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Keynote speaker inspires Lions

By STU MERRY

Make a difference. Look for opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. That's the message brought by International Director Douglas X. Alexander to Lions members at their state convention in Bismarck Oct. 28-29.

Alexander closed out the convention, putting smiles on the faces of those at the banquet, sharing a number of light-hearted stories. Those stories revealed how he became a Lion, and how he learned what it meant to be a Lion and to serve. "It's made me proud to be a Lion," he said. Alexander also presented a number of awards at the conclusion of his speech, including a number of Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Convention organizers deemed the event a success. The Bismarck location was a last-minute decision as this year's event was scheduled for Minot. But with the flooding and recovery only beginning, plans were made to move the convention to Bismarck.

Next year's convention is slated for Fargo, more info on page 16.



State Lions Convention keynote speaker ID Douglas Alexander, right, thanked North Dakota's District Governors, 5NW's Pat Vannett and 5NE's Steve Johnson, for the gifts he received from N. D. Lions commemorating his visit to the state convention.

Flood relief receives boost at convention

Funds continue to pour in for the Lions Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund. More than 30 clubs and individuals have contributed to the effort. More than \$6,600 was received at the Lions State Convention in Bismarck. To date, in excess of \$28,000 has been raised for the effort.

Lion Josh Ressler, member of the Magic City Lions, 5NW cabinet member and Zone Relief Fund coordinator, Ressler said plans are to continue fundraising until the end of the year.

LCIF will match up to \$75,000 on a qualifying grant. Ressler said depending on where the fund balance is, local businesses may be tapped to come up with enough to match that amount.

PDG Chris Helgeson will be in charge of writing the grant.

To help in the relief effort, send checks to: Lions 2-A Flood Relief Fund, PO Box 782, Minot ND 58702.

List of newest contributors

Kulm Lions Club – \$100

Prairie Rose Lions Club – \$350

Butler Foundation – \$2,000

ND Lions Foundation – \$2,000

North Star Lions – \$1,528

South Heart Lions – \$100

Editor's note:

For a full list of contributors and balance sheet, see page 2.



Lion Josh Ressler, member of the Magic City Lions, 5NW cabinet member and Zone Relief Fund coordinator, right, accepts a contribution to the relief fund from PDG John Dobbs, president of the Lions Foundation of N.D.

Thueson receives hall of fame award

On Saturday, October 29, during the State Lions Convention, Lion Tim Thueson accepted the prestigious North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame award, presented by Past District Governor Association President Duane Zwinger. He was accompanied by his wife of 32 years, Lynell Thueson, and Hall of Fame Committee Chairman Garry Freier was at the microphone. In his acceptance speech, Lion Tim spoke about LCI President Tam's theme, "I believe." He spoke of the necessity of treating club members like family. Thueson also issued the following challenge: "Believe that as Lions we can make a difference when we work together. It starts with each one of us. Continue to make the world a better place."



Lions Zone 2-A Flood Relief Fund

As of October 31, 2011

INCOME:

Garlic & Grape Festival	\$3,470.78
Magic City Lions	\$1,600.00
Harvey Lions Club	\$4,000.00
South Forks Lions	\$501.00
Fargo Gateway Lions	\$500.00
Valley City Lions Club	\$500.00
Elgin Lions Gaming Trust F.	\$1,000.00
New Rockford Lions Club	\$2,000.00
Northwood Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Mandan Dacotah Lions	\$2,179.00
Gene & Cathy Neal	\$1,000.00
Kristi & Andrew Mousel	\$1,000.00
Reeder Lions Chairtable Gaming	\$500.00
David Blackstead	\$500.00
Carrington Lions Club	\$300.00
Arnold Skachenko	\$150.00
Killdeer Lions Club	\$250.00

Lake Metigoshe Lions	\$500.00
Enderlin Lions Club	\$250.00
Wishek Lions Club	\$250.00
Fargo Lions	\$2,000.00
Lion Ron Meier	\$250.00
Dickinson Lions	\$200.00
Edgeley Lions	\$200.00
Washburn Lions	\$600.00
Devils Lake Lions	\$500.00
Ray Hegle, Menoken, ND	\$100.00
Sandy Ressler	\$100.00
Prairie Rose Lions Tailtwisting	\$30.44
Ashley Lions Club	\$500.00
Garrison Lions Club	\$1,400.00
Zone 2-A Meeting	\$105.20
Oakes Lions Club	\$1,000.00
Dr. Kenneth Silbernagel	\$20.00
Marian Johnson	\$250.00
Total	\$28,706.42

EXPENSES:

Miscellaneous:

Connie Sprinstead	\$127.40
G&G Fur	
First Western Bank	\$18.20
Checks	
NDSU Extension Service	\$1,000.00
Meters	

Medications:

Center for Family Medicine Pharmacy	\$335.68
B&B Northwest Pharmacy	\$405.25
Thrifty White Pharmacy	\$156.09
Thrifty White Pharmacy	\$91.99
Total	\$2,134.61

Final Balance \$26,571.81

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2 years \$20.00 Josh Ressler

3 years \$30.00 Dennis Anderson and Salli Lou Anderson

4 years \$40.00 Mabel Cowell and Ken Kolar

Memorials:

Jack Stewart in memory of Lion Glenn Giese

David & Myrna Blackstead in memory of Clifford Haro



One of the highlights of the Parade of Green: Lions members line up to get their chance to announce to convention attendees their club's contributions to a number of benefactors.

David & Myrna Blackstead in memory of Erma Voller

Jack Stewart in memory of Lion Derrell Bugner

West Fargo Lions Club in memory of Dorinda Anderson

Jack Stewart in memory of Bill Schreiner

Gerald & Mary Sletmoe in memory of PID Lloyd Hanson

100% clubs \$10.00 per member

Beulah Lions Club

Elgin Lions Club

Bronze Clubs \$100.00 to \$300.00

Scranton, Prairie Rose, Hazen, North Star, Rugby, Korner Club, Grand Forks, New Rockford, Valley City, Carrington and Alexander

Silver Clubs \$300.00 to \$500.00

Williston, Dickinson and Mandan

Gold Clubs \$500.00 to \$1,000.00

Killdeer, Grand Forks South Forks, Grand Forks Red River and Bismarck

Diamond Clubs \$1000.00 Plus

Bismarck Capitol City

Designated Funds (Video Magnifier Program)

Hooterville Flion Lions Club \$101.00

Capital City Lions \$1,857.00

Valley City Lions \$500.00

Mandan Dacotah Lions \$2009.00

Grand Forks Lions \$57.00

Your Foundation Board sincerely appreciates and thanks you for your generous donations and your continued support.

PDC Chris Voegele, Treasurer

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Lion Chuck Whitney, left, hands a check to one of the Lions officials at the table representing one of a number of benefactors. Among those that receive funds during the Parade of Green is the Lions Foundation of N.D., Eye Bank of North Dakota, Jud Service Dogs and the Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund.

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Eye Bank has new address

The Eye Bank of North Dakota has moved and has a new address. We are in the same building just across the hall from our old office.

410 East Thayer Avenue Suite # 201
Bismarck, ND 58501

The phone numbers are the same
701-250-9390
701-250-0805 fax

October transport list

All are one-time transporters:

Ron Harris – Valley City
Wayne Westlund – Grand Forks
Andrew Swanson – Grand Forks
Ross Berg – Valley City
Don Schnering – Lehr/Wishek
Gary Price – Minot
Mike Ward – Minot



Karen Thomas checks the lenses of a pair of glasses.



Lions members, including Jan Merry, Garrison, far left, and JeAnne Selby, second from right, member of the Prairie Rose Lions, along with others, teamed up to clean dozens of pairs of glasses during a service project, part of the breakout sessions at the state convention.

MD5 Committee Chairs open

VDG trainer, MD5 Pin chairperson

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that there are Two- (2) committee chairperson positions becoming available as of June 30, 2012.

The term of these positions will be from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015. Positions include Vice District Governor trainer and MD5 pin chairperson

If you have an interest in any of the above positions and would like a job

description and application, please contact the Council of Governors Secretary-Treasurer:

Mike Brand
120 17th St E.
West Fargo, ND 58078
Phone 701-205-4729
Email: vclion@msn.com

Deadline for all applications is March 1, 2012

In Remembrance

Park River Raymond Alkofer
Crosby Dean Kihle
McClusky Rodney Hill
Tappen Eugene Adams



5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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It's Grrrrreat to be a Lion

Greetings, Lions of 5NE. October was a busy month for Brenda and I, culminating in the State Lions Convention in Bismarck on the 28th and 29th. We send a sincere "well done" to the District 5NW convention planners and volunteers for a great event. More about that later.

Your District Governor's travel campaign is at full speed. Brenda and I had visited eighteen of the district's fifty-nine clubs through the end of October and that number should be at twenty-seven by the time you read this column. I don't have the space to recap every visit, but if you'd like to share the experience feel free to read my blog at www.redjackettravels.wordpress.com. I think you'll enjoy the stories.

Planned visits in the next thirty days include Edgeley and Wing on November 7th, Wahpeton Headwaters and Casselton on the 9th, and Kindred on the 10th.

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

Administrivia

Club officers, district committee chairpersons, and zone and region chairpersons are reminded that should they have questions about their official duties, Lions Clubs International makes available on its webpage manuals and/or job descriptions for each position. I urge you to "go exploring" on the LCI webpage one day and learn something new about your Lion responsibilities.

One last call for club presidents and club secretaries, if you haven't received a state Lions directory yet, please contact me. Also, please do your part in keeping the channels of communication open by updating your club's Form PU-101 with LCI and by telling us when there are officer name, address, email, or phone number changes.

Don't forget to submit your club's stories and photos to the ND Lion. It's great to see your activities in print.

Adding to the Roar

In the event it has slipped your mind,

the District's membership goal for the year is to add to our numbers by seventy-five. So far, were on the negative side of the ledger so there is lots of work to be done. Congratulations to Devils Lake for recently recruiting four new members, Oakes for adding four new members, and Fargo Lions for bringing in one new member. Club presidents and membership chairpersons are reminded that they are free to use any program or process they wish in attracting and signing up new Lions. Your District Global Membership Team Coordinator and District officers still expect to add four new clubs this year.

Trees a Crowd

I wish I could say that the list was crowded of 5NE clubs planting trees toward International President Tam's and the District's goals, but unfortunately that's not the case. Numbers are just trickling in at this point. I've been assured by many clubs that their tree planting efforts will get untracked next spring. I sure hope we can plant at least 1,578 trees as our contribution. Report your tree numbers to Tree Willie (district environmental chair Willie Huot) at willie.huot@nds.u.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.

Convention 2011

It was a pleasure to attend the 2011 North Dakota Lions Convention and meet and spend time with special guest, International Director (ID) Douglas Alexander from Brooklyn, NY. I enjoyed hearing ID Doug's personal Lions story at the banquet Saturday evening. We could



Carrington Lion Sharon Van Ness (right) accepts the Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque from International Director Douglas Alexander (left) and 5NE District Governor Steve Johnson (center). The Award honors Lion Paul Van Ness, Lion Sharon's late husband, for his outstanding contributions to youth exchange activities.

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tell that the ID is a hands-on, participative Lion as he was present at almost every event during the convention.

I'm happy to share with you that 1st Vice District Governor Mel Olson from the Fargo Lions Club was unanimously elected to serve as next year's District Governor and that 2nd Vice District Governor Fran Romsdal was similarly elected to the 1st Vice District Governor position. Congrats Lions Mel and Fran. A candidate for the 2nd Vice District Governor position has not yet been identified. If you are interested or know of a Lion who you believe would make a great district governor some day, please contact a member of the district nominating committee and they can explain the steps in making it happen.

One of the primary functions at the annual district meeting at the state convention is electing representatives to important boards. Grand Forks South Forks Lion Tracy Wicken was reelected to the ND Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors at the meeting. I subsequently appointed Past District Governor (PDG) Craig Wollenburg from the Rugby Lions Club to fill the other Eye Bank Board seat. Lion Wollenburg's appointment will require concurrence of the district cabinet at its next meeting in January.

Three district Lions were elected to the North Dakota Lions Foundation Board of Directors. Lion Del Hager from Grand Forks South Forks Lions was elected to a one-year term, PDG Gerald Sletmoe from Sheldon Lions was elected to a two-year term, and PDG G. Paul Larson from Grand Forks South Forks Lions was elected to a three-year term. A second three-year position remains unfilled.

Congratulations to Janessa Grave of West Fargo, winner of District SNE's Peace Poster Contest. Janessa is a 6th grader at the West Fargo STEM Center. Her entry was sponsored by the Fargo Lions Club. The second place finisher was Ellie MacFarlane a sixth grader at Kindred Public School. Her entry was sponsored by the Leonard Lions Club. Third place went to Chase Bader a sixth grader at Wishek Public School who was sponsored by the Lehr Lions Club.

Lion of the year; as selected by past, current, and visiting international directors, is Past MD5 Council Chairman (PCC) Duane Zwinger from the Carrington Lions Club. Congrats Lion Duane; as always, job well done. For their outstanding accomplishments over the past twelve months, The Fargo Lions Club earned the much-deserved SNE Lions Club of the Year award. The Lehr Lions

Club was winner of the district's Visitation Contest. Congratulations to that den of social, mobile Lions.

The convention's breakout educational sessions were well-attended. Thanks to our presenters who shared their time and knowledge with us.

Lions from SNE who passed away during the previous twelve months were recognized in a moving memorial service. We will remember them always.

Saturday afternoon International Director Alexander presented three prestigious International President Certificates of Appreciation to SNE Lions. They went to MD5 Council Chairman Robert Littlefield from the Fargo Lions Club for his outstanding work as Past District Governor, to PDG Katherine Tweed from the Fargo Lions Club for her mentoring and tireless efforts in support of the district, and to Lion Carmen Suminski from the Grand Forks Lions Club acknowledging her dedicated local club activities and her service to the State of North Dakota as Director of the School for the Blind and School for the Deaf.

International Director Alexander also assisted in presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships to two SNE Lions. The first

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Grand Forks Lions Club President Jon Ramsey announces his club's contributions during the Parade of Green.



PDG Katherine Tweed of the Fargo Lions Club, center, receives the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Douglas Alexander, left. SNE District Governor Steve Johnson is on Tweed's left.

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was a progressive award from the Sheldon Lions Club to its own PDG Gerald Sletmoe. The second award was presented to Sharon Van Ness a Carrington Lion and husband of the late Lion Paul Van Ness. District 5NE made this award honoring Lion Paul and his work as District Youth Exchange Coordinator.

The traditional Parade of Green netted thousands of dollars from the State's Lions Clubs for deserving charities. The generosity of North Dakota Lions knows no bounds.

I Believe

International President Wing-Kun Tam's theme for this year speaks to each of us as Lions. Often great accomplishments

by a Club begin with a single Lion. When that original Lion has "I Believe" thinking, the idea becomes infectious and creates a "We Believe" attitude. The "We Believe" attitude becomes "We Can" confidence, which inevitably leads to "We Did" results.

Yours in service,
District Governor Steve

Club News

Medina



Lion of the Year

Pictured is Medina Lions President Arlyn Schmidt presenting the Lion of the Year award to Mabel Cowell, Medina Lions Club secretary. This year, Mabel is also serving as the Zone 3B chairman for District 5NE and a board member and secretary of the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

Hazen



New member

Rebecca Stroup was installed as the newest Hazen Lion Club member by District Governor Lion Pat Vannett Sept. 8. Rebecca and Pat, left, are shown with Rebecca's mentor Lion Maxine Beckwith.

It's a good time to think about spring tree planting

Submitted by "Tree Willie"
Environmental chair, District 5NE

A good way to avoid the "blues" that the oncoming winter season can often cause is to begin planning for ways to improve our landscapes next spring. This is especially true if your yards or farmsteads were damaged by high waters any time last summer. If any of your trees were heavily damaged, you may want to replace them next spring or simply add trees to your existing landscape. Either way, the winter months provide an excellent time to decide on the types of trees you wish to plant and where you will locate them.

With the summer rush over for nursery and landscape personnel, it is a good time to visit with them about your

planting intentions for next spring. For rural landowners who may be thinking of planting windbreaks or shelter belts, now is the time to be visiting with your local soil conservation service staff to seek their assistance in selecting trees and shrubs that are suited for your particular areas.

If there are any improvement projects being planned for any public areas in your communities such as parks or school grounds, it would be a good time for members of your club to visit with those decision makers to offer assistance in planting of any trees on those properties. This could be a great community service project that would also help your club reach its goal in planting at least one tree for each member. Let's all do our part to help our clubs reach this goal.

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"...take time to rejoice in the wonder of what Lions-all of us-are enabled to do in this amazing fellowship of service."
Lion Ben Dove

Dear fellow Lions;

It is amazing to see what our association of Lions accomplishes throughout the world and in our local communities. It is time for rejoicing and sharing in the wonder of Lions.

WOW – WOW – WOW – You made for a fantastic convention!

Thank you all who took the time to come together for the ND State Lions Convention. 228 people made the time for fellowship, to discuss important events, to recognize accomplishments, to remember some of our Lions friends who have passed, and to be inspired with great workshops and speakers.

Because of you, our association will grow. Because you took the time to become reinforced in your commitment to Lionism you have brought the excitement and enthusiasm to your local Lions.

Many thanks to all who worked so diligently to make everything run smoothly and who were present with smiling, welcoming faces.

You are all an inspiration to me. Thank you for your service to the Lions of North Dakota.

Lions raise more funds for flood relief!

During the ND Lions Convention a Silent Auction was held to benefit flood

relief. The auction along with some "tail twisting" raised \$2,657.26. In addition, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota matched a \$2,000 donation with their own grant of \$2,000. For a flood relief fundraising weekend in the amount of: \$6,657.26. Lions ROCK! (I believe there were other club donations given during the Parade of Green)

District update

We elected our 2012-2013 District Governor Team during our district meeting at the convention. Here are the results:

- 2012-2013 District Governor, Lion Lewellyn Rustan, New England Lions Club
- 2012-2013 1st Vice District Governor, Lion Mike Blazek, Washburn Lions Club
- 2012-2013 2nd Vice District Governor, Lion Arlen Fetch, Mandan Dacotah Lions Club

Congratulations to you! I have every faith in your leadership abilities!

Elected to represent our district on the Lions Eye Bank of ND for the term of 2012-2015:

- PDG Jan Froemming, Elgin Dakota Lions Club
 - Lion Dan Long, Mandan Lions Club
- Lions Foundation of North Dakota's revisions to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws was unanimously passed. This provided for more representation from each district on the Board. Elected for District 5NW to serve along with those already on the board are:
- 2012-2013: Lion Don Mahus,



Williston Korner Lions Club

- 2012-2014: Lion Jack Colby, Williston Korner Lions Club
- 2012-2015: PDG Chris Voegelé, Bowman Lions Club
- 2012-2015: Lion Lance Jacobs, New England Lions Club

District peace poster contest results!

Over 500 children between the ages of 11-13 participated in your individual clubs' Peace Poster contest. The winners from over 20 clubs were presented to the District Meeting for voting. The district award winners are as follows:

- Third Place: 11 year old Haley Visger, sponsored by the Bismarck North Star Lions Club, Student's Quote on Peace: "Don't pick fights...pick flowers."
- Second Place: 11 year old Shelby Kanski, sponsored by the South Heart Lions Club, Student's Quote on Peace: "Different cultures and races don't matter because we are all the same inside and we can all get along."
- First Place: 11 year old Katelyn Schmidt, sponsored by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, Student's Quote on Peace: "Peace is a feeling you get when all races of all nations come together to help each other when they need it."

I will take all three posters for viewing at the upcoming Council of Governor's meeting. The winning poster will be judged among the six other district winners from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. The winner at this level will represent our multiple districts at the International level.

We have some great posters!

Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

Bismarck Lions Club

Erling Olson

Bowman Lions Club

Myles Richard

Halliday Lions Club

Barry VanWagner

North Star Lions Club

Justin Fryer

Turtle Lake Lions Club

Blair Schlafmann

Cole Schlafmann

Stanley Lions Club

Jonpaul Steenbakkers

Williston Lions Club

Burton Youngs

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Remember that the district will be ordering your peace poster kits so that you can pick them up at the Spring Rally on April 14, 2012. We will also be offering an informational session on how to hold a successful Peace Poster Contest in your community.

District three year club excellence plan approved

Your district cabinet approved a three year Club Excellence plan of action. This plan will empower a team of volunteers to assist YOUR LIONS CLUBS with self and community assessments. You will also be guided through a goal setting process. The District Leadership Team and the District Cabinet is committed to make sure that every Lions Club has the opportunity to take part and they will have a Guiding Lion who will help you stay on track with the goals that YOU set for your club.

THE REST IS UP TO YOU! Your Zone Chair will be coordinating a Club Excellence workshop day in your area. Jump at the chance for self assessment and for the opportunity to make your Lions club even better than it already is. You have nothing to lose and so much to gain. In fact, call your Zone Chair and volunteer your community to host the first event.

Rookie Lion award presentations at 5NW district meeting

- Rookie Lion award certificate was presented to Lion Alice Schott and sponsor Lion Janet Esser.
- Rookie Lion Award certificate was presented to Lion Duane Sandvik who was unable to be present.
- Rookie Lion Award certificate was presented to Lion Rose Aken and sponsor Lion Kathy Runge.

Global service action campaigns

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.

Each one, bring one!
Western North Dakota is ripe for Membership Growth!

District 5NW Lions membership report

July 1, 2011: 1,489 Lions

Today: 1,479 Lions

Goal: 1,549 Lions by June 30, 2012

When we each sponsor one new member we will overcome the losses that result from people moving and through death of our members.

Of the two districts in North Dakota, the western district has many families moving into our towns every day. What better way to become involved in a new community than through your Lions Clubs. Some clubs are choosing to be the local "Welcome Wagon" making appointments and stopping by to visit the new people into town. If it were you, wouldn't you want a friendly face to knock on your door to say "welcome?"

Let's be proactive. Welcome people to your community, find out about them, share information about you, and then invite them to join in a service project with you. Once you have spent time working on a project together, you will be able to realize their membership potential.

I look forward to inducting more members wherever I go during this year. Your Vice Governors and Zone Chairs or any cabinet members will help you as well.

Thank you Lion Ben Dove!

At a recent Governor visitation to the Mandan Lions Club, Lion Pastor Ben Dove shared the joy he feels every time he reads our international magazine THE LION. I was so inspired, I asked him to write it down for me so that I could share it with all of you. Here are his thoughts:

"Among all the "non-letter" mail we receive these days, it would be a shame to miss or skip over THE LION, our monthly reminder of the privilege that is ours as a Lion.

Even a hurried scanning of those pages takes us beyond the familiar routine of our life enabling us to see the amazing changes of healing and encouragement accomplished by Lions across the world.

Some Lions' programs cost thousands of dollars and help hundreds of people. Other projects involve few dollars and reach only a few. Either way, human needs are met or the world's suffering is reduced – its joy increased!

That good news can lift our hearts and spirit as we remember our individual membership in Lions is part of those miracles.

Even as we invest our time and talents in those projects close to home, take time to rejoice in the wonder of what Lions – all of us – are enabled to do in this amazing fellowship of service."

Wishing all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

DG Pat

Widow thanks Horace Lions

Sharon Carpenter
Horace, ND

My husband Dwight Carpenter was a member of the Horace Lions Club. He passed away in June of this year and I just want to express my highest esteem for the club and its members.

They were there for both of us. They put on a benefit to help with medical costs, they all were good friends with Dwight. He was extremely proud to be a member of the Horace Lions.

Even if he didn't feel good he still wanted to get to all their meetings

and help with their activities. There were those Lions who went above and beyond by being there for me after he passed and it was very special for me to know how much others cared for him also.

Dwight also believed strongly in being a donor, so when the time came we honored his wishes to donate his corneas to the Lions Eye Bank.

We miss him everyday, but it is great to know there are so many other Lion members out there doing so much good.

Thank-you, and thank-you to the Horace Lions, Horace, ND.

Killdeer



Club hosts barbecue

The Killdeer Lions Club hosted a barbecue Aug. 26, which is its annual fundraiser. The Killdeer Lions Club donated $\frac{1}{4}$ of the net proceeds from the meal to the Killdeer Ambulance, left photo, to purchase a 12 Lead EKG Machine for their second ambulance. Another $\frac{1}{4}$ of the net meal proceeds went to the West Dunn Fire Department, right, towards purchasing self-contained breathing units. Each donation was \$648.

LCI honored by Council for Blind

Lions Clubs International (LCI) was the recipient of the COSB (Council of Schools for the Blind) Champion Award on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The award was presented at the COSB Leadership Institute banquet in Louisville, Ky.

The purpose of this award is to recognize and express appreciation to key stakeholders who provide exemplary strategic assistance, substantive financial or programmatic support, legislative or policy advocacy, or other unique efforts which directly impact the success of COSB.

Lion Carmen Grove Suminski of the Grand Forks Lions Club was in attendance when this award was presented. All persons in attendance from throughout the United States indicated that they had received support from Lions.

Reminder: ND Lion
DEADLINE is the 7th
of the month!
NO Exceptions!



Silent auction

One of the activities at the state convention was the silent auction. The auction raised funds for the Zone 2A Flood Relief Fund. Among those looking over the merchandise was Kay Solberg-Link of the Bismarck Lions.

Enderlin



At the start of the tour, by the mule barn and machine shed, from left to right: Curt Schall, Leanna Smedshammer (Note fated Coach Bus #1 looming in background), Mike Martin, tour guide, Nancy Rangeloff, Connie Kracht, Reverend Jerry Iver Carlson and Jan Carlson.



Standing by the blacksmith shop and storage building on the northwest part of farmstead, left to right, Joyce Maasjo, Glennie Good, Jim Ekeren, Raymond "Skip" Steedsman, Paulette Torbenson, Maynard Torbenson, tour guide, Julie Boyle, Dennis Boyle, tour guide.

Enderlin Lions hit the road again...

The Enderlin Lions once again hit the road for a tour and remote membership meeting. An Enderlin High School coach bus left the Enderlin Inn motel parking lot at 4:10 pm Tuesday, September 27 with 33 Lions, spouses and friends aboard.

Driven by professional driver Ken Rudolph, an hour later saw the group at the Bagg Bonanza Farm, Mooreton, ND.

This is a National Historical Landmark 60 miles southeast of Enderlin and is the restored farm headquarters of a circa 1880's 9,000 acre Bonanza farm.

The group was joined by Lions Mike Martin and Susan Dopp and volunteer Bagg Farm tour guides divided the assembly in 3's and a one-hour tour followed.

Countless hours and staggering sums of donated money have resulted in a wonderful collection of barns, houses, original farm equipment and house furnishings that bear testimony to a unique era known to few.

Following the tour, all met in the lower area of the huge mule barn which has been remodeled to include a kitchen and dining area. A "harvest supper" of pork and dress, Bagg Farm garden raised carrots, tomatoes, potatoes and cucumbers (with gravy and cream respectively), and homemade pie (with optional ice cream) and appropriate coffee and lemonade.

In fact, one of the Club's more exacting food critics was heard to say, "many people in our country would never enjoy a meal that good or that fresh."

At 7:40 p.m. Lions 1st Vice President Nancy Rangeloff called a Lions membership meeting to order and thanked Bagg Bonanza Farm volunteer Pat Ward for arranging our visit and tour. The cooks and tour guides were also singled out for their part in a wonderful experience.

Lion Treasurer Terry Taylor gave an updated treasurer's report on our two club accounts and Lion Carol "Christy" Christiansen then took the floor to update the club on the recent Grand Forks visitation. He, and Lions Harold Narum, Donn Larson and Jack Armstrong drove to the Grand Forks Lions Club September 21 and delivered our traveling Cheetah. A club who holds the Cheetah pays \$5/day rent to the Jud Guide Dog School and only by delivering the Cheetah to another Lions Club is the obligation lifted.

Lion Christy was instrumental in putting this fundraiser together. The Grand Forks Club is also home of the current Lions District Governor, Steve Johnson, who thinks this traveling stuffed mascot is a perfect way to encourage club visitations as well as being a solid fundraising project.

Part of the visitation was a side visit to the North Dakota Vision Services/

School for the Blind where they were given demonstrations, and allowed to try, vision aids.

The final meeting agenda item was Secretary Mike Martin saying our three miles of Adopt-ADitch pickup is scheduled for 5 p.m. prior to our October membership meeting. Our DOT-contracted commitment demands a volunteer safety meeting which Lion Mike held at this time. He emphasized the written guidelines furnished by DOT and said the required safety vests would be made available prior to the project. In addition, he will be sending out DOT written procedures and recommendations with our October's meeting notice.

Lion Nancy adjourned the meeting and the main group boarded the coach bus. However, several gremlins had been hard at work resulting in no bus headlights.

The group returned to the dining area and played cards, visited or watched, in the farm's cold storage building, DVD movies about the Bonanza farming era.

Luckily President Pat Feist had been immediately contacted by bus driver Ken Rudolph about the mechanical failure. Within an hour and fifteen minutes, Coach Bus #2 pulled in the farmyard to carry the Lions Club and their friends back to Enderlin without further trouble.

State Convention Highlights



Speak Up for Service

One of the newest activities at the state convention are the Speak Up for Service finals. There were four contestants this year. A preliminary round was held during the morning session Oct. 29. Three finalists were chosen. Those three gave their presentations at the noon luncheon. Results were tabulated and winners announced. From left are 5NE DG Steve Johnson, third place winner Liz Fricker, Fargo South High School, sponsored by the Fargo Lions Club; first place winner Julie Wold, Carrington High School, sponsored by the Carrington Lions Club; second place winner Shelby Wood, Bismarck St. Mary's High, sponsored by Bismarck Capital City Lions Club; participant Karan Saravana, Fargo Davies High School, sponsored by the Dakota NFL Lions Club; 5NW DG Pat Vannett. N.D. Lions members hope to expand the program and participation next year.



5NW Peace Poster winner

Lion Jed Geer, Peace Poster Contest chair for 5NW, shows off this year's district winner. First place went to 11-year-old Katelyn Schmidt. She was sponsored by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club. Her quote on peace was; "Peace is a feeling you get when all races of all nations come together to help each other when they need it." Second Place went to 11-year-old Shelby Kanski, sponsored by the South Heart Lions Club. In third place was 11-year-old Haley Visger, sponsored by the Bismarck North Star Lions Club.



We will never forget

One of the more touching parts of the convention is the Service of Remembrance. The service honors those fellow Lions who have passed on during the past year. Taking part in the ceremony were 1st VDG Lewellyn Rustan, foreground, and 1st VDG Mel Olson. Providing the message and conducting the service was Lion Rev. Deanna Reikow.

State Convention Highlights



In perfect harmony

One of the highlights of the convention's closing banquet dinner was a performance by assembled Lions from across the state. The group presented three rousing selections. The group was under the direction of Brach Johnson. The choir was accompanied by Julie Schwartz.



Icebreaker

The Lions vest contest turned out to be a popular and exciting event during the Icebreaker Friday night, Oct. 28, at the Lions State Convention. Jostling for attention of the judges were, above, Jim Wahl, Bismarck Capital City Lions, rubbing behinds with Marcy Moore, Mandan Dacotah Lions, while her husband Steve Moore looks on. In the background is Grant Kahlbaugh from Grand Forks. Displaying his best of the best vest, loaded with Lions pins is Brach Johnson and his North Star vest, above left, and right.



Mayville-Portland



The water slide was one of the most popular activities on warm June days during Summerfest.



A combined Color Guard, made up of members of the Leon Mosher American Legion Post 008 of Mayville; Anderson-Hefta Post 093 of Portland; and the VFW Organization of Mayville, brought a flair of patriotism to the parade.



Mayville-Portland Lions Club members, from left, Ray Gerszweski and Scott Omdalen, officers of the Ma-Port Lions Club, welcomed those who turned out for the parade.



One who drew a crowd of youngsters was the clown.

Mayville-Portland Lions host Summerfest

Submitted by
Ray Gerszewski, past president

For the third consecutive year the Mayville Portland Lions Club sponsored and coordinated the annual Summerfest activities June 23-26. Summerfest is an opportunity to showcase the communities of Mayville and Portland by providing a variety of activities and events for all ages. The Lions Club elicits sponsorships from area businesses and organizations and most of the events are free to the public.

Events started on Thursday, June 23 with the Miller's Foods Appreciation Breakfast, and continued on Friday, June 24 with various activities for children and adults. Special events on Friday included reunions of the Mayville High School classes of 1956 and 1961, a Pool Party for

area youth, a scavenger hunt, a kid and pet parade, and the Mayville State University Alumni Awards Banquet.

Saturday, June 25 featured a 5K Run/Walk, Craft Show, Mason's Breakfast, a Parade through downtown Mayville, the Antique Tractor Pull, Inflatable Games and other activities for the kids, and a reunion of the MayPort class of 1981. Saturday's events closed with the Mayville Fire Department's street dance. Sunday's events included a community church service. An afternoon baseball game featuring the Mayville Red Caps amateur team was canceled because of rain.

Garage sales were also held throughout the Mayville and Portland communities on both June 24 and 25. The Goose River Heritage Museum was open on June 25 and 26

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Garrison

Garrison Lions donate to flood relief

By Stu Merry

Residents from Garrison and the surrounding area pitched in in a big way to help those affected by the flood in Minot and surrounding area. At a meeting Oct. 10, Lions Clubs from Zone 2A gathered in Garrison. The clubs include Glenburn, Sawyer, Minot, Minot Plum Valley and Magic City. During the meeting, Garrison Lions Club members presented a \$1,400 check to the zone. The funds were given to Zone 2A's Minot Flood Relief Fund.

The proceeds were from the sale of two loads of aluminum cans. Collecting and recycling aluminum cans is one of the club's many service projects. The check was presented to Lions Club Zone 2A Chair Darlene Miller of Glenburn by Garrison Lions Club President Mike Maki.

Maki told the group it was an honor to present the check for flood relief, saying it showed the Garrison area supports those in the Minot area who have suffered so much through the disaster.

"I'm thrilled that our community responded to our plea for cans and filled the trailer, not just once, but twice," he said. "Without the people of this community we would not have been able to raise the amount we did, I tip my hat to them ... for supporting not only the Garrison Lions, but our neighbors to the north."

A silent auction was also held. The \$92 raised was also donated to the flood relief fund.

Doreen Clock, member of the Minot Magic City Lions, said that through an initial emergency grant from LCIF, the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, more than 180 cleaning kits for FEMA trailers were assembled and distributed.

"They made a difference in the lives of those affected by the flood," she said.

The money was also used to purchase water meters to help in the dry down process of homes. Medication was also purchased



Lions Club Zone 2A Chair Darlene Miller of Glenburn, left, checks out the large presentation check and its amount. The check was presented by Garrison Lions Club President Mike Maki.

through First District Health for those who lost their prescriptions in the flood.

With the Garrison Lions donation, more than \$25,000 has been received for the Zone 2A Flood Recovery Fund. The amount included remaining funds of the now defunct Garlic & Grape Festival. The event was also a Zone 2A project.

Josh Ressler, Magic City Lion member and one of the coordinators of the flood relief project, hopes more funds will come in. He said that LCIF will match up to \$75,000 in a grant.

SNW District Governor Pat Vannett, along with husband Past District Governor Kevin Vannett, attended the meeting. She credited the Garrison Lions for doing their part to help the flood relief effort.

"Change starts with each member, including the recycling of cans that will allow those affected by the Minot flood to receive help," she said.

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and featured music by the local old time music group, the Hayshakers. The Mayville Library also celebrated its 111th birthday on the afternoon of June 24, while Northwest Hall on the campus of Mayville State University noted its 100th birthday celebration.

Hundreds of area residents joined their friends and neighbors in Mayville and Portland for four fun filled days of activities this past June. More information about Summerfest 2011 can be found at the Mayville Portland Lions Club website at: www.mayvilleportland.com/userfiles/File/Summerfest2011.pdf

In addition to sponsoring Summerfest, the Mayville Portland Lions club also sponsors an annual Christmas Social that is a highlight of the holiday season. These two

events are the major fundraising activities for the club and proceeds of both benefit the local community.

Since its re-organization in May of 2009, the MayPort Lions Club has donated funds to SE Community Action Agency for its annual Christmas basket program for needy families, and has made contributions to the School for the Blind, the local fire department and other organizations. This past year, our club also contributed funds to purchase a new video magnifier through the state Lions Foundation.

Mayville Portland Lions Club members are busy planning for future events in the community and have scheduled the dates of June 21-24, 2012 for Summerfest next year. If you are looking for an enjoyable time with fellow Lions, plan to come to Mayville and Portland next summer.



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