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Mandan Lions feed flood volunteers

Submitted by 5NW VDG Pat Vannett

On May 25, 2011, Lions Kevin and Pat Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah Lions approached Mandan Mayor Tim Helbling with the idea of organizing food for all of the volunteers that would be needed to fight the flood. He replied "that would be awesome."

The Mandan Dacotah Lions board of directors quickly acted to approve the project and Mandan Lions Club President; Jeff Erickson called his club for workers and within THREE hours Kevin and Pat had organized donations of water, food, and tents. The grills were lit and our journey began.

Because of the working relationship that all of the Lions of Mandan have with business owners in our community, those businesses quickly got on board to support this project. Many businesses stepped up to the plate when asked to help. Others called us to ask "what do you need, we want to help." This was truly a community wide effort where every church, organization, business and private person united in the fight to save our city.

The Red Cross soon came by and was quite impressed with the organization that was in place. They soon were calling to see where their volunteers could help us. We were able to assist them in finding the areas of our community where their trucks could go, but we could not. The Salvation Army soon was on the scene and again they depended on the local Lions club to help them get to the places that were without food and water.

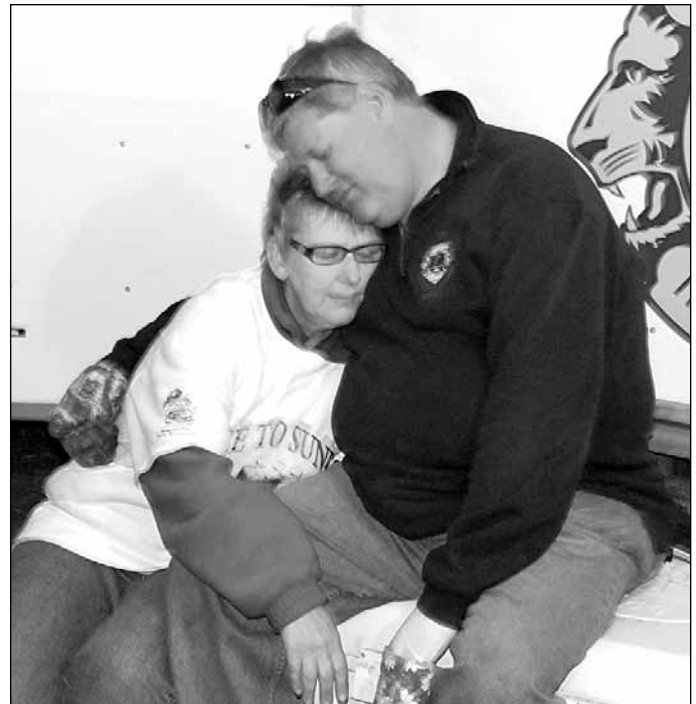
For the next 12 days, the Lions of Mandan continued to be Beacons of Hope for the community. At one time there were Lions members from six clubs from both sides of the river working side by side. What a great example of cooperation and understanding. We estimate that over 20,000 meals were served over those twelve days.

Thank you to all of the Lions Clubs from across North Dakota who sent financial support and manpower to assist the Bismarck/Mandan area. You are truly Beacons of Hope.

Soon to be Lion Cindy Sandvick and other community volunteers serve food to our National Guard and the sandbag teams during the "Race to Sunrise" all night sandbagging event held at the Raging Rivers sandbag site in Mandan from 10 p.m. June 1 to 6 a.m. June 2.



Setting up to feed the volunteers in the 2011 flood fight are Lion Bill Schott of the Mandan Lions and Lion Kevin Vannett along with his son Matt, and Lion Marcy Moore of the Mandan Dacotah Lions.



Lions Pat and Kevin Vannett who organized the efforts to feed flood fight volunteers in Mandan are looking a little pooped at 2 a.m. on June 2.



Around 40 current Lions, former Lions and guests were in attendance at the Hazen Lions Club's 35th anniversary celebration at the Hazen Golf Course.

Lions gather to celebrate 35 years of service

By Chris Gessele

If you're a member of the Hazen Lions Club, you likely don't make too much noise.

You let your actions roar for themselves.

The Hazen Lions Club, Kings of Community Service in Hazen and the surrounding area, celebrated their 35th anniversary at the Hazen Golf Course clubhouse. Nearly 40 Lions members from Hazen and the rest of western North Dakota's District SNW turned out for the event.

Club beginnings

The Hazen Lions got their start in Jan. 1976. Every new club needs a sponsor, Lion Ed Grunett said, and Hazen was sponsored by the Glen Ullin Lions Club.

A community needs to gather a minimum of 10 members to start a club. Among those first Hazen members was Melvin Gutknecht, Hazen. Melvin recalled that Maynard Krause was his

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From left, father-son duo Keith Johnson and Aaron Johnson provided the entertainment at the anniversary open house.

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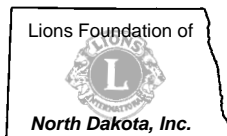
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Transportation team report

The May transport team included (and times transported):

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Region 5 Lions of District 5NE complete environmental service project

The Lions of Region 5 in District 5NE completed a year-long environmental project at Beaver Lake State Park with the installation of the sign pictured in this photograph. Region 5 Lions were nominated for an international Beacon of Hope Environmental Project Award by District Governor Robert Littlefield for their work to provide playground equipment, restore park walkways and activity areas, and to provide signage for the park facilities.

Last July, as I returned to North Dakota to start my term as District Governor, the words International President Sid Scruggs spoke at the Sydney convention were still ringing in my ears: "Be a beacon of hope for all to see!" I adopted this emphasis on service and added my personal theme of revealing to others what it means to be a Lion. I asked the Lions of SNE to "Speak Up For Service through Lionism!" The enthusiasm this emphasis on service produced has been tremendous! I thank all Lions of District 5NE for a great year of service!

My three personal goals this year of: 1) providing energetic, steady, and positive leadership for District 5NE following the redistricting process; 2) promoting speech competitions culminating in a district final event held at the ND State Lions Convention in October; and 3) collaborating with Lion leaders in other districts throughout the region and world to be "partners in service" for Lionism were met. I thoroughly enjoyed my visitations and interaction with Lions in our newly-formed district. The Region Rallies in the fall were a great way to travel around the district, meeting Lions and introducing the district leadership team's goals. The New Officer Training Seminars in April provided another opportunity to make contact with Lions from across the district. Thank you to all Lions and Lions Clubs for making me feel welcome and appreciated. In addition, Kathy and I sincerely thank you for the opportunity to represent District 5NE this year.

A retrospective look at District 5NE July 2010 to June 2011 Achievement of Goals

The District 5NE cabinet identified six goals to guide our activities this year, as follows:

- Increase net district membership by 75 members by June 30,



PDG Katherine Tweed and Lion Bob Ames, the Fargo Lions Club's 91st President, prepare to "serve them up!" at the 90th anniversary celebration for the Fargo Lions Club. Fargo Lions served over 1,000 rootbeer floats and ice cream sundaes as part of the "cruising Broadway" event held June 2 in Fargo. The club also collected eye glasses and donations to help the Mandan Dakota Lions Club provide food and support to flood fighters in western North Dakota.



The line of community members was steady for several hours as Fargo Lions served rootbeer floats to commemorate 90 years of service to the Fargo community.



Lions Robert Littlefield (District Governor, 5NE), Kyle Sebesta (2010 President, NDSU Campus Club), Mark Western (2011 President Elect, Fargo Lions Club), and Mike Gallagher (2010 President, Fargo Lions Club) demonstrated their collective energetic leadership styles by running as a team in the Fargo Marathon Relay Event held May 21st. The foursome finished with a time of 4:01:52. As a service project, the Fargo Lions Club staffed one of the stations along the race and provided water and Gatorade as runners passed by.

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2010.

- Add four new Lions clubs to SNE.
- Increase the number of younger members (under age 40) and women in leadership positions at the zone and district levels by a minimum of 50%.
- Increase the number of club representatives from SNE attending the state convention by 50%.
- Increase by 100% of the clubs in the district efforts to determine the reasons why members choose to discontinue membership in their local Lions Club and take steps to address those issues.
- Increase club focus on service to community through the addition of at least one new service project during 2010-2011.

We approved these aggressive goals and spent the year working to achieve them. At this time, the following reflects our progress and continued activity:

- The district will end the year in the positive, but may not reach our net membership growth goal of 75 members based upon how clubs report dropped members prior to the June 30 per capita dues assessment. However, as of June 1, 2011, 248 new members were added to the district membership, representing a net growth of 56. With 20 additional charter members of the soon-to-be chartered Dakota NFL Lions Club added by June 20, the net goal increase of 75 would have been reached.
- The district will have chartered four clubs by June 20 (NDSU Fargo Campus Club in August 2010, Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club in April 2011, Ellendale Lions Club in May 2011, and Dakota NFL Lions Club in June, 2011).
- The increase in women and younger members was reflected in changes at the cabinet level. In 2009-10, women and younger members held 11 of the cabinet positions; in 2010-11, women and younger members held 26 of the cabinet positions. There are currently 316 District SNE Lions who are women, representing 24% of the total district membership.
- The number of clubs from District SNE represented at the 2010 state convention was 24, representing a 58% increase over the previous year.
- The district leadership team made considerable effort to retain members. However, despite these efforts, as of June 1, 2011, 192 individuals had dropped their memberships. The district will continue to address retention in the coming months.
- The district increased its focus on service. As of June 1, 2011, over 50% of the clubs identified a signature service project.

Because the district leadership team views the attainment of district goals as ongoing, the work accomplished this year is laying the foundation for further realization of goals in the future.

District involvement in International Programs

Thirty-five clubs in District SNE participated in at least two of the four international programs sponsored by International President Sid Scruggs, III: Youth, Vision, Hunger, and the Environment. Several projects were especially noteworthy, including the speech contest held at the state convention, vision screening in local schools, the Video Magnifier Program of the

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, preparing and sending boxes to 130 members of the armed forces serving in Afghanistan, raising funds to support world hunger relief, and the Beaver Lake State Park project sponsored by the clubs of Region 5.

As of June 1, 2011, 23 clubs from District SNE participated in the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Development Fund, raising \$18,126.52. In addition, clubs responded to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Leader Dog, and Service Dogs for America in Jud with generous donations.

The District has an active Youth Team that is coordinating LOFY, Youth Exchange, and planning for the MD5 Youth Camp. The 2011 camp will be held at Wesley Acres near Valley City. Up to 40 youth will be participating with Lions from across the district and multiple district helping to make the experience a positive one.

District awards earned by clubs or members

The Awards Team Chair, under the leadership of Mary Ann Zwinger, improved the district awards and contest structure and encouraged participation in international contests, MD5 contests, and district-level contests.

District winners advancing to MD5 competition were: International Peace Poster Contest – Mason Wede, Carrington; International Youth Essay Contest – Arizona Hidalgo-Crowe, West Fargo; and Environmental Photo Contest – Lion Gary Renier, Fargo Lions Club. Renier's winning photo won the MD5 contest and advanced to the international finals to be held in conjunction with the International Convention in Seattle.

The Fargo Lions Club won the District Club of the Year, Newsletter of the Year, and Website of the Year. The Carrington Lions Club won the Scrapbook of the Year. These entries were entered in the MD5 competition judged in Deadwood at the convention.

District 5NE Clubs urged to enter contests

There are three big contests left for clubs in District SNE: District Lion of the Year, Club Excellence Awards, and Club Visitation Awards. These awards are being coordinated by Lion Mary Ann Zwinger of Carrington Lions Club and will be presented at the state convention to be held in Minot next October. Her contact information is dzwinger@daktel.com or comdzwinger@daktel.com or Mary Ann Zwinger, 590 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421.

Individual Lion of the Year award

This is a new award in District SNE. Every club can nominate one individual. Nominations are being accepted online as a way to streamline and simplify the nomination process. Clubs should send a letter of nomination, a listing of the nominees Lions activities, and an electronic photo to dzwinger@daktel.com by June 30, 2011. All nominees will be recognized as being their clubs Lion of the Year for 2011 at the state convention.

Club Excellence Award

LCI recognizes clubs that excel in service, contributions, membership, communication, leadership development, and club

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development. The application is available from District Governor Robert or can be found on the LCI website. The district governor must sign the application, so clubs should complete the form and send it either electronically or by using USPS to DG Robert at the address listed elsewhere in this publication. He will then forward the application to LCI for final approval.

Club Visitation Award

The District encourages every Lions club to visit other clubs in their zone/region/district. This award will recognize the top three clubs that conducted visitations between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. To constitute a visitation, a minimum of three Lions from the visiting club must be involved. To determine visitation points, use round trip mileage from club meeting place to club meeting place time the number of Lions on visit. For example: 40 RT miles X 4 Lions = 160 points for that visit. The points for each visitation are added together creating a grand total number of visitation points.

State convention in Grand Forks

The 2010 State Convention was a huge success. Our thanks go to ID Gary D'Orazio who did a great job of bringing the big picture to the delegates in North Dakota. At the state convention, ID D'Orazio presented 5NE Lions with presidential awards: Lion Donna Ruff, Lion Tracy Wicken, Lion Sarah Nathan, and Lion Pat Roundy (posthumously) received the President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Senior Councilor Award

At the MD5 Convention, PDG Duffy Eastburn, Northwood Lions, received her award for 10 years of service since serving as District Governor. PDG Eastburn was District 5NE's first female District Governor.

International recognition

District 5NE was recognized with the "Bright Start: First Light Award" for chartering a new club and having a positive net membership status at the end of the first quarter of the current Lions year. DG Robert was presented with a plaque which he shared with the District Cabinet at the March cabinet meeting.

PDG James Ruff and the Lions of Region 5 were nominated for an International Environmental Beacon of Hope Award for the Beaver Lake State Park Project.

The Video Magnifier Program sponsored by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota and PDG Kevin Vannett were nominated for an International Beacon of Hope Award.

Marvin and Lynne Chambers extend thanks

Lynne and Marvin Chambers recently were in communication with DG Robert to thank District 5NE for its donation to their International Director campaign. Donations from 5NE and the other districts in MD5 allowed them to visit all districts in MD5, the Lions of 5M at Swan River, Manitoba, and the Lions convention for MD37 held in Medicine Hat, Alberta. They are looking forward to attending the MD5 convention in Deadwood and their last stop will be Seattle for the International Convention July 4-8.

Other topics of importance

The Multiple District received a public relations grant and District 5NE was able to use \$3,333 to promote Lionism. Funds were used to do the following: Create a television commercial and DVDs to promote the Video Magnifier Program sponsored by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota; to provide signage for the Beaver Lake State Park project sponsored by the clubs of Region 5; and to purchase promotional items for the two campus Lions Clubs (UND and NDSU) to use during public relations and membership recruitment efforts.

I was honored to be part of a terrific leadership team in District 5NE. The Vice District Governors (Steve Johnson, Mel Olson) and 2nd VDG-elect Fran Romsdal helped to make the future brighter for what they will bring to the district in the upcoming years. Fargo Lions Blake Strehlow and Sue Anderson served as cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer with distinction. I could not have made it through the year as smoothly without their constant help and support. Seven Past District Governors chaired the new regions: 1 – Craig Wollenburg, 2 – Wayne Westlund, 3 – Duane Zwinger, 4 – Al Kahlbaugh, 5 – James Ruff, 6 – Rob Lein, and 7 – Katherine Tweed. They recruited zone chairs who built the leadership network: 1 – Betty Triplett and Steve Kourajian, 2 – Leon Comeau and Gene Martin, 3 – Rick Stark and Fran Romsdal, 4 – Mike Rexine and Grant Kahlbaugh, 5 – Chad Williams, Arlan Burkman, and Donna Ruff, 6 – Larry Saylor and Arlo Anderson, and 7 – John Dobbs and Paula Klein. Teams were created to help the cabinet function more effectively. The chairs helped direct the activities of the cabinet: Executive Team (DGE Steve Johnson and 2nd VDG Mel Olson), Service Team (Tracy Wicken), Youth Team (Katrina Wendel), Public Relations Team (Donna Ruff), and Awards Team (Mary Ann Zwinger). The committee chairs reported to the team leaders and committee meetings were held immediately before the cabinet meetings. Committee chairs not previously mentioned were Carla Lein, Jane Pettinger, Jesse Shirek, Carman Grove Suminski, Doug Roundy, Dave Rogness, Paul Van Ness, Mark Western, Mabel Cowell, Sarah Nathan, Pat Roundy, Athena Dunn, Del Hager, Mike Gallagher, Bob Ames, Cliff Vining, Ken Hansen, and Karna Nelson. To all members of the district leadership team, thank you!

The cabinet made history as it met for its January meeting via the North Dakota Interactive Video Network in January. Cabinet members attended the meeting via several sites: Rugby, Carrington, Harvey, Napoleon, Grand Forks, and Fargo. The use of this network enabled 26 cabinet members to avoid travel during one of the coldest days of the winter.

In 2011-2012, two Lions from District 5NE will serve Multiple District 5 in significant leadership positions. I will have the honor of serving as MD5 Council Chair and Lion Mike Brand of Valley City Lions Club will continue to serve as MD5 Council Secretary-Treasurer. I look forward to the honor of serving the great Lions of Multiple District 5 and pledge to do my best and set a positive example of Lion leaders to follow.

The district is fortunate to have PDG Duane Zwinger and

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PDG Katherine Tweed to serve as district coordinators for the Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team, respectively.

Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude to my wife, Kathy, for her support, encouragement, and dedication to the task of compiling a scrapbook of my DG activities this year. She has done a great job and she is a source of strength and stability in my life and I could not do what I do without her by my side.

Introducing your next District 5NE Governor

The 2011-2012 District Governor Elect for 5NE is Steve Johnson, a twenty-year member of the Grand Forks Lions Club. Lion Steve has been a Lion since 1992, serving as President in 1996-97, the year Grand Forks was devastated by flood. He was privileged during this term to administer LCIF grant funds, and also distribute to those in need, direct donations from around the

world. Despite obvious challenges, he presided over the Club's 75th anniversary celebration that year. He has been treasurer of the Grand Forks club for the past 10 years and has 14 years of perfect attendance. He has attended five state conventions, the 2009 international convention in Minneapolis, and participated in the 2010 USA Canada Forum in Milwaukee. He is Lions Foundation of North Dakota life donor and a Melvin Jones Fellow. He is retired, and happily married to wife Brenda. Kathy and I wish DGE Steve and Brenda the best and pledge our support to them next year! We look forward to reading his column next month!

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.

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Lions of North Dakota,

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

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Dear Fellow Lions,

As we draw near to the end of the Lions year and I write my last newsletter it seems impossible to even begin to express everything in my heart and especially my gratitude to all of you who have come together to serve our new district this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with so many LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service, who are genuine team players. I wish you could see all the good that you do in your communities and the world at large. You truly make a difference, sometimes in big ways, but oftentimes in little ways that all add up to an immeasurable and priceless legacy. THANK YOU!!!

The Hazen Lions anniversary planning committee certainly came together and had fun doing an outstanding job of planning for their celebration. It seems as if we missed our spring this year as we traveled snow covered roads up through April and into May, but at least the first weekend of May was sunny and bright. We were so honored to join together with Lions from around the area to celebrate the Hazen Lion's 35th Anniversary on Friday May 6th. It was so much fun to see everyone, bid on all of the silent auction items, listen to the talented musicians, win door prizes, and reminisce with everyone.

Every year on the 1st weekend of May, Service Dogs for America in Jud, North Dakota has a work day in which all North Dakota Lions have the opportunity to volunteer to help with the many projects at the kennels, cabins and training facilities. If you have never attended, mark your calendar for next year for a very special fun day/weekend. Saturday afternoon, the Davenport Lions brought their special "Pitchfork Fondue" trailer to feed the hungry crowd who were working on various projects from cleaning, shingling, painting all the plywood barriers, etc. Many Lions clubs support the facility either in hands-on work projects and/or financial donations throughout the year. Your work is greatly needed and appreciated; please keep them in your sights as a local, worthy, Lions supported organization.

Monday, May 9th, we traveled to the southwestern end of the State. Dave and I enjoyed meeting the Scranton Lions and hearing about their high school scholarships, drug awareness seminar and getting ready for their "Burger's in the Park" which occurs Wednesday evenings during the summer. Keep up the good work Scranton Lions.

By Thursday, when we were visiting with the Kenmare Lions at their noon meeting, heavy rains had swamped their homes and many Lions were tending their sump pumps. We heard about their annual "Honker Days" and discussed the impacts of the Baken Oil Play and future growth of their community. Our Lions member involvement will become more and more important as many communities struggle with growing pains and needs throughout western oil country. Thursday evening we traveled back to visit with the Minot Plum Valley Lions. It was great to have the honor

of inducting Tammy Winn (sponsor Connie Springsted) as their newest member. Listening to their challenges and activities, it was so good to see their enthusiasm and camaraderie, while gearing up for new membership, growth and their summer activities.

The following Monday we got to hear about the Anne Carlson School in Jamestown at the Minot Lions noon meeting. In the evening we attended the Williston Korner Lions Award Night Barbeque. We very much appreciated the invitation and opportunity to be present when Lions Lois Reiersen and Stevie Broe were honored with Melvin Jones Fellowships and to honor Lion Ruthie Wagner with International President Sid Scruggs III's Presidential Award. It was also great to be able to induct Jeff Kimberley as the Williston Korner's newest Lions member.

If you want to see the absolute supreme barbeque grill, ask the Williston Korner Lions to show you theirs. They have thought of every detail in custom building their grill and they serve their community well with it.

Congratulations to Lion Donald Suhr, who sponsored four new members last month. We want to welcome Randolph Adams, Steven Perdue, Michael Redmond, and Marlyn Vatne as new Lions members of the Ray Lions club. All of the Ray Lions should be extremely proud of the work you have accomplished this year in building up your club and your community. You are headed for even greater things!

Thank you Lions Mike Blazek, Herman Schaefer and Jan Froemming for planning and implementing the benefit breakfast in Washburn for PCC Brian Tinker on Sunday May 22nd. Also, a big thank you goes out to Mike Blazek and his crew of Washburn Lions, who did a fantastic job hosting and serving their awesome Lion-sized Breakfast. It was great to see so many Lions from so many different Lions clubs attending and helping out. Lion Mike presented Melvin Jones Fellowships to Washburn Lions Mac Beaudry and Gary Fuchs. The Washburn Lions and all of Zone 5A have been very active supporters for the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center and the renovation of the Ferry at Washburn. Hopefully these projects will remain untouched from the raging Missouri River!

These past two weeks have pretty much been consumed with flood fighting for us. Even though it was somewhat expected, it was still quite a jolt when we were served with a notice of evacuation from two Burleigh County Sheriffs last Saturday morning! It looks like it is going to be a long summer and fall for those who live along or anywhere near the Missouri River. In fact, we live about two miles from the river, but nonetheless we are experiencing its

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mighty forces anyhow. In many ways it has been a crash course in life lessons. I am grateful for the blessings which keep coming, in that we have grown physically, mentally and spiritually stronger, but there are times when I have to remind myself that God does not give us anything that we cannot handle. There are so many things that are beyond anyone's control, the magnitude of which at times seems insurmountable, and yet with faith, perseverance, patience and ingenuity; team work has always won out and we have discovered more choices than any one of us alone could have ever dreamed.

This June we are looking forward to celebrating the McClusky Lions' 81st Anniversary on Sunday, June 12th, the Lake Metigoshe Lions 30th Anniversary, Monday, June 13th, and the Alexander Lions 50th Anniversary, Monday, June 20th. I want to thank the North Star Lions for inviting me to induct their officers for the coming year at their meeting Thursday, June 23rd. It seems very fitting that the last thing I do as District Governor, will be to induct my husband, Lion Dave, as their 2011-2012 President. I could have never served as district governor without your unwavering support. THANK YOU!!!! You bless so many people and are truly

my very best blessing. Thanks.

As this is my last newsletter, both Dave and I look back with many fond memories and experiences in meeting so many incredible Lions and seeing the many wonderful and needed projects you do for our communities. We have learned a lot and will always cherish the new friends made and new places we have had the opportunity to visit. We are honored to have served our new 5 NW District. I can't begin to list all of the great projects or recognize the many Lions who helped in this year of redistricting transition and lay the foundation for our new district. It is so heartwarming to see all of the selfless Lions, who balance family, work, and Lionism; working side by side, each contributing the time, talent and treasure God is calling them to do. My hat is off to all of you for all that you do and for your help and assistance.

As Beacons of Light, please have a safe and peaceful summer this year. I know many of you have been impacted by the weather, especially floods and high ground water this spring, but I am confident we will get through this better than ever. Hang in there and please remember to invite someone to your club and encourage your friends or neighbors to participate in the service, camaraderie and friendship of one of North Dakota's best service organizations - Lions! Lions Roar!!!

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Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions sponsor Diabetes Strides Walk

Submitted by JeAnne Selby, 5NW publicity chair

The Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club recently donated approximately \$250.00 to Camp Sioux, a six-day residential camp designed and sponsored by the American Diabetes Association for children with diabetes ranging from ages 8 to 15. The diabetes camp, at Park River, ND, offers programming that encourages independence and self-management, with appropriate medical supervision.

Over 20 participants in the Lions club's first-ever Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness contributed to the club's designated non-profit, Camp Sioux.

Although the May 24th evening was chilly and windy, walkers were dressed for the below-average weather conditions and came ready to walk the three-fourths-mile loop on the south side of the State Capitol. Many walkers, however, didn't stop after three-fourths mile. They repeated the designated route, logging a total of three to five miles, while others also walked an alternate route in addition to the designated route, logging approximately the same distance.

Walkers each received a bottle of water at check-in, at the start of the walk; and an apple, Strides Walk bookmark, and Strides Walk participation pin at the conclusion of the walk.

Partners in the Prairie Rose Diabetes Strides Walk included the Bismarck-Mandan Dietetic Association, ND Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, NDSU Extension Burleigh County, and Go! Bismarck Mandan Coalition. Several representatives of the partnering organizations not only provided diabetes education materials for the event, but also walked a minimum of three-fourths mile!

Funding sponsors were Cal's Car Clinic, Brach Johnson Agency of Farmers Union Insurance and Dan's Supermarket.

Lion Loris Freier, Diabetes Awareness and Action Chair for her Prairie Rose Lions Club as well as for District 5NW, expressed her appreciation to the event committee, her Prairie Rose Lions Club members, the diabetes education partners, funding sponsors and the Diabetes Strides Walk participants. Said Freier, "We



Prairie Rose Lions' Diabetes Strides Walk participants included (from left to right) Kathy Moun, Epidemiologist with the ND Department of Health; Tera Miller, Diabetes Prevention and Control Director with the ND Department of Health, with son Ethan in his stroller; and 5NW District Governor Bev Charles, with grandsons Warren and Luke and granddaughter Katrina Naslund (in stroller). The ND Department of Health Diabetes Prevention and Control Program was one of four diabetes education partners for the May 24 event.

deeply appreciate all of the excellent help and support from the committee, club members, partners and funding sponsors the evening of the Diabetes Strides Walk, along with the generous donations of the supportive walkers that braved the cool, windy evening."

In addition to Diabetes Strides Walk Chair Loris Freier, other Walk Committee members included Lions Deb Ahmann, PDG Carla Bender, Karen Hopfinger, Lori Newgard and Belinda Van Dyke. Lions Hopfinger and Van Dyke also registered Walk participants.



Bismarck

Dr. Joel Newgard, Immediate Past President of the Bismarck North Star Lions, displays the engraved Apple Seed Award he accepted, on behalf of the Bismarck Lions, Capital City Lions, North Star Lions, Prairie Rose Lions and the University of Mary Campus Club, during State Arbor Day ceremonies at Sertoma Park in south Bismarck on Arbor Day, May 6. The Bismarck Lions clubs were one of 11 local organizations recognized for landscape beautification on public property during 2010. The five Bismarck Lions clubs were among 42 Lions clubs in the former District 5NC that planted bur oak saplings in their communities last Arbor Day, May 7, 2010. The "Lions in Sight" event was spearheaded by then District 5NC Governor James Ruff, Lehr, to commemorate the 29-year existence of District 5NC.



A close-up of the Appleseed Award shows an engraved wooden apple, presented to representatives of 11 local organizations in recognition of the groups' beautification efforts on public property during 2010. Five Bismarck Lions clubs planted bur oak saplings at Lions Hillside Park on May 7, 2010.

In Remembrance

Linton Roger Unger
Goodrich Monroe Raugust
Williston Silas 'Si' Langager

Garrison



Lions attend health fair

Garrison Lions Club member Michelle Gehring handed out brochures to a pair of Garrison High students during Garrison Memorial Hospital's annual health fair May 12.

Leader Dog



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.

Washburn



Melvin Jones

Washburn Lions Melvin Jones Fellowship presentation during the benefit breakfast for PCC Brian Tinker. Pictured are, from left, 5NW DG Bev Charles, Washburn Lions Mac Beaudry, Mike Blazek, and Gary Fuchs.

Fargo



Magnifier presented

Fargo Lions Club President Mike Gallagher, along with Lions Neil Jordheim and Mike Benson, met with Anna Swanson of Fargo. She recently received a video magnifier machine from the N.D. Lions VMP. She is grateful to all Lions for their support of this program and the machine has made her daily life much easier.

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Elgin



Member recognized

Lion Aaron Levorsen, left, was recognized with a special pin from Lions International during the regular membership meeting of the Elgin Lions Club on Thursday, May 12, for bringing in two new members this past year. He was given the award pin from Lions Club International by Lion Secretary Myles Stoller, right. Lion Levorsen was also given a special perfect attendance pin for his father Lion Carlton Levorsen who served as President of the club this past year and is no longer with us. The pin was given by Lion Treasurer Shawn Lince. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.



New Lion Installed

Lion Ken Diehl, right, was installed as a new member of the Elgin Lions Club during the regular meeting on Thursday, April 28, 2011 by Lions Secretary Myles Stoller. Lion Diehl was sponsored by Lion President Duane Schatz, left. Photo by Lion Secretary Myles Stoller.



Another new member

Paul Tinnes, left, was installed as a new member of the Elgin Lions Club on Thursday, May 12, during the regular meeting at Our Place Cafe. Lion Tinnes becomes the 69th member and was sponsored by Lion Jade Seibel, right, and was installed by Lion President Duane Schatz. Lion Tinnes recently moved to Elgin purchased a home and opened a computer repair business. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.

The South Heart Lions Club
invites you to join us for

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A portion of the proceeds from these events
will be used for construction of the
Lions Club Park Shelter Project.

Ask a Lions Club member for
details about this exciting addition
to our community!

Williston Korner



Korner Lion President Becky Rhodes, left, looks on as DG Bev Charles inducts new member Jeffrey S. Kimberley into Lions. He was sponsored by Lion Chris Brostuen who couldn't attend.

Spring social

The Korner Lions Club of Williston held its Spring Social May 16th. DG Bev Charles assisted as Korner Lions Steve Broe and Lois Reiersen were honored with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. DG Bev Charles also inducted new Korner Lion Member, Jeffrey Kimberley during the evening. The Korner Lions awarded two scholarships each for \$500. William Busch received a scholarship and his name was drawn for a framed- signed and numbered eagle picture. Several other door prizes were awarded. Lions Jack Colby and Lee Gunlikson were MC's; other committee members were: Sandy Hampton, Kathy Molland and Club President, Becky Rhodes. Williston Lion, Ruthie Wagner was a special guest for the evening. DG Bev Charles presented her The International President's Commendation, which Lion Ruthie wasn't able to receive at the Richardton Spring gathering due to a family member's illness.



Williston Lion Ruthie Wagner, left, wasn't able to be at the Spring Rally in Richardton due to an illness in her family. Had she been there; she would have received the "International President's Letter of Commendation" recognizing her work at the club, zone and District level as she mentored fellow Lions. She was able to attend the Korner Lions Social on May 16th. DG Bev Charles presented Lion Ruthie with her award at the Korner Lions Social.



Co-Chairman Lion, Lee Gunlikson and Korner Lion President Becky Rhodes congratulate graduating Senior William Busching as a scholarship recipient and winner of the door prize at the May 16th Korner Lions Social.

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sponsor when he joined the group.

"I kind of liked the fact that they were community-oriented," Melvin said of the group. "That's something that kind of impressed me about the organization."

Melvin and his late wife, Frances, spent 20-plus years in the group before cutting back on their many time commitments.

"They're concerned about people that have endured a hardship, people ... with unfortunate things," Melvin said. "That's the part that made me stay with the organization for a long time. I think they do a lot of good for the community."

The original Hazen Lions were more "building-oriented," Ed said, while the current group has evolved to become more "service-oriented." Each community's Lions group develops a unique personality, club treasurer Donna Grunett said.

It has been difficult at times to retain members, as is the case with many community organizations. At one point the group was moving toward the point of folding until 1999, when the Hazen Lions merged with the Hazen Lionness group, which was the local women's chapter. The move, not allowed in some Lions communities, helped solidify the club's membership.

The group peaked at about 35 active members and currently sits at about 25 active members. "People always come and go, especially in a community like this," Ed said. "How do you keep the membership up in any community organization?"

Every club's goal to help start other clubs, Ed said. This year, the Hazen Lions helped start a Lions club in South Heart.

Community service

The Hazen Lions are most visible hosting benefit fundraisers for people within the community who are in need of a financial and morale boost. In four benefits during their 2010-2011 fiscal year, the group raised nearly \$20,000 for people who are enduring difficult circumstances.

The Hazen Lions' community involvement, however, extends far beyond the benefit fundraisers. The group is also a sponsor of the Hazen Concert Series, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, and contributes heavily to Sight First I and II, Lead Dog and Seeing Eye Dog programs, as well as natural disaster recovery efforts such as that for Northwood, Coleharbor and Haiti.

"We take a pretty active role in the community. Any events, and we're there," Hazen Lion Kathy Mettler said.

The group's most recent contribution was holding a



From left, event emcee and Lions member Doug Rothe and Dave Charles, husband of Lions District 5NW governor Bev Charles, visit with event caterer Peggy Gobar during the Hazen Lions Club's 35th anniversary Friday at the Hazen Golf Course clubhouse.

fleischkuechle feed in conjunction with Hazen Jam Session on May 1 to raise funding for the local Meals on Wheels program.

"That's what we like to do, is work with other groups," Ed said.

The nonprofit organization operates entirely on member dues, and all dollars raised must be given away.

Why be a Lion?

The Lions' motto is "We Serve." It's a message that everyone can stand behind. "The Lions hold events that everyone from the community comes out to support, no matter their denomination or political beliefs," Ed said. "We seem to be able to pull the community together and work together-not only Hazen, but the entire surrounding community."

In return, the benefits of being a volunteer are many. "It's very rewarding to be a volunteer. It's always an experience ... to see the outcome," Kathy said. "I think some good friendships have been formed."

Sharon Olander, who will take over the title of club president for Alvina Hagler in July, was in total agreement on what makes being a Hazen Lion so enjoyable. "Being friends and working together," she said.

Symptoms of Diabetes

- ✓ Frequent Urination
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Unexplained Weight Loss
- ✓ Irritability
- ✓ Blurred Vision
- ✓ Changes in Appetite
- ✓ Unusual Thirst

Risk Factors

- ✓ Being Overweight
- ✓ Inactive
- ✓ Over the age of 45
- ✓ Family History of Diabetes
- ✓ Giving Birth to a Large Baby