



Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church receives a harmonious blessing

By Paige Cary

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The rich tones of an organ can be heard in many churches across the country every Sunday morning. It was always a part of services at the G.A. Lutheran Church, Gwinner, as well, until their forty-year old organ stopped working in December of 2009. Not having an organ for worship services, not to mention weddings and funerals, did not sit well with Pastor Anda Johnson or many congregation members. "Some people don't feel like they're in church without an organ," says Pastor Anda. Becky Salberg who serves as the church's accompanist on occasion, agrees. "It's tradition," she says. "It provides a depth of music." While everyone was in agreement that a new organ was needed the actual purchasing of the item was another matter. The \$40,000 price tag on a new organ was enough of a sticker shock to test the faith of the congregation.

An organ fund was established but after a year and a half the amount it contained was still only a tiny fraction of what was needed. Meanwhile, up in Fargo, in February of this year, Lyle Swor, a gifted musician, passed away, leaving behind a Wurlitzer organ. When his widow Elaine decided to move into a smaller home it became necessary to find a new home for the organ. Through a series of family and friends connections the Gwinner community was contacted in July wondering if any church was in need of an organ. Pastor Anda could hardly believe what a great chance this was.

"Within two hours we responded," she laughs. The Swor family desired to see the organ given to a church where it would be used and appreciated. Not only did Lyle Swor play the organ and piano by ear but he also composed music. A collector of sheet music, Becky Salberg remembered seeing his name on one of her pieces. Sure enough, Salberg discovered that she owned a piece of music written by the former owner of the organ. She took it as further confirmation that the organ donation was God ordained.

The organ was picked up and unloaded by members of the congregation on July 22. Pastor Anda remembers that it started raining just a few minutes after the organ was brought inside the church. "It was unloaded on Friday and played on Sunday," says



Photo by Paige Cary

After a year and a half of being without an organ the Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church, Gwinner, is resonant with traditional organ music again. Becky Salberg, accompanist, was excited to be able to surprise many of the congregation members with an organ prelude on July 24. The musical instrument was a donation from the family of a deceased music enthusiast in Fargo, Lyle Swor.

Pastor Anda.

Because the organ was obtained so quickly most of the congregation members were not even aware the church had a new organ until Becky began to play it on Sunday morning. The familiar and much-missed sound was welcomed by the surprised church goers. "It was an answer to prayers," says Becky. Pastor Anda agrees affirming that God's timing is not always ours but His blessings are assured.

Prevent blindness with diabetic prevention, control

Submitted by
PDG Robert Littlefield

Eating for Your Eyes II: Diabetic Retinopathy, a project developed in collaboration with the North Dakota Optometric Association and North Dakota State University, will be available to zone chairs in Districts SNW and SNE for distribution to individual Lion's clubs throughout North Dakota.

Eating for Your Eyes II is designed to educate community members about diabetic retinopathy in a variety of settings. Additionally, the program includes an eye-examination-postcard reminder which also serves as a communication between the eye care professional and primary care physician.

Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of death in the United States. Diabetic retinopathy, a diabetic eye disease, accounts for 12,000 to 24,000 new cases of blindness every year and is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults. Prevalence of

diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes is estimated at 23.6 million people (7.8 percent of the population).

A disproportionate number of those ages 60 and older, 12.2 million people (23.1 percent of the population) have diabetes. Of the various ethnic groups, American Indians and Alaska Natives have the highest rates of diabetes (16.5 percent).

Prevalence of diabetes has increased by more than 3 million from 2005 to 2007. In North Dakota, 6.1 percent of adults were diagnosed with diabetes in 2007. Direct and indirect medical costs of diabetes in the United States are estimated at \$174 billion.

The print materials are supported by a National Eye Institute Healthy Vision Community Award. Project directors are Sherri Stastny, Assistant Professor, Health, Nutrition, and Exercise Science, NDSU and Nancy Kopp, Executive Director of the North Dakota Optometric Association, in collaboration with Julie Garden-Robinson, Associate Professor and Food and Nutrition Specialist with the NDSU Extension Service.

Each kit for individual Lion's clubs will include a cover letter explaining how materials may be used. Be sure to pick up your packet from your zone chair. Thank you for helping the public to understand the risks for blindness with diabetes.

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January transport list

Editor's note; The following are those Lions members who were called upon this past month to transport eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

One-time transporters

Mike Coleman – Grand Forks
Bob Tupa – Grand Forks
Dwayne Preabt – Grand Forks

Judy Karch – Valley City
Paul Heidt – Dickinson

Three-time transporter

Dennis Nathan – Valley City

Lions urged: Keep up with School for the Blind

North Dakota Lions, in our quest to help North Dakotans with vision services, can keep up with news from N.D. Vision Services/School for the Blind in Grand Forks.

The publication, "Reaching Out," can keep Lions informed about what is happening for the visually impaired in North Dakota. Lions and others, can receive "Reaching Out" electronically by contacting lchaput@nd.gov. The website for the school is ndvisionservices.com, also a good resource.

The superintendent of the school in Grand Forks, Lion Carmen Grove Suminski, also heads the North Dakota School for the Deaf/Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Devils Lake. Both schools offer education and enrichment.

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Shortened 2012 MD5 Convention to offer traditional program

Refund available to those who paid for Senior Counselor luncheon

By Lion JeAnne Selby,
2012 MD5 Convention PR chair

The 2012 MD5 Convention, this year scheduled for June 1 – 2, at Bismarck, has been shortened by one day, with costs adjusted proportionately, but will offer the traditional MD5 Convention programming we have come to expect.

The 2012 Convention officially begins Friday, June 1, at 11:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies, the Senior Counselor awards and noon luncheon; it concludes the following evening, Saturday, June 2, with the International Director's banquet from 6 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m.

The MD5 Convention Planning Committee has good "economic news" for those Lions that have already registered and paid the extra \$16.00 per person originally requested for the Senior Counselor Awards luncheon; that additional charge will be refunded upon check-in with Lions registration officials at the Convention June 1. The cost of the luncheon has been included in registration fees.

Although convention plans and arrangements are still in the process, the objectives of the 2012 MD5 Convention Planning Committee are to keep the 2012 event inexpensive and fun.

Toward those ends committee members are planning a Friday evening mixer that will offer games, great appetizers (served buffet style), an opportunity to renew friendships and make new friends, and a fun evening. Convention participants also will be treated to an ice cream social Saturday afternoon.

As you will notice on the abbreviated agenda included on the updated registration form found elsewhere in this issue, the weekend isn't all "fun and games." Also offered are educational opportunities, in several formats, for both Lions and non-Lion guests. The most obvious of these educational opportunities are several series of three 45-minute educational sessions offered both

days. Two of the three choices during each time slot will be of special interest or benefit to Lions club members, while the third option will be of general interest to Lions and non-Lions alike.

Highlighting the two-day convention is second-year International Director Dr. Gary A. Anderson of Grand Rapids, MI. In addition to serving as our keynote speaker, ID Anderson will also host a question and answer session with and for Lions members and guests Saturday morning. ID Anderson's complete biography was published in last month's North Dakota Lion.

Lions members are encouraged to pre-register at their earliest convenience; the registration fee is \$125 per person until April 15, when it increases to \$140.00 per person. Look elsewhere in this issue for an updated registration form.

MD5 Convention Co-chair PDG Bev Charles also encourages Lions to make their room reservations at their earliest convenience -- and before April 30. A block of rooms, guaranteed at \$84.00 per night (plus applicable taxes), has been reserved at Convention headquarters, Ramkota Inn, in south Bismarck, until April 30. At that time any extra rooms will return to the open market, becoming available for tourism, business and industry.

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 for both hotel and RV accommodations are included on the pre-registration form.

Watch for additional MD5 Convention details in future issues. Return your pre-registration form and make your hotel or RV reservations now; and plan to be in Bismarck June 1 – 2 for the 2012 MD5 Convention. The Convention Planning Committee promises "a good time for a good price!"

Volunteer time at Jud

Joni Brandenburg
Executive director, Service Dogs for America

It's that time of the year again to remind everyone that Volunteer Work Day is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for May 5. We have projects for everyone and of every age. Hope to see all of you then! We also would like to thank all of the Lions Clubs that gave to the Parade of Green! We have used the money to put in new lighting, to replace the fluorescent lighting that triggers seizures. The students will be so grateful! Again, a huge thank you! We hope everyone is enjoying the mild winter! It has been amazing!

Time to elect officers

Lois Reierson
5NW Cabinet secretary
701-770-1922

It is hard to believe we are on the downhill slide of winter. We are fast approaching the time of year to elect club officers.

Please begin this process early so your club secretary can complete the PU101. Work will begin soon to gather the needed information for the Directory. The information from the PU101 is used in the ND Lions Directory which lists club officers and their contact information.

Completing the PU101 online is quick and simple. Please feel free to call me if you would like assistance entering the information online.

REMEMBER: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Hero clubs

I want to first recognize our 5NE hero clubs—those clubs, who in January, added one or more new members. Congrats to the Carrington Lions Club and new Lion Ray Peterson. Enderlin Lions Club welcomed new Lion Paul Wadeson. Harvey Lions added two new members in January, Stan Buxa and Chad Faul. Lion Dale Nagel joined the Linton Lions in January. Danielle Johs and Brian Power became Mayville Portland Lions last month. Bison Stacey Klocke added her name to the NDSU Campus Lions roll. Finally, Jason Paradis was responsible for the Oakes Lions Club joining the ranks of hero clubs.

Despite the outstanding efforts of our hero clubs, January resulted in an overall membership decline. We lost a net of fourteen Lions last month. The bitterest pill to swallow was the demise of the Leeds Lions Club. After several difficult years we said adieu to eleven good Lions who forfeited their charter after almost thirty-eight years of serving the Leeds community. We will miss them.

Get an eye-ful

Speaking of service, I recently learned at a board of directors meeting that only 14 of our 58 clubs have contributed to Lions Eye Bank of ND this year. Please find a few dollars in your treasury to support this

wonderful home-grown organization. Be part of giving the gift of sight to another human being.

Pat yourselves on the back

It is not too late to enter any of several district contests—Club of the Year, Club Scrapbook of the Year, and Club Newsletter of the Year. If you are proud of your club's accomplishments in any of these areas please toot your own horn. You can contact Lion Mary Ann Zwinger at (701) 652-1752 or dzwinger@daktel.com for details.

Along that same line, please remember to encourage and assist your new members in receiving the Rookie Lion Award by participating in about a dozen specific activities and events during their first year as a Lion. There is a new award program available now for every Lion in the district called Roarin' Lion. Similar to the Rookie Lion Award, the Roarin' Lion Award is presented to any Lion member who, during the year, accomplishes a specific list of activities and attends certain events. Again, Lion Mary Ann can provide you with specifics on these awards.

For those clubs with an Alert chairperson or Alert committee, please be aware that you can receive an award for your work with local government officials or disaster preparedness planning

organizations. The application process is simple. Contact me for details on how to be recognized for this vital service to your community.

Leading to leadership

Planning is underway for this year's district officer spring training event. Like last year, we expect to provide training at six locales throughout the district. Details are still being formulated, but we expect as a minimum to have a meal together at each location and then provide classes on serving as club president, secretary, treasurer, and membership committee chairperson. You don't have to be serving in these positions in the 2012-2013 Lion year--come just to learn. One of the things I'm asking of every Lion this year is to grow your service to your club and the district "just a little bit." Attending this leadership opportunity certainly fits that bill.

I'm pleased to announce that your district cabinet at its January meeting

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District Governor Johnson, Club President Sauser-Denesia, and sponsors welcome seven new Lions.

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waived district dues for our two campus clubs for 2012-2013. It's not a lot of money, but does provide added opportunity for those young Lions to contribute to a good cause—like ND Lions Eye Bank (hint, hint).

I want to remind everyone of a couple of upcoming Lions gatherings. First is the USA-Canada Forum September 13th-15th in Tampa, FL. Ask anyone who has attended this event and they'll likely rate the Forum the top Lions training opportunity they ever taken part in. Second, it's not too early to register for the State Lions Convention in Fargo on October 26th and 27th. Our conventions are always a good time.

Tick, tock

When I see District Governor-elect Mel Olson I make it a habit of saying to him, "Tick, tock." It is my way of jokingly reminding Lion Mel of how quickly his year as district governor is approaching. I know from talking with him that his preparations are well ahead of where mine were this time last year. DGE Mel is in the process of identifying persons to serve on next year's cabinet. If you have interest in serving in a particular capacity, please let Mel know. Also along those lines, SNE is still searching for candidates for the office of second vice district governor next year. This is an outstanding opportunity to serve.

Put down roots

I hope every club is planning a tree planting project for this spring. We still have 1,500 more trees to go to meet our district's goal. Don't let International President Tam down. And, don't forget to keep "Tree Willie" Huot aware of your accomplishments at (701) 780-8229 or willie.huot@ndsu.edu.

Honoring and helping

Did you know that a club can honor someone by naming them a Life Donor to the ND Lions Foundation? For only a \$300 donation the club can recognize an outstanding Lion and make a perpetual gift. Consider starting a new tradition in your club.

Representing Us

We received wonderful news in the last



District Governor Johnson and Club President (PDG) Gerald Sletmoe right, welcome new Sheldon Lion Chuck Lemna.



Mayville-Portland Lions enjoy the district governor's remarks.



District Governor Johnson and Leonard Lions President Scott Saewert recognize winners of their local peace poster contest.

few days. Fargo Lions received a \$10,000 LCIF grant in support of their imminent vision mission trip to Puerto Vallarta. Our thoughts and best wishes will be with them and we'll look forward to hearing all about it upon their return.

Deep in the Heart

Brenda and I are spending the month of February in Texas, but not vacationing.

We're taking care of family matters as my mom transitions to assisted living. We'd much rather be with you folks in frosty North Dakota... really...no, I'm serious... no kidding...well, maybe being here in Texas is OK, too. You can still reach us by cell phone or email. See you soon.

In Lions service to others,
DG Steve

Medina

BINGO! Medina Lions kick off fundraiser



BINGO! Lucky winner! In the background are Medina Lions President Arlyn Schmidt and Lion Sourey Schmidt.



Waiting for the right numbers to be called.

Off to a running start, on Jan. 6, the Medina Lions packed them in at Reister's Meat Store. Forty-two players showed up to try their luck at game payouts and the big jackpots.

Always looking for new ways the club can raise funds to give back to the community, Lion President Arlyn Schmidt and Lion Sourey Schmidt suggested giving Bingo a try.

Medina Lions newest member, Clyde Reister, very generously offered his meat store in Medina as a venue for the Bingo games being held every other Friday night through the end of March.



Lion Mabel Cowell is the cashier and Lion Clyde Reister calls the numbers.

MEDICAL BENEFIT for 28 year Lion Member DENNIS GRENZ

Thursday, March 8, 2012

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Dickinson Elks Lodge

Meal • Bake Sale

Silent Auction • Raffle

Sponsored by Dickinson Lions Club and Parkway Ford
Donations Can be sent to: The Dickinson Lions Club
Box 781 Dickinson, ND 58601

In Remembrance

Mandan
Gene Berger

Bismarck
Roy Dockter



PRAIRIE ROSE LIONS
TEXAS HOLD 'EM
TOURNAMENT

Sunday, Feb. 26, 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 District 5NW:
“Goals and objectives provide organizations with a blueprint that determines a course of action and aids them in preparing for future changes.... Without clearly-defined goals and objectives, organizations will have trouble coordinating activities and forecasting future events.”

District 5NW club excellence process moving forward

Last spring as part of the planning Lions Clubs International does with District Governors' Elect, I needed to establish some goals for our district. One of the tools that our entire governor team wanted to bring to the clubs in our district was the Club Excellence Process. We felt that this is such a valuable tool, we wanted to provide a way that each club would be able to participate during the next three years. That became a goal for our district.

Goals are kind of funny though, without a “process” goal or “action plan” we set ourselves up to hoping that this will happen instead of making sure that our goals are achieved. So, instead of letting this go we set up a team (Global Leadership

Team) whose first task was to come up with a “plan” to get the Club Excellence Process to each club.

That plan includes the Zone Chairs coordinating and planning with their clubs to have a Club Excellence Workshop in each zone sometime during the next three years. The plan also includes all of the assignments that each club completes prior to their club goal setting day.

The entire district cabinet wholeheartedly approved this plan on October 29, 2011. The first workshop was held on January 14th in Glen Ullin with five clubs participating.

Membership growth identified as club goal

At our first workshop, four out of five of the clubs identified a need to increase membership this year. They then established that as one of their goals. Here is the NEXT most important step – these clubs must put into place a PROCESS to make it happen.

So Lions, HOW will you go about achieving the goal you have set for your Lions Club? How will you keep your entire club focused on doing the ACTIONS that will get you to your goal?

Process for membership growth

Lions Clubs International provides us with outstanding tools to help us achieve our membership growth goals. Clubs will find membership recruiting assistance on the Lions Club Web site. Here are a few materials for your club's use:

- Lions Make a Difference (ME-40)
- I Am a Lion (ME-37)
- Membership Invitation Web site
- Membership Invitation Tips from the Healthy Club Toolbox
- Membership Chairpersons Guide

Additional goal for district identified

During our work with the Global Leadership Team who is the coordinating unit in 5NW for the club excellence

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Washburn Lions honor 2nd VDG Mike Blazek with a Melvin Jones Fellow Award.

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process, we determined that we could further assist Lions Clubs by training people as Certified Guiding Lions. These Lions would then be available as an outside resource for Lions Clubs. So, during our cabinet meeting on January 28th, seventeen Lions leaders from our district participated in the Certified Guiding Lion Training. They did this for two reasons: 1) their commitment to the district 2) personal growth and development.

If your Lions club could use some help, call me and I will team you with one of our district's new Certified Guiding Lions.

Personal growth and development opportunities

Personal growth opportunities are available everywhere you turn in Lions. Those who choose to take advantage of them are rewarded in many ways. Have you been to the LCI website and checked out the Leadership Development area? www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/index.php. This training and development is FREE to all Lions.

Spring rally – club leadership training set

The 2012 Spring Leadership Rally has been set for April 14 at Hebron High School from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CENTRAL TIME! This Rally is FREE to each individual Lion attending because your Lions Club participates in the cost through the district billing. The rally is



Members from New Salem and Mandan break out with 2nd VDG Mike Blazek during the Club Excellence Workshop held Jan 14 in Glen Ullin.

designed for EVERYONE! You don't have to be an incoming officer – maybe you are a new Lion and want to learn more about Lionism or, maybe you want to recharge your batteries. This is the place to make that happen. PLEASE register so that we can have enough food and chairs for everyone. Online registration is available at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/.

Environmental service projects for spring

Many Lions clubs do Environmental Service Projects like ditch cleaning. This year, our international president, Wing Kun Tam asked that we consider a tree planting project. I know that many Lions

clubs are preparing for a tree planting this spring. Those of you, who might be looking for a VISIBLE project, consider planting trees in your community, a park or maybe for some elderly neighbors. Many things are possible when Lions put their thinking caps on!

Following the plan to get results

It's hard to believe that in just five months my term as your Governor will be over. So, let's focus the balance of this year on following our plan and getting results in our Lions Clubs. Our district has committed to helping your Lions Clubs

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Lion Mike Nelson of the Washburn Lions giving his Lions Size report on the club's Lions Size Breakfast.



Lion Dennis Buchholz, New Salem, left, Lion Robin Willoughby, Mandan, Lion Steve Moore, Mandan, and 1st place winner is Lion Sandy Swallow of the Mandan Lions Club.

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grow into even better organizations through the Club Excellence Process. (Hard to imagine any district with better Lions Clubs – I think you are all pretty awesome).

As a district, we identified a need. We established a plan. We set the plan into action. We also made improvements to the plan along the way. We have renewed our commitment by taking additional training as Guiding Lions and now.... Now is the results phase! Let's focus on membership growth. In order to do that, we all need to put our energies into taking ACTION.

Will you bring a prospective member to your next THREE meetings? Will you invite them to become a Lions member? I challenge each Lions club in 5NW to have a positive growth of 2 members by May 1st. CAN WE DO IT? If anyone can – it is the Lions of 5NW!! I know that I can depend on you to....Set Your

Goal and Take the Action to Make it Happen!!!
Serving you with my Lions Heart,
DG Pat

Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

Bowman Lions

Harold Narum
Linda Narum
Ron Tennis

Lake Metigoshe

Gary Boettcher
Mary Grosgebauer
Jeannie Orke
Larry Orke

Glenburn Lions

Kathryn Palm



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



Northern Lights

Club donates for gas cards for ACS

The Northern Lights Lions Club has donated \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society to use for gas cards. The \$100 gas cards are used for people who live in Pierce County who are receiving treatment for cancer or followup care.

Other organizations in Rugby who have donated to this worthwhile program are: the noon Lions Club and the Eagles. Other groups are welcome to participate in this project. Individuals may also donate money for this project by contacting Laurie Odden, community relationship manager, American Cancer Society at 776-5935.

The process for obtaining a gas card is simple. Go to Lisa Thorp, director of nursing, Heart of America Johnson Clinic in Rugby, and fill out a short form. A doctor verifies that the person has cancer. When the application is approved, the person receives the gas card in the mail. Be careful not to throw it away thinking it is junk mail.



Pictured, from left, are Helen Ferguson, treasurer, Sandy Wurgler, president, Northern Lights Lions Club, who are presenting \$1,000 to Laurie Odden, community relationship manager, American Cancer Society. The funds will be used to purchase gas cards for Pierce County residents being treated for cancer.

February 2012

Dear Friend of Lionism:

On Saturday, March 24, 2012, the Washburn Lions Club is sponsoring our annual community carnival. Many church, school, and community organizations participate each year with a variety of games. Kids have fun, community organizations raise some cash and the Lions major annual fundraiser enables us to contribute to many worthwhile projects in our community including sponsorship of the local Cub Scout and Boy Scout programs as well as humanitarian projects locally and worldwide.

We are asking local businesses to donate merchandise, cash or Washburn bucks to be used as prizes for the Lions Bingo game which is played by children and adults. Prizes will be labeled with the name of the donor and the donor's name will also be publicized at the Carnival to give proper recognition for your contribution.

We hope you will be able to assist our Lions Club with a donation, large or small. Please call Lions Elmer Schwarz at 462-3385 or Dale Kuball at 315-0333 to pick up your donation. If more convenient, you can mail donations to Washburn Lions, PO Box 545, Washburn, ND 58577 or drop your "difficult to mail and other" donations off at McLean County Abstract Company, 615 Main Avenue, Washburn, ND.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this worthwhile community project.

Sincerely,
Elmer Schwarz
2nd Vice President
Washburn Lions Club, PO Box 545, Washburn, ND 58577

P.S. Thanks again for your continued sponsorship!

Carrington



PCC Duane Zwinger, right, is pictured inducting new members into the Carrington Lions Club. Pictured, from left are Juanita Short (new member) Laurie Dietz who sponsored Colleen Sweet, Ray Peterson (new member) and his sponsor Royce Topp. Zwinger sponsored Juanita.

5NE Environmental Photo Contest

Ken Hansen, Environmental Photo Contest chairperson for SNE, has announced that Jean Gross from the Carrington Lions Club is the winner of the contest for 2011-2012. (The picture of Jean and her photo appear in this magazine.)

Her winning photo will be entered into competition with other winning photos from the Multiple District. The MD consists of Lions Clubs from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan.

The winning photo from the MD will advance onto the contest that will be held at the International Convention in Busan, Korea during June 22-26. Congratulations Jean and GOOD LUCK!



Lion Jean Gross from the Carrington Lions Club proudly displays her winning environmental photo for 5NE.



The Carrington Lions sponsored a blood drive for the community this past fall. Pictured is club President Ken Hansen about to donate some of his blood.

Great Plains Leadership Institute report

The 2012 Institute will be July 13-15 at Doane College in Crete, Neb., with a registration fee of \$125, going to \$140 June 1.

Topics include:

- Community Skills
- Diversity
- Conflict Management
- Manage Change
- Project Management
- Motivation
- Public Speaking
- Building Effective Teams
- Leading Effective Meetings
- Delegation

Presenters from MDS will be Ken Gifford (SD) and Calvin Bachmeier (SK).

Elgin Dakota



Peace Poster winners

The Elgin Dakota Lions Club recently recognized its Peace Poster contest winners. From left, 1st place – Kurt Muggli, son of Tim and Andrea Muggli of Carson received \$25 and a certificate of appreciation and achievement award. 2nd place – Taylor Skretteberg, daughter of Chad and Dawn Skretteberg, Carson, received \$15 and a certificate of appreciation and achievement award. 3rd place – Elizabeth Hands, daughter of Brad and Mona Hands, Elgin, received \$10 and a certificate of appreciation and achievement award. These awards were presented at the January meeting. Chairperson was Lion Carol Winkler and co-chair Lion Makayla Vaughan.

Zone 1B

Clubs join for 'Super' breakfast

The Lions Club members of Zone 1B cooked up their 18th Annual Super Bowl Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Feb. 5. More than 60 Lions and three non Lions volunteers served up pancakes, sausages, juice, coffee and milk with lots of fellowship and conversation.

First Lutheran Church of Williston provided their well equipped kitchen and Fellowship Hall for the annual gathering. A steady stream of customers were greeted by the Lions.

Proceeds from the breakfast go to the Area Diabetes Committee for support of their programs. The area Lions have over 35 reader machines in service to those who need assistance with viewing to read. The Lions do not charge for the service. They have machines in service from Plentywood, Mont. to Drake, N.D. The Lions also support annual screening for those diagnosed with diabetes.

The ideal weather allowed Lions from Arnegard, Alexander and Ray to join the Williston Lions, Korner Lions, Williston High School Leo Club and Trinity High School Clubs to serve the steady crowd coming to the fellowship hall.

In addition, Lions Clubs from Sidney, Cultbertson and Plentywood, Mont. also provide monetary support for the viewing machines projects.



Williston Korner Lion, Ron Amundson was doing his part by flipping pancakes for the Super Bowl Sunday Lions Breakfast.



Area Lions Breakfast Sunday Feb. 5.



Williston Noon Lion Wayne Kittleson and his son, Lion Chris Kittleson, confer during a break at the Super Bowl Sunday Lions Breakfast.

Lions Clubs strengthen philanthropy locally and globally, new study finds

Members of Lions Clubs International are making significant contributions to philanthropy in the United States and internationally, a new study by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University finds.

One of the first international surveys of a large voluntary service organization to include a focus on the role of women, the study reflects the responses of more than 2,700 Lions clubs members from 12 countries in five regions: North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia-Pacific and Africa. It was sponsored by Lions Clubs International and CCS, an international fundraising, consulting and management firm, through the William B. Hanrahan Fellowship at the Center on Philanthropy.

Lions clubs members' rates of both charitable giving and volunteering are significantly higher than the general population in all 12 countries. In the U.S., Lions clubs members were nearly four times more likely to volunteer and one-and-a-half times more likely to give to charity than the overall population.

- Internationally, 92 percent of Lions clubs members surveyed donated to charitable causes and 86 percent volunteered

- In the U.S., 97 percent of members donated and 97 percent volunteered

- By comparison, approximately 65 percent of all American households give to charity; 26 percent volunteer, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service

"We are pleased to release this new study as we prepare to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 95th anniversary this year," said Peter Lynch, executive director of Lions Clubs International. "The study findings highlight the strong connections Lions clubs members have to their communities. These findings reaffirm what we thought, but until now we have not had the data to quantify Lions clubs members' action and community engagement worldwide."

Lions clubs members' active engagement in philanthropy may in part be because the study found Lions clubs members have higher levels of social trust in people from other religions and nationalities than does the general population, said Una Osili, director of research for the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Higher social trust can help strengthen civil society.

"Lions clubs members are a key force in philanthropy around the globe," Osili said. "Service clubs have promoted civic engagement and strengthened communities since the early 1900s. This research confirms that they continue to play an important role in building global civil society in both developed and developing countries."

Although Lions clubs members are well known for supporting vision and eye care programs, their giving and volunteering extends to supporting all types of charitable causes. While the majority of giving and volunteering was through their local Lions clubs, about one-third of volunteering hours were done outside the Lions clubs, showing a wide range of community engagement. Lions clubs members are also widely engaged as donors. In addition to vision care, members were most likely to

make charitable donations to meet basic needs and for disaster preparedness and relief, as well as health and wellness.

Women are increasingly recognized as philanthropic leaders around the world; the new study is among the first to show that women are assuming leadership positions in voluntary service clubs and philanthropy internationally.

- Overall, more than half of Lions clubs members surveyed reported that women and men Lions club members participate equally in their club's leadership

The vast majority of Lions clubs members in 11 of the 12 countries surveyed (between 60 and 93 percent) said men and women were equally considered for leadership roles, and similar percentages said gender did not limit the ability to advance as Lions clubs leaders (The question was not asked in one country)

"Women now comprise 23 percent of membership worldwide," said Wing-Kun Tam, International President of Lions Clubs International. "Over the past decade, the greatest area of membership growth in Lions Clubs International has been in female members. From 1996 to 2011, female membership increased substantially in all 12 countries surveyed, growing most in developing countries such as China, India, Mexico, and Nigeria."

Two reports were produced from the study. *Serving, Giving and Leading in the United States* provides an in-depth look at philanthropic engagement of U.S. Lions clubs members, and *Serving, Giving and Leading Globally* explores cross-country comparisons. The executive summary of the studies is also available.

About LCI

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is the world's largest service club organization with 1.35 million male and female members in more than 46,000 clubs in 206 countries and geographic areas. In addition to its efforts toward conquering blindness, the organization has made a strong commitment to community service and helping youth throughout the world. LCI members also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including providing disaster relief, caring for the environment, feeding the hungry, empowering people with disabilities and aiding seniors. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) provides grant funding and program support for Lions' humanitarian efforts. For more information, visit www.Lionsclubs.Org and www.Lcif.Org.

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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

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Address _____

City _____

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Home Phone (_____) _____

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District _____ Club (1) _____

Club (2) _____

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, June 1, 2012

Registration: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Opening Ceremony/Senior Counselor Awards/

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

1:45-2:30 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

2:30-2:45 p.m. Break & Refreshments

2:45-3:30 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

3:30-4:30 p.m. MD5 Business Meeting #1

4:30-5:15 p.m. Free Time

5:15-9:30 p.m. Welcome Gala Party

Saturday, June 2, 2012

Registration: 7 a.m.-2 p.m.

8-9:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30-10:15 a.m. 3 Educational Sessions

10:15-10:30 a.m. Break & Refreshments

10:30-11:30 a.m. Q&A with ID Gary Anderson

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Red Jacket/Awards Ceremony

1:45-2:45 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

3-3:30 p.m. MD5 Business Meeting #2

5:15-6 p.m. Social

6-10 p.m. ID/Council of Governors Banquet

REGISTRATION FEES:

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

Before May 15, 2012 \$140.00

At Convention (Walk-In) \$150.00

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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 Additional Banquet Meals Available \$25.00 per person

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