

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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Mona Johnson



Timothy Thueson



Kevin Vannett

## Hall of Fame nominees announced

Each year the Lions Clubs of North Dakota are encouraged to nominate a member from their club who they feel has been outstanding and who deserves to be named to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

The winner will be announced in next month's ND LION, and that recipient will be honored at the State Lions Convention this fall, which will be in Minot.

Although only one candidate can be selected, it is a great honor even to be nominated for this prestigious recognition. This year the Hall of Fame Committee has received the names of three excellent individuals: Lion Mona Johnson of the Lake Metigoshe club, Lion Tim Thueson of the North Star Club, and Lion Kevin Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah club.

### **Ramona (Mona) Johnson**

Lion Ramona Johnson has been tireless in giving of her time and talents to further the work of the Lake Metigoshe Lions and the Lions International agenda. She has been willing to help with all projects in the club and has been an essential cog in the

smooth running of the local organization and its associations with the district, zone, regional, and international aspects of Lionism.

A former medical records secretary for St. Andrew's Health Center in Bottineau, Mona was one of three ladies to join the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club in February of 1994, encouraged by her late husband, Lion Chuck Johnson. She has had 100% attendance for all 17 years that she has been a Lion.

She served as President in 1997-98. Mona served on the committee to co-sponsor an "Up With People" concert at the International Peace Garden along with the Boissevain Lions Club of Manitoba during her term, after which she received the Club Excellence Award.

She has also served as co-chair and chair of the Blood Drive Committee. In 1999 United Blood Services presented the Community Service Award plaque to Mona and her husband. Lake Metigoshe Lions Club's largest fund-raising project is sign rentals—which Mona helped to set

up.

In 2003, Mona took over as Club Secretary, completing her late husband's term. She has continued in this capacity until the present time, receiving the 100% secretary award four times. She has attended eleven state conventions and four MD5 conventions. She is an interested and outgoing person who maintains many Lion friendships across the state.

Mona has four grown sons. She is an avid golfer, and in October of 1997 she shot a hole in one on #5 at the Birchwood Golf Course!

### **Timothy A. Thueson**

A graduate of Mayville State University, Lion Tim Thueson taught fourth grade for 20 years for the McClusky School District, and it was during this time that he joined the Lions Club in that town, invited by the elementary principal, Roger Olson. He served in nearly every elected and appointed position in the club, and was named "Lion of the Year" in 1993-1994. He

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was also active in that zone for many years, serving as zone chairman in 1988-89.

In 1997, Lion Tim and his wife Lion Lynell, along with their son Mark, moved to Bismarck, where he joined the North Star Lions Club. He continued to serve in leadership roles in North Star, and has also chaired some of their more unusual projects, such as "Operation Blanket Run" and "Operation Furniture Run", which provided blankets to a women's shelter and furniture to people in need in the Cannon Ball area.

Lion Tim served as SNC District Governor in 2000-2001, and served the following year as the North Dakota Representative. He also served as the MD5 Lions Opportunity for Youth Chairperson from 2002 to 2008. He was elected to the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors, and also served on the Board of the North Dakota Lions Foundation. He has attended 18 State Lions Conventions, 12 MD5 Conventions, and 5 International Conventions. He has received four International President's Certificates of Appreciation, and has sponsored 15 Lions members.

He and his wife Lynell have been

married for 32 years. He has been an educator for 33 years, getting his Masters in education at Minot State. He also judges speech competitions around the state. His hobbies include auction sales, antique cars, old phonographs and records, attending theatre productions, and singing.

### Kevin Vannett

Lion Kevin Vannett has been a Lion for 22 years. He is a charter and current member of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club. Over his years in Lionism he has served in all club officer positions and has chaired many club activities. He was District Governor in 2000-2001 and again in 2009-2010. During his first term as District Governor, Kevin spearheaded the building of a Habitat for Humanity house in Mandan with an LCIF grant and matching funds from North Dakota Lions.

In 2002 as IPDG, Kevin started the SNW Spring Rally which in 2010 celebrated its ninth successful year. He was also elected as the MD5 Extension Chair for four years. He served on the Lions Eye Bank board during the time when they negotiated a partnership with Tissue Banks International. In addition, he has been President of the Lions Foundation

and is currently serving as its Executive Director. Kevin and his wife Lion Pat have hosted several foreign students for Youth Exchange, and worked as camp counselors at the MD5 camp in Medora in 2008. In 2010 Kevin served on the planning committee for the Video Magnifier Program; he is currently the program manager.

Lion Kevin is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received several Presidential Certificates of Appreciation and a Leadership Certificate. Several International Presidents have honored Kevin with their personal banners in recognition of his service.

In addition to his Lions activities, he served the Glen Ullin community as an ambulance volunteer, a firefighter, and a member of their local economic development board and job authority. He has also been involved with the Make a Wish Foundation and currently serves on the Aid, Inc. Board of Directors in Mandan.

Kevin and his wife Pat have a blended family of five children. One son is currently serving as co-president of his Leo Club.

## Flood assistance available

Lion Del Hager  
Grand Forks

Greetings friends,

If you are an American Legion member or if you know Legionnaires, follow the link below for information on a grant program that could help with up to \$1,500 in assistance due to the flooding.

The Legion very graciously helped us during the 1997 flood in Grand Forks. [www.military.com/military-report/american-legion-offers-grants?ESRC=miltrep.nl](http://www.military.com/military-report/american-legion-offers-grants?ESRC=miltrep.nl)

Best wishes. Hope you're all managing well in this terrible disaster.

## 100 percent once again!

PDG. Jan Froemming  
Leader dog chairman, 5NW

Leader Dog for the Blind donations for District SNW has 53 clubs, and all have given for a 100 percent goal set forth by our PDG Bev Charles. I would like to thank every club for their donation! Thanks again.

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# Lions member honored by Association for the Blind

A long-time Garrison Lions Club member has been honored by the North Dakota Association of the Blind for her efforts in helping the blind or those having impaired vision.

Jan Merry received the Robert John LePage Service Award at the 75th Annual North Dakota Association of the Blind Jubilee June 11 in Minot.

This is the fourth year the award has been presented by the NDAB. The award is named after the late Robert John "Bob" LePage, a long-time member of the Gateway Lions Club of Fargo, who passed away unexpectedly Sept. 9, 2008. LePage devoted more than two decades of his life serving the unmet needs of the blind and visually impaired in eastern North Dakota. In gratitude to his years of service, the North Dakota Association of the Blind instituted the award and named it after LePage, who was its first recipient in 2008.

Minot Lions Club member Terry Narum, a Douglas area native and 1968 Garrison High grad, was the award recipient in 2009.

Merry was nominated by fellow Lion, secretary Lisa Maki. In the nomination letter, Merry was touted as one who likes to work quietly behind the scenes providing humble yet important services to the residents of Garrison.

"She embodies the spirit of selflessness," Maki wrote.

"Lion Jan has a heart especially for the blind or those with low vision," she went on to write.

One project came to Maki where Merry took the lead. It was the addition of two used video magnifiers for Garrison. After learning about the program at the Lions state convention this past October, Merry presented the information to club members.

"She saw a need in our community and found a way to serve," Maki wrote. "Lion Jan knew our club was looking for a new project to endorse and was quick to point out that our community was lacking a magnifier."

Through those efforts, the club purchased two used magnifiers.



Stu Merry

Shereen Faber, left, Fargo, along with her husband, Elton (in back), presented Garrison Lions Club member Jan Merry with the Robert John LePage Award at the N.D. Association of the Blind state jamboree.

One is at the Third Floor Skilled Nursing Facility at Garrison Memorial Hospital. The other is at the Garrison Library.

"Lion Jan felt that the individuals in our community with low vision would benefit greatly ... Lion Jan does not want people to know she was the driving force behind this project, in fact, if you were to ask her whose idea it was she would quickly respond with, 'The Garrison Lions saw a need and did what they could to fill it.'"



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The following contributions were received by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota:

## **Memorials**

David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of Jack Hegedus  
David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of John Krance

## **Bronze Clubs \$100 to \$300**

Grand Forks Lions Club

## **Magnifier Program**

Minot Lions Club \$985

Grand Forks Lions Club \$1,800

## **Life membership \$300**

Michael Gallagher by the Fargo Lions Club

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

PDG Chris Voegelé, Treasurer



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## **Transportation team report**

### **One time transporters**

Dennis Horneer, Grand Forks; Jim Boyd, Buffalo City; Sandy Wurgler, Rugby; Claude Sheldon, Park River; Harley Trefz, Buffalo City; Gerald Paulson, Carrington; Bill Steckler, Grand Forks; Robert Weed, Devils Lake; Paul Heidt, Dickinson; Gary Eriksmoen, Minot Magic City; Tim Faller, Bismarck North Star.

### **Two-time transporters**

Ron Harris, Valley City; Dave Blackstead, Capital City.



# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Just as you can depend on the sun rising in the east each day, in July you can depend on new district governor faces appearing in the ND Lion. It is my sincere honor and pleasure to be one of those new faces. Brenda and I look forward to meeting each of you this year and sharing the joy of Lionism. My photo may be somewhat of a shocker to you... more on that later.

As I write I'm sitting in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Seattle. I'm nearing completion of the four-day intensive and enriching district governor training course. Lions Clubs International devotes significant resources to prepare each governor candidate to serve his or her district.

There are 752 of us here learning together. The celebration - the 94th annual International Lions Clubs Convention - begins tomorrow. As I look around I see an explosion of color. Attendees in a rainbow of vests and bright national dress drift by me, busy, on their way to and from. The colorful vision reinforces the 1.4 million member worldwide mosaic that makes up our organization.

### World View and Themes

Incoming International President (IP) Wing-Kun Tam from Hong Kong has chosen the theme, I Believe, for 2011-2012. Tam asks each individual Lion to show courage, to be committed, and to take action in serving one another, serving our communities, and serving all humankind. President Tam has not created a log menu of "new" programs for Lions - rather he urges us to continue to do what we've always done, but with renewed vigor.

You'll be reading more on his vision in the future. Consistent with IP Tam's theme for the year, my district governor theme is Just a Little Bit - no major new programs, just a little bit of extra effort toward what we've always done.

### Thank You

Many of you have offered a well-deserved thank you to Immediate Past District Governor Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy for their superior service to SNE. If you haven't done so, please offer a handshake, a pat on the back, or a word of appreciation to them for their accomplishments.

What giant footsteps they've left behind for us to follow. The dynamic duo will continue to serve ND, SD, and Saskatchewan Lions through PDG Robert's position as Multiple District 5 Council Chairman this year.

### Tell Willie

To enhance our world's environment, International president Wing-Kun Tam has challenged Lions to plant 1,000,000 trees this year. District SNE will do its part and will plant at least 1,578 trees—one for each member in the District as of July 1st, 2011. I mentioned my photo previously in the newsletter.

If you're reading a black and white printed version of the newsletter, please envision my hair as bright red... district-governor-jacket red. To encourage SNE Lions to meet our tree

planting goal early and to show my support, I pledge to color my hair (such as it is) bright red on the date you reach the goal and to keep it bright red through the state convention on October 28th and 29th.

Furthermore, if the District doubles its goal, it will be my honor to submit to an "extreme" haircut at the convention to celebrate your accomplishment in front of the entire assembly.

Club presidents should begin reporting their tree planting numbers immediately to District Environmental Committee chairperson Lion Willie Huot at (w) (701) 780-8229 or (h) (701) 775-7695 or [willie.huot@ndsu.edu](mailto:willie.huot@ndsu.edu). Tree Willie will be offering tips to clubs in the future on where to get trees and how and where to plant them. Remember, the sooner you meet the goal the sooner I begin sporting that red head. OK Lions, let's plant some trees!

### Convention

Speaking of the convention, we'd love to see every single ND Lion in Minot. You'll find the registration form on the SNE webpage. I'm counting on every club in the district to be represented at this gathering. Last year we had members from 24 clubs there ... this year we want to see all 60!

### Lions Reaching Out to Help Lions

All of us are aware of the disaster created by too much water in North Dakota this year. Our hearts go out to the Lions and other citizens who have been impacted. Much of Minot has been devastated and thousands of its citizens affected. SNW District Governor Pat Vannett and her staff will be pursuing an LCIF Disaster Grant to aid that community.

I urge SNE clubs to show their support by sending generous donations which will be used as the grant matching share. You may send those donations to Cabinet Treasurer Cecil Schimke, 531 Terrace Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58201 and we'll insure they get to DG Pat.

### Lions Youth Camp

Special Lions thank yous and commendations are extended to those who made this year's Lions Exchange Youth Camp a success. Lions Katrina Wendell, Katherine Tweed, and Donna Ruff did yeoman's work pulling everything together to create an unforgettable experience of our international youth visitors and MD5 youth.

Many other Lions were involved and we'll recognize all next month. Early reports are that we had nine campers from MD5 and a total of 17 from Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mongolia, Switzerland, and Turkey. Wesley Acres was a regular United Nations for a week.

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Our collective sympathies are extended to the family of Lion Paul Van Ness, a Carrington Lion, following his untimely and tragic death. Lion Paul was instrumental in arranging host families and travel details for the foreign student campers. He'll be greatly missed as a district cabinet member and as a friend.

## Administrivia

I'll leave you this month with the recurring request that club secretaries keep their membership rosters current and accurate. This is the address vehicle we use to distribute the North Dakota Lion we want to be sure every member receives it.

Likewise, I urge clubs to keep their LCI accounts current. Does your treasurer know that you can save the postage and make your LCI bill payments by electronic funds transfer? See the "Submitting Reports" tab of the LCI webpage for instructions.

Until next month, Lions, extend just a little bit more fellowship to your club members and benefit your communities and the world just a little bit more through your service.



5NE DG Steve Johnson and wife Brenda at the International convention.



District Governors-elect prepare for international parade (from left) Steve Johnson 5NE, Wanda Mitchell 5SW (background profile), Ken Grummett 5SKN, Dennis Becker 5SKS, and Pat Vannett 5NW. Louise Schley 5SE is not pictured.



5NW DG Pat Vannett and 5NE DG Steve Johnson are pictured in front of incoming International President Wing-Kun Tam's "I Believe" banner.



5NE DG Steve Johnson is pictured holding one of the 750 seedlings planted by new district governors during training in Seattle. The district governors-elect kicked off incoming International President Tam's initiative to plant 1,000,000 trees worldwide during his 2011-2012 term.

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Pictured are the new MD5 District Governors: They include, from left, Steve Johnson 5NE, Pat Vannett 5NW, Louise Schley 5SE, Wanda Mitchell 5SW, Ken Grummet 5SKN, and Dennis Becker 5SKS.

## Lions come to aid of flood victims

Lions club members in District 5NW are putting their money where their mouth is. The Lions motto is We Serve.

And Lions are going to be serving in a big way, coming to the aid of their fellow Lions in western North Dakota.

At a special meeting this past weekend, Lions officials huddled in flood-stricken Minot to plot a course to help those who have been affected by the disaster.

At the meeting, the group agreed a flood relief fund would be established to help victims of the 2011 flood.

Funds should be directed to: District 5NW 2011 Flood Relief Fund c/o DG Pat Vannett, 1101 Sunset Drive, Mandan, ND 58554. Vannett said the the most immediate is need for medicine, food and water.

The city of Minot and surrounding areas were inundated by flood waters in mid-June. About 11,000 people were evacuated from Minot neighborhoods.

Numerous homes and businesses were affected by the water. According to a FEMA survey, more than 4,000 homes were impacted – of those, more than 800 were inundated (more than 10 feet of water). Another 2,400 were under at least six feet of water. Many will have to be demolished and rebuilt. Only 375 homes in the affected area had flood insurance.

The area is still held in the grip as the water slowly recedes.

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## Great Plains Assistance Dogs - Youth visit

We recently had the pleasure of meeting a group of very nice kids from all over the world. The Lions Youth Exchange Camp young adults came to Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation in Jud to do volunteer service work. They are from North Dakota, South Dakota, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Mongolia, Switzerland and Turkey. Every dog got a bath and a long walk. Other work that they did included, flower beds, digging a trench and helping unload a trailer. What a pleasure it was to work with such a nice group of kids! Submitted by Joni Brandenburg, executive director, Service Dogs for America/Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Jud.

# Lions to be 'tree-rific'

## N.D. clubs challenged to plant trees

Lions Clubs across North Dakota have been challenged to plant one tree for each Lions member in their club.

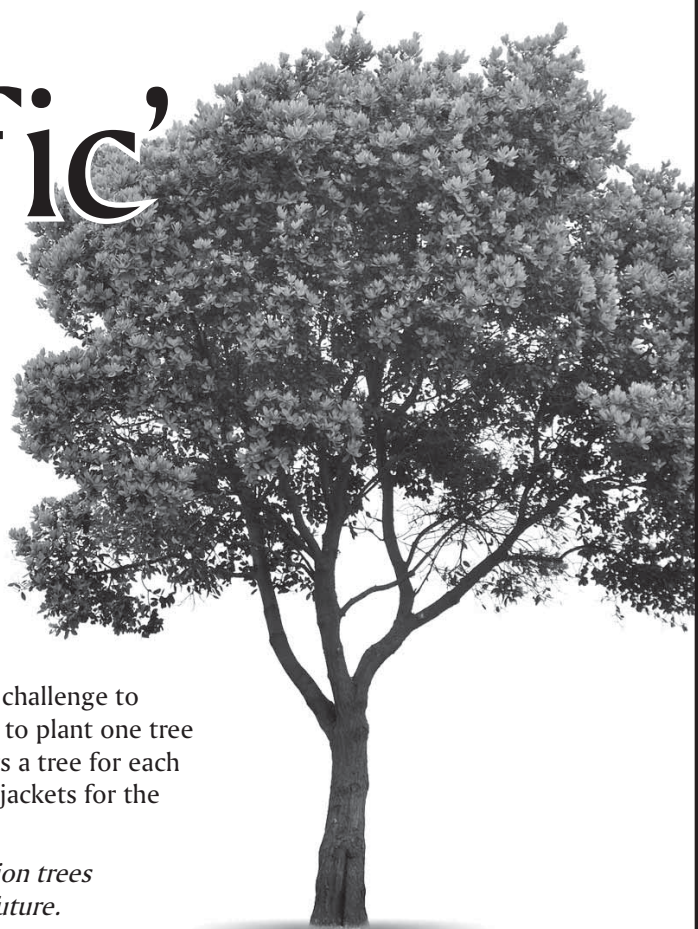
District 5NW DG Pat Vannett is looking for an individual or individuals who will coordinate the effort for District 5NW.

For more information, contact:

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To meet their goal, 5NE DG Steve Johnson has put out a challenge to 5NW DG Pat Vannett, urging all clubs in 5NW to commit to plant one tree for each member in their club. If each club in 5NW plants a tree for each member, DG Pat will dye her hair red to match their red jackets for the state convention in October.

*The tree planting is an international goal to plant 1 million trees to help our planet breath and provide for the planet's future.  
The ND District Governors challenge is 1 tree per member.*



# 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" – Margaret Mead*

As I send you this message from the Lions International Convention in Seattle, I find these words more meaningful than ever. The citizens of our district are experiencing so much tragedy. In that tragedy leading their belief of the future are the local Lions. You are serving your communities in every way possible. You who Believe in Service. You who Believe in Nurturing our Future. You who Believe in Leadership. You who Believe in Giving Back.

Together we achieve phenomenal things each and every day. Truly all of you, the Lions of District 5NW, are serving your communities with a Lion's Heart. I am extremely proud of the service work each of you continues to do. Thank you for that service.

### 5NW District Governor Meets Incoming International President, Wing- Kun Tam

This year, it is my honor to serve as your District Governor. As part of the governor elect training this past week, I had the distinct honor of personally meeting our 2011-2012 International President, Wing-Kun Tam.

This man has dedicated his life to service. As a young man, he became the youngest member of his Lions Club and was given a great deal of opportunity to become a leader in his club. From there, he worked with community leaders to enable his Lions club to make an impact in their community and province.

His dedication continued to grow throughout the years. Just like many of you, he did all of this while building a business and raising a family. He has a wonderful personality and is authentic in his desire to help our organization grow. Imagine my surprise when I had the opportunity to speak with him and he shared his hopes for us and our district: that we grow in our service and commitment.

### District Goals 2011-2012:

The goals and plans for the development of our district in 2011-2012 match President Tam's theme "I Believe" to a tee. They include:

1. The Lions District 5NW will focus on serving with our Lion's Hearts by believing in each other, and becoming better listeners, especially listening to our newer and younger Lions. The district leadership team will provide a process to help all of us with this task.

2. The district will provide your Lions Clubs with a Club Excellence process where we will evaluate the effectiveness of our Lions Clubs and the relevance of our service to our communities. Our clubs will then make the plans we find necessary to improve our club organization. These workshops will be held in a minimum of four regional locations led by dedicated district leaders.

3. We all will strive to be better neighbors by visiting other

Lions clubs and participating with them in their activities extending our family of friendship. We will first need to let each other know when our activities are taking place.

Our district Information

Technology Chair, Butch Frank, will help all of us keep track of our district clubs' activities. Contact Butch at (w) 579-8033 bfrank@ndsupernet.com. Watch for a communication from Lion Butch, he is very excited about helping our Lions Clubs.

### District Leadership Committed to Serving You!

I take the commitment of serving as your governor very seriously and am committed to our goals which are designed to help each of you and each of your Lions Clubs fulfill your commitment to our motto: We Serve

With commitment comes challenge. We have so many of our Lions and communities as clear examples of that challenge. No less than six of our district communities are struggling with the flooding of 2011. In addition many businesses, including the farming industry and many, many individuals are suffering great losses. Many schools and churches have been destroyed.

My personal thank you goes to so many of you wonderful Lions who are leading in the flooding efforts in your neighborhoods and communities. Here are just a few among so many outstanding Lions and community leaders:

To Lion Cy Kotaska: Sawyer Lions Club secretary, Leo advisor, District Leo Committee chair and most importantly Mayor of Sawyer. Congratulations on the tremendous effort you made to save your community and on the sound leadership you provided through your battle with the Souris River.

Some may think that this fight against flooding was a short sprint, but I know that your journey began several months ago and you are still vigilant in your dedication to your community. What a never give up attitude and an outstanding example of Lions leadership at work!

To the very active Lions of Minot: Many of you have personal losses beyond any I can imagine and yet you have been actively and lovingly giving to others until you had nothing left to give. And then you continue to give some more. Bless you for your courage and your continued love and care for each other and your community.

To the Mandan and Bismarck area Lions: You continue to provide support to your neighbors and community leaders in the long battle with the Missouri River flooding.

Your district leadership is working diligently on your behalf in the disaster relief efforts from the 2011 flooding. Several individual Lions and Lions Clubs from around our state have approached me

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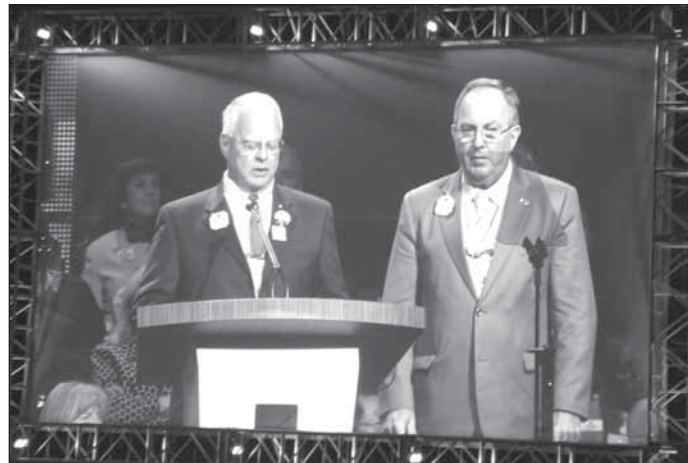
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with their desire to help you with aid to your communities. Please join me in a special thank you to those special people. They are an example of why I believe in this wonderful organization and in all of you. We are in the process of establishing a system for managing and distributing those donations.

I also have asked our 2011-2012 District Lions Alert Chair, Karl Venneberg, to gather a list of volunteers willing to help in the cleanup efforts for the affected communities from the flooding of 2011. You may contact Lion Karl at (home) 226-9917 or (email) karlv@bis.midco.net. The district will be working with local agencies to ensure proper protocol is followed.

As a district we will do everything possible to give you the support you and your communities need through these disasters. I Believe that when we serve with our Lion's Hearts, all great things are not only possible, they are probable. Please feel free to contact me at any time with any concerns or needs at 426-8132 or msrealtor@alliancere.net.

Every one of us can find a way to make someone's pain just a little less for a small time. And when we work together in small ways, we then make Margaret Mead's words a reality. "Never



Pictured here is the seconding speech given by PCC Gordon Ziegler. He presented a speech on behalf of the nomination of PCC Marvin Chambers for the office of International Director to represent our multiple district and constitutional area on the International Board of Directors. He (Chambers) will serve for two years 2011-2013.

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MD5's Council of Governors includes, from left, DG Steve Johnson 5NE, DG Ken Grummett 5SKN, DG Pat Vannett 5NW, DG Louise Schley 2SE, DG Wanda Mitchell 5SW, DG Dennis Becker 5SKS, CC Robert Littlefield PDG 5NE.



Multiple District 5's district governors for the coming Lions year include, front, from left, DG Louise Schley 5SE, DG Pat Vannett 5NW, and DG Wanda Mitchell 5SW. Back, DG Ken Grummett 5SKN, DG Steve Johnson 5NE and DG Dennis Becker 5SKS.

## Club News

### Mandan

#### Lions honor Bob Hammond

The Mandan Lions celebrated and honored Bob Hammond who has been a fruitful member for 55 years. The Mandan Lions have been serving the residents of Mandan since 1939 when the club was chartered. The Mandan Lions has been a long-time sponsor of the annual All-Star Basketball Tournament, regional wrestling tournament and various fundraisers to provide eye care for people with eye afflictions.

Those presenting Bob Hammond his award for 55 years as member are, from left, Jeff Erickson, president; Bill Schott, Jack Stewart, Hollis Nappen, Larry Mettler and, center, front, Bob Hammond.



## Mandan Dakotah



A large number of people participated in the 2nd annual Strides Walk, sponsored by the Mandan Dakota Lions.

## Mandan Dakotah hosts 2nd Strides Walk

The Mandan Dakotah Lions held its 2nd Annual Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness Saturday, May 21.

The walk was successful even after having to relocate from the Mandan Lions Park to the Mandan High School Gym because of the weather. The change in atmosphere did not hamper the positive attitude and enthusiasm that the walkers put forth.

The Mandan Dakotah Lions are very proud of the fact that the funds raised totaled \$4,180, which more than doubled what was raised in 2010. But more importantly, we were able to make more people aware of what is available for diabetics in the community through Camp Sioux for Diabetic Youth which is located at Park

River, ND and also Low Vision machines for the vision impaired.

We are also ecstatic about the new Lions members that were signed up at the walk. A special thank you to those Lions, from surrounding clubs, who attended and supported the walk. This was proof that no matter which Lions Club you belong we can work side by side to get the message out. Your support will go far!

Each Lion in our club worked hard towards the success of this walk. It is not just one or two people that accomplished this but the whole club.

We are here to "Stand Tall, Stay Strong and Get the Word Out!" said Lion Sherry Fetch, Mandan Dakotah Lions club secretary



## MD5 convention

At the convention, PDG Tim Thueson received his senior counselor award.



A number of Lions from the Multiple District attended the MD5 Convention. Among those attending were, from left, PDG Tim Thueson, Lion Lynell and who are pictured with PIP Jimmy Ross.



## Carrington

# Carrington Lions host golf tournament

The 5th Annual Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank scramble golf tournament was Friday, June 17. This tournament has been renamed the "AL Larson Memorial" golf tournament in honor of charter member Al who passed away in May 2010.

The tournament again was very successful in spite of threatening weather in regard to rain. The tournament attracted 24 teams. There were members from Fargo, Bismarck, Larimore, Harvey, Jamestown, Linton, Gackle, Streeter, Grand Forks and Carrington. The Carrington Lions Club wants to thank the Lions members who came to the tournament this year, and also in the past years.

The golfers and teams were playing for cash team prizes and individual hole prizes. There was a contest on each hole and hole-in-one contests on the par 3 holes. (On hole No. 5, the golfers had a chance to win a car, courtesy of Bessette Motors of Carrington.)

A total of \$900 in cash was awarded to the teams for place winnings. A live auction was held in addition to the golf tournament. Items auctioned included casino packages, golf packages, sports tickets, golf equipment and sports memorabilia.

Two of the top items auctioned were the UND hockey stick signed by the players (\$210) and a Callaway "Diablo" driver (\$230).

The monies generated from this golf tournament will be used in some of the many service projects that the Carrington Lions club is involved in – they include LCIF, Vision Magnifier Program, Service Dogs, Leader Dogs, EyeBank of ND and many local projects. Again, the Carrington Lions Club thanks all for their support.

The "AL Larson Memorial" golf tournament for 2012 will again be during the first part of June. Watch for the registration form in the *ND Lion*.



PDG Wayne Westlund, left, presents Lion Mary Ann Zwinger of the Carrington Lions with the plaque that goes to the Lions Club of MD5 that was voted to have the outstanding scrapbook for the 2010-2011 Lions year. This award was given at the MD convention in Deadwood June 9-11.



Part of the registration crew for the Carrington Lions Golf Tournament were, left, Jane Fredrickson, as she prepares to sell a four-foot string for \$20. On the right is Gerald Paulson, selling mulligans to the golfers.

The South Heart Lions Club  
invites you to join us for

## Burgers in the Barn

**Monday Nights at the  
South Heart Bus Barn**

**Serving from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**July 18, July 25 & August 1**

Available menu items include:  
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Brats,  
Hot Dogs, Chips, Pop, and Desserts

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!

## Lake Metigoshe

# Lake Metigoshe Lions host charter night

## *Celebrate 30 years, install officers*

On June 13, DG Bev Charles and her husband, Lion Dave visited, as did Lions from Rugby and Hooterville to help celebrate and install. Entertainment was provided by Lion Cedric Jacobson's wife, Sue, who inspired us with songs from the 70's.

A number of awards were presented throughout the evening. Officers for the coming year were presented and taking over the helm as president was Lion Terry Espe.



Lion Terry Espe is pictured receiving his gavel from Lion Gale Feland, with Lion Gale receiving a President's Appreciation Medal from Lion Terry.



Among those recognized at the meeting were Lions Diane Dignan - 10 yr. Monarch Chevron; Dwane Getzlaff - 15 yr. Monarch Chevron; Kay Bonebrake - 30 yr. Charter Chevron. Kay is 96 years young! Also pictured is DG Bev.



The Lake Metigoshe officer team (pictured with DG Bev) for 2011-12 includes Lions Terry Espe, president; Lion Alan Pearson, 3rd VP and Tail Twister; Diane Pearse, secretary; Cedric Jacobson, Treasurer; Jim Dahle, Lion Tamer; Les Halvorson, 1st VP.



100 percent Attendance Awards were presented by DG Bev to Lion Mona Johnson - 16 yrs., and Lion Oliver Dunderland - 1 yr.



DG Bev receiving check & plant from Lion Gale Feland, Pres.

Pictured receiving a Melvin Jones Award is Lion Cedric Jacobson, and DG Bev.





# Lions of 5NE: Attention

By 5NE Awards Chairman  
Mary Ann Zwinger

The Lions year for 2010-2011 is over as of June 30. We had a great year under the leadership of DG Robert Littlefield. Many new and exciting things were completed during the year.

One of the new programs was a new and revised AWARDS and CONTESTS Program. Most of these take place during the year, but we have some left to be completed. I will give you a few details of each that are left. This will include a little information about each, the deadline for entry, etc.

All of this information was sent to the 2010-2011 Lions Club presidents for each club in 5NE in September. Mary Ann Zwinger of the Carrington Lions Club is District Awards chairperson for 2010-2011.

## 5NE Club Visitation contest

This contest was used to promote club visitations for the 2010-2011 Lions year. This contest goes from July 2010 until June 30, 2011. A form is available for this contest. In order for a Lions Club to make a visitation, three (3) members must be in attendance at the visiting club. The completed form should be sent to the District Awards Chairperson and a copy to the District Governor by July 25, 2011.

## 5NE Club Membership Improvement contest

This contest is for all Lions Clubs of 5NE. The contest consists of reviewing the membership of each Lions Club from 5NE, starting on July 1, 2010, and comparing the membership to that of June 30, 2011.

The Lions Clubs with the greatest percent of increase will be the winners. The District Awards chairperson will look at

these statistics and determine the winners.

## 5NE Lion of the Year contest

This contest is for every Lions member of 5NE. The application, which is a written statement, consists of three parts:

1. A short statement about what the Lion has done during his/her years as a Lion up to this year, 2010-2011.

2. A statement as to what the Lion has accomplished and been involved in this year. This would include offices held, projects involved in and other Lions activities.

3. A statement from the applicant's current Lions Club stating approval of the application and the signature of the club's president.

The committee will review all applications and use as the main criteria for winning this contest what the candidate has accomplished during the current Lions year (2010-2011). The deadline for the application is July 25. All applications should be sent to 5NE Awards Chairman Mary Ann Zwinger.

## Excellence Award

This award has been revised by PIP Sid L. Scruggs for the 2010-2011 Lions year. The Club Excellence Award recognizes Lions Clubs for success in various areas of Lionism. Every Lions Club in 5NE may apply for this award if the club meets the following criteria:

1. Lions Club must conduct at least three service projects during the 2010-2011 Lions year.

2. Lions Club must be in good standing with LCI.

3. Lions Club must either achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new Lions club.

4. The Lions Club must meet certain

requirements in the following areas – LCIF contributions, communications, club development and leadership development.

There is an application that must be completed and sent to LCI by Sept. 30. Complete information regarding the award and application may be received by going to the LCI website.

Lions Clubs of 5NE are reminded that they should be thinking about the AWARDS and CONTESTS for 2011-2012. Two of them that are coming up early in the Lions year are the PEACE POSTER CONTEST and DISTRICT 5NE SPEAK-UP CONTEST.

Peace Poster kits may be ordered from LCI. This information may be found in recent issues of the Lion magazine.

For more information on the Speak-Up Contest, contact IPDG Robert Littlefield. Both of these contests will have their conclusion during the state convention in Minot Oct. 28-29.

I again have been selected to be the 5NE Awards and Contest chairperson for DG Steve Johnson for the 2011-2012 Lions year.

Club residents, please look forward to receiving the packet that contains information for AWARDS and CONTEST for 2011-2012.

## Metigoshe Lions host Bender benefit

The Lake Metigoshe Lions co-sponsored a benefit with St. Mark's Altar Society for Lake Metigoshe Lion, Peggy Bender June 28 at St. Mark's.

Lion Peggy has been in Rochester for treatment since early April. Donations are still welcome for Lions Peggy and Gene. Donations can be sent to the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club at 325 5th St. E., Bottineau, ND 58318.

## In Remembrance

### Wahpeton

James Lies, Sr.

### Valley City

Gaylon Hansen

### Braddock

Victor Baumgartner





# Red River Lions Club Golf Tournament

*Lion Carl Jessen Memorial  
24th Annual Red River Golf Tournament*

**\*\*Charitable Fundraiser Open to all\*\***

**Wednesday, August 3, 2011 • 1 p.m. sharp**

**Rivers Edge Golf Course (Manvel Golf Course)**

*From Grand Forks: West On Hwy 2, North On 17th St NE/Co Rd 5  
(Generous Jerry's), East On 26th Ave NE*

**\$50.00 Cart Included**

Also Includes – 1/2 lb Burger, Baked Beans, & Potato Chips following for all participants

**PLUS PRIZES!!!!**

**Please RSVP Individual or Teams and Entry Fees by August 1st.**

*(Checks Can Be Made Out To Red River Lions Club)*

RSVP to: Liz Jessen

827 South 24th Street • Grand Forks, ND 58201

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Questions Call: 701-739-9797





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### Registration :

\$30... After Jan 1, 2011

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

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

Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion or Guest (circle one)

Badge: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals:

Breakfast...Included with Hotel Stay

Lunch....\$14.50

Dinner...\$20.00

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

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

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

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

## Club News

### Enderlin



The Enderlin Lions Club have been involved in many community projects. The above picture was taken following the setting up of their tent for the All School Reunion. Prior to the event, they secured a new roof on the Baxter Park picnic shelter.

## Enderlin Lions take slogan “People Serving People” seriously

“People Serving People” is an embraced Enderlin Lions slogan according to Lions President Susan M. Dopp. The Club takes these words seriously and their work in our little town proves the commitment.

Recently, the Enderlin Lions completed a service project which has long-lasting community benefits. Thirteen Lions worked over five days tearing off and replacing the Enderlin Baxter Park picnic shelter roof.

The shelter had been built by the Lions Club in 1994 and was donated to the Enderlin Park Board in memory of long-time community benefactor Charles “Chuckie” F. Lehmann. Mr. Lehmann was the owner and operator of Enderlin’s Ben Franklin Variety Store and served with distinction in the Enderlin Lions Club for many years. As part of the Lions 5- year plan for Baxter Park improvement, this shelter was the Club’s commitment for a lasting memory of a unique individual who cared deeply for his fellow community members.

Beginning late afternoon, Thursday, May 5, five Lions tore the old shingles and felting from the 16 foot square roof and laid a new synthetic moisture barrier. On Friday, May 6, seven Lions attached fir strips in preparation of securing the new steel roof. Saturday, May 7 saw a short three Lions crew screwing on half of the roof and Monday, May 9 several Lions installed a fascia edge

and readied the remaining steel for the completion. On Tuesday, May 10, seven Lions lifted and secured the last of the new roof and installed all remaining trim and edging.

The project was finished in less than a week. Special mention should be made of Enderlin business owner, Lester Rangeloff, who furnished all needed tools and a caterpillar telehandler (mobile scaffold) through the five days. He and wife Nancy, who is the Lions current 2nd Vice President, own and operate Circle R Lumber and they were the key people in ordering materials and making certain the project was done to a professional standard.

In fact, for several years Mr. Rangeloff worked in Iowa for Morton Buildings as an on-site building assembly foreman and he thought the volunteer Lions help had much in common with his memorable time spent with Morton.

The following Lions assisted with the work: Dennis Boyle, Joe Chesley, Pat Feist, Marvin Milbert Fink, Mike Lemna, Mike Martin, Harold Narum, Andrew Albert Peterson, DVM, Nancy Rangeloff, Curt Schall, Leo Schall, Dean Torbenson, and Maynard Torbenson. The Lions also enjoyed the supervision of Les and Nancy’s “a dog named Boo,” who was on duty at all times. Lion Jim Ekeren served as an on-site inspector from 7-8 p.m., May 10th.

The Enderlin Park Board provided funding for this project.