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Vannett named to Lions Hall

By PDG secretary Marian Johnson

An enthusiastic crowd rose to its feet at the State Convention in Fargo Oct. 27 to congratulate Lion Kevin Vannett as the newest addition to the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. Introduced by Past District Governor Garry Freier, who is the chairman of the Hall of Fame Committee, Lion Kevin was accompanied to the podium by his wife, PDG Pat Vannett, and was escorted by last year's honoree, PDG Tim Thueson and his wife, Lynell.

Approximately 150 Lions and friends were in attendance to watch as PDG Kevin received his award. In his acceptance speech he related his special fondness for several projects that are close to his heart. The first one of those is the Video Magnifier Program, which he began two years ago in conjunction with North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation, the School for the Blind, the ND Association for the Blind, and the Lions Foundation. These machines enlarge printed matter on a video screen so that low-vision people, many of them elderly, can see detail they have not seen in years.

"It is so rewarding to be at a video magnifier placement," he says, "and see the look on the faces of recipients, when they can suddenly see precious family pictures, and find they can once again read and sign checks." Fifty-five of the magnifiers have been placed in the last two years through individual and club donations to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

Lion Kevin knows about low vision from personal experience. He shared with everyone that he has been legally blind for the last six years. He thanked his wife Pat and his club members for being his drivers during those years, because he has not been idle!



Lion Kevin Vannett is the newest member of the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. Vannett is pictured with Lion PDG Garry Freier, who made the hall of fame presentation.

In addition to the video magnifier project, he has also been a booster for the "Bricks for Burlington" project, which is raising money to rebuild the Burlington Youth Sports Complex, which was lost in the 2011 flood along the Souris River.

He also helped to arrange the re-donation of a handicapped van two years ago to a needy family. The van had originally been donated by the Glen Ullin Lions Club 14 years ago, and the first family no longer needed it.

Another of his favorite memories was the building of a Habitat for Humanity House in Mandan with a grant from LCIF and matching funds from the Lions Clubs

of North Dakota. These were just a few of the activities in which he has been active since he became a Lion.

His resume is extensive, to say the least. He has been a Lion for 22 years, having joined originally in Glen Ullin. He transferred his membership to Mandan, becoming a charter member of the Mandan Lewis and Clark Club. He is currently a member of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club. He has been elected to many club positions, including three terms as a club president. Most notably, he has served District SNW twice as District

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BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



I have for you a report on the most recent grants made by our international foundation, LCIF.

First, you should know that there are seven basic LCIF grant programs. They are:

STANDARD GRANTS. large-scale Lions service projects that address urgent humanitarian needs and must serve large numbers of people. Grant amount-up to \$75,000.

CORE 4 GRANTS. projects that qualify under four areas: preserving sight, combating disability, promoting health and serving youth. Grant amount-up to \$200,000.

EMERGENCY GRANTS. Lions districts that are affected by natural disasters that have affected at least 100 people. Grant amount-up to \$10,000.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS. opportunities for Lions clubs in industrialized countries to help fellow

Lions clubs in lesser-developed regions. Grant amount-between \$5,000 and \$30,000.

MAJOR CATASTROPHE GRANTS. catastrophes of major international impact. Grant amount-\$50,000 to \$1,000,000.

SIGHTFIRST GRANTS. mission of SightFirst is to significantly reduce preventable and reversible blindness worldwide. There are no grant amount guidelines for SightFirst grants.

LIONS-QUEST GRANTS. An initiative of LCIF designed to teach life skills to youth by providing training, services and resources to educators. Grant amount-up to \$100,000.

Now, back to recent grants approved by LCIF.

Between October 1 and October 15, LCIF approved nine Emergency Grants \$75,000. This batch of grants went to developing countries in Africa, South America and Southeast Asia. Lions-

Quest Grants were awarded for 13 projects totaling \$699,750. SightFirst Grants were approved for 22 initiatives totaling \$4,748,351. That's \$5,523,101! , I am sure you will all agree that we can do more.

That's why LCIF began the LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN four years ago, because we can do more. Much more.

LCIF Development Plan district coordinators in North Dakota, Robert Littlefield (SNE) and Dave Czywczynski (SNW), and in South Dakota, Cindy Iversen (SSE) and Larry Burkhead (SSW) are in the process of contacting every club in the two states to appeal to all Lions to step up to the plate and do more for LCIF so we can do more for the people of the world, wherever they may live

More on this later.



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Following is a list of tissue transporters for October 2012.

One-time transporters

Dwaine Preabt, Grand Forks
Owen Graupt, Valley City
Ross Berg, Valley City
Robert Weed, Jamestown
Michael Moe, Grand Forks
Melvin Karch, Valley City
Janice Merry, Garrison

Two-time transporter

Dennis Nathan, Valley City



Devils Lake

Cyril Stoltman

Turtle Lake

Gerald Hudson

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Jim Selby

Beulah

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Governor, once in 2000-2001 and again in 2009-2010. Kevin has served on the District Cabinet since 1998, including three years as Cabinet secretary/treasurer. He did exceptional work as District SNW membership chair, bringing their district out of transition, and was the one who began the spring rallies in that district ten years ago.

On the state level, he served on the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota where he helped with the negotiations between that organization and Tissue Banks International. He served as the president of the original Lions Foundation, and then again as the president of the current Lions Foundation of North Dakota, and is now its executive director. In addition, he has been active in the MD5 Youth Exchange Program, having hosted seven different foreign students; he and Pat have also helped at Youth Camps. A sponsor of 12 new Lions, he is an example of tireless effort in the Lions organization.

Another shining example of dedication



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Lion Jim joined the North Stars in 1986 and served in several positions and on countless committees, eventually serving as their secretary for 19 years.

He was also on the District SNC Cabinet for 15 years and was elected to terms on both the Eye Bank and the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Service Dogs of America in Jud, ND. Numerous Lions will remember him from the 22 state conventions and nine MD5 conventions which he attended, many times hosting the North Star hospitality room.

The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award is the most prestigious honor for Lions at the state level. The first Hall of Fame awards were given in 1982. Although this award has been a function of the Past District Governors Association, a recipient does not have to be a PDG in order to qualify, but can be any Lion who has shown considerable dedication over a period of years.

VIDEO MAGNIFIER UPDATE

Kevin Vannett
Video Magnifier program manager

Dear Lions Clubs:

The Video Magnifier selection committee has approved it's 90th application in just two years. We currently have nine applicants on the waiting list. As soon as funding is received, through Lions Clubs like yours the needed Video Magnifier will be placed with the approved recipient.

This is a great opportunity for your club to help someone in your community to have a better quality of life by helping to purchase a machine which will enable

them to continue to use their limited sight. Plan now to start a new Sight Service project in your community such as a Lions Strides Walk and designate the funds raised for this project.

Helen Keller asked the Lions to help her bring light to others. We answered that call as no other organization could, and our light of service is more relevant today than ever before.

I would now quote our Past International President: "I want Lions to realize they are the ones that people look to for a promise of a better tomorrow. They are the Beacon of Hope." The time is NOW!

MD5 Youth Exchange Opening

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to officially inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that our Youth Exchange Chairperson's term will expire on June 30, 2013. If you are a Lion of Multiple District 5 and would like to know more about this three year position or would like an application. Call MD5 Sec/Treas Mike Brand at 701-205-4729 or e-mail vcldion@msn.com. Deadline for applying for this position is March 1, 2012.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!
No Exceptions!

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What you missed if you did not attend the convention

The 2012 North Dakota Lions Convention was held October 26 & 27 and by all accounts was a great success. If you missed it, we are sorry you missed the fun, excitement and the inspiration that was provided throughout the event. Now is the time to make arrangements for attending the 2013 State Lions Convention in Dickinson.

The weekend began with Lions participating in the Area Foundation Non-Profit Day at the West Acres Mall. The Non-profit day provided an opportunity to promote Lions and the great service Lions provide to the over 40,000 people who received the advertisement and attended the event. North Dakota Lions accomplished this by advertising in their advertising supplement to the Forum, hosting a booth at the mall and sponsoring the Karen Taylor Good show at noon in the mall.

Convention highlights

The Friday Night Icebreaker - The NDSU-Fargo Campus Lions Club played an active part in the 2012 state convention. Campus Lions interjected energy and excitement into the Friday night icebreaker. The theme took an international focus, featuring the sites of the next four international convention locations: Germany; Canada; Honolulu, Hawaii; and Japan. Lions picked up their passports at the door and traveled to each country where costumed campus Lions created an atmosphere of fun with host country music, country-specific activities, and party favors, and lively conversation.

Photos show the fun that members enjoyed:

ID Carolyn and other guests were welcomed by the German campus Lions as pairs of visitors—a sighted Lion guiding a blindfolded Lion—served up steins under the pressure of time and accuracy.

Next, Lion visitors traveled to Canada where the campus Lions staged a hockey shootout.



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Members of the NDSU-Fargo campus club attended the district meeting and state meeting, where officers participated in the Parade of Green, donating to the Lions Eye Bank of ND and the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

Hall of Fame luncheon entertainment - Karen Taylor Good

Everyone loved the Grammy Nominated singer and songwriter Karen Taylor Good's presentation that was specifically designed to honor the service of Lions throughout the world. A number of the songs she sang were especially written for Lions honoring the service work Lions provide. She, in fact, wrote lyrics to the song "Working Eight to Five" that featured many of the Loins in attendance.

Karen provided a warm wonderful message of care and concern empowering all those in attendance to reach new heights in providing service.

Vannett selected as Hall of Fame recipient

2012 Hall of Fame recipient, Lion Kevin Vannett, demonstrated the use of a Video Magnifier as he presented an emotional, heart-felt response to receiving the Lions Hall-of-Fame award. He related many experiences he has had as a Lion where people in need were able to be assisted by providing needed goods or services. In addition to serving in many capacities in the Lions of North Dakota, Kevin was instrumental in the initiation and the ongoing operation of the Video Magnifier program. Under his guidance the program has expanded rapidly and now serves the needs of more than 50 visually challenged individuals throughout the state.

Convention service project (processing donated glasses) a great success!

Lions from throughout North Dakota spent time during the State Convention on Saturday sorting, cleaning and preparing donated eyeglasses for re-use. 85.5 hours were tallied over a six-hour period by approximately 25 Lions from various clubs such as Carrington, Valley City, Fargo, New England and Rugby; however, there were numerous other Lions who participated and did not sign in. Additionally, many more Lions and guests visited the room where the activity was taking place to learn about the process of



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recycling eyeglasses.

11 boxes of glasses were shipped to recycling centers and another 18 boxes were retained for further processing and/or to be taken along to Puerto Vallarta in February 2013 for a mission trip sponsored by the Fargo Lions.

Event coordinator, Lion Jane Pettinger reported, "Altogether, approximately 10,500 glasses were moved forward through the recycling process and cannot even begin to express the qualitative aspects, of fun, laughter, learning, delight, amazement, amusement and partnering that occurred."

5NE elects leadership for the future

Lions of District SNE held their annual election at the State Lions Convention on October 27th and elected Lion Fran Romsdal from the Jamestown Lions Club to serve as District Governor Elect, PDG Katherine Tweed of the Fargo Lions Club to serve as 1stVice District Governor Elect and Lion Rick Swenson of the New Rockford Lions Club to serve as the 2ndVice District Governor Elect. The officers elected at the meeting will move into these leadership roles on July 1, 2013.

Lions of District SNE also elected the following individuals to serve on the Board of Directors of the North Dakota Eye Bank. PDG Wayne Westland of the Grand Forks Lions was elected to another three-year term and PDG Larry Saylor of the Valley City Lions Club was elected to serve a three-year term.

Lions of District SNE elected the following to serve on the Board of Directors of the ND Lions Foundation. Lion Del Hager of the Grand Forks Lions was elected to a three-year term ending in 2016. Rob Lein of the Fargo Lion was also elected to serve a three-year term ending in 2016. Lion Seth Dye of the Horace Lions was elected to serve a two year term ending in 2015.



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Harvey Lions Club members Lion Steve Kourqjian and President Robert Pestal attending Rugby Charter Night with Governor Mel.



Rugby Charter Night visit

President Pat Bye, DG Mel Olson and past Rugby Lions Club President Lila Harstad receiving the Gazebo award and past President award.



Your 5NE Leadership Team 1st Vice-District Governor Fran Romsdal, 2nd Vice District Governor Katherine Tweed and District Governor Mel Olson.



Rugby Lions Club member Lion Jeff Miller receiving the Melvin Jones award from DG Mel Olson.



How about this for getting younger people involved in Lions? Valley City Lions believe in inviting young people to attend their Lions Meetings. President Doreen Sayler conducted their monthly meeting with six week old daughter Zoey in her arms.



President Pat Bye, DG Mel Olson and new Rugby Lions Club members Sheila Craum, Kyle Nelsen and Chris Bieri after the induction ceremony (New member Jason Wood not pictured).

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Carrington Lions came out in force to attend the 2012 Lions Convention.



Our guest of honor at the 2012 ND State Lions Convention International Director Carolyn A. Messier and her husband Lion Normand, PID Bruce Swartz and wife Lion Julie and MD5 ID Marvin Chambers and wife Lion Lynne.

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"Amazing things can happen when you Help Those In Need"

I am intrigued by how reluctant Lions often are, to express how they feel inside when they really help someone who really needs help. Even though we proudly proclaim our motto, "We Serve" we are often embarrassed to talk about how that makes us feel.

Right now we have opportunities to help. Hurricane Sandy hit so many so hard, and as I write this, the forecast is for a devastating winter storm to add insult to injury in that same area. We in North Dakota know about winter storms. Most of the time we're

prepared for them. But what about those people who are already without electrical power, trying to repair the damage to their homes and their lives?

Closer to home, the people of the tiny town of Bucyrus are trying to recover from a devastating fire. And again, winter is just around the corner.

We have the opportunity to give those people reasons to be truly thankful this Thanksgiving season. And we can be even more thankful, that we have the means to help.

In less dramatic ways, this is what you as Lions do every day. As I visit the clubs of our District, I am amazed, proud, and humbled by the work you do. And often, it takes a bit of coaxing, to get you to talk about it.

People, especially non-Lions, often wonder, "Why do they do it?" We know why we do it. We know how it makes us feel. We just don't talk about it.

We should. Perhaps if those non-Lions knew just how great those efforts make us feel, they'd be more eager to be one of us. They'd want to help. Just ask them.

We certainly could use more members. Last year (2011-2012) our district added 102 new Lions to our clubs. But, we lost 126.

DISTRICT 5NW CONVENTION ELECTION RESULTS

2013-2014

District Governor	Mike Blazek	Bismarck
1st Vice District Governor	Arlen Fetch	Mandan
2nd Vice District Governor	Judy Beaudry	Washburn

2013-2016 Lions Eye Bank of ND Board of Directors

Dan Vondrachek (Re-elected)	Bismarck
Lois Reiersen	Williston

Lions Foundation of ND Board of Directors

Lee Gunlikson	Williston
Mark Koller	New England



Immediate Past District Governor Pat Vannett received a Certificate of Appreciation from Past International President Wing-Kun Tam, and a plaque from District 5NW, in appreciation of her outstanding leadership as District Governor. The awards were presented during the District 5NW Annual Meeting at the State Convention in Fargo.



Lions Lois Reiersen and Walter "Butch" Frank received Certificates of Appreciation signed by International President Wayne Madden, for their outstanding contributions of service to District 5NW. The awards were presented by International Director Carolyn Messier, who also gave each of them President Madden's personal pin. Pictured left to right: DG Lewellyn Rustan, Lois Reiersen, Butch Frank, ID Carolyn Messier.

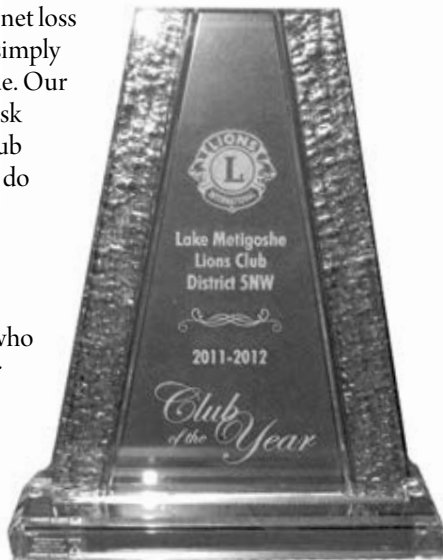
Thirty-three of our 54 clubs added at least one new member. Seven clubs added five or more new members. Fifteen clubs added more members than they lost. Twenty-five clubs lost more members than they added.

What might be surprising, is that there was no significant relationship between the size of the club or the size of the community, and the number of members the club gained or lost. Reasons given for problems with growing our clubs' numbers, might more accurately be labeled 'excuses.'

Since June 30, we've added 20 members, and lost 38. A net loss of 18. This is a trend we simply cannot afford to continue. Our communities need us. Ask yourself, "If our Lions club wasn't there, who would do what we do?"

We're there to help. I know that in each of our communities, there are dozens of other people who have that same desire, or need, to help. If each of our clubs extended that opportunity to just one person each month, what a difference it would make! We can do it!

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



Lake Metigoshe Lions Club was named winner of the District 5 NW Lions Club Of The Year Award, for 2011-2012, at the Lions State Convention in Fargo. The club added 11 new Lions, to bring their year-end membership to 35. The Lake Metigoshe Lions Club is very active in both fund-raising and service projects.



Complete destruction remains where most of Bucyrus' homes once stood before the windswept fire raced through the tiny community.

Bucyrus fire relief

A major portion of this small community in rural southwestern North Dakota was destroyed by fire on October 17, 2012.

Extremely dry and very windy conditions challenged firefighters and other emergency workers who evacuated the town, and eventually stopped the fire. There were no serious injuries, and no lives were lost. But in the houses that were destroyed, nothing was saved.

Lions clubs are encouraged to join in the relief effort for the victims of the Bucyrus Fire. Consider hosting a fund-raising event during one of these weekends:

November 17-18 or December 1-2

Perhaps a Sunday Brunch when 'most everyone is already out and about. Promote and publicize your own events, however, some general promotional information will be distributed throughout the area.

Donations can be sent to:

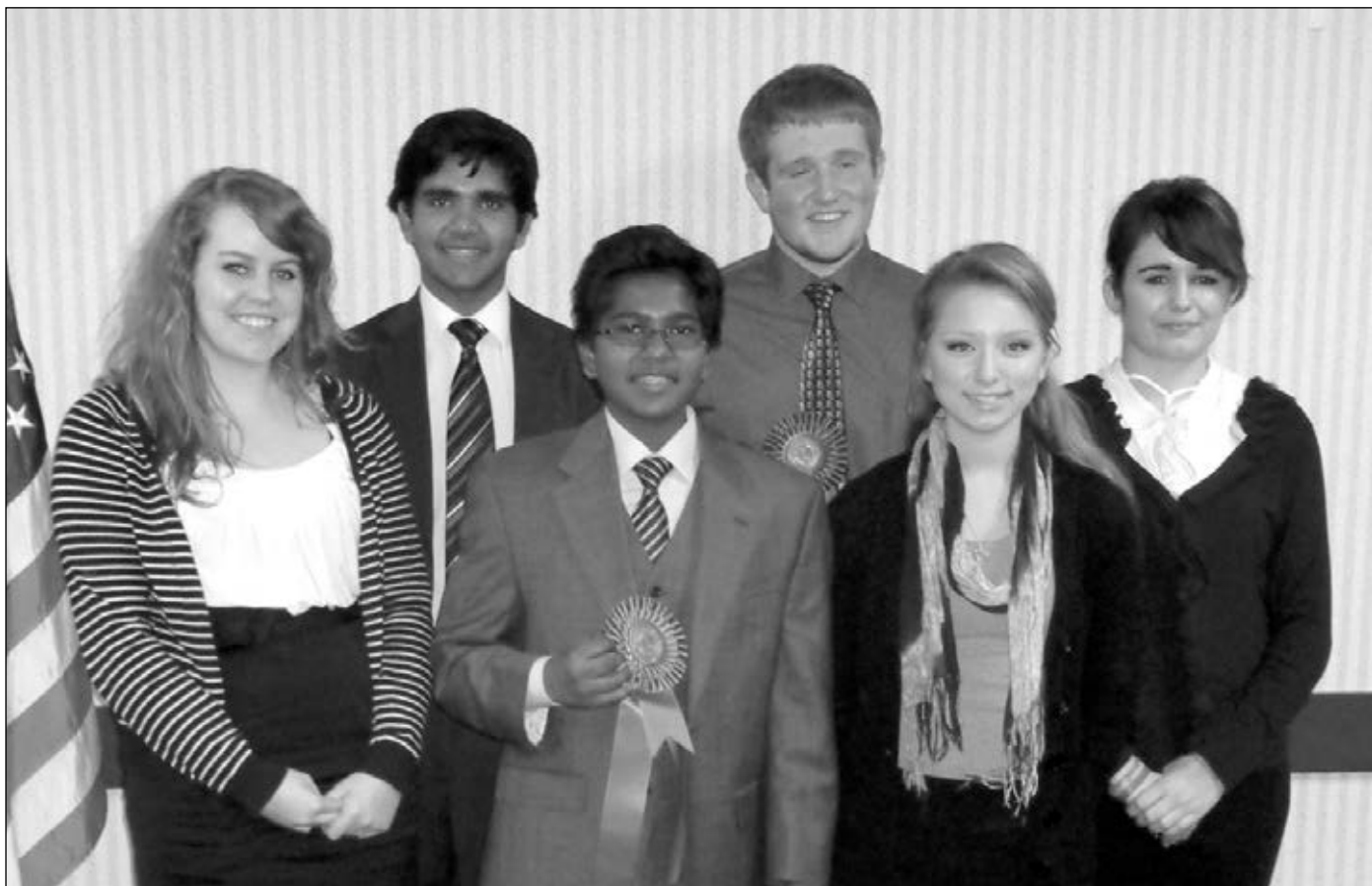
Bucyrus Fire Relief Fund
Dakota Plains Federal Credit Union
PO Box 1020
Hettinger ND 58639

Please notify Lions District 5NW Governor Lewellyn Rustan of your project, and the amount of donations generated, so a report can be published in state and local media.

Individual personal donations from Lions at the State Convention totaled \$600, which has been forwarded to the Relief Fund. Thank you, Lions!



Lion leaders met with Mandan Leo Club President Nathan Long following their October meeting. The Leo club had 24 members at their organizational meeting, and anticipates membership could grow to 40 students in grades 9-12. Their planned activities included Trick-or-Treat for Eyeglasses, Special Olympics Bowling, and assisting the Mandan Lions clubs with Christmas Tree Sales. Pictured, left to right: Jack Stewart, president of the Mandan Lions Club that sponsors the Leo Club; Dan Long, Leo Club Advisor; Nathan Long, Leo Club President and senior at Mandan High School, and District Governor Lewellyn Rustan.



Pictured (L to R) back row: Karan Saravana, Mark Staples, Summer Sturlaugson; front row: Jessica Vines, Lalit Saravana, Jaurdyn Dobler. Karan and Lalit Saravana have asked for assistance in starting a Leo Club at Davies High School. This is another reason for local Lions Clubs to work with their forensic coaches in sponsoring a Lions Speak Up For Service contest!

Students speak out at state convention

The third annual State Lions Speak Up For Service contest took place at the 2012 Convention held in October. Six students competed in the finals held on Saturday afternoon. Scholarships were presented to the students, as well as certificates and awards to the top three speakers.

First place honors went to Lalit Saravana, son of Dana and Sam Saravana, of Fargo who spoke on the following topic: "What challenges lie ahead for today's young people." He is a freshman at Davies High School. Placing second was Mark Staples, son of Brenda and Les Staples, and a senior at West Fargo High School who advocated "schools should require students to perform community service in order to graduate." Karan Saravana, Lalit's older brother was third, answering the questions, "How can students help to make their

schools a welcoming place for the children of immigrants and new Americans in the community?"

Other finalists included: Jaurdyn Dobler, daughter of Tamara and James Dobler, of West Fargo; Summer Sturlaugson, daughter of Sherri and Jason Sturlaugson, of Fargo; and Jessica Vines, daughter of Joy and John Vines, of Fargo.

Members of the Dakota National Forensic League Lions Club of North Dakota administered the contest. Lions Gayle Hyde (head forensics coach at Fargo South), Lion Joe Hyde, and Lion Denise Raeder (head forensics coach at Fargo Davies High School) registered the student speakers, supervised the drawing of topics and preparation of speeches, and tabulated the results. Lions from District 5NW judged the preliminary round of

competition and Lions from District SNE and ID Marvin Chambers judged the final round of speaking.

Next year's contest will be held in Dickinson and local Lions Clubs from across the state are encouraged to sponsor students to compete. Lions Clubs in District 5NW especially are encouraged to contact their local forensics coaches (speech, debate, student congress) at the start of the school year next fall to identify a student to sponsor in the competition. The major cost of sponsorship is transportation (and lodging, if coming from a distance) to the convention and a noon meal for the participant and chaperone. For more information on how your club can get involved, contact PCC Robert Littlefield at r.littlefield@ndsu.edu or Lion Gayle Hyde at hydeg@fargo.k12.nd.us.



The poster submitted by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club was chosen the winner of the District 5 NW Peace Poster Contest. The artist, 13 year-old Hannah Heinze, is a student at Mandan Middle School. The poster will be entered in the MD 5 contest at the Council of Governors meeting in Minot on November 17th.

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Fri.-Sat., Nov. 30 & Dec. 1
Seib's Sports Bar • Elgin, ND

Friday's satellite night starts at 6 p.m. MDT
Buy-in is \$25

Main event is Saturday
Registration at 12 noon
Tournament starts at 1 p.m.
Buy-in \$100 • \$50 Re-buy



Help rebuild the Burlington Sports Complex

Burlington, ND



Burlington Sports Complex before, during and after 2011 flood.

Used by more than 700 youth each week in the summer to play baseball and countless children and families enjoying the playground and park facilities. The complex was devastated by the 2011 flood.

The Lions of North Dakota want the residents of Burlington to concentrate on rebuilding their homes. The Lions will work on fundraising and rehabilitation of the sports complex.

Bricks for Burlington

\$100 Glass Block _____ \$1,000 Glass Block _____
\$10,000 Glass Block _____ Other Donation _____

Block Inscription • \$100 Glass Block

Name _____

City _____

Memorial Block • \$100 Glass Block

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

\$1,000 Glass Block

Name _____

City _____

Company Logo _____

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

Bowman

Recently, the Bowman Lions and Austin's Friends had a medical benefit, holding a spaghetti dinner and silent auction, to help raise funds to help with medical expenses for Austin Sense,

who was injured in an auto accident this past July.

The benefit was a success with donated funds from Thrivent Financial as well.



Lions Susan Wanner, Ken Silha, Lisa Abrahamson & Chris Voegelé.



Recipient Austin Sense.



Friends Liz Olsen and Clea Rye Olsen.



Lions Roger Walter, Deb Patterson, Tom Nordberg & Deb Schade.

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



LCIF Disaster Relief
300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL
60523-8842

November 2012

An Open Letter to the Lions of North Dakota:

Recently, as Superstorm Sandy hit the East Coast, Lions were there for those in the storm's path. We know the devastating impact that a disaster can have in a community and as always, our thoughts and prayers are with those who were affected, including members of our own Lions family. As Lions, we need to come together to help our fellow Lions bring relief to those desperately in need.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has already awarded a US\$100,000 Major Catastrophic Grant with money from the disaster relief fund, allowing Lions in affected areas to immediately begin providing assistance. Many Lions are already working with local food banks, police and fire departments and other local organizations.

In addition to the Major Catastrophic Grant, LCIF has awarded US\$100,000 in emergency grants to Lions districts in North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut and New York. LCIF was able to award these funds from the disaster relief fund, thanks to Lions who generously donated knowing that in times of disaster there is an urgent and great need.

We need to support these efforts and add to the disaster funding. We encourage you and your local Lions Club to consider making a donation to the LCIF Disaster Relief Fund. You can send your donation to the international headquarters at 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. Disaster relief funds are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible. "In A World of Service," one person can make a difference, but together we can have an even greater impact. Please give generously and as soon as you can!

Thank you for any donation you can provide from your club.

Sincerely,

Lion Robert and Lion Dave

Lion Robert Littlefield and Lion Dave Czywczynski
5NE and 5NW LCIF Development Fund Coordinators

Bismarck



The six remaining charter members of the Prairie Rose Lions received their 30-year pins during the club's 30th anniversary festivities November 1. They are (from left to right) Lions Audrey Spencer, Diane Offerdahl, Ronnie Stoltz, PDG Marian Johnson, Loris Freier, and Diane Dockter.

Prairie Rose Lions celebrate 30 years

by Lion JeAnne Selby

The Bismarck Country Club was awash in Prairie Rose pink Thursday evening, November 1, for the club's regular monthly membership meeting. However, this was no "regular" monthly meeting. The Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions dispensed with their traditional meeting agenda, and instead celebrated their 30th club anniversary.

Highlighting the evening were the induction of New Prairie Rose Member Val Blazek by her husband, SNW District Governor Elect Mike Blazek, the keynote address presented by Guiding Lion and PDG Garry Freier of the Bismarck North Star Lions Club, presentation of awards, recognition of six charter members, and recognition of the Prairie Rose Lions' newest Melvin Jones recipient.

The Prairie Rose Lions were chartered in 1982 with 20 members. Six of those members remain active today; they include Lions Diane Dockter, Loris Freier, PDG Marian Johnson, Diane Offerdahl, Audrey Spencer and Ronnie Stoltz. The lady Lions were presented with hand-made pink scarves; each shared special

memories from her 30 years of service in the Prairie Rose Club.

The six charter members also received their 30-year membership pins; in addition, Lion Ellie Meeks received her 25-year pin, and Lion Deb Ahman received her 10-year pin.

Lion Ellie was also recognized with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Named for the Lions International founder, the Melvin Jones Fellowship is one of the most prestigious awards bestowed upon Lions members. The evening festivities also included popular 1980s piano music, performed by Prairie Rose Lion Julie Schwartz, an historical display of club memorabilia, and decorated cupcakes for members and guests. Club Vice President Jessica Paulsen emceed the special event.



Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Ellie Meeks, right, proudly displays the Melvin Jones plaque she received from Prairie Rose President Loris Freier Thursday evening, November 1, during the club's 30th anniversary celebration at the Municipal Country Club in Bismarck.



PDG Garry Freier, a Bismarck North Star Lion, reflects on the Prairie Rose Club origins in 1982 and its early history. PDG Freier served as Guiding Lion to the Prairie Rose Club and keynoted the anniversary celebration.

District 5NW Spring Rally

It's not too early to plan

The District 5NW 12th Annual Spring Rally and Leadership Conference will be held in Garrison on Saturday, April 13th.

That sounds like it's a long ways off, but there are important things to remember: One of the main objectives of the jam-packed, day-long event, is to provide training and information for the new crop of club officers.

To make that work, it is necessary to know who those new officers will be.

Most clubs have a nominating committee that prepares a slate of officers that have committed to serve those positions. Then, the club holds an election.

For the newly elected officers to make plans to attend the Rally,

they need to know early that they will be an officer next year. And which one.

Filling a slate of candidates for all the leadership positions in your club, can be difficult. Especially if yours is a club where you are trying to break the 'tradition' of re-electing the same officers, year after year.

Here's a sure-fire way to make that easier: Assure the candidates that the information and training they will receive at the Spring Rally will make their job much easier. And more fun!

Hold your club elections early!

Encourage all your officers to attend the Rally! It's free!

And prepare for one of the best years your club has ever had!

N.D. State Lions Convention 2013

Members to head to the Western Edge

By Lion Chuck Whitney
2013 Convention chair

With the 2012 State Lions Convention in Fargo barely over, it must seem a bit early to talk about the next one. Well, in many ways, it IS early, but none the less, we need to take a moment to thank the energetic Fargo Lions for the super effort they put forth to give us an extraordinary meeting of friends at the City by the river's edge. Their three tier organization serves as a model for the future, allowing Lions and Lion friends the opportunity to choose where to go at any one time. Their entertainment was certainly top drawer. Karen Taylor Good touched our hearts while the fantastic Fenders really got us juking and jiving! What a grand time. We are already well along in the planning of your 2013 Dickinson Convention. We have chosen as our theme, "MEETING OF THE MINDS," and are lining up some stellar things for you. We want YOU to come west and see what the hub-bub is all about. You have heard about the Bakken; you have heard about the man camps; You have heard all the horrors of high prices and non-existent housing.

We WANT YOU to come out and see for yourself. We already have a tour set up for Friday Afternoon to a well site with supper arranged in a man camp. You will be surprised at how well our people have adapted to the stresses of the work influx the Bakken has brought us. It's always wonderful to be the economic generator for the continent, but at the same time it is also a bit nerve wracking! Our people have adapted well.

As of right now, we have two stellar presentations for you during the convention itself on the energy industry in western North Dakota: one on the Bakken itself and another on Wind Energy. While the EPA gets some credit for making it harder and harder to run a coal plant, come hear for yourself what those people are doing to meet those challenges. Did you know that

North Dakota has a can do attitude? THAT certainly did NOT come from Minnesota!!!

Our Ice Breaker will feature a couple of new performers whose act is called "Mystical Minds" - they will amaze and amuse you. Our Feature for the Saturday Banquet is a group out of the New England area performing lots of old favorites and new songs too. The featured soloists have performed all over western North Dakota and will enchant you.

We've all heard of the costs in western North Dakota, right? Well this convention is priced the same as the Fargo event. The Early bird will be \$85 including meals and those last minute late arrivals will pay \$125. As always, we are allowing you the option of doing an a la carte selection on your meals, should you prefer.

As you can imagine, the costs of the meals will not change, but the convention registration WILL, so sign up early! The Convention will be held at the Ramada Grand Dakota Lodge which is one of the nicest hotels in Dickinson.

At this time, there are three new hotels under construction which should give the convention goer choice in rooming arrangements, but also some flexibility in price. Once you are at the Convention, you will have the time of your life, so plan ahead now. Come join us Oct 25-26, 2013 in Dickinson for the next State Lions Convention. See you there!

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