

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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## Incoming LCI president to attend MD5 convention

This is big news for Lions members planning to attend the MD5 Convention in Deadwood, S.D.

Council Chair Thomas Grimmond has announced that Dr. Wing-Kun Tam, incoming president of LCI, will be the featured speaker at the MD5 Convention June 9-11. This is just one month before becoming International President!

Wing-Kun Tam, of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), People's Republic of China, was elected first vice president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2, 2010.

Vice President Tam is the chairperson of a group of air transportation companies.

A member of the Mt. Cameron Lions Club since 1981, Vice President Tam has held many offices in the association, including Campaign SightFirst multinational coordinator and OSEAL recording secretary, District Governor-elect Seminar group leader, SightFirst China Action executive chairperson, 2005 International Convention Bidding Committee executive chairperson and honorary Host Committee chairperson. He has served on the international board for ten years and two years on the executive committee.

In addition to his Lion activities, Vice President Tam is active in many professional and community organizations. He is a member and/or chairperson of numerous boards and committees of the Hong Kong SAR Government. He has been the Hong Kong Convention Ambassador since



Dr. Wing-Kun Tam

1995. Prior to the establishment of the Hong Kong SAR, he served as a Hong Kong District Affairs Advisor.

Vice President Tam is the recipient of Her Majesty the Queen's Badge of Honor, the Most Excellent Order of

the British Empire and the Bronze Bauhinia Star from the Hong Kong SAR Government.

Vice President Tam is a Justice of the Peace in the Hong Kong SAR. He was appointed Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kenya in the Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR of the People's Republic of China as well as Commissioner for the Kenya Tourist Board – Far East.

In recognition of his service to the association, Vice President Tam has received numerous awards, including the 100% District Governor Award, 21 International President's Awards, the Campaign SightFirst National/Multi-National Coordinator Award, the International Lion of the Year Award (2003) and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and Campaign SightFirst Lead Gift Donor.

Vice President Tam and his late wife, Irene, have three children – Alvin, Tiffany and Andrew.

### *Special one day MD5 convention rate offered*

The MD5 Convention Committee is offering a one-day registration cost of \$50 for Lions who want to meet and hear Dr. Tam on Saturday, June 11 at the convention.

Lions who wish to take advantage of this one-day registration are requested to fill out the original registration form and check the two meal functions in the A La Carte section and mail it to convention officials as soon as possible.

"We are extremely pleased to host him and feel that it is a prime opportunity for area Lions to meet and hear Dr. Tam," said a convention spokesperson.

"We think there may be a number of Lions who are not planning to attend the full convention but may now desire to hear Dr. Tam."

# District 5 NE seeks host families

## Youth Exchange camp is July 3-9

Youth Exchange, officially adopted by Lions International in 1962, is a way for Lions and their clubs to "create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world."

Multiple District 5 has supported a Youth Exchange and Youth Exchange Camp to promote this aspect of Lionism. The camp travels from year to year to within the Multipledistrict (which consists of North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan, Canada). This year, the camp will be located at Wesley Acres Camp (North of Valley City). The name of the camp is "Exchanging Peace at Wesley Acres" and will be July 3-9.

We are in need of host families of international students for the exchange. The typical stay is four weeks, one month, which includes one week at the Youth Exchange Camp. The youth are flying into Hector International Airport in Fargo and the host family

would need to pick them up there.

The students will be coming in around June 25th or 26th, stay with the family for a week and then be dropped off at the youth camp at Wesley Acres. Camp registration begins at 4 p.m. on July 3rd and the camp will conclude by 11 a.m. on July 9th. The host family will pick them up and they will resume their stay with the family for another two weeks, departing around July 23rd or July 24th, also from Fargo.

The students are between the ages of 15-17. They all are required to speak English and are aware of the Multi District's strict policies which include no smoking and no drinking. They would live with the host family as a member of the family and be included in family activities.

The exchange is not to be considered a vacation, nor is it conducted for the purpose of a formal education, for employment or career advancement.

### FYI

More information is available at MD 5's (Lions Multi District 5) website which is: [www.md5lions.org/Youth-Exchange.html](http://www.md5lions.org/Youth-Exchange.html)

The host families do not have to be from a Lions Club, just recommended by someone from a Lions Club. Also, the host family does not necessarily need to have teenagers that are the same age; they can be host "Grandparents" for example or even a responsible college student.

The host family's contact information (name, address, phone number and e-mail) would be relayed to the youth and the youth's family who will in turn send an introduction letter and a picture, usually by e-mail.

If your club members would like to host a youth exchange, have someone they could refer as a host family, or have more questions, please contact Paul Van Ness, Youth Exchange chair, at 701-984-2374 and e-mail: [sirknight2004@hotmail.com](mailto:sirknight2004@hotmail.com) or Katrina Wendel, Youth Camp Coordinator, at cell phone: 701-330-0995 and e-mail is: [kwendel@nd.gov](mailto:kwendel@nd.gov) and an international youth will be connected with you.

Please remember that the Youth Exchange is an important part of our camp and it will not be possible without the support of Lions in our district. Consider opening your hearts and your homes to an international exchange student today.

## Jud work day May 7

By Joni Brandenburg  
Executive director

Dear friends of Great Plains Foundation;

Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation has scheduled its annual Volunteer Work Day for May 7th this spring. We will be beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday for a fun-filled day. The work we have in mind includes, roofing, painting, gardening, cleaning, walking the dogs and much more. There will be something to do for all ages. Lunch and beverages will be served throughout the day.

The Davenport Lions will be back to serve their famous Steak Fondue and homemade chips for supper. Remember that we have hook-ups for campers if anyone is interested in staying overnight! It is a good time to come together and share our mission. If anyone has questions about the event, or supplies needed, please call us toll free at 1-877-737-8364, or 701-685-2242.

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## **Sustaining memberships (\$10)**

Karen Koller, Wendy Cook, Roger Maier, Donald Schnering, Alvin Roesler, Emil Roesler, Eugene Roesler, Marlyn Roesler, Donna Ruff, James Ruff, Bonnie Wiskus, John Wiskus and Minnie Kranzler.

## **100 percent clubs (All members donating \$10)**

Lehr Lions

## **Bronze clubs (\$100 to \$300)**

Flasher Lions

## **Memorials**

Tony and Dolly Alef in memory of PDG Lyle Swor

Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of PDG Lyle Swor  
M. Blake Strehlow in memory of PDG Lyle Swor

## **Designated funds (Video Magnifier Program)**

South Forks Lions - \$1,857

Bismarck Lions - \$1,857

Jamestown Lions - \$100

Mandan Dakota Lions - \$1,857

Garrison Lions - \$1,600

Fargo Lions - \$1,857

Your Lions Foundation Board sincerely thanks all of you for these generous donations and thanks all of you for your continued support.

## **Honor a fellow Lion!**

Lions of North Dakota,

Have you thought of recognizing a Lions Member from your Lions Club as a Lifetime Member of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota? What a great way for your Lions Club to be involved in the Lions Foundation of North Dakota!

We encourage each Lions Club to name at least one member as a Lifetime Member of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

A lifetime membership costs \$300, or if you prefer, the club can make three consecutive annual payments of \$100. Please fill out the attached form and mail to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc. Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc.

Lifetime Membership \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

or 3 annual payments of \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lions being honored \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc.**

PO Box 273

Bowman, ND 58623

## **North Dakota Lions convention takes shape**

Josh Ressler  
*Convention co-chair*

Greetings Lions,

Plans are underway for the 2011 North Dakota Lions Convention. Have you signed up yet? After a great initial start, registrations have slowed. To help with our planning please send in your registrations sooner than later. We do have a block of rooms, but with all of the expected oil activity in Minot, you will want to reserve your room as soon as possible. A big thank you to the Sleep Inn and Suites for helping to host this event.

We have lots of great ideas for speakers and break-out sessions and hope to lock these down in the next month or so. One thing we would like to do is put together a Power Point of the history of Lions in N.D. Go through your club's history and send me any and all pictures of old Lions projects. If you wish to Scan them in and email them, send to [jressler@srt.com](mailto:jressler@srt.com). Or if you wish to mail them: attn: Josh Ressler, PO Box 837, Minot ND 58702. Please include a brief description of the project. All photos will be returned to your club if I get them by mail.

We can't wait to see you in the Magic City this fall!

# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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### A personal note about Lion Lyle Swor

Pardon me for what some might call a display of favoritism, but I lost a mentor and dear friend recently and I cannot help but begin my column this month with a tribute to PDG and ND Lions Hall of Fame member, Lion Lyle Swor, a 53-year member of the Fargo Lions Club who died February 17, 2011. He passed from us suddenly, without much warning to his family, friends, or his beloved Fargo Lions Club. Lion Lyle embodied every term you might use to describe commitment to values upon which Lionism is based: He was a loving individual always eager and willing to offer needed service to others. We also especially appreciated Lion Lyle because he was omnipresent and always on pitch! The January ND Lion included a picture with Lion Lyle delivering food and a check to the Food Pantry in Fargo right before Christmas. He also is featured in a YouTube video leading the singing at the Lions Christmas Party. You can see it by typing Lyle Swor in the [www.Youtube.com](http://www.Youtube.com) subject box [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJK5K2WuYeM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJK5K2WuYeM).

He was a frequent volunteer and promoter of everything Lions stand for. His list of Lion activities and accomplishments ushered him into the ND Lions Hall of Fame in 1991; and his dedicated service since then at club, zone, district, and state levels gives you a clue to his commitment. He is right up there among North Dakota's very best Knights of the Blind. Lyle was not just a "beacon of hope" for those in need; he also was all about "tending the lighthouse." That means he was the consummate motivator and he always knew when to give someone a pat on the back or offer his assistance to lighten the load.

In recent years, he wanted the Fargo Lions to get into the Guinness Book of World Records by having the largest number of carolers singing together outside during the Christmas season. We needed thousands, and we were never able to reach the goal he dreamed of. But we're confident that he will now get his wish. He's preparing the heavenly chorus of angels for our next Christmas season and as we sing "Joy to the World!" we'll hear his voice in our hearts and feel the presence of the multitudes—a record to last till we join him again.

Now reality sets in as it always does when we lose someone we love. We enter our Lion's meeting room on Mondays and he's not there . . . but his chair is there. We ask ourselves: Who will take his seat? Who will order our shirts and organize our Christmas caroling? Who will lead us in our Lion's Roar? Who will tend to our occasionally dimming beacons of hope when we need a pep talk, motivation, or encouragement?

Over the years, there have been many Lions who have

heeded the call to service. But for us who knew him, there will be only one Lion Lyle Swor. He is greatly missed; and his legacy will be our commitment to carry on, as he would, to be better than we thought we could be.

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Multiple District Convention to Honor PDG Duffy Eastburn from 5NE

The MD5 Convention is set for June 9-11 in Deadwood, SD. The convention brings to a close the 2010-2011 Lions year and ushers in the next class of District Governors. There is ND state meeting and several MD5 business meetings.

PDG Doris "Duffy" Eastburn of the Northwood Lions Club will receive the Senior Counselor Award for her decade of service to Lionism since serving as 5NE's first female district governor in 2000-2001. (See photo elsewhere in this newspaper). Other MD5 Awards also will be presented. PDGs planning to attend are invited wear their red jackets at the PDG Dinner. The final banquet will be a formal affair.

The convention is meeting at The Lodge (a Kevin Costner property) and the local hosts have done a great job of planning for a lot of fun to happen! You can call to make reservations 605-584-4800 but better do so soon!

### International Convention to bring Lions to Seattle in July

The Seattle Convention is set for July 4-8, 2011. Registration through March 31 is \$130/person. After April 1, registration goes to \$150. The Lion magazine provides details about the convention. MD5 will have a large delegation on site to help PCC Marvin Chambers with his campaign to become an international director.

There are so many exciting programs and opportunities to learn about what Lionism is like on an international level! The international parade is great fun and the different shows are fine entertainment for the entire family. When you register, you indicate your need for lodging and LCI places you in the convention hotel with other people from your multiple district. The convention won't be back in the United States for many years, so take advantage of Seattle for a memory you will never forget!

### Clubs asked to support 5NE fund for Marvin Chambers Campaign to become ID

District 5NE pledged \$1,000 to support the campaign of

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Marvin Chambers for the position of international director. To help the district pay its pledge, every club in District 5NE is asked to make a \$25 donation and send it to the cabinet secretary, Sue Anderson, 3406 1st Street North, Fargo, ND 58102.

## 5NE honor roll of donors to LCIF

As of this March 1, the following 21 clubs in District 5NE are counted as having contributed a total of \$12,396.52 to the Lions Clubs International Foundation since July 1, 2010: Carrington, Enderlin, Fargo, Fargo Gateway, Gackle, Grand Forks, GF Red River, GF South Forks, Horace, Jud, Larimore, Lehr, Leonard, Linton, Medina, New Rockford, Northwood, Rugby, Sheldon, Streeter, and Wishek. Great job and thank you!!

There are 37 clubs with an opportunity to join this group of donor clubs before July 1, 2011. Later this month, many towns and cities in our district may be in need of financial and emergency funds from LCIF. If clubs support only one foundation, this should be the one for Lions! Send your contributions directly to LCI or to your district governor.

## STATE NEWS

### History reminds us . . .

Recently, Lion Sarah Nathan, a doctoral candidate in philanthropy and member of the Fargo Lions Club, came across an excerpt from *The Dynamic World of Lions International*, a book written by Glenn D. Kittler celebrating the 50th anniversary of LCI. She thought I should share this section of the book with you because it helps to explain why Lions are working so hard to cooperate with emergency responders and the Red Cross. Kittler wrote:

"In another rural area, in North Dakota this time, members of two Lions Clubs had their own chance to carry out their Objects at the grass roots, in every sense. Early one August, a wind-and-hail storm ripped through a strip of North Dakota five miles wide and thirty miles long. In minutes, a bumper crop of small grains and corn was ruined and homes, farm buildings, and silos were wrecked. Stored grain covered farms like sand. The Presidents of the Edgeley and LaMoure Clubs called a joint meeting of their members to plan an aid program in the best Lions tradition. First there was the mess to clean up. Working in small groups of four to six, the Lions went out and helped the farmers rebuild their homes and barns. Then they gathered up the recoverable grain and pulled out the beaten wheat, the stripped cornstalks; they rounded up the animals that had strayed away. This done, they turned to the job of getting the farmers back on their feet financially.

Through appeals to the legislature, they were able to have the devastated strip declared a disaster area, opening the door to emergency credit. The two clubs then arranged a special meeting between the farmers and agents of state and federal organizations, who advised them on ways to obtain

various types of credit, without which most of the farmers would have gone bankrupt. They would have gone bankrupt, as well, in another way—an inner way—had it not been for the prompt, full-hearted personal support which the Lions rushed to them at this bleak hour. It must have been a crushing experience for these men to stand at a window and watch a storm pulverize a life's work, and no one could have blamed them if they had simply given up and gone away. But they stayed and they built new lives because a couple of dozen of their neighbors, men who wore Lions pins in their lapels, showed the spirit of dedicated brotherhood that gave them courage, gave them determination, gave them hope."

This excerpt gives strong reason why Lions should work with others who are also dedicated to providing assistance when disaster strikes.

## March is Red Cross Month

March is Red Cross Month and Lions Clubs are encouraged to support their local Red Cross chapters in Dickinson, Bismarck, Minot, Jamestown, Fargo, and Grand Forks. DG Bev Charles and I have endorsed a letter campaign to increase service and monetary contributions to the Red Cross. Clubs should have received these letters and are encouraged to make a donation to support the emergency and disaster assistance programs that surely will be in place as many communities throughout the state experience flooding and natural disasters this year.

Red Cross volunteers can be found in communities across the state. Lions Clubs can contact local volunteers and invite them to attend meetings and provide information about Red Cross activities in their areas. It is hoped that 100% of the clubs in the state will support and/or work with the Red Cross this year.

## Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota needs support

The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota is in need of support. First, the number of individuals donating their eyes and tissue to the LEBND is not up to what it should be in order to keep the operation fiscally solvent. While we should not panic, Lions should encourage people they know to consider donating their eyes upon death to help someone else have the joy of sight. Clubs are asked to make a financial contribution to the LEBND while expenses are offsetting income due to the declining eye and tissue donations.

There is also a need for drivers to transport donor eyes and tissue across the state. In some areas, there are no Lions on the driver list and this puts an added burden on those who must transport the eyes and tissues from the donor to the recipient waiting in one of the state's hospitals. Contact Karen Thomas, 701-250-9390 or [kthomas@tbionline.org](mailto:kthomas@tbionline.org) if you are willing to be a driver.

Finally, Lions in District 5NE that use Sanford as a health care provider should encourage their doctors and medical professionals to channel donations to the LEBND. At the present time, donors from North Dakota using Sanford

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PDG Doris "Duffy" Eastburn (Holding the Lion) with members of the Northwood Lions Club celebrating their club's 33rd charter night. PDG Eastburn will receive the Senior Counselor Award after 10 years of service since becoming the district's first female district governor in 2000-2001.

(formerly MeritCare) have little influence in where their eyes go; and all are currently going to the Minnesota Eye Bank.

For more information about how you can help with any of these areas of need, contact LEBND President, PDG Chuck Whitney, at 701-440-8835 or [carguy1949@hotmail.com](mailto:carguy1949@hotmail.com).

## **Vision Magnifier Program continues to grow**

Under the leadership of the VMP committee, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Vision Magnifier Program continues to grow. Applications are being received from across the state and as clubs make their donations, recipients are identified. At the present time, 19 Lions Clubs have contributed to the project in the following categories: 9 Gold Clubs - \$ 1,857; 2 Silver Clubs - \$1,250; 2 Bronze Clubs - \$800; 6 Contributing Clubs;

Total Lions Clubs Giving - \$22,139

There have also been personal donations for Video Magnifiers in the amount of \$9,985.92 for a grand total thus far of \$32,124.92. Thank you Lions of ND for supporting this great project!

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

### **Cabinet meeting set for March 26th at Jamestown College**

The 4th and final cabinet meeting for the 2010-2011 year is scheduled to take place in Nefus Hall at Jamestown College on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m., teams begin their meetings at 10 a.m., and the full cabinet meeting begins at 11 a.m. with a working lunch.

Teams will report on their third quarter activities and

final plans for the remaining quarter will be discussed. Cabinet members will be recognized for their service to the district. All Lions are invited to attend the cabinet meeting. For more information about details pertaining to the meeting, contact DG Robert or cabinet secretary Blake Strehlow at [forent@ideaone.com](mailto:forent@ideaone.com).

### **Local clubs should be electing officers for 2011-2012**

The election of the club officers for 2011-2012 should be underway in all clubs this month and completed by early April. This process should be completed for two important reasons. First, the officer names are needed so the club secretaries can notify LCI about next year's officers and file the PU101 forms. Club secretaries should go online as soon as possible and complete the PU101 officer forms.

Also, the new officers should be elected by April 20, 2011, so they can register for and attend the Region Officers' Training Sessions scheduled for April 27 (Regions 3, 4, & 7) and April 28 (Regions 1, 5, & 6).

### **New officer training scheduled April 27 or 28**

New officer training seminars are scheduled on April 27 and 28 to provide officer training to club presidents, secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs. The seminars will be held in each region to make it more convenient for new club officers to attend.

#### **The April 27 seminars are scheduled, as follows:**

Region 3 – Jamestown

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Region 4 – Northwood

Region 7 – Horace

**The April 28 seminars are scheduled, as follows:**

Region 1 – New Rockford

Region 5 – Wishek

Region 6 – Enderlin

The seminars will begin with a meal at 5:30 p.m., followed by breakout sessions for each office. The seminars will conclude by 8 p.m. Local arrangements will be mailed to the club officers in each region with location of the training event.

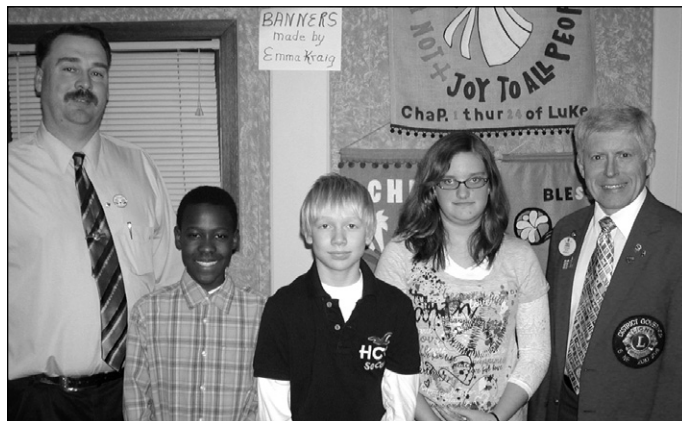
The cost for the training is \$30/club. This fee covers the meal and materials for the four officers and any other Lions who attend. Registration materials are included elsewhere in this issue of the ND Lion. For more information, contact 2VDG Mel at melolson@cableone.net.

## Make April new member month!

April is a great time to induct new members into your Lions Club. Because April is the month for Environmental Awareness Projects, clubs can plan a community service project and invite potential members to help. Once they see how much fun it is to be a Lion and feel how great it is to help others, they will be eager to join your club.

Our membership goal is 5% growth per club. That translates into the following: If your club has 1-20 members, add 1 new member; if your club has 21-40 members, add 2 new members; if your club is 41-60 members, add 3 new members; if you have 61-80 members, add 4 new members.

Remember, if you have any drops or members who die,



Leonard club president Derek Cruff and DG Robert present (L to R) Yanick Tade (1st place), Brock Benson (2nd place), and Mellissa Pratt (3rd place) with their peace poster contest awards. Leonard Lions have participated in the Peace Poster Contest since its inception 23 years ago.

add that to the number of new members you need to add. Let's all do our part to reach a 5% goal!

## Clubs encouraged to enter district contests

District Contest Chair, Lion Mary Ann Zwinger is calling for clubs to enter the District contests this year. Entry forms were mailed to club presidents in the fall for the following awards: Club of the Year, Newsletter, Scrapbook, Website, and Environmental Project.

Watch for more information in the April ND Lion. Don't let this opportunity to recognize your club and its activities pass you by. Contact Lion Mary Ann at dzwinger@daktel.com.

## Club News

### Enderlin



#### Melvin Jones

At the Enderlin Lions Club meeting on December 28th, a Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque and pin were awarded to long-time Lions member, Wilbur Schlecht. The presentation was made by Lion Gerald Sletmoe, a past District Lions Governor. Schlecht's wife, Susan, attached his pin to his Lions vest. Pictured, Lions Wilbur Schlecht with his Melvin Jones plaque. Beside him is Lion Gerald Sletmoe.

### Capital City

#### New Melvin Jones

Tudy Fennern, left, is pictured accepting her Melvin Jones Award from Capital City Lions member David Blackstead on January 20. Tudy was presented the Melvin Jones for her contributions to the Bismarck-Mandan community through her founding of The Banquet. For the past six years, The Banquet has served more than 86,000 free meals every Thursday night at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck. January 20th's meal was prepared and served by members of the St. Mary's High School Leo Lions Club.





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Dear Fellow Lions,

Believe it or not, or maybe I should rephrase that to ready or not, spring is coming soon! March certainly has roared in like a Lion this year. Let's hope and pray the sun will beam bright enough to melt the snow, but slow enough so none of us are faced with a major spring flood in any of our communities. It seems everyone is looking forward to the temperate weather of spring, as it has been quite challenging for most of us these last few months, as we dodged winter travel conditions and tried to stay warm. There has to be a special place in heaven for those of you who have continued to brave the elements and offer a warm welcome to your fellow Lions. It has certainly been awesome to experience Lion hospitality throughout SNW.

With the mention of spring come thoughts of the Spring Rally Leadership Conference. I hope you will seize the opportunity to meet up with old friends and also make new ones, as we have a very fun filled, educational, inspirational day planned at the Richardton/Taylor High School, 320 Raider Road, Richardton, North Dakota, Saturday, April 16, 2011. The Spring Rally is free to all SNW Lions, as each club has already paid for all of their Lions members to attend, in their semi-annual District assessments. Also, we encourage you to invite non-Lion spouses, as well as, anyone else who is interested in Lions, but is not yet a member.

NOTE: all times relating to the Spring Rally are denoted in Mountain Standard Time (MST). For example, the Spring Rally will begin with check-in and a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. MST (Mountain Standard Time). Central Standard Time is one hour ahead or 9 a.m. CST.

### Richardton Abbey Tours

Brother Michael Tasse has agreed to give us a guided tour of the Assumption Abbey, 418 3rd Avenue West, Richardton, ND, but we are limited to the number of people, so the tour will be available on a 'first come first served' basis. Please let Convention Chair Lion Dave Charles know if you want to go on the tour by indicating so on your registration form either by snail mail: Lion Dave Charles, 6301 Apple Creek Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504-3192 or preferably by e-mail at dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net. List your Lions Club, name, e-mail, phone number, and if you want to participate in the Abbey tour for each Lion and non-Lion attending.

Tour participants need to check in at the Richardton/Taylor High School, 320 Raider Road, Richardton, ND, beginning at 8 a.m. MST, and then proceed to the main entrance of the Assumption Abbey, 418 3rd Avenue West, Richardton, ND. The tour will begin at 8:30 a.m. MST.

The Benedictine Monks of the Assumption Abbey in Richardton will also be holding an open house from 1-5

p.m. MST. Their gift shop will be open, where they will be selling their famous jam, bread, wine, art work, as well as other gift items. Our Spring Rally should be finished by 3 p.m., giving everyone plenty of time to go back to the Abbey to make their purchases, but the tour will only be offered the one time at 8:30 a.m. MST and only to SNW Lions and their guests.

### Lions Information Fair

In conjunction with the Spring Rally we will have various information booths set up and staffed from 8 – 9:30 a.m. Lions Clubs International Foundation, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Great Plains Assistance Dogs, North Dakota Association of the Blind, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Lions Foundation of ND, Video Magnifier Program, Peace Poster Contest Materials, Pin Trading, Eyeglasses & Hearing Aid Recycling, 2011 MD5 Convention, LCI Convention, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, USA/Canada Leadership Forum, ND State Lions Convention, State Historical Society Foundation, etc. will be represented and information will be available for you. This would be a good time to bring any eyeglasses or hearing aids that you want to donate. Also, if you want to purchase or trade any of your Lions pins, bring them with you.

### Club officer elections and reports

5 NW Clubs need to conduct their 2011-2012 club officer elections by April 16th. Arnegard was the first to get their PU-101 filed this past week! Congratulations and Thank You. If you have any questions or need any help in filing your PU-101 or Monthly Membership Reports there will be plenty of opportunities to get help at the Spring Rally. All Current Club Presidents and Secretaries are asked to bring their Lion Member Number and their Password. We have 25 computers available to us in the High School Computer Lab as well as other individual computers.

### Signature Service Project(s)

This year International President Sid L. Scruggs III has focused a lot on Signature Service Projects. He believes through our service we shine a beacon of hope for our communities and world. I have been so impressed by all of the service our SNW Lions clubs are doing throughout our District. You truly represent the LIONS acronym of Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service. A Lions Signature Service Project is a distinct Lions initiative, that is a 'hands on' project, relevant to your community's needs. It is a

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project that identifies your club as a Lions Club. It is visible throughout your community, helping build the reputation of your Lions club and attracting the attention of others to join together with you in Lions service and membership.

I hope every club in our District will take the opportunity to share what they have been doing this past year at the Spring Rally, by sending me a picture and a summary of your Signature Service Project(s). I hope to recognize each Lions Club within our District at the Spring Rally. If you can, I would prefer for you to e-mail me your picture(s) and summary(s) at: [dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net](mailto:dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net) but if you are unable then send them to me at 6301 Apple Creek Drive, Bismarck, ND, 58504-3192.

## Awards & recognition

Please let me know if there is anyone you would like to recognize or present an award to, such as a Melvin Jones Fellowship, Progressive MJF, Rookie Lion Award, etc., at the Spring Rally.

For more information on the Spring Rally Leadership Conference please read Lion JeAnne Selby's article and see the agenda and registration form in this month's ND Lion. I look forward to seeing you at your club and zone meetings and especially at the Spring Rally Leadership Conference. If you have any questions you can e-mail me or Lion Dave at [dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net](mailto:dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net). Keep up the good work!

## MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

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**Fargo:** Marijo Peterson, [mpeterson@minnkotaredcross.org](mailto:mpeterson@minnkotaredcross.org)

**Grand Forks:** Tom Tezel, [ttezel@minnkotaredcross.org](mailto:ttezel@minnkotaredcross.org)

**Jamestown:** Beth Dewald, [bethd@jamestownredcross.org](mailto:bethd@jamestownredcross.org)

**Minot:** Susan Ewert, [susan.ewert@minotredcross.org](mailto:susan.ewert@minotredcross.org)



## Reminder: 5NE contest programs

The Lions year for 2010-2011 is rapidly coming to a close. With that thought comes this short note to remind clubs about the contest and activity program that is in place for the Lions and clubs of District SNE. This program was installed by DG Robert Littlefield. Program chairs include Mary Ann Zwinger and Betty Triplett.

Contests that are for SNE and MD5, with a deadline of April 30 include:

- SNE Club of the Year
- SNE Club Newsletter
- SNE Lions Club Scrapbook

Contests that are for SNE, with a deadline of July 25 include:

- SNE Membership Improvement
- SNE club Visitation
- SNE Lion of the Year

All first-year Lions are encouraged, and should be working for the "Rookie Lion Award." This award will be given at the MD5 Convention June 11.

The "Club Excellence Award" is a new award that was installed by IP Scruggs. The application for this award should be at Lions International Headquarters by Sept. 30.

Some of the contests have been completed for the year – they include: Peace Poster Contest, District SNE Speak-Up Contest and the SNE Lions Environmental Photo Contest.

All of the information was sent to Lions Club presidents earlier this year. For more information, or if there are questions, contact the co-chairs of this project:

Mary Ann Zwinger, 701-652-1752, [dzwinger@daktel.com](mailto:dzwinger@daktel.com) or Betty Triplett, 701-776-5830, [bttriplett@ramseybank.com](mailto:bttriplett@ramseybank.com).

## Districts announce Peace essay winners

By Kevin Vannett and Katrina Wendel

The first Lions Peace Essay winners for the state of North Dakota have been announced by Districts 5 NW and 5 NE. Cooperating with ND Vision Services/School for the Blind, Districts 5 NW and 5 NE identified participants for the Peace Essay. Congratulations to our winners; the 1st place honors went to: Ethin Woolf, age 11, of Minot, and Arizona Hidalgo-Crowe age 12 of West Fargo.

The 2nd place honors went to: Tabitha Lawson, age 13, of Scranton, and Dietrich Schlichtmann, age 12, of Hillsboro. Ethin Woolf and Arizona Hidalgo-Crowe will both advance to the Multiple District 5 level of competition. The winner at that level will advance to the International Level of Competition.

The theme of this year's essay contest was "The Power of Peace" and open to youth with a visual impairment ages 11, 12 and 13. The results of the first International Peace Essay Contest will be announced by June 1. Thank you to all of the participants and Lions Clubs who were able to sponsor an entry!

## New England

# New England Lions receive grant for park project

The New England Lions Club recently received a \$3,395 grant from the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. The grant was approved at a Foundation Board of Directors meeting on January 8th, and awarded at a Lions Zone meeting in New England on January 12th.

The funds were requested to assist the New England Lions Club project to build handicapped accessible restrooms in the Lions Park. The club applied for a grant to help with the necessary concrete work, estimated to cost \$6,790. The award of \$3,395 is consistent with the Foundation's policy to provide grants for no more than 50 percent of the project cost. The New England Lions are conducting several fund raising activities to help finance building the rest rooms. The project is scheduled for completion prior to New England's 125th Anniversary Celebration and All Schools Reunion July 14-17. The New England Lions Club has become well known for the summertime weekly "Burgers In The Park" which often attracts more than 300 people. Busloads of elderly people from the nursing homes in Dickinson frequently are among those enjoying the delightful community social event.

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. was organized in 2000 as a not for profit corporation to provide charitable and educational project funding through North Dakota Lions Clubs. Community improvement projects, such as this facility to be built by the New England Lions Club, are typical recipients of Foundation grants.

Tax deductible contributions from individuals, together with financial support of the Lions Clubs of North Dakota, provide funding for grants approved by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. For more information, or to make a contribution, contact your local Lions Club.



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*Executive Director, Lions Eye Bank of ND*  
kthomas@tbionline.org • 701-250-9390  
701-250-0805 fax • 701-226-3031 cell

The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota announces Lions members who transported tissue for the month of January. Members include:

Ron Harris, Valley City, and Jerry O'Connor, Grand Forks – twice each.

Joe Quaglia, Hooterville; Bruce Hagen, Reeder; Don Pitman, Williston; Bob Nyre, Minot Magic City; Tim Faller, Bismarck North Star – once each.



Lions Foundation of North Dakota Secretary Chris Voegele, right, presented a \$3,395 grant to New England Lions President Marty Opdahl.

## Elgin



### Lion of the Year

The Elgin Lions Club held its annual Christmas Party and Awards Night on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2010, at Our Place cafe with over 40 Lions and guests in attendance. Several Christmas songs were sung during the program arranged by Lion Art Rath. Many awards were given including Perfect Attendance pins and two Lion of the Year Awards to Lion Jade Seibel and Lion President Duane Schatz. Two Melvin Jones plaques were given to Lion Virgil Stern and Lion Kurt Maxon. Pictured are Lion Jade Seibel and Lion Duane Schatz.

*Photo by Lion Secretary Myles Stoller*

# 5NW Spring Rally Leadership Conference

Saturday, April 16, 2011, 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. MT  
Richardton/Taylor High School, Richardton ND



- 8:00 a.m.** Check In & Continental Breakfast  
Lions Information Fair – Gymnasium  
Computer Lab Open
- 8:30 a.m.** Assumption Abbey Tour
- 9:30 a.m.** Welcome & Opening Ceremony
- 9:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
1. Lions Club Secretary Training & Computer Lab
  2. Lions Club President Training
  3. Dollars & Sense – Training for Treasurers & Lions Clubs
  4. Public Relations for Lions Clubs
- 10:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
1. Lions Club Secretary Training & Computer Lab
  2. How to Conduct Club Membership Orientation
  3. Zone Chair Training
  4. Contests & Awards — Let's Get Involved
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
- 12:15 p.m.** Past International Director Neal Spencer
- 1:00 p.m.** Questions & Answers Forum
- 1:45 p.m.** Introduction of 2011-2012 District Leadership Team
- 2:00 p.m.** Awards & Recognition
- 3:00 p.m.** Homeward Bound—Have a Safe Trip J

*Note: All times are stated in Mountain Time (MT) • All breakout sessions & events are open to everyone*

## Spring Rally Leadership Conference Registration Form

**CLUB NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list all attending Lions members and guests and indicate if you desire to tour the Abbey.  
The tour of the Abbey is limited to the 1st 50 people who register for it.**

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**E-mail:** dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net

**Or mail to:** Dave Charles, 6301 Apple Creek Drive, Bismarck, ND 58504-3192

**For more information, contact Lion Dave at 1-701-557-5631 (w) or 701-202-6426 (c)**

# APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

**Application to be postmarked on or before Saturday, April 16, 2011**

## SECTION A

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

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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.

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## 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 16, 2011.**

**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.**

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### OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION:

4x5 or smaller recent B & W photograph of applicant suitable for publication

Ring Size \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed application to:

PDG Marian Johnson, Secretary  
North Dakota Past District Governors Association  
1631 Northview Lane, Bismarck, ND 58501

# "Deadwood – A Sure Bet for MD5 Lions"

June 9 ,10 & 11, 2011 • The Lodge at Deadwood, 100 Pine Crest Ln, Deadwood, SD

## MD5 2011 Registraton Form

(1) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Last, First)

\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest

### Registration Fees:

Before May 1, 2011 ..... \$145.00

At Convention (walk-in) ..... \$155.00

(2) Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Last, First)

\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ PC/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Res. Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club (1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by the 2011 MD5?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special needs – food or physical?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first MD5 Convention? (Yes or No)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

**REFUND POLICY:** Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from the Lions MD5 2011 Convention, PDG Ken Gifford, Treasurer, 4726 Steamboat Circle, Rapid city, SD 57702 until June 30, 2011. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Sec/Treas. PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Ave. NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention. Questions should be directed to PDG Ken Gifford at 605-342-5799.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Convention location – THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD, 100 Pine Crest Lane, Deadwood, SD. Reservation phones: (605)–584-4800. **The room block is guaranteed until May 5th** at \$129.00 per night, plus taxes. Ask for Lion's Convention room rate. Check-in time 3:00 p.m., check-out time 11:00 a.m.

**RV Trailer Court:** RV spots are available at the ELKHORN RIDGE RV PARK. This is about 5 minutes away from the convention center. Daily rates are \$50.00 including full hookups. Make reservations by calling (605)-722-1800.

### SPECIAL EVENTS - Thursday

Thursday Morning Golf – 4 person scramble  
Includes golf & cart # Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$65.00 ea.

Spouse's Luncheon at

### HIGH PLAINS WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$20.00 ea.

PDG Banquet – Thursday Evening

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 ea.

### A LA Carte Meals

Thursday Evening Ice Breaker ..... \$20.00 ea.

Friday Morning Breakfast ..... \$16.00 ea.

Friday Lunch ..... \$18.00 ea.

Friday Evening Dinner ..... \$30.00 ea.

Saturday Morning Breakfast ..... \$16.00 ea.

Saturday Red Jacket Lunch ..... \$20.00 ea.

Saturday ID Banquet ..... \$30.00 ea.

**Total Amount** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Please make checks payable to:

MD5 2011 Convention

### Mail your registration form and check to:

MD5 Convention

1825 Sun Valley Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

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### Registration :

\$30... After Jan 1, 2011

\$25... Group rate after Dec 1st if you have 5 or more Lions sign up

\*\*Rookie Lions, Anyone who becomes a Lion after Nov. 1, 2010 are subject to early bird rate at \$20/person all year

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: \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals:

Breakfast...Included with Hotel Stay

Lunch....\$14.50

Dinner...\$20.00

\*Meals will increase by \$2.00 if paid for after Sept 1, 2011

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch: Y N # \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner: Y N # \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Make check payable to:  
ND State Lions Convention

Mail Registration form and check to:  
Magic City Lions Club  
Attn: Convention Chair  
PO Box 782  
Minot, ND 58701

Questions regarding 2011 convention or registration please e-mail Terry Alexander, [gm@sleepinnminot.com](mailto:gm@sleepinnminot.com) or Josh Ressler, [jressler@srt.com](mailto:jressler@srt.com)



### South Heart

## South Heart Lions receive grant for park project

The South Heart Lions Club recently was notified that the club will receive a \$3,500 grant from the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. The grant was approved at a Foundation Board of Directors meeting on January 8, 2011.

The funds were requested to assist the South Heart Lions Club project to build a Community Picnic Shelter / Pavilion in the Lions Park. The structure will include a kitchen and restrooms. Total cost of the project is estimated at \$80,000.

The South Heart Lions are conducting several fund raising activities to help finance the building of the park facility. The project is scheduled for the spring and summer of 2011, with October, 2011 as the estimated completion date. The South Heart Lions Club, chartered in June of 2010, is wasting no time launching several projects focused on developing social opportunities for the small community.

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. was organized in 2000 as a not for profit corporation to provide charitable and educational project funding through North



Lions Foundation of North Dakota Secretary Chris Voegelé, left, presents South Heart Lions President Riley Mattson's \$3,500 grant.



## LOST GAVEL

Looking for my  
President

Do you recognize me? I'm looking for my Lions Club President. For some unknown reason my president has lost me. My president is best described as an efficient leader with me in hand. So strong with leadership skills, but without me, it seems my president is so unsure, so forgetful, and lost. Oh Lions Club President, where oh where did you leave me lying? I need you, you need me, and we need each other.

I'm so lost without you club president. I have traveled the state looking for you from north to south and west to east. My next journey leads me to a place called Richardton, ND on April 16, I heard there is a leadership rally taking place there with club president training. If you are my club president don't be ashamed! Just ask for me! I will reward you with strong leadership skills again and give you the ability to call a meeting to order. And the strength to adjourn your meeting!

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### ATTENTION, PDGS!

The Spring meeting of the Past District Governors Association will be April 29-30 at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck, beginning at 4 p.m. Friday. More details will follow in next month's ND LION. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

## In Remembrance

### Williston

Carl Danielson

### Jud

Harry Triepke

### Killdeer

David Pittsby

### Alexander

Edwin Leer

## Notice

There was more news than there was room for.

If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.