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Every pair makes a difference

Lions Club sends glasses to developing countries

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In a developing country, a pair of eyeglasses can cost the equivalent of a full year's wages for an entire family, and when choosing between food and clothing or a family member's eyesight, food and clothing wins every time, Terry Narum said.

Narum has spearheaded an eyeglasses recycling program through the Minot Lions Club going on 12 years. The club takes donated pairs of used eyeglasses and sends them to various countries with optometrists going on mission trips.

The idea for the program began when Jill Martinson, a Minot optometrist, spoke at a Lions Club meeting about mission trips she had gone on. Martinson spent a lot of time getting glasses ready for the trips. The club decided to help out by collecting donations and getting glasses ready.

"The first year, we had an eyeglasses drive at Dakota Square. The second year, we enlisted the help of churches and schools, and we ended up with four tables that were just mounded, plus an extra pickup load," Narum said.

"Since then, it's kept growing, and we take donations all year long," he added.

The club has since sent about 675,000 pairs of glasses around the world, and has sent glasses to every



The Minot Lions Club uses Cross Country Courier to ship boxes of glasses to optometrists going on mission trips. The group gathered July 20 to send a shipment of close to 10,000 pair of glasses to an optometrist in Minneapolis. The optometrist took the glasses to Vietnam. Pictured, from left, are Deb Michels, Minot Lions member; Terry Fix, terminal supervisor for Cross Country; Warren Gamas, president, Minot Lions Club; and Terry Narum, Minot Lions member.

continent but Australia and Antarctica.

To get the glasses ready for the trips, the club sorts them, hand washes and dries them, and puts them through a machine that reads the glasses to determine what prescription they are. The glasses are then sent to the optometrist that will be going on the trip.

While Narum had always been involved in the process of collecting and getting the donations ready, he had never been on a mission trip. As he plans to wind down his involvement, he decided it was time to go on one of the mission trips.

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"I figured now was the time to get that once-in-a-lifetime trip in," Narum said. "Most mission trips will send us a synopsis and pictures, you look at that and think about it for maybe a few weeks and you go back to your same routine. When I went on a trip, I had a lot of time to think. It was a moving experience."

Mission

Narum traveled to Brazil with Dan Long of Mandan and other volunteers from the Bismarck Baptist Church in early July. The team worked with the Chain of Love orphanage in Brazil to distribute glasses.

The Chain of Love orphanage has a unique relationship with social services in Brazil, Narum explained, and often take the worst of the worst cases. The orphans are raised within family units side by side with the biological children of the families, and are treated as equals.

Narum spoke about being affected and inspired by the kids at the orphanage, and by those he saw at the clinics.

"The kids are a big part of it. Your heart goes out to them, you can see the pain in their face and how long it's been since things went right for them," Narum said.

At the clinics, security was a concern, especially due to the value of the glasses. Chain of Love had to negotiate with drug lords in the area for permission to hold the clinics; and because of their reputation for helping out the community, they were allowed permission. Huge crowds came out to the

clinics for a chance of getting a pair of glasses.

"At the last clinic that we did, the police helped with crowd control. The line went on both sides of the school building, five to six people deep, and that school was large enough to cover a city block," Narum said.

Narum was impressed by Long's ability to see so many patients in such a short time, and the endurance he showed in continuing to work for up to four hours at a time without a break. Long's exams involved greeting the patient, checking for eye disease, determining the type of correction needed and writing a prescription. Long completed his exams within two minutes in order to get to as many patients as possible.

Though the clinics moved quickly and saw hundreds of patients, Narum said it was still hard to see that not everyone could be helped.

"It's pretty tough to walk away from somebody and say, we have no help for you today, if we didn't have the prescription they needed," Narum said. "As far as unusual prescriptions are concerned, the more glasses we take, the more chance we have of finding somebody who needs them."

Over the time they were in Brazil, Dr. Long and his team worked at five clinics.

Narum said that over the course of a year, the Minot Lions Club will ship three to 12 shipments of glasses to different optometrists going on mission trips. He continues to encourage eyeglass donations.

"A lot of people have an old pair of glasses they've got lying around, maybe in a drawer somewhere," Narum said. "You can donate that pair of glasses and we can get them to somebody who needs them."

Attention club presidents

Within a month you will be receiving a copy of the proposed by-laws and articles of incorporation changes for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

Because of its length, the document will not be published in the N.D. Lion. Instead, the documents will be mailed to every club president in the state. Be sure to bring this to the floor at one of your meetings – especially the voting delegates at the upcoming state convention (Oct. 29-30 in Grand Forks).

A lot of these changes come about because of the redistricting. Some others are for general housecleaning.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Applications sought

Your Lions Foundation Board is seeking applications for the position of executive director. A stipend will be paid (negotiable), and also expenses according to the LCI Rules of Audit.

For an application form and more information, contact the Foundation Board President, Lion Tim Thueson, at 3211 N. 19th Street, Bismarck, ND 58503.

Applications must be received by Aug. 31.

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Financial and operating statement 7/1/09 to 6/30/10

Union State Bank Administration Account
Checking account balance 7/01-09

Income

Newspaper assessments.....	\$12,504.00
District Governor payments	\$1,800.00
Sustaining memberships.....	\$1,860
Bronze clubs.....	\$3,447.00
Silver clubs	\$1,050.00
Gold clubs.....	\$3,021.00
Diamond clubs	\$1,500.00
Life memberships.....	\$600.00
Other donations	\$237.00
Memorials	\$770.00
Interest Income Checking	\$78.54
Interest Income CD's.....	\$4,192.18
.....	\$31,059.72

Designated funds

Ocular Research Center	\$300.00
Lilli Mann Fund.....	\$100.00
Vision USA	\$250.00
.....	\$650.00
.....	\$38,397.50

Expenditures

BHG, Inc.,	\$12,756.15
Auditing	\$750.00
Banners and pins.....	\$432.00
Board meeting expenses	\$1,004.70
Filing fees.....	\$10.00
Postage	\$194.13
Printing	\$462.95
Supplies	\$4.85
Travel.....	\$48.00
Telephone.....	\$20.00
Transferred to grant account.....	\$10,409.68
Transferred to savings (Corpus).....	\$3,158.75
.....	\$29,251.21

Designated funds distributed

Ocular Research Center	\$300.00
Lilli Mann Fund.....	\$100.00
Vision USA	\$250.00
.....	\$650.00
.....	\$29,901.21

Administration Account Balance 6/30/2010 \$8,496.29

Summary of Accounts 6/30/2010

Administrative Union State Bank\$8,496.29

Corpus account

Dakota Community Bank CD	\$101,573.81
Western Cooperative Credit Union CD	\$16,500.00
Savings	\$323.21
.....	\$118,397.02

Grantable Funds Dakota West Credit Union

Balance 7/01/09 \$9,527.97 |

Transferred from checking (CD interest \$4,192.18)

\$10,409.68

Interest income \$23.55 |

\$19,961.20

Grant approved and paid – Leeds club \$554.24 |

Grantable funds available 6/30/10 \$19,406.96 |

State convention updates

The State Convention Executive Committee has approved a couple of changes in the format of the 2010 Program. First, we decided not to cram so many sessions into such a short period of time. Evaluations from the past indicate a desire for more time to feel relaxed and not have to be in such a hurry to get from one place to another.

This year we will have four Saturday morning education sessions from 10:30 a.m., to 11:30 a.m., Following the luncheon, we will offer four more sessions. Half of the classes will be on Leadership in Lionism and half will be on vision services. We think you will enjoy the sessions and the change in format.

A “Meals Only” plan will be available for guests of any registered Lion. The breakfast buffet will be \$15; the luncheon will be \$20; and, the banquet will be \$25. The meals registration should be ordered and paid for as soon as possible in order to insure a reasonable estimate of attendance for the facility. Oct. 19th is the deadline.

Rookie Lions are able to register for the entire convention for a mere \$55. Up until Sept. 30th, all other Lions will pay the \$75 fee. After Oct. 1, the rate will go up to \$95 per person.

Just a reminder:

A reminder to Lions and non-Lions attending the State Convention in Grand Forks to consider taking advantage of the tours being offered to the School for the Blind and the Ocular Research Center.

Remember:

ND Lion DEADLINE is the
7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

At the International Convention in Sydney, Australia last month, I had an opportunity to meet incoming district governors from around the world. It was great to be in the company of people who were so enthusiastic about the opportunity to be leaders in their districts. I was inspired by these Lions and proud to be one of them. In fact, I consider the honor of being elected as district governor to be one of the most significant opportunities I have had in my life to make a difference in this world.

While it is exciting to be involved in this leadership opportunity, the job of being a district governor during this time in the history of the United States is daunting. One reason for this is the growing apathy among the general public about getting involved in community service organizations. What was once viewed as an essential responsibility of citizenship is now regarded as just another thing that conflicts with jobs, families, and personal interests. The biggest challenge: How do you get people to recognize that successful community-building begins with a commitment of the citizens to be engaged in activities that benefit the general welfare of all?

In communities across North Dakota that are struggling to stay viable, the presence of a Lions Club can make all the difference in giving the local residents hope that the way of life they value will continue. It is my hope that every Lions Club in District SNE will recognize that its presence is essential and that its work must continue. With an increased emphasis on service to the community, country, and world, Lions Clubs can be beacons of hope to the less fortunate and lifelines of vitality for individuals seeking meaning in their lives.

As we focus on membership recruitment and retention, let us keep this in the forefront. It is my hope that all Lions in District SNE and state of North Dakota will find renewed determination to "Speak Up for Service through Lionism!" Let us provide the voices, hands, and hearts for those who cannot speak, act, or care for themselves.



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STATE NEWS Register Now for State Convention

The 2010 State Lions Convention is scheduled for October 29-30, 2010 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. If you register before October 1st, the registration fee (that includes three meals and the ice-breaker on Friday night) is \$75. If you became a Lion after November 1, 2009, and this is your first state convention, the rate is \$55. If you have any questions about registering, please contact Del Hager, convention committee co-chair at del714@hotmail.com

The convention planning committee met on August 3, 2010 in Grand Forks at the School for the Blind to approve the final schedule and arrangements for the two-day event. This information will be published in the September *ND Lion*. Some of the convention highlights include:

- District Cabinet meeting on Friday morning at Alerus Center
- Lions Eye Bank of ND, ND Lions Foundation, and Past District

Governors Association Meetings on Friday afternoon at Alerus Center

- "Roarin' Campfire on the Red" Theme for the Icebreaker on Friday evening at Alerus Center

- District Meetings on Saturday Morning at Alerus Center

- Tours of the ND School for the Blind and the UND Ocular Research Center

- Introduction and Demonstration of a New Youth Club Service Project "Speak Up for Service!"

- ND Lions State Meeting Saturday afternoon

- Melvin Jones Fellow and State Awards Reception Saturday afternoon

- Service of Remembrance for Deceased Lions prior to banquet

- Lions Chorus to practice Friday afternoon and perform at the banquet Saturday evening

- International Director Lion Gary D'Orazio of Idaho will be the banquet speaker. ID D'Orazio also will lead a plenary session earlier in the day entitled: "Facts and The 3 R's in Lionism."

Convention to Feature Melvin Jones & Awards Reception

All ND Lions and non-Lions who received a Melvin Jones Fellow Award since November 1, 2009 will be recognized at a special reception from 4:45-5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the 2010 state convention.

In addition, any club wishing to have ID Gary D'Orazio present a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to one of its members during this reception should contact the District Governor to reserve a place in the awards ceremony. Other state awards may also be presented at this time. The program for the reception will be finalized Friday, October 22 so get your information in ahead of this date! If you have questions, contact the District Governor.

Deceased Lions to be remembered at Memorial Service

SNE DG Robert Littlefield and SNW DG Bev Charles will honor Lions who have died since the 2009 State Lions convention at a memorial service from 6:00-6:30 p.m. on Saturday prior

to the banquet.

A listing of deceased Lions is being created from official LCI records for use in this service. However, to be sure we are not forgetting anyone, club leaders should send the name(s) of any deceased Lions from their club and a photograph (electronic file preferred) to the District Governor at the following Email address: r.littlefield@ndsu.edu.

Names and photos must be submitted by October 22nd to be included in the program for the memorial service.

Other Lions State News

As District Governor, I participated in the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota and Lions Foundation of North Dakota board meetings held in Bismarck on Saturday, July 31. Other SNE Eye Bank officers and board members at the first meeting of the year were: Lion Rick Swenson (New Rockford), Lion Tracy Wicken (GF South Forks), and PDG Craig Wollenburg (Rugby). Other SNE officers and board members at the Foundation meeting were: PDG John Dobbs (Fargo), PCC Duane Zwinger (Carrington), IPDG James Ruff (Lehr), and board designee PDG Gerald Sletmoe (Sheldon).

Our board responsibility involves monitoring financial reports and activities of the two organizations. We also review policies and consider proposals to further the purposes of Lions Clubs International in North Dakota. Listed below are updates from these meetings for your information.

Lions Eye Bank of ND Update

The meeting was chaired by PDG Chuck Whitney (Bowman). Eye Bank executive director Lion Karen Thomas and Jim Leimkuhler, CFO with Tissue Banks International provided input on the current state of affairs. I was pleased to learn that the financial position of the Lions Eye Bank is sound and the board is considering the adoption of an investment policy to increase potential revenues.

The executive director reported that in fiscal year 2009, there were 132 donors, 263 donated eyes/corneas recovered, and 200 transplants (78%).

While the number of referrals is holding steady, one difficulty has been the time needed to persuade family members to donate the corneas or eye tissue of a deceased family member. Often, a person indicates that s/he wants to be a donor, but when the potential donor dies, a family member stops the process for emotional or personal reasons. *To help the Eye Bank to be as successful as possible in recovering corneas and eye tissue, Lions who wish to be donors are encouraged to tell their family members about their decision to donate* so potential donors are not lost due to taking too much time to negotiate the donation.

Another problem facing the Eye Bank is having enough Lions willing to transport corneas and eye tissue to the Eye Bank facility. Parts of ND where drivers are needed include the Grand Forks and Jamestown areas. *Any Lion willing to be on a list of transporters for the Eye Bank should contact the District Governor or Karen Thomas of the Eye Bank (701-250-0805).*

On a fundraising note, in October, executive director Karen Thomas will run in the Baltimore Marathon. She is a member of Tissue Banks International's Mobility and Vision Team. District SNE clubs or individual Lion members wishing to make a donation to support in the Run for Vision should send their checks to Karen Thomas at 100 4th St South, Fargo, ND 58102. She is trying to reach \$5,000 in pledges/donations. Checks should be payable to Lions Eye Bank of ND Run for Vision. Let's show Karen that she has the support of Lions in District SNE!

Lions Foundation of ND Endorses Exciting New Project

Prior to the start of the quarterly Lions Foundation Board meeting, an exciting new project was introduced and explained by a persuasive team including Lion Tracy Wicken (South Forks), ND Vision Services/School for the Blind, Amy Brunner, ND Vision Services/School for the Blind, Helen Baumgartner, ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Lions Herman Shafer and Kevin Vannett,

both of the Mandan Lions Club. Lion Allan Peterson (Horace), ND Association for the Blind, also assisted with the development of the project.

The Vision Magnifier Program has as its mission to provide visually impaired individuals the benefit of the latest technology for low vision and blindness and the beginning of a new lease on life.

The program works like this: Clubs or individuals raise funds to purchase up to 120 new and/or used video magnifiers to be leased to sight impaired individuals in North Dakota and distributed by representatives from ND Vision Services and the ND Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

The users pay an initial deposit of \$50/machine and a monthly rental fee. The Lions Foundation will partner with these agencies and serve as a charitable organization into which funds to purchase the equipment could be donated. With a 40% discount, a new machine costs \$1857. Used refurbished machines less than 3 years old cost \$800.

The goal of the project is to raise new funds through club and individual donations to begin acquiring the equipment. When sufficient funds have been raised through club, individual, or local foundation, a larger matching grant application will be submitted by the District Governors of SNE and SNC on behalf of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota to the Lions Clubs International Foundation special projects fund. This project will be submitted as a Beacon of Hope Project in the 2010-2011 Lions Recognition Program.

In conjunction with the 2010-2011 international theme—A Beacon of Hope—I encourage every club in District SNE to consider conducting a special event/service project this year to raise funds for this worthwhile project. It would be great if District SNE could provide the funding for one-half of the 120 machines that will be purchased (60 machines = one per club) during the current year. Let's set high goals and use this project as a way

to motivate our Lion members to serve!

DISTRICT NEWS

District 5NE has Successful Day of Leadership Activities

On July 24, the District SNE Cabinet and leadership team met at Jamestown College for a great day of training, team meetings, and the first cabinet meeting. Thirty-one Lions attended the day's events, leaving Jamestown enthusiastic about the upcoming year. Some highlights of the day included the following:

- Region and Zone Chairperson Training
- Introduction of the Team Approach to Leadership
- Team Meetings for all District Committees
- Interaction with Youth Exchange students from Poland and North Dakota
- Presentation of "A Beacon of Hope" Video from LCI International Convention

• First District Cabinet Meeting
Cabinet Secretary Blake Strehlow and Cabinet Treasurer Sue Anderson are preparing the minutes and budget materials that will be uploaded to the district website and emailed to the cabinet and leadership team on August 15.

Major items of business included the following items:

- The results from the vote that took place last spring approving the proposed by-laws for the new District SNE were accepted and ratified. Copies of the constitution and by-laws were distributed to all cabinet members and are now available on the district's website (www.lionsof5ne.org).
- The district budget for 2010-2011 was approved. The original balanced budget was based upon \$6/member district dues. However, with the reserves coming from the former District SNE and District SNC, the cabinet added funding to support increased activities at the zone and region levels. There was some discussion about the need to review this year the dues structure for 2011-2012 to be sure that dues revenue is adequate to meet the future needs of

the district.

• The 2010 Convention Committee Chairpersons were identified, as listed below:

Resolutions – PDG Katherine Tweed
Elections/Nominating – PDG John Dobbs, IPDG James Ruff, & IPDG Wayne Westlund

Constitution & By-Laws – 2nd VDG Mel Olson

Credentials – DG Robert Littlefield, Blake Strehlow, Katrina Wendel, & Betty Triplett

Rules – Craig Wollenburg
International Convention & Protocol – 1st VDG Steve Johnson & PCC Duane Zwinger

Memorandum of Understanding – VDGs Johnson & Olson

Sergeant at Arms – PDG Al Kahlbaugh

• A draft of the Proposed Standard Operating Procedures for District NE was presented for review. This document provides information about how the district operates on a day-to-day basis and provides useful information for those unfamiliar with Lions activities at the district level. The SOP will be voted on at the October cabinet meeting.

State Directories Available

Two copies of the 2010-2011 ND Lions Directory were mailed to every club secretary in July. One of these is for the secretary and the other should be given to the club president. Officers should check contact information and if it is not correct, contact Cabinet Secretary Blake at forent@ideaone.net so that changes can be made in the records.

Planning for Fall Region Rallies Underway

My wife, Kathy and I are excited to meet Lions from across the district at the region rallies being scheduled throughout August and early September. Region Chairpersons are working with Zone Chairs to finalize the dates for their region rallies with DG Lion Robert. As soon as dates are set, club leaders will be contacted and encouraged to attend. This will be more social than business, so let's get together for some fun and Lion

fellowship!

Clubs Encouraged to

Engage Youth in August!

The Youth Team is encouraging clubs in District SNE to engage youth in August and September by developing programs young people can relate to, and by encouraging their input and participation in the planning process. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project helps them learn valuable life skills while emphasizing the role of service. For more information contact the LCI website and search "Engaging Our Youth" Global Service Action Campaign. You can also contact our Youth Team Leader Katrina Wendel at kwendel@nd.gov.

District Awards Team Sets Deadlines for Peace Poster Contest and Essay Contest

As part of the emphasis on youth, clubs should work with their local school leaders to introduce the Peace Poster Contest and the Essay Contest for children in their schools. The topic for the Peace Poster Contest is "Vision of Peace" and the topic for the Essay Contest is "Power of Peace."

The Peace Poster Contest is an established program and kits may be ordered through LCI or by contacting the district's Peace Poster Chair Cliff Vining (see state directory). The Essay Contest was introduced this year by Intl President Sid Scruggs, III. Contest rules are available online through LCI. This contest is specifically for vision-impaired students who write up to a 500-word essay on the theme.

The club deadline for submitting entries to the District Peace Poster Contest and Essay Contest is Wednesday, October 20. Winning local posters must be received by 5NE Awards Team Leader, Mary Ann Zwinger, 590 Main St, Carrington, ND 58421, by October 26. (701-652-1752, 701-650-8476, or dzwinger@daktel.com). The winning posters from each region will be on display at the State Convention in Grand Forks on October 29-30 and the winning posters chosen by convention attendees.

State Lions Convention

Grand Forks

October
29 & 30, 2010



Lodging:

Canad Inn

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.
\$115 per night
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

Dear Fellow Lions,

I hope you are thoroughly enjoying what is left of our summer here in North Dakota. It sure has flown by at super sonic speed for Lion Dave and me. This past Monday, I had to cancel attending the Noonan Lions Picnic. Thank You Noonan Lions for being so understanding! Saturday I broke my fourth toe on my left foot. It is unbelievable how much pain and distraction one little toe can cause! But then it did get me to start thinking about the value of little things in general. I know I certainly take a lot of things for granted that I really need to appreciate as blessings.

On a personal note, Lion Dave and I were blessed with a little grandson, Brogan Eric, Monday, July 19th. Our daughter Annie and son-in-law Brennon are a little sleep deprived but their joy far eclipses any loss of sleep. We took our grandsons, Warren (6) and Luke (4) to the annual New Salem Lions Breakfast under the Cow, July 17th. It was Luke's 4th birthday and he thought it was a great birthday present, as did his brother Warren. More than once, they exclaimed that the parade was better than Trick-or-Treating! They (we) are already in the planning stages of attending next year's event, which according to the New Salem website, is always the third Saturday in July. This week went to the Mandan Dacotah Lions Burgers in the Park. They make an excellent burger as well as brats. They really know how to do the little things right in that they even provide sautéed onions. They will be in Dykshoorn Park every Tuesday through Aug. 17th. Different musicians start playing at 7:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

If you get a chance, visit with Lions Arlen or Sherry Fetch about their experiences at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute this last July. This year, PDG Lion Marian Johnson was an instructor at the institute and PID Lion Bruce Schwartz is on their board of directors. Lions Duane and Gail Schatz, 1st VDG Pat Vannett, Dave Charles and I all attended last year. It is a very wonderful, worthwhile program.



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I would like to see more Lions taking advantage of this great opportunity. It is a great win-win situation where you will benefit yourself, your club and our district.

Thank you SNW Cabinet members for a terrific meeting day. It is great to be teammates with such an enthusiastic fun-loving group of Lions. You certainly have a willing, can-do attitude that is very contagious. I am so encouraged by all of your wonderful ideas and work ethic. We are certainly off to a good start for fun, relevant service to our communities, district and beyond. If you want to know more about what is going on in SNW go to www.Snwlions.org www.Snwlions.org.

PCC Brian Tinker is continually updating and tweaking the site.

Thank you IPDG Kevin Vannett and 1st VDG Pat Vannett for presenting me with my gavel. On a sad note, we wish 2nd VDG Gary Arman the best as he steps down from our SNW cabinet. We appreciate all that you have done to serve our new district and look forward to serving with you again. In

the meantime the SNW cabinet has endorsed and Lion Lewellyn Rustan, from the New England Lions has agreed to step up to the 2nd VDG position. Thank you Lion Lewellyn. Also, thank you Jed Geer from the Bismarck North Star Lions for taking on the Campus Chair position. If anyone else would like to join our team effort please let me know.

Attention club secretaries:

You should have received your club's assessment this past week. We appreciate all of the clubs who have already paid their bill. If you have any questions on this or anything else for that matter, please e-mail me or give me a call. At times, working on the computer can be frustrating, but if you can just stick with it, it does pay off over time. I just read somewhere this week that the most universal trait of successful people is perseverance. We North Dakotans certainly know about perseverance!

Also, you should have received a mailing from IPDG Kevin Vannett concerning youth projects in general and the Peace Poster contest in particular. I am looking forward to seeing all of the winning entries at the State Convention this October and choosing the SNW District Peace Poster Contest Winner, which will go on to the MD5 level of competition. We just received word from MD5 CC Tom Grimmond that Luhan "Tracy" Zhou from the Sioux Falls Downtown Lion's Leo Club has been awarded the prestigious Lions Clubs International Leo of the Year Award. This is the sixth time a winner has come from MD5! Wouldn't it be awesome if a young North Dakota artist was chosen to attend the United Nations and the LCI Convention for their winning Peace Poster entry!

I want to thank the Bowman Lions Club for their generous gift to me of \$50 towards a LCIF Melvin Jones Fellowship. It was very thoughtful and kind of you. Lion Dave and our grandsons enjoyed your gift to Lion

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Dave as well, but I do not want to wreck any future guest's surprise so I will leave it at that.

I am sure I am forgetting something but I cannot think of what it is, so until next month, keep checking our 5NW District website for things like the minutes to our cabinet meeting, the proposed 5NW Constitution and By-Laws, upcoming events, etc. If you have any ideas or questions for the website I am sure PCC Brian can help you out.

It is not too late to plan to go to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Form in Milwaukee, Wisc., Sept. 23-25, or the North Dakota State Lions Convention in Grand Forks Oct. 29-30.



IPDG Kevin Vannett presenting DG Bev Charles with her DG Gavel.



IPDG Kevin Vannett presenting 1st VDG Pat Vannett with the 2009 - 2010 5NW Lion of the Year Award.

Harvey team wins 2010 Golfarama

ND Lions Eye Bank big winner, too

Seven teams battled rain, high winds, lightning and even a few rays of sun during the 16th Annual Golfarama Fundraiser for the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, at the Harvey Country Club in Harvey July 17.

Winners of this year's event was the MidDakota Lumber team of Clinton Selzler, Steve and Mike Mitzel and Lucas Hysjulien. Second place went to the Harvey Eagles Club team, and third place went to the Harvey Lions Club.

Clubs contributing to the Lions Eye Bank fundraiser were the Washburn Lions, Harvey Lions and several teams from the Harvey area. There were prizes for longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Steve Aljets of Harvey won the shootout contest with a shot of 29 feet from the pin.

Thanks to the 12 banks and businesses that sponsored holes and teams and the generosity of several businesses, we were able to raise nearly \$1,200.

\$100 hole sponsors were: First State Bank, Harvey, First International Bank and Trust, Harvey, Pete's Tractor Salvage, Anamoose, St. Aloisius Medical Center, Harvey, National Bank of Harvey/Harvey Insurance Agency, Harvey, The Pizza Ranch, Harvey, Choice Financial Group, Goodrich, Harvey Eagles Club, Harvey, Harvey Farmers Elevator, Harvey, Tom's Home Furnishings, Harvey, Dakota Computer Pros, Harvey, Washburn Lions Club

Other donations were: ND Lions Eye Bank, Bismarck, golf balls, Central Distributing, Carrington, bottled water, Schwans Wholesale, Devils Lake, 12-packs of Miller Lite, Scheel's Sporting Goods, Minot, \$25 gift card, Scheel's Sporting Goods, Bismarck, \$25 gift card, Eye Clinic of North Dakota, Bismarck, four golf shirts, Applebee's of Bismarck, \$10 gift certificate, Harvey Lions Club, folding chair and caps.



Medina High School Gym
Friday, October 15
7 p.m.

Advance Tickets \$10.00
At-The-Door \$12.50
Kids 4 and Under Free

This is a Medina Lions Club fundraiser for Medina rescue truck and Lions activities

The Medina Lions invites fellow Lions Clubs to help with this fundraiser by purchasing tickets for this event. Also, here is your chance to advertise your business or club by sponsoring a game quarter with a donation of \$50 and/or sponsoring a player with a \$100 donation.

Contact Lion Chris Wingire at (701) 752-4482 or e-mail cwingire@daktel.com for details.

Jamestown



Picnic held

The Jamestown Lions held their annual summer picnic July 28. The picnic was at the site of Lions Fran Romsdal's cabin on the Jamestown Reservoir. Pictured above are all those who were in attendance.

South Forks



Wicken installed

Tracy Wicken, left, was installed as the first woman president of the South Forks Lions. Handing over the gavel is last year's president, Brad Westrum. Brad had a great year with 11 new members joining, and outstanding projects such as the Lions Basketball Shootout and Christmas in the Park. Wicken also was awarded the Outstanding Member Award for last year as the club's membership chairman.

Zone 3-B



Leadership gathers

Pictured above is the leadership team of Zone 3-B of Region 3 of District 5NE. They all came together to talk about zone plans for the year at the Jamestown Lions' picnic June 28. Pictured, from left, are Fran Romsdahl, Jamestown Lions (Zone chairman), Michael Vettel, Jamestown Lions (club president), Jason Holstad, Jamestown Buffalo City Lion (club president) Duane Zwinger, Carrington Lions (Region chairman) and Chris Wingire, Medina Lions (club president).

Lake Metigoshe



PDG Craig Wollenburg installed the officers who were present. Pictured, front, from left, Lions Mona Johnson, secretary, and Terry Espe, first vice president. Back, PDG Craig, Lions Cedric Jacobson, treasurer; Gale Feland, president; Jim Dahle, membership chair, and Les Halvorson, second vice president.



PDG Craig Wollenburg and newly installed President Lion Gale Feland.



PDG Craig Wollenburg presented the 100% Attendance Awards to, from left, Lions Mona Johnson - 15 years, Jim Dahle- 2 years, Gale Feland - 1 year, and PDG Craig.



The Lake Metigoshe Lions held an installation of officers night June 14. Guests included PDG Craig Wollenburg, DG James Ruff and wife, Lion Donna. Pictured are DG James and his wife, Lion Donna.



LaMoure Lions Club Golf Outing

August 21, 2010

Memorial Park Country Club • Grand Rapids, ND

18 Hole, 4-Person Scramble Open To The Public

Register 9:30 – 10:15, Shotgun Start At 10:30

Costs: \$40 With Cart, \$30 Without Cart

Prizes, Skins, Mulligans

Traveling Trophy Goes To Club With Lowest Score.

Must Have At Least One Lions Member To Qualify

Food And Drinks Available For Purchase At The Course

*All Proceeds Go To The Great Plains
Assistance Dog Foundation In Jud, ND*

**For More Information Contact:
Memorial Park Country Club 701-883-4381
or Steve Mcmiller 701-709-0284**

5NW Lions asks clubs to invite local youth to serve their community

District 5NW Lions Clubs are asked to invite area youth to organize a project/event during the month of August. This call to local youth is part of the Engaging our Youth Service Campaign, a Lions global campaign taking place during the month of August during which club members will help to promote volunteerism and engage young people.

“Organizing a service project gives us a chance to help young people to develop skills while emphasizing the role of service and the power of youth involvement.

Youth Project Ideas

1. Organize a youth forum or town hall meeting to highlight topics that youth have identified as critical community issues.

2. Offer a back-to-school health or community fair in conjunction with a local school district. Work with local healthcare providers to offer free screenings at the health fair, including physical, dental and hearing exams, in addition to free immunizations.

3. Provide safety identification for children and youth with serious chronic illnesses (medical bracelets or necklaces, etc.).

4. Organize a book or board game drive for a community center, children's after-school center, hospital facility or school library.

5. Supply Braille and large print books for children who are blind or visually impaired.

6. Sponsor an activity day for individuals with developmental disabilities.

7. Prepare and send care packages to military personnel.

8. Remodel a children's center or school room: paint, repair and landscape.

9. Assemble and provide care packages for homeless shelters or other facilities.

10. Make baby supply kits for newborns in need.

11. Assist at camps serving children with special needs.

12. Refurbish used bicycles for children.

13. Organize a highway or park clean-up.

14. Provide safe soft teddy bear toys (no small, removable parts) to local emergency service professionals for presentation to children during an emergency.

15. Donate supplies for orphanages, foster children or other children and youth in need.

16. Collect and donate supplies to a local school.

17. Tutor at an after school program.

18. Paint a playground.

19. Volunteer at a senior citizen's home.

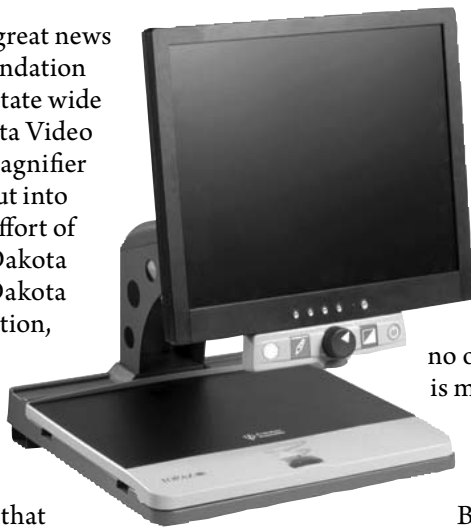
20. Clean and repair a community center.

So let's get our local Lions Club involved!

ND Lions Foundation video magnifier program

North Dakota Lions, we have great news to share with you. The Lions Foundation of North Dakota has approved a state wide Lions Foundation of North Dakota Video Magnifier Program. This video magnifier program has been immediately put into place. The project will be a joint effort of the North Dakota Lions, North Dakota Association of the Blind, North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and North Dakota Vision Services/School of the Blind. The committee will consist of 2 members from each Group.

The committee has spent much time in research and found that the immediate need in North Dakota is currently at about 120 machines. To achieve this need in the quickest and most efficient manner, the goal is to initially purchase 60 new video magnifiers and 60 used magnifiers. The project has negotiated a reduced cost to Lions of approximately \$1857.00 for a new machine and \$800.00 for a used one.



This is a great opportunity for your club to help someone in your community to have a better quality of life by helping to purchase a machine which will enable them to continue to use their limited sight. Plan now to start a new Sight Service project in your community such as a Lions Strides Walk and designate the funds raised for this project.

Helen Keller asked the Lions to help her bring light to others. We answered that call as no other organization could, and our light of service is more relevant today than ever before. I would now quote our International President “I want Lions to realize they are the ones that people look to for a promise of a better tomorrow. They are the Beacon of Hope.” The time is NOW!

Please be on the lookout for more information on this project or if you would like a presentation at your club, please contact us at the North Dakota Lions Foundation Video Magnifier Program PO Box 761 Mandan, ND 58554

There will also be a presentation and demonstration for all the lions at the State Convention Oct. 30 at Grand Forks.

District Governor training



5NE DG Robert Littlefield (second row, left end) and 5NW DG Bev Charles (second row, third from right end) participated in Group 20, comprised of DGEs from Canada, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana.



DG spouses at the celebration banquet, pictured, from left, Cindy Adrian, Freda Hill, Dave Charles, Audrey Reid and Kathy Littlefield.



DGs at the banquet celebrating the end of District Governor Training included, from left, Al Adrian, Robert Littlefield, Larry Burkhead, Bev Charles, Rob Hill and Doug Reid.

Logo for the Seminar.



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



Spouses, partners, and friends of MD5 carried red, white, and blue umbrellas at the parade. Pictured (left to right): Shannon Grimmond, Cindy Afrian, Audrey Reid, Freda Hill, and Kathy Littlefield.



Lions of the world at the staging area before the parade.



The MD-5 District Governor delegation takes time to pose for a photo in front of one of the tallest bridges in Australia. Pictured, from left, Freda Hill, Audrey Reid, Cindy Adrian, Kathy Littlefield and Bev Charles. Back, Rob Hill, Larry Burkhead, Doug Reid, Al Adrian, Robert Littlefield and Dave Charles.



A row of LCI yellow flags rimmed the harbor as delegates walked to and from the convention center. Pictured, from left, are Rob Hill, Doug Reid, Robert Littlefield, Bev Charles, and Al Adrian.

MD 5 Convention in Saskatoon



MD-5 award winners gather for photo. North Dakota winners include website Award-Fargo Lions (Michael Gallagher, sixth from left), Club of the Year Award - Mandan Lions (Keven and Pat Vannett, seventh and eighth from left), Scrapbook Award--Bowman Lions (Chris Voegelé, ninth from left).



Incoming District Governors, from left, include Robert Littlefield, Bev Charles, Al Adrian, Rob Hill, Larry Burkhead, and Doug Reid who celebrate with ID Debra Wasserman and husband Steven after the banquet at MD-5 convention.



After receiving their Red Jackets at the luncheon, incoming District Governors share the stage. Left to Right: Robert Littlefield, Doug Reid, Larry Burkhead, Rob Hill, Al Adrian, and Bev Charles.



Some of the travelers from North Dakota to the MD-5 Convention make visitation to Fillmore, Saskatoon and stop at the home of Marvin Chambers for an evening meal and break. Left to Right: Lions Kevin Vannett, name unavailable, Pat Vannett, Marvin Chambers, Robert Littlefield, Crystal Dueker and David Butler.



DG Katherine Tweed receives an achievement award in recognition of her dedicated service and commitment to the MD-5 Lions Youth Exchange Program.

Below, due to distance and other commitments, more than 20 members of the Fargo Lions Club who could not attend the convention in Saskatoon "posed" for a picture to put on a banner congratulating incoming District Governor Robert.



Come Enjoy the
***Garlic and
Grape Festival***



Saturday, September 18, 2010 • Minot Municipal Auditorium

420 – 3rd Ave. SW • Minot ND 58701

11 am – 5 pm

General Admission: \$5 • Children 12 and under Free

Wine Tasting: \$3

The Souris Valley Garlic & Grape Festival is a one-day event featuring food laced with garlic, wine tasting, crafts, and miscellaneous entertainment, carnival games for children and education.

Funds raised will be used for Lion's charitable activities.

Lion's Clubs in North Dakota are invited to participate in the Festival as a Food Vendor, Craft Vendor, Education Vendor, or Entertainment Vendor. Vendors are selected on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information or to request a vendor packet, contact one of the following:

Garlic Food and Wine Vendor Chair: Denise Norsby
701-728-6688 or dnorsby@srt.com

Craft Vendor Chair: Renee Best-Officer
701-857-7440 or 340-6954 rlbest@minot.com

Entertainment Vendor Chair: Nadine Holmly
701-852-4755 or njholmly@hotmail.com

Demonstration/Education Vendor Chair: Jim Johnson
701-839-6621 kjs0n46@yahoo.com

Festival Chair: Doreen Clock
701-838-3203 magigrama@live.com

Organized by Minot Lions, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Sawyer Lions, and the Garrison Lions.

For more information, contact Marita B Hoffart,
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