson, Carol Voegele (Secretary), PDG Chris Voegele (Treasurer), Chris Helgeson, PDG Herman Schaffer, DG Bev Charles, 1st VDG Pat Vannett, 2nd VDG Gary Arman

- Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Board Members: PDG Chuck Whitney (President), PCC Dan Vondrachek, PDG Jan Froemming (Secretary), Joy Venzke, Dave Charles (Treasurer), Jack Colby, DG Bev Charles, 1st VDG Pat Vannett, 2nd VDG Gary Arman

Our first cabinet meeting will be Saturday, August 7, 2010. Please email me (dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net) or call 701 - 202 - 6427 so we can make sure we have materials and a place for you.

I understand that many clubs do not meet over some or all of the summer months but club secretaries should be paying their members LCI dues for the first half of the 2010 - 2011 Lions year by July 21st. Also, expect to soon receive a bill for your MDS and District dues which are payable upon receipt.

PCC Brian Tinker has converted the SNC website for our new 5NW District www.5nwions.org. He is in the process of updating various items as well as adding others. You will find almost all of the issues of the North Dakota Lion for the past 5 years. If you have any of the missing issues please send them to PCC Brian. Also, there is space for each club to have their own webpage. For some excellent ideas, take a look at the North Star, Minot and Magic City Lions web pages. PCC Brian has set up a calendar of events where you can list your club's events.

For example, quite a few Lions clubs have events during the summer such as the Elgin Lions Burgers in the Park every Friday evening and the Mandan Dacotah Lions Burgers in Dykshoorn Park Tuesday evenings. If we all would place our events with the corresponding pertinent information on the website calendar we would reach a larger audience and more of us would be able to support these events.

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The links to various other Lion websites such as LCI, MDS, SNE, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, etc. are worth taking a look at, too. You will definitely find some very worthwhile resources. We will continue to expand the information on our 5NW website (Thank you PCC Brian Tinker) and use it as a helpful communication tool, so please list it as one of your favorites and use it often.

Some Dates to Plan for:

- August 7th – District 5NW Cabinet Meeting in Bismarck
- August 8th – McClusky Lions Club 80th Anniversary in McClusky
- September 23th – 25th – USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- October 29th & 30th – North Dakota State Lions Convention in Grand Forks

If you have any questions or anything you want me to address or I have forgotten something please let me know. Email is probably the most reliable way to contact me, or by phone. If I cannot find the answer for your question I will find someone who can. I plan to visit each club at least once during the year so I need your help in scheduling. Please call me as soon as possible with your preferred visitation date. I appreciate the clubs who have already scheduled their dates with me – Thank you! I look forward to meeting with you all in the near future.

**5NW DG's**

Here's your new District 5NW District Governor team – from left are DGE Bev Charles and 1st VDG Pat Vannett.

**McCLUSKY LIONS 80TH ANNIVERSARY**

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Garrison

Garrison Lions recycling aluminum

By STU MERRY

The Garrison Lions Club is in the recycling business once again – albeit on a limited basis. The club is accepting aluminum cans only.

The club and Lion Gail (Spanky) Larson introduced the public to the resumption of the recycling program at the All-School Reunion Parade this past Saturday. Larson pulled the recycling trailer in the parade. The trailer is now in place just east of City Hall and alongside the rear of the SunDollar Store.

The limited program is self-service. Those who would like to contribute can bring their aluminum to the trailer at anytime. Doors are on the upper sides of the trailer. The doors can be opened and cans dropped into the trailer.

The Lions recycling program has been dormant for the past two years since the bottom fell out of the recycling market. But Larson, who spearheaded the recycling effort in the first place a number of years ago, saw the aluminum market rebound. And with a club-owned trailer sitting near the city's Water Treatment Plant sitting idle, the idea to resurrect a limited recycling program began to grow.

Club members threw out a number of ideas at their meetings the past few months on how best to revive the idle program. One option of rebuilding the trailer from the frame up proved too costly, and the idea was put on the back burner – that is, until Larson and his wife Gloria came up with an idea to retrofit the trailer.

Taking the bull by the horns, Larson proposed a plan to club members who readily accepted his idea. And over the past few weeks a frame was built



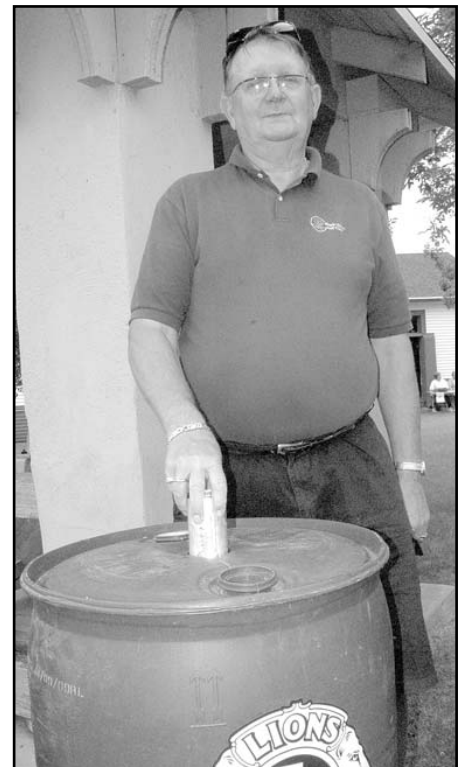
Photos by STU MERRY

The Garrison Lions Club's refitted aluminum recycling trailer is near City Hall.

and covered with poultry netting. The Larsons received help with painting the framework, signs were affixed and the trailer was rolled out for the public during the Fourth of July weekend.

Dovetailing with the trailer are four blue plastic barrels upon which Larson affixed Lions logos and placed at the City Park and on Main Street during the all-school reunion. "Contributions" were adequate for the first-time outing, club members said. Plans are to leave the receptacles in the community for people to recycle their aluminum cans. People are reminded to not crush cans as the holes in the containers are cut to only accept un-crushed cans.

Lions encourage people to save and deposit cans either at the trailer or in the receptacles.



Garrison Lions Club member Gail (Spanky) Larson shows how cans should be placed in the blue receptacles that are in the community.

Reminder:

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

No Exceptions!

Minot



Club honors, installs

The Minot Lions recently presented two Melvin Jones awards. The honors were bestowed on Lion Denise Messmer, left, and Lion Leslie Coughlin. The club's new president is Lion Warren Gamas. Above photo, outgoing president Jim Johnson handing the gavel over to new president Warren Gamas.

Reeder

Reeder Day

Awards presented following event

The Reeder Lions participated in the 1st annual Reeder Day Saturday, June 26, with morning road races (run, walk or bike) organized by Lion Dennis Johnson and volunteers.

During the afternoon, all ages were invited to use the pedal cars provided free of charge by the National Guard. Assistance was available by Guard members and volunteers.

A program after the meal was followed by presentations of three Melvin Jones awards and perfect attendance awards.



Melvin Jones recipients Larry Jackson, Bonnie Bugner and Keith Hagen.



Perfect attendance awards were presented to, from left, Bonnie Bugner, Derald Bugner (46 years), Ron Bugner and Sonja Hagen.



In Remembrance

Carrington – Allen Larson

Hazen – John Klein

West Fargo – Pete Lazorenko

Grand Forks – Ivan Jensen

Killdeer – Richard Hartman

Carrington



Pictured are all of the Lions Club members who were in attendance at the Carrington Lions Club Golf Tournament at Carrington Friday, June 11.

Carrington golf tournament a success

The Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank 4th annual Golf Tournament was at the CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington June 11.

The event was deemed a success, even though the tournament was played with the threat of rain all day, but there was very little wind. There was a total of 22 teams in attendance with a total of 88 golfers. The Lions Clubs from Grand Forks, Larimore, Gackle, Streeter, Harvey, Fargo, Pettibone, Linton, Bismarck, Jamestown, Fessenden and Carrington had golfers participate.

All teams had a chance to win cash prizes for team places (we gave away six place cash prizes). There were hole contests on every hole (with a chance to win an automobile on Hole #5 with a hole-in-one). Every golfer received a registration package and two meals. We had fun selling mulligans and string. The golfers had a chance to buy some very nice prizes at the live auction as well.

The Carrington Lions Club would like to thank the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Service Dogs of America for donating prizes for the tournament. A huge thank you to all of the other businesses that helped support the tournament as well.

Proceeds from the golf event will be used to support the many service projects of the Carrington Lions. Major donations will be given to LCIF, Eye Bank, Service Dogs and Leader Dogs.

Tourney renamed to honor Larson



The Carrington/Gate City Bank Golf tournament will have a special name. The Carrington Lions Club has chosen to honor one of its charter member who recently passed away after a battle with cancer.

The tournament will be called the "Al Larson Memorial Golf Tournament." Al was very active in the Carrington Lions Club and was

very instrumental in getting the CrossRoads Golf Course to become a reality. Mr. Larson spent most of his working career as an educator for the Carrington Public School System, being a classroom teacher and high school principal.



Pictured is Carrington Lions President Mick Moberg, left, as he receives his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from CC Duane Zwinger at the club's recent awards ceremony.

Northwood

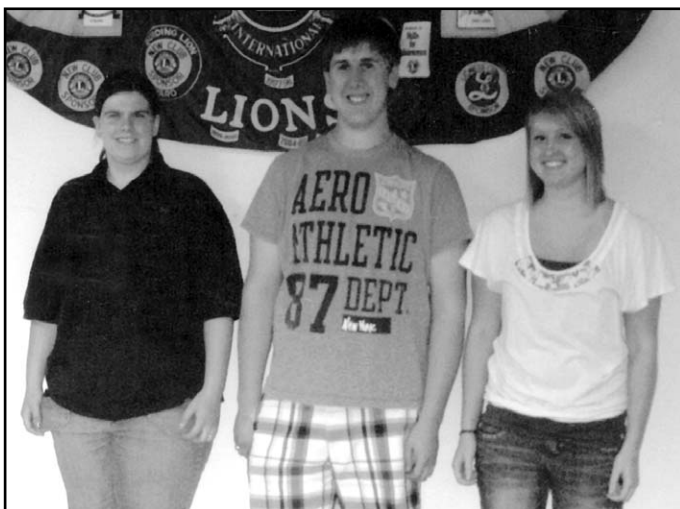


"Duffy" installs

The 2010-2011 officers for the Northwood Lions club were recently installed by PDG Lion Doris "Duffy" Eastburn. Officers include, from left, Lions Alfred Antonson, Lion Tamer, Wallace Gylten, Taittwister, Gilman Beck, 2 yr., Director, Robert Duetsch, 1 yr., Director, Kinberly Miller, Secretary, Echo Butz, Treasurer, Gary Butz, 2nd VP, David Dokken 1st VP, Henry Case. President and Doris Eastburn, Membership Chair. Unable to attend were Lions Todd Enger, 2 yr. Director, and Paul Tupa, 1 yr. director.

(Photo taken by Lion Kay Case)

Emerado-Arvilla



Scholarship winners

Attending the club's annual picnic are three smiling high school graduates, recipients of this year's Emerado-Arvilla Lions scholarship. From left are Callie Magnus, Midway High; Ted Moser and Andrea Hagert, Larimore High. Kaitlyn Giles from Northwood High was also selected but was not present.

Valley City



Members honored

On June 12, the Valley City Lions Club honored two of its members with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award. Pictured, left, is Mel Karch and, right, Jack Marthaler. The awards were presented by VDG Robert Littlefield. The Valley City club donated \$2,750 to LCIF. Which included \$750 for Haitian relief.

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

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Williston Korner



Grill meisters

Williston Korner Lions Les Olson, left, Lois Reiersen, middle, and Dennis Omvig, right, grill hamburgers for the foster parent recognition picnic held in Williston on June 10th.



The 'eyes' have it

Pictured are Lions Ronelle Gravgaard, left, and Sandy Hampton with the 170 pair of eye glasses collected by the Korner Lions for the Recycle for Sight Project held on June 5th.

Korner Lions install officers at picnic

The Williston Korner Lions Club held its annual picnic at the Lions Amphitheater of Spring Lake Park on Monday evening, June 21.

New officers were installed for the coming year and 100% attendance awards were handed out to one half of the club's Lions.

Members and guests enjoyed a potluck meal with hamburgers from the newly acquired grill. Outgoing Lion President Lee Gunlikson who has served three times as club president was given a special present. He also gave out some special awards. Zone chairman and Korner Lion member Loren Haugen installed the new club officers.

New officers for the year are: Immediate Past President Lee Gunlikson, President Becky Rhodes, 1st Vice President; Jack Colby, 2nd Vice President Chris Brostuen, 3rd Vice President Lois Reiersen, 2-year directors - Sandy Hampton and Roni Gravgaard; 1-year directors - Joan Amundson and Randa Eldred; Tail Twisters - Don Wahus and Loren Haugen; Lion Tamers - Lee Gunlikson



Back row, left to right: Loren Haugen, Jack Colby, Don Wahus and Lee Gunlikson. Front row, left to right: Kathy Molland, Becky Rhodes, Lois Reiersen, Roni Gravgaard, Sandy Hampton and Joan Amundson.

and Stevie Broe; Membership chairman Lee Gunlikson; treasurer in training Kathy Molland, taking

over from Chris Brostuen; and Co-secretarys - Lois Reiersen and Joan Amundson.

5 NW celebrates new club charter night in South Heart



South Heart Charter Officers are installed from left: Lion Dickie Jo Kubas, Secretary, Lion Karla Robb, Treasurer, Lion Cody Northrup, 1st Vice President, Lion Lori Wagner, 2nd Vice President, Lion Kirby Robb, Membership Chair, Lion Barb Meduna, Lion Tamer, Lion Riley Mattson, President.



A full house of supporting Lions Clubs attended the South Heart Lions Charter Celebration. Lions from Dickinson, Bowman, New England, Williston, Mandan and New Salem enjoyed a fun filled evening. Much tail twisting left pockets empty!



South Heart Charter is presented to club president Riley Mattson by District Governor Kevin Vannett at their Charter Night Celebration on June 26, 2010.



South Heart club president Riley Mattson accepts DG Kevin's personal gift.



South Heart Lions Dickie Jo Kubas and Barb Meduna welcomed everyone!