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Photo by April Baumgarten

The Hazen Lions Club presents a check for \$10,500 to Paition Dilday and his godparents, Dorinda and Wade Unterseher, center, at Hazen High School. Members of the school's FFA club and local Boy Scouts were also present.

The town that gives and gives

Lions Club raises \$10,500 for local student

By April Baumgarten

At first Dorinda and Wade Unterseher didn't want to see the check that held their godchild Paition Dilday's future. When the godmother finally flipped it over and saw \$10,500 written on it, tears of happiness fell from her eyes as she whispered "thank you."

"I was shocked, overwhelmed," she later said. "What goes through your mind is all the people."

The money was raised primarily on Oct. 14 at Hazen City Hall when the Hazen Lions Club held a benefit for Paition, who was diagnosed with brain cancer earlier

this year. The tumor caused immense headaches that sometimes left him sick to his stomach.

It didn't take long before the Lions decided they needed to do something for the boy. The group got together and decided to hold a fleischkuechla feed and jam session benefit for Paition. It soon grew into a community effort with groups like Hazen FFA, Boy Scouts, National Honor Society and Student Council pitching in to help.

"The kids came and worked," Lions member Maxine Beckwith said. "Somebody donated the pickles. Kids

baked bars. Then the school took them back and sold them and generated more money."

Though the group wasn't sure how it would turn out, the benefit turned out to be a hit. Hundreds of people showed up between the three-hour period, which left the serving staff short of fleischkuechla toward the end. The 40-some pounds of potatoes they cut for potato salad was also gone. Dorinda and Wade greeted people as they walked by, surprised at how many people had attended.

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BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



I have always thought that talking about hearing aids was a really dull subject - but that hearing loss was a very important issue.

And, now that I have some hearing loss issues myself, hearing and hearing aids have become much more important. Although hearing impairment and its remedies may be a dull subject for you also, I hope you will continue to read on.

Even though Lions have been working for many years to improve hearing services in the world, we haven't even scratched the surface.

Hearing loss affects 278 million people worldwide and about 40 million people in the United States and Canada. North America has nearly 11 million people who cannot afford hearing aids, which cost about US\$3,600 a pair. What can we do?

As I look to the left in my office, I see a large bag of used hearing aids that I have

collected from my hearing consultant. He will be giving me all his used hearing aids for the purpose of redistribution. This is one thing we all can do. Collect hearing aids.

Lions Clubs International and LCIF are also addressing the challenge by starting a pilot program called Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP). LCIF has already made several grants totaling over \$5 million dollars for hearing-related projects around the world.

At present, most of the pilot projects are being conducted in the United States which have placed hear aids with about 1000 low-income people. The project is off to a good start.

Here's how AHAP works. Lions clubs work with targeted individuals to determine their eligibility and arrange for testing with a partner hearing professional. The Lions club then contacts AHAP to

request and arrange shipping for hearing aids.

The hearing professional then insures proper fit and adjustment of the device as well as follow-up care. Cost for the service is, in most cases, nothing.

Clubs and/or individuals can get involved by Googling Lions AHAP. You can also call AHAP at 630-203-3837. Another site that can be helpful is HearUSA.

My guess is that very few MD5 Lions clubs do much with hearing impairment and disabilities.

Here is a good way to get involved. Within a month, you too can have a large bag of used hearing aids in your office.



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Following is a list of tissue transporters for November.

Two-time transporters

Bob Tuba – Grand Forks

Ron Harris – Valley City

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



Bowdon

Roy Suckut

Noonan

Edwin Ringdahl

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Marjorie Benson

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"I've gone to a couple benefits, but they weren't as crowded as that one was," she said. "That was just awesome, and him (Paiton), just being able to see how many people care about him, even total strangers care, that was pretty cool."

The effort didn't stop there. The club continued to receive checks from various groups and people who were willing to donate money to Paiton's cause.

"It never ceases to amaze me how generous the community is, especially when it comes to children," Maxine said. "It is heart-warming."

The motto for the club is to serve, Maxine said, adding the organizations across the state probably puts on more fundraisers than any other group. However, the effort was more than just the club, she said. It was a project the whole city was involved with.

"That is what I think our community relies on us for," she said.

"Yes, the Lions Club facilitated it, but

there was a lot of worker bees involved," she said as she mentioned that she was subbing at the school. She asked the children if they knew how much the check was for, and their reaction was one of shock.

"I'm just so grateful and thankful that God has blessed us with being in this town with these doctors and all these good people. You can't ask for a better place to live."

- Dorinda Unterseher, Hazen

"It's because you guys got involved," she said. "That's what it means to belong to a community."

Paiton was also surprised, not knowing what to think of the money.

"There are a lot of kind people here," he said. Maxine watched as the couple accepted the check, adding Dorinda's tears moved her. "It's the humbleness," she said. "It made me feel good. It was one of those things that made me say, I'm really proud

to be a Lion, No. 1, and, No. 2, to be a part of this community. The people give and give and give."

Dorinda was not sure how much the funds would cover as of Monday.

"Right now we are kind of in limbo," she said. "If there is any leftover we were going to put it in a college CD."

Despite how the money is spent, the family just wanted to thank all the groups and community members for their support.

She added he has so many friends.

"It was so heart-warming to see everyone come together for Paiton," she said. "For him to see how many people care just to care, I don't know how to word it. I didn't think that many people would show up for a kid they didn't know."

"I'm just so grateful and thankful that God has blessed us with being in this town with these doctors and all these good people. You can't ask for a better place to live," she said.

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Life Members - \$300

Mark Koller

Other Donations:

Elgin Dakota Lions Club \$25
NDSU Campus Lions Club \$25

100% Club (\$10 per member)

Elgin Lions Club

Memorials:

West Fargo Lions Club
in memory of Pearl Lewin

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in memory of Del Tibke

John T. Stewart

in memory of Margery Underdahl

West Fargo Lions Club

in memory of Vernon Pfau

Bronze Clubs \$100 to \$300

Hazen Lions, Grand Forks, New Rochford, Carrington, Jamestown, Valley City, Williston Korner, Rugby, Bismarck North Star, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Scranton, Lake Metegoshe, and Alexander.

Silver Clubs \$300 to \$500

Minot Magic City, Mandan, and Dickinson

Gold Clubs \$500 to \$1000

Fargo, Grand Forks Red River and Grand Forks South Forks

Video Magnifier Program

Hooterville Flion Lions Club \$101

A sincere thanks to all Individuals and clubs for your continous support for your Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Plan now for the future viability of Lions in ND

As I visit the Lions Clubs in District 5NE I am constantly impressed with the commitment the members of the clubs have to providing service and financial support to their community projects and projects worldwide. It is exciting to witness the pride and enthusiasm that members of those clubs derive from being a Lion. It is equally exciting to witness the comradery and enjoyment that goes on at each meeting regarding of the size of the club and the number in attendance.

Even though I am an eternal optimist, I am also a realist and as I drive down the road heading home after a club visit my enthusiasm and excitement about what I just witnessed changes to concern. I begin to think about what we need to do now, to assure the viability of Lions Clubs in the future. The current generation of Lions in North Dakota is doing an outstanding job of providing services; however, many clubs are experiencing a real problem attracting members from the younger generations and many of those clubs will no longer exist and people in those communities will not have an opportunity to be a Lion unless we find ways to turn it around.

As International President, Wayne Madden points out: Lions Clubs must become agents of change if we are to survive in this world of instant communication. Following is an excerpt from International President, Madden's Theme:

In A World of Instant Communication, Lions Are Connecting To Others

Nothing is changing faster in our world than our ability to communicate. No club or district can be successful today without effective communication, and effective communication requires preparation. I can think of no other aspect of our lives that has changed more in the past 10 years. Communication in the new millennium is fast paced, and ever changing. We must be agents of change – open to new ideas and open to strategies for connecting to others if we hope to communicate in a changing world.

It would be a mistake to assume that only young people are communicating online via emails, Facebook and other social media models. New studies have shown that the age group that spends the most amount of time communicating online is actually 45 to 54 year olds. Electronic communication provides the most effective means to connect with people around the world in real time. Increasingly, Lions members, clubs, districts and multiple districts are online.

Following are some easy ways that we can implement new strategies for connecting with others to improve our ability to communicate in a changing world.

- Create a Free Web Site for your Lions Club
- Lions International provides an easy way to create a web site

for your club. Access the Lions International web site: Log on to www.lionsclubs.org click on Member Center>Managing a Club>e-clubhouse, and you will see the following article.

If you're looking for a free and easy way to create a Web site for your Lions club, the e-Clubhouse is for you!

LionNET is proud to provide this resource to help Lions Clubs around the world build a useful, professional looking Web site. Designed with fill-in-the blank fields for even the least Internet savvy, the e-Clubhouse allows you to:

- Build and maintain a Web site for your club using a simple set of tools that make it easy to create a club Web site.
- Keep your members – and community – up-to-date on the projects the club is working on.
- Promote your club's activities – and recruit new members.

You can choose between two predesigned Web site templates that incorporate the Lions Clubs International brand. Both templates include links to information on the Lions Clubs International Web site, including the Lions News Network, Lions Learning Center and more.

e-Clubhouse features

Each e-Clubhouse features:

- Club Home Page: Feature a photo of your club members participating in a project or club activity and provide a brief history of your club.
- Calendar of Events: Use the calendar to keep everyone informed of important dates.
- Club Projects: Provide information on your projects and let your community know how they can support your projects.
- Photo Gallery: Showcase your club's activities by posting photos of recent projects.
- Contact Page: Post key contact information for people in your community to call so they can learn more about your club and get involved.
- Up to five additional pages for your club's special functions or news.

See some examples of e-clubhouse web sites that were constructed using the free and easy fill-in-the-blanks system designed by LionNET on the next page.

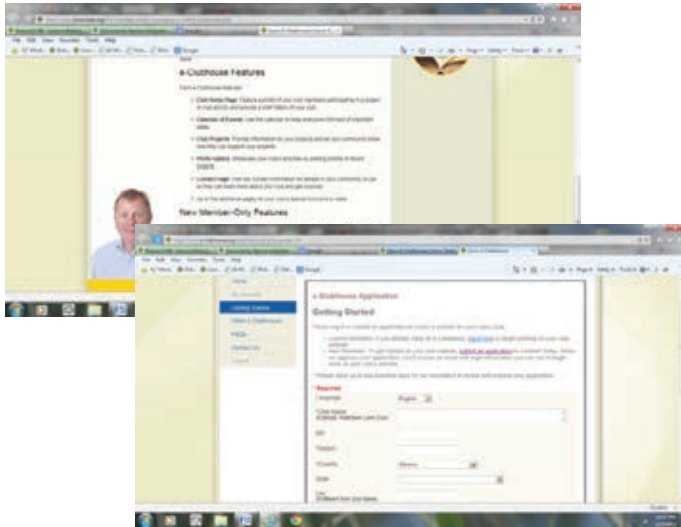
How to start your e-club web site

Type the following link to your browser: www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/managing-a-club/e-clubhouse.php

On the bottom of the page click on Submit an application to create a Web site for your Lions club today.



Below are "screen shots" of the application form



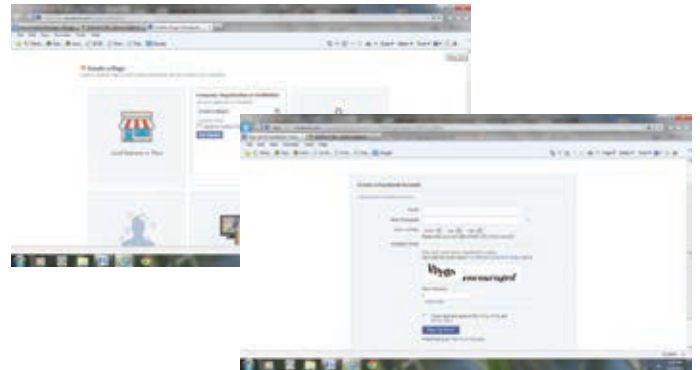
Upon approval of application you will begin the process of creating and maintaining a web site that is unique to your club. Following are some of the web sites that are currently active in SNE:

- District SNE web site: www.e-district.org/sites/5ne
- Fargo Lions web site: www.fargolions.org
- Grand Forks Lions Club: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/granforksnd
- South Forks Lions Club: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/grandforkssf
- La Moure Lions Club: www.eclubhouse.org/sites/lamoure

Create a Facebook page

Facebook is another very popular form for communicating club activities. The following link: www.facebook.com/pages/create.php will guide you to successfully set up a page for your club.

Below are screen shots of "Create a Page"



Rugby Lions started their Facebook page this year: <https://www.facebook.com/rugbylionsclub/info>

Go to the District SNE site <http://www.e-district.org/sites/5ne>, click on SNE Lion Club sites and other useful resources to view additional SNE websites and Facebook pages.

It is important that club websites and Facebook pages stay current and up to date with information.

If your club has a web site or Facebook page please submit the information to kimrolson@gmail.com and it will be linked to the SNE Web site.

5NE environmental photo contest

Lions members of SNE are reminded to get you entry into chairperson, Ken Hansen, for the Environmental Photo Contest. The deadline for the entry is Jan. 15.

The categories for the contest are as follows: 1) Animal Life, 2) Landscape (urban or natural), 3) Plant Life, 4) Weather Phenomenon and 5) Beauty of the rural environment.

Each Lions Club should submit one winning photo from their club from all of the categories. All of the local Lions Club winners will then go to the SNE District contest.

District Chair, Lion Ken, will have a committee to select the district winner. (ONE WINNER FROM THE DISTRICT.) This winning entry will advance to the MDS contest.

The winner from the MDS contest advances to the International Convention competition.

If you have questions regarding the contest get in contact with Lion Ken using his email address: (hansenk@daktel.com).

His address is as follows: Lion Ken Hansen, 281 10th

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 district activity contact:
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"Amazing things can happen, when you Give"

Lions are pretty amazing people. I don't know of a single Lion who joined the world's greatest service organization because they wanted to go to meetings and conventions, and maybe become one of the 'top dogs' in the organization.

People become Lions because they want to serve their community, to make it a better place. They want to make a difference. They're volunteers. They buy into our motto, "We Serve." They're generous with their time, their talents, and their resources. They give.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is a good example of what that giving amounts to, on a world-wide basis. Here are some of the things LCIF has been able to do because of the generosity of Lions:

- More than \$730 million given in grants, the majority of which went for Disaster Relief.
- More than 30 million people world-wide, have had their sight restored.
- More than 500 children's lives saved EVERY DAY because of measles vaccinations.

These are only a few examples of what happens when Lions care, and Lions give.

The lists of what happens when Lions care and Lions give within their own communities could not be listed, totaled, or summarized, even in the most advanced electronic media equipment. The combined impact is simply enormous.

I see our Lions clubs responding to serious medical needs, local disasters, and a huge variety of community needs. Lions are busy every day, directly lending hands, or working on another fund-raising project, and then writing checks and sending them virtually everywhere.

It's so gratifying to see our Lions clubs' response to situations such as the Bucyrus Fire, and Superstorm Sandy. One of the clubs, intimately involved with the floods recently, commented, "I know the work involved."

I'm proud of the work we do as Lions.
I'm proud of the way we do it.

In another article, I've summarized a report that compares the efficiency of several 'charitable' organizations. I'm proud that Lions Clubs International stands at the top of that list. (see page 7)

Current data

In District 5NW since July 1st, 16 of our clubs have added a total of 26 new members as of the end of November. I know of several more new members being added within the next few weeks. Congratulations! You have done a service to your clubs and your communities, and to Lions Clubs International, by involving more people in our organization.

Moving forward

We've survived the "summer vacation" dynamics that sometimes delay progress in our goals for the Lions year. We've gotten beyond the harvest season, and soon the holiday season will also be behind us.

It's time to go to work!

Most of the clubs I have visited have confirmed their eagerness to be involved in the Club Excellence Process. I firmly believe this is the most effective tool LCI has ever developed, to revitalize and grow your club, and to be the entity in your own community that will truly make a positive difference. I urge you to contact me, or

District 5NW Global Leadership Team Coordinator Herman Schafer to schedule a CEP for your club. Really! Do it!

If you could use some assistance in conducting a Lions Orientation, please call 2nd Vice District Governor Arlen Fetch. He will travel to any location in the District where several clubs come together for an Orientation Session (a special session, not a club meeting). He does a great job!

Enjoy the holidays

The Christmas season is a very busy time, but as Lions, we're used to that! Take the time to spend with the special people in your life. Enjoy the fun and fellowship, the joys and the laughter. And remember what Christmas is really all about.

As you prepare for the season of giving, consider giving not only to your family and friends, but also to those who may not have family and friends.

Merry Christmas, every one!

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

New Members in District 5NW

This Year (Since July 1)

Alexander	2	Minot Plum Valley	1
Bismarck Capital City	2	Mott	2
Bismarck Prairie Rose	2	New Salem	1
Dickinson	2	North Star	1
Elgin Dakota	3	South Heart	3
Glen Ullin	1	Stanley	1
Halliday	1	Washburn	1
Killdeer	2		
Minot	1		
		Total New Members	26

How well does your favorite charity handle your contribution?

Most of us have heard or read information regarding the amount of your contribution various charities spend on administration and huge salaries for their executives. The list also compares how much of your contribution actually makes its way to the cause or need that the charity is claiming to support.

It's making the rounds again. It's especially disappointing during times like this, when there are so many people that need so much help, to be reminded that so very little of the money collected in the emotionally charged appeals, actually gets to where it is needed.

The list shows that as little as 5 cents of each dollar collected by some of the most popular, major 'charities' actually gets to the people that need it.

The list also reveals annual salaries for top executives in those charities, often exceeding several hundred thousand dollars, and in some cases, more than a million dollars.

The good news is, not all charities operate that way. You can be very proud, that Lions Clubs International Foundation can state that 100% of donations go to help people wherever they live anywhere in the world. While victims of natural disasters lead the list, LCIF is there for people with vision problems and other serious health issues. A great example, is the measles vaccinations that have cut in half the number of children that die from that disease every day.

You can be very proud that you make that possible, simply by being a Lion. Your international dues take care of the modest administration costs to provide those services and assistance.

So, if you really want to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy, and the other needs of your fellowman throughout the world,

make your contributions count:

Make them to Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your contributions are tax deductible. And you can be sure, your dollars will go where they are needed most.

Time to think about elections

Club officer elections are a ways off, but now is the time to schedule them.

- Establish, verify, or appoint your nominating committee.
- Set date for committee to meet.
- Select candidates.
- Assure candidates are willing to serve.
- Hold election.
- Submit Form PU 101 to Lions Clubs International.
- Verify correctness of all information.
- Submit officer information from Form PU 101 to District 5NW Directory Committee.

(That contact information will be available later.)

As you can see, there are several steps to this process, which can take several months. It must be started early to assure the information is available when required by LCI, and needed by 5NW.

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 \$ _____

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Eye Bank of N.D.: Year of progress

By Lion Chuck Whitney

Your Lions Eye Bank has had a very good year. At the request of one of its founders at the most recent State Lions Convention in Fargo, we put together a brief report on what has happened this past year. Our Executive Director, Lion Karen Thomas, has been quite busy along with her staff person, Arlene, in keeping the ship on an even keel as we move forward. Due to family issues, Lion Karen was unable to be at our state meeting, and this report was not passed along to those present. Here are a few details from that report.

At the end of the past fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the Eye Bank had recovered 264 corneas from 132 donors. The top four hospitals are Altru in Grand Forks, MedCenter One in Bismarck (now Sanford Health), Trinity Hospital in Minot, and St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck. 260 corneas, or 79 percent of all recovered eye tissue was successfully transplanted.

The corneas were transplanted in North Dakota, Connecticut, California, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Maine, New Jersey, Texas, New Mexico, New York, Vermont, Washington, DC, New Hampshire, Tennessee, Ohio, Delaware, Palestine, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Algeria, Yemen, Israel, Serbia, Dubai, Cyprus, Ghana, and Argentina.

Ten corneas were transplanted in North Dakota: Dr Mark Raymond in Williston, Dr. Harold Rodenbiker in Fargo, Dr. Ronald Brockman in Grand Forks, and Dr. Steve Bagan were our tissue transplanters. Since the start of operations in January of 1996, your Lions Eye Bank has recovered and placed 3,927

corneas for transplant. In this 16-year period, we have given the ultimate gift to someone who is sight challenged: 3,927 people can see who might otherwise have faced a future of darkness.

Countless Lions have selflessly served to transport the tissue from our hospitals around the state to the Eye Bank in Bismarck. What a record!

On the club level, you have given and given again. This past year, 34 clubs gave a total of \$12,713.54, while individuals have given memorials and other donations in the amount of \$1,134. This generosity has helped us continue to provide this very needed service.

Those clubs who gave last year were recognized this year in

Fargo. We had two clubs, Noonan and Harvey who gave at the Silver level (\$501-\$1500).

Fifteen clubs gave at the Bronze level (\$101-\$500): Emerado-Arvilla, Grand Forks, Medina, Fargo Gateway, Washburn, Taylor, Capital City, Kenmare, Goodrich, Watford City, Elgin, Bowman, Napoleon, Stanley, New Rockford Lions Clubs.

Fourteen clubs gave at the Blue Level (\$51-\$100) – South Fork, Tuttle, Chaffee, Hazen, Killdeer, New England, Wilton, West River, New Salem, Glen Ullin, Columbus, South Heart, Streeter, and Sawyer Lions Clubs.

At the Red Level (up to \$50): 3 clubs – Wild Rose, Plum Valley Minot, and Glenburn Lions Clubs.

Each club gave as they could and we appreciate your generosity. Note that this list does NOT include those clubs who sent money for the Frederick Griffith Run for Vision that Lion Karen participates in each year.

An additional \$3,325 was raised with the Lions being the majority donors at \$2,100 additional dollars. Those monies were sent to The Frederick Griffiths Foundation for a dollar match and then returned to TBI, our tissue vendor who in turn applied those monies to operation expenses. For those newer Lions who perhaps are less familiar with the Eye Bank, TBI, Tissue Banks International, has been our tissue vendor for more than 10 years. When we receive the call that an eye has been donated, the trip begins at the hospital and goes from there to the Eye Bank.

The eye will then be examined and tested for its health and ability to be transplanted. Once that step is complete, the eye is packed carefully and sent by overnight (over day in some cases!) transport to Memphis, Tenn., where it is then matched with a donor and shipped out.

TBI will thus accept and ship our eyes to donors as well as bill the hospital/doctor. Furthermore, they also manage our Eye Bank, providing support in continuing education as well as very crucial back-up for the mandatory licensing and inspection done of our eye bank by federal and local health authorities.

We pay them a management fee, as well as a percentage of every cornea they handle for us. It is the day-to-day operation, salary, and management portions of the Eye Bank that do not change regardless of how many eyes we transport and have transplanted.

When we have had slow years, such as 2008-2010, we have

Contacts to expand?

Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota officials are currently looking to the future with contacts with Sanford Health Systems. Two years ago, they bought MeritCare in Fargo where YOUR Lions Eye Bank had been shut out since 2004. With help from the South Dakota Eye Bank, and several of your North Dakota Lions, many meetings were had with Mr. Dennis Millirons, the new CEO in Fargo.

At this time, all the eyes being collected in Fargo are still going to Minneapolis to their Eye Bank instead of Bismarck to ours. We see this opportunity as a challenge to be met. With the more recent acquisition of MedCenter One by Sanford, there was significant concern that we might lose that contract too.

Happily, it seems that the Sioux Falls higher ups have had excellent relations with the South Dakota Eye Bank and were not aware of the past history. When they were in Bismarck for the open house, these people expressed some surprise when they got to a Mandan Lions Club meeting that Fargo was NOT doing business locally.

There is some hope that the reluctance of certain staffers in the former MeritCare facilities can either be replaced or convinced that the CURRENT Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota does a much better job than we used to do years ago. This is a work in progress.

run in the red and have had to pay TBI instead of the other way around. The donations of our Lions Clubs have made a huge difference in that “check book balance.”

Your more experienced Lions may recall that we have also had some very good years, such as 2006 and 2007 when the surplus of money over and above our operating costs led to substantial income from TBI.

In THOSE remarkable years, we were able to put significant monies aside and even made a one time donation to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota in the amount of \$25,000 to help them meet their endowment goal. Balance that with the \$47,000 we had to pay TBI for our deficit years.

While all this was happening, the payback for our CDs did the same as yours: hit all time lows. In an investment policy adopted in Grand Forks in 2010, we as a board agreed to set up an investment grade bond portfolio with a six-month interval of differing maturities out for a period of six years.

Over the following year since June of 2011, we have expanded that portfolio to have twelve separate bonds maturing at six-month intervals out to June of 2017. We actually JUST finished that bond “ladder” this past summer, using income to finance each step.

Our initial investment was \$140,000 to which we added some \$39,000 this past summer. We still have some \$76,000 in CDs and \$29,000 in savings. To put these numbers into perspective, your Eye Bank costs more than \$300,000 to run for a year. For the most part, those “expenses” are paid for by tissue donation.

When things get interesting is when the accounts receivable get out of hand. As of October, THOSE numbers were almost \$160,000. Now \$89,000 of THAT number represented 30-day or less accounts, which represents the actual cost of doing business. Then the numbers get broken out to 60, 90, 120, and over 120 days.

THESE numbers cause some concern for ANY business. Of that number, some \$27,000 is more than 120 days, and that represents a loss to our Eye Bank. TBI is doing what it can to collect, but as we all know, outside North Dakota, the world is in turmoil financially, and some bills take longer than they should to collect. Thankfully, Karen and Arlene have had a good year cornea wise, so the income should easily cover the expenses.

For those experienced Lions, You will recall that we reduced our staff by one full time person two years ago, and last year we moved into a smaller space in Bismarck. These two moves have helped us to control those costs we can.

We further reduced our mileage reimbursement down from the IRS \$.51 per mile to \$.33, which LCI pays. One of our ongoing expenses is transportation, and your understanding and generosity has helped us do a better job. Here is what we are doing with the monies you give us: As mentioned, we set up a bond ladder with the help of CFP in Fargo who co-incidentally is also a Lion. The income off those monies will be just over \$9,000 per year. Sadly the income off our CDs amounted to \$725.13 on the \$76,000 for the year period of 9/11-9/12. We will most likely be taking a further cut in March when the current CD (whose interest is a nauseating 1.1 percent – handily beating the CURRENT market of 0.4-0.75 percent being

paid out to 18 months, however).

Depending how the year has gone by then (will TBI have cleaned up those collections?), we may opt to move the CD money into straight savings or leave it in a similar six-month spacing. Either way, the CD money is counted as a liquid asset which we COULD access quickly should something expensive happen in Bismarck.

We will most probably be turning over the bonds for new ones when they mature. From what we saw in filling out the ladder, it looks like those might not pay as well either, while still easily out performing the CDs.

We are paid interest every six months, and could conceivably use those monies, too, should something bad happen in Bismarck. Your club donations have been kept in savings, so they are absolutely liquid. Unfortunately, the savings accounts are paying less than a CD by a large margin, so our “net” income from those is countable in CENTS on the dollar rather than dimes on the tens or twenties!

If you contrast that grim news with the average yield of just under 3 percent on the bond portfolio, you begin to see where we are. We are working hard for you. Thank you for working hard for us.

Club News

Medina



Club inducts four

Sponsoring Lion Brenda Guthmiller, Ramona and Chuck Klein, President Lion Ray Heupel.



Martin Nussbaum, Keith Schwarze, Lion Mabel Cowell doing induction, president and sponsoring Lion Ray Heupel.

Bowman



These ladies got in the true spirit of racing by wearing hats and gloves. Pictured are Karla Hill, Lion Sandy Oberfoell, Lavonne Wegner and Jolene Hendrickx.



Lions Deb Patterson, Susan Wanner and Peggy Lindstrom also got in the festive mood with their fine hats.

Bowman Lions Club hosts 'Nite At The Races'

The 3rd annual Bowman Lions "Nite At The Races", held at Sweetwater Golf Course, was once again a huge success.

After dining on a wonderful dinner prepared by Kruger's Kitchen, race fans were able to place their bets on their favorite horses. The more times you won, the more times you could put

your tickets in the the prize buckets with a chance to win an array of fantastic prizes.

Proceeds from the race will help benefit SW Health Care's annual glucose screening coming up on Dec. 13th, in the ambulance garage, here in Bowman.



Winner of the TV, Cathy Orcutt with Lion Florian Roehrich.



Winner of the rifle, Joe Naico and Lion Florian Roehrich.



Lions Florian and Bonnie Roehrich winners of the barbeque set.

Magic City



Thanksgiving meals

The Magic City Young Professionals and the Magic City Lions teamed up this year to purchase and deliver 10 Thanksgiving day meals to families in need. The groups worked with Community Action to identify families and meals including all the fixings were delivered prior to Thanksgiving. With YP's help, the Magic City Lions were able to double the number of families they could help this year.



Principal honored

Lion Tracey Lawson, left, is pictured being presented with a Melvin Jones award from Lion President Josh Ressler. Tracey is the principal of Longfellow School (destroyed during the flood of 2011) and has worked relentlessly to ensure her students and staff have continued the high level of education prior to the flood.

Prairie Rose

Prairie Rose Lions celebrate 30 years

by Lion JeAnne Selby

The Bismarck Country Club was awash in Prairie Rose pink Thursday evening, Nov. 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 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.

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.

REMEMBER:

ND Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

Jud



Darrel Pfaff, Jolene Pfaff, Gladys Jahn, Virginia Rode, Kevin and Pat Vannett.

Magnifier changes life

By Patty Wood Bartle

Life is frustrating when you can't see to read.

Recently Gladys Jahn has been given back the chance to read a book. Though she doesn't sit in an easy chair to read, she is thankful she can read a book, read a newspaper or magazine.

Jahn received a Topaz Desktop Magnifier Nov 5. It has changed her life in a short time since then. She no longer has to find her hand held magnifier to read a recipe. Instead she walks between her tabletop magnifier and the kitchen.

Jahn received the 56th machine placed through a cooperative program of four groups. North Dakota Lions, ND Vocational Rehabilitation, Vision Services/School for the Blind, and the ND Association for the Blind have teamed up to make these machines available to people who could benefit and remain more independent because of them.

Kevin Vannett, program chairperson for the ND Lions Desktop Magnifier, said

the ND Lions have received 92 requests for this machine, which means there is a waiting list. A committee of six individuals assists him. The Lions Club of North Dakota Foundation writes the check to purchase machines. They retail for \$3,295, but the ND Lions Club Foundation is able to purchase them at cost. As of early November, they have spent \$93,000 to purchase and place machines. They have also been able to place some donated machines.

Currently, machines have been placed with people ranging in age from 15-92. Typically schools provide machines for use in school. But one young person was allowed a machine to be able to practice violin at home. Another two or three machines have been placed in nursing homes. Public libraries have also had machines available.

Individuals complete a two page application and are referred by a vision specialist. Typically vocational rehabilitation delivers the machine to

the individual's home. Individuals lease the machine for \$20 per month. Lease payments allow the ND Lions Club Foundation to purchase a new machine every other month.

"I was surprised. I thought the waiting list would be long," Jahn said. She had been on the waiting list for three weeks. Vannett said the longest wait has been five months.

Vannett said two tabletop magnifiers have been placed in Kulm, ND.

Jahn was sitting and reading the newspaper Tuesday, Nov. 27, when The Mail contacted her to talk about how things were going. She shared it is the first time in a year to year and one-half that she is able to sit and read a book! Prior to the table top magnifier, she could only read a book on a Nook.

Jahn has discovered the newspaper is harder to read than a book. This is attributed to the quality of the paper and the dot pattern used to print newsprint. She

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enjoys using it to read letters and other mail.

Jahn shared the first time she sat down to read with the tabletop magnifier, she developed an upset stomach after about 30 minutes. She thinks this was because the bed the paper sits on moves. She learned to limit her time and things improved.

"I wish everyone could have one. I wish it was more affordable so everyone could have one of these," Jahn said.

Once the holidays are over, Jahn thinks she will move the machine to her dining room table. She said this will be more convenient for cooking. It will also allow her to spread out her receipts and papers



Lion Kevin Vannett provides a tutorial on the video magnifier to Gladys Jahn, Jud.

so she can continue to keep books for her church.

Jahn's vision is limited due to macular degeneration and glaucoma. She said she is able to control the glaucoma with eye drops. So far diabetes has not affected her eyes. She is thankful she can still see well enough to drive.

It was Emma Hemmen, an aunt to Gladys Jahn that put things in motion for her. Hemmen made a call to Darrell Pfaff, treasurer of the Jud Lions. She told Pfaff, Jahn needed a machine so she could continue to serve as church treasurer. Jahn appreciates that call and the efforts made by the Jud Lions to get her a machine.

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!

Streeter

A Lion is on the prowl

A critter has been making its way from club to club in eastern North Dakota. This cat was last seen at the December meeting of the Medina Lions Club, being delivered by the three Streeter Lions pictured above. After his stay with the Medina Lions he will be on the road again.

We know he has spent time with Lions Clubs at Valley City, LaMoure, Ellendale, Oakes, Jamestown, Jud, Kulm, Edgeley and Gackle before arriving at Streeter. We are not sure where else he has been.

This guy is low maintenance – quiet and clean – for only \$5 per day upkeep. He wants three or more Lions to transport him to the next club. Each club he visits will determine how long they will keep him and then pay the fee of \$5 per day to the Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud.

When he visits your club, take good care of this critter, let him stay awhile, and then move him along.



The photo shows Streeter Lions, Tim Dewald, Reuben Ackerman and Clyde Reistera.

Turtle River

Turtle River Lions fulfill pledge

The Larimore Turtle River Lions earlier this fall donated \$10,000 to the Larimore Swimming Pool Fund. They had made a pledge of \$10,000 over a year ago when the project got underway.

The Turtle River Lions also has been very busy giving away moneys to many school clubs and organizations outside of the school, such as the food pantry, senior citizens center, local cemetery's, Larimore library and many other worth while projects. To get the Larimore clinic fund started several years ago they gave the clinic fund \$10,000 as well. Usually the checks are less than \$500. The Turtle River Lions is especially proud of the fact that we support families in need. About 40 percent of our gifts go to fire victims, and families with medical bills.

The Turtle River Lions has another standing project which is eye glasses for people at home and in other countries that can't afford them. The collection point is at the post office and it is estimated that the people of Larimore have donated enough glasses to fill a 30-gallon trash can.



Park board clerk Deb Matheson, right, receives a \$10,000 check for the swimming pool from Lion Greg McMahon.

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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

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Friday, June 7, 2013

Registration: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony/
Senior Counselor Awards/Luncheon

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break & Refreshments

2:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MD5 Business Meeting #1

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Free Time

5:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Welcome Party
(Painted Hand)

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Registration: 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. 3 Educational Sessions

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break & Refreshments

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Q&A with (to be named)

11:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Red Jacket/Awards Ceremony

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. 3 Educational Sessions

3 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Parkland Social

3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. MD5 Business Meeting #2

5:15 p.m. – 6 p.m. Welcome

6 p.m. – 10 p.m. ID/Council of Governors
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