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Hall of Fame applicants sought

The North Dakota Past District Governors Association is once again launching a search for the recipient of the Lions Hall of Fame Award, this time for 2012.

In February, all of the Lions Clubs in the state received Hall of Fame application forms by email or mail, and a copy of that form is also included in this issue of the ND LION. (Notice that there are two separate pages.)

It is the hope of the PDGs that every club will take a good look at their membership and consider nominating a worthy Lion for this prestigious award. Although this award is sponsored by the Past District Governors, one does not have to be a Past Governor in order to qualify.

Any hard-working Lion in the state can be nominated by his club for the years of service he has given to his club, district and Lions International. The final date for submitting the information on the application is April 20; however, there is some “homework” involved, so applicants should allow plenty of time to complete the

paperwork.

Some information, such as the number of Lions sponsored by a nominee and the years in club officer positions can be accessed from secretaries’ records or from Lions International; other information may be in district records. A written resume summarizing the applicant’s achievements in and outside of Lionism is also requested.

And so the search is on!

While only one North Dakota Lion will receive the 2012 Hall of Fame award, the process of being nominated is an honor in itself, and a great way to recognize outstanding Lions.

If anyone has questions, please contact Lions Allen Dockter (255-3715, or allendockter@bis.midco.net) or Bruce Schwartz (258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net). The Hall of Fame committee is looking forward to a wonderful slate of accomplished Lions from which our 2012 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame winner will be chosen.

Bricks for Burlington

Rebuilding one brick at a time

It was a typical day for Lion Marlo Anderson of the “Bricks for Burlington” committee when he received a phone call from Justin Morneau of the Minnesota Twins wanting more information about this project. After hearing about the flooding to the sports complex of Burlington and of the over 700 children who had been participating in the summer youth activities, Justin Morneau gave a personal donation of \$10,000. In addition, the Minnesota Twins have donated \$10,000 and an additional personal donation of \$10,000 has been received. The fundraising project is off to a great

start!

This project has a major task. The Fundraising goal is \$250,000. The Bricks for Burlington project is a brain child of Lions from Western and Central North Dakota who met with community leaders to discuss their needs and how the Lions could help rebuild their sports complex.

There are several stages in this project. The first stage is the

see **BRICKS** on page 5



Left to right, Burlington Sports Complex before, during and after 2011 flood.

New pin series honors North Dakota agriculture

Trading Lions pins has been a time-honored way in our organization to start up friendships, conversations, and of course, collections!

The North Dakota pins are usually designed so that one theme is followed for several years, such as the North Dakota Sports Heroes, which ran from 2006 to 2010. The newest series that began in 2011-2012 will honor North Dakota's agricultural heritage.

The series of pins will show modern combines over the next few years. The first to be released is the familiar green of the John Deere sweeping its way through a field of soybeans. The second pin, which will not be available until after July 1 of this year, will be a Case IH harvesting wheat. Gleaner, and New Holland will also be depicted in the coming years.

This will be a really popular pin among our Lions, because



it shows the essence of our agricultural history, and the machines that have made it all possible. North Dakotans aren't the only ones who are interested in these pins. As soon as a new pin comes out, North Dakota collectors begin to get calls from as far away as Georgia and Florida.

If you are interested in getting this year's pin, please contact the pin chairman in your district or ask your District Governor when

he comes to speak.

The pin chairman for 5NW is Lion Dale Froemming (584-3600 or dalejan@westriv.com); the pin chairman for 5NE is Arlo Anderson (645-2519 or arloanddoris@core.com). You'll want to get all four of these in the series, and the current John Deere pin is going fast!



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February transport list

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

One-time transporters

Dennis Nathan, Valley City
Ron Amundson, Williston
Joe Quaglia, Dickinson

Two-time transporters

Bob Tupa, Grand Forks
Ron Harris, Valley City

District 5NW 2012 Spring Rally

Saturday, April 14 • Hebron High School

The Rally, including lunch and breaks, is free for all Lions of District 5NW

Please help us plan this event by registering now

Save and/or print this form and send to:

DGE Lewellyn Rustan

1169A 73rd Street SW • New England, ND 58647

or email to bgorek@ndsupernet.com

Name _____

Month & Year Joined Lions _____

Club _____

2012-13 Club Office held _____

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Dakota Adventure is theme of annual Youth Camp

Applications are now available

Lion George Pretli,
Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange chairman
gpretli@hotmail.com

Lions: the youth of Multiple District 5 are invited to attend and participate in the "2012 Lions Dakota Adventure" Lions Youth Camp from July 8-14. Camp will be held on the campus of Augustana College, Sioux Falls, S.D. The camp is open to all youth between the ages of 16 to 18 years of age. Registration deadline is set for March 31.

As in previous years there will be a number of youth from overseas. In past years we have had approximately 13 different countries represented at the Camp and this year it appears that this will be the case again.

We have limited the Camp to 20 youth from overseas and 20 youth from within our Multiple District, North & South Dakota and Saskatchewan. Cost for the Camp is \$350 USA funds and is payable at the time of registration.

The Camp Committee is hard at work ensuring that a good time will be had by all in attendance. Camp activities will include:

community service, sightseeing, cultural activities, cultural activities, educational activities, swimming and recreation.

The Camp promises to offer an opportunity of a lifetime or a lifetime experience where friends will be made and this friendship can last a lifetime.

Lion Paul Krueger, Sioux Falls Downtown Lions will be the Camp Coordinator and he can be reached at e-mail:

paulkrueger@yahoo.com
. Registration Chairman is
Lion Michael Hall, Sioux
Falls Downtown Lions and
he can be reached at e-mail:
hallmichael108@yahoo.com.

For further information
in respect to the 2012 Lions
Dakota Adventure the Sioux
Falls Lions have set up the

following website: www.lionsdakotaadventurecamp.shutterfly.com. Information can be also found on our Multiple District website: www.md5lions.net youth exchange and on the Lions website: www.lionsclubs.org youth exchange, Youth Camp and Chairman Directory.

Further information can also be obtained from your respective District Youth Exchange Chairpersons or myself, George Pretli.

FYI

- Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange
- 2012 Lions Dakota Adventure Lions Youth Camp
- July 8-14
- Campus Augustana, College, Sioux Falls, SD

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Life Memberships \$300.00

Robert Littlefield
Neil Jordheim
Shirley Schafer
PDG Chris Helgeson

Bronze Clubs \$100.00 to \$300.00

Medina Lions Club
Stanley Lions Club
Chaffee Lions Club

Silver Clubs \$300.00 to \$500.00

Magic City Lions Club

Sustaining Memberships

Elaine Brinkman

Memorials

Oscar & LaDell Sorenson in memory of Rita Harris
Northwood Lions Club in memory of Rita Harris

Designated Donations:

Video Magnifier Program
South Forks Lions Club 500.00
Kulm Lions Club 100.00

I know that some of you are still waiting for your 12 year danglers. These were ordered in July, 2011 and as of today they still have not arrived. Something about a lost shipment. I will forward these to you as soon as I receive them. Your foundation board sincerely thanks all of you for your generous and continued donations and support.

PDG Chris Voegelé, Sec. Treas.
Lions Foundation of ND

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

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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February hero clubs

We have only four hero clubs this month, sigh. As you'll recall, hero clubs are those who've added at least one new member during the preceding month. I want to start with the ultra-hero club of the entire year—NDSU Campus Lions Club. They welcomed 12 new Lions to their den in February: Kirstie Abel, Rebecca Berg, David Breitbach, Samantha Keller, Tayyaba Mohsin, Ashley Peterson, Jaelyn Proulx, Bethany Schwandt, Nik Snyder, Alexis Vondal, Kristen Weiss, and Travis Whirley.

Davenport Lions Club scores a double hero award by adding new Lions Dean Mortenson and David Vanderwerff to their number. Fargo Lions are heroes again, welcoming new member David Todd. Zeeland Lions Club is a hero-times-two club. They doubled up with new members Neal Engelhart and Ronald Foss. Is there anyone in Zeeland who isn't a member of a Lions Club? Congratulations to all the February hero clubs.

Out and about

March has turned out to have more club visits that we expected. As of the 5th we've enjoyed the company of the

Gackle, Robinson, and Tuttle Lions. That makes 38 clubs total. We're planning to be in Northwood on the 6th, West Fargo on the 12th, jointly with Braddock and Hazelton on the 15th, LaMoure on the 21st, Davenport on the 22nd, Enderlin on the 27th, and Sterling on the 29th. Kulm is also pending this month.

I'm going to leave it to others in this newsletter to mention the news and upcoming events. I'm confident they'll do a good job of sharing information. I have only a couple of important topics to cover with you this month. The first regards communications; the second, connectedness.

Communications

Fellow Lions, so much of our effort together depends on district officials and Lions Clubs International (LCI) being able to communicate with you. Toward that end we rely heavily on information in the club's Form PU-101. This form lists a club's meeting place, meeting time, and meeting location. It also provides contact info for the club's officers—names, mailing addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses. These forms are maintained in the computer at Lions Clubs International

headquarters and can be updated either by computer or by submitting a written form.

I know firsthand that countless letters are mailed to outdated addresses, phone calls are attempted to disconnected phone numbers, and emails are sent to addresses that are no longer used. This is a big waste of time, energy, and resources and is frustrating to those serving you.

If there is one thing a club can do make District Governor Elect Mel Olson's service more productive next year it is updating the Form PU-101. You don't have to wait until the new Lion's year begins (July 1st, 2012) to provide the meeting and new officer info. It can be done ahead of time—the club can and should have both this year's and next year's data listed at the same time. As a reminder, the Form PU-101 needs to be updated and verified even if officers or meeting info doesn't change from one year to the next.

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At their recent joint meeting, Lions from Robinson and Tuttle enjoy the humor of District Governor Johnson — or did his pants just fall down?

5NE GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Along those lines, it is time to elect officers. The standard club bylaws set timelines for the process. I suggest you cut out and set aside the steps below for future reference. The clock is already running!

The current club president appoints a nominating committee.

The nominating committee presents a slate of nominees to the club at a meeting in March. Others may be nominated from the floor at this meeting.

An election is held in April.

The club notifies LCI of its new officers (using the PU-101) within 14 days of the election.

Promise me that your club will be out front in getting its PU-101 updated this year.

Connectedness

As Brenda and I travel the district we marvel at how Lions are alike in our need to serve and to help others. I think it's understandable that we focus much of that effort and use many of our dollars in our own communities. Locally is where the needs are easiest to see.

However, I've made a point during visitations to remind clubs that we are a "connected" organization. What do I mean by "connected?" We are connected to each other through zones and regions.



Gackle Lions Club President George Koenig (center) and Lion Secretary Rory Metz (left) complete the LCI questionnaire with the district governor at the conclusion of his visit.

Our districts are connected together at the next level. Finally, every country with a Lions Club is connected to one of seven constitutional areas which together make up Lions Clubs International. We are connected to all Lions everywhere.

A humanitarian need in one country isn't met just by clubs in that country or that geographical area—it's met by Lions throughout the world. We in eastern North Dakota may not be able to personally dig a new fresh-water well or personally hand eyeglasses to a person in need or personally

vaccinate a child, but that doesn't relieve us of our responsibility to see that those things happen in the world. I continue to urge 5NE clubs to acknowledge and honor our connectedness by making a contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) every year.

Here's hoping we enjoy a warmer than usual March and know that you have my appreciation and my thanks for being great Lion servants.

DG Steve

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Block fundraiser which we are asking the help of your Lions Club in our current fundraising project Bricks for Burlington we are selling individual 8x8 blocks to be placed at the youth sports complex.

We would like every Lions Club in the state to help sell 10 Blocks. These blocks can be in the form of a memorial or in your Lions Clubs name. Better yet, sell them to individuals in your community. We will send out brochures to all Lions Clubs on this project. If 100 Lions Club sells TEN bricks at \$100/each that will raise \$100,000!

Our second stage is for opening day of Baseball on April 6, 2012. We are asking all

Lions Clubs to do some sort of a fundraiser in April to help out with rebuilding the Sports Complex.

How about a spaghetti feed! The last time the Lions Clubs united together and did a state wide spaghetti feed it was a great success thanks to PDG Craig Wollenburg. PDG Wollenburg is willing to help with this phase of the project.

The Lions of North Dakota are asked to step up to the plate. As spring approaches there will be a need to start rebuilding the flooded Burlington's youth sports complex.

Our third stage would be working with the Chevrolet Dealers. We all know that slogan "Baseball, Apple Pie and Chevrolet,"

the Burlington youth are in need of a new Chevrolet Bus as theirs was destroyed in flood.

The Park and Recreation committee of Burlington will need to bus their children to other baseball fields until the sports complex get finished. The bus is also used for their high school team to travel to games and tournaments.

The committee has established priorities as follows: 1) Field preparation 2) Bus.

For more information visit www.bricksforburlington.com/ or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/BricksForBurlington.

South Forks



Following the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowships, all the South Forks Lions Club members that were Melvin Jones Fellows gathered around the three new Melvin Jones Fellows for this picture. Holding their MJF plaques in the front row from left to right are Roger Johnson, Tracy Wicken and Del Hager. The South Forks Lions Club has presented 32 Melvin Jones awards over the years, and of those receiving the award, over half a dozen have become Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows.

South Forks Lions presents 3 Melvin Jones Fellowships

Members of the South Forks Lions Club in Grand Forks celebrated Valentines Day by inviting their spouses or a friend to attend their regular 7 a.m. Tuesday morning meeting.

Over half the member's wives attended, each receiving a rose as a memento of the day. The program for the day was the presentation of the Melvin Jones Fellowships to the three unsuspecting club members.

Receiving the Melvin Jones awards were Lions Tracy Wicken,

Roger Johnson, and Del Hager. Not surprisingly, each in turn had been named the Lion of the Year in the three preceding years. Lion Wicken is a past president of the club and currently SNE Cabinet Secretary, Roger Johnson is the first vice president and oversees the Christmas in the Park fund raiser.

Del Hager is currently president of the club and was the 2010 State Lions Convention Chairman when the convention was held in Grand Forks.

PDG's, Eye Bank, Foundation to host meetings the same day

The North Dakota Past District Governors Association is scheduled to have their annual meeting on April 27-28, at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. As soon as their meetings are over at 10:00 a.m. Saturday the 28th, the board members of the Eye Bank of North Dakota will take over the meeting room until a shared lunch with the Lions Foundation board members. The Foundation board will eat with them and then claim the room for the duration of the afternoon. This dove-tailing of meetings has developed over the last few years as a convenience for governors and to board members who belong to more than one of the organizations.

Only the PDG meetings will run both days, beginning on

Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., followed by a social that evening at 6 p.m., and a banquet at 7 p.m. Their meeting will reconvene with a 7:30 a.m. Saturday breakfast and meeting until 10 a.m., when the schedule will continue as stated above.

Getting hotel rooms these days is a problem! Already as of this writing, there are no rooms available at the Doublewood for that evening. However, we have set aside a block of rooms for Friday night, April 27, at the Days Inn, very close by. If you are interested in getting a room for that evening, please call the Days Inn at 701-223-9151. Please specify "Lions meetings" when calling. The block of rooms will be held only until April 20, so please call early to get your reservation.

2012 MD5 Convention to offer vendor fair along with traditional program

By Lion JeAnne Selby,
2012 MD5 Convention PR Chair

The 2012 MD5 Convention, this year scheduled for June 1 – 2, at Bismarck, will offer the traditional MD5 Convention programming we have come to expect. Included in the weekend MD5 Convention will be a vendor fair, offering additional educational, promotional and/or shopping opportunities.

According to Lion Donna Ruff, Chair of the vendor fair, the goal of the committee is to pack the courtyard of the Ramkota Inn with a wide variety of interesting and educational booths.

Toward that end, Lion Donna is currently soliciting responses from North Dakota Lions District Chairpersons wishing to promote their specific Lions programs, such as Diabetes Awareness, Leader Dog, Peace Poster, Eye Bank of North Dakota, Lions Foundation of North Dakota Video Magnifier, Youth programs and others.

She also extends an invitation to those that have home-based businesses (such as jewelry, clothing, crafts, kitchen gadgets, etc.) to participate in the vendor fair.

Lions program chairpersons and home-based commercial vendors may contact Lion Donna for additional information and/or to request display space at donnaruff@bektel.com or home phone 701-378-2290.

In addition to the vendor fair, the weekend will offer a Friday evening mixer (which includes games and great appetizers), four special meal functions, several series of three 45-minute educational sessions (for both Lions and non-Lion guests), awards ceremonies and MD5 business meetings.

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 the January North Dakota Lion.

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 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. Complete and submit your pre-registration form and make your hotel or RV reservations now. Plan to spend June 1 – 2 at the 2012 MD5 Convention in Bismarck; the Convention Planning Committee continues to work hard planning a worthwhile MD5 Convention experience for you!

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.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Dear Lions of District 5NW:

I am so proud to be a Lion – aren't you?

I am a voracious reader. Recently I was reading a novel by William Krueger. His main character in this novel is a small town sheriff in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. The sheriff was sitting in his office one day watching the children playing on the new playground equipment in the park across the street that the "LIONS CLUB spent all last summer fundraising for and then donating their time to help install."

That is a true story in many communities around the world. And that is why I am proud to be a member of the International Association of Lions Clubs. No matter where in the world the Lions are providing Service, WE all get to share in that goodness.

I see that goodness everywhere I go in our district. From food pantries, to tree planting, to fundraising for a fellow Lion with cancer or fundraising for the Make A Wish Foundation or for the rebuilding of Minot or the Burlington ball diamonds or for Video Magnifiers for the Lions foundation of North Dakota or for the Eye Bank of North Dakota. You are doing fantastic SERVICE for the community where you live and for the greater community of our State Association and International Association.

Do you know anyone who would like to

be a part of something so great? Will you bring a prospective member to your next Lions meeting? Will you invite them to become a Lions member?

Individual Invitation Awards

Each Lion who sponsors a new member is eligible to receive a certificate of sponsorship from the international president. Both the sponsorship certificate and new member certificate are included in the New Member Kit, which may be ordered free of charge through the Club Supplies Department.

Additionally, Lions who sponsor three (3) or more members during a given fiscal year will receive the Year-Round Growth Membership Excellence Lapel Pin.

Club Invitation Awards

Clubs that bring in the number of members in their category, as specified below, during a given fiscal year receive a Year-Round Growth Membership Excellence Banner Patch. The club categories, and number of new members necessary to receive the patch for the category, are as follows:

- Clubs with 21 or fewer members: bring in 3 or more new members
- Clubs with 22-40 members: bring in 5 or more new members
- Clubs with 41 or more members: bring in 8 or more new members

2011-2012 club excellence award application available online at www.lionsclubs.org

To qualify your club must further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirement as follows:

Be a Club in Good Standing; Conduct at least three Service Projects; Make a contribution to LCIF; Achieve a net growth in membership or sponsor a new club; Publicize your club's service activities to the public through local media and to club members; participate in a leadership training program; Conduct regular and

meaningful club meetings and submit the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner. Set Your Goal and Take the Action to Make it Happen!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Lions clubs who are on track in the Membership Growth category:

- South Heart Lions Club +1; Bowman Lions Club +2; Elgin Dakota +1; Hooterville Flion +1; Kenmare +2;
- Lake Metigoshe +1; Mandan Dacotah +4; Minot Magic City +1; New England +3; Scranton +1; Stanley +2; University of Mary Campus Club +2; Washburn +1

REMEMBER, your new members deserve a proper induction and a full Lions Orientation. Come to the Spring Rally to receive those important steps. Attending the rally will help Lions achieve the Rookie Lion Award and the Roarin' Lion Award! See the registration form in this newsletter or obtain it from our district website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/.

Roarin' lions award winners!

Congratulations to: Lions Lois Reiersen and Sandy Hampton of the Williston Korner Lions, Lions Herman and Shirley Schafer of the Mandan Dacotah Lion, Lions Michell Brabazon and Jan Froemming of the Elgin Dakota Lions.

Club officer election time!

Spring is in the air and that means it's time for all of you to get your new officers elected. Why now? You will want to send them to the Spring Rally to learn great things that will help them in their upcoming year. There is no additional

Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

Elgin Dakota
Tiffany Johnson

New Salem
Anna Marie Kraft

Noonan
Thomas Burau

Scranton
Evelyn Flemmer

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charge; your club has already participated in the expenses. As a matter of fact – bring lots of people. We just need to know the number attending so please register. The registration form can be found in this newspaper or on the district website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/. PLUS your clubs officer reporting form is due very soon (PU101). This is how LCI and the district know who your officers are. So please take care of that reporting ASAP!

Spring rally coming soon

Did I mention the Spring Rally??? It is April 14 at Hebron High School from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Central Time. Have you been to one of these motivational days? Much sharing, many friendships formed, excitement about Lions abounds. EXCELLENT officer training is planned.

This year will feature a Lions Orientation, New Member Induction Ceremony and much, much more. For questions contact DGE Lewellyn Rustan, Chair at (h) 579-4347, irite@ndsupernet.com. Please register using the form in this newspaper or on the district website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/.

Club visitations coming to completion

I just have a few club visits left to schedule. I can almost count them on one hand. Governor Elect Lewellyn Rustan is also conducting visitations. Please welcome him on my behalf. He is much funnier than I am.

DG upcoming schedule

- March 8, Reeder visitation
- March 13, Zone meeting, New Salem
- March 14, Glen Ullin visitation

- March 16 – 17, Council of Governors, Minot
- March 22, Capital City Lions
- March 26, Taylor Lions
- March 27, Dickinson Lions
- April 2, Zone meeting, Washburn
- April 14, Spring Rally, Hebron
- April 23, Hooterville Flion visitation
- May 5, Final Cabinet Meeting
- June 1 & 2, MD5 Convention, Bismarck

"In the absence of clearly defined goals, we become strangely loyal to performing daily acts of trivia." - unknown

If our goal as Lions is to make every decision based upon our motto of "We Serve" then only GOOD will be the result. Let's be loyal to the goal of always aiming to serve.

Serving you with my Lions Heart,
DG Pat

5NW Spring Rally takes shape

The District 5NW Spring Leadership Rally will be held in Hebron on Saturday, April 14. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Central Time, with sessions running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Officer Training – Special seminar sessions for club secretaries, treasurers, presidents and board of directors members. Hands-on training, not just lectures. Secretaries will be trained on computers to access information and submit reports. Previous newly elected secretaries have praised the helpfulness of this training! It's easy with the right tools. Bring your current secretary's LCI log in number and password.

- Orientation – Here is where you learn about Lions. Be prepared for some surprises! So many Lions have never had a Lions Orientation, often because their club has not offered one. Attending this session will also meet that requirement for the Rookie Lion Award or the Roarin' Lion Award. Following the orientation program, there will be an

- Orientation Workshop – To help you organize and conduct orientations in your club.

- Conducting A Membership Drive – Learn proven methods and techniques for conducting a sure-fire membership drive. We know most people who are not Lions, have never been asked to join a local club. Get the tools you need to get the job done!

- Parliamentary Procedure Workshop – How to conduct more interesting, more fun, more efficient meetings! Tools to help even members who have never been an officer of any organization, become effective leaders Maybe even your club president!

- Lions Clubs Projects – Share ideas and learn from other Lions, what works, and why. Learn how to implement and conduct even complex projects effectively and efficiently.

- The Heart of a Lion – What makes Lions the greatest volunteer service organization in the world? What are Lions all about, and what makes us tick? You will leave this session motivated and excited!

- Induction and Installation – New members will be inducted, and incoming officers will be installed in district-wide ceremonies! What a thrill to be properly recognized by the District Governor and District Governor Team! Bring your new members, their sponsors, and your newly elected officers for this memorable event!

- Awards & Recognition – Well, that part is a surprise! Don't miss it.

**3 mile or 5 mile
Fun Run/Walk**
May 19, 2012
11:00 a.m.
(on site registration begins at 10:00 a.m.)
Mandan Faris Field
(Track/Football Complex)

\$15.00 per person ~ \$30.00 per family
OR PUT TOGETHER A TEAM AND GET PLEDGES
Tee Shirts guaranteed to all pre registrants

*For more information call 701-471-6158
Lion Sandy Swallow, Project Chair*

Proceeds support Camp Sioux, a summer camp for children with Diabetes and Lions vision projects.

Sponsored by: The Mandan Dacotah Lions Club

Washburn



Blazek honored

Washburn Lions Club members presented a Melvin Jones Fellow Award to one of their own recently. Second Vice District Governor Mike Blazek received the honor. He was presented the award by District Governor Pat Vannett. Pictured, front, from left, are Mac Beaudry, Jean Binsfield and Judy Heador. Back, John Samuelson, Duane Knell, Richard Brewster, 2nd VDG Mike, DG Pat, Gary Fuchs and Mike Nelson. The photo appeared in the February Lion, but those pictured were not identified.

Elgin Dakota



Dakota Lions award recipients

Pictured, from left, are Elgin Dakota awards recipients Lion Verna Giese; Lion Bonnie Kautz; Lion Elsie Stelter; Lion Edith Hauge; Lion Doris Friedt; Lion Irene Rauscher; Lion Ruby Koepplin; Lion Carol Winkler; Lion Mildred Rath; Lion Winnefred Kramer; Lion Jan Froemming; DG Pat Vannett, seated.

Club News

Elgin



Lion Jade Seibel



Back Row (Left to Right): Lion Virgil Stern, Lion Jim Heim, Lion Jade Seibel, Lion Shawn Lince, Lion BJ Raffeseth and Lion Travis Raffeseth. Below: Jud Swanston, winner of the tournament.

The Elgin Lion Club and Seib's Sports Bar have been having Poker Tournaments since 2005. We have had 12 tournaments and raised over \$10,000 for the Elgin Lion Club. This year, Elgin Lion

Club bought new tables and chips and plan to continue on having tournaments.

The next tournament will be in the Fall of this year.



Melvin Jones, and Progressive

Pictured are Elgin Lions Melvin Jones and Progressive Melvin Jones Recipients: From left, Melvin Jones, Lion Jeff Hillius. Progressive Melvin Jones: Lion Jim Heim; Lion Clarence Werner; Lion Shawn Lince; Lion Ruben Zacher; Lion ElRoy Herbel; Lion Art Rath; Lion Dale Froemming; Also pictured, DG Pat Vannett Not Pictured: Lion Lawrence Ackerman.

In Remembrance

Beach

Margaret Allen

Horace

Raymond Hajek

NOTICE

There was more news than there was room for.

If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.

APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

Application to be postmarked on or before Saturday, April 20, 2012

SECTION A

DESCRIPTION:

(On separate sheet(s) list office and year or as requested)

1. Each year Active member (15 consecutive years prior to application)
2. Each year Club Office of President, Club Secretary and/or Treasurer
3. Each year Club Board Member (not as President, Secretary or Treasurer)
4. Each year Club Committee Chairman (list year and committee)
5. Each year Program Presenter at District, State and/or Multiple District meetings
6. Each year Region Chairman or Zone Chairman
7. Each year Vice District Governor or Deputy District Governor
8. Each year District Governor or International Officer
9. Each year appointed as member of District Cabinet
10. Each year District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer
11. Each year State Chairperson of a Lions function
12. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President
13. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary and/or Treasurer
14. Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member
15. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President
16. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary and/or Treasurer
17. Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Member
18. Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairman
19. Each year Multiple District 5 Chairperson (does not apply to MD5 Council members)
20. Each year District Rally attended (List years and cities)
21. North Dakota State Conventions attended (List years and cities)
22. Multiple District conventions attended (List years and cities)
23. International Conventions attended (List years)
24. USA/CANADA Forums attended (List years and cities)
25. Melvin Jones Fellow (List years)
26. 100% District Governor Award (List year)
27. Club President Excellence Award (List years)
28. 100% Club Secretary Award (List years)
29. Hosting Foreign Exchange Student (List year, student's name and home country)
30. ND Chairman MD5 Youth Exchange Camp (List year, and location)
31. Each sponsored new Lion member Include a printout from LCI listing new sponsored members
32. Guiding Lion List year(s) and clubs
33. Extension Award List year(s) and club(s)
34. Other Awards Club, District or LCI

SECTION B

Prepare a written personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, when and where joining Lionism. Include all achievements as a Lion and outside of Lionism, volunteer work and other associations and personal recognition. Portions of this resume may be used for newspaper articles or brochures.

APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

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SECTION C

(Please print or type)

NOMINEE CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information I have provided is an accurate rendering taken from personal and club records.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State/Zip _____ / _____

TELEPHONE _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided is an accurate rendering taken from club and other verifiable sources.

PRESIDENT _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Nominations must be postmarked: ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2012.

This nomination form must be signed by nominee, Club President and Club Secretary and returned along with the information submitted for points in Sections A and the resume for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION:

- 4X5 OR SMALLER RECENT B & W PHOTOGRAPH OF APPLICANT SUITABLE FOR PUBLICATION
- RING SIZE

Mail completed application to:
PDG Marian Johnson, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association
1631 Northview Ave., Bismarck, ND 58501



NORTH DAKOTA 
LIONS
 90TH STATE CONVENTION HOSTED BY FARGO LIONS
26-27 OCTOBER 2012
 LOCAL HEROES MAKING A GLOBAL IMPACT. JOIN US.

1

VISIT WWW. FARGOLIONS.ORG FOR YOUR CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Scheduled To Appear: Hear Inspirational Nashville Songwriter Lion Karen Taylor-Good & Dance to "The Front Fenders" Saturday Night!

2

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM AT THE SPECIAL CONVENTION RATE OF \$85.00 WHILE THEY LAST:

BEST WESTERN DOUBLEWOOD FARGO INN
 3333 13TH Avenue South
 Fargo, ND 58103
 Phone: 701-235-3333

3

COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE REGISTRATION BELOW:

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: _____

DATE: _____

BADGE NAME: _____ CLUB: _____

CONVENTION FEE: \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____
STREET CITY ST ZIP

EXTRA BANQUET TIX: \$ _____

PHONE: () _____ EMAIL: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

CHECK ONE: LION _____ GUEST _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO - 2012 ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION

CURRENT LIONS TITLE HELD: _____

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

YOUR ALL-INCLUSIVE CONVENTION REGISTRATION GIVES EACH ATTENDEE ACCESS TO ALL MEETINGS, BREAK OUT SESSIONS, ENTERTAINMENT, MEALS, SNACKS, DANCING AND FUN!
 QUESTIONS? Email to mikegallagher@cableone.net
 Or visit www.fargolions.org

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) _____

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.

Bowman



Bowman County elementary grades K-3 with Lion President Florian Roehrich (in the vest).

Roosevelt school celebrates 100th day of school

Classes collect glasses for Lions

When the teachers at the Roosevelt Elementary School in Bowman started discussing how to celebrate the 100th day of school with their students - they decided to do something different. The idea of collecting eye glasses to donate to the Lions Club was brought up.

“From there the idea just snowballed,” says third grade teacher Mark Kunze who is also a Bowman Lions Club member. About a week prior to the 100th day, a retired teacher who also happens to be a Bowman Lions Club member came up to visit with the children.

Lion Don Groll explained a bit of the history of when Helen Keller asked Lions Clubs to be “knights of the blind” and what the

Lions do with the eye glasses collected. The Roosevelt students (kindergarten through third grade) got excited about helping with this project. It wasn’t any type of a contest, but the teachers thought if 50 to 60 used eye glasses were collected that would be great. The Roosevelt teachers were amazed and very proud of their students! They along with the staff collected more than 100 pairs of eye glasses by the 100th day of school - January 25th. What a great group effort! What a neat way to celebrate, by serving others.

“We Serve” is the motto for Lions. The following is just a little information on Lions and why “sight projects” are so important to them. If you’d like more information on Lions contact President Florian Roehrich or any Lions member.

Super Bowl benefit has super support

The Bowman Lions Club held its annual Super Bowl Soup and Sandwich Benefit on Sunday, Feb. 5th with a great turn out of Lions volunteers, articles for the silent auction, and people to show their support to Mike and Bobbi Buster.

The Lions would like to thank all the wonderful people, businesses, and Bowman Lutheran Church for their help in making the benefit such a success.

You hear a lot of talk prior to the Super Bowl about “Super Sunday” and even though the expression was referring to all the “football hype” – to the Bowman Lions Club it was a Super Sunday because of all the generous folks that helped make the benefit such a special day.

We couldn’t be more pleased to have had such an awesome response to helping a neighbor in need.



From left is Lion Lisa Abrahamson, Lions Tom Nordberg and Roger Kubista, volunteer Haley Phelps and lion Terry Whitney.