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ID Alexander to highlight state convention

Plans continue to fall in place for the North Dakota State Lions Convention.

International Director Douglas X. Alexander will be the guest of honor for this year's convention that has been moved from Minot to Bismarck.

Alexander will address Lions members at the banquet Saturday, Oct. 29 at the Bismarck Civic Center. The dinner is scheduled for 6 p.m. Convention organizers said they are excited Alexander will be part of this year's state convention.

Alexander, from Brooklyn, N. Y., was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93rd International Convention in Sydney, Australia, June 28 - July 2, 2010. Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association,



ID Douglas Alexander

including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association and a trustee of the New York State and

Bermuda Lions Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Club Lions of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Multiple District Membership Growth Award, District Chairperson Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He has also received the Congressional Record Award.

Director Alexander has two daughters.



Runners, take your mark...and go!

Lions host Diabetes Awareness Strides Walk, Fun Run

By Lion Chuck Whitney

Under almost perfect conditions, the Bowman Lions took over the Bowman Sweetwater Golf Course for an early morning event on Saturday, Aug. 13.

Lion Don Groll was instrumental in

helping us with scheduling the event and Coach Jon Jahner told chairperson Lion Chuck Whitney "where to go" as they mapped out a course of 5 KM for the participants. The course is very similar to the Regional Cross Country Meet path to

be followed later in the fall.

Ironically, the abundance of rain left a few soft spots causing a few changes around some soft spots on the course.

see STRIDES WALK on page 16

New public relations efforts are underway for MD5

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We are trying something new at MD5. I will be doing an article about different things our districts in MD 5 are accomplishing or trying to accomplish in PR. This is just the beginning of our articles.

The purpose of these articles is to try to reach the grass roots Lions. I will try to get you in touch with different programs and deadlines we must meet in Lions each month.

Now let us get started. We have set up with the help of LCI the new Membership and Leadership Development Team. Each District was asked to have their membership and leadership chairs at the August Council Meeting. During this time, each District Chairman was trained and asked to go out into their districts and work with strengthening their leadership and membership. You will be hearing from those team players at forums, rally's, state and provincial meetings.

What about the other MD 5 Committee Chairs? They are the following-Hearing and Preservation, Awareness and Action Committee is headed up with PDG Gladi Andrew (jgandrew@sasktel.net); Diabetes Awareness and Action Chair is Lion Linda

Sullivan (asullivan@sasktel.net); Sight Preservation is Lion Richard Tupper (rtupper@rushmore.com); PDG Katherine Tweed (ktweed@cableone.net) will chair the Lion Service for Children; and PDG Kevin Vannett (kvannett@bis.midco.net) will serve as Alert Chairman. Should you have any questions please get in contact with one of these Lions. They are a wealth of information for District Chairs.

Other appointed positions are PDG George Pretli (gpretli@hotmail.com) as Youth exchange; PDG Joan Moore (joanmoore@sasktel.net) is our Pin chair; Lions Opportunities for Youth and Leo Clubs is Lion Maureen Meston-Pocket (mrsmojo@accesscomm.ca). The MD 5 Convention Chair for 2012 is Lion Dave Charles (dcharles@bepe.com) Again, contact these Lions should you have a question about their positions.

Upcoming dates that must be remembered are - All Peace Posters must be judged on each District level before the Nov. 11-12 Council Meeting. Judging of the winning poster takes place at this time. You must get all posters to the District Governor of your district at least a one week before Nov. 10. www.lionsclubs.org Go to this website and you may chose to do other things that are on this site, as well. I encourage articles to be sent to me so that I may put them in upcoming papers.

May your Lions year be full of adventure and service.

NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

Oh, thank you Lions members, for being readers.

That's how I felt after getting a call from a Prairie Rose Lions Club member who was concerned that everyone else in the club had received their North Dakota Lion but her. I assured her that we mail them all on the same day and that sometimes post offices treat that kind of periodical differently than first class mail. I said she might want to check with her post office. She said she'd call back in a couple of days if she still hadn't received it.

Then she went on to ask why she had to share her North Dakota Lion newsletter with her husband. I told her that there were complaints from Lions before we consolidated the lists.

Now only one should be received per household to keep printing and postage costs lower.

When I told Lions Editor Stu Merry about the conversation, he emailed later with this:

From the Police Blotter: Authorities responded to a report of a disturbance at a home on Harmony Blvd., where a couple was arguing over who got to read the ND Lion first.

We are committed to providing you with a quality publication that you want to receive. According to the Prairie Rose Lions Club members, it's working.

We welcome your feedback.

Jill Denning Gackle,

Garrison Lion and BHG Inc. general manager

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Transport team report

One-time transporters

Mike Coleman, Grand Forks; Ron Harris, Valley City; Owen Graupe, Grand Forks; David Snyder, Minot Magic City; Joe Quaglia, Hooterville Flion Lions; Jerome Langseth, Minot Magic City; Chuck Esser, Bismarck.

Thank you, N.D. Lions

ID Marvin and Lynne Chambers

International Director Marvin Chambers and Lynne would like to “thank” all the Lions of North Dakota for their personal and monetary support.

Becoming an International Director could not be accomplished without your support.

We look forward to serving you the Lions of MD5, the Lions of Canada and the Lions of the World for the next two years.

NOTICE

At the ND State Lions Convention on Oct. 28 and 29, 2011, the bylaws of District 5NE, ARTICLE VI DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND, SECTION 1,

DISTRICT REVENUE, Paragraph 1 will be considered for amendment to:

District 5-NE Dues - \$8. These funds provide the operating Budget of the district and support communication, membership, extension, retention, leadership, orientation, activities for women, travel costs, committees, and special projects.

Or, alternatively, to:

District 5-NE Dues - \$9. These funds provide....



SAVE THE DATE
OCT. 26-27, 2012

THE 2012 ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION TO BE IN FARGO.

To get North Dakota Lions members “in the mood” for the big event, early registration will be offered at this year’s State Convention in Bismarck.

Lion President Bob Ames, VDG1 Mel Olson and

President Mike Gallagher are organizing the 2012 convention.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO IN THE OCTOBER ND LION!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings

Here's hoping every 5NE Lion reading this was able to spend hours relaxing on a patio or deck with a cool drink this summer, was able to eat more than their fair share of sweet corn and home-grown tomatoes, and was able to enjoy at least one outdoor baseball game. We live in a great country, don't we?

Your helping hand

Unfortunately, not everyone in North Dakota had a great summer. Thousands of people including our Lions brothers and sisters are homeless as the result of recent floods in Minot. If you have extra dollars stashed away in the club treasury (How much reserve do you really need?) or haven't yet committed your customary charity funds this year, please aid the folks in Minot. Send donations to the Minot Magic City Lions Club. They hope to accumulate your gifts and use them as matching share for a significant LCIF recovery grant. I know my home club, Grand Forks Lions, is "in the pool" with a pledge of \$2,000.

Here's hoping our clubs will also consider actual travel to Minot to do "hands on" service where it's needed most. If you go, share your stories with us.

Changing the World

I've heard it said recently that, "Lions (Clubs International) is the single greatest force for good in the world today." As our International President Wing-Kun Tam would say, "I Believe' it."

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the charitable arm of our organization, reaches out across the globe to assist and to serve during recovery from natural disasters, to construct medical facilities and train caregivers, and to purchase and distribute medications that prevent blindness. You may not be aware that the donations which create Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJFs) subsequently finance much of LCIF's good works.

I would venture to say that every club in the district has deserving Lion champions

and Lion heroes who should be recognized by their clubs for outstanding service. I urge you to honor them today with a MJF. The world will be a better place when you do.

The more we get together...

If you haven't already made plans to attend the ND State Lions Convention in Bismarck do so now. You'll find the registration form and specific details in this month's newsletter. The convention planning team and 5NW District Governor Pat Vannett are hard at work creating a convention they believe will appeal to every attendee.

Among the many events planned, International Director Douglas Alexander from New York City will pass on a personal message from Lions International President Wing-Kun Tam to the State's current club presidents and conduct a follow-up Q and A session. Director Alexander is also the featured speaker at our banquet on Saturday evening.

One of our district goals this year is to have members from at least 25 clubs at the convention. We'd love to see all 59 clubs represented.

Listen up

On August 25th at the invitation of Director Lion Carmen Grove-Suminski I had the pleasure of addressing ND Vision Services School for the Blind staff. I recounted the history of how Lions became "Knights of the Blind" and what Lions are doing today to prevent and treat blindness and improve the lives of those with vision impairments. They were a great audience. I salute them for their choice of vocation.

Timber!!

The last time I checked with District Environmental Committee chairperson Willie Huot, we hadn't left the starting blocks in the race to plant 1,578 trees this Lions year. It appears that I'm going to escape having to dye my hair bright red for the State Convention. I guess there is a chance it'll still happen with only a scant seven weeks left. Remember, fall is one of

the preferred times for planting new trees.

Growing the family

One of the district's 2011-2012 goals is to increase its total membership by seventy-five. To keep everyone abreast of progress, I've promised to provide monthly updates in this column. Unfortunately, as of August 31st, we have actually gone in reverse. We are down a total of thirty-five members. This is attributed primarily to the surprise closure of the Jamestown Buffalo City Lions Club (-15) and major downsizing of the Kindred Lions Club (-13). In essence, the goal has now become adding 110 members over the remainder of the year. We're relying on club membership chairpersons to implement aggressive new member campaigns and on our Global Membership Team to add four new clubs.

Oiling the works

As a sign of the times, district Lions will be asked at their meeting on October 29th to consider raising annual dues per member from the current seven dollars to either eight or nine dollars. Lion leaders on your district cabinet requested that we bring the financial situation to your attention for consideration and potential action. Thanks to surpluses from previous years we were able to craft a suitable budget for 2011-2012, but without changes, it is unsustainable. Future budgets will demand either a slight dues increase or reductions in programs, club assistance, training, or travel. The potential benefits from our district global membership and global leadership teams and their programs, for example, require that we invest in our future.

Passing the baton

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I'm pleased to share with you that Lion Rex Huss of the Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club has agreed to assume my responsibilities as Guiding Lion for the UND Campus Club. South Forks is the original sponsor of the Campus Club, chartered in April 2009. Although the Campus Club has been mentored for the requisite two years, due to its unique nature we feel it's appropriate to offer continued support and assistance. Best wishes UND Lions and Guiding Lion Rex for a great year of growth and service.

Fran's house

Brenda and I were recent guests of President Sue Stoudt and the Jamestown Lions. Jamestown Lions is the home club of 2nd Vice District Governor Fran Romsdal. Thank you, Lions, for the great hospitality and fun evening.

Getting to know you

Speaking of hospitality, for those clubs who haven't coordinated a date for my visit, I urge you to contact us. In some cases we've suggested dates and are waiting to hear back from you. Please help us; we don't want to miss anyone. Our September visitation schedule includes Bowden on the 12th, Ashley on the 13th, Rugby Northern Lights Charter night on the 15th, Ellendale



5NE District Governor Steve Johnson addresses the Jamestown Lions Club meeting. Included in the photo are club president Sue Stoudt and club secretary Tom Sanders.

Charter Night on the 17th, both Zeeland clubs on the 20th, New Rockford on the 26th, and Grand Forks South Forks on the 27th. Three additional September dates are pending.

Signing off

By the time you hear from me again I

expect to have met and shaken the hand of a couple hundred new Lions friends. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. Enjoy the leaves changing colors and the cool fall nights. Throw a football around with your kids or grandkids.

DG Steve

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:
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LIONS FOUNDATION OF NORTH DAKOTA, INC.

Proposed changes to the articles of Inc. and by-laws.

Article I Name

The name of the Corporation shall be "Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc."

CHANGE: The name of this corporation shall be Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. hereinafter referred to as "corporation."

Article III-Purpose. The purpose of this corporation is exclusively to provide charitable and educational project funding, including and the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code. For those aforementioned purposes, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota intends to create a state-wide organization through which the Lions Clubs in North Dakota can coordinate the charitable and educational programs of Lions Clubs International.

PROPOSED CHANGE: The Specific purposes for which this corporation Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. is organized are:

A. Exclusively to provide charitable and educational project funding within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future United State revenue law.

B. To solicit, collect, and otherwise raise money to fund those aims and goals of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. which are exclusively charitable and within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code or any corresponding provision of any future United States revenue law.

Article VIII – Board of Directors

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

1. Three members from each North Dakota Lions District.

2. The current District Governors.

3. The current Vice Governors.

PROPOSED CHANGE. The board of directors shall consist of members in good standing of North Dakota Lions Clubs as specified in the by-laws of the corporation.

Powers of the Board of Directors

1. The board of directors shall have such powers and responsibilities as specified in the bylaws and/or standard operation procedures of the corporation.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BY-LAWS:

Article I – Office-The principle office of the corporation shall be the address of the current president of the foundation. The corporation may have such other offices as the board of directors may determine from time to time.

PROPOSED CHANGE.

The principle office of the corporation shall be the address of the current president of the board of directors of the corporation.

Article II Board of Directors: This section is new:

Section 1. Board composition: The board of directors shall consist of the following:

A. Six (6) elected members from each North Dakota Lions District (the term of each elected director shall be three (3) years. Terms shall be staged so that two (2) directors are elected annually from each district.)

B. Current district governors.

C. Current vice-district governors.

Section 5. Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled by appointment by the district governor until the next annual meeting of the members' delegates. The unexpired term of the vacancy may be filled in the manner by which directors are elected

by the sub-districts. Other than death, resignation, or removal for malfeasance, a vacancy occurs when an elected member is not entitled to a seat on the board by virtue of election to a district office, or ceases to be a Lion in good standing, or ceases to be a club member of a club situated within the district from which the board member was elected.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Vacancies-Any vacancy occurring in the board of directors shall be filled by appointment by the district governor until the next annual meeting of the member delegates. The unexpired term of the vacancy shall then be filled in the manner by which directors are elected by their North Dakota Lions District. Other than death, resignation, or removal by malfeasance, a vacancy occurs when an elected board member is not entitled to a seat on the board by virtue of election to a district office, or ceases to be a Lion in good standing, or ceases to be a club member situated within the district from which the board member was elected.

Section 6-Removal of Vote. Upon the vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full board of directors. Any director found to have performed any act of malfeasance shall have the power by vote upon any board decision removed for the remainder of the director's term.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Removal of a director. Upon the vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the full board of directors, any director found to have performed any act of malfeasance shall be removed from the board.

Section 7-Compensation, Directors, as such, shall not receive any salary for their services, but by resolution, the Board of Directors may provide for the reimbursement of reasonable expenses actually incurred by board members in carrying out their specially assigned duties

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where reimbursement is not provided by the individual director's district.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Compensation- Directors shall not receive any salary for their services. But by resolution, the board of directors may provide reimbursement of reasonable expenses actually incurred by board members in carrying out their specially assigned duties where reimbursement is not provided by the individual director's Lions district.

Said reimbursement shall be in accordance with Lions Clubs International's rules of audit. If a meeting is held in conjunction the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board meeting, reimbursement of those attending both meetings who serve on both boards will be reduced by one-half.

Section 8 Absent members (ENTIRE PARAGRAPH TO DELETED) In the absence of one of the elected Directors, either the Vice District Governor Elect of the affected district, or a person designated by the District Governor of the affected district may serve as an alternate. No other substitutions or proxy votes will be permitted.

Article III Officers -The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually at a regular board of directors meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Officers - The officers of the corporation shall be elected annually from the board of directors at the regular board of directors meeting prior to the beginning of the new fiscal year. Offices are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer (or secretary-treasurer)

Section 2 Duties - Each officer shall carry out the usual and customary duties of the office to which he is elected in addition to such duties as may from time to time be specified or directed by the board. When a board officer is absent, his or her temporary replacement shall be appointed by the board from among the board members who are present.

PROPOSED CHANGE.

Duties - Each officer shall carry out the usual and customary duties of the office to which elected in addition so such duties as may from time to time be specified or directed by the board.

Article VI Section 2 Checks, Drafts, or Orders - All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, note, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by the treasurer or a designated assistant treasurer and counter-signed by the president or a vice-president of the corporation.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Checks, Drafts, or Orders - All checks, drafts, or orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the corporation, shall be co-signed by the treasurer, the president, or vice-president of the board of directors of the corporation.

Section 4. (This paragraph is new) Distribution Formula of Funds - The board of directors will determine and publish within (30) days following their first board meeting of the Lions year the formula for distributing non-designated income or funds (corpus/ grant fund, and administrative fund).

NEW Fiscal year - The fiscal year of the corporation shall follow Lions Clubs International's fiscal year (July 1 in one year through June 30 of the following year).

NEW Annual Meeting - The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held in conjunction with the annual North Dakota Lions State Convention.

Article VII Books and Records. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having and exercising any of the authority of the board of directors. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or his agent of attorney, for the proper purpose at any reasonable time and shall be audited annually by an accounting firm selected by the board of directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE. Books and

Records - Section 1. The corporation shall keep correct and complete books of records of account and shall also keep minutes of the proceedings of its member, board of directors, and committees having and exercising any of the authority of the board of directors. All books and records of the corporation may be inspected by any member, or members agent of attorney, for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 2 AUDIT NEW. An audit shall be performed annually by an accounting firm selected by the board of directors and such findings be published in the North Dakota Lion newspaper.

ARTICLE IX AMMENDMENT TO BYLAWS, These bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the delegates at the annual meeting of the corporation. Any proposed change must be first submitted to the board of directors for informational purposed only within ninety (90) days prior to the annual meeting of the corporation. The board of directors shall prepare an informational statement in favor of or in opposition to all proposed changes and will submit both the proposed amendment and the board's position on the amendment to the state Lions Newspaper and post it on the North Dakota Lions Website thirty (30) days prior to said annual meeting.

PROPOSED CHANGE:

Amending procedure - These bylaws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the delegates at the annual meeting or a property called special meeting of the corporation. Any proposed change must be first submitted to the board of directors within ninety (90) days prior to the annual or special meeting of the corporation. The board of directors shall prepare an informational statement in favor of or in opposition to the proposed amendment. The board of directors shall submit the proposed amendment to the North Dakota Lion newspaper or post it electronically or by mail thirty (30) days prior to said annual or special meeting.

Section 2 NEW Effective Date - Each amendment to these bylaws shall take effect at the close of the annual or special meeting which they were ratified unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

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Who Are Lions?

“Lions meet the needs of local communities and the world. The 1.35 million members of our volunteer organization in 206 countries and geographic areas are different in many ways, but share a core belief – community is what we make it.”

That is the definition of Lions as stated on the Lions Clubs International website <http://lionsclubs.org>.

How are you and your Lions club measuring up to this definition? Are you putting Service as primary in the way you conduct the business of your Lions Clubs? Are you making sure that you are leaders for relevant service in your community?

District/State Convention – motivator for service in your community!

The ND State Lions Convention is coming up quickly and NOW is the time to REGISTER. The one full day event will be jam packed full of information and motivation to help you and your Lions club serve. Lions clubs should make sure that you are represented for all of the voting that takes place during the district and state meetings.

Please encourage your officers or any member to attend. Many clubs encourage participation by reimbursing members for some of the expenses involved with traveling to the convention. The important part is that the club member then reports back to the club what they learned. In that way the entire club benefits from all of the information that the club member received at the convention.

If you have attended a convention before, you know how motivating the experience can be. Bring a first time attendee with you this year. A good rule to live by when traveling to a Lions event; make sure the car is full of Lions! Sharing expenses and creating memories is part of how we are family. Spread the pride and joy of your lion's membership – attend the convention!

Global Service Action Campaigns – relevant service ideas for you!

• Engaging our Youth – During the month of August, we were challenged to invite Leos and youth to help organize and participate in a service project. Projects might include school or community facility cleanups or a visit to a home for senior citizens or a children's hospital. Allowing youth to develop and lead a service project enables them to learn skills while emphasizing the role of service. If your Lions club has not yet done so, consider inviting the youth of your community to be involved with you in a service project this year.

• Sharing the Vision – During the month of October we are encouraged to plan vision health projects and work with the visually impaired. Many Lions already celebrate World Sight Day in October. This is a great month to organize a vision screening, volunteer at a nearby Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, organize an eyeglass collection or an activity to benefit the visually impaired in your community. On Friday afternoon prior to the ND State Lions Convention you will have the opportunity to tour the ND Lions Eye Bank. There you could spend a little time reading, cleaning and packaging eyeglasses. There will be another opportunity for reading, cleaning and packaging eyeglasses during the convention at the Bismarck Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 29. Be sure to bring all of the eyeglasses you have collected. And make sure that when you collect those glasses that your secretary reports them in your club's online activity report to LCI. It's amazing to see the numbers add up!

• Relieving the Hunger – During December/January organize food drives and projects to feed the hungry. Many hunger relief organizations are finding it difficult to keep up with the demand. Help alleviate hunger by planning events around the end and beginning of the calendar year

to collect and distribute food.

• Protecting our Environment – During the month of April, implement projects that improve and protect the environment. Many of the counties in North Dakota have conservation programs to help with shelterbelt planting in the spring. Call your county extension office NOW to organize a tree planting project. This could be a zone or multi-club project. Working together, you will be able to help preserve our earth's future.

Speaking of the Plant One Million Trees project, rumor has it that many trees are already being planted and many projects to plant trees are being planned. CONGRATULATIONS! In fact, I understand that I may have to dye my hair red for the convention. I wonder if DG Steve Johnson from SNE will join me? Certainly, since he put out the challenge his district is not going to be out done by our district – or will they?

Be sure you report the trees planted in your club's activity online report or I will not know the number being planted! I would LOVE to be a red head at the convention!!! Our district goal is 1,489 trees – Do you believe it can be done? I believe you can make your governors go red!

Club excellence process workshops offered

The Club Excellence Process (CEP) is a four-step workshop process designed to help Lions Clubs improve in areas of their choosing. Each club participating in a CEP Workshop will discuss service, communication, growth and involvement. Each workshop is led by a trained facilitator.

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CEP Can Be Customized to Your Club – A CEP Workshop can be customized to your club's needs. You can choose the format and setting of the workshop. CEP can be conducted in a single workshop. In this format, participants will progress through all four steps in one session. CEP can also be conducted as a series of four workshops. In this format, participants can take time learning one step per session. A club can hold a CEP Workshop during club meetings, or a club can create a separate gathering (such as a retreat) for their workshop. A club may wish to be part of a multi-club workshop.

2nd Vice District Governor Mike Blazek and PDG Herman Schafer, District Leadership Coordinator, organized a team of facilitators who are ready and willing to assist your Lions Club with the Club Excellence Process. As an independent business person, I know the value of continued evaluation and planning to ensure the success of my business. As a Lions Club, we also need to evaluate who we are, what we do and how effective we are in all areas of our Lions Club. This process will help you with those objectives. Lions Mike and Herman will be available during the Lions convention to discuss

this process and help you plan for your successful Club Excellence Process Workshop. Stop by their information booth for more information.

Membership growing in District 5-NW

Welcome to the following new Lions Members.

Dennis Baumgartner – Mandan
Dacotah

Lori Furaus – Mandan Dacotah

John Pearcy – Williston Korner

Lois Pearcy – Williston Korner

Cindi Pedersen – Mandan Dacotah

Marvin Pedersen – Mandan Dacotah

Mitchell Pedersen – Mandan Dacotah

Rebeca Sanderson – Williston Korner

We are excited that you have chosen to join the largest volunteer service organization in the world!

Many club presidents have shared with me your goal to grow membership in your Lions Clubs this year. Here are three steps to help you achieve that goal.

- Believe – first you must believe in the work that Lions is doing and the difference we make throughout the world.

- Commitment – commit to your goal by gathering information that will help you to achieve the goal. Attend the ND State Lions Convention where you will

receive information that will help you. Use the LCI website where a new five minute video is available in the News and Events section of the LCI members' center. Click on Association to watch and learn. Many other great videos are available in this section of the website.

- ACTION - Form a plan that will engage the entire club in steps to achieve your goal.

By taking these three steps you can expect three things. 1. The pride you will gain when you research our organization – it is astounding the difference we make in the world. 2. Your enthusiasm will permeate all of your meetings and your conviction will grow. 3. Your Lions club will experience a growth not just in members but in new ideas and vitality.

Your Zone Chairs, vice governors and I are ready and willing to install new members when we come to visit your Lions Clubs. It will be our honor to help you celebrate your success!

Thank you for all of your dedication and service. Remember to pre-register for the convention to help the volunteer committee prepare for a very successful event.

Also, remember our core belief –
"Community is what we make it!"

In Service, DG Pat

North Dakota Lions Club Vest Contest at 2011 State Lions Convention

Friday, October 28, 2011

Doublewood Inn • 7pm

Each Lions Club bring a vest
and some Lions pins.

Vests will be judged in the
following categories:
Neatness • Weight
Pins • Uniqueness



Zone 5A

Bismarck Lions win golf tournament

By Jean Binsfeld

A balmy, sunny day greeted 16 teams of golfers as they headed out to golf in the 12th annual District 5NW Zone 5A Golf Tournament at Painted Woods Golf Course at Washburn Aug. 13.

Monies raised at this tournament will be used for the rehabilitation of the Sioux Ferry at Riverside Park in Washburn, and to help support the bicycle awareness program being offered throughout McLean County.

It is expected this year's tournament will complete our \$5,000 commitment to the Sioux Ferry Project and to make the initial payment toward the purchase of helmets for those children participating in the bicycle safety program pledge.

Washburn Lions Club members that were not golfing were busy with registration, or serving brats and a beverage to golfers. They were also running errands with help from Lions Club members from other clubs.

The first place winning team was the North Star No. 1 team of Bismarck consisting of Brach Johnson, Jerry Renner, Scott Ressler and Lamier Ressler.

Other winners were for longest drive – Kathy Mettler, Hazen; longest putt – Eric Kourajian, Harvey; and shoot-out – Karla Bender, Bismarck.

Mac Beaudry, Washburn Lions Club, chaired the event, along with several other members working at the event to make this year's tournament a success, another fun filled day for all of those competing.

Golfers came from Bismarck, Harvey, Hazen, Wilton and Washburn.



Members of the first place team*, accepting their trophy from tournament chairman Mac Beaudry, right, are, front, from left, Jerry Renner and Brach Johnson. Back, Jim Bumann and Cal Bender. *North Star Lions Team #1.



Pin winners included, from left, Kathy Mettler, Hazen, longest drive; Eric Kourajian, Harvey, longest putt; Karla Bender, Bismarck, shootout.

Hooterville



Help food pantry

The Hooterville Flion Lions and the Glenburn Lions work jointly to keep the Glenburn Food Pantry stocked with food for the less fortunate in our area. The Minot Postal Department's recent food drive resulted in three truckloads of food for Glenburn. Shown here are Glenburn Lions Johnny Hoiland, Eric Solbakken, Denis Hensen and Claire Simonson emptying one of the truckloads of food.

NOTICE

LET US HEAR FROM YOU! Please send us your comments, letters to the editor, what's new, etc.

SEND US YOUR PICTURES! Everyone likes to see friends and club members pictured doing important Lions Work.

Send us your photos for publication. Send by e-mail or postal mail (if you would like the photo back, please put your name and address on the back of the photo and include a self-addressed stamped envelope). PLEASE if you send by e-mail send photos as jpgs. and name them accordingly with any copy - with no formatting. Any questions call 463-2201.

THANK YOU!

Williston Korner

Korner Lions become 'grill-meisters'

The Williston Korner Lions and their customized grill have been serving up grilled fare for the crowds during August.

First, they were up early to serve the breakfast for the Choke Cherry Festival. It is estimated that they served more than 700 people more than 2,000 pancakes, plus sausages, coffee, juice and choke cherry syrup. The free breakfast was sponsored by the Williston Convention and Business Bureau.

Then, one week later, they grilled for the open house and grand opening of the new Williston State College Technical Center Building.

On Aug. 25, they grilled for the grand opening of the college's new residence hall. Lions who worked at the Frontier Hall dedication were pleasantly surprised to receive a cap bearing the college's new logo.

Friday, Aug. 27, they grilled for the first home Williston Coyote football game of the season.

The Lions will continue to grill for the remainder of home games. Each year from the grilling proceeds they give a scholarship to the Big W Club at Williston High School.



Korner Lion Lee Gunlikson wears his new Williston State College cap as he gets the brats to the grill during the college's free public feed on Aug. 25.



From left are Korner Lions President, Jack Colby, Lester Olson, Lee Gunlikson and Ronelle Gravgaard about ready to bring the brats and hamburgers to the crowd at the residence hall feed.



Pictured are, from left, Korner Lions Chet Hill, Chris Brostuen, Lester Olson, Jim Stokke and Kathy Molland.


Three new Korner Lions in August

Three new Lions were welcomed into the Korner Lions Club in August.

Lion President Jack Colby sponsored Rebecca Sanderson who was inducted by past president and charter member, Roy Clark.

Lion Merle Halvorson sponsored John and Lois Percy who were inducted by charter member and past Zone President, Loren Haugen.

In Remembrance



Elgin
Raymond Roth

Columbus
Jerome Hickman

Plea for Minot flood aid continues

Editor's note: The following is a reprint of a letter from Lion Josh Ressler that appeared in the Aug. N.D. Lion. 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*



Harvey Club donates

Lion Steve Kourajian of the Harvey Lions came to our Aug 30 meeting and presented to our club a check for \$4,000 for our Flood Disaster Relief fund. Thanks to Lion Steve and the entire Harvey Lions for such a generous donation. We can't thank you enough!

Assistance update:

We have distributed almost half of the cleaning supply kits to people in need. The response has been great. Many thank yous, and even a few hugs. I think we did a great job in finding a need and taking care of a percentage of the people affected.

Also, thanks to these clubs who have given to the cause.

Northwood Lions - \$1,000

Grand Forks South Forks Lions - \$501

Harvey Lions - \$4,000

Fargo Gateway Lions - \$500

Valley City Lions - \$500

Elgin Lions - \$1,000

New Rockford Lions - \$2,000

Mandan Dacotah Lions - \$2,179

Thanks for your continued help.

Josh Ressler

TO HELP

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

Remember:

ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

ND Video Magnifier Program update

Submitted by
Lion Tracy Wicken
Video Magnifier Program chairman

This is the latest information on the LFNDVM Program. Things are running steadily and efficiently.

- 33 – Video Magnifiers
- 20 – New
- 10 – Used Color Magnifiers
- 3 – Used B/W Magnifiers

45 applications

- 1 – Denied
- 2 – Withdrawn
- 2 – Returned
- 8 – on approved waiting list
- 2 – in approval process
- 26 – have been placed
- 2 – waiting to be delivered

There are 11 people waiting for video magnifiers.

- 2 – Minot
- 1 – Valley City
- 1 – Devils Lake
- 1 – West Fargo
- 1 – Max
- 1 – Bottineau
- 1 – Hoople
- 1 – Larimore
- 1 – Kenmare
- 1 – Grand Forks

Club Donations

- 28 – Clubs Donated



Red River Lions – Grand Forks sponsor a video magnifier for 4000 Valley Square Memorial Homes in Grand Forks.

- 3 – Clubs Donated 2 Video Magnifiers
- 1 – Club 4 Video Magnifiers
- 3 – B/W Video Magnifiers Donated by individuals

Funds submitted to LFND

- \$37,055 – Given by Lions Clubs
- \$1,857 – Personal Donor
- \$38,912 – Donations through LFND

Video Magnifier Account

- \$8,748.92 – Given by Personal Donations
- \$ 490 – Lester Ketterling Scholarship Fund
- Total \$48,150.92

Lions Clubs of North Dakota are encouraged to continue their support of this program through financial contributions by budgeting for this cause and/or holding special fundraisers to assist in the purchase of video magnifiers for those persons with visual impairments who are waiting for machines and those in need and are new applicants. We can all work together to make this wonderful service available to those who need it.

The Lions Foundation of ND and the Video Magnifier Program Planning and Selection Committees thank you for your support and consideration.



Lion Wayne Westlund and Margo Lentz, Vision Rehabilitation Specialist serving NE North Dakota, delivers video magnifier to Robert Zidon of Grafton.



Lion Katrina Wendel of Red River Lions-Grand Forks demonstrated a video magnifier to Carol Marshall of Emerado.

2011 Lions Convention for District 5NE and 5NW

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2011 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION OCTOBER 28 & 29, 2011 IN BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA. THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS.

- The Official 2011 Convention Rules
- Your Club's Credentials Form

ND STATE LIONS/ND DISTRICTS CONVENTION RULES 2011

1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.
2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern on parliamentary procedures. Host District Governor shall appoint a convention parliamentarian and a convention secretary.
3. Presiding Officer – The host District Governor (5NW, DG Patricia Vannett) shall be the designated officer to preside at the state meeting.
4. Quorum – A majority of the registered certified delegates in attendance at a convention session shall constitute a quorum.
5. Lions in good standing must be registered and certified in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with indebtedness of \$50 over 90 days old to Lions International or their District will be considered not in good standing.
6. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.
7. Credentials to vote at the District/ND State Convention shall be mailed to the respective District Cabinet Secretary for 5NE (Lion Tracy Wicken, 733 Dawn Circle, Grand Forks, ND 58203) and 5NW (Lion Lois Reiersen, 1321 25th Street W, Williston, ND 58801) or delivered upon arrival at the convention in care of the Lions Registration Desk by 7 p.m. Friday, October 28, 2010 located at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 or by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2010 at the Bismarck Civic Center, 315 South 5th Street, Bismarck, ND 58504.
8. **CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA.** Article IX.3. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub- and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to the respective convention.
9. Solicitation or sale of club project items, with the exception of the host district is prohibited.
10. The Bismarck Convention Center is a smoke free facility.
11. Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from Lion Jeff Erickson, c/o Security First Bank, Mandan Office, 614 W. Main Street, Box 1150, Mandan, ND 58554, until November 30, 2011. After this date, requests should be made to PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 South Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501. No refunds can be requested 60 days after the conclusion of the convention.

DISTRICT VOTING AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTIONS HELD DURING THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION

All voting at official meetings of the district and state shall be done by certified delegates present. A delegate must be present at the time of voting to have his/her vote counted in official results. If s/he cannot be present, his/her alternate shall take his/her place. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due, must be paid. The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Clubs should identify their voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Mail this form to District Cabinet Secretary for 5NE (Lion Tracy Wicken, 733 Dawn Circle, Grand Forks, ND 58203) or District Cabinet Secretary for 5NW (Lion Lois Reiersen, 1321 25th Street W, Williston, ND 58801) or deliver upon arrival at the convention to the Lions Registration Desk, on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 by 7:00 p.m. or by 9:00 a.m. at the Bismarck Civic Center, 315 South 5th Street, Bismarck, ND 58504 on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY OUR CLUB SECRETARY PRIOR to coming to the Convention or by your District Governor at the convention.

CREREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Names of Voting Delegates attending the 2011 District Convention and their Years in Lions

Names of Voting Delegates	Years in Lions

Signature: _____
Club Secretary or District Governor

IMPORTANT: Mail this form to your district Cabinet Secretary: 5NE, Lion Tracy Wicken, 733 Dawn Circle, Grand Forks, ND 58203; 5NW, Lion Lois Reiersen, 1321 25th Street W, Williston, ND 58801 **or deliver upon arrival** to the Lions Registration Desk, Best Western Doublewood Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND by 7 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2011 or to the district meeting, Bismarck Civic Center, 315 South 5th Street, Bismarck, ND by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION, BISMARCK

OCTOBER 28 & 29TH, 2011

PLEASE REGISTER EARLY FOR MEAL PLANNING

<p style="text-align: center;">FRIDAY OCTOBER 28 Bestwestern Doublewood Inn</p> <p>10 a.m. – 1 p.m. District 5NE & 5NW Cabinet Meetings</p> <p>1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Convention Registration Open</p> <p>1 p.m. – 4 p.m. TOUR EYE BANK OF ND</p> <p>1:30 p.m. Eye Bank of ND Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Lions Foundation of ND Board of Directors Meeting</p> <p>4 p.m. ND Past District Governors Assoc. Meeting DINNER ON YOUR OWN</p> <p>7 p.m. Convention Ice Breaker CLUB VEST CONTEST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SATURDAY OCTOBER 29 Bismarck Civic Center</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN</u></p> <p>7:30a.m. Registration Opens Information Booths Open</p> <p>8:30a.m. Convention Opening Ceremony Workshops/Activities All Day</p> <p>12:15 p.m. Hall of Fame Luncheon Speak Up for Service Final</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner/Speaker International Director Douglas Alexander</p>
<p>LODGING: \$81.00 Lions Convention Block Best Western Doublewood Inn 1400 E. Interchange Avenue Bismarck, ND 58501 For Reservations Call: 1-800-554-7077</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY</u> OCTOBER 13th to receive the SPECIAL convention rate!</p>	<p>CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE:</p> <p>\$20 Until Dec 1, 2010</p> <p>\$30 after Dec 1, 2010</p> <p>\$25 Group rate after Dec 1st if you have 5 or more Lions sign up</p> <p>** Rookie Lions, Anyone who became a Lion After November 1, 2010 are subject to early bird rate of \$20/person.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMPLETE REGISTRATION BELOW. <u>USE ONE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Lion or Guest (circle)</p> <p>Badge: _____ Club: _____</p> <p>Address _____ Street City State/Zip</p> <p>Phone _____ E-mail: _____</p>	<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Convention Fee: \$30.00 _____</p> <p>Lunch: \$14.50 _____</p> <p>Dinner: \$20.00 _____</p> <p>AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ </p> <p>Mail Registration form and check to: 2011 ND State Lions Convention c/o PDG Jan Froemming PO Box 134 Elgin, ND 58533-0134 Phone: 701-584-3606 dalejan@westriv.com</p>

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The golf course itself was in wonderful condition thanks largely to the efforts of the grounds keeper and our walkers left it as they found it! Our event largely followed the tree rows which mark the boundaries between holes and thus kept our participants along the borders of the fairways.

The top five male and female runners received “Top 10” shirts. They were: Zane Pekron, Conner Swanson, Tanner Fisher, Mike Palczewski, and Justin Germann for the boys and Lindsey Narum, Allison Pekron, Mikayla Bartholomay, Summer Miller and Katie Dilse for the girls. Our top finisher for the walker group was Andrew Narum who paced his mom Barbi to lead the walkers in.

We had a total of 26 participants this year, down slightly from last year, but the amount of money raised was virtually the same. Thanks goes to all those folks who made the effort to be there by 7 a.m.

The \$15 entry fee got each participant an event T-shirt emblazoned with the names of our corporate sponsors, Dakota Western Bank, Dakota Community Bank, Dakota West Credit Union and Wells Fargo, our advertising sponsor, Southwest Health Care Services of Bowman, and our breakfast sponsor, Ken’s Super Valu, also of Bowman.

The generosity of these sponsors allowed us a more “profitable event” with the proceeds being used to pay for the glucose kits, which we provide for at no cost to the public for the December Health Screening Clinic at the Bowman ambulance garage.

The importance of these events cannot be understated. As Lions we were encouraged by Helen Keller in 1925 to become Knights for the Blind. We took that challenge seriously and to date have raised millions of dollars for vision and vision-related projects.

In the past two decades as an international group, Lions have raised more than \$300 million in two separate campaigns for the eradication of River Blindness caused by common tropical fly and Vitamin A deficiency.

On a local front, we have collected and distributed eye glasses and provided free eye care for people without the means to pay for them.

More recently, we have expanded our role into one of Diabetes Awareness, as this is the leading cause of blindness in North America, where WE live. Other clubs have led the way with community glucose screenings, and as the cost of these events has continued to rise, we have been obligated to seeking more funding.

The Diabetes Strides Walks are actually a continuation of the “Journey For Sight” sponsored some 20 years ago.

Here in Bowman, we have also continued with “White Cane Day” which was patterned after the Legion’s super successful “Red Poppy” program. Look for us later this fall! These two events have largely covered the expenses of the glucose screening.

Thanks to all of our sponsors and participants. See you next year!



Participant Summer Miller leads Katie Dilse up one of the hills at the Strides Walk and Fun Run.



Lion Chuck Whitney, riding in the golf cart, of course, is accompanied by Lion D’Ette Ruggles. They are pictured with three of the faster walkers: From left are Deb Buchholz, Brenda Osendorf, and Brenda Palczewski. Lion Chuck and D’Ette were cheering on the runners as they traversed the course.



Among the participants in the walk/run were Conner Swanson, Tanner Fischer, Mike Palcewski, and Justin Germann.