



Club sponsors literacy project

By Carmen Rath-Wald
Logan County Extension agent

At their January meeting the Napoleon Lions Club agreed to sponsor a community wide Literacy Project during the month of February. The Club chose February as it is reading month, to follow encouragement by Lions Clubs International president Wayne A. Madden to promote literacy. Working with librarian, Sara Ketterling, 30 reading opportunities were quickly filled by members of the community. Each day, Monday through Thursday, readers from outside the school went to the library and read to students. Some brought their own favorites and some just read from the chapter books that Mrs. Ketterling provided.

Reading is the building block of school success. Every subject in school involves reading. First we learn to read, and then the rest of our lives, we read to learn. For students in elementary school, literacy is a key to lifelong learning and opportunities for success. Effective elementary literacy instruction develops students' linguistic and cognitive abilities through the explicit integration of reading, writing, speaking, and listening into instruction across all content areas and activities. Oral language, reading, writing, and content instruction support and enrich each other.

The main purpose of this event was to encourage and promote reading, and we want that to carry over into all other aspects of the students' lives. All children today seem to spend a lot of time with something handheld, whether it's an iPad, and iPhone or games at their home - but they have to be able to read to do that. Parents and community members in Napoleon recognize that promoting reading and role modeling reading is important.



Napoleon Lion Bruce Wentz is pictured, reading to the 1st grade class at the Napoleon school.

"This is a great opportunity because members of the community get to come out and support it; says Mrs. Ketterling. "Any time there is a chance for the community to come out like this and support literacy and reading to kids is always great. Reading, is just like playing sports or playing the piano; without practice, your skill will not improve, so we truly emphasize reading at school. We also encourage parents to read books for their children every evening. "Reading is important at every level of development; the earlier, the better," Ketterling added.

Trisha Laine and her son Wyatt, visited the library on Monday, February 18, and read several books to the kindergarten class. One of the books Trish read was *Good night, Good Knight*, by Shelly Moore Thomas.

This magical tale is set in a dense forest in a faraway kingdom, where three wide-eyed little dragons are lonely-but not for long. A Good Knight who keeps watch from a "crumbly tumbly tower" atop a "very tall wall," hears a loud roar, and he hops on his horse and gallops ("Clippety-clop.

Clippety-clop") to the roar's source at the mouth of a cave. There a little dragon clad in tartan pajamas asks for a drink of water. The chivalrous hero grants this request and on subsequent return trips (with a charming refrain) reads a story to a second dragon and sings a song to a third. Not surprisingly, the knight finds this routine a bit trying and his asides ("I don't believe this"; "This is too much") sounded familiar to youngsters. Many were able to guess the wee dragons' final demand. In one of the book's many droll images, the three dragons with their eyes shut and lips puckered lift "their scaly little cheeks" for a goodnight kiss.

Mrs. Ketterling stated that some of the community readers seemed a bit nervous at first especially with the older grades, but quickly were put at ease when they realized how much their listeners appreciated having someone read to them.

Lions Literacy Project coordinator, Carmen Rath-Wald, said she has received calls from individuals volunteering to read, and comments from many who enjoyed their experience reading.

BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



It's time for another check on our progress with President Wayne Madden's presidential program titled "A World of Service."

In previous issues of the North Dakota Lion, have talked about the Reading Action Program and the four-level Pit Stop program. In this issue, I would like to address his Global Service Action Campaign item called "Protecting Our Environment." It's due to be introduced in April so this will allow you to get a head start. Information is already on the LCI web site.

Now, before you look at this topic and go "Yuk," have a look at this.

According to the United Nations program which addresses worldwide environmental issues, only 20 percent of the world's population has access to clean water. More people die from unsafe water than from all forms of violence, including

war. More than 80 percent of the world's forests, which provide protection from natural disasters and absorb carbon dioxide emissions, have been lost in the last century alone, a problem that will lead to increased global warming.

We don't concern ourselves much with issues of the environment and global warming in our part of the world. We're too sparsely populated to cause problems and, we can't see it. Everything from smog to carbon emissions is either nonexistent or invisible around here.

So, President Madden has invited us to join all Lions around the world as we bring environmental issues front and center. Clubs and districts are encouraged to organize and develop hands-on initiatives designed to improve the environment in communities large and small.

The following "Protecting Our Environment" resource materials are

available from Lions Clubs International:

- Call to Action Flyer: An overview of the program.
- Planning Guide: A step by step approach to organizing your program.
- Project Ideas: A listing of ideas that can be helpful in developing programs.

It would also be a great idea to send an article to your local press either before or after (or both) the project giving it proper publicity.

Also, use your social media outlets. From time to time, Lions complain about "not waving our flag" enough. Here's a way to fill that need.

I realize that environmental issues can be political in nature but it seems to me that we, as Lions, should rise above that mentality and do what's right for our world and everyone that lives in it.

Gary Sailer Benefit Dinner/Chinese Auction

March 17, 2013 at Hazen City Hall • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Menu: Sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, dessert and beverage.

The Chinese auction is sponsored by the Mercer County employees.

The dinner is sponsored by the Hazen Lions Club, St. Paul Lutheran Church, friends, family and co-workers. Thrivent funds are pending. This will help to defray medical costs.



Sue, Gary Sailer and their granddaughter Elizabeth

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Video magnifier a household word

By Donna Ruff

In the last year, the video magnifier machine is becoming a household word in the locations of Wishek, Kulm and Jud. On Jan. 23, a group of Wishek Lions, pictured above, and President of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Lion James Ruff, gathered at the Wishek home of Ruben Aipperspach to place the Topaz 24" Desktop machine. LeRoy Wanner, Wishek, had received the first one last year on Feb. 18, 2012.

Life is frustrating when you can't see to read. Lion Ruben, age 97, has come to that point. His wife, Leona, of 68 years was also excited about the machine. She brought the picture of their great-great grandchild that had been born on 12-12-12 and put it on the platform of the machine and said with excitement "oh that's how she looks. What a cute little fatty."

Ruben's video magnifier application was #91. Sixty-one machines have been placed. There are seven people on the waiting list. Lion Aipperspach became a Lion by joining the Wishek Lions Club on April 1, 1963, and will be celebrating 50 years of volunteer service to his community on April Fools Day. There are 22 active Wishek Lions members.

Another long time member, Lion Stan Deile, celebrated his 50th anniversary Oct. 1, 2012. Congratulations to these two Lions.

The purposes for which the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc is organized are exclusively to provide charitable and educational project funding within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the

Internal Revenue Code. The LFND promotes different projects including: 1.) a grant application program to help with some of the financial needs Lions Clubs in the state have when fundraisers or service projects are being planned for their community. 2.) They also undertake the N.D. Lion monthly newspaper project published at Garrison. 3.) Also, the Video Magnifier Program.

The VMP had its beginnings in 2010 when the first video magnifier machine was placed in Mandan on Oct. 4. The VMP is a lease program not an ownership program. Individuals lease the



Pictured, from left, are Lion Robert Woehl, Lion Warny Becker, Lion Don Babitzki, VM recipient Ruben Aipperspach, Pres. LFND, James Ruff, Lehr.

machine for \$20 per month. Lease payment allow the ND Lions Club Foundation to purchase a new machine every other month. Individuals complete a two page application and are referred by a vision specialist. You do not need to be legally blind to qualify. You need to be a resident of N.D. for eight months of the year and must agree on a monthly payment option.

N.D. Lions Clubs make donations to the LFND. The distribution of undesignated funds donated to the foundation is as follows: Administrative Acct: 25 percent. Grant Acct: 25 percent and Corpus Acct: 50 percent.

There is a Bronze, Silver, Gold and Diamond recognition program. Also included is an individual N.D. Lions Sustaining

Membership program with a \$10 yearly donation from each Lion. The individual members receive a pin with bars for each year sustaining membership is attained.

A Lifetime Membership donation of \$300 is also an option. Lions Clubs making donations designated for the purpose the video magnifier program should have VMP in the memo section of the check. The LFND writes the check to purchase machines. They retail for around \$3,295, but the Foundation is able to purchase them at cost.

If you would like an application or more information concerning a video magnifier

Write: Video Magnifier Program,
PO Box 761, Mandan, ND 58554

E-mail: pvideomagnifier@gmail.com

Phone: 1-800-373-3751
or contact a Lion member in your community
and they will help you get to the right person.

PDGs, Eye Bank, Foundation share April meeting

The North Dakota Past District Governors Association is scheduled to have their annual meeting on April 26-27, at the Doublewood Inn in Bismarck. As soon as their meetings are over at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 27th, the board members of the Eye Bank of North Dakota will take over the meeting room until a shared lunch with the Lions Foundation board members.

The Foundation board will eat with them and then claim the room for the duration of the afternoon. This dove-tailing of meetings has developed over the last few years as a convenience for PDGs and board members who belong to more than one of the organizations. Only the PDG meetings will run both days, beginning on Friday afternoon at 4 p.m., followed by a social that

evening at 6 p.m., and a banquet at 7 p.m.

Their meeting will reconvene with a 7:30 a.m. Saturday breakfast and meeting until 10, when the schedule will continue as stated above. Lions Foundation and Lions Eye Bank board members are also welcome to attend the PDG banquet on Friday evening. The cost and other details will be in the April ND LION.

Ten rooms have been set aside at the Doublewood, phone number 701-258-7000. The rate is \$109, and you should specify "Lions Meetings" when you call. (Those rooms will only be held until April 12.) Last year some of the attendees stayed at the Days Inn, across the street to the south. Their phone number is 223-9151 if you wish to compare their rates.

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District 5NE Governor's Report
As I continue to travel throughout District 5NE visiting Local Lions Clubs, I am constantly impressed with the focus and commitment "to service" that members of the clubs continue to demonstrate. Lions have an ongoing positive impact on the community in which they live, as well as, the world as a whole. I am, therefore, committed to finding ways of not only maintaining Lions Clubs in the various communities, but also expanding the opportunities for more people to become Lions.

I know that I have devoted a large amount of my monthly Governor's Reports to promoting the use of technology to retain and expand Lions Clubs, but I recently found a short article on the LCI website www.lionsclubs.org that I think clearly illustrates the point. You can access the story by going to the LCI website and clicking on Our Impact ; but for your ease in accessing the information I have reproduced the article here:

Lions reach out through social media

There aren't many media outlets in the small town of Crosby, Texas, besides the local weekly newspaper. The Crosby Lions Club wanted a way to get the word out about its projects to the entire community quickly, so it could raise awareness about its local volunteer efforts and increase membership and participation. The club created a Facebook page and a Lions e-clubhouse Web site to expand its reach.

The Lions step in

As a resident of a small town in Texas, Wendy Bailey of the Crosby Lions Club sees the importance of making a real connection with the community. She maintains the Crosby Lions Club Facebook page, which has become a powerful tool for marketing the club's efforts, spreading the word about the club's projects, and allowing members and residents to see the results of the club's service. Wendy updates the Facebook page on a daily basis by posting upcoming

events and sharing photos on the page, as well as connecting with other local organizations on Facebook.

The future is now

When the Crosby Lions helped remodel a local home, they used their Facebook page to provide information about the project, recruit volunteers, remind members and the community as the project date got closer, and share images of the results once the project was complete. The Crosby Lions also used Facebook to promote and raise money for a Super Bowl fundraiser that collected money for children's eyeglasses.

Fast facts

The Crosby Lions Club Facebook page had 40 followers when Wendy joined the club. At the time of writing this piece, the Crosby Lions Club Facebook page has nearly 700 followers and continues to grow. With today's youth heavily engaged in social media, Facebook also becomes a way to draw in younger members and let them know what the Lions club is all about.

How does this article relate to Lions Clubs in Anytown, ND?

- The Crosby Lions Club developed a media outlet. Small town North Dakota needs media outlets and the media outlets in the larger towns are not anxious to print articles about community service organizations on a regular basis. Could your club benefit from this additional media outlet?

- The Crosby Lions Club Facebook page gets the word out about its projects to the entire community quickly to raise awareness about its local volunteer efforts to increase participation and membership. Could your club benefit from increased membership and participation?

- The Crosby Lions Facebook Page has become a powerful tool for marketing the club's efforts and allowing members and residents to see the results of the club's service. Could this tool help the clubs in SNE to market their efforts?

- The Crosby Lions also used Facebook to promote and raise money for their

fundraiser for children's eyeglasses. Could your club's fundraiser benefit from additional promotion?

- The Crosby Lions had 40 followers when they began using Facebook and it has now grown to over 700. Could your club benefit from 660 additional followers?

If you are interested in developing a Facebook page or a Lions e-clubhouse website for your club and need assistance, please contact Lion Kim Olson at kimrolson@gmail.com or DG Mel Olson at melolson@cableone.net.



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Why Lions should contribute to LCIF

Submitted by Lion Devon Hofer
NDSU Lions

The Lions Club International Foundation is one of the world's leading humanitarian organizations worldwide. Since the LCIF's founding in 1968 its mission has been "To support the efforts of Lions Clubs worldwide in serving their local communities and the world community as they carry out essential humanitarian service projects." It grants \$30 Million dollars annually and is primarily funded by donations from 1.35 million Lions in 207 countries. These grants provide services to millions around the world. The LCIF has four key areas of service that their grants fund. These services are saving sight, serving youth, providing disaster relief, and meeting humanitarian needs. The LCIF works all around the world to deliver aid wherever it is needed most.

The LCIF is a leader in preventing avoidable blindness and restoring sight to people worldwide. They do this through their "SightFirst: Lions' Vision for All" programs. With this program the LCIF is able to team up with local health agencies, eye care professionals, and non-governmental organizations to improve and restore vision to over 30 million people. This program has made the LCIF a leader in the VISION 2020 program that hopes to eliminate avoidable blindness worldwide by 2020. The LCIF has committed to invest \$415 million dollars to the SightFirst program already. This is achievable if every Lion gives an average of \$6 a year.

The LCIF is committed to helping children gain the education and skills needed to grow into successful adults. They do this through the Lions Quest that has already taught more than 12 million youth positive life skills. Lions Quest unites school and community members in order to create positive youth development programs. Through Lions Quest the LCIF has trained more than 500,000 educators to work in programs that support character development and emotional learning. It also helps to prevent substance abuse, violence, and promote civic values. The Lions Quest has been evaluated by program developers, school districts, universities, and interdependent research firms. All of these agencies have said that Lions Quest has successfully lowered substance abuse and violence while increasing test scores and lowering school dropout rates.

The LCIF plays a major role in disaster relief efforts around the world. They have been among the first to provide aid to disaster victims ever since the writing of their first grant to South Dakota for flood relief. Since then the LCIF has had a big impact in disaster relief by aiding in emergencies such as the Southeast Asia Tsunami, September 11th, and the Haiti earthquake. In the last 10 years the LCIF has provided over \$100 million dollars in disaster relief programs worldwide. The LCIF does this through its Emergency Grants that are used to provide necessities like food, water, and shelter. These grants help to provide hope and comfort for millions in need at a time of crisis.

The LCIF takes pride in its humanitarian efforts and ability to change lives for the better worldwide. The LCIF helps to empower people with disabilities and by pairing up with Habitat for Humanity. Together they provide support by improving education, job outlook, and enhancing their day to day lives. One

of the programs the LCIF is currently involved in is the Opening Eyes program that helps special athletes to see. Another is the Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Program which helps low income people gain access to hearing aids. The LCIF is also involved in many more humanitarian efforts across the world. They need your help to continue providing these services.

As Lions we all have accepted the values, honor, and responsibility of serving our communities. Lions in all districts have already great differences, and are viewed with respect and adoration by their local districts and communities. Through the LCIF, Lions are able to further their dedication and commitment to service. With just a small donation each year from every Lion the LCIF could double their efforts and make an even greater impact on the world. The LCIF coordinator for District SNE, Past Council Chair Lion Robert Littlefield encourages all clubs to support the LCIF: "Our district goal is to have every club make a donation-large or small-to support the LCIF. If we work together, we can make a greater difference in the lives of those needing our help." To make a donation, go to www.LCIF.org/donate.



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Make a difference.**



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"Amazing things can happen...."

All year, I've been repeating my theme, "Amazing things can happen when it doesn't matter who gets the credit."

The flip side of that is as pertinent, and when things are not going well or as planned, even more so: "Amazing things can happen when it isn't necessary to place the blame."

It is easy to look for reasons why things didn't go well. And it certainly is important to analyze and learn from our mistakes. That's how we improve.

But too often, instead of searching for ways to do things better, we practice finger pointing and fault finding. That's how we turn the focus on failures to someone else. That's how we avoid personally taking responsibility for the situation.

Of course there are times when someone drops the ball. Sometimes it's ourselves. Sometimes it's someone else. But it is never productive to wallow in fault finding and blame. It's a negative, hurtful waste of time, talent and energy. Relationships and teamwork structures

suffer. Sometimes they end completely.

We talk about "politics" existing in our clubs. Get used to it. That's a common ingredient in most groups and organizations. It doesn't mean that it's a reason to let clubs fall apart. It probably does mean that we spend far too much time and energy dealing with the past, and not nearly enough time and energy focusing on the future and our goals.

Forgiveness is a topic that we hear a lot about during this Lenten season. Yes, it is a free gift we give to those who have hurt or offended us.

But the greater gift is the one we give ourselves when we forgive others. It brings freedom from the task of carrying around old wounds and grievances. Burdens that once crippled us, are gone. We can get on with it. We'll do a lot better job in our drive for our goals by focusing through the windshield, than by looking in the rear-view mirror.

There are so many meaningful, exciting and energizing things we can do as Lions. They work better when we work together.

International President Wayne Madden

compares our Lions work to major auto races, where pit stops are an essential part of the race. We've got our teams, and every team member is important, with much to offer. We must encourage them and let them do their jobs.

Our teams must focus on our goals, and keep moving toward them. Pit stops are for making repairs and adjustments needed to win, or at least complete the race.

When the race is over, we can sit around with a cup of coffee and discuss what we have learned, and how we might do even better in the future. Let's just leave out the who, what, and why of less successful efforts. So when we begin again, and hear, "Ladies and Gentlemen, start your engines!" we are ready.

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

Hajny featured guest 5NW Spring Rally

Dave Hajny, from Ennis, Mont., was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention in Seattle, Wash., July 4-8, 2011.

Director Hajny is retired.

A member of the Bozeman Lions Club, and a Lion since 1994, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, council chair and district governor. He also served as Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation vice president, Montana PDG Association president and a faculty member at the Regional Lions Leadership Institute.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including two Club Lion of the Year Awards,



ID Dave Hajny

a PID Dr. Jack Dobush Fellowship, a PID Gary Tschache Fellowship, a Montana Lions Sight & Hearing Fellowship, a Presidential Leadership Medal, five International President's Certificates of Appreciation and an International President's Medal. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hajny is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Madison Valley Hospital Foundation, the American Legion and the United States Selective Service Board for Montana. He has also served as chairperson of the Madison Valley Rural Fire Board.

Director Hajny and his wife, Marie, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have three sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren.

Lions 5NW 12th annual Spring Rally and Leadership Conference nears

The Spring Rally promises to be the best yet! Scheduled presentations and workshops will be informative, educational, inspirational, motivational, entertaining, and FUN!

In addition to the sessions, there will be displays and tables in 'trade show' style, with a variety of Lions entities represented. Information available will include the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, Leader Dog, Conventions – Multiple District 5 / District and State / USA-Canada Forum, Peace Poster, Contests & Awards, Global Leadership Team & Club Excellence Process, Information Technology (District 5NW Website, LCI Website, Electronic Meetings), Re-cycling eyeglass & Hearing Aids, Pins, more!

Early registration prizes!

Drawings will be held at the close of the Rally, to determine winners of the Early Registration program (see complete details in this issue).

Hundreds of dollars in prizes that will be given include:

- Medora Vacation package
- PDG Rich Christensen Golf Club – Titanium 460cc Driver
- District & State Convention Paid Registration
- Dakota Pasture Pool Golf & Lunch package

Remember, you must pre-register prior to April 1st to be eligible for these prizes. See registration form in this issue.

Peace poster kits

Peace Poster kits for 2013-2014 will be distributed to each club in attendance. Do NOT order directly from LCI. Your kit will be provided by District 5NW. The kits this year will include examples of past winning entries.

Club officer training

Updated club officer training manuals for secretaries and treasurers will be distributed to clubs in attendance. Even if you've been your club's secretary for several years, you will learn more, and be informed of current changes. Make your year a lot easier by attending this session.

Lions public relations campaign, part II

Thirty-four newspapers in western North Dakota ran ads in February, inviting people to become Lions. Many of the Lions clubs are following up with ads telling about the service activities and projects they conduct in their own community. These are impressive lists!

While some clubs wonder about spending \$30-\$100 to place those ads, others recognize the potential to increase awareness and support, and yes, to add new members to the club.

And there are clubs that have not taken any action at all. Most often, it's because they don't know just how to go about it. It's really quite simple. Just list all the things your club does and has done in the past. No detailed explanation is necessary. Arrange the information, add a Lions logo, some contact information (maybe just a couple telephone numbers), and go to press!

If you're still not comfortable with it, call DG Lewellyn at 579-4347, or PR Chair Sandy Oberfoell at 290-1929, and we'll help you

get it done.

Public relations ad contest

Bring the page of your newspaper with your Lions club's ad in it to the Spring Rally. Share your club activities with the other District 5NW clubs, and learn from each other.

Every club that has placed an ad in their newspaper and brings that page to the Rally, will receive an award. There will be a 'people's choice' ballot contest, with an award for the best / favorite ad.

How long has it been since you were encouraged to brag, beat your own drum, blow your own horn... And get an award for it?!

Added bonus

Bring an enlarged copy of the ad, suitable for mounting in your community center, or other place in your community where people gather. Just eliminate the contact information. Your club will receive another award.

You can be certain that publicizing your club's community service will bring comments such as, "I didn't know the Lions did that," "The Lions really do a lot in this community," "Maybe I should be a Lion," "How do I become a Lion?"

Special club officers installation

Again this year, a special installation ceremony will be held at the close of the Spring Rally, for all newly elected club officers in attendance. This is a very impressive ceremony, and an opportunity to connect with fellow club officers from throughout the district.

Just 2 ½ months later, these officers will take the reins of leadership in their clubs. They will have the support of each other, and the leadership and resources available from the District 5NW Cabinet.

LIONS 5NW SPRING RALLY & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 13 • Garrison Elementary School
(All times CST)

Registration with Coffee & Rolls 9 - 10 a.m.

Sessions One:

International Director Dave Hajny 10 a.m.

Lunch with guest speaker

ID Dave Hajny 11 a.m.

Sessions continue with breaks throughout the afternoon:

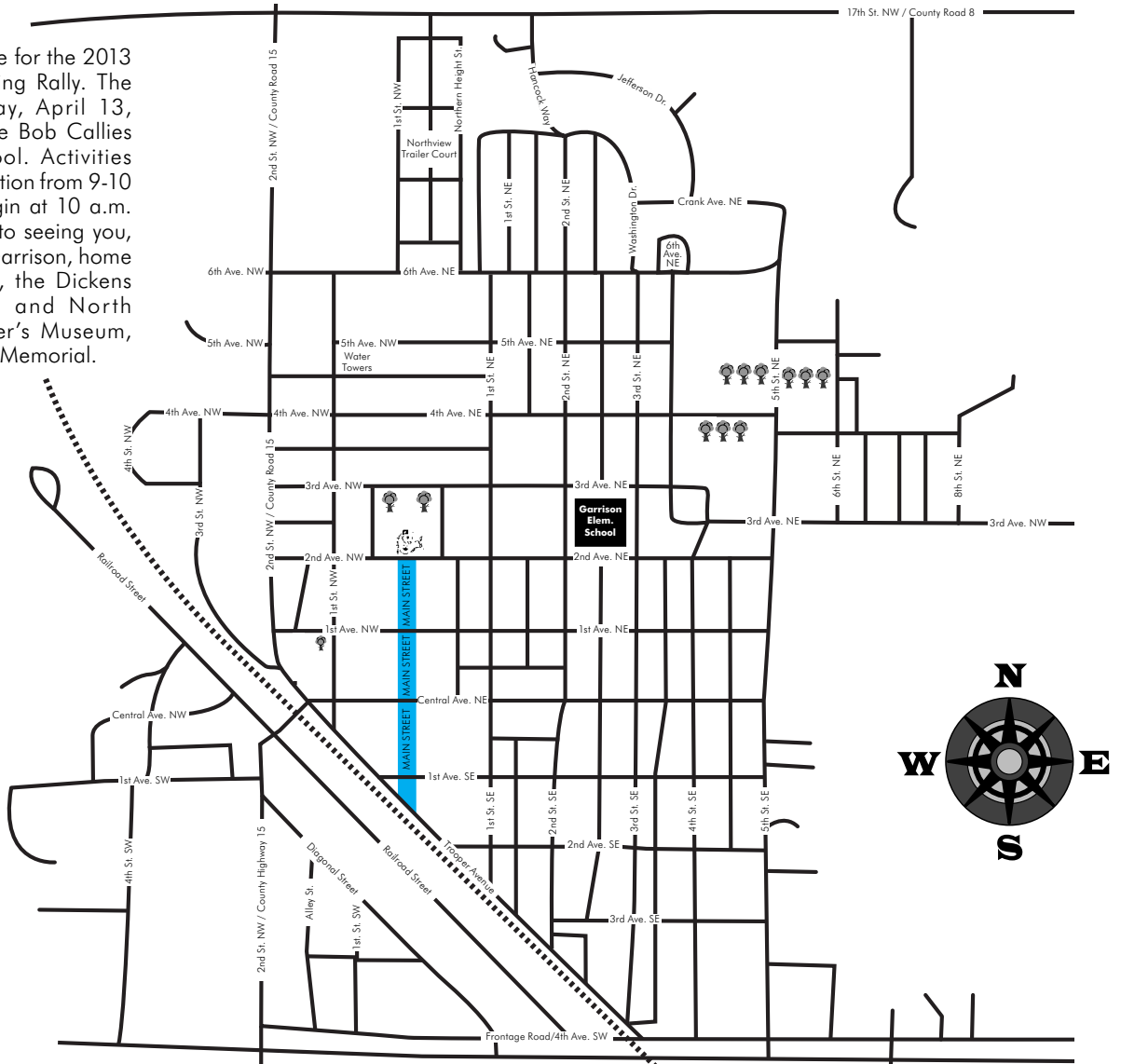
- Club Officers Training for Secretaries and Treasurers
- Re-Cycled Eye Glasses & Missions
- Information Technology/Web Sites/Electronic Meetings
- Lions Orientation – The Past and the Present
- Installation of Club Officers/Awards/Prize Drawings

Rally is adjourned 4 p.m.

*Lunch, breaks, handout material, all included at no charge

Find your way to the Spring Rally

Garrison is the site for the 2013 District 5NW spring Rally. The event is Saturday, April 13, and will be at the Bob Callies Elementary School. Activities begin with registration from 9-10 a.m. Sessions begin at 10 a.m. We look forward to seeing you, and welcome to Garrison, home of Wally Walleye, the Dickens Village Festival and North Dakota Firefighter's Museum, Hall of Fame and Memorial.



New Rockford

Spuds and bingo

Baked potatoes with all the toppings and Bingo, what a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! To top it all off all proceeds going to a good cause. The New Rockford Lions Club teamed up with the New Rockford Chamber of Commerce to hold a fundraiser for the upcoming firework display for the 4th of July. Spokes woman Paula Siler from the Chamber of Commerce spoke with the Lions Club about the increasing cost of the fireworks and what a wonderful tradition they have become for our town. After several ideas were tossed about. The potato bar and bingo was chosen. Unfortunately due to storm warnings and slick roads, turnout was less than anticipated; about 130 brave people came out for the day. Everyone was very generous in their donations making a grand total of \$1,067 going towards the 4th of July fireworks fund. We all had a great time and looking to doing something again in the future. Maybe in the summer when there is no chance of snow (we hope). Pictured are Chamber of Commerce representative Paula Siler and co-chairs Dennis Gehrtz, Rick Swenson, and Jodi Hirchert with the total from the fundraiser.



Enderlin

Traveling Lion's species questioned

Marathon meeting puts cat on the prowl

By Mike Martin
Club secretary

The Feb. 2013 North Dakota Lion's front page article "A Lion's on the prowl," meant a lot to the Enderlin Lions. This Lion came from our club and is a story in itself.

Twelve years ago, the Enderlin Lions sponsored "Lisa the Lion" who made the North Dakota Lions circuit using a similar protocol. Hundreds of dollars in "custody" fees were sent to the Great Plains Assistance Dogs in Jud, N.D., and several dozen North Dakota Lions Clubs enjoyed visitations by other clubs who wanted to pass on a semi-expensive club guest. In fact, when Lisa was eventually returned to Enderlin, she was accompanied by a litter of cubs, so her gender was firmly established. During the summer of 2011, Enderlin Lion Carol "Christy" Christiansen was at a south Minneapolis house rummage sale and a stuffed speckled cat attracted her eye.

The price - \$1 - was quickly met and Lion Christy took home a new friend. He immediately realized the fundraising potential, once again, for the Jud school. This school has lasting Enderlin Lions connections as our club has visited it many times, has had programs in Enderlin by their staff and Enderlin Associate Lion Gerald Sletmoe and former Enderlin Lion Larry J. Tosseth are, or

have been on the school's directing boards.

But a fly in the ointment appeared when Lion Christy brought his new purchase to the Enderlin Lions Board meeting. Lion Andrew Albert Peterson, also a veterinarian of regional renown, remarked Lion Christy's new buy appeared to be a Cheetah.

Several Oswego Township ranchers in our local sand hills use cheetahs to hunt coyotes and Lion Peterson specializes in their care. The board was split as to this cat's identity and Lion Jerry Hanson suggested we resolve the issue with science.

Consequently, Club President Pat Feist ordered the cat to be examined by our club's forensic laboratory. The cat was delivered within the hour, and by the next day, the cat had been given a general anesthetic and a sample of stuffing was extracted and DNA examined. Within 10 days, the results proved, beyond all doubt, the cat in question is a healthy *acinonyx jubatus* - (cheetah, and not a *Panthera Leo* (Lion). What to do?

An emergency Enderlin Lions Board of Directors meeting was convened and after a marathon 13-hour session, the board's consensus was to put the cat on the road due to Lion Christy's high initial purchase price.

On Sept. 21, 2011, Enderlin Lions Christy, Jack Armstrong, Harold Narum and Donn "Tim" Larson transported the subject to a Grand Forks Lions Club and the rest is history. And the money flows for a wonderful cause. And most of this story is true.

Magic City



Longfellow project donation

Magic City Lions President Josh Ressler, right, accepts a presentation check from Peggy Johnson from Gate City Bank. Gate City Bank donated \$5,000 to the Longfellow playground project. Update: Longfellow School addition is progressing nicely and will be ready for students this fall. Current students are still in the temporary school units. The playground equipment, spearheaded by Zone 2A Lions and supported by Lions of North Dakota, will be put into place this summer.

Dickinson



Blood drive held

The Dickinson Lions Club hosted a community blood drive Feb. 6. Sixty donors registered. There were 40 successful donations, including 34 whole blood and 17 double red blood cell donations. There were five first-time donors. Four Lions members donated. Pictured are two of the Dickinson Lions members who assisted: Neal Steiner and Steve Lervik. Chairman Betty Heidt and Paul Heidt were in charge of the blood drive.

NDSU

Club conducts unique fundraiser

As one of their club's fundraisers this year, the NDSU Lions Club has painted a toilet stool Lions colors, labeled it NDSU Lions and is using it to raise money to assist the victims of Hurricane Sandy


The fund raiser works like this:

The toilet is placed on the lawn of one of the Lions of Fargo. The Lion can have it removed for \$20 or that Lion can designate another lawn to have it placed upon for \$30. It is not clear how much has been raised at the present time; however, Lion Shane Hofer of the NDSU Lions has often been seen hauling the toilet stool around in the back of his pickup truck as he shuffles it from one lawn to the other.



NDSU Lions Shane Kofer and Andy Mangan are pictured as they prepare to pick up the NDSU Lion's toilet stool at District Governor Mel Olson's home.

The traveling toilet stool.




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 _____

Spring Rally lodging

If you're planning to attend the Lions 5NW Spring Rally and need overnight accommodations, contact:

Garrison Motel
701-463-2858

North Shore Inn & Suites
701-463-7202

Valley City



Two Valley City Lions were recently recognized for 25 years as members of Lions Presenting awards was 5NE DG Mel Olson. Photo at left, Lion Mel Karch has served the Valley City Lions in all offices and is a Melvin Jones recipient He currently is in charge of the canopy rental for the club. He is very active in the local club. Photo at right, Lion Larry E. Saylor is a Past District Governor of 5NE and has served the Valley City Lions in all offices. He has also served as zone chairman and is a Melvin Jones Fellow as well. He currently serves on the board of directors and is very active in the Valley City club.



New members

Ross Powell, second from left, and Tyler Marthaler, third from left, were installed as new members of the Valley City Lions Club Jan. 14. Ross, an officer with Dakotah Bank, was sponsored by his dad, Lion Jack Marthaler, far right.



Melvin Jones

Dr. M.J. Machayya, left, and Larry Leier, right, were presented Melvin Jones awards at the Jan. 14 Valley City Lions Club meeting. Both were recognized for their service to the club over their years of membership. Both "Mac" Machayya and Larry have served as officers and on the board for many years, and have been active in all aspects of the club.

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.

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

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

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)

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 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!

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION 2013
October 25, 2013



*Bilfield Rig Tour
 Location JBD*



*Target Logistics
 Man Camp Tour
 Near Manning, ND*

October 25, 2013



Mystical Minds
Comedy ~ Magic ~ Mentalism

*Performing At
 The Ideabreaker Social
 Grand Dakota Lodge
 Dickinson, ND*

October 26, 2013



Rhythms Of The Heart

*Performing Following
 The Dinner Banquet
 Grand Dakota Lodge
 Dickinson, ND*

Complete Front and Back, Detach and Mail Your Registration

NORTH DAKOTA STATE LIONS CONVENTION 2013 REGISTRATION - DICKINSON

Convention Package includes a tour, Ideabreaker social, all meals, speakers, meetings, sessions, and entertainment.

Limited Package includes all of the Convention Package excluding the meals on Saturday which can be selected separately.

		<u>Convention Pkg.</u>	<u>Limited Pkg.</u>
Gold Light Special	October 26 - March 31, 2013	\$ 85.00 pp	\$ 35.00 pp
Silver Light Special	April 1 - August 31, 2013	\$110.00 pp	\$ 60.00 pp
Blue Light Special	September 1 - October 26, 2013	\$125.00 pp	\$ 85.00 pp

- Convention Package \$ _____
 Limited Package \$ _____
 Friday Tour/Dinner - NC _____
 Saturday Breakfast \$10.00 _____
 Saturday Luncheon \$15.00 _____
 Saturday Banquet \$25.00 _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make Checks Payable To: ND State Lions Convention