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NDSU-Fargo campus Lions club honored in Bison service challenge

The NDSU-Fargo Campus Lions Club was one of campus groups honored at the 3rd Annual Bison Service Challenge Award Ceremony held Thursday, May 3, in the North Dakota State University Memorial Union.

Other honored groups included Blue Key National Honor Society, Men's Track and Field Team, Women's Basketball Team, Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta sorority, Churchill Residence Hall, and Weibel Residence Hall.

The Dakota Medication Foundation, FirstLink, and Impact Foundation join with the NDSU Volunteer Network headed by Matthew Skoy, Director of Service Learning and Civic Engagement to annually sponsor the Bison Service Challenge encouraging NDSU students to volunteer their time and energy to serve the needs of the community.

This year, Skoy reported that NDSU students recorded over 51,000 hours of service in the Fargo-Moorhead community, translating into a \$1+ million economic impact.

In each category (athletics, student organizations, Greek life, and residence life), two campus groups are recognized. The Dakota Medical Foundation provides first place winners \$700 and second place winners \$300 to donate to a non-profit organization of their choice that is currently being sponsored by the



Proud campus Lions pose with Matthew Skoy to celebrate their success and donation to the American Diabetes Association, front row, left to right; Matt Skoy, Jade Monroe, Rachel Geiser, Robert Littlefield; back row; Shane Hofer and Derek Vogel.

Foundation.

The NDSU Lions placed second in the student organization category, logging 853 hours of service during the 2011-2012 academic year. They donated their \$300 prize donation to the American Diabetes Association. The first place winner among student organizations was Blue Key.

Lion President-Elect Jade Monroe accepted the award on behalf of the club. Other club members at the ceremony were incoming officers Derek Vogel (community service committee), Shane Hofer, (fundraising committee), Rachel Geiser, (secretary), and Robert Littlefield (chapter advisor).



Service Dogs of America
Volunteer Day a huge success **see page 16**

Lions come to the aid of Minot in big way

Lion Josh Ressler

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I am amazed and humbled by the power of Lions! What started out as a letter-writing campaign asking you to help us with our project, and not knowing what the project was to begin with, is turning into a reality.

Last fall, I asked if your club would send in donations to support our flood project, and, wow, did you respond! We raised more than \$45,000 from your contributions. We then picked our project. A new playground at Longfellow School in Minot.

Longfellow Elementary was damaged in last year's flood, and the children are still in a temporary school and will continue to be through next year. In 2014, Longfellow will have a huge addition built, doubling the size of the school. And with that, a need for more playground equipment. Through the efforts of Zone 2A,

local business, and other service clubs we have raised more than \$85,000. This is important as we are in process of submitting our grant to LCIF for an additional \$75,000.

I can't wait to see this project completed and the smiling faces of the neighborhood children and students of Longfellow Elementary.

It is truly awesome to know that as a team, Lions can make the impossible possible. Again, thank you for all you do in making this world, state, city and community better. I need to say thank you to Jr. Golf of Minot and The Heritage Singers of Minot for the large contributions.

Also, a big thanks to Lion Denise Norsby for all of her help with the accounting and the grant application. Last but not least, thank you to Lion Tracey Lawson and Lion Jeff Holm for all they do for Minot Public Schools.



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April transport list

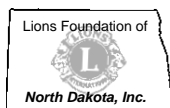
Editor's note: The following are those Lions who were called on this past month to transport eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Inc.

One-time transporters

Dennis Nathan, Valley City
Ron Harris, Valley City
Bill Gackle, Kulm
Arlys Nielsen, Park River
Melvin Karch, Valley City
Judy Karch, Valley City
Don Wahus, Williston
Gail Larson, Garrison

Two-time transporter

Dennis Horneer, Grand Forks



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Life members - \$300

Roy Spiekermeier
Anna Spiekermeier
Fran Romsdahl
Lance Jacobs

Memorials

West Fargo Lions in memory of Betty Witham

Sustaining memberships

Joe Bohlman, 4 years \$40
Jan Froemming \$10

Miscellaneous donations:

Lions District 5NE in honor of PCC Duane Zwinger \$100

Designated funds:

Video Magnifier Program
South Forks Lions \$308
Kulm Lions \$1,857

Your Foundation Board sincerely thanks you for your generous donations and continued support.

PDG Chris Voegele, treas.

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2012 MD5 Convention agenda finalized

Mixer to offer Lions talents, games of skill, vendor booths and great food

By Lion JeAnne Selby
2012 MD5 Convention PR chair

Concluding the first day of the 2012 MD5 Convention, scheduled for June 1 - 2 at Bismarck, will be a fun evening guaranteed to challenge Lions' talents and skills.

According to PCC Brach Johnson, welcome mixer chair, the evening mixer will offer the MD5 Lions' version of America's Got Talent, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m., the Lions' rendition of "Minute to Win It," as well as numerous stations providing a variety of games of skill, such as ring toss, darts, hockey, and basketball games, the Lions interpretation of the annual Kentucky Derby, with equestrian (stick) entrants decorated by District Governors prior to the race, and more. Prizes will be awarded to winners of "Lions Got Talent," "Minute to Win It," as well as the other games.

In addition, the educational and home-based commercial vendors will be set up around the periphery of the room, welcoming browsers.

The welcome mixer will start at 5:30 p.m. and continue until 9:00 p.m. Appetizers will be served throughout the evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

PCC Johnson echoes the America's Got Talent judges' invitations, "Let's see what you've got!" He invites potential "Lions Got Talent" contestants (both individuals and groups) to contact Convention Registrar Lion Jim Bumann at their earliest convenience with their intentions and contact information. Lion Bumann may be reached via e-mail at @g.mail.com.

PCC Johnson expects to have six two-member teams, one team from each Lions district, competing in the MD5 Lions' "Minute to Win It." Toward that end, he urges each district to solicit two volunteers to come to the mixer prepared to defend their district's honor. He asks the volunteers to register at the general Convention registration area upon arrival.

The 2012 MD5 Convention will feature second-year International Director Dr. Gary A. Anderson of Grand Rapids, MI. In addition, ID Anderson will also host a question and answer session with and for Lions members and guests Saturday morning.

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

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.

In addition to the keynote addresses, a diverse selection of educational seminars, the Friday evening mixer and vendor fair, the two-day convention also offers four special meal functions, a remembrance service, awards ceremonies and MD5 business meetings.

Lions members are urged to pre-register at their earliest

convenience; the convention registration is \$140.00 until May 15. The fee increases to \$150.00 for walk-ins.

MD5 Convention Co-chair PDG Bev Charles also encourages Lions to make their room reservations at their earliest convenience. A block of rooms, guaranteed at \$84.00 per night (plus applicable taxes) had been reserved at Convention headquarters, the Ramkota Inn, in south Bismarck until April 30. At that time the extra rooms returned 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.

Look for the pre-registration form found elsewhere in this issue, complete and submit it, and make your hotel or RV reservations NOW, if you haven't already done so. The Convention Planning Committee wants to see you in Bismarck, show you a fun time, and share a worthwhile MD5 Convention with you!

Club News

Garrison



Plant a tree

Garrison Lions Club members celebrated Arbor Day in a big way. Members presented Bob Callies Elementary School third and fourth grade students with 2-foot tall Black Hills Spruce trees. Presenting trees to fourth grade students were Lions members Cora Wolken and Tami Engel. The trees, purchased from West McLean SCD, are the Garrison club's part in Lions Clubs International's worldwide effort to plant more than 1 million trees around the world. More than 70 trees were given locally to the students.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Hero Clubs

We have four "hero clubs" to recognize this month. Argusville-Gardner-Grandin Valley Lions and Wahpeton Headwaters Lions each added two members. Headwaters welcomed Larissa Gilbertson and Heidi Johnson. Argusville-Gardner-Grandin Valley opened their doors to new Lions David Dullum and Craig Hildreth. In addition, Sharman Zachrisson became a Jud Lion last month and Chuck Lemna became a Sheldon Lion. We're thrilled to have each of these new members with us. It's simple to become a hero club; just add one or more new members.

Visits

Brenda and I are wrapping up our district governor club visits for the year. We'll be with the Linton Lions on May 7th, Chaffee Lions on May 8th, Jud on the 14th, and Harvey on the 21st. That'll leave only Lamoure Lions and Grand Forks Lions (my club) in June. It has been a joy meeting each of you. We have about 1,000 more Lion friends that we had at this time last year. Thank you for your warm welcome and great hospitality.

Cavalier Lions

There has been a change in the date of the new Cavalier Lions Club's Charter

Night. It is now scheduled for Thursday evening, July 19th. For more details or to RSVP, contact President Valorie Brown at (701) 265-8286 or val.brown.gp51@statefarm.com. Please show your support of these new Lions by being there for their celebration.

ND Lions Eye Bank and Foundation

I want to put in a word for two important organizations. The North Dakota Lions Eye Bank requires your club and individual donations in order to continue doing their vital work of providing eye tissue to those who need it to retain and improve vision. It's what we're about. Be generous. If you're willing to transport eye tissue by car make sure the Eye Bank has your name, address, and phone number on file.

A gift to the North Dakota Lions Foundation is a gift that lasts forever. A portion of all donations is put into permanent "savings" and the earnings from that "corpus" is used to provide grants. There are potential Lions projects in our great state that might go undone due to lack of financing. The ND Lions Foundation is a potential source for funds for up to 50% of the project cost. Has your

club applied for a grant? A contribution of \$300 or more to the Foundation entitles the giver to be designated a Life Donor. Is there someone your club should recognize with this honor?

Tree Me, Lions

It's not too late to make your contribution to the earth's environment. Get those trees planted now! We're still about a thousand short of the district's 2011-2012 goal. Plant at least one for each member of your club. Report accomplishments to Willie "Tree" Hout, District Environment/Green Team Chairperson, at (701) 780-8229 or willie.huot@ndsu.edu.

Events

If you're interested in participating in the Davenport Lions Club golf scramble on June 9th, you can contact the Leonard Country Club at (701) 645-2582 for details. The previously published telephone number was incorrect. Sign up and join Davenport Lions in a fun day of golf, a good meal, and a chance at valuable door prizes.

Speaking of fun, the Lions Multiple District 5 (MDS) convention is just around the corner. Sign up and be in Bismarck on June 1st and 2nd. I have it on good authority that the entertainment will be the best experienced in many years. Knowing what I know about it and in the words of International President Tam, "I believe."

Heads Up

We recently received word from LCI that there is about to be a new login procedure and new web pages for district officers and club officer reporting. The new system is called MYLCI (my LCI). The first aspect of MYLCI will become



Visit to Wishek

Wishek President Warry Becker, his wife Arlys, and the membership of Wishek Lions Club enjoy a recent visit from the district governor.

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available in mid-June. Internally, the web user's interaction will be much like the old system but more streamlined. LCI will even maintain a "to do" list for each officer to help you keep track of Lions tasks needing to be accomplished. I suggest club officers and cabinet members drop by this URL https://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/wmmr/WhatsNew_EN.aspx to learn more.

Swan Song

Your 2011-2012 district cabinet had its last meeting of the year this week at Jamestown College. SNE has accomplished a lot in the first ten months and we'll continue working hard for you. Thanks to our clubs the district is in great shape financially. I regret to inform you that we have not yet identified a Second Vice District Governor for next year. This is an important milestone we have yet to achieve. If you have candidates in mind please share names with us. I want to express my sincere thanks to those outstanding Lions who have gone the extra mile in supporting me and District SNE this year. I'm proud to have served with each of you.

Hope you're all enjoying a wonderful spring in the beautiful state of North Dakota. Eat a picnic lunch. Go to an ice cream social. Watch a drive in movie. Chat with the neighbors. Attend a street dance. Drink a root beer float. And smile from ear to ear. Life is good.

DG Steve



Tam pin presented

Emerado-Arville Lions Club President "JT" Johnson shows off his "I Believe" lapel pin, a gift from International President Tom."

3rd Annual South Heart Lions Club Golf Tournament

Sunday, June 24, 2012

1 p.m. (MT) Tee Time

**Pheasant Country Golf Course
South Heart, ND**

4 Person Scramble

\$40/Player (Cart not included)

RSVP by Wednesday, June 20

*Questions/RSVP: Please Call 701-677-4653 or mail to :
South Heart Lions Club PO Box 181 • South Heart, ND 58655*

Part of the net proceeds will go towards the South Heart community picnic shelter project.

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Dear Lions of District 5NW;
Each of you can make a difference each and every day for someone. Because we choose to be Lions, we have the opportunity to make a difference in a broader community. It is through our belief of service, in the nurturing our future, in the development of leadership and in giving back that motivates us to change the world. When we do we live up to our We Serve motto.

Together we achieve phenomenal things each and every day. Truly all of you, the Lions of District 5NW, are serving your communities with a Lion's Heart. I am extremely proud of the service work each of you continues to do. Thank you for that service.

Positive membership growth realized in April!

The month of April saw a PLUS EIGHT growth in membership in our district. That means that you grew your Lions clubs by eight more people than moved away. CONGRATULATIONS!

Now, here is the thing, you can't stop now just because your Lions club might not be meeting this summer. Most of you will be doing picnics, barbecues, golf tournaments and many fundraisers. That is the PERFECT time to invite someone to join in the activity. Those folks will have such a great time they will definitely join your Lions club, most on that very day. Don't forget to ask!

MD5 Rookie Lion award!

Remember that your new Lions deserve to get involved right away. It is your job to help them earn their very first award – the MD5 Rookie Lion Award. By doing the steps of the award, the new Lion will feel part of your club and get to know other Lions. An active Lion is one who feels they are making a difference. That is why we join. So, make sure that your new Lions achieve this award. Question about the award? Contact me or check it out on the district website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/. CONGRATULATIONS to

Barry Van Wagner of the Halliday Lions on completing the steps for the MD5 Rookie Lion Award.

5NW Lions clubs with positive growth since July 2011

Congratulations to the following Lions clubs who have experienced positive growth year to date. You are on your way to achieving the CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD.

Southeast Lions +1; Arnegard Lions +1; Bowman Lions +3; Dickinson Lions +1; Elgin Dakota Lions +1; Hazen Lions +1; Hooterville Flion Lions +1; Kenmare Lions +2; Lake Metigoshe Lions +3; Mandan Dacotah Lions +5; Minot Magic City Lions +1; Minot Plub Valley Lions +1; New England Lions +2; New Salem Lions +2; Richardton Lions +1; Scranton Lions +1; Stanley Lions +1; Turtle Lake Lions +1; University of Mary Campus Club +2. GREAT JOB!

Lions orientation key to retention!

Statistics show that members who take in a Lions Orientation become vested into our association and will remain Lions. Why? Because each time we learn and re-learn about the great service that our membership provides to the world we become renewed in our personal commitment to this organization.

I quoted a wonderful Lion friend earlier this year. Lion Pastor Ben Dove said "... take time to rejoice in the wonder of what Lions-all of us-are enabled to do in this amazing fellowship of service."

He also shared the joy he feels every time he read our international magazine THE LION. I was so inspired, I asked him to write it down for me so that I could share it with all of you. Even though Pastor Dove recently passed away his thoughts will inspire us for years to come: "Among all the "non-letter" mail we receive these days, it would be a shame to miss or skip over THE LION, our monthly reminder of the privilege that is ours as a Lion. Even a hurried scanning of those pages takes

us beyond the familiar routine of our life enabling us to see the amazing changes of healing and encouragement accomplished by Lions across the world.

Some Lions clubs choose to review some items from the Lion magazine at their regular meetings. In this way, they are able to renew their commitment to service. A formal Lions orientation is available on the Lion Club International website at <http://www.lionsclubs.org>. During our recent Spring Rally, a training session was held on how to hold an orientation in your club. For information regarding this important topic contact Lion Arlen Fetch at afetch@bis.midco.net or 701-426-3431.

Roarin' Lions award winners!

Lewellyn Rustan, New England Lions; Rose Aken, Kevin Vannett, Pat Vannett, Mandan Dacotah Lions; David Kuntz, Halliday Lions; Carol Winkler, Elgin Dakota Lions; Ruthie Wagner, Williston Lions. CONGRATULATIONS! Remember you can earn this award every year! Just pick a 12 month period to complete the steps! For details see the district website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw/.

Be alert – have a plan

It was about a year ago that disaster struck many communities of our district. Now is the time to prepare. Make an Alert plan! Work with neighboring Lions clubs to determine how you will help each other respond to a disaster in your area. Remember to contact your district leadership. Contact Kevin Vannett at 701-426-8050 for information on how to prepare for a disaster in your area.

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Plan ahead

Is your Lions club budgeting? Imagine if you did a budget now for next year. You can write down all of the Lions and community projects that you typically support and how much you typically give. THEN you plan on how much you would like to contribute next year and make a WISH LIST of those amounts. Don't forget to put something in for those unexpected items. Recently a Lions club shared how they did a review of their club's donations and prioritized them by determining if they met our Lions mission. Good idea!

Honor a fellow Lion!

Lions of North Dakota,

Have you thought of recognizing a Lions Member from your Lions Club as a Lifetime Member of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota? What a great way for your Lions Club to be involved in the Lions Foundation of North Dakota!

We encourage each Lions Club to name at least one member as a Lifetime Member of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

A lifetime membership costs \$300, or if you prefer, the club can make three consecutive annual payments of \$100. Please fill out the attached form and mail to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc. Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc.

Lifetime Membership \$300	_____
or 3 annual payments of \$100	_____
Name of Lions being honored	_____

Total Amount Enclosed	\$ _____
Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc.	
PO Box 273	
Bowman, ND 58623	

Environmental projects

Being good stewards of the earth has been a Lions mission for many years. Many of you are cleaning the ditches along your roadways. Others are planting trees. Thank you for inviting me to participate. Even though I might feel a little stiff after all that hard work the next day, it is worth the time and energy spent working alongside Lions at Work! What could be better than that?

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" – Margaret Mead

Serving you with my Lions Heart,
DG Pat

Visit www.e-district.org.sites.5nw to see what's happening in your district 5NW



Gavel passed

At the close of the Past District Governors annual meeting, last year's president Duane Zwinger of Carrington, left presented the gavel to the coming year's president, James Ruff, right of the Napoleon Lions Club. The meeting was held at the Doubewood Inn of Bismarck April 27-28.

Other elected officers included PDGs Chuck Whitney (Bowman) as vice president; G. Paul Larson (Grand Forks) as treasurer; Marian Johnson (Bismarck Prairie Rose) as secretary; Craig Wollenburg (Rugby) and Al Kahlbaugh (Grand Forks) as 5NE directors; and Jan Froemming (Elgin) and Bev Charles (Bismarck Prairie Rose) as 5NW directors.

A great year for vision projects in N.D.

By Lion Chuck Whitney
Vision chair 5NW,
Treasurer Lions Eye Bank of N.D.

At this time of year, we Lions wrap up our Lion Year and often look back on what we have done and what we can do better. It is a time to give thanks to our leaders, the District Governors and their leadership teams.

It is a time to pat each other on the back for all that we have done and the fruits of our labors- the pancakes we have served, the burgers we have flipped and the raffles we have run. Without YOU, our everyday Lion, we would not be able to do what WE do outside the boundaries of our own clubs and towns.

You have each heard it many times ... was that a hundred, a thousand or more? Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become KNIGHTS for the BLIND at the International Lions Convention in 1925, and we, YOU especially, have stepped up to the plate time and again to help fund Leader Dog Schools, buy eyeglasses for the needy, help with eyeglass recycling, as well as organizing and help funding for the Lions Eye Bank. The Ocular Research Center in Grand Forks was in its infancy when the Lions of Grand Forks stepped up to help with its funding. Great Job, well done!

The goal here is to update you on the progress of two programs you support which impact the people of North Dakota directly: The Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota and Vision USA. The Lions Eye Bank is in Bismarck which may be a million miles from the Red River Valley, but still through the dedication and hard work of our Executive Director Karen Thomas, is in the enviable position of having contracts for Eye Donation and retrieval from virtually every hospital in North Dakota EXCEPT Sanford in Fargo. (COME ON Fargo!!! get with the program – Those Eyes need to stay with LEBND and NOT go to Minneapolis!).

We have had a great year, coming off two very not wonderful years. YOU, our Lions made the difference and helped lessen the deficit and the loss. To date we have had 123 donors giving a total of 185 transplantable corneas. That number has left us in the black for a change, but even so we are slightly below our anticipated budget for the year. For the first time in two years we got some money back from TBI- our vendor.

While the \$29k check is very much appreciated and welcome, it needs to be remembered that we were \$47k in the red four years ago, received some \$16k back from TBI three years ago and almost broke even last year ... to say that last year's loss was covered by this year's surplus. How can you say: this is an up and down business? Through it all, our staff has stuck by us, we have reduced our overhead in smaller leased space and paid out less for mileage.

Perhaps the best "through it all" has been YOU, the Lions of North Dakota. You have continued to send us your donations and for that we are extremely grateful. As of 4/25/12, 26 of 53 Clubs in 5NW donated a total of \$6467.57 and 16 of 60 Clubs in 5NE donated a total of \$5851.

A BIG Thank YOU to all of you who donated. LEBND President Rick Swenson set a goal for us to have 100 Percent Club participation and we have a ways to go to reach that goal. Won't you please set money aside EVERY year to contribute? Send those

donations to LEBND 410 E Thayer Suite 201, Bismarck 58501. The Lion Year will end on June 30, and we will recognize your club during the Parade of Green for the Past year's donation.

The OTHER program we help fund is the VISION USA which is administered by the North Dakota Optometric Association. Our donations help pay for the costs of the eye glass lenses- which the optical labs provide at reduced cost to our participating Doctors.

While the costs have certainly increased since 1989 when I first talked to you about it, the current cost being \$60 for Trifocals, \$50 for Bifocals, and \$35 for single (usually children) is definitely a wonderful buy in terms of value for dollar spent. The participating Doctors DONATE the exam, as well as the frames, so there is PLENTY of donation involved in this program for the working poor. This program, like the LEBND, has had years of being busy and not so busy with obviously varying cost levels seen.

In 2009, for example, 38 Lions Clubs donated \$4269 while 185 people were served at a total cost of \$7095; in 2010 we did better when 65 Lions Clubs donated \$6266 with a total of 148 people of a possible 189 eligible candidates received \$6,005 worth of care.

For the year past, 58 Lions Clubs donated a total of \$5322 but the 133 candidates only had 76 eligible candidates and 73 received care for a total of \$4433. The eligibility criteria this year included a residency requirement. So far in 2012 (REMEMBER that NDOA runs a fiscal Jan to Dec year) 41 clubs have donated \$3433. The number of applicants has been 80 people so far with an expected surge after the next round of advertising in the ND newspapers this spring.

We have had State Convention Resolutions for the past many years to support this program with a VOLUNTARY \$3 per member contribution to the NDOA which is located at 921 S 9th St. in Bismarck 58504. It is far and away the best deal for our needy who qualify.

You can get a form from myself (Box 176, Bowman 58623 or carguy1949@hotmail.com, your local Social Services people, or in the letter you received from NDOA thanking you for your support and urging you to continue.

PLEASE do!!! Thanks again for all you do. Please find some cash for these programs and keep us on your list for NEXT year.

Yours in Service,
Lion Chuck Whitney PDG



In Remembrance

Ashley
Harold Dockter

Mandan
Alexander Dove

Sawyer
Kevin Sys

Mott
Oscar Peterson

5NW Spring Rally time!



DG Lion Pat Vannett opened the rally, portraying Lion Larry.



During the membership drive training session, Mandan Dakota Lion Steve Monson tries to persuade Ray Lion Walter Johnson into becoming a Lion.



Lions Lois Reiersen, pictured and Bernie Gorek offered training to club secretaries.



PID Lion Bruce Schwartz shows off the original charter of the Bismarck Lions Club.



A large number of Lions participated in the orientation workshop that was presented by Lions Dan Vondrachek, Dale Ekstrom and Arlen Fetch.

Carrington

Carrington Lions host tree project

The Carrington Lions Club accepted the challenge to plant trees for this Lions year from IP Tam.

Under the direction and prodding of Lions Club President Jen Hansen, the club had a goal to plant 100 trees in the city of Carrington. One of the main reasons to undertake this project was due to the fact that the community had and has been losing so many trees over the past few years because of Dutch Elm disease.

The procedure for this project was that there would be information given to the citizens of Carrington regarding the "tree project." This information would explain how to order the trees and any other stipulations for the project.

The club formed a committee consisting of Lions Ken Hansen, Duane Zwinger, Gerald Paulson and David Nowatski. The committee selected four varieties of trees to plant: bur oak, hackberry, autumn blaze maple and glenleven linden.

The trees selected would be trees in a 7-gallon container and would have a height of 8-10 feet. The main guideline for a person to acquire and plant a tree for this project was that they must attend a training session on the proper technique to plant and care for the new tree. The training session was under the direction of Gerri Makay.

The Carrington Lions Club accepted the major financial burden for the trees. To acquire a tree, the person would have to pay \$15 of the total cost of the tree.

We are very happy to report that the Carrington Lions Club Tree Project was a success as all 100 of the trees are spoken for and will soon be planted. Thanks to the citizens of Carrington for making this tree project work.



Pictured are a group of recipients of trees from the Carrington Lions Club as they are instructed on the proper technique to plant a tree. Planting demonstrator is Gerri Makay, state forester from NDSU.



Spaghetti supper

Pictured is part of the kitchen crew as they prepared the food for the club's spaghetti supper. Club members include, from left, Lions Duane Zwinger, Randy Hooey, Mary Topp, Jane Fredrickson, Jenny Wede and Doug Roundy.



Scholarships

Pictured are winners of the Carrington Lions scholarships for 2012, along with President Ken Hansen, center. The Pat Roundy Scholarship winner was Kelly Vold, left, and winning the Al Larson Memorial Scholarship was Eric Allmaras, right.



Bingo!

Pictured is part of the large crowd as they prepare to play Bingo April 11. The proceeds from the fundraising project went to the Carrington Ambulance, Carrington Library and Carrington Youth Center.

Tuttle



Trees planted

The evening of April 17th, nine Tuttle Lions met at the city park to plant trees, under the direction of Tuttle's mayor, and fellow Lion Randel Sand. One red maple was planted for each member of the club. Pictured are, from left, Bobby Steichen, Walt Lloyd, Carol Steichen, Tracy Magstadt, Randy Sand, Jewell Mehlhoff, Rick Stark, James Bickel, and, not pictured, Norm Bickel.

Become a 5NW Roarin Lion

The District 5NW Roarin' Lion Award shall be presented to each Lion member who during any consecutive 12 month period achieves the following:

- **Attends one hour of Lions orientation program.**
- **Attends a meeting of his/her Lions club board of directors.**
- **Participates in a services or fundraiser project of his/her Lions club.**
- **Accepts and fulfills a Lions club committee assignment.**
- **Visits another Lions club.**
- **Attends a zone meeting or other district activity.**
- **Brings a guest to a Lions club meeting.**

The application shall be properly documented and signed by the applicant and approved by the club president who shall submit the application to the district governor.

For more information regarding this fun distric activity contact:
1st Vice District Governor, Lewellyn Rustan
irite@ndsupernet.com
(h) 701-579-4347
(c) 701-290-8733

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

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.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

What

Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

When

July 13-15. Registration 9 a.m., to noon, Friday, July 13. Adjournment and check-out by 3 p.m., Sunday, July 15. *Note: Lunch July 13 is at 11:30 a.m.*

Where

Doane College, Crete, Nebraska

Cost

\$130 (US funds) per attendee if received by the registrar on or before May 31. The fee covers double occupancy

accommodations, seven meals, all course materials and registration. Beginning June 1, costs increase to \$145 per attendee. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$30 per attendee. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

Who

Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the states of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the institute coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann.

This important institute is sponsored by Multiple District 5 (Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

Included will be dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings. For more information, or for answers to questions, contact Public Relations Chairperson PID Ernest Young (eyoungsks@aol.com), or Secretary/Registrar PID Gary Fry at (frygi35@msn.com).

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.

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.

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 at right. 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 am, 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

!!!TAKE TO THE MD5 CONVENTION!!!

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 am, 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 Ramkato 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. 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

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 vclion@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 Bismark 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.

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.

Work day success for Service Dogs for America

Submitted by Joni Brandenburg
Executive director

Service Dogs for America, located in Jud, recently hosted its annual volunteer work day with many Lions from across the state, attending. Organizers deemed volunteer work day a huge success.

We had volunteers from all over the state helping with various projects at Great Plains. A Motorcycle group (the individuals) out of Jamestown adopted one of the student apartments and the North Star Lions Club and The Prairie Rose women (all from Bismarck) adopted the other apartment. They did various projects and cleaned, and now we are ready for our first student on May 14.

A handicap swing set was set up which was purchased by the Jud Lions Club and Lion Ron Harris donated to the cause also.

Flower beds were cleaned and flowers were planted, and many more projects were completed. The place looks great and we are ready for our Placement Season! Thank you to everyone that helps make Service Dogs for America a huge success!



Photo at above left, Davenport Lions doing their famous steak fondue. Photo at above right, Lion Chuck Whitney helping walk dogs on VWD. Photo below, the handicap swing set that the Jud Lions raised money for.

