

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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## Lions, it's time to step up to the plate

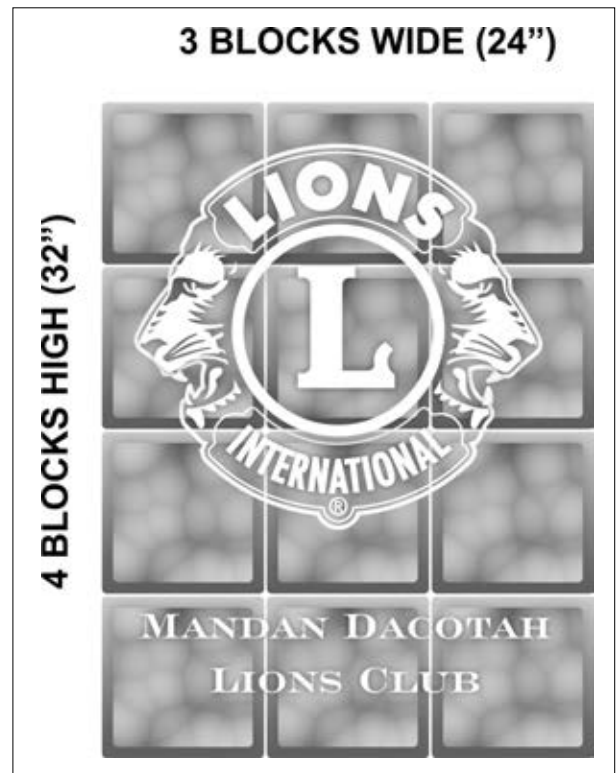
Spring has come and it's time for baseball. We are up and running with the Bricks for Burlington project. We will be mailing out to each Lions Club 10 brochures on the Project. We are asking that each club help sell 10 blocks. Our goal is to sell 1,000 blocks across the state.

This Glass Block Wall will be placed somewhere on the Sports Complex. This is a good way to honor someone with a memorial or for a local business to show their support towards our youth. Maybe it's your Lions Club showing its support to this project.

Our second stage to this project is to ask every Lions Club to plan some type of a special event. Remember what the Lions achieved for the tsunami relief by holding a Spaghetti Feed. Let's show the kid's what Lions are made of and raise the necessary Fund to get them back on the field where our kids need to be.



\$100 Block



\$1,000 Block

### *Bricks for Burlington donation form*

- \$100 Brick       \$1,000 Brick  
 \$10,000 Brick       Other Donation \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Company Logo:

BRICK INSCRIPTION:

Mail to:  
 Bricks for Burlington • Sawyer Lions Club  
 PO Box 223 • Sawyer, ND 58781

# Magic show comes to Minot April 21

## Proceeds to benefit flood damaged school

"The Magic of Jay Owenhouse" will come to Minot Saturday, April 21, at 4 and 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Minot Lions Club with proceeds going to playground equipment at Longfellow School.

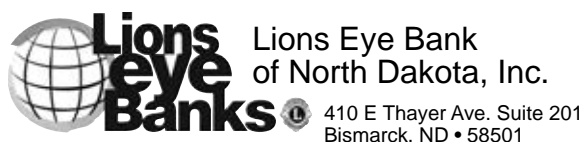
The Owenhouse show breaks new ground across the nation with a brand new, elaborate stage show called "Magic on The Edge," a mind boggling, spell-binding experience that will keep you on the edge of your seat. You'll see audience members float in mid-air, get sawed in half and disappear. Jay's new Bengal Tigers Shekinah, a Royal White Tiger and her sister Sheena, a Orange Bengal Tiger, will be featured.

Owenhouse spent last winter touring China and Japan, where Jay's show received the "Best Touring Family Show in Asia" award. Now back in the U.S. he is working on his New TV series for the ABC Family Channel. Jay has also been shown on Fox TV in the show, "Magic on the Edge," and in the TV special, "Masters

of Illusion," a program profiling the best magicians in the world. Produced by Associated Television International, the show is currently airing in Europe, Asia, Australia and in the U.S.

Caught by the magic bug at four years old, Owenhouse first performed as a freshman in high school. Since then, he's invented magic effects and designed illusions not only for his show, but also for other magicians of world renown.

Come see why Hollywood entertainment journalist, Mark Ebner, calls The Magic of Jay Owenhouse, "[With apologies to PT Barnum] the greatest touring Family show on earth." Tickets are on sale now, and may be purchased in advance at a discount at 701-852-3116. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults and children. Tickets at the door are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children.



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## March transport list

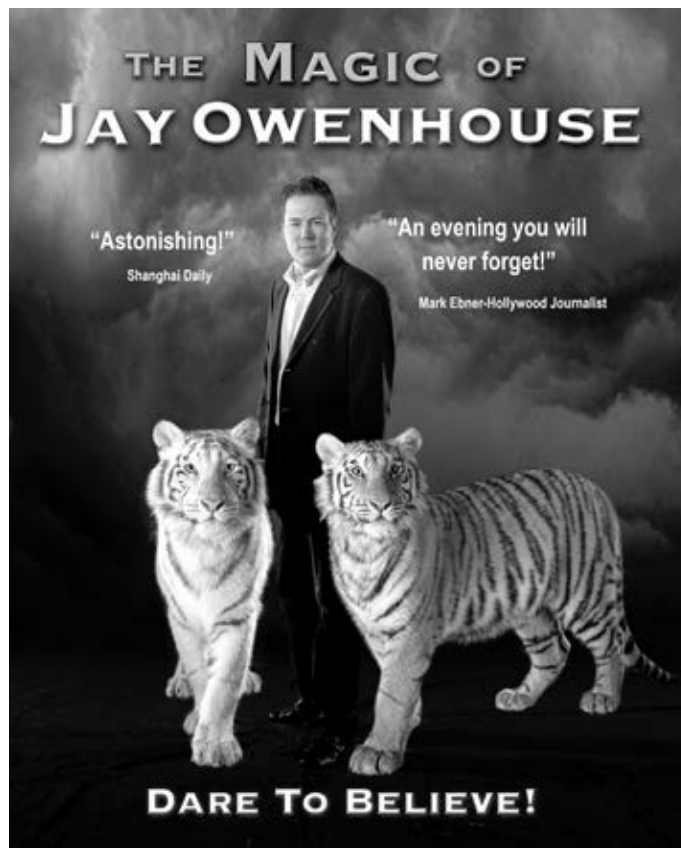
*Editor's note: The following are those Lions who were called upon this past month to transport eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Inc.*

### One-time transporters

Gene Massie, New Rockford  
Larry Sayler, Valley City  
Joe Quaglia, Hooterville  
Dwayne Preabt, Grand Forks  
Mike Coleman, Grand Forks  
Owen Graupe, Grand Forks  
Michael Moe, Grand Forks

### Three-time transporter

Ron Harris, Valley City



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New Cavalier Lions club members at their first organizational meeting include, front, from left, Teri Moe, Eric Dietrich, Eunice Dietrich, Nancy Cluchie and 5NE DG Steve Johnson. Back, Kevin O'Leary, Steve Jennings, Tami Briese, Mark Briese, Val Brown, Cal Cluchie, Garry Friedt, and VDG Mel Olson. Not pictured are Lions Duane and Mary Ann Zwinger.

# Cavalier Lions Club a reality

An extension team from SNE went to the community of Cavalier March 19-20 with the purpose of starting a Lions Club. The team was successful, signing 31 new members for the club.

Team members included DG Steve Johnson, VDG Mel Olson and Lions Duane and Mary Ann Zwinger. The extension team met with a lot of enthusiasm from the community, that is why the efforts of the team were so successful.

The Cavalier Lions Club held its first organizational meeting Tuesday, March 20 at the Cedar Inn. The evening had as the main agenda items to inform the people present about what Lionism is all about and to see how that can fit into the needs of the Cavalier community. Also in discussion was talk about potential projects

for the club.

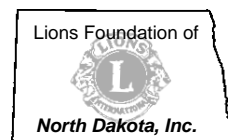
The evening concluded with election of officers. Officers include: Val Brown, president; Cal Cluchie, secretary; Eric Dietrich, treasurer; Garry Friedt, membership chairperson, and Steve Jennings, tail twister. The Cavalier Lions will continue with the organizational process with a few more meetings. This meeting will lead to Charter Night. The date for Charter Night has not been set, but look for this date to be set very soon.

The Lions Clubs of the state, especially in SNE, are encouraged to congratulate, encourage and help the community of Cavalier and their new Lions Club in all of the start-up efforts.

Congratulations Cavalier Lions Club – and good luck.

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## March donations to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota

### Sustaining memberships: \$10

Roger Maier, Donald Schnering, Alvin Roesler, Emil Roesler, Eugene Roesler, Marlyn Roesler, Donna Ruff, James Ruff, Bonnie Wiskus, Lyla Johnson and Minnie Krenzler

### Bronze Clubs: \$100-\$300

South Forks Lions

### 100 percent Clubs:

Lehr Lions

### Memorials:

John T. Stewart in memory of Al Golden; Robert Littlefield in memory of Rudolph Humpal; Minot Lions Club in memory of

Kathleen Johnson; John T. Stewart in memory of Ben Dove.

### Other designations

Elgin Dakota Lions \$35

### Designated funds: Video Magnifier

South Forks Lions \$500  
Mandan Lions \$3,714  
Mandan Dakotah Lions \$300  
Red River Lions \$1,857

Thank you all for your generosity. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

Your Lions Foundation Board members

# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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The District honors five “Hero Clubs” for March. Medina Lions Club gets the top step, having added three new members: Tracy Frank, Charles Harris, and Robert Heier. Dakota National Forensic League Lions welcomed new Lions Brian Geffre and Denise Raeder. Jud Lions Club has two new members, Patsy Broughton and Elizabeth Doyle. Ryan Johnson and Jim Shaw are now members of the Leonard Lions Club. Chris Murch can now proudly call himself an Arthur Lion.

Let me remind club secretaries to get their new member info submitted to LCI in a timely manner as I use the LCI data to recognize Hero Clubs.

We are proud to share with you news of the formation of the Cavalier North Dakota Lions Club. Paperwork is being submitted to bring on board 31 charter members. Initial club officers are Val Brown, president; Cal Cluchie, secretary; Eric Dietrich, treasurer; and Garry Friedt, membership committee chairperson. A Charter Night celebration has tentatively been set for June 22nd. What a great feeling to add these northeastern North Dakota Lions to our den.

Lions, it’s time to plant trees, trees, trees, trees, trees, trees, trees, and more trees. Get it folks? It’s now or never. In support of our international president’s initiative, the District set a goal of planting 1,578 trees (one for each member) this year from July

2011 through June 2012.

Thus far, a paltry few have been reported to Lion “Tree Willie” Huot our Environmental Committee chairperson. Many of you have said you’ll do it. Pass your success to Willie at (w) 780-8229, (h) 775-7605, or [willie.huot@ndsu.edu](mailto:willie.huot@ndsu.edu).

I have club visits in April planned for Chaffee on the 9th, Kindred on the 12th, Emerado-Arvilla on the 19th, Wishek on the 30th, and Argusville tentatively on the 18th. That will leave only four clubs remaining for May and June combined.

Need a little extra Lions fun? Mark your calendar for the Lehr Ice Cream Social on Sunday, April 22nd from 1-4 at the Lehr Community Center. Come and hear about the ND Lions Diabetes program and Great Plains Assistance Dogs. Contact any Lehr Lion for more info. If “whackin’ the ground” is more interesting to you, Davenport Lions just announced their annual 4-person golf scramble on June 9th starting at 9 a.m. For more info call Leonard Country Club at (701) 654-2582.

I am aware that many of our clubs have already held elections for next year or are in the process. Good for you. Club elections are supposed to occur in April. LCI asks that once you identify new officers, report names and contact information to LCI on the Form PU-101 within 15 days of the election. You’ll make the new district governor’s job much easier if you meet that

deadline.

Consistent with the new beginnings of spring, I ask each club to consider a “new beginning” for membership. As folks begin to move around outside after a long winter it’s a great opportunity to extend a greeting and an offer of Lions membership to friends, acquaintances, and newcomers to the community. You should consider putting an ad in the local newspaper or on the local radio station telling everyone how much fun it is to be a Lion in your club.

I willingly admit that I borrowed this membership thought from 5SKN District Governor Ken Grummett. DG Ken suggests that if a club wants to WIN the membership challenge it needs to insure it is (W)elcoming to new members, (I)nvolves its new members, and (N)urtures its new members.

To be welcoming a club needs to issue invitations, be inclusive, and be accepting of new ideas. To involve new members a club needs to encourage

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Kulm Lions and guests pose for a group photo following their March meeting.

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participation, form new teams, and match skills and abilities with tasks. Engage new members in meaningful activities and facilitate interaction. The most successful nurturing strategy includes a good Lions orientation program and a mentoring mentality. Educate new members about Lions activities worldwide, yet make your local Lions club as comfortable as a family setting.

Well, good Lions friends I need to get outside and go for a walk in this beautiful spring weather. Here's hoping all your seeds germinate, there's a fish on your line under that bobber, your steak comes off the grill exactly as you like it, and you become closer friends with your neighbors.

DG Steve



PDG Gerald Sletmoe presents a certificate to Enderlin's newest member, Paul Wadeson.



Sterling Lions President Dan Wilson receives International Tam's personal lapel pin from District Governor Johnson.



Wife Betty Beck proudly affixes a Melvin Jones pin to the collar of husband Northwood Lion Gilman Beck, after presenting the MJF award. District Governor Steve Johnson looks on.



Braddock and Sterling Lions hear district governor's message after joint evening meeting.

# 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Lions: Proud of the past and confident in the future!

Our Lions pin signifies membership into the largest service-oriented group of clubs under an international organization in the world! As members, we enjoy fellowship, develop leadership capacity and dedicate part of our free time to help those in need in our community first, but also in the rest of the world.

The emblem on our pin consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular purple field. Bordering this is a gold area with two Lions profiles at either side facing away from the center. Symbolically, the lions face both the past and future – proud of the past and confident in the future.

### Honoring our past

The past that we honor is filled with ingenuity, fresh ideas and great dedication to service. I don't know if the folks who were so creative in their ideas intended for us to never be creative again. I believe honoring the past means following in their example of creativity.

### Confident in the future

It's so interesting that the role of Lions Clubs for the future seems to be in question. When, in fact, our communities are facing challenges that our Lions Clubs are most equipped to handle. Lions

Clubs have throughout history provided communities with leadership to tackle the needs of their community. The needs of western North Dakota are great and Lions Clubs who are being true to our code and our charge of service are helping create the future in the place where they live and serve. We can and should play a positive role in the needs of your communities.

### Service with a Lion's heart

Serving with your heart means that you see a need and get busy and address the need. That need does not necessarily mean that you write a check. It might mean that you provide a forum for change. It might mean that you dig in and fix a problem. It might mean that you seek out the lonely and invite them for a cup of coffee. Service without expectation of anything in return is what we are all about.

### What's in it for me?

That's really not a question for a Lion, don't you agree? I have not read one thing in our motto, our constitution and bylaws, our creed, nothing talks about "what's in it for me." In fact, Melvin Jones started this organization with business people to give back to their communities "without regard for personal gain."

However, we do get something out of being a Lion. We get the Privilege of making the world a better place. We get to help people, many of which we don't even know, but through that help, the world is a better place for them. The gift we give freely helps us to be better people. Our being better people creates a better world for all.

### Honoring our past

This past month I said goodbye to my father for the last time. Six out of seven of his children were present when his life support was removed and we shared his

last moments together.

Later, we toasted him in the way he was most pleased with, I am sure. We had his favorite polka music playing for him. We shared many "Rudy" stories. In a town of 95 people, our family stood for four hours greeting family, friends, and neighbors. I found out more things about my dad than you can imagine. His legacy of life was taking time for people. He remembered people's birthdays and anniversaries. He stopped by to see people, often. He worked hard and he played hard.

We don't honor Dad by living exactly as he did. We honor him by living out his values of hard work and caring for others.

### Lions value others

Lions, our founders gave us a motto of "We Serve." We show our value by embracing our future and providing the opportunity for our Lions clubs to make the changes that are needed to help our communities and those less fortunate than ourselves in TODAY'S world.

### Thank you!

The many cards, notes, emails, flowers and phone calls of care and concern during my father's illness and death have meant so very much to me.

You are the best group of Lions that I know. I am proud to serve as your governor.

From my Lions Heart to yours,  
DG Pat

## Welcome to our newest 5NW Lions:

### Bismarck Capital City Lions

Scott Nustad

### Hazen Lions

Wanda Etzel  
Glenda Miller

### Turtle Lake Lions

Kristi Laframboise  
Cynthia Monson

### Wilton Lions

Jim Privratsky

# MD5 Lions – “Pride of the Heartland”

## MD5 Lions 2012 Convention Registration Form

June 1st & 2nd, 2012 • Ramkota Inn • 800 South 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

# 2012 MD5 Convention to offer numerous educational seminars

BY LION JEANNE SELBY  
2012 MD5 Convention PR chair

The 2012 MD5 Convention, this year slated for June 1 – 2, at Bismarck, will feature business, industry and Lions educational seminar presenters, in addition to keynote speaker, 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.

While the MD5 Convention committee continues finalizing educational seminar arrangements, convention participants may attend any of the following seminars already confirmed: peace posters, given by MD5 LOFY Chairperson Maureen Meston-Pockett; North Dakota Leadership Seminar (a cost-free inspirational, motivational retreat for high school students), presented by Lions Scott and Sandy Ressler; an introduction to the mountain lions of the prairies, presented by a North Dakota Game and Fish biologist; the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) concept, explained by Brian and Angie McGinness, owners/operators of Riverbound Farms, located south of Mandan; Lions Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team (of special interest to Lions club presidents, vice presidents and membership chairs), co-lead by PDGs Rob Hill, Doug Scheller and PCC Gordon Ziegler; the success story of family-owned Cloverdale Meats of Mandan, as told by Cloverdale President/CEO T. J. Russell; guidance and answers to Lions club leaderships' legal and/or insurance questions, offered by Lawyer (and Lion) Aaron Birst and Insurance Agent (and PDG) Brach Johnson; digital photo enhancements, lead by Professional Photographer (and Lion) Jerry Renner; the training and placement of service dogs by Service Dogs of America (Great Plains Assistance Dogs of Jud, ND) throughout the U.S. and Canada; the North Dakota oil boom, addressed by Director of the North Dakota Industrial Commission & Department of Mineral Resources (and Lion) Lynn Helms; and Lions in action around the world, stories of new and amazing Lions accomplishments that benefit the needy around the world, told by International Director Gary Anderson and Past International Director Bruce Schwartz.

Convention participants will have a choice of three educational seminars during each of two 45-minute time slots on both Friday and Saturday. At least one of the three options during each time slot will be of special interest to Lions, while at least one educational seminar each time will be of general interest to Lions and guests alike.

North Dakota Army National Guard Major General David Sprynczynatyk will keynote the Friday noon luncheon, while University of Mary President Father James Shea will be the Saturday breakfast keynote speaker.

In addition to a diverse selection of educational seminars and the keynote addresses, the two-day convention also offers a Friday evening mixer (which includes games and great food), four special

meal functions, a vendor fair with both educational and home-based commercial vendor participants, a remembrance service, awards ceremonies and MD5 business meetings.

Lions members are urged to pre-register at their earliest convenience; the convention registration fee jumps from \$125.00 per person to \$140.00 on April 15. Look elsewhere in this issue for a 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 next month. 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 wants to share a worthwhile MD5 Convention experience – and a fun weekend - with you!

## Peace Poster theme announced

Lois Reiersen  
701-770-1922  
2012-2013 Peace Poster chair

“IMAGINE PEACE” is the theme for the 2012-2013 Peace Poster Contest. The art contest encourages youth ages 11, 12 or 13 by Nov. 15 to express their vision of peace.

District 5NW and MD5 had some very talented youth participate in this contest over the last several years. Peace Poster Contest packets will be distributed to 5NW clubs at the Spring Rally for those clubs attending.

If your club is not attending the Spring Rally, your packet will be mailed to the President of the club. Please consider getting the youth in your area involved in this contest.

Get an early start by visiting with your local school or other youth organization soon. Feel free to call me if you have questions.



# Rules set for 2012 MD5 contests

The Public Relations and Service Committee of the MD5 Council of Governors has approved the following rules for the 2012 club contests. Clubs are encouraged to enter any or all of the contests. Note that these contests are first conducted at the district level, with the district winners advancing to the multiple district competition. The deadline for submitting entries to your District Governor is May 15. The district winners must be presented to Convention Chair Bev Charles by 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Please direct questions pertaining to any of these contests to Bev Charles at [dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net](mailto:dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net).

## MD5 Lions Club of the Year Contest

Due to space concerns, the form to be used for completing the Lions Club of the Year Contest can be downloaded from the MD5 website at [www.md5lions.net](http://www.md5lions.net).

Forms should be complete and submit to your district governor by MAY 15 to be judged on the district level.

The District Governor will submit the district's Lions Club of the Year to compete on the multiple district level with the other five districts in MD5 at the MD5 Convention.

## MD5 Lions Club Scrapbook Contest

The following are general minimum guidelines:

Scrapbooks need to be in a 3-ring binder clearly labeled with the club name.

The Scrapbook MUST have a Table of Contents.

All pictures should have a short description and people clearly labeled.

Scrapbooks MUST reach your District Governor in your district by May 15 to be judged on the district level.

The district winner will then compete on the multiple district level with the other five districts in MD5 at the MD5 Convention.

## MD5 Lions Club Website Contest

The following are general minimum guidelines:

Website is to be a Club Website and not a Zone/District/State/Provincial/International website.

Websites will be judged for quality of content and design.

The URL of each district's winning website shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee on or before MAY 15.

## MD5 Newsletter/Bulletin Contest

The following are general minimum guidelines:

Newsletters are to be placed in sheet protectors which are to be placed in a 3-ring binder.

The 3-ring binder needs to be clearly labeled with the club name.

Newsletters should be concise and informative.

Newsletters will also be judged for the quality of content, page layout, and publication design.

The 3-ring binder MUST reach your district governor by MAY 15 to be judged on the district level.

The district winner will then compete on the multiple district level with the other five districts in MD5 at the MD5 Convention.

### To: Lions Club Secretaries

From: Credentials Committee

Date: April 2012

### Re: Voting at the Multiple District Convention

Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. Each Lions club in this multiple district shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held (April 30, 2012). The major fraction shall be five (5) or more members. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International and your District of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid.

The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Please select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Please mail this information to DG Pat Vannett, 1101 Sunset Drive Mandan, North Dakota 58554 to be received by May 25, 2012, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk, at Ramkota Hotel, no later than 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 2, 2012. This sheet is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY- prior to coming to the Convention.

### CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of members in club as of April 30, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Voting Delegates Office held in Club

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Club secretary's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this sheet along with your club secretary or a club representative that will be attending the MD5 2012 Convention. This information can be downloaded at the MD5 Web site at [www.md5lions.net](http://www.md5lions.net)

**!!!TAKE TO THE MD5 CONVENTION!!!**

## Dickinson

# Grenz gives thanks for Lions' help

My family and I would like to thank the members of various Lions Clubs that attended my cancer benefit in Dickinson, March 8. The support was far more than any of us could have ever expected.

I have been unable to attend Lions functions as I used to, and then, seeing several of you that night reminded me why I have been a Lions member for so many years.

Thank you again – the Dennis Grenz family.



Pictured, from left, are Dickinson Lions member Brad Fong, Deb Grenz, Lion Dennis Grenz and Lion President Ken Davis during the check presentation to the Grenz family following a benefit March 8.

**To: Lions Clubs of MD 5**

**From: Council of Governors**

**Date: April, 2012**

**Re: Multiple District Convention**

*This will be your official notice for the Multiple District 5 Convention for 2012 to be held in Bismarck, North Dakota on June 1 & 2, 2012.*

Enclosed you will find the following important papers that require the immediate attention of your club officers:

1. The Official Convention Notice for 2012
2. The Official Rules for 2012 Contests
3. Your Club's Credentials form
4. Your Club's Most Lions Miles Traveled Entry form
5. Note: A copy of the Convention proceedings (will be found on the MD5 Web Site (90 days following the Convention).
6. Note Voting matters posted on the Web site and in the three Lions papers—30 days prior to the Convention

The official convention rules should be reviewed by your club officers and explained to your delegates. Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. Each Lions club in this multiple district shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each ten (10) members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the convention is held (April 30, 2012). The major fraction shall be five (5) or more members. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International and your District of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid. The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Please select your voting delegates and

alternates and list them on the Credentials Form signed by your club secretary. Please mail your club credential form DG Pat Vannett, 1101 Sunset Drive Mandan, North Dakota 58554 to be received by May 25, 2012, or have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk, at Ramkota Hotel, no later than 9 a.m., on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

The Lion Most Miles Traveled Contest forms should be given to your delegation to be presented to the Convention Committee Chairperson, PDG Bev Charles, c/o The Lions Registration Desk at the "The Ramkota Hotel." The basis for Most Miles contest is for clubs "25 and under in members" and clubs "26 and over" in members. For the Most Lions Miles contest points are awarded on the basis of 3 for a Lion, 2 for a Lion's spouse/partner, and 1 for each child in attendance. The points are totaled and multiplied by your round-trip mileage to Bismarck, North Dakota. In completing these forms only count those that have pre-registered. All other contest entries (scrapbook, website, newsletter) are submitted to the District Governor according to their specified deadlines. District Governors will submit their district winners to the contest committee by 9 a.m. Saturday, June 2, 2012.

The properly Certified MD5 Lions attending the annual MD5 Convention may vote on proposed changes to the MD5 Constitution and Bylaws. The proposed amendments are found elsewhere in this publication and can be found on the MD5 web site at [www.md5lions.net](http://www.md5lions.net). A copy of the Bismarck Convention proceedings may be found on the MD5 Web site (3 months) after the Convention. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Robert Littlefield, Council Chair

Mike Brand, Secretary/Treasurer

Bev Charles, Convention Committee Chair

# MD5 to vote on constitution and by-laws changes at upcoming convention in Bismarck

## Notice of Proposed Amendment to MD5 Constitution

Relating to past actions taken exempting Campus Clubs from payment of annual MD5 per capita assessments, the MD5 Council of Governors wishes to codify the process and procedure for such exemptions by amending the appropriate section of the Constitution. This amendment was proposed at the November 12, 2011 council meeting, approved by the Council of Governors at its March 17, 2012 meeting, and is proposed for consideration by the membership at the 2012 MD convention. This amendment would become effective on July 1, 2012.

Constitution: Section 6 Powers

Paragraph c. text is added (in shaded italics) to read:

c. Levy upon each District an annual per capita assessment in respect of each member of each club within the District, said assessment to be sufficient to cover the expenses for the fiscal year of the Multiple District administration and such other matters relating to the business of Multiple District as the occasion may require and the Council may decide, subject always to the By-Laws of this Multiple District. Council may exempt from the per capita assessment classes or categories of clubs where it believes the best interests of the Multiple District will be served. Exemptions must be approved annually by the Council as part of the budgeting process.

Paragraph f. text is added (in shaded italics) to read:

f. The Council shall prepare and approve a budget showing anticipated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. Reference to waivers of per capita assessment granted under paragraph c. above shall be included as part of any budget. No expenditure may be approved or made which shall require use of any reserves, or reflect an unbalanced budget in any fiscal year,

or reflect an expenditure against the income or reserves of any subsequent fiscal year except upon the affirmative roll call vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of members of the Council.

## Notice of Proposed Amendment to By-laws

Relating to the multiple district's financing and ability to accomplish its program and consistent with the "90% reserves" language (last paragraph) of this section, Council seeks to increase the semi-annual per capita assessment. This amendment was proposed at the November 12, 2011 council meeting, approved by the Council of Governors at its March 17, 2012 meeting, and is proposed for consideration by the membership at the 2012 MD convention. This amendment would become effective on July 1, 2012.

By-Laws: Section 1 Regular Per Capita Assessments

Text is amended (in shaded italics) to read:

Each District Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer shall remit to the Council Secretary-Treasurer, in US funds, a regular annual per capita assessment in two installments as follows:

August 1 \$3.00 per member \*\*

February 1 \$3.00 per member \*\*

\*\*Current installments of \$2.00 per member assessments on August 1 and February 1 were approved by vote at MD5 Convention, May 2003. The basis for these two remittances will be membership as reported by Lions International as of June 30 and December 31 respectively prior to above dates.

When the reserves of undersigned funds reach a level of 90% of the approved budget, the Council of Governors shall make a recommendation of a dues increase to the membership of the Multi-District, which shall be voted on at the next Multi-District Convention.

## Most-Lions-Miles-Traveled Contest Entry Form

This form should be given to your delegation to present to the Convention Committee Chairperson PDG Bev Charles, at the Lions Registration Desk at The Ramkota Hotel.

The basis for the Most Lions Miles Contest is for clubs "25 and under in members" and clubs that have "26 and over in members." Points are awarded as follows: 3 points for a Lion, 2 points for a spouse and 1 for a child. The points are totaled and multiplied by your round-trip mileage to Bismarck, North Dakota. Count only those individuals that are pre-registered.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary, Mike Brand at [vlion@msn.com](mailto:vlion@msn.com).

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS  
IPDG Bev Charles, Convention Committee Chair  
IPDG Robert Littlefield, Council Chair  
PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

### CLUB CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of members in club as of April 30, 2012 \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-registered attendance at Bismarck N.D.

2012 Multiple District 5 Convention:

# of Lions \_\_\_\_\_ # spouse/partners \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_

Round-Trip mileage to Bismarck, N.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Total # pre-registered \_\_\_\_\_

x round trip miles = \_\_\_\_\_pts.

**!!! BRING THIS FORM TO THE MD5 CONVENTION !!!**

**IMPORTANT:** Bring this form with you and leave it at the Lions Registration Desk at The Ramkota Hotel, no later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 2, 2012. Please note that only those who are pre-registered count in this contest. This information can be downloaded at the MD5 Website at [www.md5lions.net](http://www.md5lions.net).

## Elgin Dakota



### Club purchases low vision machine

The Elgin Dakota Lions recently purchased a low-vision reading machine for the Elgin Hospital Care Center, with the help of the Elgin Lions and a grant from the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Lion Theo Staller, Lion Brandon Vaughan, Lion President Michell Bra Bozon, Lion Doris Freidt, Lion Carol Winkler and Lion Jan Froemming (right, foreground) are pictured with the machine.

## Tree planting time!

By "Tree Willie"

Now that winter is a distant memory and we are enjoying a beautiful spring season across ND, it is time to be thinking about tree planting again. Although the goal of International Lion's President Wing-Kun Tam to plant one million trees this year has resulted in the planting of over 6.79 million trees around the world as of March 1st, there is still time to make this number grow even more. As you may recall all clubs were challenged to plant AT LEAST one tree per member. Congratulations to those clubs that have reached that goal. For the clubs that have not yet accomplished this, now is the time to act. To date, total number of trees reported planted in District 5NE since June 2011 is only 150 planted and another 120 intended to plant this spring. We can only count those trees that have actually been reported as planted.

Although reaching our goal of "one tree planted for each Lion" is one that we can hopefully still reach, this effort is about much more than a number. It is about improving our environment and making our homes, farms, ranches, communities and entire state a little healthier and greener by adding more trees to the landscape. So, fellow lions, let's roll up our sleeves, get out our shovels and plant trees. The deadline to report tree plantings for this year is May 19th. By that date please report ALL trees planted between July 1, 2011 and May 19, 2012. Send this information to me @ the following email address willie.huot@ndsu.edu Thank you for all of your efforts to help all ND Lion's clubs meet their tree planting goal. Maybe District Governor Steve Johnson will agree to shave his head @ the convention this fall if all clubs accomplishes this. Good luck in getting your trees planted!

## Ray



### Ray Lions donate

Jessica Ziebarth of the Ray After Prom Party Committee accepts a check for \$1,500 from Lion Walt Johnson of the Ray Lions Club. The Ray Lions have contributed to the After Prom Party for more than 25 years.

## Lake Metigoshe



### Magnifier recipients

The Lake Metigoshe Lions Club visited two of the Bottineau residents who received magnifiers last fall. They visited to check out how the magnifier was working and how the resident was adapting to its use. Pictured: Lion Diane Pearson, secretary, with Myrtice Zorn who prior to receiving the magnifier had not been able to see to write a check for many years. She stated she liked and used it a lot.

# MD5 "Club of the Year" Contest

Contest Period: July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012

Name of Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

1. PU 101 Report filed with District and LCI by April 30: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Monthly Membership Reports:  
10 Points for every Monthly Membership Report filed electronically with LCI by the last day of the month:  
# of Monthly Membership Reports \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
3. Service & Fundraising Project(s):  
NOTE: Only Service & Fundraising Projects submitted to LCI electronically in the Club's Monthly Activity Reports qualify.  
On a separate sheet of paper, write a brief description of each project, including the date, location, names of each club member participating and their hours worked.  
Total # of Projects: \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
4. Payment of District Assessments:  
First half paid by 7/31 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second half paid by 1/31 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Payment of Dues to LCI:  
First half paid by 7/31 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
Second half paid by 1/31 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Attendance at Officer Training Sessions:  
President, Secretary, Treasurer: # of club officers: \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 30 =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Club Members: # of other club members: \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 20 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
7. Zone Meeting Attendance:  
On a separate sheet of paper list the date and location of each zone meeting, name of the Host Club, and names of Club Members attending. Multiply by 10 for every Club Member attending. Add up all zone meeting attendance points.  
NOTE: The Host Lions Club can count all of their club members who are in attendance.  
Total # of Club Members who have attended Zone Meetings for the year  $\times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
8. Club Visitations:  
On a separate sheet of paper list each club visited, visitation date, and names of club members in attendance. NOTE: If anyone in your party is being compensated in any way or is on official Lion Business you cannot count that visit as a club visit.  
For each Club Visitation multiply the # of Club Members participating by 10 and add up all points. Total Club Visitation Points: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Attendance at the following Conventions:
  - a.) District Forum/Rally/ or like: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.) District/State/Provincial Convention: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 20 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.) MD5 Convention: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 30 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - d.) Lions Leadership Institute: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 40 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - e.) USA/Canada Forum: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 50 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
  - f.) Lions International Convention: # of members officially registered & attending  $\times 60 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
10. Youth Programs:
  - a.) Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.) Sponsor a youth to attend Youth Exchange: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.) Host a youth attending Youth Exchange: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d.) Participate in Lions Quest: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e.) Sponsor a new Leo Club: 100 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
11. International/State/Provincial/District Program Donations (Minimum Donation of \$100/Program):
  - a.) Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)/Lions of Canada Fund for LCIF 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b.) Leader Dog/Lions Foundation of Canada: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c.) Lions Eye Bank (State or Provincial): 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d.) Lions Foundation (State or Provincial): 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - e.) Diabetes Awareness: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
  - f.) Other: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Public Relations:  
NOTE: Attach each article/ad to your contest entry form.  
Ten (10) points for each press release/ad submitted promoting a club project or event to local media or Lions publication:  
# of press release/ads submitted \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 10 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
13. Club Bulletin: 50 Points for entering Lions Clubs International's Newsletter (Bulletin) Contest: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
14. Club Website: 50 Points for entering Lions Clubs International's Web Site Contest: 50 Points: \_\_\_\_\_
15. Membership:  
30 Points for each New Member: # of New Members \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 30 =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
20 points for each Transferred Member: # of Transferred Members \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 20 =$  \_\_\_\_\_
16. New Clubs Chartered or Sponsored:  
Name of Club Chartered: \_\_\_\_\_ Charter Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 300 Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Branch Club Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Sponsored: \_\_\_\_\_ 200 Points: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL # OF POINTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Club President: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Club Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Note: Any misrepresentation of information on this form will result in automatic disqualification.



Saskatchewan Lion Volunteers (row 1) Doug Reid, Ron Metcalfe, Audrey Reid, Susanna Munro, Ron Munro; (row 2) Brenda Armstrong, Maureen Pockett, Ken Grummet, Rick Pockett; (row 3) Tom Armstrong, Bev Zeigler; (row 4) Donna Olver, Gordon Zeigler.

# Multiple District leaders ‘Walking the Walk’ of service in Minot

BY ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD  
 r.littlefield@ndsu.edu

The MD5 Council of Governors added service and fundraising to their regular agenda at a recent meeting held March 16-17 in Minot to help the local Minot community efforts to rebuild after last year’s flood; and to support the purchase of dog guide and service dogs for two Canadian youth. Teams of Lions assisted Minot home owners with the reconstruction of their places of residence, to help local thrift stores with specific projects, and to prepare meals for volunteers working as part of the Lutheran Social Services Rebuild Project.

In addition, the Council raised \$160 through tail twisting and donations received during the two-day meetings. Donations were distributed to the Saskatoon Millennium Lions Club and the Maryfield District Lions Club to purchase a guide dog for Shane Fleming and a service dog for Trystan Lawless.

The Saskatoon Millennium Lions Club has \$14,000 in place with the Lions Foundation of Canada for a Dog Guide and Shane’s Family may be applying. Shane’s condition is worsening and his father and mother must provide assistance around the clock. VDG Tom Armstrong presented the family with the \$80 donation raised at the Council meeting.

The Maryfield District Lions initiated the funding for a service dog for Trystan Lawless. Trystan is a high functioning autistic individual; he and his family have been approved for a service dog from Service Dogs for America from Jud North Dakota. SSKS

IPDG Rob Hill presented the \$80 cash, raised at the Council meeting, to Trystan and his family along with a check from Maryfield Lions for \$1,500. Trystan and his Mother will be in Jud the end of July for training with the Service Dog.

In addition to generating donations, the council members served Minot in many ways. Some worked in homes helping to rebuild. SNE DG Steve Johnson and his wife, Brenda Johnson worked in a home that had the basement and main floor previously “gutted” and the electrical and plumbing replaced before they arrived. Brenda helped put up insulation and plastic vapor barrier



Shane Fleming received assistance for Guide Dog.



Trystan Lawless receives MD5 donation from Rob Hill.



Steve Johnson and Bob Everson (Davenport Lions) installing drywall.



Bruce Schwartz, Julie Schwartz and Minot volunteers insulate a family home.

in every nook and cranny of the kitchen. This work included her wielding a staple gun for the first time in her life. Steve carried, measured, and installed drywall in the dining room of the home. He also cleaned up construction debris and made it easier for drywall installers to get around to do their work the next day.

SNE 2VDG Fran Romsdal, Lion Monica Peldo, SSKN DGE Nick Laley, and SNE DGE Mel Olson helped put up Sheetrock in a home. They generally worked on the ceilings of a couple of rooms that had been totally stripped down to the studs. Another group had also installed the insulation and plastic coating prior to the arrival of the MDS Lions crew.

PID Bruce Schwartz, wife Lion Julie Schwartz, and CC Robert Littlefield installed insulation and plastic sheeting on the main floor of a local home, tore out damaged wall material, and performed general clean up to prepare for the installation of Sheetrock by the next crew.

A group of Saskatchewan Lions volunteered to work at a variety of locations. Some toiled at the Thrift Store on Broadway for Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. They cleaned, dusted, and moved display shelves and shelf units; repaired and used the vacuum cleaner; sorted, packaged and put on display various items of jewelry; cleaned the overhead fan; loaded and unloaded boxes (and boxes and boxes) of donated items - mostly clothing - from

one cube van to another and into the downstairs storage area.

Some worked at the Restore. They sorted and priced gently used items for resale in the store. Some prepared meals at a local church for volunteers. Some emptied a storage locker used by the Minot Salvation Army and moving the material to their facility on Western Avenue.

They needed to clear the storage facility by March 31 as the building is scheduled to be demolished. They loaded the contents (canned food and bottled water) first onto flat deck carts (3) and then into a pickup truck to be transported. Two truckloads were loaded, transported, unloaded and stacked at the Western Avenue facility.

SSKS DG Dennis Becker, Lion Barb Becker, Freda Hill, Lion Lorne Olver and Lion Rob Hill helped with sheet rocking at a house in Burlington. Lion Barb and Freda cut sheet rock and workers installed it. Lion Lorne, DG Dennis, and Lion Rob worked installing sheet rock in the porch of the house. Lion Barb and Freda's team completed the master bedroom and a hallway. DG Dennis and his team completed two walls and most of the ceiling.

The MDS council volunteers were gratified by the genuine expressions of appreciation they received from the local homeowners and citizens of Minot.



Fran Romsdal, Monica Peldo, Mel Olson, and Nick Laley worked construction.



Ken Grummett and Rick Pockett transported supplies.

## New Rockford

# Lions host Santa Day

## *Funds presented to local theater*

New Rockford Lions have always answered the call to help with the city's annual Santa Day Carnival. This year, the club took it a step further, hosting the event. The club purchased all the prizes and organized the games

The local SADD Chapter and National Honor Society gave a hand to set up and man all the games. Approximately 150 children enjoyed the afternoon's fun-filled event.

Proceeds from the event, \$1,060, were given to New Rockford Theater Manager Glenda Collier. The money will go towards the purchase of a projector for the theater.



President Dennis Gehrtz, along with Santa Day Chairperson Kelly McKnight, are pictured with the presentation check given to New Rockford Theater Manager Glenda Collier. The check was for \$1,060.

## Williston Korner

# Korner Lions host spring raffle

The Williston Korner Lions held its annual spring raffle drawing March 26. Lion Roni Gravgaard presided over the drawing. She and Lion Pat Allard were the event co-chairs.

Six winners were drawn, each receiving a \$100 gift certificate from local businesses.

Lion Steve Broe drew the first two winners. He was the top salesman for this project as he is for many other Lions projects.

His two winners were Lynn Muechel for \$100 at Economart/Country Floral. Then, Tracy Llewellyn's name was drawn for \$100 at Grandma Sharon's Restaurant.

Lion Merle Halvorson was third in ticket sales. He drew his two winners next. John Percy was awarded \$100 from Albertson's, and Scott Herren won \$100 from 2nd Avenue Sinclair.

Lion Treasurer Kathy Molland was fourth in sales. She drew the last two names. Her winners were Mark Haro - \$100 from Applebee's, and Sandy Morrison - \$100 from the Missouri Club.



Williston Korner Lions recently hosted its annual Raffle for Sight. Included in the event were numerous drawings. Pictured at left is Lion Merle Halvorson, drawing a name out of the basket held by Lion Roni Gravgaard.

## *Volunteer work day nears*

The Jud Lions have been busy doing a fundraiser for the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation/Service Dogs for America. They raised \$2,151 for handicap equipment to set up at the facility for the young students!

We would like to challenge other Lions Clubs to help out with this cause, maybe by having a fundraiser or just donating money for equipment.

Our Volunteer Work Day is also coming up on May 5,

starting at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served throughout the day and the Davenport Lions will be doing the Fondue Steak for supper. We have a lot of little projects to do this year so bring your friends, kids, grand kids and whoever else that wants to help out.

We also have 11 puppies that were born March 12. We ended up with three yellow and eight black puppies that need names!

We look forward to seeing you March 12!



# Carrington Lions to host golf tournament

The 6th annual Carrington Lions/Gate City Bank four person scramble golf tournament will be held on Friday, June 8, 2012 at the beautiful CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington, ND. The tournament has been named "The Al Larson Memorial Golf Tournament" in honor of charter member, Al Larson, of the Carrington Lions.

Tee off time is at 11:15 a.m. with a shotgun start. Registration will start at 10:30 a.m. The tournament will be open to all golfers; teams may be made up as all male, all female or as a coed team. The cost

for the tournament will be \$45 per person or \$180 per team.

This registration fee will get you green fees, two meals, registration package and a chance for hole prizes and team cash prizes. Cart rental is extra and is available at CrossRoads. (701-652-2601)

All proceeds from this tournament go towards the Carrington Lions service projects. The two major projects for the proceeds will be the Vision Magnifier Program and to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

So get a team together, come out and

have some fun on the golf course. Most of all remember you will be supporting the Carrington Lions in this major fundraising project. SUPPORT LIONISM!

The registration form will be available in the April and May edition of the North Dakota Lion. For information in regards to this tournament give Duane Zwinger a call at 701-652-1752 or email dzwinger@daktel.com. You may also send your registration fee to him as well. Register early, as the tournament is limited to the first 36 teams. Come to the CrossRoads Golf Course on June 8 for a great time.

## Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble

Male • Female • Co-ed

**Friday, June 8th, 2012**

CrossRoads Golf Course • Carrington  
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.  
Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

**Entry Fee:**

\$45 a person/\$180 Team  
Includes Green Fees, Prizes, Lunch & Supper  
Golf Carts available for rent at 701-652-2601

**Cash Team Prizes: \$1,000 Team Prize Money** (prizes vary slightly based on entries)

**Hole Prizes: Contest on each hole**

**REGISTER EARLY • Only 36 Teams**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline is June 4, 2012**

Send your registration to: Duane Zwinger, 509 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421  
or call 701-652-1752 or email dzwinger@daktel.com  
Make Checks payable to Carrington Lions Club

Visit CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway at [www.crossroadsgolf.com](http://www.crossroadsgolf.com)



LeRoy Wanner, Wishek, left, and Kevin Vannett, Mandan.



Among those on hand to present LeRoy Wanner with his video magnifier Feb. 18 were, back, from left, Kevin and Pat Vannett, Mandan. Front, LeRoy Wanner, Warny Becker, Wishek, James Ruff, Lehr, Delmar Zimmerman and Stanley Schmidt, Wishek.

## Lions are Knights of the Blind

It's hard to get a bunch of Lions to all smile at the same time, but on Saturday afternoon, Feb. 18, this group of Lions members were really, really smiling on the inside that is, that good kind of 'lump in the throat' feeling a person gets when they know they are a part of a service organization that helps people with sight problems. Helen Keller had challenged the Lions organization in 1925 at their convention to be 'Knights of the Blind.' Well Saturday was that day in Wishek.

You see, one of their fellow business owners, LeRoy Wanner, was receiving a Video Magnifier from the Lions Foundation of ND. This machine is the Cadillac model that shows its magnified images in color. Mr. and Mrs. Wanner have a catering business in their community of Wishek. They were forced to slow down due to health issues. With Mr. Wanner's failing eyesight, he will now be able to read his magnified recipes with ease.

Executive Director of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. (LFND), Kevin Vannett and his wife, NW District Governor Pat Vannett delivered two Magnifiers in our area on Saturday. One to Kulm to June Land and the second one to Wishek. The LFND started this Video Magnifier Lease Program approximately two years ago and at the last meeting on January 21, 2012, Lion K Vannett reported that 35 machines have been purchased or donated.

The foundation has received 55 applications requesting a video magnifier. Twenty-nine have been placed with three more to be placed shortly. Ten applications are on a waiting list. These numbers are continually changing and have increased. As of March 6, Lion Kevin stated that 59 applications have been received and 32 machines have been placed.

Lions clubs in ND are encouraged to make donations to the Foundation's VM Program. Special fundraisers could be held to

support this project. There is a local need. The cost of one machine is almost \$1,900. This machine will make LeRoy's and June's life easier. Another help the machine will provide is magnifying the labels on prescription bottles.

Simple things like that, that we with good eye sight take for granted. June Land from Kulm has also been enjoying her new machine as she loves to read books and now can do that with ease. These are life changing machines.

Wishek Lions members coming to help set up the machine and to congratulate Mr. Wanner, included President Warny Becker, Secretary Stanley Schmidt, and Lion Delmar Zimmerman.

Vice President of the North Dakota Lions Foundation board, PDG James Ruff, Lehr states he has applications on hand and will be happy to supply them to interested clubs. His contact number is 701-378-2290. All applications must be signed by a qualified vision loss professional.

A person does not need to be legally blind to qualify. If any local Lions Club are interested in finding out more about the program are encouraged to contact Lion Kevin at this toll free number: 800-372-3751 or 701-426-8050 or write to Video Magnifier Program, PO Box 761, Mandan, ND 58554. The e-mail address is: videomagnifier@gmail.com.

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

**Send us your stuff!**

Mail to: PO Box 309 • Garrison, ND 58540  
or e-mail: editors@bhgnews.com

10th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  
Provided for the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38  
Doane College—Crete, Nebraska  
July 13-15, 2012

Registration Form - One Form Per Attendee - Please type or print LEGIBLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Initial

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Business/Cell e-mail

Sub District No \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Lionism \_\_\_\_\_ Highest Office Held \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is \$130.00 US if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2012, and must accompany the application form. Beginning June 1 the base fee increases to \$145 US. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the form mail to Registrar PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

**Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.**

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Doane College. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$30.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 13th and check out must be completed by 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 15th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted. \_\_\_\_\_

Single occupancy room requested (Add \$30.00 to registration fee).

\_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic Diet requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Diet requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair Access required.

\_\_\_\_\_ Vision Impaired ( List what accommodation(s) needed.)

Please list any other special requests. \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Gary Fry  
Registrar, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169-0606. 515-967-4645 or frygj35@msn.com

# APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

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

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## 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.

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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

# Fargo Lions team with Puerto Vallarta Lions to give clear vision

By Patrick Brown

When Luis Angel Campos was led up to the mark on the floor of the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club's large community room, he couldn't tell Fargo Lion Blake Strehlow what the large object was at the top of the eye chart 10 feet away. It wasn't because the 12 year old didn't know the word for sailboat – he simply could not see it well enough to identify the shape.

Luis had lost his glasses and his eyesight was so bad he couldn't go to school. So his mother, Olga Patricia Bocenegro, brought Luis, his big sister, Carolina, and little sister, Bianca, to the vision testing conducted by the Fargo Lions Club working with the Puerto Vallarta Lions. They all left with proper eyeglasses.

More than 500 residents of Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico, showed up at their appointed times on February 13, 14, and 15, 2012, to have their vision checked by members of the Fargo Lions Club. Many arrived early, excited to get eyeglasses that would enable them to read newspapers, street signs, bus destinations, and other things most of us take for granted.

For two weeks prior to the Fargo Club's arrival, the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club had advertised the screenings and invited people to come to their club house in downtown Puerto Vallarta to make appointments. It was the first of many indications that the Puerto Vallarta Lions knew their business.

Due to international shipping regulations, the Fargo Lions were forced to pack into large suitcases about 3,000 pairs of glasses, which the Club had collected, cleaned, read the prescriptions, and tagged. These suitcases accompanied Fargo Lions as checked baggage, and, thanks to arrangements made by the Puerto Vallarta Lions, were brought into Mexico duty-free.

The Puerto Vallarta Lions also arranged transportation for the Fargo team, served them lunch, and provided translators during the screenings.

They welcomed patients and registered



The Fargo Lions Mission group gathered in the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club community room from left, Dr. Mark Tufte, Deb Tufte, Kathie Strehlow, Blake Strehlow, Patrick Brown, Nancy Jordheim, Samantha Peterson, Mary Schaefer, Neil Jordheim, and Dick Schaefer.

them. The guests then had their far vision tested by Fargo Lions Blake Strehlow, Dick Schaefer, and Patrick Brown, with the invaluable assistance of several Puerto Vallarta Lions and some Lions from nearby towns.

After the initial screening, each person was sent to see Lions Dr. Mark Tufte and Neil Jordheim, who worked together for all three days to determine each person's prescription using the portable auto refractor the Fargo club purchased with the help of a \$10,000 grant from the Lions Club International Foundation.

With prescriptions and, in many cases, eye drops in hand, the people walked to the fulfillment area where Lion Deb Tufte and Lion spouses Nancy Jordheim, Kathie Strehlow, and Mary Schaefer searched through the inventory to find the exact prescription, or one acceptably close to it, or non-prescription readers.

If their new glasses needed fitting and adjustment, they then paid a visit to Fargo Lion Samantha Petersen, a professional optician. As they left they were given a gift of candy, a pen, or soap.

In all, the two clubs fitted with eyeglasses 549 people, young and old, during the three days. Dr. Tufte also recommended 70 people for free cataract surgery provided by the Puerto Vallarta Lions. Dr. Tufte & Neil Jordheim also made one house call to a house-bound elderly woman, whose sight, unfortunately, was beyond care.



A young Mexican girl proudly shows off her new eyeglasses and the examination papers she could read thanks to the Fargo and Puerto Vallarta Lions Clubs.

Hard work by Lions in Puerto Vallarta and by other members of the Fargo Lions Club paid big dividends. Fargo Lion Jane Pettinger chaired the Vision Mission Committee and guided the Fargo Mission Team through the entire process. Lion Dave Butler worked with the Puerto Vallarta Lions to pave the way for the team. Many other Fargo Lions also participated in collecting, reading and boxing the glasses the Club took to Mexico.

This first vision mission by the Fargo Lions was a resounding success. Just ask Luis Angel Campos and his family.



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MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Fargo Lions Club  
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Students and coaches celebrate their successes at the NDSU Lions Speech Festival.

## Dakota NFL Lions holds 1st speech festival

BY ROBERT LITTLEFIELD  
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On Tuesday, March 13, the Dakota National Forensic League Lions Club held its first major fundraiser with the support of the Department of Communication in the form of the first annual speech festival at North Dakota State University.

As co-sponsors, the NDSU-Fargo Campus Lions Club members collected from the participants \$115 in donations for the ND Association for the Blind, collected about 30 pairs of glasses for the Lions Recycle program, and approximately 70 cans of food for the Fargo Food Pantry.

Nearly \$1,800 was raised from participation and donated judging fees for the Dakota NFL Lions Club Project Fund to support ND student participation at the national NFL tournament to be held in Indianapolis in June. Approximately 95 students and 30 adults attended and participated in the festival's 14 individual speaking and performance events.

The Dakota NFL Lions Club is the first of its kind in the world, bringing

together members with a special interest in supporting public speaking activities for youth that encourage good citizenship and civic engagement.

The club is a cyber-club, so there are no regular meetings, but members have an opportunity to discuss projects at the annual NFL district qualifiers and at other tournaments where they may be present. Otherwise, the club has a website and meets through social media.

The club is open to any student over

the age of 18 who is in high school or college and any non-student 18 and older. Coaches, judges, parents, former competitors, school administrators, retired forensic educators may all be interested in joining this service organization with a specific focus on high school forensics.

Membership information is available from Gayle Hyde (hydeg@fargo.k12.nd.us), membership chair, or online at [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/dakotافل/page-7.php](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/dakotافل/page-7.php).



*In Remembrance*

**Forman**  
Ernie Saewert

**Beach**  
Walter Mattson

**Leonard**  
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