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State convention time is here

ID to host Q&A session for presidents

International Director Douglas X. Alexander will be the guest of honor for this year's North Dakota Lions Convention. This year's convention 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.

The convention kicks off Friday, Oct. 28, with registration from 1-7 p.m. At the Best Western Doublewood Inn, on 1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck.

Tours of the N. D. Lions Eye Bank are from 1-4 p.m. Choir rehearsal will begin at 5:30 p.m. The icebreaker/social with cash bar is slated from 7-9 p.m.

The convention gets underway in earnest Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Bismarck Civic Center. Those who attend the convention are reminded the convention is at two locations this year – Friday at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, and Saturday at the Bismarck



ID Douglas Alexander

Civic Center.

The opening session is from 7:30-9 a.m. The featured speaker is CC Robert Littlefield who will speak on the key ingredients for membership retention.

Part of the morning activities will be the Students Speak Up for Service preliminary rounds.

District meetings are slated to begin at 10 a.m.

At the noon luncheon, scheduled to begin at 12:15 p.m., the three finalists for Speak Up for Service will be heard. The noon luncheon will be hosted by SNE DG Steve Johnson. Lion Tim Thueson will also be inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame during the noon luncheon.

In the afternoon, a number of break-out sessions will be featured to entice Lions. Sessions include a Leo and Campus Club

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ND Lions hold silent auction

To benefit Zone 2A flood recovery fund

We ask that every Lions Club throughout North Dakota bring donations to the 2011 State Lions Convention Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the Bismarck Civic Center.

Items may include, but are not limited to: Gift certificates for hotel/motel accommodations, airline tickets, dinners, event tickets, wine, lion apparel, specialty baskets and gifts.

Company _____

Main Contact _____

Title _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Phone _____

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E-mail _____

Website _____

Auction Item Description (include expiration date and restrictions in 30 words or less).

Value of Donation \$ _____ (important in determining minimum bids)

Open your doors to District Governors

District Governor 5 SE
Lion Louise Schley
PR for MD5

Now that fall is in the air, can winter be far behind? That should get everyone's attention as I start my second article. My first thought is did you all get out and plant those trees? Yes, if you read the Lions magazine you will know they have reached a million-plus trees planted worldwide, but did you help meet the goal of tree planting in your own District?

September brings much to do with our District Governors for the Multiple. Most of us have started doing or getting Lions Clubs on the radar screen for visitations. In Saskatchewan, they are just really starting to visit. SSKN led by District Governor Ken Grummett has 70 clubs to visit. SSKS District Governor Dennis Becker has 83 clubs to visit. That is a lot of speaking and greeting of Lions. When either District Governor, 1st or 2nd VDG or a district officer contacts you to set up a meeting, please be kind and accept. Some clubs will chose to get together for a meeting. Some maybe done in each Zone, no less one of the District officers needs to visit your club.

North Dakota has two districts. SNW District Governor Pat Vannett has 54 clubs and SNE District Governor Steve Johnson has 59 clubs. Knowing snow flies earlier in the northern tier of our districts so visitation needs to be planned between harvest and snow. A challenge no less.

On to South Dakota with two districts. SSW District Governor Wanda Mitchell has 38 clubs, but must travel miles for several clubs. When you live on the far end of your district, it is sometimes inconvenient to travel home at night so you attempt to do two or more clubs at a time. SSE District Governor Louise Schley has 52 clubs to visit. So far, she is happy to report she has been to 20 visitations. Making sure to attend the meeting in the northern part of her district.

Each District in the Multiple has had to deal with flooding, and making sure their people are cared for. We have an Alert chairman in the Multiple. PDG Kevin Vannett (kvannett@bis.midco.net) is responsible for Alert. Each District has an Alert chair. This relieves one duty the DG does not handle.

Now is the time to complete your Peace Posters in your districts. They are due at the November 11-12 council meeting. Be sure they are the correct size, no writing on the front, no glitter etc. Be sure to contact your Peace Poster chair to see what and if things are ready for judging. District 5 SE completed it Fall Forum and annual meeting Sept. 17 and District SSW will be having its Fall Rally and Annual Meeting Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. South Dakota State Convention is in Yankton, S.D. Jan. 27 & 28.

Other conventions still planned are North Dakota State Convention in Bismarck on Oct. 28 & 29. Nov. 4-6, District SSKS will be holding theirs in Moose Jaw. Plan to attend at least your own region conventions.

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....

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Transport team report

For September

Three times - Ron Harris, Valley City.
Two times - Dwaine Preabt, Grand Forks
Once - Wayne Westlund, Grand Forks; Harley Trefz, Buffalo City;
Jim Bjorklund, Fargo; Bob Jensen, Minot; Dick Johnson, Garrison.

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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- ID people in the photo.
- In the caption include name of club that is pictured.

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Michael Goffle, President
(Oct. 7, 2011)

Reminder: ND
Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of the
month!
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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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It's Great Fun

Hi again SNE Lions. Boy, am I having a great time being your district governor. Brenda and I have visited ten of our fifty-nine clubs so far this year and we've met really wonderful people. Attending two new club charter nights already – Rugby Northern Lights and Ellendale – is a joy few governors experience. October is busy with confirmed visits to Rugby on the 3rd, Devils Lake on the 5th, Horace on the 13th, Oakes on the 18th, Napoleon on the 20th, and Fargo and Valley City on the 24th. Two additional dates in October are pending.

Recapping the activities at our visits would take up this entire column. Go to my blog at www.redjackettravels.wordpress.com if you're interested in vicariously sharing our club visits. You can read about the unfortunate deer collision and the infamous dirty diaper!

If we haven't scheduled a visit with your club yet, please contact Brenda or me to find a mutually convenient date.

Administrivia

If you are a club president or club secretary and you haven't received your state Lions directory yet, first check with your zone or region chairperson and then contact me. If you are a district cabinet member and haven't received a directory let me know.

On a similar note, please share the information if officers or cabinet members

have changes in address, phone number, or email. Our IT chairperson and I are attempting to keep the cyber directory up to date on the SNE webpage at www.e-district.org/sites/5ne/index.php. Don't forget to submit your club's stories and photos to the ND Lion. It's great to see your success stories in print.

Johnny Appleseed

The last unofficial report received from Tree Willie (district environmental chair Willie Huot) was that SNE clubs had only planted 32 trees this fall. That leaves us 1,546 short of our goal. I'm guessing a number of you have done better, but just haven't reported the results yet. Send the tree planting info to willie.huot@nds.edu or call him at work (701) 780-8229 or home (701) 775-7695. Now is the time for planning that spring tree planting event.

Be There; Join Us

Even if you haven't registered yet, it's not too late to be part of the activities at the state Lions convention in Bismarck on October 28th and 29th. It'll be fun, educational, and personally enriching. Details are included in this newsletter. Brenda and I hope to see representatives of all 59 clubs there. Plan to make the tour of the ND Lions Eye Bank part of your Friday.

Insure your club secretary completes the documentation necessary to certify your members who will be voting delegates. If your club wishes to have awards presented at the state convention



please communicate the details with me.

Today's Technology

As you plan for the future of your Lions Club, I urge you to think technology. Does your club have an official web page? Does it have a Facebook presence? These tools help us communicate with one another in today's world. Lions International has resources to assist your club become technologically savvy. If this sounds intimidating, just ask your son or daughter or a grandchild for help or contact a local high school for volunteer assistance. Then, share your success with other clubs. Believe that you can do it and it will happen.

LCIF and Melvin Jones Fellowships

One of the chief ways Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) receives the funds it uses to aid those in need after natural disasters is by donations and designations of Melvin Jones Fellowships. When an individual or club donates \$1,000 to LCIF they can designate a person to receive this prestigious award.

A donor can make the \$1,000 gift and, if desired, wait until a later date to actually designate the fellowship recipient. A number of SNE clubs had done this as of June 30, 2011. The following clubs had made donations and were eligible to make Melvin Jones Fellowship designations: Argusville-Gardner-Grandin Valley 1, Braddock 1, Carrington 1, Emerado-Arvilla 1, Fargo 1, Fargo Gateway 1, Grand Forks Red River 1, Grand Forks South Forks 3, Horace 4, Jamestown 5, Kindred 4, Linton 1, Oakes 1, Rugby 7, and Wishek 1. that our clubs have scores of deserving



Pictured are new Ellendale Lions Club members at their Sept. 17th Charter Night.

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Lions among us I urge them to make those awards today. If your club has made donations in the past check with LCIF to verify your status.

Family

International President Wing-Kun Tam encourages us during this Lions year to take care of our members as if they are family. Think of it as "My Club, My Family." Insure that new members receive a thorough Lions orientation after they join and then assign a role or responsibilities to them. These steps show that a new member is important to the club family. Take care of one another and take an interest in each member. They're all precious to us.

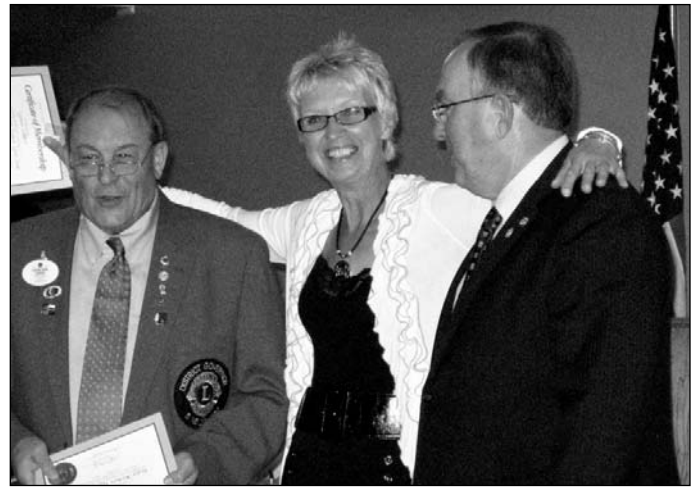
Yours in service,
District Governor Steve



Ashley Lions sit and "take a load off" following their ditch litter cleaning environmental service project and ribeye steak fry Sept. 13th.



Bowdon Lions Club President Larry Crowder receives his international President's "I Believe" pin from District Governor Steve Johnson at their Sept. 12th meeting.



President Sandy Wurgler shares a celebratory moment with Lion guys – International Director Marvin Chambers and District Governor Steve Johnson – at the Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club Charter Night Sept. 15th.

We ENJOY sharing your information with others who share
your dedication to the cause of Lionism!

Send us your stuff!

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5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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"Be a Lion for life." ...PID Bruce Schwartz

Dear Lions of 5NW,

Thank you Lion PID Bruce for this inspirational quote that I heard from you during the charter celebration for the Dakota NFL Lions Club. This club is a Cyber Club.

What is a Cyber Club, you might ask? A Cyber Club is a club that conducts most of its business by email or other social media. This club will meet face to face quarterly. They will do service regularly, but what is different is that it will conduct business in a way that works best for them. The members are spread out over a large geographical area so, they will need to be creative in the service they choose to do. It might be hard for us traditionalists to get our head around that one, but good for them!

This new Lions Club will spend a bit of time figuring out what this will mean to them as a group. But I can tell you that after visiting with these new Lions individually, they are already committed to Lionism. The enthusiasm of new members embarking on a new mission together is contagious! Catch it!

Be a Lion for life

What does that mean for us? Does it mean that we will pay our dues and that is good enough? Does it mean that we will support the leadership of our club as we were supported in "our" day? Does it mean that service is the driving force in our life and for our Lions club? We Serve

our communities and the betterment of the world for life. Great concept, don't you agree?

5NW Lions serving for life

Our district is very fortunate to have many leaders who continue to serve their communities. You know who they are. They are the Lions who are available during the business day to get everything set up for those of us who have day jobs. They are the Lions who maybe started many of the projects that our Lions clubs are still doing today.

Then there are the up and comers. Those are the younger (not necessarily in age) Lions who are still trying this Lionism on for size. They are inquisitive and they have great ideas for serving their communities. Are we listening? Are we empowering younger Lions? Are we all listening to each other, sharing our experiences and gaining insight from one another?

The Club Excellence Process is a way for your club's members and your community to engage in a dialogue to thoughtfully improve communication and effectiveness as Lions. Call today to schedule your day or evening of club development! PDG Herman Schafer 221-2320 and 2nd VDG Mike Blazek 400-0527 are coordinating this district wide focus.

5NW Club Visitations on the rise

Good job Lions of 5NW.

Congratulations to those Lions Clubs who have chosen to be good Lions neighbors. Many friendships are being formed, many

memories are being made, and the "spirit of cooperation and understanding" of our association is growing. Official club visitations are fun! Make one soon!

5NW Lions hosting a TERRIFIC convention agenda, Saturday, Oct. 29! REGISTER TODAY!

Serving for Life sometimes means rolling up our sleeves and working together to help out our fellow Lions. The Lions of the Mandan and Bismarck area are doing just that for all of the Lions of North Dakota. These clubs have united to get the convention, not only off the ground in a very short period of time, but they have put together a great day for all of you to enjoy each others company, be inspired and motivated in our Lions spirit and obtain knowledge of ways we can make a difference in our communities and our Lions clubs.

There is nothing more powerful than a group of Lions dedicated to achieving a goal! It's invigorating and motivating to watch everyone doing their part so that the entire event will be FANTASTIC!

These Lions have dedicated themselves to bring you a great event. Tell me Lions, will you be there? Will you show that you are a Lion for life by taking advantage of this thoughtfully planned event dedicated to you, your club and your community? With your help, we will see a record number at this convention. You will be glad you came.

Roarin' Lions coming to 5NW

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

Our newest Lions:

Hooterville Flion Lions Club

Diana Rommel

Kenmare Lions Club

Charlene Ankenbauer

Sarah Knutson

Prairie Rose Lions Club

Lauraine Ehley

New England Lions club

Mary Fitterer

Karla Henderson

Ray Lions Club

Merlin Crohn

Washburn Lions Club

Royal Lyson

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- Attends one hour of Lions orientation.
- 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.

Many of you are working on your Roarin' Lion Award, and I am so pleased to hear it. The steps you are taking are creating a renewed excitement for Lionism all over the district! Since a Lions Orientation is being held during the convention, two of these items will be taken care of by attending on Oct. 29th

Tree-ific Lions in District 5NW

The number of Lions Clubs getting on board with our tree project is growing. To date two Lions Clubs have planted 1,503 trees! Many other clubs are planning spring planting events. Keep up the good work of environmental service! Information on how to get a tree planting event planned in your area will be available at the convention

in Bismarck, Oct. 29.

District Governor visitation schedule filling fast!

Life is full of Lions events! Thank you to all of the Lions clubs I have had the pleasure to visit. You inspire me with the service and commitment to your community. With 16 club visitations under my belt and many more scheduled, I can tell you that Lions make a difference to North Dakota communities each and every day. Thank you for your service.

If you have a special event you would like your governor to attend, please call me to make those arrangements. It is best to call my cell phone at 701-426-8132.

Every Lion and every Lions Club counts!

Your service hours and activities add up and are counted in the big picture. Since July 1, 2011, our district Lions have donated 2,579 hours to service, collected 1,128 eyeglasses and planted 1,503 trees. You have raised \$10,466 for charitable giving. Every Lion hour counts – make sure that your club is reporting your activities on the LCI website because you all count in a big way!

I believe

Remember our International President's theme this year is I believe. I believe we are making a difference like no other service organization in the world. I believe in our motto "We Serve." 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.

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, our understanding and our membership. Check out the Lions Clubs International website at lionsclubs.org. There you will find many inspirational and informational videos which will inspire and excite you in your dedication to your Lions commitment.

Dedicated to serving you with my Lions Heart,

DG Pat



DG Pat Vannett, left, presents Mandan Leo President Cara Hurdelbrink with International President Wing Kun Tam's personal pin.



District 5NW DG Pat Vannett, left, congratulates Ray Lions member Randy Adam after inducting new member Merlin Crohn.



District 5NW DG Pat Vannett, left, congratulates long-time Lake Metigoshe Lions Club member Mona Johnson for her many years of service by presenting her with a Lions Heart pin.

Remember:

ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

Club News

Lake Metigoshe



DG visits

The Lake Metigoshe Lions were visited by DG Pat Vannett and PDG Kevin Vannett at their September meeting. On their way, they brought two magnifiers which they delivered to two residents in Bottineau. Pictured – DG Pat delivering her message to the club members.

medical benefit

for
3 year old kathryn akin diagnosed with leukemia.
katherine is the daughter of ned and melissa akin

spaghetti supper

sunday, october 9th 2011
halliday school cafeteria
4:00pm to 7:00pm
auction to follow

free will offering
sponsored by the halliday lions club
if you would like to donate an item to the auction, please contact rene kraus 938-1428

Honor a fellow Lion!

Lions of North Dakota,

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

We encourage each Lions Club to name at least one member as a Lifetime Member of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

A lifetime membership costs \$300, or if you prefer, the club can make three consecutive annual payments of \$100. Please fill out the attached form and mail to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc. Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc.

Lifetime Membership \$300 _____

or 3 annual payments of \$100 _____

Name of Lions being honored _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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Bismarck North Star



Green thumbs

The city of Bismarck supplied 20x20-foot garden plots for groups interested in growing vegetables for the needy. The Bismarck North Star Lions Club planted, weeded and watered this garden plot for its 2011 service project. Beans, carrots, beets, onions, cucumbers, tomatoes and potatoes were planted. The garden plot did very well with a "guesstimation" of 422 lbs. of vegetables being donated to the Soup Cafe in Bismarck. The Soup Cafe feeds between 50 and 130 people per day, with a bowl of soup and a sandwich to those people who can and cannot afford a meal. Joel Newgard 5A Zone chairperson

Gackle



It's barbecue time

The Gackle Lions Club held its annual chicken barbecue picnic Sunday, Aug. 28, in the Gackle-Lehr Park. The event is a kick-off for the beginning of the Gackle-Streeter school year and its activities. (Photo courtesy of James Owen, Tri-County News)

Assistance update for Minot flood disaster

Donations continue to come in for flood relief in Minot. Donations are for the Lions Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund.

The most recent contributions include:

Wishek – \$250
Enderlin – \$250
Metigoshe – \$500
Edgeley – \$200
Washburn – \$600
Magic City Lions – \$500
Dickinson Noon Club – \$200
Devils Lake – \$500
Fargo Lions Club – \$2,000
Magic City Lions club member personal donation – \$250

Thank you for your continued help. Flood donations can be made to:
Lions Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund
PO Box 782
Minot, ND 58702



In Remembrance

Jamestown Donald Jan
Mott Dan Schatz
Reeder Angela Deavy

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 where reimbursement is not provided by

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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

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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.

Rugby Northern Lights



Members of the officer team for the Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club include, from left, President Sandy Wurgler, secretary Jane Ekren, treasurer Helen Ferguson, Vice President Brenda Foster, membership chair Joy Lavik, Tail Twister Vicky Harmel, Lion Tamer Sue Schaan and SNE DG Steve Johnson.

'Lights' host annual charter night

Submitted by Brenda Foster

The Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club held its charter night Thursday, Sept. 15, with members from the Rugby Lions Club who sponsored the formation of the club with their official charter.

During the ceremonies, SNE District Governor Steve Johnson presented the members of the new club with their official charter. Members of the Rugby Lions Club, who sponsored the formation of the Northern Lights Lions Club, were also on hand to celebrate and congratulate members of the new club.

International Director Marvin Chambers presented the official charter to Lion Sandy Wurgler, president, after the induction of the charter members and installation of officers.

International Director Marvin Chambers and Lion Lila Harstad, president of the Rugby Lions Club, presented the charter banner to the Lion Sandy Wurgler and the Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club. "I am proud to welcome these men and women into Lions. Rugby will be proud to have such a fine group serving their community," said International Director Marvin Chambers and SNE District Governor Steve Johnson.



Pictured, from left, are 5 NE District Governor Steve Johnson, Sue Schaan, Bea Welk, Brenda Foster, Diane Dodd, Sid Nelson, Jane Eckren, Helen Ferguson, Sandy Wurgler, Judy Paulson, Ross Traeholt, Joy Lavik, Laural Toyne, Linda Wurgler, Zoe Ann Healy and International Director Marvin Chambers.

The Northern Lights Lions Club plans to become involved with fundraisers that will provide gas cards to individuals with cancer living in Pierce County; collect the necessary items needed by victims of domestic violence and support other activities that the Lions International supports.

The Northern Lights Lions Club will meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Dakota Farms.

Lions clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to

get involved with the Northern Lights Lions Club, please contact Sandy Wurgler at 208-0963.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.

For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionsclubs.org.

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.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

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

Names of Voting Delegates

Years in Lions

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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.

2011 State Lions Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, October 28, 2011 – Best Western Doublewood Inn, 1400 E. Interchange Avenue, Bismarck, ND

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	District 5NE and 5NW Cabinet Meetings
1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Registration and Greeting from Local Hosts
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	TOUR OF ND LIONS EYE BANK
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	ND Eye Bank Board of Directors Meeting
2:45 – 3:45 p.m.	Lions Foundation of ND Board of Directors Meeting
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.	ND Past District Governor's Association Meeting
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Voting Delegate Certification Available at Registration
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	District GMT Coordinators & Vice-Governors meet with MD5 GMT Coordinator
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Ice Breaker/Social – Cash Bar

Saturday, October 29, 2011- Bismarck Civic Center, 315 South 5th Street, Bismarck, ND

8:00a.m. – 4:00 p.m. SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE MINOT AREA FLOOD RELIEF EFFORTS

7:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration and Greeting Bismarck Civic Center – Delegate Certification Available
8:30 – 9:45 a.m.	Opening Session – Welcome by Kelvin Hullet, President, Bismarck/Mandan Chamber Parade of Flags Speaker: CC Robert Littlefield Inspiration and Motivation: Key Ingredients for Membership Retention
9:00 a.m.	STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR SERVICE REGISTRATIONS
9:15 a.m.	Voting Delegate Certification Final Call (District Meeting Rooms)
9:30 a.m.- 11:45 a.m.	STUDENTS SPEAK UP FOR SERVICE PRELIMINARY ROUNDS
10:00– 11:00 a.m.	District Meetings

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 NOON INFORMATION FAIR OPEN

Breakout Sessions

- Intergenerational Communication - PDG Doug Scheller, Rapid City, SD
- President to Presidents – ID Douglas Alexander gives President Tam's personal message to Club Presidents – Q & A Session

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Luncheon – DG Steve Johnson presiding Hall of Fame Induction Students "Speak up for Service" Finals (3 final contestants)
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2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. INFORMATION FAIR OPEN

Breakout Sessions

- Leo & Campus Club Forum – Lion Cy Kotaska
- Great Plains Assistance Dogs Demonstration – Mitch Doyle
- SERVICE PROJECT Cleaning & Packaging Eyeglasses - Bismarck Lions club
- Lions Orientation Session – PDG Katherine Tweed
- Marketing your Lions Club – VDG Lewellyn Rustan & Lion Butch Frank
- Steps to Grow your Lions Club – PDG Doug Scheller

3:00 p.m. SILENT AUCTION CLOSING

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Association of Lions Clubs of ND Annual Meeting – DG Pat Vannett Presides ND Lions Eye Bank State Meeting – Lion Rick Swanson Presides Lions Foundation of ND Meeting – PDG John Dobbs Presides Parade of Green
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4:45 p.m.	Service of Remembrance Exhibit Hall A Melvin Jones Fellow and State Awards Silent Auction Report
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5:30 p.m.	Social – Cash Bar
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6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Evening Dinner –BUSINESS/CASUAL ATTIRE - DG Pat Vannett presiding Keynote Speaker: ID Douglas Alexander
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CASUAL AND/OR BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

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</p> <p>7 p.m. DINNER ON YOUR OWN 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 style="text-align: center;">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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Forum hosted by Lion Cy Kotaska. Mitch Doyle will host a Great Plains Assistance Dogs demonstration.

The Bismarck Lions will host a service project, cleaning and packaging eyeglasses. PDG Katherine Tweed will chair a Lions orientation session. VDGs Lewellyn Rustan and Lion Butch Frank will speak on marketing your Lions Club. PDG Doug

Scheller will share Steps to Grow your Lions Club.

SNW DG Pat Vannett presides over the the annual meeting, which begins at 3 p.m. She will also preside over the evening dinner. This year, the event is casual and/or business casual attire.

A common thread throughout the convention will be the silent auction, with proceeds going to Minot Flood Relief efforts.

Thueson to join hall

Lion Timothy A. Thueson of the Bismarck North Star Lions will be inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. The presentation will be Oct 29 at the state Lions Convention in Bismarck.

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



Timothy Thueson

"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 MDS 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 percent Secretary award, the

100 percent District Governor award, and four International President's Certificates of Appreciation. and his wife Lynell have one son, Mark. 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 MDS and Lions International. The committee also considers the candidate's community involvement outside of Lions.

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

