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Picture perfect

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club held their annual Valentines Party and Awards Night Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Elgin Community Center with a potluck supper with approximately 40 Lions, guests and friends present. Fifteen members received Perfect Attendance Pins, including Lion Verna Giese, Lion Doris Friedt, Lion Sally Ackerman, Lion Edith Hauge, Lion Michelle Brabason, Lion Ruby Koeplin, Lion Jan Froemming, Lion Carol Winkler, Lion Winifred Kramer, Lion Agnes Meidinger, Lion President Gail Schatz, Lion Elsie Stelter, Lion Gertie Werner, Lion Mildred Rath and Lion Bonnie Kautz.

Photo by Lion Duane Schatz

Washburn Lions part of carnival

By Jean Binsfeld

The Washburn Lions Club members were part of the annual Lions Carnival, which was March 26.

This was a time when many other local organizations rent space and can make money for their group.

The club sells 200 tickets with half of the proceeds given out five weeks prior to the carnival, plus two larger drawings at the carnival. Half of the proceeds are kept in the club, plus, they sponsored bingo, pie and coffee, and several chicken/ham raffles. The club sponsors breakfasts and sold a fleischkuekla meal during Lewis and Clark Days as fundraisers to support the club for the numerous projects it supports.

One such project the club supports

is the KIVA Organization after having received information about this group.

The club received a request for a person in Cambodia requesting a \$250 loan, so that he could buy a cow to aid him in planting his crop, requesting a loan for \$25 with a promise to repay the loan.

The club loaned him the \$25, and he received other loans and purchased the cow he needed. The loan was repaid promptly. The club has made 21 such loans of \$25 for numerous reasons, such as farming, building a home, or starting a business venture.

Thus far, of the 21 loans, 18 have been paid back. The club has lent out \$525, and to date, \$419.67 has been repaid. The latest loans were in February. The club does not make any money off the loans. The loans go

to Far East, African and South American countries. This project has been a very rewarding and interesting project.

The Washburn Lions Club is always looking for ways to help or assist someone or a group with a project. Many organizations and many individuals have received dollars through the years. One such organization concerns the people with eye problems. All Lions clubs contribute monies for Leader Dog training, helping the needy with eye exams and also buying glasses.

Old and used glasses are also collected and eye specialists go to many different countries to test eyes, and many of the donated glasses are given to them. Many

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Remember: Jud work day May 7

By Joni Brandenburg
Executive director

This will be our last reminder for our Volunteer Work Day.

We will be beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 7th 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 through out 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 1-877-737-8364 or 701-685-2242.

What the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is about

WHAT: Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

WHEN: July 22-24, 2011

Registration 9 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 22nd. Adjournment and checkout by 3 p.m., Sunday, July 24, 2011. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 22nd is at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Doane College, Crete, Nebraska

COST: \$125 (US-Funds) per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2011 covers double occupancy accommodations, 7 meals, all course materials and registration. After June 1, 2011 cost increases to \$140 per attendee. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$25 per attendee. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has

attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann.

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

Included will be dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

For additional information or for answers to questions, please contact Public Relations Chairperson PID Ernest Young at eyoungks@aol.com or Secretary/Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com.

It's rally time

JPL Herman A. Schafer
Zone 4B chairperson

Greetings to all Lions in District SNW.

Have you registered for the SNW Spring Rally to be held in Richardton, April 16? If you have, great! If you have not, why not? This is an activity that has been well planned. It is of no cost to any of you other than the transportation to and from Richardton. Please see the attached Spring Rally agenda and the registration form.

It is really important for all of us to get involved in this spring activity. You are needed as a person first and as a Lions Club member second. I hope you have a great day and week!

Lake Metigoshe Lions sponsor blood drive

Lion Mona Johnson, secretary

The Lake Metigoshe Lions Club and St. Andrew's Health Center co-sponsored a Blood Drive on March 24.

The drive was scheduled first for the 23rd, but had to be canceled because of weather/storm, however managing to be able to secure the facility, the drive was held the following day.

The United Blood Services were pleased with the results even though not all could come on that day. We were so pleased with the response we received from all who participated in the Blood Drive.

WE SERVE - Weather or not !

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Sustaining memberships

Ruth Wagner, 2 years - \$20

Bronze clubs (\$100-\$300)

Stanley Lions Club

Other donations

Zone 3A District 5NW - \$191.70

Memorials

Robert Littlefield in memory of PDG Lyle Swor
 Fargo Gateway Lions Club in memory of PDG Lyle Swor
 Doris Eastburn in memory of PDG Lyle Swor
 West Fargo Lions Club in memory of LaVonne Olsgaard
 Gary and Ruth Hanson in memory of PDG Lyle Swor
 Katherine Tweed in memory of PDG Lyle Swor

Designated funds

Low Vision Magnifier Program

Mayville-Portland Lions Club – \$1,850

West River Lions Club – \$1,850

Magic City Lions Club – \$750

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



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ND Lions transport team for March

One-time transporters:

Duane Prebt, Grand Forks; Jim Boyd, Buffalo City; Mike Coleman, South Forks; Harley Tretz, Buffalo City; Jerry O'Connor, Grand Forks; Bill Christiansen, Bismarck; Gene Neal, Minot Magic City; Joe Linnertz, Bismarck.

Two-time transporters:

Ron Harris, Valley City.

Video Magnifier Update

Lion Tracy Wicken
 Video Magnifier Program chair

At this time, we have received 15 applications of which one was denied and another one was withdrawn.

All thirteen approved applicants should receive a video magnifier to be placed in their home by the end of March in the following areas.

Mandan - New	Donnybrook - Used
Bismarck - New	Drake - New
Fargo - Used	Garrison - Used
West Fargo - New	Garrison - Used
Bismarck - New	Grand Forks - Used
Minot - New	Fargo - New
Grafton - New	

We are still on the need of applicants in New Rockford, Mandan and Horace. We have video magnifiers ready for these communities.

I'm pleased to announce that we have 19 Lions Clubs participating in the project.

9 Gold Clubs	\$1,857
2 Silver Clubs	\$1,250
2 Bronze Clubs	\$800
6 Contributing Clubs	
Total Lions Clubs Giving	\$22,139
We are also pleased with personal donations for Video Magnifiers of	\$9985.92
Total Project Funds	\$32,124.92

Thank you for your continued support and I encourage all Lions Clubs and members to support this very worthy service program. Help us reach our goal of 60 machines per district!

strides
 LIONS WALK FOR DIABETES AWARENESS

Mandan Dacotah Lions
2nd Annual Strides Walk
 Saturday, May 21, 2011
 Teams or individual walkers can participate!
 Pledges Are Encouraged

9:00 a.m. - Registration
 10:00 a.m. to Noon - Walk
LIONS PARK
 1000 Division St NW

TEAM T-SHIRT CONTEST

BLOOD SUGAR SCREENINGS

VISION PROJECTS

CHILDREN'S SMILES

DIABETES SUPPORT

MADE IN MANDAN

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT VISION AND DIABETES RELATED PROJECTS

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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I want to wish everyone, "Happy Spring!" However, with the rising floodwaters along the eastern border of our district and the difficulties communities are having along any waterway in eastern North Dakota, it is a challenge to find happy people these days.

Sometimes life surprises us with difficult situations that test our ability to withstand the challenges. We may have family members with illness or chronic problems. Perhaps we are caring for an elderly parent or taking care of grandchildren. Maybe we are having difficulties at work or in our personal relationships. Then, add Mother Nature into the mix! With all of these challenges, where do we find the time and the energy to be Lions and do the things that Lions do?

After reflecting on this for some time, the lighthouse sitting atop my bookshelf caught my eye and I once again realized how important it is for Lions to remember that we can be beacons of hope for each other, as well as for those who are less fortunate that we are. During this year of International President Sid Scruggs, III's theme, *Beacon of Hope*, I have often used the phrase, "don't forget to tend the beacon." Like flashlight batteries that need recharging or trees that benefit from a shot of fertilizer once in a while, Lions need to know that they do not stand alone against the challenges they face in their daily lives.

I am thankful for the Lions who give me hope and inspiration every day. The kind word, a note of appreciation or concern, a gift, or a much-needed hug can go a long way in helping us to say to ourselves, "this is not the time to give up... the tide is about to turn!"

April signals to us that the long North Dakota winter is about ready to cough up its last cold blast. We know the rushing waters will recede and communities will put things back the way they were so the inhabitants can relax a bit and enjoy some nice spring and summer days. I am thankful for the seasons. So, to Lions who are facing tough times, hang in there! The tide is about to turn. There are many Lions who are ready to come to your side. Do not hesitate to ask for help; because if you do, you will receive more than you need to manage the difficulties you face. During this time of natural emergency in our state, please do not hesitate to contact me if the District or LCI can be of assistance. We are here to help each other. That is what Lions do.

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 & STATE NEWS

Youth camp planning team looking for support

The 2011 Multiple District 5 Summer Youth Camp will be hosted in North Dakota from July 3-9 at Wesley Acres near Valley City. This is a great opportunity for our state to extend hospitality to youth from around the world. Much has already been done. However, there are some very specific needs still needing our Lion attention.

We need host families for our international youth. They arrive sometime around the weekend of June 25-26 and leave sometime

around the weekend of July 23-24. The arrival and departure times vary, depending upon the travel arrangements; some may arrive a little later, and leave a little later. However, host families are needed for the week before the camp and the two weeks after the camp. At this point, about 15 additional host families are needed. Hosts receive some benefits and all students must have their own insurance and medical coverage in order to come to the United States. The local committee is asking that all clubs spread the word to see if there are people in their communities who might be willing to help. Contact Lion Paul Van Ness sirknight2004@hotmail.com or call 701-984-2374 if a host family is located. You don't have to have children to host an international youth!

There is also a need for clubs to donate meals (either the food or the funds to provide for meals) during the camp. The kids eat three meals a day, plus snacks. There are about 27 meals and additional snack times that clubs could sponsor. Please pass the word along. If you can help, contact Lion Katrina Wendel at kwendel@nd.gov or call 701-330-0995.

The committee is looking for clubs that might be willing to make arrangements for special events for the campers. For example, perhaps a club could donate 40 tickets for the youth to attend a Red Hawks game; donate a cost of a bus to take students to a program or outdoor event; or donate a night out at a bowling alley. Be creative and think of things that can be done within driving distance of Valley City and the camp. Contact Lion Katrina Wendel kwendel@nd.gov or call 701-330-0995 if you have any ideas.

There is also a need for Lions or Lion "couples" willing to "go to camp" for a week and help chaperone and serve as leaders. The committee is looking for camp counselors and others who like to be around youth. Contact Lion Katrina Wendel kwendel@nd.gov or call 701-330-0995 if you would like to go to camp.

There are other needs, but these four are enough for starters. The MD5 Summer Youth Camp rotates between Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota. It also rotates back and forth between eastern and western North Dakota. However, it is in North Dakota and the committee invites any Lion or Lions Club in North Dakota to help in any way they can. There are almost 120 Lions Clubs in North Dakota. If every club even did just one thing, it would lighten the load. PDG Lion Katherine Tweed is also serving as a mentor for the camp planning committee. If you have ideas to share, contact ktweed@cableone.net or 701-235-2115.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)

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scholarships available for 2011

Funds are available at the district level to sponsor Lions wanting to attend the GPLLI in July 2011. Any Lion (of legal age) who has not served as a district governor is eligible to attend and should contact DG Robert *before May 1st (if possible)* to place his/her name in nomination for the funding from District 5NE. Lions from District 5NW should contact DG Bev regarding possible district support.

The institute provides intensive, professional, and valuable leadership skills for those who not yet served as District Governor. The institute runs July 22-24, 2011 (Friday to Sunday) on the campus of Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. The cost is \$125 per attendee if registered on or before May 31 (covers double occupancy accommodations, 7 meals, all course materials, and registration. After May 31, the cost increases to \$140. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$25/attendee.

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Be sure to register for MD5 Convention in Deadwood on June 9-11

ND Lions are encouraged to register for the MD5 Convention to be held in Deadwood, SD on June 9-11. A special one-day rate of \$50 was established for those who would like to come down for the final day of the convention when incoming LCI International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam will be the convention speaking at the banquet. The convention is set at The Lodge. The reservation



District 5NE District Governor Leadership Team: (L to R) DG Robert Littlefield, DGE Steve Johnson, 2nd VDGE Fran Romsdal, and 1st VDGE Mel Olson.

block will soon be freed, so call now at 605-584-4800 to reserve your room.

North Dakota Lions to hold leadership positions on 2011-2012 Council

District 5NE Governor Robert Littlefield was elected as Council Chair for the 2011-2012 MD5 Council of Governors. He will succeed CC Tom Grimmond of Sioux Falls, SD.

District 5NW Governor Bev Charles subsequently was elected as the North Dakota Representative. She will oversee one of the three standing committees on the council.

Council Secretary-Treasurer Mike Brand, also of North Dakota, was reappointed to his position. Congratulations to these ND Lions!

DISTRICT NEWS

Fourth cabinet meeting held at Jamestown College on March 26

The final cabinet meeting of the 2010-2011 term was held at Jamestown College on March 26. All five district teams (Executive, Service, Youth, Public Relations, and Awards) were represented and met prior to the start of the cabinet meeting. Reports were submitted and the six district goals were discussed. While the cabinet meeting was the last official opportunity for the group to meet as a whole, there was a strong commitment expressed to continue to the end of June with plans to meet or exceed all of the goals, that include: 1) adding 75 new members; 2) chartering 4 new clubs; 3) increasing district leadership opportunities for women and younger members; 4) increasing club participation at the district/state convention; 5) increasing retention; and 6) increasing service by each club adding or identifying a signature service project.

DG Robert presented awards to the officers, team leaders, region and zone chairs, and committee chairs for their dedicated service and commitment this year. At the end of the meeting, DG Robert presented DGE Steve Johnson with the ceremonial gavel and extended personal thanks for everyone who helped/is helping



District 5NE Executive Team Members (L to R) 1VDGE Mel Olson, IPDG James Ruff, DGE Steve Johnson, PCC Duane Zwinger, 2VDGE Fran Romsdal, PDG Rob Lein, PDG Craig Wollenburg, and Lion Karla Lein met before the District Cabinet meeting to discuss the upcoming transition into the Global Membership and Global Leadership Initiative of Lions Clubs International.

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to make 2010-2011 a great year!

Fran Romsdal accepts the nod to serve as 2nd VDG for 2011-2012

Lion Fran Romsdal, a long-time member of the Jamestown Lions Club and current Zone 3-B Chair for District 5NE has accepted the nomination to serve as 2nd Vice District Governor for the 2011-2012 year. This puts him in line to serve as District Governor in 2013-14. The long-range planning committee had been working to identify an individual from the western part of the district to serve on the executive leadership team to help solidify the unity of the new realignment. With the support of the district assured, Lion Fran agreed to serve. We are excited to have a Lion of his experience and integrity as part of the team! His name will now be submitted to LCI so that the executive leadership team will be in place when the new term begins July 1, 2011.

Club officers have two important tasks to complete in April: elect new officers and get them trained!

There are two very important items of business that need to be done at the club level as soon as possible: 1) Club officers for 2011-2012 need to be elected, with the PU101 forms electronically completed and sent to LCI; and 2) New officers need to get registered for the Officer Training Nights scheduled on April 27 or April 28.

- Training sites on April 27 include: Northwood – Regions 2 and 4; Jamestown – Region 3; Horace – Region 7
- Training sites on April 28 include: Harvey – Region 1; Wishek – Region 5; and Enderlin – Region 6

Club presidents and secretaries should make sure the elections are completed and that the new officers are planning to attend the officer training nights.

Special training will be provided for incoming presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. The total cost for each club is \$30. This includes meals for all officers in attendance and materials. For convenience, a billing is forthcoming from the cabinet treasurer.

District Leadership Team Leader 1st VDGE Mel Olson has worked with the region chairs to set up the training sessions in each region. Every effort has been made to bring the training to the local level so new officers do not have to travel very far and sessions can be completed in a timely manner. If officers want to have an easier time next year, it would be in their best interest to attend!

Clubs are encouraged to enter the district contests – submission deadlines approaching

The Awards Team under the leadership of Lion Mary Ann Zwinger has created a series of awards for all clubs to enter. The materials were mailed to club presidents in October, but there are a few highlights to mention now.

Clubs entering the Club of the Year, Lions Club Newsletter, and Lions Club Scrapbook competitions must submit their materials by April 30 to Lion Mary Ann. If you need any information about



DG Robert recently inducted four new members of the Fargo Lions Club: (L to R) Sponsor Lion Mark Western, New Brian Shawn, Bobbi Solein, Chad Quamme, Kate Lea, and Lion Neil Jordheim standing in for sponsor Dave Rogness who was absent due to flood fighting responsibilities as Cass County Director of Emergency Management.

these awards, contact Lion Mary Ann at dzwinger@daktel.com or call 701-650-8476. The district winner for these contests will advance to the MDS competition held in June at the Deadwood Convention.

A new contest is being offered this year: 5NE Lion of the Year. For this contest, each club may submit one nominee. A letter of nomination and a resume of the nominee's Lion activities must be mailed to Lion Mary Ann at 590 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421 or emailed to the address listed above. Deadline for the receipt of the nominations is June 1, 2011.

All nominees will receive Honorable Mention recognition. The winner and all honorable mention recipients will be recognized and receive their awards at the 2011 state convention next October in Minot. Don't miss this opportunity to recognize the Lion who makes a difference in your local club!

Another contest that clubs should consider entering is Club Visitation. All clubs are encouraged to visit the other clubs in their zone and region. In order for a visitation to count, three members of your club must visit another club. Keep track of the visitations and number of Lions attending from your club. This information should be sent to Lion Mary Ann by July 1, 2011.

Extension efforts underway to increase clubs and membership

On the northern end of the district, Lion Sandy Wurgler of Rugby has successfully completed the paperwork to charter the Northern Lights Lions Club in Rugby. This is Rugby's second Lions Club and it will offer an alternative meeting time and date so that more people in Rugby can be Lions! Great work, Sandy and Lions in Rugby! We are looking forward to a charter night for the new club in late May or early June.

On the southern border of the district, Lion Arlan Burkman of Edgeley has laid the groundwork for an extension blitz on May 1-3. At the March cabinet meeting, the expenditure of funds

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to conduct an extension effort was approved with the hope of chartering a new club in Ellendale.

The extension team will arrive in Ellendale on Sunday night and stay through Tuesday evening when a community organizational meeting will be held to elect key officers and formally start the club. We hope paperwork will be completed and submitted after that meeting.

Six to eight Lions will work in teams to conduct the extension blitz. If anyone would like to help, please contact DG Robert by April 22. All rooms, meals, and mileage will be covered so there should be little to no out-of-pocket expenses for extension team members. Following the successful chartering in Ellendale, a similar effort will be staged in Cavalier later in May.

Extension is of vital importance to Lionism because through new clubs, we gain more hands to help and serve those in need.

Thanks to everyone who is helping to keep extension a priority in the district!

Current District Health Report

According to LCI, as of April 1, the following statistics reflect the health of District 5NE:

Current Number of Clubs: 58

New Clubs Chartered: 1

Clubs Dropped: 1

Net Change: 0

Current Total Members: 1,620

Year to Date Adds: 184

Year to Date Drops: 127

Net Growth: +67

Thank you to all cabinet members, local Lion leaders, and Lions across the district for helping to keep our district strong! Let's reach our district goal of 75 net increase in membership and 4 new clubs!

Club News

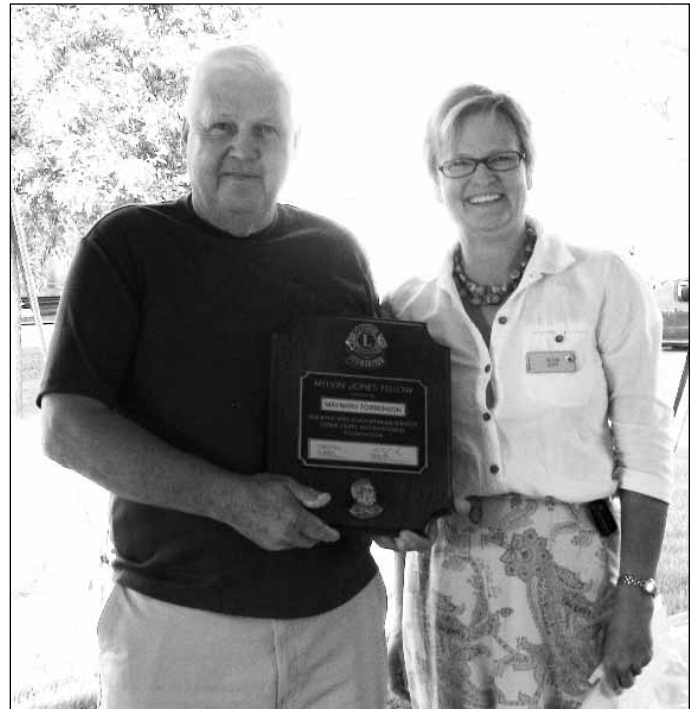
Capital City



New Progressive Melvin Jones

Jerry Spaedy received a Progressive Melvin Jones Award from Bev Charles, 5NW District Governor, on Feb. 24. Jerry has been a Lions member since 1959 and received his first Melvin Jones Award Year 1994-1995. Jerry has contributed countless hours to the Capital City Lions All-Star Basketball games, exemplifying the "giving" spirit of Lions. Pictured are, from left, DG Bev Charles, Jerry Spaedy, Sharon Spaedy, David Spaedy.

Enderlin



Melvin Jones

Maynard Torbenson, left, received a Melvin Jones plaque from Enderlin Lions President Susan Dopp at a recent club meeting.

Notice

There was more news than there was room for.
If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.

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Dear 5NW Lions,

Spring Rally Leadership Conference

First of all, if you are reading this before April 16th, there is still time to register and come celebrate and enjoy a day of experiencing and learning new things with new and old friends at the 5NW Spring Rally Leadership Conference at the High School in Richardton. We have had an awesome response, but we do not want to have anyone miss out on the camaraderie and fun of getting together, so please come join us.

Club Officer Elections

If you have not already elected officers for the upcoming 2011-2012 year, you need to do so soon. This information needs to be submitted to LCI via the PU-101 form by May 15th. Also e-mail Lions Pat Vannett pvanneett@bis.midco.net and Lois Reiersen loisr@co.williams.nd.us your PU-101 information, as we need this information as soon as possible to put together the 2011 – 2012 North Dakota Lions Directory, Please make sure to include the e-mail addresses for your club's newly elected president and secretary. If neither of them have an e-mail address, then please include the e-mail address for one of your club members who has agreed to bring the e-mail messages to the president and secretary. Now days, more often than not, information that comes from LCI is transmitted through e-mail.

Club Excellence Program

As always, there are a lot of good articles in the LCI April Lion magazine. I hope you have the opportunity to read them all, but if you have to choose one article over another, make sure and read International President Sid L. Scruggs III Message from the President: Turn off the Autopilot to Reach New Heights. Then go to www.lionsclubs.org and explore all of the wonderful opportunities and ideas there, especially the Club Excellence Program.

International President Sid L. Scruggs III article got me thinking about why we tend to find comfort in the false security of living on auto pilot as we get older. Somewhere in the process of 'growing up' most of us seem to become weary, losing the zest in which young children embrace growth and change. For example, infants learning to walk begin by celebrating each step they accomplish, instead of beating themselves up every time they fall. They seem to have an innate drive to never give up. With each attempt to walk they gain a few more steps and/or a little more confidence. Undaunted, they pick themselves up each time they fall, progressing until they are freely able to intuitively walk and move on to greater accomplishments.

My two oldest grandsons are seven and four. Every time I see them, the first thing they do after they give me a big hug is to show me how much they have grown in height. They started, using the lowest counter in the kitchen as their benchmark, but recently my oldest grandson reveled in the fact that he has now surpassed even

the tallest kitchen counter. I can already imagine his great delight when he becomes taller than me! With growth comes change. Neither one of them can freely run under the table anymore, but now they are advancing on to learn how to drive four wheelers and snowmobiles!

They would never choose to go back to being carried or to crawl instead of walk. They are pushing onward and upward! I can no longer sweep them up off their feet, so we sit side by side sharing our experiences and thoughts. They are now mature enough to shift their focus to learn abstract concepts and search out new areas to challenge themselves with cognitive and behavioral growth. They challenge and encourage each other, celebrating not only their accomplishments, but each others. Wouldn't it be great if we renewed their zeal for growth, in ourselves?

All around us, change is a given, but growth is not – it is a choice. We would think it ludicrous to choose death or even regression, but in reality when we choose not to seize the opportunity to grow we are regressing, sometimes to the point of creating our own demise. In every situation we can begin by educating ourselves to be able to make the best positive choices possible, which is what the Club Excellence Process does for Lions clubs.

It is a good opportunity to assess where your club is at and make plans to ensure positive future growth through having fun doing relevant service in your community and the world at large. It will empower you to choose to keep what is working for you and your club and let go of past practices that are unnecessarily burdening you down.

You will discover you have an enormous amount of good choices, which give you the ability to be more relevant and have more fun in your service and your community. Think of it as 'spring or fall cleaning' or like the maintenance check for your car. Why not make it an annual event for your club to conduct an annual "check up"? You can find more on the Club Excellence Program at www.lionsclubs.org.

Recent Club Activities

I continue to be impressed and inspired to meet so many great Lion members across 5NW and hear about your projects helping people in our communities. As an example, it was humbling to stand in the Glenburn Lions Food Pantry and see how they, together with the Hooterville Flion Lions, have impacted those in their community in need of food assistance. It was great to open the Bismarck Tribune on Valentines Day and read the front page article on the mechanical lift for the Elgin pool due to the work

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of the Elgin and Mott Lions. I am proud to be part of the North Dakota Lions support of the State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation and the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. Dave and I were able to make the Dickinson Noon Lions Club's Annual Make a Wish Event after the interstate was finally opened late Saturday, March 12th.

They do not have the final tally for this year, but last year they donated over \$40,000 to this great cause, and it looks to be another banner year. They drew in hundreds of people from all over western North Dakota to enjoy good food, an auction and a dance at the Eagles Club. It was so neat to see everyone from infants to grandparents and every age in between enjoying the festivities together. After our visit with the Reeder Lions, I am still trying to wrap my brain around someone paying \$500 for a pie at their fundraiser auction to keep their school open for community activities. Now that's an expensive piece of pie and a big hearted donation!

I believe the Williston Korner Lions have the busiest mobile grill in all of western North Dakota. Their club hospitality and activities are amazing. Also, it is great to see how Zone 1B and the Diabetes Committee reach across borders to work with Montana Lions Clubs on their program to conduct diabetes screening and furnish video magnifiers to individuals and institutions in communities in northwestern North Dakota and northeastern Montana. It is great to have our local 5NW Lions Clubs working on projects to assist with video magnifiers whether it is the new state wide program or your individual club and zone projects.

I commend you all for what you do for so many in your communities. I always knew Lions served their communities, but experiencing first hand the width and depth in which every Lions club and Lion do so, is so awesome it is almost incomprehensible. Keep up the great work! You all are truly LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service and "Beacons of Hope"!

Earlier in the week I had the opportunity to visit with the Killdeer Lions. Our hearts and prayers go out to Dave Pittsley's family and the whole community of Killdeer. His passing February 17, 2011, has put an enormous hole in their community. I never met Dave, but just by hearing from those who did and reading his obituary, he truly had a lion-size heart. We can only strive to honor him by continuing on in his work and service.

Brian Tinker very much appreciates all of the correspondence, calls, and visits he has had from fellow Lions. He is scheduled for another surgery, the second week in April. He will then be transferred back to Triumph Health Care for several weeks of rehabilitation. You can call him at 701-667-4079, except for the second week of April. We continue to keep Brian & Allan in our thoughts and prayers.

New Zealand and Japan Relief

THANK YOU to the Lions clubs and individual Lions who have already responded to the need of the citizens of New Zealand and Japan due to the devastation of the earthquakes and tsunamis which occurred in those countries. LCI is working with local Lions in each community to best utilize donations for their

rebuilding efforts.

Many local Lions in those two countries responded immediately, and even those who were personally impacted by the disaster, are still giving their time and service to help their neighbors. Lions and LCIF are committed to providing immediate and long-term relief in both countries. There are many ways to make your donations. To find out more go to www.lionsclubs.org. You can be assured that 100% of the monies you donate will go towards their relief efforts.

The LCI Board of Trustees have made an exception to board policy and all designated donations made from March 11 – June 30th, 2011 are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship recognition. Also, all donations from US residents are tax deductible. Last year the average Lions Club donated \$13,576 to charitable causes, totaling \$619 million donated by Lions worldwide. The average Lions Club provided 819 volunteer hours to the community, totaling 37 million volunteer hours by Lions worldwide!

Upcoming Events

April 16: Spring Rally Leadership Conference, Richardton, North Dakota

May 6: Hazen Lions Club's 35th Anniversary Celebration

May 7: Clean up day at Service Dogs for America, Jud, ND

June 9-11: MDS Convention, Deadwood, South Dakota

June 13: Lake Metigoshe Lions Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration

June 27: Alexander Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration

July 4-8: LCI Convention, Seattle, Washington

July 22-24: Great Plains Lions Leadership, Crete, Nebraska

September 22-24: Anchorage, Alaska

October 28-29: ND Lions State Convention, Minot North Dakota

Isn't it great that spring weather has finally decided to show up! I am grateful the weather people were finally wrong and we did not get the last storm they were predicting for the end of March/ beginning of April. As we traveled earlier in the year, up in the northwestern part of North Dakota, we were amazed at the size of the snow banks cut through on roads leading to Wild Rose, Ray and Columbus.

We definitely have had enough of winter! I appreciate the efforts so many of you made to brave the roads for club and zone meeting visits. I am sorry I had to postpone several club visits during March. Thank you very much for your understanding and rescheduling. I always look forward to seeing you.

In Remembrance

Larimore Vernon Sturlaugson
Bismarck Dewey Thomason

Bowman

Bowman Lions receive donations

Submitted by Sandra Phelps-Oberfoell

The Bowman Lions are pleased to acknowledge that in 2010 they were responsible for collecting a little over \$14,000 in charitable donations, thanks to the generous support and contributions of our local and surrounding communities.

The main priority of the Lions is to help with vision awareness and to aid in the conservation of sight, but the Lions also help with community projects, medical benefits, health screenings, youth organizations, sports related events and so much more.

So the next time you see a yellow vested volunteer with a big smile, you can bet it is one of your local Bowman Lions.



The Bowman Lions would like to welcome back one of their past members, Lion Roger Kubista, shown with Lion Tom Nordberg.



The Bowman Lions would like to welcome new members, Lions John and Amy Burke, shown with Lion Mark Kunze.

Winning essay



The sponsoring Minot Magic City Lions Club members include Dr. Bob Nyre, left, Jim Blomberg, right, and, center, Ethin Woolf.

Power and Peace

People think that because I am blind that I can't see. But I see more than they think. There are storms in the world that makes things upset. I want all the storms to go away because all they bring is the bad stuff.

People are peaceful individually. But when they get into groups they can cause trouble. They can be quite loud and those who don't want peace like it loud. When there is war, people are ready for killing. That is their power.

We can take that power away from them and turn it around. We can help contribute to world peace by working as a team. We can throw away the bad influences. We can work on one person at a time to help them be peaceful. Peace can be catchy. Before you know it peace can touch each person in the world. That is power. That is what I see.



DG Bev Charles, Ethin Woolf and Kevin Vannett

Carrington

Carrington plans annual golf event

The 5th Annual Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank four-person scramble golf tournament will be Friday, June 17 at the beautiful CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington.

The tournament has been named the Al Larson Memorial Golf Tournament in honor of charter member Al Larson of the Carrington Lions who passed away last summer. Tee off time is at 11:15 a.m., with a shotgun start.

Registration will start at 10:30. The tournament will be open to all golfers; teams may be made up as all male, all

female, or as a coed team. The cost for the tournament is \$40 per person or \$160 per team. The registration fee will get you green fees, two meals, registration package and a chance for hole prizes and team cash prizes. Cart rental is extra and is available at CrossRoads (701-652-2601).

All proceeds from this tournament go toward Carrington Lions service projects. The two major projects for the proceeds will be the Vision Magnifier Program and the Lions clubs International foundation (LCIF), so get a team together, come out and have some fun on the golf course. Most

of you remember you will be supporting the Carrington Lions in this major fundraising project. Support Lionism. The registration form will be available in this month's and May's edition of the North Dakota Lion.

For information in regards to this tournament, give Duane Zwinger a call at 701-652-1752. You may also send your registration fee to him as well. Register early, as the tournament is limited to the first 36 teams.

Come to the CrossRoads Golf Course June 17 for a great time.

Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble

Male · Female · Co-ed

Friday, June 17th, 2011

CrossRoads Golf Course • Carrington

Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.

Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

Entry Fee:

\$40 a person/\$160 Team

Includes Green Fees, Prizes, Lunch & Supper

Golf Carts available for rent at 701-652-2601

Cash Team Prizes: \$1,000 Team Prize Money (prizes vary slightly based on entries)

Hole Prizes: Contest on each hole

REGISTER EARLY · Only 36 Teams

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Registration Deadline is June 14, 2011

Send your registration to: Duane Zwinger, 509 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421

or call 701-652-1752 or email dzwinger@daktel.com

Make Checks payable to Carrington Lions Club

Visit CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway at www.crossroadsgolf.com

MD5 to amend constitution, by-laws at its annual convention in June

The MD5 Council of Governors will propose several amendments to the MD5 Constitution and MD5 By-Laws at the business meeting of the MD5 Convention to be held in Deadwood, South Dakota, June 9-11.

The Constitution and By-Laws, in their entirety and as proposed for amendment, are posted on the MD5 website. Due to the size of these documents, it is not possible to publish the documents in this publication. However, what follows is a general summary of the changes and serves as the official notice informing the club delegates of what will be proposed in June.

Constitutional Revisions:

Article III Section 4(c) is amended to clarify the criteria by which a district governor's spouse, partner, or adult traveling companion receives funding from LCI to attend the international convention. Because LCI has the prerogative to change its policy pertaining to how the travel companion of the district governor is partially funded, the committee is recommending that the phrase, "as per Lions Clubs International policies," be inserted to allow the district to accept the changes from LCI without having to modify repeatedly the constitution.

Article VIII Section 4(b) is amended where the list of committees is removed from the document and replaced with a general statement that the District Governor shall appoint

committee chairs as recommended by Lions Clubs International.

Article X Section 2 is being amended to allow for the use of electronic means when sending amendments in writing to the MD5 constitution revision committee.

By-laws:

Article I Section 3 is being amended to include 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors in the training. Several modifications are proposed to include both 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors throughout the document.

Article I Section 4 (d) is being amended to be consistent with the constitution Article III Section 4 (c) regarding the support of the adult traveling companion of the district governor.

Article II Section 5 is being amended to specify the role and specific responsibilities of the 1st Vice District Governor based upon the constitution and by-laws of LCI.

Article II Section 6 is being added to specify the role and specific responsibilities of the 2nd Vice District Governor based upon the constitution and by-laws of LCI.

The remaining sections of Article II are renumbered.

Article IX Section 1 (a) is being amended to be consistent with the constitution Article X Section 2 regarding the use of electronic means when sending amendments in writing to the constitution revision committee.

Musical, laser, dance performances to highlight International Convention

Condoleezza Rice is keynote speaker

By PDG Ray Schley
2011 LCI Convention chair

The 94th Annual Lions Clubs International Convention is in Seattle, Wash. July 4-8, 2011. The deadline for advance registration and hotel reservations is May 1. Registrations after this date will be processed in Seattle. Registration forms can be found in the monthly Lion Magazine. There have been 50 Lions from Multi-district 5 register to date for the international convention. Visit www.lionsclubs.org for more information on the convention and city of Seattle.

The convention has musical, laser and dance performances, awards ceremonies and speakers that include Condoleezza Rice, former Secretary of State, as keynote speaker. Music is woven throughout the convention week. Many educational workshops will be available to include training for the different leadership roles in a club and district.

The parade step-off is on Tuesday, July 5 at 11 a.m.. Multi-district 5 is to assemble in the gray staging area at 10 a.m. MD5 is number 50 in the parade. All individuals representing MD5 are eligible to march in the parade. Each parade participant is to wear

their official convention name tag. Attire for the parade is black pants, black shoes, white shirt and the MD 5 vest.

Past Council Chairman Marv Chambers from Fillmore, Sask. is Canada's Candidate for International Director. Vote for Marv at this convention and elect him as the next International Director from Multi-district 5. Marv has been a Lion for 40 years and has served in many District and Multi-district positions. He has also received several Presidential awards and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. Marv is a Lion with "Small town Roots with a Worldwide Perspective".

Seattle known as the "Emerald City" has many historical attractions and places to visit. A variety of day and evening tours are available – beginning July 2nd - from boat cruises, land tours, fine art tours, industrial, historical and natural wonders. Seattle offers many eating places with cuisine from around the world. July 3rd will be a day at a Seattle baseball game.

The official hotel for the Multi-district 5 delegation is the Crown Royal Hotel. It is located a short distance (.3 miles) from the convention center. Please go on line to the Lions website www.lionsclubs.org or email LCI at registration@lionsclubs.org for more information on the convention and Seattle.



Attention Club Officers: OFFICIAL NOTICE

MD-5 Convention – June 9, 10 & 11, 2011



THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2011 MD-5 CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 9-10-11, 2011, IN DEADWOOD, S.D.

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

1. The Official Convention Rules for 2011
2. Your Club's Credentials Form
3. Your Club's Contest Entry Form
 - a) Most Lions Miles Traveled
4. Copy of the Convention proceedings (will be found on the MD5 Website following the Convention)

The official convention rules should be reviewed by your club officers and explained to your delegates. There will be one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid.

Your Club Credentials Form is very important. Delegates and alternates must be selected. The form should be mailed, in time to arrive by May 27, 2011, to DG Larry Burkhead, 2701 Mountain Meadow, Rapid City, SD 57702. The form also can be presented to: **Credentials Committee** at the Lions Registration Desk at "The Lodge of Deadwood", upon arrival at the Convention but no later than 1 p.m., June 10, 2011.

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

The properly Certified MD5 Lions attending the annual MD5 Convention may vote on proposed changes to the MD5 Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed changes can be found on the MD5 Web Site at: www.md5lions.net

A copy of the Deadwood Convention proceedings may be obtained from the MD5 Website three (3) months after the Convention.

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

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Convention Committee
PDG Wayne Westlund, Chairperson
Council Chair PDG Tom Grimmond
PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

MD5 Convention Rules 2011

1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on parliamentary procedures.
3. Lions in good standing must be registered in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with indebtedness of over \$50 to Lions International or their District will be considered not in good standing.
4. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
5. Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from **PDG Ken Gifford, MD5 2011 Convention Treasurer, 4726 Steamboat Cr., Rapid City, SD 57702**, until June 30, 2011. After this date requests should be made to MD5 Sec/ Treas PCC Mike Brand, 120 17th St. E, Apt. 108, West Fargo, ND 58078. **No refunds can be requested sixty days after the conclusion of the convention.**
6. All resolutions shall be submitted to PDG Doug Madill, Chairperson of Rules & Resolutions Committee by 1 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2011 in care of the Lions Registration Desk, at The Lodge.
7. **Credentials** to vote at the MD5 Deadwood Convention can be mailed to PDG Doug Madill, 164 Tucker Crescent, Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 3H9 or delivered upon arrival at the convention, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, The Lodge, Deadwood, S.D., no later than 1 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011. **Please allow for slow mail.**
8. Entries for: **Most Lions Miles Traveled** by registrants, submitted by registrants, **The Lions, and Leos, Clubs of the Year, Club Website Contest, District Club Scrapbook, and District Club Newsletter** winners are to be submitted, from each District Governor to PDG Wayne Westlund, Chairperson-Convention Committee, by 1 p.m. Friday, June 10, 2011, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, The Lodge at Deadwood, S.D.
9. Any details regarding changing the Constitution and By Laws shall be submitted to PDG Al Cook, Chairman Constitution & By Laws Committee by 10 a.m., June 9, 2011, in care of the Lions Registration Desk, The Lodge of Deadwood, S.D.
10. All reports of Committee meetings held at the convention shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer, PCC Mike Brand, in care of the Lions Registration Desk by 8 a.m., June 9, 2011. Reports shall be typewritten in a format approved by council for inclusion in the convention proceedings report.
11. All State and Provincial Breakfasts, as scheduled in the Con-

- vention Program, shall be the location for business peculiar to these areas.
12. Privilege to speak regarding convention sites or any matter pertaining to MD5 business must be requested of Council Chairman, PDG Thomas Grimmond.
13. In our Business Sessions a delegate will be recognized by the Council Chairperson provided that said delegate stands, goes to the nearest microphone, and states his/her name and club for recording purposes. No Lion shall be allowed to speak for more than three (3) minutes each time on any one subject without the consent of the convention delegates.
14. All voting at business sessions shall be conducted by card vote by qualified delegates present. A roll call or secret ballot vote may be directed by the Chairperson if considered warranted, or may be requested by a motion passed by a majority of qualified delegates present. **The Credentials Committee shall conduct all written ballot voting.** After the votes have been counted, said ballots shall be turned over to the Secretary to destroy. Voting shall be based on one (1) vote for each ten (10) members of a club or a major fraction. Five (5) members shall constitute a major fraction.
15. Solicitation or sale of club project items with the exception of the host club(s) is prohibited. The host club(s) shall secure permission from the Council of Governors.
16. Business Sessions shall be smoke free. Smoking areas shall be established outside of the business area and for all convention meals.
17. Invitations to host the 2017 MD5 Convention shall be mailed to PDG Wayne Westlund, 2014 Cottonwood St., Grand Forks, N.D. 58201, or submitted to the Registration Desk at The Lodge, Deadwood, S.D., no later than Friday, June 10, 2011 at 1 p.m.

Chair, PDG Doug Madill
Rules and Resolutions Committee
PDG Thomas Grimmond, Council Chair
PCC Mike Brand, Council Sec/Treas

VOTING AT THE MULTIPLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. The Rule for voting-one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid.

The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Please select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Please mail this information to DG Larry Burkhead, 2701 Mountain Meadow, Rapid City, SD 57702, to be received by May 30, 2011, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk, in The Lodge, no later than 11 a.m. June 9, 2011.

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

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Name of Club _____ District _____

Total number of members in Club as of March 30, 2011: _____

Names of Voting Delegates attending the MD5 Convention in Deadwood, South Dakota _____
Office held in Club: _____

Club Secretary's Signature _____

Please send this form along with your club secretary or a club representative who will be attending the MD5 2011 Convention.

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

MOST-LIONS-MILES-TRAVELED CONTEST ENTRY FORM

This form should be given to your delegation to present to the Convention Committee Chairperson PDG Wayne Westlund, at the Lions Registration Desk at The Lodge of Deadwood.

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

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary.

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS
Convention Committee
Chair, PDG Wayne Westlund
Council Chair PDG Tom Grimmond
PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

CLUB CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of Club _____ District _____

Lions Club Membership on March 30, 2011: _____

PRE-REGISTERED ATTENDANCE AT DEADWOOD, S.D. 2011 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION:

Lion: _____ Spouse: _____ Children: _____

Round-Trip mileage to Deadwood, S.D. _____

IMPORTANT: Bring this form with you and leave it at the Lions Registration Desk at The Lodge of Deadwood, no later than 1 p.m. on Friday, June 10, 2011. Please note that only those who are pre-registered count in this contest.

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

"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) _____

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

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.

STATE LIONS CONVENTION MINOT, ND



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October
28th & 29th, 2011

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Minot 2011*

Lodging:

SLEEP INN & SUITES
Attached to Dakota Square Mall
2400 10th St SW

SPECIAL RATE: \$109.95 + TAX

Call to reserve by October 14th, 2011
Toll Free: 1-877-837-3140
Local: 701-837-3100

* PLEASE MENTION LIONS CONVENTION BLOCK WHEN RESERVING ROOMS

- Free Deluxe Hot Breakfast
- Splash Down Dakota Water Park- 3 Huge Slides, 48 Person Hot Tub, Fitness Center
- Attached to Mall with over 85 Retail & Eating Establishments, 9 Stadium Cinema
- Free In Room Roomlinx with Free Movies/Internet
- Walking distance to over 11 Restaurants
- On Site Lounge

To view, visit:
www.sleepinminot.com

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@sleepinminot.com or Josh Ressler, jressler@srt.com

Garrison

Lions donate magnifiers

By STU MERRY

Residents at Garrison Memorial Hospital's Third Floor Skilled Nursing Facility received a new piece of equipment Monday afternoon, courtesy of the Garrison Lions Club. The club purchased a used video magnifier through the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

The magnifier will allow residents to read letters, magazines, newspapers, prescriptions and view photos. Kevin Vannett, Lions Foundation of North Dakota Video Magnifier committee member, along with his wife, Pat, demonstrated how the machine operates with staff at the hospital.

Following the presentation, Vannett demonstrated how the magnifier operates to Third Floor residents. He shared that by using the machine, one resident was able to clearly see a photo of a grandchild for the first time. "It's amazing how this will benefit people, where they can actually see things and read it," Vannett said.

Vannett has delivered a number of magnifiers across the state. He said, "It's fantastic to go out and see people and get their reactions." A second video magnifier was presented to the Garrison Public Library. The machine was on display at the Garrison Lions Club booth at the recent Wally's Winter Cook off.



Stu Merry/Independent

Garrison Memorial Hospital's Third Floor Skilled Nursing Facility Activities Director, Pam Syvertson, right shows how the video magnifier works to a resident.



Club members Mark and Julie Retterath served up the Lions' G-SPUD at the Garrison Chamber of Commerce's Community Development Committee sponsored Wally's Winter Cook-off March 19.

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local organizations and individuals have been the recipients of donations from the local Lions Club.

The Lions breakfast fundraisers throughout the years have been well-attended, and in recent years have worked with area churches. They sponsor a bake sale with the monies from this project going to the Meals on Wheels Program, along with a contribution from the club to contribute extra money toward the project.

The Washburn Lions Club is always looking for new members to join in a fellowship supper once a month, and to help with the many projects that the club is working on.

Guest speakers at the monthly meeting have proven to be educational and good learning experiences. At a recent meeting, the guest speaker informed the club of our great forefathers and their expertise on organizing what is now the "Grandest Little City on the Missouri."