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It's Fore the Dogs: benefit for service dogs

It's *fore* the Dogs, 2nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament was Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Memorial Park Country Club in Grand Rapids, N.D. LaMoure Lions Club started the event in hopes that every N.D. Lions Club would host and raise funds for Service Dogs for America. There were two division winning teams with the lowest overall score - Edgeley Veterinary Service team and Oakes Lions team (they won the tie over LaMoure Lions Men's team).

Edgeley Veterinary Service – Eileen Swier, Jody Swier, Floyd Swier and Carrie Galbreather.

Oakes Lions Club – Geoff Rath, Art Olien, Reed Olien and Ron Goodman.

The common thread between player and sponsor was to help raise funds for Service Dogs for America/Great Plains Assistance Dog Foundation. Many of their clients do not have the funds to purchase a much needed service dog. A working service dog empowers independence and opportunity to an individual with disabilities. A scholarship fund has been started for those in need.

Don Wilhelm's sponsored a \$40,000 hole-in-one contest and Budweiser-Valley Sales Inc. sponsored a beverage hole. The tournament included a putting contest, and contests that challenged golfers on almost every hole. Service Dogs for America would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their financial and In-kind support: Edgeley Veterinary Service, L & M Contractor, Drug Plastic, Dakota Plains Credit Union, Dr. Dawn's Pet Stop, Intelligent Design, Larson Grain Company, LaMoure Credit Union, Kitchen Solvers, RM Stoudt, Titan Machinery-Kulm, Thrifty White Drug, Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation, Aflac, Domino's Pizza, First State Agency of LaMoure, Inc., Thumper Pond Resort, Cross Roads Golf Course, Scheels-Bismarck & Fargo, Colleen and Earl Rempfer-CA wine,



Pictured are Krista and Steve McMiller from the LaMoure Lions Club.

The Dogs House Bar & Grille, Coburn's, Jamestown I-94 Clark. A special thanks to SDA's Community Partners- Dickey Rural Network, Ottertail Power Co, United Way, Dakota Heritage Bank, Heartland State Bank, Finstad Law Firm P.C., Prairie Veterinary Hospital, and Ingstad Family Media.

These businesses are helping to further the legacy that began just 23 years ago. Through awareness and compassion, in an effort to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities through custom-trained working service dogs.

Recharge your enthusiasm at the 2012 Lions State Convention

When his "Rough Riders" were hesitant to charge up Kettle Hill and San Juan Hill in Cuba because they wanted more equipment and horses, their commander, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, told the men to "Do what you can with what you have where you are." Inspired by the Colonel's pluck and leadership, the Americans charged up Kettle Hill and routed the Spanish and Cuban forces.

His practical words of inspiration on July 1, 1898, speak today to Lions and others who volunteer their time and talents to help people in need.

In keeping with the theme for this year's State Convention, "Local Heroes Making a Global Impact," breakout sessions will spotlight local heroes sharing their successes through inspiring and motivating

presentations. As a special treat, noted author and motivational speaker Karen Taylor-Good will entertain and inspire you with uplifting songs and positive messages.

Accommodations in Fargo-Moorhead

Best Western Fargo Doublewood Inn 3333 13th Avenue South Fargo, ND 58103 (800) 433-3235, or:

Google "Motels in Fargo" and take your pick!

In addition, your club's efforts to help the visually impaired around the Globe will be recognized at different levels for the numbers of collected glasses you turn in at the convention. And if you're curious about what happens to them out of the collection box, members of the Fargo Lions Club will demonstrate how to clean, read their prescriptions, and label glasses for distribution to people in need.

You will also have the opportunity on Friday, Oct. 26, to participate in various activities during the Non-Profit Day at West Acres Shopping Center. You may even want to shop there!

After the banquet on Saturday night, stick around to dance to The Front Fenders, a local favorite with

their crowd-pleasing cover songs and entertaining interaction with their fans.

If you haven't already made plans to attend the 2012 North Dakota Lions State Convention Oct. 26 and 27 in Fargo at the Best Western Doublewood Inn, fill out the registration form, and mail it in with your registration of only \$125/person. Do it now!

This gathering of Lions from throughout North Dakota will charge you up and inspire you to do all you can with your talents and skills to help people in your community and throughout the World. Register today!

Peace Poster contest underway

Deadline is October 15

Lion Lois Reierson 5NW Peace Poster chair

The 2012/2013 Peace Poster Contest is quickly approaching. Packets were distributed at the Spring Rally or mailed to the club president in April. Stickers included in your packet are to be placed on the back of the poster. Artwork must be no smaller than 13"x20" and no larger than 20"x24."

Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 on Nov. 15 are eligible to participate. The theme this year is "Imagine Peace." One grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners are selected at the International level each

year. The grand prize winner will receive \$5,000 and a trip to a special ceremony. The 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of \$500 and a certificate of achievement. What an awesome opportunity this is for the youth that receive this recognition.

The winning District 5NW Peace Posters from each club should be mailed to Lion Lois Reierson, 1321 25th St W, Williston ND 58801 by Oct. 15. Judging will take place at the state convention in Fargo Oct. 27. Let's engage youth in our Lions mission and encourage them to use their artistic talents.



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MEL OLSON

BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ

Microsoft Live Meeting

I returned from the August MD5 Council of Governors meeting in Minot very impressed. Change is in the air. Change is imminent. Change is in progress. Change is beginning to force us to change.

District 5NE District Governor Mel Olson led a leadership training session called "Live Meeting." Live Meeting is basically a technology which allows people to "attend a meeting" from their computer with audio and visual images of the person talking, including yourself-without leaving your home. Our MD5 leadership team will be introducing this program in MD5, basically at the zone level, with a goal of holding zone meetings in this manner. Think about it. MD5 is one of the largest geographical and sparsely populated districts in all of Lions. This system would allow a zone meeting to be held without traveling, without cost and with a savings of huge amounts of time all while feeling like you're right there in the meeting. It's

really quite incredible.

Live Meeting does require an up-todate computer that is camera capable. Most newer computers have camera capability, but you should check on this with your equipment. Learning to use this technology may require some training depending on your level of expertise. But, as indicated earlier, MD5 will be on hand to assist with training.

Facebook

Facebook has been around for quite some time now. Lions in general, however, have not been using this popular social medium for Lions purposes to any great extent.

How do we get new members? How do we build membership? The answers to these age old questions may be right under our collective noses. The approach to membership development in Lions has been basically the same since June of 1917, the month that the organization was born.

Well, after nearly 100 years, I believe



that Facebook (and other social media) is ushering in new methods for Lions development (as is "Live Meeting"). It is actually a perfect new way for distance and time challenged districts like MD5 to get more done in a less painful manner.

It is a tremendous way to let nonmember friends know what Lions do by posting stories, quotes, photos and whatever else to entice the curious. For example, IPCC (for you new Lions, IPCC means Immediate Past Council Chair) Robert Littlefield has posted a page on "Lions of Multiple District 5 – Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota" for this very purpose. Check it

I am a subscriber to Facebook, but have been inactive for security and privacy reasons. I am changing that and encourage other non-users to do the same.



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Memorials

Wayne & Dorothy Westland in memory of Lion Jerry O'Connor; Lowell & Ann Latimer in memory of Don Gackle; Duffy Eastburn in memory of PDG Fred Ohlson; John T. Stewart in memory of PDG Fred Ohlson and Marilyn Lundberg in memory of Gerald O'Connor

Video Magnifier Program

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\$1,857

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\$93

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

MD 5 joins the future

Lion Gordon Ziegler MD-5 Global Leadership team leader

Lions in MD-5 (Saskatchewan, North and South Dakota) just took a big step forward in time.

Delegates at the most recent Council of Governors meetings in Minot, N.D., recently addressed the the multi-headed monster of declining membership, increasing costs and time-distanceinconvenience which negatively affect all our Lions meetings.

Through a Regional Grant provided by Lions International, MD-5 has purchased licenses from Live Meeting which will allow participants to meet without leaving the comfort of their homes.

Zone Chairperson Training will be conducted this way shortly - and the possibilities after that are limitless:

Council Meetings, Council Committee Meetings, Council Reports, District Meetings, District Committee Meetings, District Reports, Zone Meetings and Reports, even Club Meetings, Committee Meetings and Reports and many, many more. Costs are covered by MD-5; the online meetings are free of charge. Call your District Governors, Vice District Governors or Leadership Chairpersons for details or ideas.

Congratulations to all involved.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Even though the new Lions year began on July 1st many Lions Clubs do not meet during the summer and so they are really beginning the new year after Labor Day. It is an exciting time to be a Lion. It is also a good time for us to take a close look at our clubs to see if there are things that can be done to make them more interesting, exciting and focused on service.

Lions Clubs International have come out with some strategies in recent years that are focused on making the Lions experience more positive and rewarding for all the members. I know that many of you are very busy and enjoy the level of involvement that you currently have in you local Lions club and are not looking forward to any more programs being handed down. This initiative will not create more work or take more of your time but will make your club and your Lion experience more rewarding.

I encourage all Lion leaders in the district to look into the Club Excellence Program. Even if you do not want to take all the necessary steps to work toward the Club Excellence Award there are many facets of the program that can help you to make your club much better.

I encourage all club presidents to have your members complete the "How are Your Ratings" survey from the LCI web site to determine the strengths and weaknesses of your club and to determine how the membership perceives the club's operation. The Club Rating document focuses on (1) conducting effective meetings, (2) membership goals and issues, (3) club activities and (4) personal activities. Lions can access the "How are Your Ratings" tool by going to the Lions web site at www.lionsclubs.org. type "How are your Ratings" in the search box and follow the steps.

Another good tool that is part of the Club Excellence Program is the "Community Needs Assessment" that will provide your club with guidance as to the needs of the community and can better focus your community service projects. That tool can also be accessed by going to the Lions web site www.lionsclubs.org and type "Community Needs Assessment in the search box and following the steps.

How Can the District 5NE's Governor and Cabinet Assist in Better Meeting the Needs of the Clubs? One of the goals in District of 5NE's Action Plan is to better focus on meeting the needs of the clubs in the District. A survey has been developed that will be sent to club officers asking about club needs and what assistance they would like from the Governor and the cabinet. According to District 5NE's Constitution "the object of the district organization is to provide an administrative structure with which to advance the purposes of Lions International in the district."

Those purposes according to Lions International are:

- TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs (Lions Clubs).
- TO COORDINATE the activities and standardize the administration of Lions Clubs.
- TO CREATE and foster the spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- TO PROMOTE the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- TO TAKE an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- TO UNITE the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.



- TO PROVIDE a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided; however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members
- TO ENCOURAGE service minded people to serve in their community without financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

In order to assist in meeting the purposes, districts establish cabinets made up of region and zone chairs and committee chairs representing various areas: Leadership, Membership, Sight & Hearing Group, Youth Group, Contests & Awards and Public Relations

Lions interested in serving in one or more of the areas listed above, or who would like to secure more information relating to any of the areas are encouraged to contact the 5NE Cabinet Committee Chair by checking with your Club Officers. Club officers have been mailed the 2012-2013 North Dakota Lions Directory that lists all the cabinet members with their contact information.



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

One-time transporters

Dennis Nathan - Valley City Ron Harris - Valley City Mike Coleman - Grand Forks Dennis Hoerner - Grand Forks

Dwaine Preabt - Grand Forks



Youth Camp attendees and volunteers gathered for a photo.

Lions Youth Camp Lions Dakota Adventure

By PDG Lion George Pretli MD5 Lions Youth Exchange chair

Sunshine and warm temperatures greeted the 26 International and local youths as the registration began for the 2012 Lions Youth Camp Dakota Adventure 2012.

On Sunday July 8, registration for the 2012 Lions Youth Camp was on the grounds of Augustana College. Sioux Falls, S.D. under the direction of Camp Coordinator Lion Paul Krueger and his committee.

As in the past when the youth arrived they were a little shy and somewhat hesitant when speaking to anyone, however, that was short lived and soon all became good friends. After registration and introductions the opening ceremonies were held and the youth were welcomed to the 2012 Lions Camp. This was followed by the opening dinner and the youth had free time to get to know each other.

Camp events started off with an introduction to Sioux Falls and sites located within the city – Old Court House Museum, Washington Pavilion, Sculpture Walk and Falls Park.

Later in the day and evening, the youth were treated to a Drive Inn movie

in Luverne, Minn. The following day saw the youth take part in a number of service projects within the city – Sanford Cancer Center, Ronald McDonald House and Make a Wish Foundation.

Following the events of the day, the youth were treated to a picnic sponsored by the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club members.

The following morning, the youth left for Mitchell, S.D. where they toured the Archeodome & Prehistoric Indian Village, Cabela's and the world famous Mitchell Corn Palace.

The remainder of the week saw the youth take part in a number of activities in Sioux Falls – swimming, hiking and orienteering, kayaking and outdoor activities. During this period the youth were treated to another service project where they saw and took part in the healing of horsepower.

The week concluded with a banquet and closing ceremony for the 2012 Lions Youth Camp. All youth had the opportunity to share their country with the other youth and counselors. Camp concluded Saturday morning with a pancake breakfast and saying of goodbyes to each other.

The Camp was a great success. This

was due to the counselors from Augustana College and Camp Coordinator Lion Paul Krueger and his committee of Jody Bymers, Sunshine Cady, Sara Carrothers, John Geyer, Mike Hall, Kris Hall, Stephanie Perry, Todd Smith and Stephanie Weber. This was confirmed from the evaluation forms filled out by the youth.

As in any function a lot of the success can be attributed to support from outside sources and we would like to thank the following; Cimarron Label – Sioux Falls, Family Vision - Dr. Jeff Sayler, Grand Forks Lions Club, Lennox Lions Club, Michael Ratigan, Red River Lions Club, Regina Beach Lions Club, Rhein District Lions Club, Royal Limousine – Steve Haddorff, Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club, Sioux Rise Lions Club, Spearfish Lions Club, Spiritwood Lions Club, Valley City Lions Club, Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield – Stephanie Perry, Williston Lions Club and Wayne Wiseman Fund.

On behalf of the Multiple District 5 Lions Youth Exchange we would like to give Camp Coordinator Lion Paul Kruger and his committee a great big "well done" for their tireless effort to ensure a successful 2012 Lions Youth Camp.

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"Amazing things can happen, when you have a goal."

Last month I talked about the importance of goals. I quoted, "If you don't know where you're going, any road will get you there."

All too often, we go about our daily lives without a definite objective. I'm not talking about thinking, "I've got to do this," or "I've got to do that today." Those are simply tasks and chores that need to be done. But we spend far too much time doing the imperative, and not nearly enough time doing the important.

What about the things that really matter? Things that will have made a difference a year, or five years from today. Those are the things that happen when we have goals.

Having a goal isn't enough. A goal without a plan is just a dream. If you've had the same major goal year after year, it's



Wearing a blindfold, District Governor Lewellyn Rustan gets a taste of learning to trust a Leader Dog. Recipients of a Leader Dog participate in a 26-day residential training program with the dog that will become their life-long companion, or, as described by Len Quinn, "A left hand full of Lions' Love!'

most likely because you didn't have a plan. It was just a dream.

What makes goal setting work? These simple criteria make the difference:

- It must be a written, specific goal
- It must be challenging, but attainable
- It must be measurable
- It must include a timeline

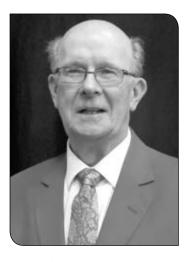
The more detailed the written goal, the more likely it will be successful. If attaining the goal depends upon other people, include who does what when.

And don't forget to celebrate your success when the goal is achieved!

I recently had an opportunity to experience the celebration of a very successful program, when I was a guest of Leader Dogs For The Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It began in 1939, the dream of three Lions who shared a passion and a goal. To date, more than 14,000 Leader Dog teams have been trained. But the real measure of that success becomes obvious as you hear the stories of those whose lives have been changed by this program. Many of you have heard Leonard Quinn speak, and you know what I mean.

While there, I met, listened to his story, and visited with Mark Mansell. A school superintendent in Washington State, he rode his bicycle from Portland, Ore. to Portland, Me., a distance of 3,500 miles to raise awareness and support of Leader Dogs. He rode through North Dakota in July. With supporters donating one cent per mile, or \$35 each to Leader Dogs, he has raised more than \$95,000. His goal was

Our District Leader Dogs Chair Jan Froemming is an enthusiastic supporter of Leader Dogs. For 11 years, she has won recognition for leading 100 percent of the clubs in District 5NW to financially support Leader Dogs. Each of those years, that has been her goal, and she does what it takes to achieve it: Club visits, presentations, letters and phone calls, until every club has made a donation. "Thank you" Lion Jan, and "Thank you" to all the clubs in 5NW!



I am very proud to be a Lion. The success record of the goals, challenges, and initiatives of Lions everywhere, gives testimony to the commitment Lions have when they agree on objectives.

What are your goals? What are your club's goals? If you go through the process outlined above, more than likely, you will achieve them. Let us know how we can

I wish you success!

"Amazing things can happen, when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

New members in District 5NW

This year (Since July 1)

Alexander	1
Dickinson	2
Glen Ullin	1
Halliday	1
Killdeer	2
Minot	1
Minot Plum Valley	1
North Star	1

Total new members

Totals for District 5NW:

Members added	10
Members dropped	26
Net growth	-16
Current total members	1,450

Vannetts Zone 4B chairs

PDGs Kevin and Pat Vannett, Mandan, are serving as acting cochairs for 5NW's Zone 4B. Since the beginning of the Lions year, the post has been vacant.

GRE team wins zone tournament

By Jean Binsfeld Washburn

The annual District Zone 5 golf tournament was Saturday, Aug. 11, at Painted Woods Golf Course near Washburn. Twelve teams participated, despite increasing rain showers and all teams golfed the first nine holes, but called off the last nine due to the threatening weather. Winner of the tournament was the team representing Great River Energy. Team members included Dwight Hanson, Dean Schell, Larry Fitterer and Tom Schneider. Presenting the winners their traveling plaque was, Mac Beaudry of the Washburn Lions.

The tournament is hosted by the Washburn Lions. Tournament managers were Mac and Judy Beaudry. Teams participating represented Bismarck, Hazen, Turtle Lake and Washburn.



The team representing Great River Energy won this year's Zone 5 golf tournament. Team members included, drom left, Dwight Hanson, Dean Schell, Larry Fitterer and Tom Schneider. Presenting the winners their traveling plaque was, center, Mac Beaudry of the Washburn Lions.

Napoleon Lions to host traveling basketball team

The Harlem Ambassadors will take on local Napoleon challengers in a comedy basketball game hosted by the Napoleon Lions Club on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at Napoleon Public School. Lade Majic, the Queen of Show Basketball, and one of her teammates entertain an audience with comedy basketball, ball-handling tricks and dance moves. Spectators can expect to see 50 high-flying slam dunks during a Harlem Ambassadors game.

The Harlem Ambassadors have all played college basketball and have college degrees in fields ranging from exercise science to counseling rehabilitation. Each season they perform approximately 220 fundraising games and entertainment events for non-profit organizations.

The show is quality family entertainment and is fun for audiences of all ages, from kids to kids-at-heart. In addition to the hilarious comedy and slam dunks, audience members, especially children, may have the opportunity to participate in interactive games between the quarters and during half-time. Everyone will have the opportunity to meet the Ambassadors after the game and get autographs from all of the players.

Families will laugh together at the Harlem Ambassadors' hijinks and be

amazed at their high-flying slam dunks. The Ambassadors are led by a woman who aggravates the referee and provides comic relief during the game. Kids attending can look up to the Ambassadors as great role models who are college-educated and

drug-free.

Everyone can cheer for the local hometown heroes playing on the challenging team and feel good about supporting your local community by attending this event.

Club News

Mandan West River



Bikers treated

West River Lion Patricia Hagerott (seated) is pictured helping CANDISC 2012 Bike Tour members buying rest stop snacks Aug. 7 at the park in Mandan. CANDISC is Cycling Around North Dakota in Sakakawea Country, and is an annual bike tour that draws more than 200 bicycle riders from around the country. The seven-day event begins and ends at Fort Stevenson State Park near Garrison. This year's trek took riders to the Enchanted Highway in southwest North Dakota.

New Rockford



Present check

During the Community Ambulance Service annual "Life Savers in the park," New Rockford Lions Club President Dennis Gehrtz presented Sandy O'Connor and numerous ambulance volunteers with a check for \$250.



Seeds of Victory

"Save a loaf a bread a week - Help win the war," "Plant a victory garden, help our troops" colorful posters and patriotic sayings cover the walls of the New Rockford Library. As part of the traveling exhibit of The Seeds of Victory: Home Gardening Posters from the World Wars. The exhibit included 34 framed full colored reproductions of the originals. Most of the posters depict the importance of saving at home so raw materials could be used in the war effort. The exhibit was displayed at the library for eight weeks during the summer. This gave people a chance to learn or remember a time where we all made sacrifices for the good of our country. The exhibit was proudly sponsored by the New Rockford Lions club and enjoyed by the whole community. Pictured with the posters is Susie Sharp New Rockford librarian.

Washburn



Kick-off picnic

Washburn Lions Club member Mac Beaudry flips hotdogs at the club's kick-off picnic in Riverside Park Sept. 10. The club gathered for some good food and talked about the busy year ahead. New members are always welcome.

Garrison

Disc golf coming soon

Things are really flying on the progress of the proposed Lions Disc Golf Course at Wilderness Park, Garrison. Enough donations have been received to obtain a check for \$5,000 from the St. Joseph Community Health Foundation. Construction got underway on the course Sept. 14.

Jill Denning Gackle, Garrison Lions Club member and one of those spearheading the effort, said more donations are needed and will be used for signage, pads and finishing touches. "We think the total cost (of the course) will be around \$7,000 – 8,000," she said.

Interest has been strong. The #4 disc player in the nation, who lives in Dickinson, volunteered to spend a day in Garrison designing the course. Young adults have expressed interest in building and educating others about the game, she said.

There is already talk of a league and tournaments, all of which the Lions members would turn over to the interested players.

There will be nine yellow baskets on the course and one practice basket near the entrance (near the indoor ice skating rink in northeast Garrison).

The club has stepped up to help the cause. The next load of aluminum cans (from the recycling trailer on First Street SE and Central Avenue) has been earmarked to go toward the fund drive.