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ID Gary Anderson keynotes 2012 MD5 Convention

by Lion JeAnne Selby,
2012 MD5 Convention PR chair

The 2012 MD5 Lions Convention, slated for June 1 - 2, at Bismarck, will feature second-year International Director Dr. Gary A. Anderson, from Grand Rapids, MI, as the keynote speaker.

ID Anderson was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the 93rd International Convention, held at Sydney, Australia, in July 2010.

Director Anderson is a Doctor of Optometry and owner of Anderson Eye Care.

A member of the Grand Rapids Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices, including club president, district governor and council chairperson. He has also served as Campaign Sight First II district coordinator, co-chair of the 2007 USA/Canada Forum planning committee,



Dr. Gary A. Anderson

and has participated in 22 Lions vision missions to Central and South America, India and Serbia.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Henry Voet Grand Rapids Lifetime Achievement Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Humanitarian Award, the Grandville and Betty Cutler Leadership Award, the Lions of Michigan Foundation Ken Lautzenheiser Fellow Award, the S. A. Dodge MD-11 Distinguished Service Award, 10 International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and two International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, ID Anderson is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Optometric Association and the Michigan

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Dakota Adventure seeks campers

Opportunities for clubs to get involved as well

Youth in MD5 between the ages of 16-18 are encouraged to register now for the 2012 Youth Exchange Camp to be July 8-14 in Sioux Falls. The cost is \$350 per camper and includes lodging, meals and all activities. The camp anticipates hosting 40 youths with the goal of 20 international campers and 20 campers from MD-5.

The camp will be hosted on the campus of Augustana College, a 100-acre campus in the heart of Sioux Falls. Activities for the week include cultural and sightseeing activities, recreational activities and community service opportunities.

Youth Exchange was officially adopted in 1962. It is founded on the first object

of Lionism: "To create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world."

"We are excited to be hosting this year's camp in Sioux Falls," Lion Paul Krueger, camp coordinator and a member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club said. "We encourage each club in the area to identify and encourage a student to come to camp. We promise a memorable week of fun and fellowship."

The application deadline is March 31. Several of the international spots are already spoken for, so campers are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

A registration form and more

information is available at www.md5lions.org/Youth-Exchange.html, by contacting PDG Lion George Pretli at gpretli@hotmail.com or 2012 MD5 Lions Youth Camp Coordinator Lion Paul Krueger at paulkrueger@yahoo.com.

Lions Clubs in MD5 can get involved by encouraging youth to attend, by sending a financial gift to off-set the cost of hosting the camp, or by hosting an international student a week before and a week after camp.

For more information about these opportunities please contact Lion Paul Krueger at the email address above or by calling 605.610.5493.

Mandan Dacotah Lions Club helps a family

What started off as a request to put together a Christmas meal for a family in need evolved into a van full of gifts, food and necessities.

The Mandan Dacotah Lions Club asked their members to bring traditional Christmas meal items for donation to a family in need. At the end of the two-week project the donations ranged from a computer monitor to kuchen to a turkey with all of the fixings.

The donations will provide a Christmas to a family that would have otherwise gone without.

"My husband brought the idea up to the club's board and everyone was on board," club director Marci Moore said. "Then we introduced it to the whole club and they were all thrilled to help."

All of the donations came from the 40 club members.

"Everyone really gave from their hearts and really put Christ back in Christmas," Moore said. "We had members really scrape the bottoms of their pockets."

The Lions Club felt as though the family on the receiving end of their efforts could not have been more deserving.

"The family has a mother that is working three jobs and her mom is in the hospital. Her husband is paralyzed and was recently diagnosed with cancer. She has a daughter with a 1-month-old baby and a son that is in high school," Moore said.

The Lions Clubs seeks to provide assistance to those in need in the community.

"We do a lot of behind the scenes things," Moore said. "We are not there to get a pat on the back, we are here to help those in need. We want them to know they can come to us."

Courtesy of Bismarck Tribune

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Optometric Association.

Director Anderson and his wife, Cheryl, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son and two daughters, all of whom are Lions and whose spouses are Lions. They have one grandson. Director Anderson's brother, parents, father and mother-in-law are also Lions.

Lions members are encouraged to pre-register at their earliest convenience; the registration fee is \$125.00 per person until April 15, when it increases to \$140.00 per person. Look elsewhere in this issue for the MD5 Convention registration form.

A block of rooms, guaranteed at \$84.00 per night (plus applicable taxes) until April 30, has been reserved at Convention headquarters, the Ramkota Inn, in south Bismarck. For those planning to bring a recreational vehicle to the convention, RV accommodations can be arranged with Bismarck KOA or Prairie Breeze RV Park, at Menoken (10 miles east of Bismarck). All phone numbers are included on the pre-registration form.

Watch for additional MD5 Convention details in future issues. Mark your calendar now, submit your pre-registration form, make your hotel or RV reservation -- and plan to attend the June 1 - 2 MD5 Convention in Bismarck! The Convention Committee promises worthwhile programming, along with a fun weekend!



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December transport list

Editor's note: Following are those Lions members who were called upon this past month to transport eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota. They are true Lions, living up to our motto, We Serve.

One-time transporters

Harley Trefz – Buffalo City
Mike Coleman – Grand Forks
Melvin Karch – Valley City
Mike Vettel – Jamestown
Dwayne Heinrich – Jamestown
Andrew Swanson – Grand Forks
Jerome Langseth – Williston

Three-time transporter

Mike Lemna – Lisbon

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NDAB is seeking nominations

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc., once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Jan Merry of the Garrison Lions Club, received her award at the banquet during NDAB's state convention, which was in Minot in June of last year.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was established in 2008 in honor of the more than 24 years of service that Bob had contributed to people with sight loss.

In memory of Bob's service, NDAB is asking that the various Lions Clubs of North Dakota consider submitting the name of one of their members who exemplifies Bob's spirit of selfless, but generally unrecognized, assistance to people who are blind or who have low vision.

The person who will be chosen for this award is not necessarily the one who has held the most offices or who has been recognized in other ways, but the one who has been working quietly behind the scenes in providing humble, yet very important, service to people who are blind or who have low vision.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the award.

Submit your nominee's application by March 15, 2012, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club President.

Typed correspondence would be much appreciated. Please send the requested information to the committee chairperson: Candy Lien, 4285 47th Ave. S. Fargo, ND 58104 or via e-mail at cmlien@hotmail.com.

The recipient will be announced at a later date and honored at the NDAB's annual convention which will be held in Bismarck in June of 2012.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit the web site at www.ndab.org.

Club News

Rugby



The Rugby Lions Club held its annual charter night in October. Charles Repnow, left and Galen Mack were presented Melvin Jones Fellowships. Lion Betty Triplett presented to Lion Charles Repnow and 5NE District Governor Steve Johnson is photographed with Lion Galen Mack.



Outgoing president Lion Joni Johnson receives her President's plaque from Lion President Lila Harstad.



Photo at left, Rugby Lions met at the Rugby Amtrak depot to decorate the facility for Christmas. Following decorating, the members enjoyed a chili supper. Front, from left, Larry Fueller, Craig Wollenburg, Jeff Lingerfelt, Lila Harstad and Pat Bye. Back, from left, Jan and Lydia Repnow and Sandy Mongeon.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Here's hoping you and your loved ones had a great holiday season and that all are healthy and happy. Brenda and I traveled to Texas and to Minneapolis to spend time with family. It was great to return to good old ND and the unbelievably mild weather we're enjoying.

We feel privileged to have attended Christmas parties with the Carrington Lions and with the Red River Lions. As International President Tam would appreciate, we felt like we were with family.

5NE Hero Clubs

As I committed to last month, my first order of business is to recognize 5NE's hero clubs—those who added members in December. A proud salute to Carrington Lions who welcomed new Lions Juanita Short and Kerry Smith, to Davenport Lions who welcomed new Lion Timothy Heley, to Edgeley Lions who welcomed new Lion Mike Reinsour, to Fargo Lions who welcomed new Lion Samantha Peterson, to Fargo Gateway Lions who welcomed new Lion Kristie Heisler and Lion transfer Pat Simmers, to Jud Lions who welcomed new Lion Rhonda Pfaff, to Streeter Lions who welcomed new Lion Elmo Herman, and to Wishek Lions who welcomed new Lion John Anderson.

I have some indication that Enderlin was also a hero club, but Lions International did not have a listing for any new members for them in December. You folks might want to check on that. What does it take for your club to achieve hero status? It's simple, just add one or more new members.

Cyber Meeting

For those on the district cabinet our next meeting will be on January 28th from 10 a.m. to noon. We have arranged for satellite/computer sites in Grand Forks at either UND or School for the Blind, in Fargo at NDSU, at Carrington High School, Napoleon High School, Rugby High School, and at a yet-to-be determined location in Jamestown. Expect more information as the meeting date gets closer.

DG Visitations

Brenda and I are on the downhill stretch now having visited more than half of the district's 59 clubs. If your club is not yet on the schedule please contact us and together we'll find a date. We're avoiding February visits due to family responsibilities we have.

We had a great lunch with Fargo Gateway Lions last week and we'll be seeing Sheldon Lions on January 9th, UND Campus Lions on the 16th, Arthur

Lions on the 18th, NDSU Campus Lions on the 18th or 25th, Mayville-Portland Lions on the 24th, and Davenport Lions on the 26th. There is also a possibility of visiting Kindred, Larimore, and Leonard this month.

A Plug

I promised Wahpeton Headwaters Lions that I would mention their 3rd annual Dad's Belgian Waffle Brunch on Saturday, February 4th at the Wahpeton Community Center from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you're within driving distance that day your Lion hosts promise a great all-you-can eat waffle, sausage and beverages brunch and you'll be supporting a good cause at the same time. Call (701) 642-1250 for more details.

Stretching

As part of our membership goal for the year the district is emphasizing member retention—that is, holding onto those valuable members who are already part of our family. How can we encourage members stay with our clubs? Here are just a few ideas: have interesting meetings, start and end meetings on time, insure everyone has responsibilities within the club, conduct meaningful service projects, avoid cliques or allowing a few members to dominate the club, and be open to new ideas and ways of doing things.

If members do resign this year, district officers will follow up with the departing Lions to determine if anything could or should be done to reduce the likelihood others will follow. Those clubs wishing to go the extra mile to improve retention should investigate the Club Improvement Process (CIP). More on this in next



The Fargo Gateway Lions recently inducted their newest members. Pictured, from left, Club President Gelaine Orvik, Dave Dougherty, Kristi Heisler, Tammi Kilzer, and District Governor Steve Johnson.

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month's column or you can contact a district officer or consult the LCI webpage.

Another Winner

I'm proud to announce that Jean Gross from the Carrington Lions Club is the winner of the district's environmental photo contest. Lion Gross's beautiful sunrise shot will now compete at the Multiple District 5 level.

Sermon

I end my remarks this month with a "conscience call." I urge each of you to be acutely aware of the environment around you. I'm not referring to the earth, the sky, and trees which we marvel at every day, I'm talking about the environment we have created. There are walkways, entryways, hallways, and interior facilities that we all come in contact with as we live out our

daily lives. Most of us take these things for granted. To the physically limited, these features can represent barriers. Lions, if you have responsibility for or control of or influence the creation of these features in business or for public accommodations please insure that they facilitate access for all.

May the force be with Lions.
DG Steve



Burlington Sports Complex prior to the 2011 flood.



Burlington Sports Complex during the 2011 flood.



Burlington Sports Complex after the 2011 flood.

"Bricks for Burlington"

Lions rebuilding youth sports complex

Burlington, ND was devastated by a flood during the spring and summer of 2011. In December of 2011, most residents still have not returned to their homes as they continue their efforts to rebuild.

The Burlington Sports Complex was also destroyed by the flood. This complex is used by over 700 youth each week during the summer for baseball. The complex is also home to the Burlington Bulldogs, the legion baseball team. Many children and families also use the playground and picnic areas.

The Lions of North Dakota want the residents of Burlington to concentrate on rebuilding their homes. The Lions will work on fundraising and rehabilitation of

the sports complex.

For your donation of \$100, you will receive a 4" x 8" engraved brick placed on the grounds of the Burlington Sports Complex. You will also receive a certificate showing your contribution and what will

be engraved on the brick. For more information on "Bricks for Burlington" visit <http://bricksforburlington.weebly.com/buy-a-brick.html>

We will be continually updating our website on the progress and on new ideas on how your Lions Club can help the "Youth of Burlington" in this Heartwarming Project. For further information contact :

- Lion Cy Kotaska at 701 624-5663 or cyk@fmh.com
- Lion Kevin Peterson at 701-626-1899 or voltaire@srt.com
- Lion Marlo Anderson at 701 663-4155 or marlo@zoovio.com
- DG Pat Vannett at 701 426-8132 or pvannett@bis.midco.net
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Emerado-Arvilla



Sox for Kids

"Sox for Kids" treasurer Cec Tinderholt, Northwood, left, is pictured receiving check for \$500 from Emerado Arvilla Lions Club President Jim Johnson (2011). Also pictured are Lions: (PDG) Dennis Anderson, Salli Anderson (PP), Linda Schmidt (VP 2011) and Bob Entze.



Warm hearts

A \$500 check was presented to the First Sergeant's group Grand Forks Air Force Base for "Operation Warm Heart (formerly "White Christmas") by the Emerado Arvilla Lions Club. Pictured, front, from left, are 319 Air Base Group commander, Col. Bush, Lion Barney Danielson, EALC president Jim Johnson (2011), First Sergeants Group pres. (2011), SMSgt select, Wetzel. Back. Lions, Bob Entze, Ross Erickson and Bob White.

Napoleon



Talking turkey

The Napoleon Lions Club sponsored a turkey bingo on December 11, 2011. More than 125 people, young and old, played bingo, with 25 turkeys and 15 hams, plus prize drawings given away for Christmas. This annual fundraiser helps the Lions Club make donations to various projects. Lion Vice President, Curt Christofferson spearheaded the project, with local business places donating the turkeys and hams.



ND DG's during MD5 Council of Governors meeting.

In Remembrance

Dickinson
Ralph Roshau
Fargo Gateway
Burniel Wigen

Hebron
Aloys Feist
Sheldon
Mervin Bunn

Valley City
Charles Sjostrom



Elgin Lions Club Poker Tournament

Satellite night • Friday, Feb. 17
Starts at 5 p.m. MST • Entry fee \$25
Saturday, Feb. 18
Registration: noon to 1 p.m. MST
Tournament starts at 1 p.m.
\$100 buy-in • \$50 re-buy



NORTH STAR LIONS TEXAS HOLD 'EM TOURNAMENT

Sunday, Jan. 29, 2012 • 1 p.m.
AMVETS CLUB • 2402 RAILROAD AVE
BISMARCK, ND

- Tournament to 99 entries, 9 players per table
- Entry fee \$50 with a \$25 add-on available
- Food and refreshments available
- Payout to the top 10%
- Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. at Amvets Club

Every dollar goes to payouts and charity.

Questions: Call 701-202-0119 or email jed@brachjohnsonagency.com

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Dear Lions of 5NW,

The world is fast changing and as we move into a new year we cannot help but ponder- where will this change take us?

Will clubs as we know them be a thing of the past, with all activity individualized? Will somebody identify a need, send out a tweet and presto there's a flash mob to meet it? Will the public have apps for requesting eyeglasses, books or other services? Will this change how we raise money or how we hold conventions? Once needs and service can be met through the internet – what will Lions become? Will we have a changed vital function?

These are all very important questions that each of our Lions clubs needs to be discussing. Are we to be all business at meetings or can we find a balance of business, information and fun? The Club Excellence Process is a perfect time for your Lions Club to discuss how you will be effective in the future. Contact PDG Herman Schafer 221-2320, hesh@bis.midco.net or 1st VDGE Mike Blazek, 400-0526, vdg5nw2012@gmail.com for more information.

Members Orientation/ Handbook

Lions Clubs International offers orientation materials for both new and long-term Lions.

The Orientation Guide (pdf) is a platform for Lion leaders when planning

and conducting new member orientations. The first section gives training tips and suggestions. The second section provides reference materials and serves as a reproducible workbook for new members.

The Lions Orientation Refresher Series is beneficial for all Lions, even the most seasoned, active Lion. The series is designed to REFRESH members' knowledge of Lions Clubs International, REVITALIZE their enthusiasm for helping those in need, RECONNECT them with their reasons for becoming a Lion and RENEW their commitment to membership development, extension and leadership initiatives.

The club president or membership chairperson can present each of the following five segments in the Lions Orientation Refresher Series at a club meeting or in a small group setting:

- Our Illustrious History (pdf)
- Purpose, Ethics and You (pdf)
- Your Club, Your District (pdf)
- Your International Association (pdf)
- Membership Development, Extension and Leadership (pdf)

We suggest that club officers either print the refresher series publications or copy selected sections of the Orientation Guide for club members' use. We also encourage officers to use a Powerpoint or to show a DVD highlighting Lions work as a part of the orientation.

For more information, contact the Membership Operations Department of your District Membership Team Coordinator, PCC Dan Vondrachek at 319-5617 or dan@firesideop.com or DGE Lewellyn Rustan at 579-4347 or irite@ndsupernet.com.

Download the new Lions Clubs app for Android

Stay in touch with Lions Clubs International with your Android phone by downloading the new Lions Clubs App. With the Lions Clubs App, you can access videos from Lions Clubs International - and Lions around the world - on YouTube, Photos from other clubs on Flickr. The Lions Clubs International Facebook page, Web site, Club Locator and more. Stay up to date on Lions Clubs International news and information - download the Lions Clubs App from the Android Market now. Available at lionsclubs.org in the Member Resource Center.

Help relieve hunger in your community

International President Tam encourages us to believe that the world can be changed when we come together as Lions. During January, you can make a difference by joining the "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign. As part of this campaign, LCI is providing resources to help you assess local needs mobilize your club and plan a project. Consider organizing a community food drive, delivering food baskets to families in need, or planning a vegetable garden for your local soup kitchen.

5NW Roarin' Lion Award Winner!

Loris Freier – Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions

Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

Bismarck Lions

Kim Christianson
Herb Mittelstedt

Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions

Jude Burau
Nola Olson

South Heart Lions

Jana Schweigert

University of Mary

Joyce Wick

Williston Lions

Daniel Branham
Edward Crawford
Jennifer Wade

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2012 Lions Day with the United Nations in New York

Lions will honor our historic 67-year partnership with the United Nations (UN) during the 34th annual Lions Day with the UN. This event will take place on March 16, 2012 in New York. Past International President Wroblewski will welcome Lions, and International President Tam, along with invited UN speakers, will highlight the importance of this ongoing collaboration. Additional program highlights include the Lions International Peace Poster Contest awards ceremony.

25th Peace Poster Contest theme announced

Help celebrate the 25th annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest by sponsoring a local school or youth group in the

2012-2013 competition. The theme for the contest is "Imagine Peace." Lions have given millions of boys and girls a chance to express their visions of peace through this program. Contest kits will be available for District 5NW Lions Clubs at the Spring Rally on April 14 in Hebron. Plan to attend this event to learn how to conduct a Peace Poster contest for the youth in your community.

"This is your world. Shape it or someone else will." – Gary Lew

More than ever, I see the value of being proactive in all that I do from taking care of my health, to planning out my day and business. The same is true with our Lions clubs. Our members need club leaders to be organized and faithful to leading the members to fulfill their goals of service. Let's take this opportunity to plan for our Lions clubs future. Shape it now.

Many wishes for a wonderful 2012!

DG Pat



Alexander Lions president Barb Fixen receives International President's personal pin from DG Pat.



Bowman Lion Terry Walter receives DG Pat's personal pin for serving with her Lions Heart.



Lion Lee Gunlickson of the Korner Lions receives DG Pat's personal Service with a Lions Heart pin.



Williston Korner Lions club president Jack Colby received International President Tam's personal pin from 5NW DG Pat Vannett.

New England Santa visits New England correctional rehab center

Submitted by
VDG Lewellyn Rustan

Santa came early. But not too early for the inmates at the Dakota Women's Correctional Rehab Center in New England. It's an event they look forward to each year.

Timed to take place the same evening as the school Christmas program, the December 7th event lacked the impact of the bombing of Pearl Harbor 70 years earlier. But for some of the women who will be spending this Christmas at DWCR, the visit from Santa and the New England Lions will also be something they will remember for a very long time.

Each year since the prison was opened, the inmates are treated to a visit from Santa, bearing gift bags that the Lions have filled with candy and nuts, paid for by supporting New England businesses. Local church ladies add a pair of gloves to help keep their hands warm as they exercise outside in the cold North Dakota winter air. But on this special night, it's their hearts that are warm. "It's so nice to know that somebody really cares about us!" one inmate was heard to say.

Although policy discourages it, some of those inmates just can't resist the urge to hug the Lions who have made them feel so



Santa shared some time, including taking time for a photo, with a number of the residents at the Dakota Women's Correctional Rehab Center in New England. The visit by Santa and the New England Lions has become an annual tradition and is looked forward to by those at the center.

good. Their smiles are proof that they even enjoy the occasional question, "Have you been a good girl?"

The Lions have provided sacks of goodies for area children for many years. They sit on Santa's lap after the Christmas program at the school, and tell him what they want. Even if they won't always get what they want.

The ladies at the prison won't get what they want, either. They want to be home for Christmas.

The inmates who choose to have their picture taken with Santa get two prints. They typically keep one, and send one home to children and family. This Christmas, that's as close to home as they can be.

Proving "It is more blessed to give than to receive," the New England Lions are blessed by the reactions of more than 100 inmates, and over 200 youngsters in the community. Their wishes for a "Merry Christmas!" are already coming true.



Lions Arnold and Vivian Rotering, and Don and Arlene Rose, with Santa (Marty Opdahl) at the Dakota Women's Correctional Rehab Center (prison) in New England.



Dozens of boys and girls waited for their turn to sit on Santa's knee, tell him what they want, and get a sack of candy and nuts after the school Christmas program. Santa (Lion Marty Opdahl) and Lion Arlene Rose, are in the foreground.

Gates Foundation challenges Lions

LCIF asked to raise \$10 million for measles prevention

Each day, 450 children die around the world because of complications from contracting measles. Every year, 164,000 people, mostly children, succumb to this disease.

Approximately 30 percent of measles victims suffer from a variety of complications, including brain-swelling, blindness and pneumonia.

With the help of Lions and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), these children can live and lead full, productive lives.

In October 2011, Lions received an unprecedented challenge from the Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation. If LCIF is able to raise US \$10 million by June 30, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match that amount with an additional US \$5 million.

This means that for every \$2 raised by Lions, the Gates Foundation will donate an additional dollar. Under the name "One Shot, One Life: The Lions Measles Initiative," Lions everywhere are responding to this challenge.

For an average cost of US \$1, a child can receive a potentially life-saving vaccination against measles. With the help of our partners in the Measles Initiative (led by

the World Health Organization, UNICEF, United Nations Foundation, U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and the American Red Cross) we can save these children and make great strides toward eradicating a devastating disease.

All donations to the Lions Measles Initiative are eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) credit. To learn more about measles and Lions' involvement in the Measles Initiative, please watch for the January edition of the LION magazine, or visit <http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian-efforts/measles.php>



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

McClusky

Lions wrap baskets and successful year

By Lion Allan Tinker

With a reorganization plan to suit the dwindling population and club membership, the McClusky Lions Club wrapped up their favorite project on Dec. 18, cheer baskets for shut-ins and other local residents.

With nearly 60 baskets to fill, the group invited friends and family to join them in seeing Lions at work in service to their community. Six non-Lions helped put fruit, cellophane and ribbon, along with other miscellaneous goodies, in the proper position on sturdy plates for delivery to local homes.

The Lions number less than a dozen, but the “faithful few” of the membership keep things hopping and service goals met. The regular blood banks are organized and ready for each scheduled drive, with generally a full schedule of willing donors. Lion Dave Martwick has led this project for many years.

The anniversary of the club was again celebrated in June, with the arrival of District Governor Bev Charles and her spouse, Lion Dave. Here, the plans for fewer regular meetings with special meetings as needed, along with dropping non-service projects in favor of less fund-raising were reviewed.

With fewer members and an also aging membership, the members voted to contribute to their club in additional money instead of the time and effort to conduct fundraisers. The reduced demands on the club, as well as the stable amount of donations, have enabled the club to balance its needs and services.

Other organizations stepped forward to take over projects better suited for them, and the Lions focused on what they do best, service.

On this note, the McClusky Midsummer Fest parade was again organized and emceed by Lions. Lion Jeff Martwick introduced the parade participants, while he ran between keeping track of who needed what to do the balance of the parade effort.

Later in the summer, the Lions helped in the CANDISC event, which earned the community special recognition from CANDISC. Using pontoons on Hoffer Lake, as well as chauffeured rides from non-Lion Mike Axt, Lions Dave Martwick and Weldon Wagner treated CANDISC riders to leisurely tours of the local recreational waters at no charge.

A consideration to bring back the Deutschfest celebration did not come to fruition after a discussion with Michael Netzloff, a leader of the German-flavored project in previous years. Not this year but maybe in the next few, was the mutual consensus, a wait and see on what develops locally.

The welcoming signs at the east and west ends of the city were reviewed and determined to be in need of great repair on the face-side, although the supporting structures remain sound. Without their past fundraising of Bingo, long surrendered to SCiPY, the amount needed to repair, or reface the signs, loomed large.

With Lion Treasurer Jeff Martwick leading fundraising efforts and Lion Allan Tinker appointed to chair the sign committee



Guest Donna Baker and McClusky Lions President Brian Tinker label and check over the 60-some cheer baskets for the final wrap-up.

to find suitable repairs for the money donated to the project, the club is on its way to selecting a new face for its signs, and to also recognize those who have permitted the club to display the signs over the years, offering them an invitation to the anniversary meeting in June of 2012.

Another project is the replacement of the old Lions vests, long worn threadbare, with new purple and gold, washable vests. A seamstress has been found who has said she can complete the vests for the club.

During this year, the Lions also served their own. With Lion President Brian Tinker permanently disabled in a car accident in November of 2010, area Lions conducted a fundraiser for him and helped alleviate some of his medical expenses. They also gave special donations to the Leader Dog project for the

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vision impaired in honor of past Lions Orville Schindler and Fritz Hirschhorn. Most recently they also lost Lion Hugo Essig, a long-standing service leader within the club until he entered the Sheridan Memorial Retirement Home.

With ideas floating and donors stepping forward to help on projects, both in time and money, the McClusky Lions are looking forward to serving the community and their organization for many more years. The reduced time and money demand upon the members has been met with enthusiasm and success and has enabled the club to continue and meet all obligations for its official continuation.

The election at the Cheer Basket gathering meeting put Lion Jeff Martwick in the president's seat and Lion Brian Tinker as treasurer and secretary for the next two years.



Guest Laura Bowers helps fill the cheer baskets; she attended with her grandmother Linda Bowers, also a Lions guest for the night.



Lions Tail Twister Dave Martwick opens some donated supplies for the cheer baskets.



Lions Secretary/treasurer Jeff Martwick and President Brian Tinker officiated the short meeting and election held after the cheer baskets were completed.

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum set

Make plans now to attend the 36th Annual USA / Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Tampa Bay, Florida. It will be held Sept. 13-15. This is one of the most valuable tools available to learn about the Lions organization, what it is, what we do, how to do it. It is a wealth of Lions information and training that is not matched anywhere else.

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Whether you anticipate climbing the Lions leadership ladder, or just want to improve your leadership skills, this truly is a "must do" event! If you want to learn more about the Forum, contact me at irite@ndsupernet.com or call me at (701) 579-4347, and I will forward information to you as soon as it is available.

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Carrington



Lion PCC Duane Zwinger with the Carrington Lions entry in the Carrington Chamber Christmas parade.



Carrington Lions members as they prepare the treats for the youth of the community. Pictured are, from left, Duane Zwinger, Mary Topp, Ken Hansen and Mary Ann Zwinger.



Carrington Lions Club-sponsored "Santa Day" for the youth of the community. Pictured are "Santa" and his helpers. From left are co-chair Jane Fredrickson, Illa Zink and Susie Moberg.

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.

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_____ 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.

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Please make checks payable to:

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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.

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