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Lions making dream come true

By Bill Schott,
SHSND Foundation Trustee Development
coordinator and Mandan Lion

Visitors driving toward the State Capitol in Bismarck can see a \$51.7 million dream coming true – the expansion of the North Dakota Heritage Center. In the planning stages for 12 years, it has been under construction since March 2011. This dream is now a reality, thanks to help from the North Dakota Lions Clubs and many other groups in the state.

North Dakota Lions voted to help with the expansion of the Heritage Center at their annual convention three years ago. Not only have they stepped up to serve as clubs, many individual Lions have made contributions, totaling well over \$100,000.

In addition to pledges by state clubs, the Lions are helping identify candidates for the History's Heroes giving program. This program recognizes individuals, families or communities who make a \$10,000 donation and preserves their histories at the North Dakota Heritage Center.



Construction crews work on the North Dakota Heritage Center expansion in late September.

This icon on the prairie will pay tribute to the legacy of our parents who have made this great state what it is today. It will tell the story of our families to the future generations of North Dakotans who will be inspired by our heritage.

The North Dakota Legislature authorized \$39.7 million of the total \$51.7 million to cover construction costs, and the State Historical Society of North

Dakota Foundation has been raising the remaining \$12 million through private donations. The expansion will add three new galleries and will nearly double the size of the current facility with the addition of 97,000 square feet.

The State Historical Society of North Dakota and its Foundation are proud to provide accolades to the Lions who have devoted time and money to the project. These club members are indeed putting into action the Lions motto, "WE SERVE," with their commitment to this program.

Key people who have been involved from the Bismarck Lions were honored at a recent noon meeting of their club with Foundation jackets as a memento of their service to the Foundation as a thank-you for the work the Lions have done.

For more information on the History's Heroes program and how a Lions club or any member can become involved in it, visit www.statehistoricalsociety.com to download pictures and the History's Heroes program.

Or, contact Bill Schott at 701-391-5611, or Virginia Nelsen and Marlo Sveen, at 701-222-1966.



Pictured from left: Bill Schott, State Historical Foundation coordinator and Mandan Lion; Janet Esser, Bismarck; Pat Vanette, Bismarck, 5 NC Governor, Mandan; Bruce Schwartz; Kay Link; and Chuck Esser of the Bismarck Lions who, with his wife, Janet, became History's Heroes and provided testimonies at the legislative sessions.

Donations continue for flood relief

Longfellow School chosen to receive funds

Submitted by
Josh Ressler, Zone Relief Fund coordinator

Lions in Zone 2A met Dec. 3. At the meeting, those attending chose a project that will benefit from proceeds from the Minot Flood Relief Drive.

As you know, Longfellow School was involved in the flood. Currently, students are being taught in a temporary building on the property.

With Lincoln school not being rebuilt, Minot Public Schools will be adding on to Longfellow, as well as a few other schools, to replace the Lincoln location. We have decided that with the increase in students that new playground equipment will be needed. We will be working with Minot Public Schools and Lion Tracey Lawson who is the principal of Longfellow.

Currently, we have more than \$40,000 in our fund. Our goal is to reach \$75,000 as this is the max that LCIF will match. Lions Clubs from around the state, and even a few outside of N.D., have done an amazing job so far raising funds. I want to say a sincere thank you for all the donations.

Now that we have a project, we can ask for local help from businesses and private donations to help us reach our goal.

Although \$150,000 sounds like a lot for playground equipment it is just a start. This is something that the whole community

can use. And it will be a great morale booster for the students at Longfellow!

Our next step will be to work with the architects and Minot Public Schools on what will fit in the space allocated.

Donations are still being accepted. To help in the relief effort, send checks to: 2A Flood Relief Fund, PO Box 782, Minot, ND 58702.

MOST RECENT DONATIONS

- Grand Forks - \$2,325
- Red River - \$1,000
- Red River member Elaine Brinkman - \$25
- Glenburn - \$820
- Emerado-Arvilla - \$500
- Prairie Rose - \$507.40
- Strasburg - \$100
- Funds raised from the State Convention ie:
Tail twisting, silent auction and donations - \$2,675.26
- MD5 Council of Governors - \$700

Ambassadors had great time

Submitted by Dale Moss

Editor's note: Moss is president of the Harlem Ambassadors. His letter appeared in the Forum

On Oct. 10, the North Dakota State University Fargo Lions Club hosted the Harlem Ambassadors professional show basketball team for a night of high-flying slam dunks, hilarious comedy and feel-good family entertainment.

The Harlem Ambassadors would like to extend a special thank-you to event organizers Rachel Geiser and Robert Littlefield, who planned and promoted the game.

The Fargo Area All Stars proved to be an energetic and enthusiastic challenging team, and we thank all of the players for their good sportsmanship.

The event would not have been possible without the support and generosity of local community sponsors, the NDSU - Fargo Lions Club members, and the event volunteers.

The Harlem Ambassadors thank the community of Fargo for its warm hospitality and look forward to returning to Fargo in the future.



The race is on

Lion Elsie Shaw, right, and PDG Kevin Vannett race to the Holiday table during the local Lions Christmas party. Lion Elsie won by a nose!

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November transport list

All are one-time transporters

Claude Sheldon – Park River	Mike Coleman – Grand Forks
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Dennis Nathan – Valley City	Jerome Langseth – Williston
Robert Weed – Devils Lake	

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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Lions Peace Essay

Children Know Peace

By Ethin Probst, age 13

When I first heard the theme, "Children Know Peace", I immediately thought that some children have no peace while others have a handle on how to feel peaceful. Children learn how to be nice by examples from others and they also can learn how to be mean.

For instance, bullies are a case where a person can be mean to another. Because of my vision loss, I sometimes get bullied. Sometimes, I am treated like I am invisible just because I am blind and some people try to hide from me because they think I can't see them. I can't see them, but I know they are there and just don't know how to talk to me so they pretend they are not in the room with me. My first reaction is anger. But then I start to feel so sad that I almost cry because I feel so lonely.

I have discovered that if you treat people with respect, you get respect in return. Through setting my own example of passing kindness onto others I get kindness returned to me. Giving someone a compliment, volunteering my time to help others, and even being polite to my bullies are all acts of unselfishness.

In order to change the world, one must lead by example. This is one of the ways I am a leader in my community. This is how the process of peace begins...with kindness.

Club News

Garrison



Scrooge would be proud

The Garrison Lions Club hosted one of the street vendor booths Dec. 1-2 during the Dickens Village Festival in Garrison. The club made and sold bags of caramel corn, taking in more than \$250 in the venture. Among those purchasing some of the corn were, left, Manny Alves and Sandy Blanes. Garrison Lions Club members selling their wares were Lion Stu Merry and Lion Tami Engel.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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May this find you in good health, in good spirits, and looking forward to a joyous holiday season. Brenda and I hope you find time to ring a Salvation Army bell, serve a meal at a shelter, or visit someone with limited mobility. More than at any other time we are mindful of our many blessings and of the needs of those who “we serve.”

We are looking forward to sharing a holiday celebration with the Carrington Lions tomorrow night and with the Red River Lions next week. I wonder if Santa will make an appearance? Respecting the travel challenges we face this time of year, we’ve scheduled mostly close-to-home visitations in January and February. The district is going to do the January cabinet meeting via satellite/web technology again this year to reduce highway travel. Details on that soon.

It has been a great Lions year thus far and as we’ve visited clubs throughout

eastern and central North Dakota we are constantly amazed at the enthusiasm, energy, and creativity we see. You should be proud of all you’ve accomplished. Everyone we meet tells us they love being Lions and are fulfilled by helping others.

OK, Troops, Listen Up!

I’ve intentionally drawn a bold line at this point to indicate a significant shift in subject and focus. I want to address a serious subject with you. A storm cloud has formed on our otherwise sunny Lions day. District 5NE is shrinking--there are fewer Lion hands serving today than there were yesterday and fewer yesterday than the day before. We have lost one club altogether and we have others that are struggling for their very existence. We are down 49 members for the year.

This decline isn’t inevitable; there are things we can do to change direction. It is your district officers’ responsibility to come to the assistance of struggling clubs and we

will do that. If you believe your club needs help there are resources available. First, we need to be aware of problems; let us know your concerns.

What can you do personally? It’s pretty basic stuff and I’m guessing you already know the answer. You must find those undiscovered Lions. I call potential members “undiscovered Lions” because many of them already share the attitudes of caring and serving others. I suggest that we not “go find people to make into Lions”, rather I suggest that we look to people who already think, care, and act like Lions in our communities and joyously put Lions pins on them. There are lots of Lions out there who just haven’t found us yet.

What specifically should your club be doing? The first step is to acknowledge the need to do something. This isn’t someone else’s problem; it isn’t someone else’s challenge.

If you’ve received special gifts from being a Lion, I can’t imagine not wanting to help others experience those gifts. We all want the best for those who come after us. Certainly you want your community to have an active, vibrant Lions Club, right? It’ll only happen if today’s Lions insure the future.

If your club doesn’t have a membership plan then that’s the first step. A plan can be something formal with steps and milestones and checklists. That works well for many groups. A plan can also be as simple as a genuine shared commitment to do something. Instill an expectation that members invite guests to meetings and guests receive offers of membership. Every club must plan to do something!

For the district to “get well,” we can’t



“Newest Lion members — The Conehead family from planet Remulac — Beldar, Primat, and Connie Conehead. From left, 5NE District Governor Steve Johnson; Kim Olson, spouse of 5NE District Governor Elect Mel Olson; and 5NW District Governor Pat Vannett. The characters were participants in a skit presented by the North Dakota delegation during a recent Multiple District 5 (MD5) Council of Governors meeting in Mandan.”

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simply rely on the usual suspects. By usual suspects I mean those in every club who are naturals at getting potential new members to join. What we need is for EVERYONE to be a membership champion. If you're reading this then you are part of the solution. When you put down this issue of the ND Lion pick up a pencil and write the names of three people who think and act like Lions. Then pick up the telephone and call each of

them. Tell them you're aware that they are caring people and tell them you have a great idea to enrich their lives. Ask them to accompany you to the club's next meeting and to become a Lion. Tell them they'll meet some truly wonderful people.

Beginning in January the first topic in every column will be Membership Heroes. If your club has added a member then your club is a membership hero. Any new members will be recognized by name—every one of them. In retrospect, I probably should have been doing this all along. It's

that important.

You can give yourself and your district governor the best Christmas gift ever by adding someone to our Lions family. International president Tam tells us that many great works begin with an individual Lion's "I Believe" commitment and they grow to become great "We Did" successes. Let's make membership one of those successes.

In service and in recognition of this wonderful, hopeful season,
District Governor Steve

Club News

Mandan



Mandan Lions receive gifts

Above, Lions Clubs of Mandan with their Welcome to Mandan gifts. This project is in conjunction with the Mandan Progress Organization.



Certificate of Appreciation

Left, Lion Dan Long receives a Certificate of Appreciation from International President for his mission work for the visually impaired.

Elgin



Lions donate

The Elgin Lions Club distributed the funds from Hamburgers in the Park recently. Hamburgers are sold each Friday evening in the City Park for approximately 13 weeks. Each of 11 organizations received \$364.84. Here Lion Duane Schatz President of the Elgin Museum receives a check of \$364.84 from Lion President Jeff Hillius. Other organizations receiving funds were Elgin Golf Course, Girl Scouts, Carson Ambulance, Grant County High School Senior Class, New Leipzig Ambulance, New Leipzig Senior Meals, Elgin Saddle Club, Elgin Senior Meals, Highway 21 Bus and Grant County High School. First International Bank sponsors bank night with free hamburgers, pop, chips and homemade pie..Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.



DG visits Elgin

District Governor Pat Vannett, right, of Mandan visited the Elgin Lions Club Thursday, Sept. 22, during the regular meeting, and presented President Lion Jeff Hillius with a special President's Pin. District Governor Vannett urged the members to attend the state Lions Convention in Bismarck at the end of October. Also attending the meeting from Mandan was Zone Chairman Arlin Fetch who is planning to hold a Zone Meeting in Elgin. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.

Bismarck



Bismarck Lions pitch in

Lion Bob Offerdahl, Lion Cal Bender, PDG Carla Bender, Lion Lori Newgard, 5A Zone Chair Joel Newgard, and friends recently helped clean up flood damage close to the river in Bismarck. Don't forget Minot, but remember Bismarck and Mandan also has substantial flood damage that needs to be cleaned up.

Williston Korner



Club plants trees

Six Korner Lions planted 10 apple trees as their part of the International Lions campaign to plant a million trees this year. The International Lions campaign is part of the on going concern for the environment that Lions throughout the world share. Korner Lions Lester Olson and Marvin Baarstad co-chair the local club's projects which include among other projects; an annual clean up of a stretch of highway and they care for the Cut Bluff Overlook area south east of Williston. Lions planting the trees at Cut Bluff on October 15th, were, from left, Don Wahus, Lester Olson, June Burns, Marvin Baarstad, Lee Burns(a Lions spouse) and, not pictured, Lois Reiersen.

Medina



Just a little bit

5NE District Governor Steve Johnson visited the Medina Lions Club Nov. 2. Instead of new projects and new goals, he is asking us to give "just a little bit."



Trunk 'n Treat

The Medina Lions helped get this new community event off the ground with a \$200 donation for the meal served to youngsters and parents on Halloween evening. Following the meal, the kids played carnival games until darkness fell. Then it was time to visit the thirty-four vehicle trunks that lined the street, ready to give out treats to the little ghosts and goblins and all who came by. The event was a great success with about 150 youth taking part in the festivities. Pictured is the Medina Lions trunk. The bucket of treats was inside the trunk, accessed through the lion's open mouth. A recording of Lion rumbles and roars could be heard as treats were given out by vampire Lion Mabel Cowell.

Club hosts brunch

The Medina Lions Club held their annual brunch fundraiser on Sunday, December 4, 2011, serving pancakes, french toast, sausage, orange juice and coffee to about 130 hungry patrons. The club also observed White Cane Day, distributing White Canes and stickers to all who attended. Proceeds from the White Cane donation basket are earmarked for the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota. Net proceeds from the brunch are used for various Lions community service projects.



Lion Jim Cowell was one of the pancake makers at the fundraiser.



Lion Mabel Cowell distributed White Canes.



Scott Moser prepared the sausage for the feed.

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Dear Lions of 5NW,
“We Serve.”

“We Serve” is something that every Lion should say with great pride. However, our service to others is more than just a slogan or even a description of what we do.

“We Serve” is a commitment that Lions have, and that commitment defines who we are. We serve because we know we can change lives. We serve because we know we can make a difference in the world. We serve because there are needs to be met.

Lions of 5NW give hope

During this Advent season, Lions throughout our district are providing Hope to those less fortunate than us by filling the food pantries, packing gift boxes with mittens, hats, gloves and essential personal care items. You are providing a small child with a present under the tree because their parents are unable to provide one for them. You are delivering Christmas dinners to shut-ins and those who do not have the means to purchase those extra special holiday items.

My heart bursts with pride for all of the goodness that all of you provide to your community and the people who live among you.

Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

Mandan Dacotah
Gertrude Marquardt

North Star
Tom Heid

Stanley
Kent Hjelmstad
David Nicoletti

**University of Mary
Campus Club**
Kristina Leuwer

Williston
Derek Dilly

Lions of 5NW engage youth

• The other day, a local TV news camera shot a picture of a 90+ Lion working alongside a 15 year old Leo selling Christmas trees. Now that is news worthy! Side by side, the older Lion and young Leo helped families pick out just the perfect tree, they cut the bottom off and the young lad carried it to their vehicle. Great job Mandan Lions. Do you think that young person will remember that day?

• I was pulling into a small town one snowy night for a club visit and noticed much activity around a building with a Lions emblem on the back door. I stopped and walked in. Low and behold, there I found the local Lions filling the food pantry shelves with food that was collected by the school children in their community. Congratulations Glenburn Lions for your wonderful Food Pantry project. Do you believe like I do that the community respects their Lions club?

• Just this afternoon, I had the pleasure of meeting with Katelyn Schmidt, her parents, teacher and principal to congratulate them on this talented young lady's Peace Poster entry. Her poster was the winner at the multiple district level and has qualified for the final round of competitors at the International level. Congratulations to the sponsor club the Mandan Dacotah Lions. The student, parents, grandmother, teacher and principal are so excited and proud to be a part of this great program. Do you think they have respect for Lions?

• There are many Lions who are hosting Santa days. You are creating wonderful memories for many children. I hope that they and their parents' know that it is the Lions who are giving them this wonderful day. Do you believe they will remember this day forever?

• Doing Lions projects can be fun too. I learned of a glucose screening project that is funded by the local Lions night at the races - a video race night event with play money. About 200 people will

receive free glucose screenings thanks to this innovative project. Congratulations Bowman Lions club – good job. You just may help someone discover they have diabetes.

Lions of 5NW bring joy to the visually impaired and are enriched by their vision

• Thirty two people in North Dakota have been gifted by Lions with independence through the Video Magnifier Program. Because of your commitment to this project, those individuals can write their own checks, read the newspaper, their church bulletin, a book or a bible. This holiday season, they can write out Christmas cards and read the ones they receive. These are all things that we who are sighted take for granted. Thank you for the smiles that your gift brings them. Thank you for being “Knight of the Blind” through this worthwhile project.

• The 2nd Annual Peace Essay local competition has been completed. This contest is for children who are blind. Ethin Probst was our district winner. He was also named the MDS Runner Up. Great Job! When you read what he has to say, you will be astounded!

Lions of 5NW caring for their members

Once again, the Lions of 5NW are the leaders by committing to take part in the Club Excellence Process. Twelve Lions Clubs have already signed on. FANTASTIC! Those clubs are already engaging their communities in dialogue with the “Community Needs Assessment.” They are also conducting their “Lions Club

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Assessment.” The first workshop day is scheduled for Glen Ullin on January 14. That workshop is FULL! Another is being planned for February in the Halliday/Killdeer area.

Who will be the next group? Hurry, Hurry! Contact Lion PDG Herman Schafer at hesh@bis.midco.net or Lion 1stVDGE Mike Blazek at vdgsnw2012@gmail.com to get one scheduled in your area.

Spring rally – April 14, 2012, Hebron

The district leadership shows we care for YOU by making sure that your club officers have excellent training to help your club be as successful as possible. That is why we hold the Spring Leadership Rally each year.

This year's Spring Rally is being held in Hebron. They have a computer lab, so your club secretary will get hands on help with LCI reporting and learn WHY these are so valuable to your Lions club. There will be other great workshops offered from setting agendas to starting a Strides Walk. Not only that – every Lion is invited because there will be something for everyone. If there is a particular topic you would like to see covered contact DGE Lewellyn Rustan at irite@ndsupernet.com.

If you are a new Lion, by coming to the Rally you will be able to get two items

marked off for your ROOKIE LION AWARD. If you have been a Lion for more than a year, you can also get two items marked off for your ROARIN' LION AWARD.

You will be inspired and motivated! Attend the Spring Rally, April 14, 2012!

MD5 shows their caring for district 5NW

During the Council of Governors meeting held in November, the Governors from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan along with all of the committee chairs and directors decided to dispense with the annual holiday gift exchange. Instead, we did a free will offering for the Lions Zone 2A Flood Relief efforts. Thank you to all of those who participated. Over \$700 was raised that night.

Lions of 5NW offer the gift of membership to others

Because you choose to invite others to join in your service projects, you choose to grow your Lions club. By following up with those people with an invitation to join you Lions club, you choose to grow your membership. With the growth of your Lions club, your service grows and your community benefits.

I am excited to see some of the clubs opening their doors to membership growth. You are the clubs that are the visionaries of our organization. You are

being open minded. You are working together toward improving your organization. This will help your local community in many ways. Because Lions have been such a vital part of most small communities, it is important that you maintain that vitality. Your Lions clubs have earned the respect of your community. When your citizens see you engaging in positive change to improve your clubs, they will know they can count on you during this time of population explosion.

The best thing that all of your membership growth efforts will bring to you is new friendships. Some will become your friends for life.

Thank you to those who are choosing to offer the best gift possible this Christmas, membership into the greatest service organization in the world, Lions Clubs International.

Lions of 5NW offer district governor wonderful hospitality

I want to thank the 30 Lions clubs who have blessed me with a club visit to date. Only 24 clubs left. Where is the time going? You have been gracious and welcoming. Thank you for including me in some fun tail-twisting and for the opportunity to install your new members. What a treat!

Thank you for the many gifts you have given to Lions Clubs International Foundation on my behalf. Those dollars will help provide more disaster relief, continue the global fight against disease that causes blindness like diabetes and measles and assist with youth projects. Our international association is the most respected among all service organizations because of this giving arm called LCIF.

If you have a special occasion that you would like Kevin and I to attend, contact me early so I can hold that date for your club.

Clearly the Lions of District 5NW live our motto “We Serve.” The evidence is everywhere. It is defined through all of the good works you are doing each and every day. Blessings to you and your family during this most blessed time of year.

DG Pat

Taken from the Jamestown Sun – “Back in Time” section

1936 - 75 Years Ago Secretary-General of Lions Visited Jamestown Friday

Melvin Jones, secretary-general and founder of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was the guest and principal speaker of the Jamestown Lions, in a luncheon at the Gladstone Hotel yesterday.

“Be headed in the right direction,” said Mr. Jones in his interesting talk to the club. “The main function of the service club is to be helpful to your community in every manner possible,” Mr. Jones said, and speaking to the younger members of the club, he continued, “be grateful to everyone and do not be afraid to accept responsibilities as you travel along life’s highways.”

Katelyn Schmidt wins MD5 competition in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Katelyn Schmidt, a 6th grade student at Mandan Middle School, Mandan, North Dakota, took a big step towards becoming an internationally recognized artist when she won a local competition sponsored by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, Mandan, North Dakota.

Katelyn's poster has advanced through the Mandan Dacotah Club, District 5 NW and MD5 levels of competition and is now advancing to the international level, which is the final level in the contest.

Katelyn's poster is one of more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Peace is a feeling you get when all races of all nations come together to help each other when they need it," the eleven year-old from Mandan said. The poster was selected for its originality, the choice of colors, the attention to detail and the story the poster tells of the theme "Children Know Peace" by a panel of judges made up of local artists. The artists were astounded at the imagination of the young participants and the artwork they submitted. Each poster received the appreciation of the judges for their excellent work. The judging was held on November 25, 2011 at Regina, Saskatchewan.

MD 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson, Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett said she was impressed by the expression and creativity of the students from the six Districts in MD5. "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I'm so proud that we were able to



MD 5 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett, left, and one of the local contest judges, Verna Betker, with the winning MD5 Peace Poster. Verna is a well known local artist from Regina, Sask.

provide them with the opportunity to share their visions."

"All the Lions of MD 5 are cheering for Katelyn as her poster advances to the international competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world," Lion Meston-Pockett said.

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US \$2,500, plus a trip for the winner, two family members and the sponsoring club president to New York City, New York, USA for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US \$500.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 205 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.

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

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Club News

Carrington



New Melvin Jones

5NE District Governor Steve Johnson celebrates with Carrington Lions Club's two newest Melvin Jones Fellows, Mary Ann Zwinger (left) and Royce Topp.

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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Today's children need Lions more than ever

Submitted by
PDG Katherine Tweed

That headline on the Lions Clubs International website for Services for Children is too true. Lions are answering the call. One of the great things about being part of the world's largest service organization is that no matter where you are, you can be on the front lines of helping a child face challenges.

Because Lions want to make every dollar work hard, LCI partners with respected organizations to get things done in a hurry when disaster strikes. North Dakota received aid from Lions around the world. We, in turn, help others.

As part of our Multiple District 5 initiative for children, please consider participating in the School-in-a-Box kit program. The kits ensure the continuation of children's education in the first 72 hours of an emergency. Each kit contains essential classroom supplies for a teacher and up to 40 students. Teachers can also use the inside cover of the box as a chalkboard.

Lions have supported this program since 1996. Lions continue to support the distribution of the UNICEF School-in-a-Box kits to children affected by emergencies and natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods and hurricanes – including recently in the U.S., Katrina.

Each box costs approximately \$257. That comes out to \$6.43 for each child who can find something steady and enriching in a disaster situation. Please send your donations to Katherine Tweed, MD5 Services for Children, 501 24th Ave. S., Fargo, ND 58103, or to your District Governor. Your checks should be written to LCI with the memo line: School-in-a-Box. All clubs are encouraged to participate. Individual Lions can also contribute. We want to channel all donations through the MD5 process so that we can tally our total contributions.

If you have further questions, please contact Lion Katherine at ktweed@cableone.net or 701.235.2115.

Lions asked to help visually impaired *Magnifier Program benefiting North Dakotans*

By Herman A. Schafer

The Lions Foundation of ND Video Magnifier Program is offering independence to the visually impaired throughout North Dakota. This is a challenge that is not new to Lions Clubs in North Dakota or throughout the world.

Lionism began in June of 1917, when a young Chicago insurance agent, Melvin Jones, presented to a group of separate business clubs the idea of consolidating the individual clubs in Chicago into one strong influential club with the goal of helping the community and serving humanity.

In 1925, Helen Keller spoke with the Lions in attendance at a convention in Ohio about their purpose. It appeared that they really didn't have a universal purpose at that time. During her 10 minute talk, she challenged the lions to become "Knights of the Blind". This challenge has been and still is the central focus of Lions Clubs everywhere.

Perhaps you remember Campaign SightFirst, held just a few years ago. Through this project Lions Clubs International raised more than \$150 million to help thousands of people along the Amazon river treat blindness. Later, we took part in Campaign SightFirst 2 with a goal of raising \$200 million to help others around the world with vision problems and other health problems. Again we accomplished our goal. The Lions Clubs in North Dakota worked hard to help Lions throughout the world reach these goals.

Right now we are asking clubs in North Dakota to help the visually impaired here at home, right in our own communities. We have many people who need to know that we as Lions Clubs care about each and everyone of them.

Please consider using a project such as the "Strides Walk" or another fund raiser to purchase at least one Video Magnifier Machine every year. It is easy when you make this part of your annual budget and

then involve people in and around your city to help.

North Dakota Lions started a video magnifier program in October 2010, and since then we have placed thirty (32) machines which help offer independence to the visually impaired. This is great!

We presently have sixteen (16) applications from people throughout our state who are waiting for us to reach out to them. The need for us to help now is more relevant today than ever before. We ask you to please step up to the plate and assist those who need us within our own borders.

In 1925 Helen Keller said, "I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not commit yourselves as Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?"

We are Lions, we are needed! "We Serve." Let's help Helen Keller bring light to others in North Dakota and around the world.

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

Council applies for PR grant

By DG Louise Schley
MD 5 Public Relations chair

"Season's Greetings!" from your MD5 Council of Governors! The Council met in November and this column will help to get everyone up to speed on news from Multiple District 5.

First, we are pleased to report that at our November meeting, instead of exchanging Christmas gifts with each other, the Council members and guests collectively donated \$750 to the Zone 2A Flood Fund in Minot, North Dakota.

It was voted on at the Council meeting to donate this money to Minot because they have hosted our Council meetings for almost 20 years. In addition, the Minot Holiday Inn sent notice to the Council that it would be ready for us to return to Minot for our March meeting.

The Council has been meeting in Mandan due to the closing of the Holiday Inn for repair following the flood. If all goes as planned, members of the Council who are able to arrive early in Minot for the meeting will work together and participate in a service project to help the Minot community. Be confident that your Council of Governors is committed to giving of its resources and service to help those in need of assistance.

Looking ahead, the Council is applying for a Multiple District Public Relations Grant from Lions Clubs International as part of its efforts to increase the visibility of Lionism around the world. Each District Governor has identified its individual PR project at the district level.

The six district plans are being compiled into one master grant for the entire multiple district that will be submitted after the first of the year.

Over the previous two years, the multiple district has applied for and received a \$20,000 grant each year. Because we have received two consecutive grants, we may not be selected to receive one this year. However, we are eligible to apply and will hope for the best!

As we look to January, the next contest deadline approaches. The Environmental Photo Contest sponsored by LCI is the next contest clubs should consider entering. The guidelines and entry form for

this contest are included with this article. Next month, we will be posting the rules for the Multiple District Club of the Year, MD Web Site, Club Scrapbook, and Club Newsletter contests.

Be sure to check our multiple district website at www.md5lions.org/Your MD5 Council of Governors is committed

to providing effective and responsible leadership for all Lions and Leos in North Dakota, Saskatchewan, and South Dakota. Please feel free to direct any questions or comments about MD5 to your own district governor or to MD5 Council Chair Robert Littlefield at r.littlefield@ndsu.edu.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season!



Lions Environmental P H O T O C O N T E S T

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo (without people) of the environment of their Lions club in the following 2011-12 Lions Environmental Photo Contest categories:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Protecting our future with trees: Photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

- LIONS CLUBS select and submit one winning photo to the district.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the multiple district. January 15, 2012 is the suggested deadline for districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photo to the multiple district.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the international contest. March 1, 2012 is the deadline for multiple districts to submit one 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) printed photograph and an official entry form (available on the Lions Web site) signed by the council chairperson to Lions Headquarters.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display multiple district-level entries at the annual Lions international convention. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos. An award will be presented to the winning photographers. The six (the five category winners and the Best of Show) winning photos will appear on the Lions Web site.

Lion photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos. Contest photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org

Arnegard



President's Pin

Arnegard Club President Tony Volske receives International President's pin from DG Vannett.

Stanley



Stanley Lion recognized

Long time Stanley club secretary Lion Dale Ellis receives DG Pat's personal pin in recognition of his service.

In the spirit of Christmas,

the MD5 2012 Convention Planning Committee
is offering a temporary

**Reduction in the 2012 MD5 Lions
Convention Registration!**

To Save NOW, look elsewhere in this issue
for the Convention Registration
form and submit, with payment,
by January 15, 2012!

MD5 Convention Christmas
Offer: JMS/12-2-2011



MD5 Lions – “Pride of the Heartland”

MD5 Lions 2012 Convention Registration Form

June 1st & 2nd, 2012 • Ramkota Inn • 800 South 3rd Street • Bismarck ND 58504

(1) Name _____
(Last) (First)

_____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1, 2012?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

(2) Name _____
(Last) (First)

_____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1, 2012?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

Address _____

City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip/PC _____

Home Phone (_____) _____

Cell (_____) _____

District _____ Club (1) _____

Club (2) _____

REGISTRATION FEES:

Before January 15, 2012 ... \$100.00

Before April 15, 2012..... \$125.00

Before May 15, 2012 \$140.00

At Convention (Walk-In) \$150.00

Additional charge:

PDG/Senior Counselor Awards Brunch;
\$16.00/person; everyone welcome

_____ Brunches at \$16 = \$_____

Total Remitted \$_____

Please make checks payable to:

Lions MD5 2012 Convention
c/o Lion James Bumann
1103 Jefferson Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58504

Email: papajim20@gmail.com

REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from the Lions MD5 2012 Convention Committee Treasurer, Lion James Bumann, 1103 Jefferson Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58504, until May 30, 2012. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Secretary/Treasurer PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Avenue NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention.

Questions should be directed to the MD5 Convention Co-Chairs, Lion David Charles at dcharles@bepc.com or (701) 202-6426 or PDG Bev Charles at dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net or (701) 202-6427.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Convention Location – Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND 58504. For reservations call 701- 258-7700. The room block is guaranteed until April 30th 2012 at \$84.00 per night, plus 9% tax. Ask for Lion's Convention room rate. Check-In Time: 3:00 p.m. - Check-Out Time 11:00 a.m.

RV ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to bring an RV, Bismarck KOA (701-222-2662) and Prairie Breeze RV Park (701-224-8215), at Menoken, 10 miles east of Bismarck, will be available.



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Oct. 1, 2011 to Jan. 31, 2012	\$85.00 per person
Feb. 1, 2012 to June. 30, 2012	\$105.00 per person
July 1, 2012 to On Site Dates	\$125.00 per person

New Lions Rate (Inducted after Nov. 1, 2011) \$75.00 per person
Additional Banquet Meals Available \$25.00 per person

4 SEE YOU IN FARGO!

2012 ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION—FARGO

FULL NAME: _____

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CONVENTION FEE: \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY ST. ZIP

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 2012 ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION

CHECK ONE: LION _____ GUEST _____

CURRENT LIONS TITLE HELD: _____

MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Fargo Lions Club
Attn: Karna Nelson
P.O. Box 21
Fargo, ND 58107

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