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Pictured are Streeter Lions, from left, Tim Dewald, Reuben Ackerman and Clyde Reister.

A Lion's on the prowl

Submitted by
Mabel Cowell, Medina Lions Club

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.

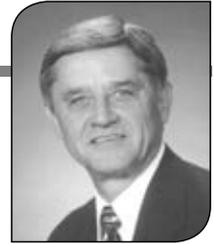
We know he has spent time with Lions Clubs at Valley City, LaMoure, Ellendale, Oaks, Jamestown, Jud, Kulm, Edgeley and Gackle before arriving at Streeter. We are not sure where else he has been!

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.

BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



Time for some more statistics. Earlier this Lions year, Lions Clubs International did a survey of 32 English-speaking countries in which they asked nearly 1600 former Lions members why they dropped their membership. Although 80 percent of those surveyed said their experience with Lions was generally positive, they still dropped out.

But why? Here are the top six reasons with percentage for dropping:

1. The meetings were unproductive (43%)
2. Not enough younger members (42%)
3. Meetings were not enjoyable (33%)
4. Felt they did not belong (33%)
5. Felt the club was too political (32%)

6. Lions feels too old-fashioned and stodgy (30)

With the possible exception of No. 2, all six of the above reasons for dropping, had to do, in varying degrees, with what I will call the "culture of meetings." What those six items are saying is that "I don't really care for the meetings." They are experiencing a club meeting atmosphere that is too political, cliquey, old-fashioned and unwelcoming.

The conclusions from the survey indicated strongly that clubs need to take a good hard look at the quality of their meetings. Do members feel that the meetings are productive and worth their time? What is the club atmosphere

really like: Is it welcoming, inviting, informative?

Another part of the survey asked former Lions members how likely they would be to rejoin Lions sometime in the future. 52 percent said they would be open to the idea of rejoining. 18 percent said they were somewhat unlikely and 30 percent were very unlikely.

We can do surveys and study surveys until hell freezes over, but it will be a complete waste of time until we do those three little things that have always produced results:

ASK! ASK!! ASK!!!



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Transporters for January

NE

Del Hager, Grand Forks	One time
Melvin Karch, Valley City	Twice
Dwaine Preabt, Grand Forks	One time
Larry Sayler, Valley City	One time
Bob Tupa, Grand Forks	One time
Dennis Nathan, Valley City	One time
Blake Stehlow, Fargo	One time

NW

Bill Johnson, Minot	One time
Randy Arneson, Minot	One time
Joyce Kunz, Hooterville	One time
Morris Nelson, Washburn	One time
Jeff Kimberley, Williston Korner	One time
Mitchell Koch, Hooterville	One time

Transporters for December

NE

Terry Dunphy, Grand Forks	One time
Mike Coleman, Grand Forks	One time
Ron Harris, Valley City	One time
Larry Sayler, Valley City	One time

NW

Joe Quaglia, Minot	One time
Kim Christianson, Bismarck	One time
Mac Beaudry, Washburn	One time

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is the 7th of the month!
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2013 N.D. Lions Convention News

First deadline approaches

By Lion Chuck Whitney

While the rest of you Lions have been shivering in your houses, wondering when the long winter will end, several of us living in the North Dakota Banana Belt have been enjoying above zero weather and sunny skies.

Why, we have hardly even seen the salt trucks, and the interstate west of Mandan has only really been closed once this year! One more reason for you all to come to Dickinson Oct. 25-26 this year to participate in what will be a new beginning in Lion's State Conventions.

Here are some of the things you can look forward to this year. Friday, October 25 is largely reserved for your leadership team meetings. This is YOUR chance to not only rub elbows with them, but have some real input into how YOUR Lions Districts are run. You will be amazed how much fun your leadership people can have and the depth of their energy in doing the right thing.

After the cabinet meetings in the morning, you can sit in on the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota and North Dakota Lions Foundation Meetings. THESE organizations live the Lion Motto of WE SERVE by keeping alive our promise to Helen Keller to become Knights for the Blind.

You have supported them with club donations for years and without that support, they would not be what they are today. Thankyou, Merci and Danke Schon seem like such small words but really YOU are the engine that drives our machine.

Come see what these organizations are doing with these monies. You will be impressed. Following these get together, there will be a brief meeting of the Past Dinner Guests ... no I mean the Past District Governors!

This fine group of Lions are the glue that keeps your Newspaper in the black and also help fund things like this convention. What a great time to come and meet them. You will be amazed that we PDGs actually put our shoes on one foot at a time and we live to serve YOU.

Now WE all know that not everyone gets up in the morning with an unsatisfied desire to sit in meetings. For those who are died in the wool sidelines Lions, we also have a special treat. Leaving the Ramkota at 3 p.m. will be a tour of the North Dakota Oil Field with high light stops at the Target Logistics Man Camp and an Oil well site tour.

The well site of 2013 is a whole different animal than what we had expected even 10 years ago. The scope of the equipment and its speed really defy description. Supper will be served at Target Logistics and you will be bused back to the Ramada at approximately 6:30pm. Free meal notwithstanding, the tour will be an eye opener for you and you will go home with a whole new appreciation of the scope of North Dakota's Energy Industry.

We will recognize our departed Lions brethren at 7 p.m. with a

Service of Remembrance.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the Convention Ice Breaker will feature Mystical Minds. There will be a cash bar and a wonderful chance to visit fellow Lion Friends and meet new ones. The Evening show will only be frosting on your personal Lion Cake!

YOU all know that the Convention officially begins on Saturday, but we want YOU to come early and see what it's all about.

Your Convention Committee has worked hard to put together a new day in Lions Conventions. Your coming and participation will tell more than words. So far we have set up speakers for The Video Magnifier, The Bakken by Lion Lynn Helms, Wind Energy, and a tour and session on "Bridging the Generation Gap" featuring the new Biesot Activities Center. Lion Dan Long has graciously agreed to head up an Eye Glass service project. Other speakers we are working on include a Leader Dog for the Blind person and a youth leader from some of the international exchanges. Of this YOU can be certain- this will be a Convention unlike any other and you need to sign up to get the benefits, so do it NOW!!

We will be offering break out sessions in the morning AND in the afternoon. To paraphrase Lord Nelson, and indeed Winston Churchill who was also a historian: we have just begun to organize. Really at this point, what we need more than anything is YOU. March 31, 2013 is the first deadline to get the cheapest rates: only \$85 all meals inclusive. You will be fed well, and kept busy doing everyday Lions activities.

There will be a presentation of the colors as well; there will be international speakers to amaze and amuse you, and every day Lions to give you hope and more energy as YOU go out to better serve the communities you live in. The convention will end with a traditional banquet and International Director presentation, but what follows is anything but run of the mill. "Rhythms of the Hart" will serenade us during the Banquet and provide dancing music for us to finish the Lions Convention. You will not be disappointed.

We have some limited housing available at the Richardton Abbey for the early birds. We are still working on economical alternatives for those who are not among those early birds. The good news is that there have been two large motels opening up late this fall. The rest of the story is that they still enjoy an almost fixed price regimen on those rooms. But that will be something we will keep you informed of.

Come early and enjoy the full treatment. Come later and partake of the Lions energy and see exactly what is happening in the great white north! But you will enjoy the whole thing so much more if YOU participate. Register NOW!! Lion Stu has kindly printed a copy of the Convention's registration form. Best to all of you can save yourself money by doing this now. See you in Dickinson on September.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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It is hard to believe that my year as District Governor is more than half over and I have much left to do to meet my leadership team's goals and expectations for the year. It has been a very busy, but a very rewarding year to this point. Some of the high points for me thus far have been: (thanks to many determined Lions)

- Visiting the Lions Clubs in the District and witnessing their commitment to serving the needs of their communities and the world.

- Serving as the host District Governor for a redesigned, modern 2012 State Lions Convention.

- Having an opportunity to work with a MD5 committee willing to pursue the use of technology for providing training, committee meetings and board meetings

- Providing Zone Chair training via the use of technology.

- Providing an option for members of the ND Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors and the North Dakota Lions Foundation Board of Directors to attend the board meetings via the use of technology.

Those of you who have had an opportunity to read my previous District Governor's Reports know that the theme of all the articles has been centered around my concern for the viability of Lion Clubs in the future in many of the rural areas, and the need to make significant changes to attract the next generations.

As I explain to members of the clubs in these areas, "please do not think I am picking on the plus 50 generation, you are great Lions focused on service and I am one of you; however, we know how great it is to be a Lion and we need to make the changes necessary to provide an opportunity for the next generation to "fit in."

In keeping with that theme, we need to move to more of an on-line presence to assure the future viability of Lions Clubs throughout world. One of the ways we can

accomplish that is to become more familiar with the Lions International website and all the information, ideas and concepts that are right at our fingertips.

If you have not already perused "surfed" the Lions International web site, I encourage you to take some time to do so today at www.lionsclubs.org. The site is well designed with many headings and subheadings that make it much easier for you to find the information you desire with little effort.

After going to www.Lionsclubs.org you can click on "About Lions" which will give you many options including "How to Use the LCI Web Site." It also tells you how to use the Search Bar which is the most efficient way to find information about any of the thousands topics on the site. The Member Center will provide information on many things ranging from how to plan a project to resources available to all Lions.

If you want to access information regarding what Lions do throughout the world, simply go to "our work" where it explains community volunteer work, sight programs, health program, diabetes programs and hearing loss issues along with youth programs and environment programs.

The site also focuses on you and the many ways you can get involved.

One of the really beneficial aspects of the site for current Lions and particularly those who have assumed a leadership role in their club or district is the many downloadable resources available on line.

These programs are designed to help you to develop the necessary leadership skills to be able to manage a club or serve in one of the other officer positions. The site provides information on every aspect of all officers' positions from finances, to strengthening membership to public relations. There is even a pit-stop calendar that provides a month by month outline of what needs to be accomplished monthly in

each of the offices.

A sure way to enhance your pride of being a Lion is to spend some time on the LCI web site reading about what Lions around the world are doing to meet the needs of people.

MD5 Convention is June 7-8

Is your club experiencing difficulties attracting new members? Does your club have a gap in membership of 2-3 generations? If so, I encourage you to attend the 2013 MD5 Lions Convention in Yorkton, Sask. A large portion of their programs are centered on this topic and what we can do to make Lions more attractive to all ages.

Many of their sessions are going to focus on the challenges facing almost all the service clubs today. Are service clubs "stuck in their ways?" The younger generations socialize in different ways—are Lions willing to change? Are their newer, easier, cheaper ways to network?

The program organizers have developed a number of group presentations to address the challenges and how we turn them in to our advantage:

- #1 Leadership Directions—Turning Challenges to our Advantage

- #2 Leadership—How to Reach Out to the Younger Generation

- #3 New Communications—Internet Made Easy

- #4 Understanding New Fundraising Project

- #5 Sponsorships and Expenditures

This looks like a very interesting and challenging Convention June 7 & 8, 2013 in Yorkton, Sask.



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Memorials

Jack Stewart in memory of Steve Knudson; Garry and Loris Frier in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; Don and Dorothy Polson in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of Mardi Benson; Chris and Carol Voegele in memory of PDG Dolly Alef.

Rolland and Alice Larson in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; Minot Lions Club in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of PDG Dolly Alef; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of PDG Duffy Eastburn; Chris and Carol Voegele in memory of PDG Jack Stewart.

Chris and Carol Voegele in memory of Areta Keller; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of Barbara Brand; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of Areta Keller; Oscar and LaDell Sorenson in memory of PDG Jack Stewart.

Mandan Lions Club in memory of PDG Jack Stewart; Mandan Lions in memory of Steve Knutson; David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of Areta Keller; David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of PDG Jack Stewart; David and Myrna Blackstead in memory of Barbara Brand.

Bronze Club – \$100

Chaffee Lions

Silver Club – \$300-\$500

Mandan Dakotah Lions

Williston Lions

Gold Club – \$500-\$1,000

Bismarck Lions

100 percent Club

Lehr Lions

Life Members – \$300

Leslie Schroeder, Sheldon; William Gackle, Kulm; Bruce Schwartz, Bismarck; Julie Schwartz, Bismarck.

Sustaining membership

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

Video Magnifier Program

Kulm Lions - \$75; Lake Metigoshe Lions - \$100; South Forks Lions - \$500; Hooterville Flion Lions - \$150; Jud Lions - \$1,000

Your Lions Foundation Board would like to extend its sincere thanks for your continued support.

Chris Voegele Sec./Treas.



Photo contest winner

Lion Tod Dahle of the Fargo Lions was recently named the winner of the Multiple District 5 Environmental Photo contest. The photo will be submitted to Lions International for entry into the world-wide competition. The Dahle's photo was recently named the winner at the 5NE photo contest and submitted to the Multiple District 5 where it competed with the winning photos submitted by competitors from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. The photo "The Flight of the Bumble Bee" depicts a bee hovering over a sunflower as it seeks to land to gather pollen. The picture was taken in one of the fields at the NDSU experimental crop plots at the college.

Bowdon Lions serve 400

On the morning of December 27 Lion Trevor Larson received news that every homeowner dreads—his house was on fire. Trevor who also serves as fire chief for the Bowdon fire department arrived minutes later to find his home filled with black smoke and flames. It was a total loss.

Almost immediately people started talking about all the ways they could help Trevor. The Bowdon Lions teamed up with the Bowdon ambulance and Bowdon fire department to sponsor a benefit to include a spaghetti dinner, silent auction and live auction.

The benefit was Jan. 13 in the Bowdon School Gym. Lion Doug Hoff and crew were scrambling as the crowd grew to over 400. The proceeds from the meal totaled \$8,500, with the grand total from the event well over \$30,000.

It was a truly amazing day for everyone involved and seems to confirm that there is nothing that is impossible for a small town, especially one with a Lions Club!

Benefit for Terry Walter

The Bowman Lions Club will be sponsoring a medical benefit for Lion Terry Walter Saturday, March. 9.

The event will be at the Bowman Golf Course, two miles south of Bowman on Highway 85 and ¼-miles east.

A free-will offering lunch will be served beginning at 11 a.m. Also part of the benefit is an auction, cash bingo and other activities throughout the afternoon.

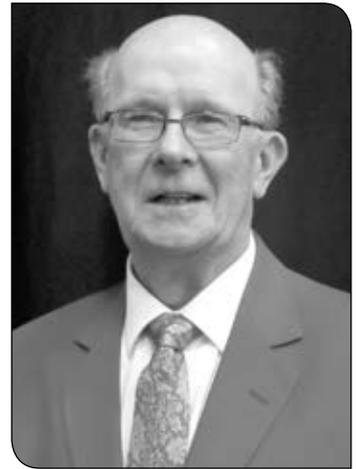
For more information, call Lions Don Groll (523-3660), or Chris Voegele (523-5435).

If you would like to donate to this event, mail funds to:
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“Amazing things can happen, when you Don’t Quit”

“When the going gets tough, the tough get going.” Sometimes that’s easier said than done. Sometimes we have to recognize that we’re fighting a losing battle. That’s when hard decisions must be made for the right reasons.

Maintaining long-time institutions, like fraternal and service organizations, has definitely become more challenging than it used to be. The way things are being done are changing. Things that worked for a long time, don’t seem to work anymore.

But one thing that has changed very little, is the human spirit. The basic goodness of people, and the willingness, desire, and yes, even need, to do something meaningful, has endured. Some would argue that the younger generation today is even more eager to volunteer, to contribute, to help, and to serve. Sounds like good Lions material, to me.

We have Lions clubs that struggle with advancing age and declining membership. Many times, the same few people have been doing the same things for a long time. Over and over, they’ve held the leadership positions in their clubs, and they’ve headed the service and fund raising projects of the club. They’re tired. They’re worn out. And they haven’t succeeded in finding others to step up and take over.

It’s easy to understand why they are ready to quit. Some of them do. We recently lost four entire clubs. Clubs that have served their communities for a number of years, simply are not there anymore. The real frustration is that there may have been other options that simply were not explored. Those options should have been considered long before the club reached that hopeless state. Our district leadership team can help, if clubs are willing to take a look at those options before it is too late. Just ask.

What is at stake? What does your community lose, when its Lions club closes its doors? Who will do in that community, what their Lions club did?

What is lost includes the recognition, the reputation and respect of and for the greatest service organization in the world. It’s more than credibility. It’s loyalty and support.

On a frightful note, if projects are going to be conducted by another community club, they lack the liability insurance protection that Lions clubs enjoy. As a different kind of club, the members individually and collectively may be held liable. An insurance policy to provide that kind of coverage typically costs more than the combined dues paid by the members of a Lions club.

Okay, we’ve spent enough time on the negative impact of losing a Lions club. Let’s talk about what would be gained by exerting the extra effort to maintain that club. Continued service to your community. Make a list of all the things you do for your community. Make sure you include everything, even things you haven’t done for several years. Review this list with your entire membership. Encourage them to add to the list, and discuss what each event accomplished.

Leadership development and personal growth. Invite your members to share their own experiences as a Lion, and how they’ve personally benefited by that experience.

Fellowship. Remember all the good times, both in your own club activities, and Lions events outside your club. Consider all the friends you’ve made, and what each of them added to your life.

How different would your life have been, if you had never been a Lion? Would it have been better? Or would the void have cheated you of some of the most precious and meaningful facets of your life?

These are the things that are important when inviting others to be part of your Lions club. These are the things that kept you involved, even when things didn’t go so smoothly. These are the reasons people are Lions.

So, is it worth the extra effort? You’re darned right it is! But don’t be too proud, or too ashamed, or too defeated to ask

for help. Lions Clubs International has provided us with the tools to deal with difficult times. Your district leadership teams are waiting to help prevent a terrible loss for your community. Perhaps if your community knew of your struggle, they would be willing to help. Inform them, not as an ultimatum, but as an appeal.

Suggested reading: From the January LION (Lions Clubs International magazine). “Back From The Brink.” If you no longer have that issue, the story is available on our website: www.e-district.org/sites/5nw

“Amazing things can happen, when it doesn’t matter who gets the credit”

New Lions in District 5NW

July 1, 2012 – January 31, 2013

Alexander	2
Bismarck Capital City	2
Bismarck Prairie Rose	2
Dickinson	2
Elgin Dakota	3
Glen Ullin	2
Halliday	3
Killdeer	4
Mandan	3
Minot	4
Minot Magic City	2
Minot Plum Valley	1
Mott	2
New England	1
New Salem	1
North Star	1
South Heart	3
Stanley	2
Washburn	1
Williston	1
Wilton	1
Total	43



Leader Dog Chair PDG Jan Froemming receiving award during a Zone Meeting in Mandan.

PDG Jan Froemming recognized for work with Leader Dogs

PDG Jan Froemming received a certificate of appreciation from Leader Dogs For The Blind.

The award recognized Lion Jan's dedication to seek support for that program. For the eleventh year as District 5NW Leader Dog Chair, she received financial donations from every club in her district.

Used eyeglasses program alive and well in District 5NW

The used eyeglasses recycling program in District 5NW continues to function following challenges and changes.

Glasses may be delivered to the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, at 410 East Thayer Avenue, Suite # 201 in Bismarck. The glasses then will be picked up by Mandan Lion Dan Long, to be sorted, cleaned and read.

In Minot, glasses may be delivered to Lion Terry Narum. During the winter months while Terry is in Florida, glasses will be accepted by Lion Jim Johnson. Call to arrange deliveries.

Eye Bank	250-9390
Dan Long	663-4465 / 2020
Terry Narum	720-3492
Jim Johnson	839-6621

Since he began, Lion Terry has collected more than 900,000 pair of used eyeglasses. With that volume, storage is definitely a factor. Preparing them for distribution missions is also a large task. New options are being explored to facilitate those needs.

Lion Lance Jacobs, of the New England Lions Club, will participate in the mission conducted by the Fargo Lions Club to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, later this month. He plans to share that experience with 5NW Lions in a session at the Spring Rally in April.

Lions Eye Bank position open

PDG Dan Vondrachek has resigned from the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Board of Directors effective June 31, 2013. He was re-elected to a three-year term at the October District 5NW convention in Fargo.

Board members may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. A replacement board member from District 5NW will be appointed to complete that three-year term.

For more information, or to indicate willingness to serve on that board, please contact District Governor Lewellyn Rustan. Applicants will be accepted until April 13, 2013. The new board member will be selected and appointed at the Spring Rally.

Reading Action Program chairs sought

Lions Clubs are encouraged to appoint club chairpersons for the Reading Action Program. The program has been extended for the next 10 years, establishing a literacy project that can become an annual club service project. A variety of project ideas are available from Lions Clubs International, but clubs also are encouraged to develop projects that meet the needs of their own communities.

Certified Guiding Lions appointed to assist clubs

Certified Guiding Lions were appointed to assist struggling clubs, at the District 5NW Cabinet Meeting on January 26th.

PDG Kevin Vannett was appointed to assist the Hebron Lions Club. PDG Pat Vannett was appointed to assist the Mandan Lions Club.

Both clubs had asked for assistance to deal with challenges they are facing.

District 5NW media campaign underway

The print media public relations campaign is in full swing. Funded largely by a PR grant from Lions Clubs International, ads were placed in newspapers covering the western half of the state. Those ads ran early this month.

Letters were sent to each club in District 5NW, urging them to run follow-up ads in their local papers, listing the projects and service activities they conduct or sponsor in their community.

This is the most important part of the campaign. The first ad was just an "attention getter." The ad placed by the local clubs inform people about Lions, and the services they provide in their own communities. It also can yield new members for the club.

Talk to your club president or PR chair to make sure your club participates in this campaign. If you need help putting your ad together, contact DG Lewellyn or District 5NW PR Chair Sandy Oberfoell.

Hazen



Praise fundraiser

The Hazen Lions club prepared a spaghetti lunch for the Praise on the Prairie scholarship fundraiser Jan. 27. Picture at left, includes Lion Ed Grunett, Lion Eric Kremer and Lion Francis Dukart preparing the spaghetti for the fundraiser. Photo at right includes Lion Kathy Mettler, Lion Seth Stroup and Lion President Sharon Olander gathering before the doors open.



DG visits

District Governor Lewellyn Rustan visited a joint meeting with the Hazen Lions Club and the Beulah Lions Club Jan. 11. Pictured is Hazen Lions President Sharon Olander, Lion District Governor Lewellyn Rustan and Beulah Lions President Linda Czywczynski. Lion Lewellyn presented the club presidents with his District Governor pin and the 2012 Convention pin from Korea.



Valley City

Barbara Brand

Jamestown

Morton Pederson

Kulm

Earl Heidinger

Sharon

Doris "Duffy" Eastburn

Richardton

Donald Wilmes

Hooterville

Dolly Alef

Mandan

John Stewart

Jamestown

Lions part of 'Kettle Campaign'

The Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign ended \$16,000 short of its goal for 2013. The Salvation Army set a goal to raise \$146,000. Officials here raised the goal by \$28,000 to meet increased needs the community has been seeing in the past year.

"The kettles, we came in higher this year than last year and I am comfortable with the kettle amount we got. I'm just a little more worried about the shortfall we hit on the mail and other donations," said Lt. Mitch Brecto. "There's more of a gap there, which gets us about 89 percent of the goal."

Donations to the kettles brought in \$66,782, short of the desired amount of \$72,000. Mail and other donations totaled \$63,000, short of the desired amount of \$74,000.

A few special donations made a major impact on the total received here, even though no gold coins were donated. Larger cities routinely see gold coins in kettles during other kettle campaigns. But larger donations made an impact. The Salvation Army in Jamestown received a card in the mail from Santa with 10 \$100 bills and it also received an anonymous check for \$9,000 in a kettle.

This past campaign was also the first time people could donate with a credit card online, although Brecto said he didn't see a significant amount of donations with credit cards.

"I think it is a hindrance in a way too," he said. "But most people will know how to donate in other forms too."

More and more people don't carry cash but use plastic. Brecto said he would like a credit card machine at the kettles, but people are also needed to work the kettles as well. This campaign involved more work than in the past.

"It was definitely hard work. I've never worked that hard before on a Kettle



Jamestown Lions members assisted in the Salvation Army's annual Kettle Campaign.

Campaign than we did this year," Brecto said. "There were many nights of three, four hours of sleep. But we love this time of the year."

The total \$129,782 raised will go to programs throughout the year. The Salvation Army has a food pantry, and helps people pay bills and rent to keep them from getting evicted. It also runs various groups for people in the community, among other things.

"The assistance we give out will have a slight impact," Brecto said. "We'll have to try to be more creative."

He said the Salvation Army here will have to figure out ways to stretch dollars allocated for programs in 2013 because of the shortfall in donations here.

Brecto said people tend to notice the Salvation Army more during the holidays, but the church does accept donations year round.

"I know our Christmas campaign we're closing out but hopefully there will be some more last-minute donations that will help us out so there won't be such an impact on our budget," he said.

Still, many groups went above and beyond during the campaign this year, he

said.

The Jamestown Lions Club raised the most out of any service organization that rang bells in Jamestown, with \$10,788 raised. Kiwanis raised \$5,573 and Rotary raised \$4,313.

"It was a surprise we upped it quite a few dollars from the last campaign," said Harold Trautman, Lions Kettle Campaign organizer and Salvation Army board member. "So I was surprised we were able to raise that much and I really give the guys a lot of credit and the people who contributed all over the city."

The three service clubs together raised 30 percent of what was donated at the kettles.

St. John's Lutheran Church also rang for five full days during the hours bells were rung. RSVP+ contributed 245 total volunteer hours, filling gaps in Brecto's schedule.

"Bell ringing volunteers, it took a slow start, we started ringing Nov. 16 and there were quite a few open spots," Brecto said. "We didn't start warming up until December, but there were still quite a few more openings than I would have liked. It was just harder to get volunteers this year."

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

New Rockford



Santa's helpers

Members of the New Rockford Lions Club work like busy Santa's elves, stuffing goodies in bags for the upcoming Santa Day. Each bag had goodies such as pencils, bottle of juice and water, candy canes, animal crackers, assorted candy all topped off with a snowman ornament and free tickets for Santa Day games. Lions members also help set up and run the games, 195 bags were given out to community children, with well over 325 people attending the event.



'Santa, I'd like...'

During Santa Days, Lion President Dennis Gehrtz was caught trying to convince Santa that he was good this year. We don't think Santa was buying it.



District 5NW
12th Annual Spring Rally
Saturday, April 13th 2013
Garrison, ND School



The Rally, including lunch & breaks, is free for all Lions of District 5NW
FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR EARLY REGISTRATION - MAJOR PRIZES

Mailed or Received Prior to March 1st Get 10 Tickets - March 15th Get 6 Tickets - April 1st Get 3 Tickets

Save and/or print this form and send it to :

DGE Mike Blazek - 1919 Assumption Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503
or E-mail it to bgorek@ndsupernet.com

Name _____ **Lion** ____ **Guest** ____

Month & Year Joined Lions _____ **Club** _____

2013-2014 Club Office _____

2013-2014 District Office _____

For Official Use Only **Date Received** _____ **Tickets Issued** _____

NDAB seeks nominations

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc., once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Helen Baumgartner of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, received her award at the luncheon during NDAB's state convention, which was held in Bismarck in June of last year.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was established in 2008 in honor of the more than 24 years of service that Bob had contributed to people with sight loss. In memory of Bob's service, NDAB is asking that the various Lions Clubs of North Dakota consider submitting the name of one of their members who exemplifies Bob's spirit of selfless, but generally unrecognized, assistance to people who are blind or who have low vision.

The person who will be chosen for this award is not necessarily the one who has held the most offices or who has been recognized in other ways, but the one who has been working quietly behind the scenes in providing humble, yet very important, service to people who are blind or who have low vision.

Please feel free to resubmit the name of someone who has not been selected in the past, as it has always been difficult to make a selection from so many worthy nominees.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the Award. Please submit your nominee's application by March 15, 2013, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club president.

Please send the requested information to the committee chairperson, Candy Lien at cmlien@hotmail.com. The recipient will be announced at a later date and honored at the NDAB's annual convention which will be held in Grand Forks in May 2013.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit the web site at www.ndab.org.

Lions Clubs of 5NE

At the 5NE cabinet meeting on January 19 the topic of the CONTEST and AWARDS PROGRAM came up for discussion.

During the discussion the topic of participation in the many activities was presented. It was noted that 5NE has many activities for the Lions Clubs to become involved with and to take an active part. It was also noted that this is not happening. As an example, during the recent Peace Poster Contest for 2012, it was noted that only six (6) clubs took advantage of this wonderful opportunity to work with the schools and the youth of your community.

After much discussion, it was decided to conduct the contest this spring. So we are asking the Lions Clubs of 5NE to order their Peace Poster Contest kits NOW.

Give the information to your schools and have the students do the contest. The deadline for entries for the district will be May 30, 2013. The information for the contest is in the January edition of LION on page 43, or you may go to the Lions website for information as well.

This will be the 26th annual International Peace Poster Contest. The theme for this year is, "Our World, Our Future".

So Lions Clubs of 5NE, lets get behind this activity and promote Lionism in our district.

Club News

Williston Korner



Lions collect

Pictured, from left, Lion Lois Reiersen, Williams County social services director, is presented with hats and mittens collected during the Williston Korner Lions annual Christmas Party. Korner Lions Becky Rhodes, Kathy Molland and Joan Amundson presented the club donation. The donated hats and mittens are used to assist children and adults during the winter months.

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

MD5 Lions – “ENJOY A LION’S EXPERIENCE”

MD5 Lions 2013 Convention Registration Form

June 7th & 8th 2013 • Ramada Yorkton • 110 Broadway St. E. • Yorkton, SK S3N 0K9

Name _____
(Last, First)

_____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1st, 2013?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

(2) Name _____
(Last, First)

_____ Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1st, 2013?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____ Zip/PC _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

District _____ Club (1) _____

Club (2) _____

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

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
Banquet

REGISTRATION FEES

Before April 15, 2013 \$125.00

Before June 1, 2013 \$150.00

Convention Walk-In \$165.00

Total Remitted: \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable to:

Lions MD5 2013 Convention

Mail Your Registration Form and Check to:

Lions MD5 2013 Convention

C/o Lion Michael Liknaitzky (Secretary)

P.O. Box 777

Yorkton, SK S3N 2W8

E-mail: yorktonlions@sasktel.net (306) 782-7788

REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from the Lions MD5 2013 Convention Committee Treasurer, Lion Ken Grazier, P.O. Box 777, Yorkton, SK S3N 2W8, until June 30, 2013. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Secretary/Treasurer PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Avenue NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention. Questions should be directed to the MD5 Convention Chair, Lion Don Reed at (email) dreed@sasktel.net or (306) 782-4766 or email: yorktonlions@sasktel.net

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Convention Headquarters – Ramada Yorkton, 110 Broadway St. E., Yorkton, SK S3N 0K9

For Reservation Phone: (800) 667-1585 or (306) 783-9781. The room block is guaranteed until April 30' 2013 (CGL103).

Ask for Lion's Convention Room Rate. Check-In Time: 3 p.m. - Check-Out Time 11 a.m.

RV ACCOMMODATIONS: If you plan to bring an RV, York Lake Regional Park (306) 782-7080; Cherrydale Golf Inc., Hwy 10 E. (306) 786-6877; Sun Shadows Camp Ground, Good Spirit Lake (306) 621-7644 (40 km north of Yorkton); Yorkton Exhibition Grounds (306) 783-4800 - NO SERVICES - (Sam's Club Members are using these facilities this weekend – for parking register through them)

Angels Among Us

Through our lifetime, many people touch our hearts but none more than a Lion. Because, you see, Lions are those special people that dedicate their free time to others. Some Lions take on a larger role to serve beyond the local community to the greater community.

These "angel" Lions serve us in many, many ways. All of the Lions who pass are very precious to us. This year seems to be a pretty bountiful year for the passing of some who have played a particularly special role in the lives of the Lions of North Dakota.



Lion Dolly Alef, Past District Governor was the first female governor for District 5NC. Her strength of character and her leadership ability are examples of all who follow in her footsteps.



Lion Duffy Eastburn, Past District Governor, the first female governor for District 5NE was quite the character. She was filled with so much joy and laughter. Her love of people, especially her Lions friends was evident throughout her life.



Lion John (Jack) Stewart, Past District Governor for District 5NW, was such a dedicated Lion. He loved being a Lion and was always a positive figure for our beliefs of integrity and leadership. His dedication to youth and the visually impaired is our example of true Lion giving.



Areta Keller, wife of Lion Jim Keller, Past District Governor for District 5NC, was always by Jim's side. These two special people are examples of weathering the storm. They lost their business and their home to the 2011 flood and yet were helping others throughout that time. She is an example of Lion's service.



Lion Barb Brand, wife of Past Council Chair Mike Brand and Past District Governor for District 5NE. This team of dedicated Lions has spent over twenty years serving our multiple districts' leadership. Many governors will remember Lion Barb as the one who made sure they were introduced or they had someone to sit next to. She created a spirit of hospitality for all of MD5.

The hit artist Alabama says it all with these lyrics:

*"Oh I believe there are angles among us
Sent down to us from somewhere up above
They come to you and me in our darkest hours
To show us how to live
To teach us how to give
To guide us with a light of love"*

Respectfully submitted,
Lion PDG Pat Vannett

Why do Lions leave their club?

At the International Convention in Korea last June, Lions Clubs International Executive Director Peter Lynch summarized the results of a survey conducted by LCI.

Reasons Lions members leave clubs:

- Unproductive meetings 43%
- Too few younger members 42%
- Meetings lack fun 33%
- Didn't feel they belonged 33%
- Club "politics" a turn-off 32%
- Too old-fashioned – stodgy 30%

Do any of these reasons sound familiar in your club? These are things that can be 'fixed' with just a little effort, before they drive members away. Once they are gone, it's too late.

We continue to lose more members than we bring in. The excuse that we are an aging group, simply is no excuse. We lose more members because they decide to quit, than we lose to death.

And that is something we can change. It is interesting to note that there was no mention at all about the amount of time required, work, projects, and service activities done by Lions.

NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME APPLICATION FORM

THE _____ LIONS CLUB NOMINATES _____ FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

Two seconding statements are required, one of which must be from the club president.

SECTION A | Minimum Requirements

This nominee has been a member of the _____ Lions Club since _____.

This nominee has been a member of Lions for 20 or more years: Yes ___ No ___

This nominee has been a member of a North Dakota Lions Club for 15 or more years: Yes ___ No ___

Nominee must have attended a minimum of 10 non-club rallies and conventions: Yes ___ No ___

SECTION B | Basic Life as a Lion

The nominee has served in a Lions Club as (Check all that apply):

President ___ Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Sect/Treas ___ Director ___

Fundraiser Chair ___ Membership Chair(Pos. Growth) ___

Nominee has been named by club as: Lion of the Year ___ Times Melvin Jones Fellow ___ Times

Nominee's Convention Attendance (times): State ___ Multiple District ___ International ___ USA/Canada Forum ___ District Leadership Rally ___ Other ___ (list them) _____

Nominee has served in district cabinet as (indicate number of times):

Secretary ___ Treasurer ___ Zone Chair ___ Region Chair ___ Committee Chair ___

Nominee served on board of directors of (list number of years): ND Foundation ___ ND Eye Bank ___

Nominee has served as a MD5 committee chair (list number of times): ___

Nominee was elected as District Governor (list year): _____

SECTION C | Preliminary Selection Criteria

	Points Per Category	Total Points
1. Each year an active Lions member (15 consecutive years min)	1.0	_____
2. Each year club president, secretary and/or treasurer (20 year max)	2.0	_____
3. Each year club committee chair (15 year max)	1.0	_____
4. Each year club board member (other than 2 & 3 above) (10 max)	1.0	_____
5. Each year program presenter at district, state or MD5 convention	1.0	_____
6. Each year chairman of ND state or MD5 convention	2.0	_____
7. Each year committee member of ND state or MD5 convention	1.0	_____
8. Each year region chair or zone chair	1.0	_____
9. Each year vice district governor	1.0	_____
10. Each year district governor	3.0	_____
11. International officer	5.0	_____
12. Each year international committee*(list year and committee)	2.0	_____
13. Each year as member of district cabinet	1.0	_____
14. Each year district cabinet secretary and/or treasurer	2.0	_____
15. Each year as chair of a major Lions function* (list years and events)	1.0	_____
16. Each year state officer or director**	2.0	_____
17. Each year president of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.	2.0	_____
18. Each year secretary and/or treas. of Lions Foundation of North Dakota	1.0	_____
19. Each year board member of Lions Foundation of North Dakota	0.5	_____
20. Each year Lions eye bank president	2.0	_____
21. Each year Lions eye bank secretary and/or treasurer	1.0	_____
22. Each year lions eye bank board member	0.5	_____
23. Each year MD5 council chair	3.0	_____
24. Each year MD5 committee chair (excluding sitting governors)	1.0	_____
25. District rallies attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
26. North Dakota state conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
27. Multiple district conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
28. International conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
29. USA/Canada Forums attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
30. 100% District Governor award* (list year(s))	1.0	_____
31. Club President's excellence award* (list years)	1.0	_____
32. 100% club secretary award* (list years)	1.0	_____
33. Initial Melvin Jones Fellowship Year _____	2.0	_____
34. Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships How many _____	1.0 ea	_____
35. Each sponsored new member (requires printout from LCI to verify)	1.0	_____

36. Each year Guiding Lion* (list years and clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
37. Each year Leo club advisor* (list years and clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
38. Each year Campus club advisor* (list years and clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
39. Each year Club Branch advisor* (list years and clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
40. Each year Extension Award* (list years and clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
41. Each year Rebuilding Club Award* (list years and (clubs)	(6 max)	2.0	_____
42. Other Awards# (list award and year received):			
	Club	1.0	_____
	District	1.5	_____
	International	2.0	_____
43. Each hosted foreign exchange student* (list years, name and country)		3.0	_____
44. Each hosted youth camp student*(list years, name and country)		1.0	_____
45. Chair of youth exchange camp*(list years and camp locations)		3.0	_____

*List information on separate sheet
**Such as PDG Association, SightFirst fund drives, etc.

TOTAL POINTS FROM SECTION C _____

AT THIS POINT, NOMINEES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 125 POINTS FOR NON-DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND 250 POINTS FOR PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE EXCEEDED THE THRESHOLDS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE REST OF THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT. APPLICATIONS OF NOMINEES WITH POINT TOTALS ABOVE THOSE THRESHOLDS BUT WERE NOT SELECTED AS THE WINNER WILL BE INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS FOR WHICH ADDENDA MAY BE ADDED.

SECTION D | Lions Activities that are not covered in Section C

This section requests a written statement covering anything that was not covered in Section C. It may be in outline or paragraph form and no more than 150 words. Use a separate sheet. Maximum 10 Points

SECTION E | Non-Lion Activities

This section requests a written statement regarding your activities as a citizen outside of Lions. Please include community service, leadership activities and other community involvement. It may be in outline or paragraph form and no more than 200 words. Use a separate sheet. Maximum 25 Points

SECTION F | Biography

Prepare a personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation and when and where you joined Lions. Include all achievements, volunteer work, other organizations and personal recognitions. Section F is limited to 500 words but must be more than 250 words. It will be judged on content, clarity, structure and presentation. Although a set number of points will not be used for this section, the Selection Committee will give significant weight to the biography as they evaluate the application. This section is to be in narrative form only with optional third person construction.

SECTION G | Nominee Certification

I certify that the information I have provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken from personal, club and LCI records.

NAME _____ DATE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____
TELEPHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____
NOMINEE SIGNATURE _____ E-MAIL _____

Club Certification

We certify that the information provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken from club records and other verifiable sources.

CLUB PRESIDENT _____ CLUB NAME _____
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
CLUB SECRETARY _____ E-MAIL _____
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Applications must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2013.

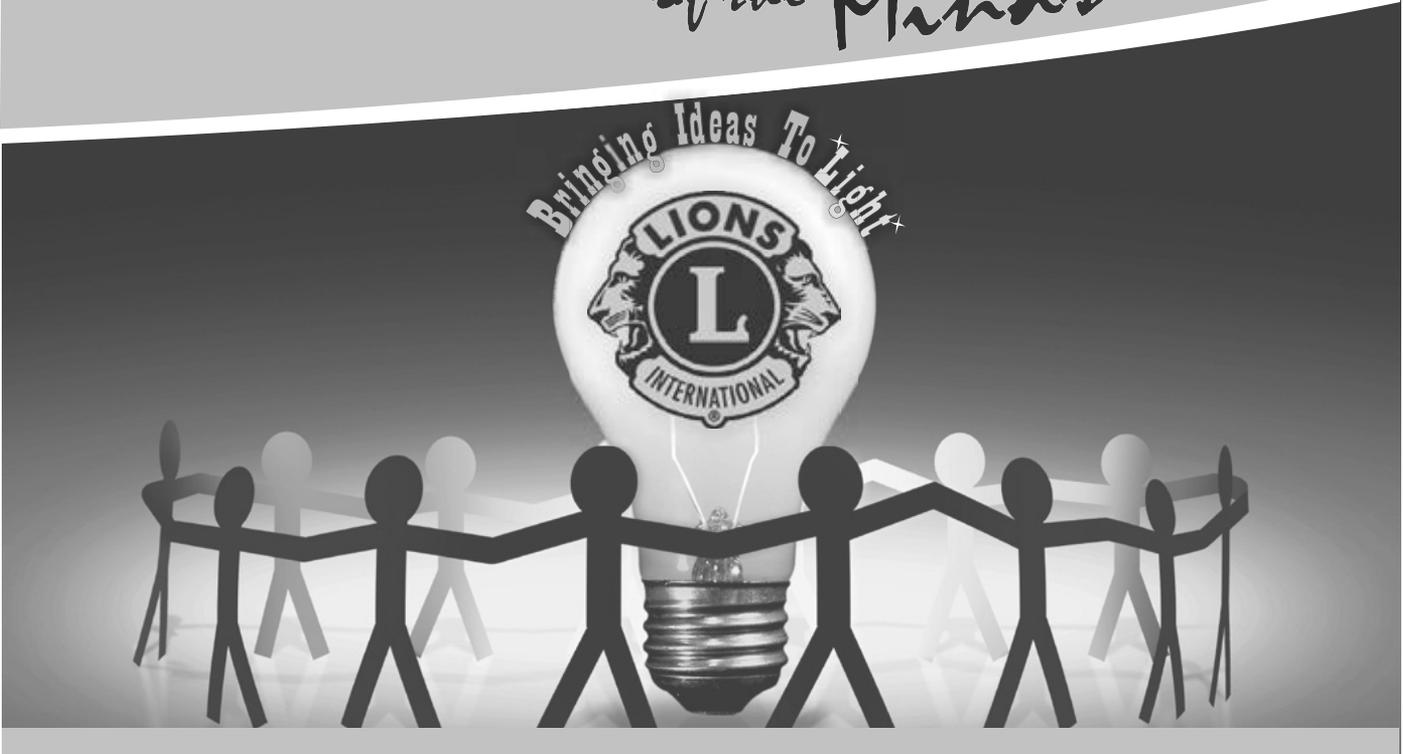
This application must be fully completed and signed by the appropriate parties and returned along with a 4X5 or smaller photograph.

Mail to: Marian Johnson, Secretary
ND PDG Association
1631 Northview Lane
Bismarck, ND 58501

North Dakota State Lions Convention October 25 & 26, 2013

91st State Convention Hosted By Dickinson Area Lions

Meeting of the Minds



CONVENTION SITE:

Ramada Inn Grand Dakota Lodge
1532 15th Street West
Dickinson, ND 58601
(701) 483-5600

A limited number of lodging rooms are available at the Sacred Heart Monastery in Richardton, ND with a \$50 per night donation. Contact Sister Ruth at (701) 974-2121 for details.

A list of Dickinson hotels is available at: <http://www.visitdickinson.com/visitors/lodging/> Hotel rates in Dickinson are decreasing due to more availability. Call the hotel or access the hotel website to check on current room rates.

Complete Front and Back, Detach and Mail Your Registration

CONTACT:

Ken Davis
hawkback33@yahoo.com
(701) 483-6345 or
(701) 690-6044

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION 2013 REGISTRATION - DICKINSON

Fully Refundable To September 30, 2013
(Please Print Clearly)

MAIL TO:

Dickinson Lions Club
Attn: Ken Davis
767 1st Avenue Southeast
Dickinson, ND 58601

Full Name: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Club: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Select One: _____ Lion _____ Leo _____ Guest

Lions Title: _____

Plan To Join Us.....We'll Light Up Your Life!