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# **Posthumous award for Lions Hall** Jack Stewart to be honored

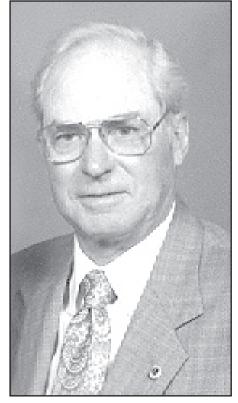
The North Dakota Hall of Fame for 2013 will be posthumously awarded to John T. "Jack" Stewart. A representative from his family will accept the award at the upcoming North Dakota State Lions Convention.

John T. "Jack" married Dorothy (Molenaar) on June 24, 1947 at Gilby, North Dakota. Jack and Dorothy were parents to three sons: Jeff, Reid, and Gregg; and had 8 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Raised and educated in Gilby, Jack entered the Army Air Corp in 1943 and served for 29 months. Returning to Fargo, he attended and graduated from NDSU (then NDAC) in 1950. Jack and Dorothy moved to Park River and he taught agriculture education for 4 years. He purchased a farm in 1951 and actively farmed until 1963.

Jack worked for NDSU Extension Service from December 1961 until June 1990. During those years he worked in Hillsboro, Mohall and finished his career in Mandan. He and his family moved to Mandan in January of 1969 where they lived for over 40 years.

In 1986-87 Jack served as President of the North Dakota County Agents Association. The North Dakota group hosted the National County Agents



Jack Stewart

Association annual meeting in 1987 for the first and only time. While working as a County Agent in Mandan, the 4-H judging program for livestock, dairy, crops and land won many state contests and participated in many national events. Jack later was made a member of the 4-H Hall of Fame.

Jack and Dorothy were always active church members. Jack served 6 years as Active Elder (3 years as Clerk of Session) in the 1970's. Jack was asked to fill in an unexpired term in 2003 and thus was an Active Elder again for 2 more years.

Jack joined the Mandan Lions Club in 1969, and held every office except Secretary/ Treasurer. He was President of the club in 1977-78 and was again serving as club president at the time of his death. When asked, "Why are you a Lion?" Jack answered, "When I came to Mandan in 1969, former Morton County Agent Jim Noonan said, "All County Agents are Lions!" "So, I became a Lion and I remain a Lion by choice."

Jack attended one USDA/Canada Forum, one train-the-trainer session, five International Conventions, and many Multiple District and State Conventions. He was Zone Chair in 1984-85 and Region Chair in 1991-92. Jack served as the 5NW District Governor in 1992-93. He served as a Guiding Lion for 3 new Lions Clubs. When Jack was District Governor in 1992-93. all three North Dakota District Governors were awarded the 100% District Governor Award

John T. "Jack" Stewart died January 17, 2013 at the age of 87. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lion Dorothy, in August 2010.

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# 'Growing' together in Lionism

If you can conceive it in your mind, believe it in your heart and speak it with your lips, then you can achieve it.

Welcome District 5NW Lions Clubs to my year of the "Sharing the Bounty" and President Palmer's "Follow Your Dream."

I know this sounds strange to be starting out my first newsletter this way but please, bear with me for a little while. Before going to the LCI convention in Germany, which was an eye-opening experience for my wife and I, I shared with then DG Lewellyn Rustan, my theme/dream for this year "Feeding the World one Garden at a time."

During the training sessions and table discussions I was able to visit with Lions from all over the world. At my table were Lions from Croatia (the newest member of the EU, joined July 1, 2013), India and other U.S. States. Others in our group were Lions from Russia, the Bahamas, Canada and several states.

The discussions were very lively in regards to membership retention, new clubs, new members, site programs, leader dogs, reading, measles and diabetes programs. The one underlying theme that connects the majority of all Lions programs is proper nutrition.

While talking with DG Nada from Croatia, her goal was to help people build small garden plots in their yards so they would have fresh vegetables. We talked about seed exchanges, raised bed gardens to maximize the usable space within the urban settings, window box gardening, clay pots and a whole mess of other ways to grow fresh vegetables.

If we each do a little, plant an extra row of corn, beans, cucumbers, peas, tomatoes and then share the produce with the local food pantry or soup kitchen, it would be amazing at the difference it would make in other lives. I would like to see every Lion in 5NW in this next year start and share a small garden with a neighbor or friends.

Since we live in a more rural area, I would like to encourage a stronger relationship with the area farmers and ask them to share the bounty of one acre of crop or the value of a calf to the local food pantry.

I know that this is not an overnight project but one that will require time, patience and commitment. This is my dream, to be followed and committed to. What I am asking of you as Lions in our little corner of the world is to commit to a project and put your heart and soul into it. If it betters the life of just one person including you then it was a success.

"If you can conceive it in your mind, believe it in your heart and speak it with your lips, then you can achieve it.", at the Washburn Senior Center on Main.

Thank you.

Michael H Blazek, DG 5NW





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#### Editor's note: The following is a list of Lions who were called upon to transport eye tissue to the Lions Eye Bank of ND, Inc.

#### Month of July

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Dennis Nathan – Valley City (2) Bob Tupa – Grand Forks (1)

Dwaine Preabt – Grand Forks (1) Ken Nielsen Park River (1) Bob Pestal Harvey (1)

# **Peace Poster contest underway**

By Lion Lois Reierson Peace Poster Contest chairperson 770-1922

The new school year is fast approaching and so is the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Peace Poster Kits were distributed at the Spring Rally or mailed if your club did not have anyone in attendance.

The Peace Poster Contest encourages young people to express their visions of peace. The theme of the 2013-2014 Peace Poster Contest is "Our World, Our Future." Students age 11, 12 or 13 on Nov. 15 are eligible to participate.

The 2012/2013 5NW and MD5 Peace Poster Contest winner

was Hannah Heinze from the Mandan Middle School. There are some talented youth in our district so encourage the youth in your area to participate in this contest.

Review the age requirement and poster rules which are in the packet your club received. Peace posters will be judged at the State Convention in Dickinson in October. The deadline for submission is Oct. 20. Please mail the winning entry from your club to:

Lois Reierson 1321 25th St. W. Williston ND 58801 Call for further information.

**Let us hear from you!** Please send us your comments, letters to the editor, what's new, etc.

## Send us your pictures!

Everyone likes to see friends and club members pictured doing important Lions work. Send us your photos for publication. Send by e-mail or postal mail (if you would like the photo back, please put your name and address on the back of the photo and include a self-addressed stamped envelope). PLEASE if you send by e-mail send photos as jpgs. and name them, any copy as rtf. - with no formatting. Any questions call 463-2201!

# Thank You!



# **5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

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Jesse Owens

We all have dreams. But in order to make dreams come into reality, it takes an awful lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort.

-Jesse Owens, 1913-1980, Olympic Gold Medalist

Years ago, I was part of a host group for Jesse Owens. He walked into a packed room at a local college. His talk was about fulfilling his dreams. Owens spoke with love and care about what was happening in professional sports, young athletes and worldwide unrest.

He could say the same things today. His message had a heart-wrenching back story because of his own life and challenges. The track and field star who earned four gold medals in the 1936 Olympics in Germany was the son of a sharecropper and the grandson of a slave. The only reference he made to his past was that he always dreamed of a better life and worked to make it happen.

Jesse Owens could have been a Lion. He served his country, his sport, his fellow athletes and himself by dreaming – and working to make those dreams happen.

Sometimes we sprint and sometimes we run. We are the ones to make dreams



happen for our communities.

Lions of District 5NE are doing important serving. Please tell me what you are doing. Fundraisers? Special events? Honors to someone? Celebrations? Let me know so I can share your serving stories – the dreams you make happen.

We have many places to serve that are part of our Lions fabric. Just a few are:

• The North Dakota Lions Eye Bank needs reliable volunteer drivers.

• The North Dakota Lions Foundation needs your support.

• Service Dogs for America in Jud needs volunteers and support.

• Leader Dogs for the Blind needs puppy raisers and support.

We have times to get together. Just a few are:

• Our regular Lion meetings. Striving for perfect attendance means you stay informed about what your club is doing and can serve together.

• Our Zone meetings. Every Lion and especially every president and secretary need to attend Zone meetings. It doesn't matter if you have served in the office before. There are new things to learn all the time.

• Our District Cabinet meetings. These meetings are open to all. The members of the Cabinet are all there to serve our clubs. The Cabinet is packed with people who want to serve our clubs. Use the expertise on the Cabinet for programs and support.

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# **5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

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• Our state convention. October is the month and the registration form is in this North Dakota Lion. It is important for all of us to be together, to share, to work as a team.

At this time in the Lions year, many are harvesting, returning to school, grabbing a few last days of vacation, and scheduling your time.

Please let me know if you have a special time you would like me to visit. I've already scheduled Rugby Lions anniversary and Northwood Lions charter night. I am looking forward to meeting and meeting again with all of you. Lions' hospitality is the best.

My dream this year is to meet as many Lions as possible. If your club is not already on my calendar, please contact me at <u>ktweed@cableone.net</u> or 701.235.2115. I am ready to serve you and to serve with you.

You are the Lions who make dreams come true!



#### Websites

www.e-district.org/sites/5ne/ www.md5lions.org www.lionsclubs.org

#### Facebook Page

Lions of Multiple District 5 – Open Group

There are clubs with Facebook pages, too. Please share those addresses.



# **Learning from Leader Dogs**

#### By 5NE DG Lion Katherine Tweed

Thursday evening and Friday – not a lot of time to spend in Rochester Hills, Mich.

First VDG Arlen Fetch, NW, and I, had our vision enriched about Leader Dogs for the Blind in that little bit.

We learned about the independence that dogs give the visually impaired.

We learned about absolute trust – of dog for person, or person in dog.

We learned about intelligent disobedience.

We learned about the intense work by both volunteers and professional staff to create a Leader Dog.

We learned that Lions are a huge part of making a quality life happen for a visually impaired person. We learned how to walk as a blind person, a little bit of the navigation it takes to be in the dark world.

We learned so much it is almost overwhelming.

We are ready to talk and share.

We had our pictures taken with puppies-in-training and they will be posted on the website, leaderdogs.org.

Please take a look at the website. Then go to the bottom right of the page. Click the white rectangle icon with the blue and pink dot, the Flickr icon.

Don't look for our pictures. Look at the hundreds of photos of people and their dogs.

Look at what Lions do. Dream of what we can do.

#### Calendar Items

Fri Sat.	October 25-26	State Lions Convention, featuring an oil field rig tour, man camp tour,
		comedy, magic, mentalism, and the "Rhythms of the Hart." Register now.
Saturday	October 26	Cabinet Meeting at the State Lions Convention in Dickinson
Saturday	January 25,	Cabinet Meeting: Interactive Video Conference
Saturday	May 3	Cabinet Meeting: Jamestown College
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# Free eye exams offered 'year round' for low income workers, families

Free eye exams and eyeglasses if necessary, will be offered to uninsured workers and their families that are residents of North Dakota, through the Vision USA-ND Project.

As part of the national program called Vision USA, participating optometrists are donating their services to provide comprehensive eye exams to children and adults. In addition, local Lions Clubs and Vision Services Inc. and optical laboratories are providing funds and/or discounts to cover the cost of lenses.

To qualify, applicants must meet all of the following guidelines: Must be a North Dakota resident and have lived in the state of ND for at least 2 years.

The applicant, their legally wed spouse or the parent of a minor child that is applying, must be working at least part-time.

The applicant cannot have any type of eye health coverage that will assist them in any way with either an eye exam or eyeglasses. This includes Medicaid, Medicare and IHS.

The applicant's last eye exam has been 3 or more years ago

The applicant must meet Household Income Guidelines for the Vision USA Program.

"Many low income working people without insurance do not qualify for government assistance and simply cannot afford eye exams," according to Steve Kourajian, OD, Vision USA-ND Project Coordinator. "Without preventative eyecare, small vision problems could escalate to more costly and potentially serious conditions later in life." said Dr. Kourajian

Since the program's inception, over 2,500 North Dakotans have received assistance and approximately nine out of ten applicants have had one or more eye health or vision problems addressed through the program.

All applications will be reviewed. Eligible persons will be notified and referred to a participating optometrist.

Applications may be obtained from county social services, school administrators, local Lions Club members, or by contacting the Vision USA – ND Project at 701-258-6766. Applications may also be downloaded from www.ndeyecare.com.

For further information: Vision USA-ND Project 701-258-6766

# **LIONS: WHEN SENDING PHOTOS**

# \*NOTE: e-mail address editors@bhgnews.com

When sending stories or photos to the ND Lion, please make a notation in the Subject Line that what you are sending is for the ND Lion!! The office at BHG, Inc. receives several e-mails for publications, so we need to be made aware when it is for the ND Lion or it might not be opened at all, but deleted! Highest Resolution Possible, at least 200 pixels. And in focus, please!
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**Bismarck** Frederick Saefke, Jr. Jerry Tjaden **Minot** Arthur Vix

**Pettibone** Greg Marquardt

New Salem Tony Goetz **Williston** Randall Nelson

> **Wing** Adam Hoff



#### More news, photos next month

Editor's note: Due to the large amount of contributions of news and photos from Lions Clubs from across the state, and the many forms for various Lions conventions, rallies and events, some club news and photos were held. If you don't see your club's news in this issue, watch for it in coming issues. And, thank you for sending your Lions news to the N.D. Lion.

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# Club News

# Rugby



## **Officers and directors**

The Rugby Lions Club recently installed its officers and directors for the 2013-14 club year. Pictured are, front, from left, Pat Bye, past president, Joni Johnson, co-treasurer, Lila D. Harstad, co-treasurer and Sandra Mongeon, first vice president. Back, Ruth Fedje, one-year director; Janet Miller, one-year director; Galen J. Mack, Tail Twister; Craig Wollenburg, two-year director; Betty A. Triplett, second vice president; Luis Coca, president, Chris Bieri, director and Larry Fueller, two-year director.

# Gateway



Pictured are Gateway Lions, from left, Lions Paul Nelson, Darrell Costain, Dave Dougherty, Dave Isaak and Byron Klebe.

# Lions host All Stars

On July 23, the Gateway Lions in Fargo hosted the first night of a two-night event for the 37th Annual Lions All Star Basketball Game at the Fargo Civic Center.

Class A and B boys and girls were nominated by the N.D. Coaches Association to highlight and celebrate their high school basketball achievements and chosen to play in the event.

A number of the students are second and third generation participants in the games.

Game night is preceded by four days of practice, and various leisure activities in the evenings to entertain the students including movies, billiards, mini-golf, and an outdoor picnic.

# Capital City



#### **New Melvin Jones**

Jason Dockter, president, Capital City Lions, presented Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to club member Carl Hokenstad, right.

# Magic City



### **New member**

The Magic City Lions recently welcomed new member Ann Olson, left, to the club. She's pictured with sponsor Josh Ressler. Ann is a veterinarian with the Roosevelt Park Zoo.

# Jamestown



### **New officers**

The Jamestown Lions recently installed new members, they include: Shelley Nannenga, past president); Kristi Anderson, president; Mike Jan, second vice president; Dwaine Heinrich, third vice president; Mitzi Hager, treasurer; Karmel Wanzek, Tail Twister. Not pictured are Tom Sanders, secretary, and Kathy Boe, first vice president.



### **Melvin Jones**

Four Jamestown Lions were honored by their club, each receiving Melvin Jones Fellowships. Lions presented were, from left, Fran Romsdal, Gary Speidel, Dwaine Heinrich and Richard Hall.

# Jamestown



#### **Poster winner**

The Jamestown Lions participated in the Peace Poster Contest this year and featured are the winning posters from St John's Elementary School. The winner was Jaxton Weist, left. Making the presentation is club Past President Shelley Nannenga.



Rugby Lions

Two Man Scramble Fund Raiser

E: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2-13

TIME: Noon - Registration 1pm - Shotgun Start

Location: Rugby Golf Course (Along U.S. Hwy 2)

Hole In: 9<sup>th</sup> Hole a chance to win a **new 2013 Side-by-Side ATV** First shot only/No mulligans.

**<u>Two Man Team:</u>** \$90 **<u>Individual</u>:** \$45 (Will match up)

Mulligan's: \$5 each or 3 for \$10

Price includes a hamburger basket, green fees, cart (based on availability/first come first served) and many door prizes. Please sign up early for a head count to prepare hamburgers.

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Contact: Luis Coca @ (701) 240-5517 for more information								

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