



Thueson named to Hall of Fame

Lion Timothy A. Thueson of the North Star Lions has been chosen to be inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame, according to the Hall of Fame Committee of the Past District Governors Association. The award will be presented at the next state convention.

The committee received three applications to review. The other nominees were Mona Johnson of Lake Metigoshe Lions Club, and Kevin Vannett of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club. Regardless of who is chosen for this prestigious award, all candidates are held in high esteem; it is a great honor to be nominated.

The award is based on dedication to and activities on behalf of the candidate's home club, his or her District projects, North Dakota Lions programs, as well as those of MD5 and Lions International. The committee also considers the candidate's community involvement outside of Lions.

Lion Tim has been a Lion for 32 years. He is a familiar sight at conventions, having attended seventeen North Dakota state conventions, twelve MD5 Conventions and five International Conventions. Over



Timothy Thueson

the years he has sponsored 15 new Lions.

Tim began his life as a Lion in McClusky, where he taught fourth grade for 20 years and was also the high school speech coach. Besides holding nearly every office in that club, he served as membership, program, and parade float chairman. Also, he served as zone chairman in that area. He was named "Lion of the Year" in McClusky in 1993-94.

In 1997 the Thueson family moved to Bismarck, where Tim transferred his membership to the North Star Lions. Now

serving as their club president, he has been 3rd, 2nd, and 1st vice president, as well as their LCIF chairman. Lion Tim was chairperson for "Operation Blanket Run", which provided blankets to a women's shelter, "Operation Furniture Run", which provided furniture to people in need in the Cannon Ball area, and "Operation Mitten Run", which provided mittens, gloves, and scarves to Solen School students.

Lion Tim was District Governor in 2000-2001. The following year he served as State Representative on the Council. He has also been the MD5 Lions opportunity for Youth Chairperson. At the state level, he has served on both the Lions Eye Bank board and the North Dakota Lions Foundation board. He has received the 100% Secretary award, the 100% District Governor award, and four International President's Certificates of Appreciation. Besides having taught for 33 years, he also judges speech competitions around the state. His hobbies include auction sales, antique cars, old phonographs, and attending theatre productions. He and his wife Lynell have one son, Mark.

ND Lions on the move

State convention now in Bismarck

The 2011 state Lions convention has been moved from flood-stricken Minot to Bismarck.

Headquarters for the convention will be the Doublewood Inn. The District 5NW Cabinet approved the change of venue.

5NW District Governor Pat Vannett announced at the Aug. 6 cabinet meeting that the Doublewood Inn would be offering rooms for \$81 per night. The facility will accommodate Friday afternoon

and icebreaker activities. But Saturday events will be at the exhibit hall and convention center at the Bismarck Civic Center. An ad hoc committee will run the convention, DG Vannett said. The Minot convention was being coordinated by clubs in Zone 2A.

Registrations and funds will be shifted to Bismarck, but the activities/speakers will be in the hands of the ad hoc committee, cabinet members said.

Further information will be forthcoming in the Sept. N.D. Lion. A registration form is included in this issue of the N.D. Lion on page 15.

Also, cabinet members recommended those who have registered for rooms in Minot should make changes accordingly. If you have reserved a room at the Sleep Inn in Minot, call and make sure your room has been canceled, convention officials said. Their number is 701-837-3101.

Lions come to the aid of Minot flood victims

By STU MERRY
ND Lion and SNW Public Relations

The City of Minot and its surrounding area continue to reel from the effects of the devastating flood that wreaked havoc this summer. It will be years before some sense of normalcy can be attained.

Numerous groups and entities have stepped forward to offer aid, whether it be financial or otherwise.

The need is great. Lions across the country have stepped up to assist financially.

Your Lions District SNW applied for and was approved for a \$10,000 emergency grant through Lions Clubs International Foundation. Emergency grants provide up to \$10,000 to districts that are impacted by natural disasters that has affected at least 100 people, including tornadoes, hurricanes, floods and tsunamis. Lions District Governors may apply for these funds to assist with immediate needs such as food, water, clothing, blankets and cleaning supplies. LCIF typically awards more than \$2 million in emergency grant funding each year. District SNW received the maximum award that is given for emergency relief.

Lions Clubs from across the country who have heard of the plight of the Souris Valley are offering financial assistance. That assistance will be put to good use as a Lions Alert team made up of Lions from Zone 2A and lead by PDG Chris Helgeson are spearheading the Lions relief efforts in the Minot and surrounding areas.

The damage is so overwhelming, and the need so great, that one wonders how would be the best way to help those in need the most. The best way to help is to make a donation to the Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund.

Lion Josh Ressler, member of the Magic City Lions and SNW cabinet member, told cabinet members at their meeting Aug. 6 that the fund would offer Lions the most bang for their buck.

We will have more opportunity to help out where it is needed," he said. "Things we will do with this is to purchase building supplies, helping out the Minot and area schools, medicine, disaster financial kits, and anything else where we feel there is a need."

Already, five moisture meters for the NDSU Extension Service have been purchased. These are monitors that people can use to

help with the dry down process.

Ressler also said that if a matching grant from LCIF is given, funds to match that would need to come first before any purchase can be made.

The fund has already received a jump start. The balance of the funds from the now defunct Zone 2A sponsored Garlic & Grape Festival, about \$3,000, has already been contributed.

The damage in Minot is unfathomable. More than 7,000 individuals families have filed reports with FEMA. About 3,500 homes have not been inspected or the inspections have not been completed. They are the worst of the worst, Ressler said.

About 700-800 FEMA modulars are estimated to come to Minot with many being placed on property of homeowners who have been affected by the flood. Others will be placed at a designated area north of Minot.

Ressler noted FEMA officials have said the Minot flood is the worst (in regard to damage) that they have seen, and that includes the Joplin, Mo., tornado, and even Hurricane Katrina that affected New Orleans. One of the big differences is that many Minot homes have basements.

Past International President Jimmy Ross had just this type of emergency in mind when he started the Lions Alert program. We need to be ready for whatever Mother Nature sends to us, he said.

Minot will survive. It will come back stronger than ever, but it will take time. With help from the Lions, that road back will be a lot smoother.

TO HELP

Send checks to:
Lions 2A Flood
Relief Fund
PO Box 782
Minot ND 58702

Thank you, Lions!

PCC Brian M. Tinker

I finally got out of the hospital May 19, 2011. While in the hospital I received innumerable cards, flowers, and visitations from Lions throughout MD5. At the June McClusky Lions meeting I was surprised by the presentation of a financial gift from Lions throughout MD5.

As I understand it, a fundraiser was hosted by the Washburn Lions with support from throughout MD5. My sincere thanks to everyone for their kind thoughts and the financial gifts.

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Financial & Operating Statement 7/1/10 through 06/30/11

Union State Bank		Postage	161.66	Interest Income	33.83
Administrative Account Balance		Printing	117.92		7,515.69
7/1/10	\$8,496.29	Supplies	102.47		26,922.65
Income:		Travel	48.00		
Bronze Clubs	4,036.00	Dues & Publications	50.00	Grants approved and paid	
Silver Clubs	950.00	Bonds & Insurance	1,091.00	Hooterville Lions	250.00
Gold Clubs	2,510.00	Transfer to Grant Account	7,481.86	Mandan Lions	607.00
Diamond Clubs	1,000.00	Transfer to Savings	7,377.89	Region 5 Lions	2,000.00
Sustaining memberships	1,840.00		19,433.38	Bowman Lions	275.00
Life Memberships	900.00	Administrative Account Balance		New England Lions	3,395.00
Other donations	244.75	6/30/2011	12,117.76	South Heart Lions	3,500.00
Memorials	2,335.00				10,027.00
Interest Income (checking)	102.49	Corpus Account			16,896.65
Interest Income (CD'S)	4,267.93	Dakota Community Bank CD		Transferred to savings	14,040.77
	18,186.17		10,1573.81		
State Newspaper Assessments		Western Coop Credit Union CD		Checkbook Balance 6/30/11	
	1,2318.00		23,500.00		2,854.88
District Governor Payments	1,200.00	Interest Income	1.08	Savings	
	1,3518.00	Transferred from checking	7,377.89	Transfer from checking	14,040.77
BHG, INC	1,2871.32		7,702.18	Interest	9.47
	646.68	Transferred to CD	7,000.00		
Video Magnifier Program		Savings balance 6/30/11	702.18	Savings account balance 6/3/11	
Donations received					14,050.24
	34,546.00	Corpus Balance	125,775.99	Grantable funds 6/30/11	
Units Purchased	30,324.00				16,905.12
	\$4,222.00	Dakota West Credit Union			
	31,551.14	Grantable Funds Balance 7/1/11			
Expenditures:		Checking	19,406.96	Your Lions Foundation of N.D. Board	
Auditing	800.00	Transferred from Ad. Acct. checking		sincerely thanks you for all donations	
Banners & Pins	453.00		7,481.86	and your continued support.	
Board Meeting Expense	1,739.58			PDG Chris Voeaele, Treas.	
Filing fees	10.00				



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Transport team report

One-time transporters

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Two-time transporters

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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings.

I hope your Lions membership continues to be meaningful to you and that you are being of service to others every day. "I Believe" it is and you are. Your communities and the world are better because of Lions. Wear the pin with pride.

District leaders have established six ambitious goals for this year. They are: 1) Increase the district's membership by 75, 2) Charter four new Lions clubs, 3) Exit interview members leaving our clubs to address reasons, 4) Increase to 50%, women and younger men in district leadership positions, 5) have at least one member from 25 or more clubs attend the 2011 State Lions Convention, and 6) plant at least 1,578 trees.

You'll be hearing more about these goals throughout the year. We'll need the support of every Lion if we're going to be successful. In which of these goals can you participate?

Remember the challenge to color my hair "district governor jacket red" if SNE plants those goal trees by October 28th? I'm disappointed to report that the tree tally after one month is zero! C'mon Lions, let's get those tree planting projects moving! I'd venture to guess that SNE Lions probably planted over 100 trees in July at their homes, farms, workplaces, or places of recreation, but simply didn't report them.

Due to the disastrous flooding in Minot, this year's Lions state convention has been moved to Bismarck. The dates are October 28th and 29th. Events will be held at the Doublewood Inn and the Bismarck Civic Center. Detailed information can be found in this issue of the ND Lion. It's time to register and make room reservations.

Even if you are unable to stay for the entire convention, SNE Lions are encouraged to participate in district meetings on the 28th. Among the many items of business there will be discussion of a future dues increase. "I Believe" we'll have representatives from all 59 clubs attend.

Brenda and I recently enjoyed an afternoon with Lions of Region 5 at Beaver Lake State Park. We jokingly refer to it as our 500-mile picnic. It was great fun meeting youth exchange campers from Finland, Brazil, and Mongolia and their host families. It was my subsequent pleasure to pass on banners from Finland and Mongolia to Red River Lion Katrina Wendel as thanks for her work in heading up the youth exchange camp.

Region 5 has completed phase 1 of their Lions environmental project—a welcome sign for the park. Phase 2, installing children's playground equipment and phase 3, planting trees are planned for later this year. Hint: Report those trees.

I'm working to fill the club visitation schedule for 2011-2012. If you have a special event or anniversary you'd like to have me to

be part of, please let us know. Otherwise, we'll pick a date to visit. My wife, Brenda, is handling that schedule so give her a call at (701) 746-0860 or an email at catdoot@aol.com.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee to select the next district governor and vice district governors please let me know. Past District Governor John Dobbs is chairing that committee.

We heard great news at the recent district cabinet meeting from Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Coordinator CC/PDG Littlefield. It seems that a dozen or so SNE clubs have made prior donations to LCIF qualifying them to award one or more Melvin Jones Fellowships.

You'll soon be hearing from Lion Littlefield or from me following up on this opportunity. We're positive that those clubs have members or others in their communities who deserve this recognition. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is the highest honor a club can bestow.

If you're looking for a great pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 20th, the Horace Lions will oblige from 7 to 10 a.m. Take in the parade at 10 a.m. or spend an entire activity-filled day. What is a mudrun?

Has your club sponsored a video magnifier machine or contributed to the Vision Magnifier Program yet? The equipment makes it possible for the visually impaired to expand or "blow up" correspondence, photos, literature of any kind, or product labels so that they can be easily read. Is there an individual in your community or a care facility that needs this equipment? "I Believe" this is a perfect Lions project. This life-changing program is administered by the ND Lions Foundation. Contact them for more details.

Weather too hot for you this summer? If so then the Lions USA-Canada forum is a perfect getaway. Held September 22-24 in Anchorage, Alaska, this is an opportunity to enjoy superb scenery, learn about Lions programs, develop your leadership potential, and rub shoulders with some of the nicest folks on the planet. I've been to a USA-Canada forum—there's nothing like it.

In closing for this month, I pose these questions to each of you. Is your life richer and fuller because you are a Lion? Have you asked your friends to join your club? Are you asking the people you meet to become Lions? Are you offering them what you have as a Lion?

I will always be grateful a friend asked me.

MD5 Convention highlights



Lion Trevor Vannett with his sponsor PDG Kevin Vannett receives MD5 Rookie Lion Award from CC Tom Grimmond.



PDG Kevin Vannett receives MD5 Sr. Counselor Award from PCC Tom Grimmond.



PDG Kevin Vannett receives the International President's Leadership Award from PIP Jimmy Ross for his work for the ND State Video Magnifier Program. Proud Governor Pat gets a hug.

Minot receives aid from Lions

Members join to make cleaning kits

Around 25 Lions met on Aug. 10 at Morelli's Distributing in Minot to put together cleaning kits that were purchased with the \$10,000 LCIF Emergency Disaster Grant. Lions from Hooterville, Minot, Minot Magic City, Minot Plum Valley, Elgin Dakota, Sawyer, and Mandan Dacotah worked side by side for about an hour. (Many people doing a little bit can make a large impact in a short period of time). New friendships were formed and old friendships renewed. The Minot Daily News and KX News were on hand to record this Lions event.

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Watch for articles regarding the Lions at work for the flood victims of the Minot area! Better yet, get involved!



Did you lose something?

Stacking the finished boxes was hard work. Lions members filled more than 180 cleaning kits.



We are rolling now, stay out of the way.

Lions send out plea for flood aid

Editor's note: The following is a letter from Lion Josh Ressler. The letter describes the devastation caused by this summer's flood event in Minot and the surrounding area.

Lions across the state are being asked to pass along the message to their fellow Lions around the country, asking for help. Ressler said with your support, "I know we can make a big impact for the people affected by this flood."

Fellow Lions:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this letter. On April 23, 2011, the river that runs through Minot hit a flood stage of 1549. This level has only been reached a few times in our city's history. Through tremendous community support it looked as if we would be able to save our city after historic snow pack and above normal rainfall.

On June 22nd following more rains, the Souris River escaped it's built up banks. Minot, along with Burlington, Sawyer, Velva and many homes in between, were inundated with flood waters. FEMA has declared this the worst national disaster since Hurricane Katrina. The crest topped out at 1561.72 feet, more than seven feet above what our dikes had been built to handle. The water stayed at that level for over 10 days!

In Minot, more than 4,500 homes were inundated with water; not only were basements flooded, a majority had 4-8 feet of water

on the main level. In Ward County, that number grew to 9,200 homes affected.

More than 15,000 people had to be evacuated and most will not be back in their homes a year from now. FEMA is bringing in over 1650 modular units for people to live in while they try to figure out what to do with their homes. Most of our evacuees have moved in with family, into available hotels, and even in with strangers. It is estimated by FEMA and Minot city officials that our damage will exceed one billion dollars.

I am sending you this email to ask for your help! We have established a Lions Flood Relief Fund here in Minot. A donation of any dollar amount would be greatly appreciated.

We have received an emergency grant from LCIF for \$10,000. (The \$10,000 was for emergency relief and cleaning supplies to create cleaning kits.) We are also in the process of requesting a larger grant through LCIF to help our community.

If any of you have gone through this process, you know that we need to have matching funds in place before any money can be granted. I know that Lions always pull together in time

of need and help take care of each other. Our time has arrived and we really need your help.

Yours in Lionism

Josh Ressler, 701-721-0092

TO HELP

Flood donations
can be made to:
Lions Zone 2A
Flood Relief Fund
PO Box 782
Minot ND 58702

Become a 5NW Roarin Lion

The District 5NW Roarin' Lion Award shall be presented to each Lion member who during any consecutive 12 month period achieves the following:

- **Attends one hour of Lions orientation program.**
- **Attends a meeting of his/her Lions club board of directors.**
- **Participates in a service or fund-raiser project of his/her Lions club.**
- **Accepts and fulfills a Lions club committee assignment.**
- **Visits another Lions club.**
- **Attends a zone meeting or other district activity.**
- **Brings a guest to a Lions club meeting.**



The application shall be properly documented and signed by the applicant and approved by the club president who shall submit the application to the district governor.

For more information regarding this fun district activity contact:
1st Vice District Governor, Lewellyn Rustan
irite@ndsupernet.com

(h) 701-579-4347
(c) 701-290-8733

Tree planting information: By “Tree Willie”

I am delighted to assist our District Governor, Steve Johnson in his efforts to get at least one tree planted for each member in District 5NE. Below are some thoughts and suggestions regarding the project.

Why Plant Trees – “It’s no secret that trees help the environment, but you may be surprised by all the benefits that planting a tree can provide. Trees are like the lungs of the planet. They breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. They also reduce erosion to save soil, help preserve local water sources, and provide habitat for wildlife living under more and more stress. Simply put, planting trees in your neighborhood really is one of the best things you can do for the local environment.” by Wing-Kun Tam, 2011-2012 International President

Where to Plant – You can begin by planting some on your own property. If every Lion member planted just one tree, our district governor’s goal would be met. Most rural and urban yards can use some extra trees in the landscape. If you own farmland, this could be good incentive to plant a field or farmstead shelter belt. On a larger scale, think about properties in your communities such as parks, church grounds, school yards, fair grounds, and other publicly owned properties. Have club members make contact with managers/administrators of such properties to discuss the possibility of your club assisting with possible tree planting operations this summer/fall.

What to Plant – The selection of desirable trees to plant in

ND is somewhat limited when compared to suitable varieties in other parts of the country. However, there is still an excellent list of desirable species that can be very successfully grown in eastern ND. An excellent publication title: “Trees and Shrubs for Northern Great Plains Landscapes” is available from the NDSU Extension Service. It has complete descriptions and full colored photographs for 66 tree species and 28 shrubs that are adapted to urban growing conditions in ND. The cost is \$12.50.

Where to Purchase trees – There are many sources of trees available. Here are some.

- Local Soil Conservation Districts. However most of their trees are ordered for spring planting only.

- Area Nurseries. This is perhaps the best source for smaller numbers of trees because most of them raise their trees right in their local areas so they are well suited for the local areas.

- Area retailers. Many retailers and discount stores sell a good selection of trees. However, if you buy from such outlets there is a greater risk that their trees may not be as well suited for the local region.

When to Plant – Trees can be planted any time during the growing season. The abundance of rainfall this summer will increase the survival rate of newly planted trees in most of the state. It is important to assure that newly planted trees receive adequate moisture on a continual basis.

Contact: willie.huot@ndsu.edu

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.

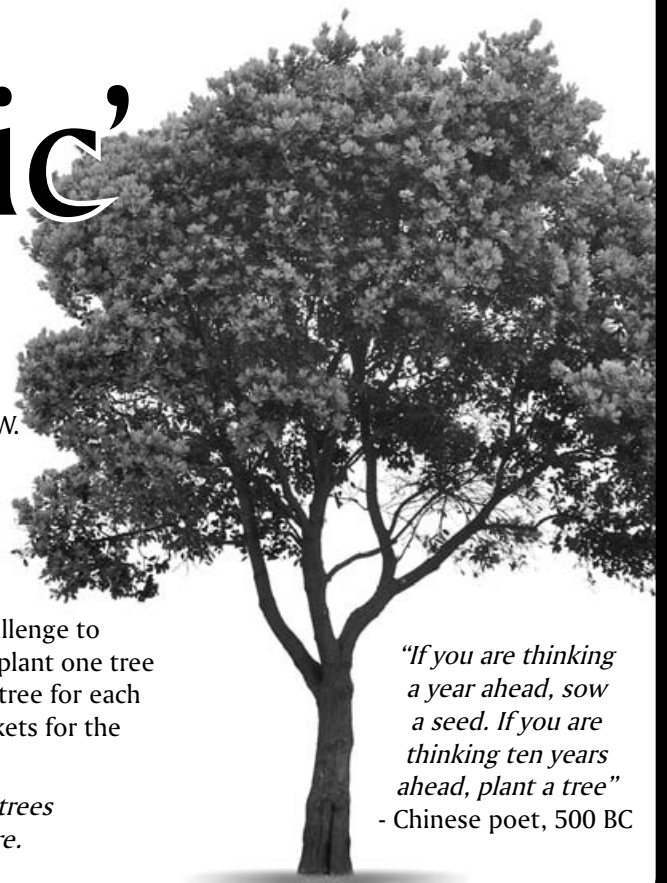
For more information, contact:

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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.



*“If you are thinking
a year ahead, sow
a seed. If you are
thinking ten years
ahead, plant a tree”
- Chinese poet, 500 BC*

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

PAT VANNETT

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Dear Lions of District 5NW;

It has been an exciting and event filled first month serving as your district governor. True to our motto of "We Serve" I have witnessed so many of you helping your friends, neighbors and strangers during the flooding events that have affected so many in western North Dakota. You are acting upon your belief that you can make a difference in peoples' lives. Congratulations on your true Lion service spirit!

District cabinet holds first meeting, August 6

Twenty five Lions from around our district met to discuss how we are doing as a district leadership group and what we can do to support the Lions of western North Dakota.

The district leadership made some energetic decisions and plans to help your Lions clubs grow during the next year.

Goal 1) We challenge the Lions of District 5NW to serve with a Lion's Heart by believing in each other, becoming better listeners, especially listening to our newer members and younger Lions; We will achieve this goal in many ways starting with each Lion individually. Let's each take an inventory of how we serve in a Lions capacity and make a commitment to be just a little better

We will take advantage the MD5 Rookie Lion Award, the newly approved ROARIN' LION Award and conduct New Member Orientations to achieve this goal. For information about these and for assistance, contact your district Global Membership Team Coordinator, PCC Dan Vondracek at 391-5617; email: dan@firesideop.com or 1st VDG Lewellyn Rustan at (h) 579-4347 (c) 290-8733; email: irite@ndsupernet.com

Goal 2) The District will hold Club Excellence Process (CEP) workshops in no less than four locations of our district this next year. The CEP is a proven workshop dedicated to club improvement. Clubs that participate will look at your community needs and review your membership and club experience using existing resources. You will then be assisted in developing action plans to improve your organization. Through this process (taking a look at your club's past, present and future) you will be able to enhance the motivation and focus of your current members. The process will help you identify and attract the attention of potential members who share in your club's vision and mission.

PDG Herman Schafer is our district Global Leadership Team Coordinator. I encourage club presidents to contact him immediately at -2320, email: hesh@bis.midco.net or 2ndVDG, Mike Blazek at -0526, email: 2ndvdg5nw@gmail.com. You won't want to miss this opportunity for growth and development of your

Lions Club!

Goal 3) As Lions we will focus on being "good neighbors" to our extended Lions family by increasing inter-club visitations. That's right – join the district "Good Neighbor" club by showing up! An "official" Lions visitation is when three members of the same Lions club visit another Lions club. Stories are told of items that become missing, such as gavels, after such a visit thereby encouraging the visited club to return the favor. Many friendships are formed, many memories are made, and the "spirit of cooperation and understanding" of our association is fulfilled.

Please send your upcoming Lions events to Lion Stu Merry, our district Public Relations Chair, at editors@bhgnews.com. AND Lion Butch Frank our district Website and IT Chair at (w) 579-8033 or bfrank@ndsupernet.com. Remember to send your events in early so everyone gets the information in time to make plans. Watch the district website <http://www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/index.php> and ND Lion for upcoming events.

Districts of 5NE And 5NW approve State Convention site change

Both of the districts in North Dakota approved a plan to move the October 28 & 29, 2011, State Lions Convention to Bismarck. The approval came after consultation with the Lions of the Minot area that are diligently working to assist not only their community, but many of their members get back on their feet from the flood. The change will also free up hotel rooms for flood victims.

Your State Lions Convention host hotel is the Best Western Doublewood Inn, located at 1400 East Interchange Avenue, Bismarck. The Lions has a block of rooms at \$81.00 per night with reservations made no later than October 13, 2011. This special rate guaranty will not be honored after that date. Anyone who needs a room for the convention MUST RESERVE YOUR OWN ROOMS AT THE NEW CONVENTION HOTEL. For Reservations Call 1-800-554-7077.

Anyone who made a reservation at the Sleep Inn, Minot MUST CANCEL YOUR RESERVATION. This will help the local committee out greatly. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Our Friday cabinet meetings, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Lions Foundation of North Dakota, and Past District Governor meetings and the Friday evening social will all be held at the Best Western Doublewood Inn. Our Saturday convention will all be held at the Bismarck Convention Center and Exhibit Hall.

A local Bismarck/Mandan area committee is working diligently to make this convention a great success! All they need is YOU. Thank you for PDG Jan Froemming and her husband Dale

Welcome to our newest district 5NW Lions:

Lion Mylo Bakken – Bismarck Capital City Lions
Lion Connie Lord – Minot Magic City Lions

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5NW GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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for taking over the convention registration process. For questions regarding your convention registration, call 701-584-3606 or email: dalejan@westriv.comdalejan@westriv.com.

Lions Clubs International Foundation dollars at work in North Dakota

The Lions Clubs International Foundation awarded district 5NW a \$10,000 emergency grant which the Lions of Zone 2-A quickly put to good use. Thank you for the strong leadership of PDG Chris Helgeson and Lion Josh Ressler for having the commitment and courage to take action helping the flood victims of the Minot area.

The Lions of Zone 2-A have established a fund for further relief efforts. To support the Lions work in flooded areas of the Souris Valley and Minot, please send donations to: Lions of Zone 2-A Flood Relief Fund, P.O. Box 782, Minot, ND 58702.

Peace poster contest deadline approaches

The Lions Clubs of our district have received your Peace Poster kits and NOW is the time to plan for a local youth to be a part of our district Peace Poster Contest. This year, our district Peace Poster contest will be held at the Bismarck Civic Center on Saturday, October 29. Plan NOW to get have your local winner entered into our district contest!

District Governor names district nominating committee

The District Nominating committee is charged with ensuring that all candidates running for district office have the full qualifications and endorsement of their Lions Club. Your district nominating committee for 2011-2012 is: PDG Dave Czywczynski, 873-2137, daveczyw@westriv.com; PCC Dan Vondrachek, 319-

5617, dan@firesideop.com; and PDG Herman Schafer, 471-2528, hesh@bismidco.net. The district is currently seeking candidates for the office of 2nd Vice District Governor for the year 2012-2013. Please contact any of these Lions for the qualifications necessary to seek the office of 2nd vice district governor.

I believe

I believe we are making a difference like no other service organization in the world. I believe in our motto "We Serve". And I believe in you – the Lions of District 5NW who make up a network of caring, and a network of service. Together, we make up a family of unique volunteers as part of Lions Clubs International – the global leader in community service.

This year, I am calling on all Lions of 5NW to embrace a sense of belief of what it truly means to be a Lion – a belief that each individual Lion makes a difference and that, together, we can change our communities and the world even more than we have yet imagined.

Believing is different from thinking because it has three other key elements: Courage – Commitment – ACTION

If we believe, truly believe that what we are doing is right, then we will take the ACTION necessary to grow in our service and our membership.

Join me in that action.

Dedicated to serving you with my Lions Heart,
DG Pat

"Believe that one person can make a difference. Believe that the entire world can be changed when we come together as Lions. Believe that changing a life – or the world – starts with each one of us."

- Lions International President, Wing-Kun Tam



5NW PDG Bev Charles, left, and 5NW DG Pat Vannett share a hug as DG Pat convened her first cabinet meeting. PDG Bev presented DG Pat with a new gavel.



Lion DG Pat shows off the high visibility Lions vests that were purchased and used Aug. 10 to distribute the cleaning kits to some of those affected by the flooding in Minot. Vests were purchased from District Funds to be used by Lions Disaster Teams.



5NW DG Pat Vannett presented two of her "We Serve with a Lion's Heart" pins during the cabinet meeting Aug. 6 in Hazen. Recipients were, left, Lion Josh Ressler, Magic City Lions, and, right, Lion Cy Kotaska of the Sawyer Lions.

Garrison

Lions designate cans for Minot flood relief

By STU MERRY

It's time to pitch in for flood victims of Minot. The Garrison Lions Club, at its latest meeting, went on record, saying proceeds from the next load of aluminum cans will be earmarked for flood victims of Minot.

The funds will go to the Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund. Garrison, along with the Minot Lions Club, Magic City Lions, Plum Valley Lions, Hooterville Flion Lions, Glenburn Lions and Sawyer Lions Club, are members of Zone 2A.

Utilizing the zone relief fund will allow clubs in the zone an opportunity to help out where it is needed most. Items being considered include building supplies, assisting Minot schools that were damaged in the flood, medicine and financial kits.

LCIF, the worldwide Lions Club's charitable entity, is also contributing to the broader flood relief fund.

The Garrison Lions Club has recycled aluminum cans for a number of years. Most recently, club members remodeled a trailer, converting it to a self-serve recycling



Garrison Lions Club President Mike Maki does his part, contributing a sack of cans to the club's aluminum can recycling effort.

trailer. The trailer is located just off Main Street at the corner of Central Avenue and First Street SE.

Response has been phenomenal, club officials said. Can contributions are welcome.

Magic City



Check presented

Magic City Lion Josh Ressler, left, was presented a \$10,000 check by DG Pat Vannett as part of disaster grant for the cleaning kits.

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Elgin

Elgin Lions host kids fishing day held

The Elgin Lions Club held its 16th Annual Kids Free Fishing Day Saturday, July 16, at Sheep Creek Dam south of Elgin.

Young people and volunteers for the day were: Madelyn DenBoer, Jamie Maier, Kiara Koepplin, Luke Maier, Joshua DenBoer, Avery Roth, Hannah Izsler, Jace Pruitt, Nathan Roth, Tyler Froelich and Sammy Dart.

Volunteers included: Lion Jim Heim, State Game Warden Courtney Sprenger, Maxcine Heim, Lion Reuben Zacher, Lion Art Rath bus driver, Lion Dean Zimmerman cook, Lion Ralph Meidinger, Sherri Maier, Sara Roth, Nola Roth, Sam Dart and Lion Duane Schatz.

Winners of the prizes were: Joshua DenBoer tackle box; Madelyn DenBoer rod and reel; Kiara Koepplin life vest, Hunter Koepplin rod and reel; Jace Pruitt life vest and Sammy Dart tackle box.

The prizes were donated by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. The Elgin Lions Club made available \$5 Elgin Bucks gift certificates for each person.



Pictured are participants and volunteers who took part in the 16th annual kids fishing day at Sheep Creek Dam south of Elgin.

Harvey team wins 2011 Golfarama

N.D. Lions EyeBank big winner, too

Eight teams battled rain, a few hailstones and even a few rays of sun during the 17th Annual Golfarama Fundraiser for the Lions EyeBank of North Dakota, at the Harvey Country Club in Harvey July 16.

Winners of this year's event was the Harvey Eagles Club of Travis Swang, Kevin Bierman, Craig Goldade and Lucas Hysjulien. Second place went to the First State Bank of Harvey team, and third place went to the Kourajian/Davis/Rygg team of Harvey. More than \$1,800 was raised for the EyeBank.

Clubs contributing to the Lions EyeBank fundraiser were the Washburn Lions, Harvey Lions, Bismarck Capitol City, Bismarck North Star, and several teams from the Harvey area. There were prizes for the longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. Jeff Davis of Kingswood, Texas, won the shootout contest.

Thanks to the 16 banks and businesses that sponsored holes and teams, and the generosity of several area businesses whose sponsorship and donations were greatly appreciated.

\$100 hole sponsors included: First State Bank, Harvey; First International Band and Trust, Harvey; Pett's Tractor Salvage, Anamoose, St. Aloisius Medical Center, Harvey; National Bank of Harvey and the Harvey Insurance Agency; Pizza Ranch, Harvey; Choice Financial Group, Goodrich; Harvey Eagles Club; Harvey Farmers Elevator; Tom's Home Furnishings and Dakota Computer Pros, both Harvey; American Bank Center, Bismarck; Ripplinger Motors, Harvey; Hinrichs Super Valu of Harvey and Killdeer; Mid Dakota Lumber, Harvey; and Hertz Funeral Homes, Harvey and McClusky.

Other donations: ND Lions EyeBank (golf balls); Central Distributing (bottled water); Schwan's Wholesale, Devils Lake (12-packs of Miller Lite MGD); Scheels Sporting Goods, Minot (\$50 gift card); Scheels Sporting Goods, Bismarck (golf balls); Eye Clinic of North Dakota, Bismarck (four golf shirts); Harvey Lions Club (caps); Pepsi of Devils Lake (four 12-packs of Pepsi products).

North Star



Charles inducted

Pictured is PDG Bev Charles, right, who inducted her husband David Charles as president of Bismarck-North Star Lions.

Bowman



Club hosts benefit

Recently, the Bowman Lions had a Burgers in the Park benefit for Donna Manolovits, who was diagnosed with bladder cancer. The funds raised will help to defray Donna's medical expenses. The benefit was a huge success and fun was had by all. The top photo shows a portion of the crowd who turned out for the benefit. Bottom photo, from left, are Lions Terry Whitney and Lisa Abrahamson, Donna Manolovits and Lion Viv Pendergrass.

ND Lions urged to take tree challenge

To enhance the world's environment, International president Wing-Kun Tam has challenged Lions around the world to plant 1 million trees this year.

District 5NE has gone on record, stating it will plant at least 1,578 trees – one for each member in the District as of July 1, 2011.

To encourage 5NE Lions to meet their tree planting goal early and to show his support, DG Steve Johnson has pledged to color his hair, or what there is of it, bright red on the date the district reaches its goal. He has promised to keep his hair bright red through the state convention that begins Oct. 28. He has challenged 5NW DG Pat Vannett to do the same.

Johnson said club presidents should begin reporting their tree planting numbers to District Environmental Committee Chairperson Lion Willie Huot at (w) (701) 780-8229 or (h) (701) 775-7695 or 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.

5NW is looking for an individual to be the contact person for the tree challenge. Contact DG Pat ASAP at 701-426-8132, or email msrealtor@alliancere.net.

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 for the state convention in October.

In Remembrance

Columbus

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Rugby

John Torgerson

Zeeland

Daniel Klein



Fargo



District Governor Robert Littlefield, second from right, congratulates Robert Ames, whom he had just installed as president of the Fargo Lions Club, along with the club's other new officers on June 6, 2011.



Mike Gallagher, left, outgoing president of the Fargo Lions Club, passes the gavel to newly installed president, Robert Ames, at the club's meeting on June 6, 2011.

Fargo Lions installs officers, award members

The Fargo (North Dakota) Lions Club, which was started in 1921, recently installed newly elected officers for 2011-2012. The new officers are: President: Robert Ames; President Elect: Mark Western; Secretary: Brian Shawn; Treasurer: Brian Grave; Tail Twister: Patrick Brown; VP of Membership: Robert Littlefield; VP of Finance: Jason Jaeger; VP of Community Service: Mike Benson; Lion Tamer: Carla Lein; Two-year Director: Luci Melby; and One-year Director: Karna Nelson. Past President is Mike Gallagher.

In addition, the club gave out its annual awards for outstanding contributions to the Fargo-Moorhead community and the club. The Lion of the Year award went to Mike Gallagher; Paula Klein

was named the Melvin Jones Fellow, after the founder of Lions Clubs International. The 2011 Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow is Dr. Lance Bergstrom; and the Spirit of the Lions Award went to longtime member Lyle Swor, who passed away in 2011.

New members inducted at the meeting were Dr. Jed Hilmer and Todd Stugelmayer.

The Fargo Lions Club is North Dakota's oldest and largest chapter of Lions Clubs International. It is one of 45,000 Lions Clubs in the world.

The Fargo Lions Club currently has 65 members. It meets every Monday at noon at the Fargo Radisson from September through May.

Eastburn honored for service

Lion Duffy Eastburn was not able to attend the MD5 Convention in Deadwood, S.D., where the awards were presented, so DG Steve Johnson invited her for lunch in Grand Forks and presented her the beautiful clock in honor of her 10 years remaining active in Lions after being District Governor in 2000-01.

Lion Duffy is a 17-year member of the Northwood Lions Club, and has a total of 28 years in Lionism.



District Governor 5NE Steve Johnson presented the Senior Counselor Award to PDG Doris "Duffy" Eastburn.

Williston Korner



Magic chef?

Lion Ken Kjos cooks for the Banquet West sponsored by the Korner Lions on Father's Day, June 12.



Ready to go!

The Korner Lions grill sits ready to serve the Banquet West meal on a Sunday night. Each Sunday evening, a free meal is served to all who come to the sit down banquet which is a community project of service clubs and churches. All those who usually dine alone or are away from home are welcome. About 80 people were served on this evening.



Officers installed

Pictured, from left during induction ceremonies are officers, Incoming President Jack Colby, Lion Tamer Steve Broe, first-year director Ronelle Gravgaard, Lion Loren Haugen, First Vice President Chris Brostuen, Third Vice President Sandy Hampton, second-year director June Burns, second-year director Chris Jundt, and Tail Twister Lee Gunlickson. Other officers (not pictured) include Lions Second Vice President Lois Reiersen, Secretary Joan Amundson, Treasurer Kathy Molland, first-year director Rhonda Eldred, Tail Twister Jim Stokke and Lion Tamer Greg Sinclair. After a short program, a potluck picnic with burgers grilled on the Korner Lions' grill, door prizes and fellowship, 100 percent attendance pins were awarded and the new officers installed.



Members honored

At the Williston Korner Lions' annual picnic and installation of officers: Outgoing president Becky Rhodes and Lion Loren each received a Lions clock for their contributions during the past year to the Korner Club. Lion Loren also installed the new officers.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!
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TREE PLANTING Campaign

*"If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed.
If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree"*

- Chinese poet, 500 BC



Trees not only beautify our environment, but also provide a source of livelihood for nearly a quarter of the world's population. Many communities around the world depend on trees for food, timber, fuel, oils, medicine and shelter. Trees also help to clean our air and soil, preserve our natural water resources, and provide protection from soil erosion, landslides, flooding, extreme weather and desertification.

Despite their value to humanity, more than 80 percent of the earth's original forests have been lost in the last century, and we continue to lose more forests at an alarming rate every year. If the current trend of deforestation continues, we may see millions of species of plants and animals become extinct, which may forever change our ecosystems and negatively impact hundreds of millions of people who depend on them for their livelihoods.

TAKE ACTION

Join Lions from around the world to plant a million trees this year and take an important step toward reversing the trend of deforestation. Whether it means organizing a tree planting event with a local school or taking part in a large-scale reforestation project, each and every Lion has an opportunity to make a big difference. So make tree planting a part of your club's activities this year and help us show the impact of our global network.

TREE PLANTING PROJECT IDEAS

- Bring together members of your community to organize a tree planting day in your area.
- Work with a local forestry department to establish a tree nursery for your community.
- Make a long-term commitment to restore and protect a deforested area.
- Develop a tree planting project in collaboration with local farmers to improve the agricultural landscape.

SHARING YOUR SUCCESS

Every month throughout the year, we will report on the progress Lions are making in reaching our goal of planting 1 Million trees around the world. Be sure to tell us about your project and the number of trees your club has planted by completing the monthly Lions Club Service Activities Report. For more information, go to www.lionsclubs.org and keyword search tree planting.

RESOURCES

A number of resources, including a planting guide and sample press release, are available to assist you in completing a tree planting project. For materials and campaign updates, visit www.lionsclubs.org, or contact the Services Activities Division at programs@lionsclubs.org.



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