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Fargo Lions 'roar' into action

Club to celebrate 90th June 2

Submitted by
Lion Mike Gallagher

The Fargo Lions Club has raised more than \$22,000 this year benefiting local individuals and groups in need. Our second fundraiser of the year, "For your Eyes Only," was a great success. The event featured dinner at Downtown Fargo's Hotel Donaldson, a live auction and a dance at Northern Home's showroom featuring The Front Fenders. Put this annual party on your calendar for next year. Thank you to our corporate sponsors Sanford Health and Blue Cross Blue Shield of ND, as well as Dr. Lance Bergstrom for his generosity. Because of you, the Fargo Lions are able to help many more people in our community.

One of those people was an 88-year-old woman from Fargo who received a vision magnifier machine through the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Vision Magnifier Program. The unit was delivered in early April, and she is very grateful to the Lions for their assistance. All Lions Clubs should consider supporting this program.

Our club also assists individuals in financial need to obtain eye glasses and eye exams. It is often a simple request of less than \$100, but it makes a world of difference to the person who does not have it. Since September, the Fargo Lions has spent more than double its typical annual budget for these requests, perhaps a sign of the economy. We are pleased to have assisted more than 20 people in the community in gaining the gift of sight.

We are known for active service in the community and this spring has been no different. In February we donated blood at United Blood Services, co-hosted a



Lions and guests dance to the music of The Front Fenders at Downtown Fargo's Northern Home Furniture. The fundraiser included dinner at the Hotel Donaldson and an auction featuring a LASIK eye procedure provided by Dr. Lance Bergstrom.

spaghetti dinner with Elim Lutheran Church and served sandwiches to sandbag volunteers for the American Red Cross Minnkota Chapter.

In March we provided crowd control during Fargo's St. Patrick Day Parade and held the 9th Annual Fargo Lions Speech

Contest featuring local high school students speaking about service. Last week we sorted and cleaned over 3,500 pairs of used eyeglasses. Later this month we will provide vision screening at the Homeless

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1st VP unable to attend MD5 convention

PIP Jimmy Ross to fill spot

MD5 Convention Committee

It is with regret that we have to announce that 1st VP Wing-Kun Tam has had to cancel his attendance at our MD5 Convention. Notification came this past week indicating that due to an illness, he is not able to travel for the next few weeks.

The good news is that his replacement is Past International President Jimmy Ross from Texas. We are excited that PIP Ross has agreed to be our honored guest.

Mark your calendar for June 9-11 and come to Deadwood and be part of an exciting MD5 Lions convention. You won't be disappointed!

North Dakota Lions: We need your help

Editor's note: Submitted by 2011-2012 MD-S and S-SKS Global Leadership Team Leader Lion Gordon Ziegler, Box 43, Richmond, Saskatchewan, S0N 2E0, 306-669-2023, bgziegler@gmail.com.

At one time it was "Uncle Sam" Today it could be "Melvin Jones" or "President Sid Scruggs" or "Lionism" or "Your Lions Club". And they'd all be right.

But they – and we, the rest of us Lions – need more than just your dues or your attendance at meetings. What is needed from you – and, indeed, from all of us – is a desire and willingness and a commitment to improve the state of Lionism. This is a task which falls traditionally with leaders.

And this is where you come in.

"Strides" walk for diabetes awareness

On May 24 members of the Prairie Rose Lions Club, along with their Strides Walk partners, sponsors, friends and families, will participate in a "Strides" Walk for Diabetes Awareness". You are invited to join in the Strides event.

The walk will begin at 7 p.m. on the south side of the State Capitol for walking the south loop. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and donations will be accepted to support diabetes projects. Diabetes resources and information will be provided free of charge to attendees.

For more information contact Lion Loris Freier by phone 701-222-2655 or e-mail at lorisfreier@gmail.com.

Recognized Lion leaders in your part of the world are being asked to identify potential Lion leaders to lead us in the future. You have seen such people in your Club, your Zone and your District; in fact, you are almost certainly included among them. You have seen these Lions in action making the right decisions, doing the right things, making situations better.

In order for our great organization to become even greater, these individuals need to be identified, need to be

approached, need to be nurtured and given the proper tools to do even more good at ever higher levels of Lionism. We need to get our best leaders to lead.

Will you tell us who you think some of our Beacons of Hope should be next year and in the years after that? Will you pass on a name or two or three who might have what it takes? Please notify your District Governor or Vice District Governor or me, your incoming Global Leadership Team Leader.

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Connection event, clean our adopted roadway of litter and operate the Mile 13 water/aid station at the Fargo Marathon. We will look for you on the course!

All this activity takes engaged, community-minded people and we were excited to add several new Lions this year. The "Flood of New Members" membership drive invited guests to autograph a sandbag as we built a sandbag levy around the Lion President's podium. The result was six new Lions inducted at a ceremony conducted by DG Robert Littlefield on March 28. We welcome Kate Lea, Chad Quamme, Bobbie Solien, Brian Shawn, Mark Tufte and Deb Tufte to the Fargo Lions.

Join us on Thursday, June 2, 2011 as we celebrate the 90th Anniversary of Fargo Lions Club. Between 5 and 9 p.m. Our



The Fargo Lions Club partnered with Elim Lutheran Church to serve a spaghetti dinner supporting World Hunger Relief.

members will be serving ice cream floats on the US Bank Plaza during Downtown Fargo's Cruise Night. This is a great

opportunity to recall the good work our Lions have done, to

tell the story of Lions Clubs to the public and to see some beautiful cars. We hope to see you there! Finally, I would like to thank each of the Fargo Lions for their efforts this year. The goals I challenged the club with in September were exceeded and we had fun doing it. It was an honor to serve as your Club President this year. I would encourage all Lions to consider serving in the leadership of their local club. You will find it to be a rewarding experience.

And remember, if you are in Fargo around 12:00 noon on any Monday between September and May, please join us at the Radisson Hotel as our guest!

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The Bowman Lions Club will be hosting a hospitality room for the Deadwood MD5 Convention attendees. This will be on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 beginning at 11 a.m. to 4 or 5 p.m. Stop in for a little relaxation time and some goodies.

This will be at Hawk's Landing on East Divide. Turn east at the Cenex station for 1 ½ blocks. Hope to see many of you there.

Sustaining memberships \$10:

Evie Abrahamson, Ken Abrahamson, Lisa Abrahamson, Linda Blees, Randine Williams, Paul Brooks, Don Groll, Rat Hegle, Gail Hughes, Wayne Hughes, Ardis Kraulik, Ron Kraulik, Mark Kunze, Peggy Lindstrom, Duane Lutz, Dick McElmury, Tom Nordberg, Sandy Oberfoell, Bert Patterson, Deb Patterson, Vivian Pendergrass, Vern Reinhiller, Bonnie Roehrich, Florian Roehrich, Teresa Rush, Val Rush, Deb Schade, Nancy Schaefer, Deb Scheckler, Robert Scheckler, Julie Silha, Ken Silha, Ken Sime, Vicky Swanson, Chris Voegele, Roger Walter, Terry Walter, Susan Wanner, Steve Weigum, Chuck Whitney, Terri Whitney, Tom Williams, Roger Kubista, Amy Burke, John P. Burke, Donald Rose, Arlene Rose, Jan Froemming, Michell L. Brabazon, Ginney Jones, Tom Miller, David Kuntz, Michele Kuntz and Carolyn Kloppa.

2 years - \$20

Larry Jackson and Phyllis Enerson.

Life member - \$300

Teresa Walter

Bronze Clubs - \$100 to \$300

Medina Lions Club

Gold Clubs - \$500 to \$1,000

Noonan Lions Club

Other donations:

District 5NW Zone 2A \$18.05

Memorials in memory of PDG Lyle Swor:

Elaine Swor and family, Fargo Lions, Neil and Nancy Jordheim, Darryl and Clydine Fey, Frank Allen and Deanna Pierce, Theodore and Marian Appel, Edward Gorrilla, Bruce and Janice Harmon, Gerald and Mary Sletmoe, Jeffrey and LaVonne Swor and Norma Pierce.

Garry and Loris Freier in memory of Clara Dromstad.

Designated funds (Magnifier Program)

Mayville-Portland Lions Club	\$7
Richardton Lions Club	\$1,857
Edgeley Lions Club	\$800
Magic City Lions Club	\$179
Kenmare Lions Club	\$465

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

PDG Chris D. Voegele, Treas.



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Year of challenges highlights Eye Bank year

By Lion Chuck Whitney
Eye Bank of N.D. president

Our Lions Eye Bank has had a year of challenges. We continue to struggle with not enough corneas to make our business model work. We have addressed a number of issues and need your continued help and support to make this wonderful organization work.

We ended our month of April with a deficit of approximately \$21,000. We still have the months of May and June which are historically busy for us as well as some affiliate charges that may end up being paid to us in August. Last year we were paid over \$18,000 which would clean up a lot of red ink for us if 2010/11 works like 2009/2010.

Staff reduced

Here is what we have done to realign our books with the current reality. We have reduced our Full Time Staff from 3 to 2 people. This move alone should save us nearly \$16,000. We voted to reduce our reimbursement for eye transport from .51 (standard IRS mileage pay) down to LCI reimbursement rate of .30. We

have been paying out \$12-14,000 for transport. This move also should save us several thousand dollars. We have postponed any equipment purchases. We are continuing to work with TBI as our tissue vendor.

Door reopened?

We are also working as a board to try to reopen the door at Meritcare/Sanford ND in Fargo. Due to some unhappy past history with the past executive director and some staff at the old MeritCare, the door was shut for us.

The Fargo hospital has been using Minnesota Eye Bank as its recipient of choice. Karen Thomas has been working hard to open this door for along with Lion Bruce Furness and most recently Lions Craig Wollenberg and Dan Vondracheck. It has been a long and frustrating process. As the former MeritCare gathered over 100 corneas per year, their continued unwillingness to consider us has been a large part of our business problem. Lion Craig has a meeting set up for this coming Friday, May 13 with them. We must all keep our heads and hearts on this one.

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John Denver made the song, "Rocky Mountain High" an American classic by suggesting that there was nothing like being in Colorado in the springtime. Based upon the activities of Lions in SNE during the final week of April and the first week of May, I think we could challenge Denver's "high" with one of our own: "North Dakota Lion's High!" Why do I write this? Well, there is nothing like being a part of successful Lions activities to bring on a natural "high!"

First, the spring New Officer training sessions held on April 27-28 was a marked improvement over previous years' spring training sessions. This year, each region had its own training night for new presidents, secretaries, treasurers, and membership chairs. Over 100 Lions from 25 clubs attended the sessions. New officers expressed their appreciation for having the training at the local level, minimizing the travel and time away from home and work. Between DGE Steve, IVDGE Mel, and I, each session had an officer in attendance and we are committed to continuing this outreach through the Global Leadership Team next year.

Then, on May 2-3, six dedicated district Lion leaders canvassed the city of Ellendale, ND, praising Lionism and encouraging people to join a new club. By the time we held the organizational meeting on May 3, 21 new members joined and many others were interested in the new club. The charter documents are already at LCI and SNE will have its third new club in place this year! If that was not enough for a "high," a third event happened on May 7 that demonstrated Lionism at its best and made me proud to be a Lion!

The annual clean up day took place at the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Training Center in Jud, ND with Lions and friends of Lions coming from the far corners of the state to rake, mow, clean, paint, roof, and enjoy each other's company in the process. The weather cooperated and improvements were made to help get the training center ready for the busy summer ahead.

Everyone is motivated by different things. No matter how you get your "highs," it is clear to me that Lionism is alive and well in North Dakota! Thank you to all the Lions and friends of Lions who have been part of these three recent activities. I continue to be inspired by those around me who are motivated to roll up their sleeves, to get involved in the process, to remain optimistic about the future, and to speak up for service through Lionism!

MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 and STATE NEWS

Crunch Time for the Lions Youth Camp – We Need Help Finding Host Families!

The 2011 Multiple District 5 Summer Youth Camp will be hosted in North Dakota from July 3-9 at Wesley Acres near Valley City. The planning team is in need of help from ND Lions.

We need 10 more host families for international youth: 1 boy and 2 girls from Turkey; 2 girls from Finland; 1 boy and 1 girl from Mongolia, 1 girl from Italy (20 years old). Host families are needed for the week before the camp and the two weeks after the

camp. Hosts receive some benefits and all students must have their own insurance and medical coverage in order to come to the United States. Please contact Lion Paul Van Ness as soon as possible at 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!

The host families must be finalized within the next few weeks, so there is no time to delay. We don't want to be in a position where we cancel the camp due to lack of Lions willing to serve as host families. 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. The planning team hopes that Lions will get motivated to help make this camp a success.

One Scholarship Still Available for Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)

One scholarship remains at the district level to sponsor a Lion 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 to place his/her name in nomination for the funding from District SNE.

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.

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.

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DISTRICT NEWS

Club secretaries must file the PU101 form by May 15th!

By this point in time, club officer elections for 2011-2012 should have been held in every club. Club secretaries must file a PU101 Form by May 15 to LCI providing new officer names and contact information. This is the information that is needed in order for LCI to send out the codes and passwords that new officers will need to access club records on the Internet. As of May 6, the following clubs have not filed their PU101 forms:

- Region 1 – Bowdon, Harvey, Leeds, New Rockford,
- Region 3 – Jamestown, Wing
- Region 4 – GF Red River, GF South, Forks, Mayville-Portland, Northwood,
- Region 5 – Ashley, Gackle, Hazelton, Napoleon, Linton, Sterling, Streeter, Zeeland Dakota
- Region 6 – Kindred, LaMoure, Leonard, Oakes, Sheldon
- Region 7 – Argusville-Gardner-Grandin, Arthur, Casselton, Fargo, Fargo-Gateway, Horace, Heart of Horace, Wahpeton, Wahpeton Headwaters

PU101 reporting forms may be accessed online by going to www.lionsclubs.org and clicking on "submit reports." This information must be received in order for the state directories to be prepared for 2011-2012. This is a time-sensitive matter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Club Secretaries Should "Clean Up their Rosters" by June 30, 2011

Clubs are billed for their per capita membership based on the number of members on the club rosters as of June 30. In order to avoid being assessed by LCI for per capita dues at the end of June, secretaries can save their clubs money by going on line and

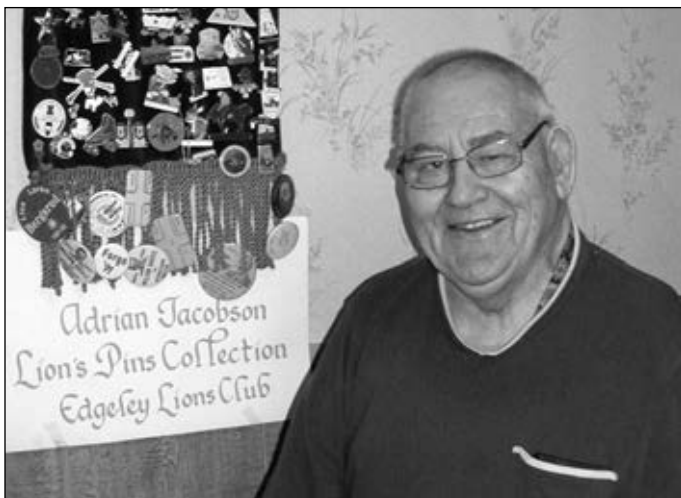
changing the status of any members who, for whatever reason, are no longer in their clubs. Go to www.lionsclubs.org, then to submit reports. Use your login and password and go to your club records. Drop any members who are not in good standing by June 30 so your club can start 2011-2012 with an accurate account. Secretaries should submit online monthly reports to LCI verifying membership and club activity. Club Treasurers Asked to Pay Outstanding Debt to LCI by May 30th! Clubs in SNE that have outstanding balances with LCI are asked to take care of these debts by May 30 in order to start the 2011-2012 term in good standing.

The following club treasurers are asked to contact the International Office to verify debt and to make arrangements for the timely payment of accounts:

- Region 3 – Jamestown, Tuttle
- Region 4 – Mayville-Portland, Northwood, UND
- Region 5 – Ashley, Gackle, Zeeland
- Region 6 – Kindred, Oakes
- Region 7 – Davenport, Fargo, Horace, Heart of Horace, Wahpeton

Clubs Encouraged to Participate in "Speak Up" Contests

At the 2010 state convention, delegates were exposed to the "Speak Up for Service" contest when high school students prepared and presented speeches as part of the noon luncheon. Information packets were distributed to clubs interested in starting their own speaking contest and plans were made to continue the contest speaking project at the 2011 state convention in Minot. In order to prepare for the 2011 state contest, clubs are encouraged to begin planning for a local contest to select students to compete at the state level. Club officers should contact the local speech coach at the nearest area high school having a speech or



Adrian Jacobson, a long-time member of the Edgeley Lions Club, has a pin collection numbering into the thousands. He takes great pride in adding pins from around the country to his collection every year. He was recently photographed next to one of the many banners he has on display. Edgeley is the sponsoring club for the new Ellendale Lions Club.



Annual Cleanup Day at Jud's Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation (Service Dogs for America) Training Center was held May 7. Lion Doug Roundy (Carrington) serves on the Board of Directors for the Foundation and is the 5NE cabinet committee chair for Service Dogs for America and the Leader Dog program.

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Charter members of the Ellendale Lions Club are pictured here following the organizational meeting and election of initial club officers seated in the front row (R to L) Lion Patricia Bowen – Membership Chair; Lion Alicia Knutson – Secretary; Lion Monica Peldo – President; and Lion Douglas Nielsen – Treasurer. Congratulations to North Dakota Newest Lions Club!

debate team. Once a club identifies a school from which to draw contestants, the contest can be planned so that a winner will be available to advance to the state convention contest. Packets are available electronically with all the directions and sample forms available. If interested in getting a packet, please email R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu and a copy of the project will be forwarded to you.

Keep Membership Growth on the Front Burner

District 5NE has a net membership growth goal of 75 for 2011. As we approach the end of the Lion Year, every club should keep membership growth in the forefront. At the present time, 5NE is sitting at net growth of just under 50. Help the District to reach its goal—consider bringing in a new member by June 30!

Zwinger and Tweed appointed GMT and GLT Coordinators

PDG Duane Zwinger and PDG Katherine Tweed have been appointed the District Coordinators for the Global Membership Team (GMT) and Global Leadership Team (GLT), respectively.

The GMT and the GLT district coordinators will work with the MDS coordinators to facilitate the international initiative to strengthen membership and leadership development efforts around the world. PDG Zwinger and PDG Tweed will focus their efforts on the GMT and GLT initiatives and will not carry additional Lion responsibilities while serving. They will introduce the district plans for 2011-2012 following the international convention in Seattle.

Spend 2010-2011 Club Project Funds: It's Time to Support Lions Charities with Club Donations

As we approach the end of this term, club officers are asked to review their project accounts and make donations to Lions charities. The following are Lions charities that will benefit from

your club's donations:

- Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota – 301 North 4th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501.
- Lions Foundation of North Dakota – 3211 North 19th Street, Bismarck, ND 58503. Consider making a \$300 club contribution and award one of your members a Life Membership.
- Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation (Service Dogs for America) – PO Box 513, Jud, ND 58454.
- Lions Clubs International Foundation – 300 West 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Consider a \$1,000 club



Ellendale Extension Team members James Ruff (Napoleon), Mabel Cowell (Medina), Fran Romsdal (Jamestown), and Robert Littlefield (Fargo) were on hand to recruit potential members at the Ellendale Ladies' Night held at the Fireside Restaurant (not pictured, Donna Ruff of Napoleon and Adrian Burkman of Edgeley).

Elgin Dakota



Lions collect hearing aides

Lion Gail Schatz, District 5NW Hearing Preservation and Awareness Chairman, collected 68 used hearing aides throughout the district. She thanks everyone for helping with the program. The hearing aides will be recycled and given to the people in foreign countries. In return people here that qualify under LCI Hear Now Program will receive new hearing aides.



New Lion Installed

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club held their annual Valentine's Party and Awards Night Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011 at the Elgin Community Center with approximately 40 Lions, guests and friends in attendance. Perfect Attendance Pins were given by Lion Secretary Carol Winkler to the following: 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. Shelly Seibel, Grant County Farmers Union Insurance agent in Elgin, was installed as a new member by Lion President Gail Schatz. Lion Ruby Koeplin is her sponsor.

Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.

Elgin



Donation for Kids Fishing Day

Lion Jade Seibel owner of Seib's Sports Bar and Lounge and Lion Shelly Seibel owner of Elgin Farmers Union Insurance Agency donated \$295 towards Elgin Lions Kids Fishing Day that is held each summer. The funds will be used to purchase prizes for the young fishermen. The funds were recently generated from the Annual Ice Fishing Derby held at Sheep Creek on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011 when 11 teams had a day of fun. Pictured, from left, are Lion Jade Seibel and Lion President Duane Schatz.



Elgin installs new members

Pictured from left, Lion President Duane Schatz, Superintendent of Schools Kyle Edgerton, Dr. Kent Diehl physician at Jacobson Memorial Hospital Clinic and District Governor Bev Charles of Bismarck. Two new Lions members were installed during the regular meeting of the Elgin Lions Club on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 by Lions District Governor Bev Charles of Bismarck. They were Superintendent of Schools Kyle Edgerton and Dr. Kent Diehl physician at the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Clinic. Both were sponsored by Lion President Duane Schatz. Two other special awards were given by District Governor Bev Charles to Lion President Duane Schatz for bringing in five new members and Lion Dale Froemming for bringing in two new members. In other action the club voted to help fund the Reading Program at the school with an incentive for all students in the third grade who accomplish their goals to attend the Shrine Circus this spring.

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Dear Fellow Lions,

With all of the winter storms we have had these past few months, it was still some what of a surprise to wake up to a blanket of snow covering everything in sight on May Day! Hopefully that is our last snow storm of the season.

As I am writing this there are many of you in the northwest corner of our State and District who are still without power. It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of hardship for all who experienced the loss of livestock; days planting in the fields; production in the oil fields; perishables in homes and businesses; communication via electronic devices; etc.; but by the time you read this, I am sure you have overcome these and many other obstacles and made good come out of It all.

Everywhere I have traveled this year I have been so blessed and impressed to see the resourcefulness, resiliency, and perseverance of 5NW Lions, which makes North Dakota such a great place to live. It is an awesome privilege to be part of your team and Lions Clubs International, working together to make our communities even better places to live while contributing to the greater good of our world as well.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I do not know where to begin, as there are so many Lions who contributed to the great success of our new District's first Spring Rally Leadership Conference in Richardton, April 16th..I am so grateful to the 140 plus Lions who attended from far and wide across our new District. With the advent of Friday's storms, I was not quite sure how everything during the weekend was going to unfold or if anything planned would even take place.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and spirit of teamwork when you arrived after driving through fog and icy, wet, snow covered roads early Saturday morning. Throughout my adult life I usually have one or more different Bible verses at the forefront of my mind; kind of as a guide to meditate on, gain strength from and grow in. For some time now, Proverbs 19:21 'Many are man's plans, but the Lord's purposes always prevail.' has been on my mind.

That promise seemed to permeate everything throughout the day of the Conference. A pessimist would have observed that everything that could go wrong did, because certainly nothing went exactly as planned, but God's Spirit made it better than anyone of us individually or collectively together could have imagined.

Thank You Lions Russ Ziegler (President) and John Gengler (Secretary) of the Richardton Lions Club for spearheading the logistics of hosting the Conference. The Richardton/Taylor High School, Assumption Abbey and the Richardton Lions Club served 5NW Lions perfectly. By 7 a.m. MT the Richardton Lions crew was working like a well oiled machine, setting everything up for the day. I have heard nothing but rave reviews of the Abbey Tour with Brother Michael Tasse.

The American Legion Auxiliary women served a very delicious meal; so much so, I figure we can blame them for any extra weight gain, as who could refuse such scrumptious food! The use of the school's intercom system, projectors and computer lab were so helpful. Lions Russ and John did an outstanding job of calmly and professionally taking care of any last minute details and/or emergencies. At the end of the day, the take down crew did their work as energetically and efficiently as the set up crew did in the morning.

Sometimes I think we are so accustomed to the high caliber of skill, talent and dedication of Lions in North Dakota we take each other for granted. For instance, Lion Ruth Sandvick (Dickinson Lions) is a model club secretary, as well as, always ready to play the piano for her club, as she was for our Conference.

She must have quite a history of time spent and practice at the piano to play as well as she does, at a moment's notice on a musical instrument you had never used before. PDG Garry Freier (Bismarck North Star Lions) is another Lion always ready to serve, whether it is as a Guiding Lion for the University of Mary Lions or leading us in an inspirational prayer.

PID Bruce Schwartz (Bismarck Lions) is also always ready to lend a helping hand, whether to lead the singing, help out with Lions protocol, etc. Most Lions wear many hats in their communities as well as in their Lions clubs and our district. We are truly blessed with so many very talented and hard working Lions all across 5NW.

IPID Neal Spencer (Cypress Hills Florida Lions) expressed many times how very impressed he was with the quality of our Breakout Sessions, Information Tables and just the general overall attitude of our Conference. Thank You Breakout Session Leaders for sharing with us all, your wealth of information, help, and support.

I am sorry I could not attend any of your sessions, but the response from those who did has been so overwhelmingly positive and encouraging. Also I would like to thank you for being an ongoing resource for any Lions who have questions or need further assistance.

There are club secretaries who are now confidently filing their Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) and Monthly Activity Reports (MARs) on LCI's website, due to the excellent Secretary Training Lion Lois Reiersen (Williston Korner Lions) conducted with the generous help of Lions Chris Kemp (Williston Lions) and Dickie Jo Kubas (South Heart Lions).

Lions are now more able and apt to set up their club's budgets

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due to the helpful training of 1st VDGE Lewellyn Rustan (New England Lions) and his Dollars & Sense Training for Treasurers. 2nd VDGE Mike Blazek (Washburn Lions) also did an excellent job in his Lions Club Presidential Training Breakout Session. Lion Loren Haugen (Williston Lions) put together an awesome Membership Orientation Presentation that will continue to be a most helpful tool for all of us.

Lions JeAnne Selby (Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions) and Stu Merry (Garrison Lions) have been for many years, so very helpful in encouraging all Lions to shine their light on their service and other activities and continued to do so with their PR Breakout Session. It has been great to see Lions articles in local papers and all your submissions to the ND Lion.

PDG Herman Schafer (Mandan Dacotah Lions) did an outstanding job of introducing LCI's Club Excellence Process. Lion Jed Geer (Bismarck North Star Lions) magnanimously took over the lead for the Lions' Contests & Awards Breakout Session, when Lion Ruthie Wagner (Williston Lions) could not attend the Conference due to a family emergency.

Thank you to all of the Lions who attended to the Information Tables during the day: Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota (LEBND), Karen Thomas (Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions); Vision USA, Chuck Whitney (Bowman Lions); Leader Dogs for the Blind, Jan Froemming (Elgin Dakota Lions); Service Dogs for America, Chris Danielson (Jud Lions), Larry Tosseth and Jim Bumann (Bismarck North Star Lions); Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. (LFND), Chris Voegelé (Bowman Lions); LFND Video Magnifier Program, Kevin Vannett (Mandan Dacotah Lions); Diabetes Awareness, Loris Freier (Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions); State Historical Society of North Dakota Foundation, Bill Schott (Mandan Lions); and Pin Trading, Dale Froemming (Elgin Lions).

Most of all, thank you all for a very memorable, wonderful day of fellowship, learning, and growing in friendship and Lionism.

Lions in the news

Lion featured in Minot newspaper

Long time Minot resident and Lions Club member Gary Clock was recently featured in an article by Jason Blasco that appeared in the *Minot Daily News*. Clock was featured for receiving a national award for powerlifting.

At 61, Clock has competed since 1967 at the top level in a sport that isn't always known for longevity. This year, Clock earned the distinction of being named Natural Athletic Strength Association Power Lifter of the Year at 61 from the national organization based in Oklahoma City, Okla., an excerpt from the article stated.

Throughout his 40 years of power lifting, Clock has won a number of different awards.

Editor's note: Gary Clock is a member of the Magic City Lions and is in charge of its Web Page, which has won the MDS website of the year the previous two years.

PU-101s, MMRs & MARs

I am impressed with those secretaries who took what they learned at the Conference and have so diligently filed their club's MMRs and MARs. Truly, we can never ask too many questions, nor are there any dumb questions. We are all better off for the knowledge we seek and obtain. No matter whether you attended the Conference or you were unable to attend the Conference, it you need help please send one of us an email or call. If we do not have the answer, we will find someone who does and we will all be the better for doing so. If you have not filed your club's PU-101 I hope you will take the time to do so, as it is most important and helpful for your club and District.

Club budgets

If you do not have a club budget for the upcoming Lions year, 2011-2012, now would be a good time to get started on one. It is fairly simple once you get started and you will find it very helpful throughout the year. Again, if you have any question please let us know.

Club Excellence process

I wrote about the Club Excellence Process in my last newsletter. If you have not looked into this I would highly encourage you to do so. Just type in Club Excellence Process into the search box on the upper right hand corner of the Members page of LCI's website: www.lionsclubs.org.

LCI's LION Magazine

There are several articles in the May issue of the LION magazine that are very helpful. On page 47 the article 'From Applicant to Approved' helps take the guesswork out of getting an LCIF grant, page 51 has all of the information for LCI's 24th Annual Peace Poster Contest 'Children Know Peace' and page 52 introduces some of the helpful changes to make communication with LCI via the web easier.

Thank you

Throughout this last year, I have come to a greater appreciation of the contributions each Lion makes to their club, community and the world at large. Truly, each and every Lion in our District can be proud that they are LIONS: 'Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service'. I wish I could publicly recognize each person, but it is just not possible. My only consolation comes in seeing how selfless most Lions are. Thank you for continually serving and making our world a better place to live.



Zone 3B



Zone 3B meets

Pictured are members of the Medina Lions, Jamestown Lions and Buffalo City (Jamestown) Lions Clubs that were in attendance at the zone meeting at Medina Monday, Feb. 21st. Leaders of this meeting were Region Chair; Duane Zwinger, Zone Chair; Fran Romsdal and Medina President; Chris Wingire.

Magic City

Club hosts poker tournament



The Magic City Lions Club held a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament Feb. 5th at the Sleep Inn and Suites in Minot.

Even with the cold weather and icy roads there were still 56 players in attendance. The top four players agreed to pool the winnings together each earning an \$875 payout.

The Magic City Lions were able to raise money to help fund the many projects and community events they participate in every year.

Region 5

Region 5 raises funds for environment

A variety of activities were planned for the 2nd annual Region fund raiser called 'Winter Arts in the Park'.

This year the event was hosted by the Napoleon Lions Club on February 5th at Napoleon. Approximately 200 people attended. They enjoyed a soup and sandwich luncheon, listened to good entertainment, played bingo, purchased baked goods or items from vendors or bid on silent auction items donated by local business'. The six Lions clubs from Zone 5C (Braddock, Hazelton, Sterling, Napoleon, Gackle & Streeter) participated in one way or another. The fundraiser was held to raise money for an environmental project that will benefit the Beaver Lake State Park near Burnstead, N.D.

Signs for the park entrance and walking trails are top priority with the hope to also raise enough money for some playground equipment. More fund raisers for the same project are being planned in other communities of the South Central Region 5 of District 5 NE. Zone 5C Chairperson, Lion Donna Ruff wants to 'thank' the planning committee and all the Lions that volunteered their time that day to make the event a success.

Last year the Wishek and Lehr Lions clubs spearheaded the 1st 'Winter Arts in the Park' at Wishek with the funds raised sent to LCIF for the Haiti Earthquake Relief Project.

We are happy that this year's project will help our local State Park. It was suggested by a vendor to hold a fund raiser for the park this summer at the park and call it 'Summer Arts In The Park'. Now that's a great idea.



Streeter and Gackle Lions members working the bake sale booth. Baked goods were provided by the generous donations from the Sterling and Napoleon Lions members. Working the booth are left to right: Streeter Lion Arlene Veil, Gackle President, Lion Richtie Jacobson, Streeter Lion ElRay Fercho, and Streeter Tail Twister, Margaret William.



Napoleon Lions helping with bingo: left to right: Lions William Piatz, Jerome Schwanzenberger & Tail Twister, Lion Lorraine Piatz. Missing is Napoleon President Tony Braun.

University of Mary

U-Mary Lions spearhead local Marine care package drive

Tom Ackerman
Director of Communications, University of Mary

The University of Mary chapter of Lions Club is reaching out to the campus and community to support our troops by participating in the Marine Parents Care Package Project.

U-Mary Lions Club members collected nonperishable items inside both entrances of Central Market on March 12, as well as at drop-off points on campus. Monetary donations were also accepted. According to Lions Club two-semester director, Sagan Dobie, a senior respiratory therapy major from New Ulm, Minn., most-requested items include:

- Single-serving size snacks/non-perishable food items, e.g., tuna kits, beef jerky, canned fruit (pop-top), dried fruit, nuts, etc, (Small-size) pre-sweetened, flavored beverage mixes, Toothbrushes, Liquid body wash (no pump dispensers,

Undershirts (olive green, short-sleeve), Socks (boot cut, black), AA and AAA batteries, Baby wipes, Letters of support (addressed: "Dear Marine") All items must be new and in the original sealed packaging (except recreation items). Homemade food items and those in glass containers cannot be accepted. The care packages went to various troops in undisclosed areas.

Members of the U-Mary Lions Club are: Carmen Dahl, Williston, ND; Justene Dahl, Williston, ND; Sagan Dobie, New Ulm, MN; Heidi Halderman, Pierre, SD; Tiffany Int Veldt, Hague, ND; Ciara Martel, Bismarck; Kristin Mathern, Bismarck; Joanna Oleksik, Williston, ND; Ashley Peck, Crookston, MN; Elliot Rust, Casselton, ND.

For more information concerning the U-Mary Lion's Club Care Package Project, call (507) 276-1971 or e-mail sjorrl@umary.edu.

Bowman



Pictured are Lion Sandy Phelps-Oberfoell and Librarian Sarah

Club donates magnifier

The Bowman Lions Club recently donated a digital hand-held magnifier to the Bowman Public Library, to help aid seeing impaired individuals.

Some of the capabilities of the magnifier are that, it will enlarge print or pictures up to 14x's the magnification, it can change the background color for individuals who see better with a black or blue background or it can change the color of the printed text.



You can adjust the brightness and it can freeze frame something that you are viewing so that you can bring it up to eye level to examine better. It is small and portable and truly a phenomenal little machine that will be a great asset to the library.

The Lions invite the public to stop by the library and have one of the librarians give you a personal demonstration.

The purchase of the magnifier was funded by a grant from the Lions Foundation of ND and the Bowman Lions Club.



Funds help Science Olympiad

Recently, the Bowman Lions donated funds to the Science Olympiad students, taught by teacher Jennifer Holechek and aided by substitute teacher Gretchen Flatz. The funds helped purchase the Science Olympiad T-shirts. Shown from left to right are students Dayln Limesand and Kaitlyn Hill, Teacher Jennifer Holechek, Lion Sandy Phelps-Oberfoell, substitute teacher Gretchen Flatz and student Kayla Palczewski.

Bowman



Fundraiser held

On Super Bowl Sunday 2011, the Bowman Lions held its annual Soup and Sandwich Fundraiser at the Bowman Lutheran Church. The funds raised, will help defray medical expenses for this years recipient, Barb Sedevie of Bowman. Barb and the Lions wish to thank the community for their generous support. Pictured are Lion Chuck Whitney and recipient Barb Sedevie.



Bowman Lions host benefit

Recently the Bowman Lions had a Medical Benefit pancake and sausage breakfast for Colten Maple, a Bowman junior high student, who has been suffering with a visual eye problem. One of the main focuses of Lions Club International is helping seeing impaired individuals and to aid in the prevention of serious vision loss. The benefit was at the Bowman Lutheran Church and was a huge success, thanks to several local people who donated items for a silent auction on Colten's behalf and thanks to the Lion volunteers who hosted the breakfast. Pictured, from left, are Lion Bonnie Roehrich and Lorraine Price, Colten Maple's mother.

Submitted by Sandra Phelps-Oberfoell

Club focuses on visual learning

*Submitted by
Lion Sonja Haugen*

The Reeder Lions Club's April meeting focused on a visual learning disability as Kari Lei Valloff shared information about an eye condition affecting son Andrew and approximately 1 percent of this country's population.

Scotopic Sensitivity Syndrome, also known as perceptual dyslexia or Irlen syndrome, is a learning disability in children. The disorder affects vision, making reading and writing difficult, and is caused as a result of inappropriate brain-eye coordination.

Even though the child's intellectual level is high, they are unable to read or write. Parents and teachers may see them being inattentive in class or needing more reading or writing practice. They cannot read because words appear to be moving, blurring, washing out, melting and flipping.

Some of the commonly observed symptoms of this syndrome may not be caused as a result of long or short sightedness. Some of the symptoms are: excessive eye strain, headaches and migraines, disability to read because letters appear to be moving, eyes

sensitive to light, limited clarity in vision, difficulty concentrating on studies or other work, or poor judgment of distance between objects due to eye problems.

Two possible ways of treating this disability includes the use of tinted glasses and/or colored transparencies. Tinted glasses useful for reading as well as coping with other traits of the syndrome and should be used with an expert's prescription. Transparencies reduce moving letters and words and prevent letters from fading. It also reduces headaches and migraines.

Andrew's disability was discovered after experiencing bouncing letters, not seeing the fireworks his family had observed, and other symptoms. Fortunately, there is an Irlen specialist in Sidney, Mont., who treats these symptoms as the other known facility is in CA. Andrew's specialist asked him to try glasses of different tints until he tried red and exclaimed, "They stopped!" (meaning the letters stopped bouncing). His latest glasses have a yellow tint. How critical it is to have an early diagnosis, reduce the struggle, and observe the student's great attitude and success!

Jud

Lions volunteer for work-day at dog training center

About 50 volunteers, three-fourths of them members of N.D. Lions clubs, tined roofs, painted and completed spring clean-up at the Great Plains dog training center in Jud on the center's annual work-day Saturday, May 7.

Again this year, the North Star Lions Club led the parade of Lions members at the 2011 event; the club was represented by nine members.

The Lions clubs of North Dakota are major sponsors of Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Inc., which does business as Service Dogs for America. The training program was founded by Ed Duden, Steve Powers and Michael Goehring of Jud in 1989 on land donated by Duden on the east end of Jud. The center is the premier agency for emergency medical response dog training.



Lions who are members of the board of directors with the Great Plains executive director, Joani Brandenburg, Jud, are, from left, Lee Finstad, Grand Forks, and President Dennis Anderson, Northwood. Back, from left, Larry Tosseth, Bismarck; Ronald "Ron" Harris, Valley City; Doug Roundy, Carrington; Gerald Sletmoe, Detroit Lake, Minn.; Jim Bumann, Bismarck. The board meets monthly. Sletmoe is a member of the Lions Club at Sheldon, his home area, and regularly travels 80 miles to meetings from his home in Detroit Lakes. Harris has an assistance dog, Magnum, for the past 2-1/2 years; Magnum is used for diabetic alerts and for mobility. Joani has been with Great Plains for nine years; she is the newly elected president of the Jud Lions Club.



For the past nine years, members of the Davenport Lions Club have been serving fondue steaks and freshly made potato chips to fellow Lions and other volunteers at the conclusion of the annual Great Plains work-day. The Lions from Davenport, about 80 miles from Jud, bring their fondue equipment and sunflower oil and prepare the steaks and chips (in separate oil "pots") as a donation to the dog training center. The club, organized in 1939, has been preparing the deep-fried food as a fund-raising activity for the past 29 years, at one time at as many events as 25 a year, now reduced to about to about six. Members of the Davenport Club are, from left, Dan Albright, Mike Krueger, Keith Lynnes, Cody Krueger, Brigit Sprenger, Bob Everson and Andy Sprenger. A noon meal is prepared by the volunteers by Helen Duden of Jud, widow of a founder of the center who donated land for the facility at the east edge of the small town (2010 population 72).



Cutting steel roof panels for workers atop the center's main building are, right, Dr. Chuck Whitney, Bowman Lions; Vicki McMahon, left, employee, and Jeremy Kotaska, volunteer (not a Lion) from Bismarck. Kotaska, 33, a dog trainer who learned the trade as an inmate at the James River Correctional Center in Jamestown, donates services to the center "at least once a month." He served time for burglary. Six dogs receive their "basic training" at the center over three-four months.

Jud



Among those from Bismarck at the Great Plains work-day were these four who were painting panels of a winter walk-way shelter, from left, Dave Charles, Jim "Little Jim" Bumann, Bob Offerdahl and Joel Newgard. All but Little Jim are members of the North Star Lions Club; nine members of the club turned out for the work-day. About three-fourths of the volunteers at the annual work-day were Lions members.



Bill Gackle of Kulm, past district governor and North Dakota's first international director of Lions, is shown handling a rake at the Great Plains dog training center's clean-up day.



Among volunteers (not a Lions member) at the Great Plains work-day was Darryl Revier, Garrison, at right, shown here with Vicki McMahon, a maintenance worker and dog trainer at the center. Revier, employed at Garrison Lumber Co., is a 28-year U.S. Air Force retired-veteran. Revier's daughter, Kaylee, a junior at Garrison High School, received an assistance dog from Great Plains through Make-a-Wish; Kaylee is autistic.

EYE BANK from page 3

Participation urged

The other part of this dilemma is to encourage ALL of our clubs to participate. Our clubs to date have been awesome, but we need more help. If every currently non donating club were to donate \$50 or more, our short term issues with money would be dealt with. It is my goal to write each of these clubs and ask for money.

Lastly, we need to overhaul our delivery volunteers list to a more workable selection to avoid huge distances being driven by only one or two Lions. Gone are the days when we could rely on dedicated volunteers alone to do this job. One of the items we discussed was to look at a pin or some other recommendation to encourage all of our clubs to donate at the individual club member level. Our Lion Jan Froemming is a past and current Leader Dog chair and does a wonderful job with this effort. We are hoping to have her coordinate with the District Vision chairs to encourage this effort.

New officers

The last agenda item was probably the most important item and was the election on new officers. Lion Rick Swenson was our Vice President and he agreed to step up as incoming President, while Lion Dan Vondracheck agreed to step up as Vice President. Lion Mabel Cowell will be taking over as Secretary from Lion Jan Froemming and Lion Chuck Whitney will take over from Lion Dave Charles as treasurer. Our outgoing board members are Lions Jack Colby of Williston and Dave Charles from Bismarck.

When you see these fine Lions, please be sure to thank them for

their years of service to LEBND. Lions Mabel Cowell and Carla Lien stepped up last year to fill the one year director vacancies for the new SNE when Lion Bruce Furness resigned and Lion Gene Bender was unable to continue as a director due to health issues. In the west, Lions Scott Ressler from Bismarck and Jenelle Loftness from Mandan will be our new incoming three year directors.

Interest to serve?

One final note is that we will be electing new LEBND board members from both Districts at Minot this fall. If you have any interest in serving on this board, PLEASE contact your District Leadership Team (DG, VDG etc) so that your name can be on the ballot. Likewise, if you know of someone who would be a good member, please also contact the Leadership team.

It is my hope that we will turn the corner soon on the financial part of our job, and the board will no longer have to work as hard as the past two boards have had to do. If you or your club has any questions of us, please feel free to contact your LEBND leadership group. We are in the District Directory. Looking forward to serving you for another year, I remain yours in Service, Lion Chuck Whitney, PDG outgoing President of LEBND.

Eye Bank Transport team

Those Lions members who transported tissue to the Lions Eye Bank included:

Duane Prebt, Grand Forks; Mike Coleman, South Forks; Harley Tretz, Buffalo City; Sandy Wurgler, Rugby; Craig Wollenburg, Rugby; Josh Ressler, Minot; Magic City, Bruce Schwartz, Bismarck.

Mandan



Pictured, back, from left, Bill Schott, board member of the North Dakota Lions Eye Foundation, Alice Schott, Bismarck Lions and Jeff Erickson, president, Mandan Lions. Foreground, Doris Hickle recipient of the machine.

Club gives video magnifier

Mrs. Doris Hickle who resides at the Waterford residence in Bismarck and a long-time resident of Morton and Oliver County, received a Video Magnifier from the Mandan Lions Club. Doris, who suffers from eye deterioration, can now read her newspaper and books. The magnifier greatly improves her quality of life was Doris comment.

The North Dakota Lions now have 22 such machines in use in the state. For more information contact Kevin Vannett 428-8050, or Bill Schott 3915611 for use of a Magnifier Machine.



Lion Jeff Erickson, president; Lion Bill Schott, sponsor; and Lion Larry Mettler.

Mettler 5NW top rookie

Larry Mettler, with the Mandan Lions Club, received the Rookie of the Year award at the District 5NW Leadership Conference Saturday, April 16, at Richardton. The award was given to a first-year member who exemplifies outstanding involvement with the North Dakota Lions.

Larry is a native of Mandan who returned after living in California for 40 years. Larry works as a representative of a gutter topper company. Presenting the award with President Lion Erickson is Lion Bill Schott who sponsored Lion Larry into the Mandan Lions Club.

Those interested in joining the Lions may call 663-0066 and ask for Bill. We will be glad to provide a ride that meets every Monday noon at the Mandan Moose Club.

Hazen

Helping out the Heinemeyers

From left, Hazen Lions Club President Alvina Hagler and Lions member Sharon Olander present Keith Heinemeyer and his son, Ayden, with a check for \$10,634 raised at a benefit fundraiser March 13 at Hazen City Hall, Hazen. The funds will help defray medical costs for Keith, who is currently battling esophageal cancer. Of the total, Thrivent Financial Mercer and Oliver Counties #31353 provided \$1,000 in supplemental funding.



Minot



Melvin Jones

Monday, May 9, Minot Lions presented three Melvin Jones Fellowships and inducted two new members. Pictured, from left, are recipients Lion Diann Hanson - Melvin Jones; Lion Terry Narum - Progressive Melvin Jones; Lion Nadine Holmly - Melvin Jones.

Ashley



60-year member

Pictured is 60-year pin recipient RJ Bendewald, left, being presented with the honor from immediate past president James Grossmann of the Ashley Lions Club at the March 2011 regular club meeting.



New members

New members to the club are, from left, Robert "Bob" Martin and Elizabeth Ward. Sponsor of both members Mike Ward.

Benefit for PCC Brian Tinker

*Submitted by
Herman A. Schafer*

Our motto "We Serve" has never been more important than it is now. "We Serve" for many tremendous needs worldwide and also here at home. At a District SNW cabinet meeting chaired by DG Bev Charles in January, members made a decision to "Serve," holding a benefit breakfast for Lions Brian and Allen Tinker. The breakfast was Sunday, May 15 in Washburn.

MDS PCC Brian M. Tinker was injured in a rollover automobile accident on Nov. 17, 2010. His spinal cord was severed upon impact after the vehicle rolled twice when it went out of control on icy roads six miles from the Tinker farm home. He was en route to his McClusky office at the time.

Lion Brian has and is presently being treated for some of the complications that happened as a result of that accident. He is paraplegic but he is thankful for the use of his upper body which will allow him to work at his profession. Organizers said the fundraiser was a major Lion-sized breakfast. It was offered to all participants as a freewill donation.

This project was chaired by 2nd VDG-elect Lion Mike Blazek of the Washburn Lions Club. Lion Mike is the Zone 5A chairperson. He is being assisted by many of the Lions who are members of the Washburn Lions Club as well as committee members PDG Jan Froemming of Elgin Dakota Lions and PDG Herman A. Schafer of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club and anyone else who wished to help. All profits will be sent to PCC Brian M. Tinker from District SNW.

TO DONATE

To donate to the Brian Tinker benefit, send funds to the Washburn Lions Club in the name of PCC Brian M. Tinker, C/O Lion Mike Blazek at 1412 Main Avenue E at Washburn, ND 58577, or PDG Jan Froemming at PO Box 134 at Elgin, ND 58533. For more information, call Mike at 1-701-400-0526.

PID Neil Spencer of Florida keynotes District 5NW Spring Leadership Rally



District 5 NW Public Relations Chair JeAnne Selby, second from right, Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, receives the International President's Letter of Commendation in recognition of her distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions International from PID Neil Spencer, far left, DG Bev Charles, and PID Bruce Schwartz, far right, on April 16.



District 5NW Cabinet Secretary Lois Reiersen, second from right, Williston Korner Lions, receives the International President's Letter of Commendation in recognition of her distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions International, from PID Neil Spencer, left, DG Bev Charles, and PID Bruce Schwartz, right, during the District 5NW Spring Leadership Rally.

By Lion JeAnne Selby
5NW Public Relations Chair

Past International Director (PID) Neil R. Spencer of the Cypress Gardens (Florida) Lions Club, keynoted the first annual Spring Leadership Rally of the new District 5NW, held Saturday, April 16, and hosted by the Richardton Lions Club at the Richardton-Taylor High School.

A former business owner and Boeing Company employee, PID Spencer served as an International Director from 2008 to 2010. He has held many offices at the local club level, served as Zone Chair, District Governor, and Council Chairperson. A Melvin Jones Fellow, Spencer has received numerous awards ranging from 100 percent Club President to the Leadership Medal and International President's Medal. In addition, PID Spencer also received the key to the City of Cocoa Beach, where he lives, and was honored with a proclamation declaring May 19, 2006, as Neil R. Spencer Day.

The rally started at 8 a.m., MDT, with a continental breakfast, followed by a tour of the recently renovated Assumption Abbey.

Following a brief welcome by 5NW District Governor Bev Charles, the 135 Rally participants selected one of five breakout sessions. The breakout sessions offered were Lions Club Secretary's Training, led by Cabinet Secretary Lois Reiersen of the Williston Korner Lions (and assisted by Chris Kemp of the Williston Lions and Dickie Jo Kubis of the South Heart Lions); Dollars and Sense: Training for Treasurers, presented by First Vice District Governor Elect Lewellyn Rustand of the New England Lions; Membership Orientation, given by Lion Loren Haugen

of the Williston Korner Lions; Public Relations for Lions clubs, presented by State North Dakota Lion Editor Stu Merry of the Garrison Lions and District 5NW Public Relations Chair JeAnne Selby of the (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions; and Lions' Contests and Awards, presented by Lion Jed Geer of the (Bismarck) North Star Lions (and assisted by Second Vice District Governor Elect Mike Blazek of the Washburn Lions and Past District Governor Herman Schafer of the Mandan Dacotah Lions).

After a mid-morning coffee break, rally participants had an opportunity to attend a second breakout session. All five breakouts were offered a second time.

PID Spencer addressed the group immediately following the noon luncheon. Much of the afternoon plenary session celebrated the new Lions district's first year, through a slide show highlighting the 54 clubs' signature events and fundraising activities as well as District 5NW awards and recognitions.

District 5NW DG Charles, assisted by PID Spencer and PID Bruce Schwartz of the Bismarck Lions, presented four International President's Letters of Commendation. The certificates recognize the recipients' distinguished achievements in fulfilling the mission of Lions Clubs International. Recipients included Cabinet Treasurer Carolyn Lean of the (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions; Cabinet Secretary Lois Reiersen, Williston Korner Lions; District 5NW Public Relations Chair JeAnne Selby, (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions; and District 5NW Zone Mentor, Ruthie Wagner, Williston Lions. Presentations will be made to Lions Lean and Wagner at a later date, as they were unable to attend the Leadership Rally.



Jud Lion Chris Danielson, a dog trainer at Service Dogs of America, briefly addresses the plenary session at the 5NW Spring Leadership Rally, introducing Holly, one of the mobility assistance dogs, and explaining the dog training process (for both dogs and recipients).

In addition, DG Charles also acknowledged the outstanding volunteer services of Zone 1B Chair Jack Colby of the Williston Korner Lions, North Dakota Lion Editor Stu Merry of the Garrison Lions, Zone 3A Chair Roger Walter of the Bowman Lions, and PDG Chuck Whitney, also of the Bowman Lions.

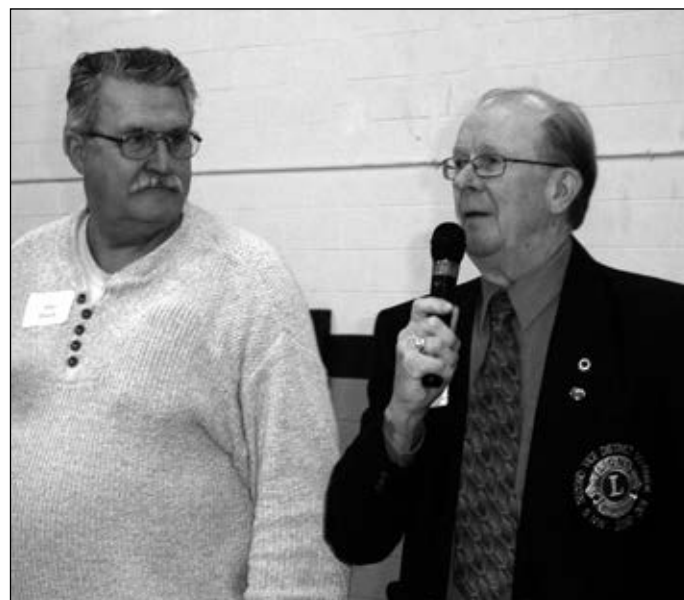
DG Charles also honored four "Rookie Lions" and their sponsors with pins and certificates. The four new Lions, guided by their sponsors toward becoming informed, involved and valued club members, were required to complete nine requirements during their first year of Lions membership in order to qualify for the award.

The dual recognitions went to "Rookie Lions" Riley Mattson, President of the newly-chartered South Heart Lions Club; Larry Mettler and his Sponsor Bill Schott of the Mandan Lions; Trevor Vannett and his Sponsor (and Father) PDG Kevin Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah Lions; and Alice Schott and her Sponsor Janet Esser of the Bismarck Lions Club.

During breaks rally participants were able to visit information tables staffed by representatives of Diabetes Awareness, the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Leader Dogs, the North Dakota State Historical Society, Lions pin trading, eyeglasses and hearing aid recycling, Service



5NW DG Bev Charles of the (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions thanks District 5NW Lions for their many hours of service and reflects on her 2010 - 2011 term, which will conclude June 30.



Second VDG Elect Mike Blazek of the Washburn Lions, left, and First VDG Elect Lewellyn Rustan of the New England Lions both share a few comments on their upcoming leadership terms at the conclusion of the Spring Leadership Rally.

Dogs of America, the video magnifier program, and Vision USA. Most representatives also briefly addressed the group.

The day-long rally concluded with remarks by First Vice District Governor Elect Lewellyn Rustan and Second Vice District Governor Mike Blazek, as they looked ahead to their upcoming leadership terms; and by District 5NW Governor Charles of the (Bismarck) Prairie Rose Lions, as she reflected on the 2010 - 2011 term coming to a close on June 30.

See more photos from the Rally on page 14.



A strong showing by Lions members in District 5NW made the Spring Rally a great success.



PID Bruce Schwartz (Bismarck Lions Club) and IPID Neal Spencer (Cypress Gardens, FL Lions Club).



1st VDG Lewellyn Rustan conducting the Dollars & Sense: Training for Treasurers Breakout Session at the 5NW spring Rally.



Second VDG Mike Blazek conducting the Lions Club Presidential Training Breakout Session at the District 5NW Spring Rally this past month in Richardton.



Cabinet Secretary Lois Reiersen conducting one of two Lions Club Secretary Training Breakout Sessions at the Spring Rally.



Lions 'bus-pool' to Rally

Lions from the Ray, Williston Korner and Watford City Lions Clubs joined together on a bus to attend the Spring Rally in Richardton this past month. Prizes were awarded. Two members of the Korner Lions; Jim Stokke and Merle Halvorson, drove the bus loaned to the Lions for the trip by Northwest Transportation. Inset photo – Once loaded, it was off to Richardton to the Spring Rally!

Prairie Rose Lions Diabetes Strides Walk



Tuesday, May 24, 2011 • 7:00 pm
State Capitol Grounds-
South side of Capitol

Registration: 6:30-7:00 pm at the south front steps of the Capitol Building
 Donations will be accepted at registration to support diabetes projects.
 Diabetes resources and information will be provided free.

For more information contact:

Lion Loris: 701-222-2655 • Tera: 701-328-2698



Join us for an evening walk for health and to create awareness about diabetes prevention and control.

Partners: ND Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control, Bismarck-Mandan Diabetic Association, Burleigh County NDSU Extension and Go! Bismarck Mandan Coalition
 Funding Sponsors: Cal's Car Clinic and Brach Johnson Agency of Farmers Union Insurance



DG Bev Charles, left, recognized "Rookie Lions" and their sponsors for completion of nine requirements during their first year of Lions membership. Among the "Rookie Lions" and sponsors receiving pins and certificates are, from left, Sponsor PDG Kevin Vannett, "Rookie Lion" Trevor Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, "Rookie Lion" and South Heart Lions Club President Riley Mattson, "Rookie Lion" Alice Schott of the Bismarck Lions Club, and "Rookie Lion" Sponsor Bill Schott of the Mandan Lions. (Not pictured are "Rookie Lion" Larry Mettler of the Mandan Lions and "Rookie Lion" Alice Schott's Sponsor, Lion Janet Esser, of the Bismarck Lions Club).



PID Neil Spencer of Florida addresses the group during the noon luncheon at the District 5NW Leadership Rally April 16 at Richardson.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute approaches

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.

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.

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

"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:

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

Ray



Club gains three

Ray Lion, Lion Donald Suhr, sponsored three new members to the Ray Lions Club. Zone Chairman Jack Colby performed the induction ceremony. Pictured from left to right are Lion Donald Suhr, Lion Michael Remond, Lion Randall Adams, Lion Steven Perdue, and Zone Chair, Lion Jack Colby. The Ray Lions Club was Chartered in 1952.

Elgin



Lions help with pool lift

The Elgin Lions Club made a donation of \$4,500 to help with the mechanical lift that will lower young people and adults into the Elgin Swimming Pool. Another \$2,000 was donated by the Southwest Special Education Unit for batteries and accessories. Accepting the donation was Lion Superintendent of Schools Kyle Edgerton from Lion President Duane Schatz. Lion Terry Bentz was instrumental in putting the funding program together.

Photo by Lion Duane Schatz

Headwater's Club recalls long-time member

Members of the Headwater's Lions Club in Wahpeton acknowledge the passing of long-time member James L Kraus who joined Lions in 1977. He was District Governor of District 4C2 1987-1988, a Melvin Jones Fellow, and served on the MD4 (CA-NV) Youth Exchange Committee. In 1994-95, he was the chairman of the committee and was named to the Lions International Top Ten Youth Exchange chairman of the year. He was the founding chairman of the Board of Governors of Canine Companion for Independence and a life member of the Lions Projects for Lions Projects for Canine Companions for Independence.

Submitted by Winona Kingbird



The Fargo Lions Club
**90 Years of
Serving Up
Service**

Thursday, June 2nd • 5 p.m.-9 p.m. • US Bank Plaza

Help the Fargo Lions Club celebrate 90 years of "Serving Up Service and Saving Sight" at Cruisin' Broadway!

FREE ICE CREAM FLOATS

The Fargo Lions Club will be collecting used eye glasses at Cruisin' Broadway. So cruise on down, bring those eyeglasses and help us celebrate 90 years of service to the community!