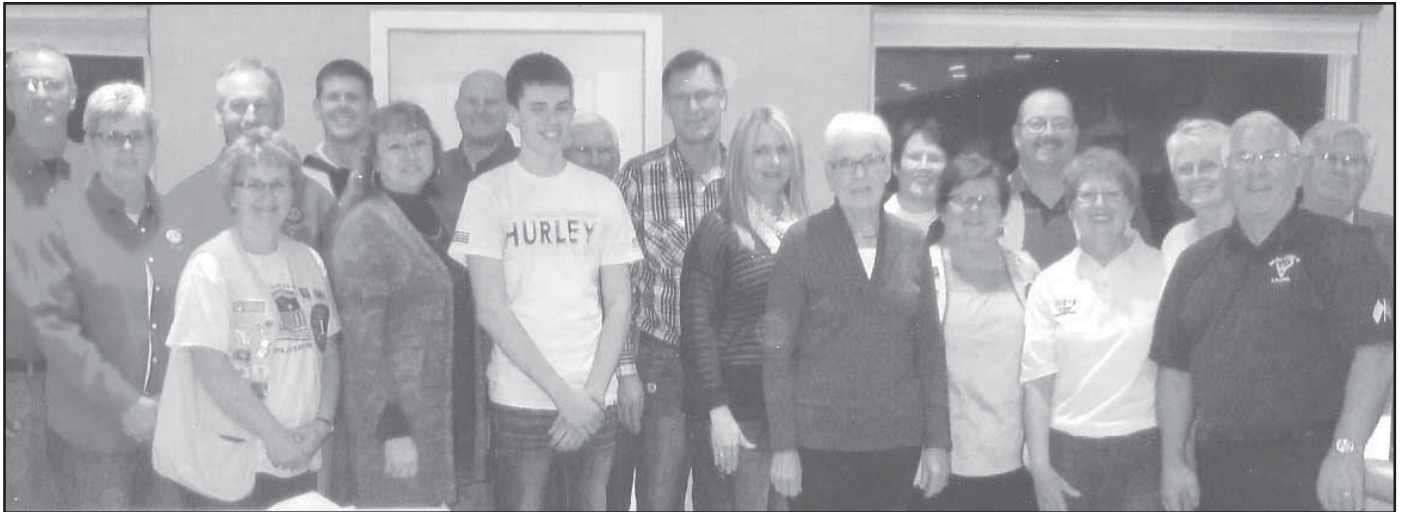


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Pictured are members of the Carrington Lions Club at the end of the Tucker Zink Benefit. Almost all members of the club took part in this benefit. The young man in the center front of the picture is Tucker Zink. Tucker's mom is on the left, and his father is on the back right of Tucker.

Carrington Lions Help Tucker

July 4, 2013 will be a day that Tucker Zink, a sophomore at Carrington High School, will remember for the rest of his life. On that day a bottle rocket exploded and caused major injuries to his right eye and eardrum. Since that day Tucker has been to Minneapolis and Fargo for many surgeries and doctor appointments. He has many more of these appointments left in a battle to save his right eye.

The Carrington Lions Club heard about this situation and immediately went into action. (After all that is what Lions Clubs all around the world do.) A committee was set up to have a benefit for Tucker and his family to pay for some of those medical expenses and loss of working time for Tucker's father, Kevin. (Kevin is self-employed, he owns an auto body repair shop in Carrington.)

The date was set for Sunday, October 20. The benefit was a spaghetti supper and a silent auction, following by a live auction.

The community of Carrington and the area responded. The gathering of items for the auctions began and food for the supper was gotten. A collection of funds account was set up at the local Gate City Bank in Carrington. Money started coming into the account immediately. A total of 78 items were collected from businesses and individuals for the silent auction. A total of 16 larger items were collected for the live auction.

The evening turned out to be a HUGE success. Around 300 people were served spaghetti. The people were very generous in their bidding for items in the auctions. That evening the total amount of monies collected total \$14,469.10. Other monies coming into the benefit are in the form of matching funds, plus monies donated in the band account and the student council at Carrington High School having a special project. With these other monies and the benefit the total money collected for

The Tucker Zink Benefit will total over \$20,000.

Some of the neat things that happened include four of Tucker's classmates being auctioned off to do work. A chain saw that was donated by the Carrington HS FFA being purchased for \$600. The Carrington HS student council "airplane" project, under the direction of Principal and Lion David Nowatzki, that will generate \$1,000. Tucker's sophomore class donating an IPOD for the live auction. The NDSU "Bison" football signed by Coach Craig Bohl selling for \$550. The list goes on and on regarding special items and cases. It just goes to show the generosity and caring feelings of people in the community of Carrington. Also shows what the effort of a small Lions Club, with some help, can accomplish.

Tucker is attending school on a full

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BY PID BRUCE SCHWARTZ



The world is divided into seven constitutional areas. Constitutional areas were added according to the order in which areas of the world formed Lions entities. The International Association of Lions Clubs was begun in the United States in 1917 and so the United States is Constitutional Area I. Canada became Constitutional Area II when a Lions club was formed in Windsor, Ontario in 1920. And so on down the line.

As mentioned in an earlier article, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was chartered in 1968 and has been growing and changing ever since (Please review my article in you last newsletter). The commencing of SightFirst in 1991 and Campaign SightFirst II in 2005 set the stage (or I could even say requirement) for LCIF to devise ways to raise more money. There was so much to do and not enough money to do it. Enter the LCIF

DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

The LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN is in its fourth year of operation. Prior to that, LCIF was receiving about \$20 million dollars per year in contributions. The initial goal of the LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN is to double yearly donations to \$40 million by July 1, 2013. The goal was nearly reached when \$38 million was raised in 2012-13. A greater goal is to reach \$50 million in annual giving by 2017-18 our 100th anniversary year.

Remember: "The grass is always greener where you water it." We have much watering to do.

Here are the goals by constitutional area of the LCIF DEVELOPMENT PLAN this year, 2013-14:

Area	2013- 14 Goal	2013-14 per Member Ave
I – Unites States	\$ 6,216,219	\$18.01
II – Canada	\$ 594,009	\$15.61
III – Latin America	\$ 1,146,616	\$11.34
IV – Europe	\$ 4,479,012	\$16.91
V – Orient/SE Asia	\$19,891,410	\$72.04
VI – S Asia/Africa/M East	\$ 2,761,124	\$ 9.17
VII – Aust/NZ/S Pacific	\$ 614,619	\$13.61

Here are the goals for the four districts in North and South Dakota:

District SNW	\$32,000	District SNE	\$25,000 and 100 % district
District SSW	\$25,000	District SSE	Unavailable

Vision screening project launched throughout the state

At the last meeting of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, a Vision Screener project was launched by unanimous decision. Vision Screeners will be placed throughout the state.

The decision to forge ahead with the program came after a year of research and studying options.

Vision Screeners detect vision problems and potential problems in just seconds. As many as six vision conditions can be discovered in infants six months and older. Early detection can be critical.

A committee has been formed to establish and implement the program for the Lions clubs of North Dakota. Matching funds will be applied for through a grant from Lions Clubs International, to purchase the units.

The first step is to secure the required 50 percent of the funds needed. The cost of the machines could be as much as \$50,000,

depending upon the number of units the committee determines are needed. Each club in the state is encouraged to participate in the program, and provide financial support to purchase the machines.

Once the funding is secured, we can proceed with the training phase of the program. Volunteers from throughout the state will be trained in the operation of the screener, and programs will be developed for group screenings in your communities.

With this addition to the vision programs of the North Dakota Lions, we close the one gap previously not addressed: Sight preservation for our very young.

For more information, contact Lions Foundation of North Dakota Inc. Executive Director Kevin Vannett.

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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. (Number of times transporting is in parenthesis.)

Months of September and October

NE

Larry Saylor, Sept. - Valley City (1)
Wayne Westlund, Sept. - Grand Forks (1)
Charles Zick, Sept. - Grand Forks (1)
Charles Zick, Oct. - Grand Forks (1)
Ross Berg, Oct. - Valley City (1)

Ron Harris, Oct. - Valley City (1)
Owen Graupe, Oct. - Grand Forks (1)
John Dobbs, Oct. - Fargo (1)

NW

Roger Hagen, Sept. - Bismarck (1)

Roger Hagen, Oct. - Bismarck (1)
Mark Nelson, Oct. - Hettinger (1)
Gene Neal, Oct. - Minot (1)
Morris Nelson, Oct. - Washburn (1)
Kim Christianson, Oct. - Bismarck (1)

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Lawrence Ackerman, Doug Ballweber, Leslie Bartz, Ronald Bartz, Terry Bentz, Harold Bless, Jim Boehm, Willard H. Bover, Kelsev K. Brackel, Dale Bren, Kenneth R. Diehl, Neal Dukart, Allen Fichter, Randy Fischer, Kenneth G. Friedt, Dale Froemming, Lucas Greff, Shawn Hagen, Michael J. Halstead, James L R Heim, Elroy Herbel, Kevin Hertz, Jeff Hillius, Rick, L. Hochhalter, George Hsu, Allen F. Hummel, Harlen E. Klein, Lloyd D Klein, Robert L. Larson, Aaron D. Leverson, Shawn W. Lince, Jim Maier, Mario Maier, Kurt D. Maxon, Ralph Meidinger, Rick R. Michels, Reggie L. Paul, Brandon J. Rafteseth, Travis L Rafteseth, Arthur Rath, Kent Roehl, Jerome L. Roehrich, Peter W. Rouse, Kevin E. Ryherd, Steven B. Schadler, Duane Schatz, Dennis W. Schmidt, Martin F. Schock, Jade Seibel, Virgil A. Stern, Myles E. Stoller, Theo A. Stoller, Paul D. Tinnes, Michael Tischer, Anthony Wade Ulrich, Bobby W. Walters, Guy Warren, Ronald J. Weikum, Clarence L. Werner, Paul Wutzke, Reuben M. Zacher, Dean M. Zimmerman, Jimmy Zimmerman, Bill Schott, Jan Froemming

2 years • \$20

Del Hager, Ruth Wagner

5 years • \$50

Marvin Soehren, Sharon Soehren

Memorials

David & Myrna Blackstead in memory PDG Em Swanson
David & Myrna Blackstead in memory of Jess Cooper

100% Clubs • \$10 per member

Elgin Lions Club

Bronze Clubs • \$100 - \$300

Scranton, New Rockford, Hazen, North Star, Rugby, Valley City, Williston Korner, Carrington and Bismarck Prairie Rose

Silver Clubs • \$300 - \$500

Mandan, Minot Magic City, & Dickinson

Gold Clubs • \$500 - \$1,000

Grand Forks Red River, Bismarck, Fargo, and Williston

Other Donations:

Elgin Dakota Lions Club \$35.00,
NDSU Lions Club \$50.00 and Elaine Brinkman \$25.00.

Designated Funds:

Video Magnifier Program Hooterville Flion Lions Club \$101.00

Your Foundation Board sincerely thanks all of you for these donations and your participation in the Parade Of Green at the State convention.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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November is a transition month in our part of the country. Harvesting, hunting, craft shows, preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas – all take our time and energy.

This is a time when we think even more carefully about the people in our communities who need help. We also remember our community can be worldwide.

A “Relieving the Hunger” global service action campaign for December and January hopes to help the more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat.

We already have clubs who actively participate with food banks and seek ways to give food to people in their communities.

Let’s do, as PDG Steve Johnson said, just a little bit more. Look at the information on the Lions Clubs International website. You will find ideas that can really help. You can be the Lion who makes sure that the one of six people who lives in a state of chronic hunger is fed.

Lehr Lions Club Dreams Big

This year we are following our dreams.

The Lehr Lions Club is “dreaming big,” with three projects.

Project one is to repair and save the Lehr American Legion building roof. They want to raise more than \$8,000 this month. The total repair cost is \$18,000 and they raised \$7,750 already.

Project two is to extend the Lehr Community Center building 40 feet. Cost is \$34,000. They already raised \$14,000.

Project three is to provide a day of fishing for 20 people from throughout our district, split into 10 trips. The club wants to give back to veterans, Make-A-Wish recipients and senior citizens for a summer day of fishing.

The club even did the math to invite all our district Lions into the dream. It would cost each of our District 5NE members \$6.79 per member to help with

the projects.

For more information, contact President John Wiskus at the Lehr Lions Club, PO Box 85, Lehr, ND 58460.

Lions Clubs

International Foundation

As we go to print, a super typhoon has slammed the Philippines. The Lions Club International website already has information about how we can help.

Lions Clubs International Foundation makes sure any donation is used for the benefit of people who need help. Administrative fees do not come from your donation.

LCIF sent more funds to North Dakota through the years than we have sent to LCIF. We are grateful for the help we received. Think of the gifts we can give through LCIF – to the people of the Philippines and to many other worthwhile needs.

LCIF works year-around to help us help others.

Thank you for your donations to LCIF. Having them available for people around the world is something for which we can be thankful.



Just Ask

Vision services, blood drives, books, ramp building, contributions in service and from our checkbooks for many people. Each club has a long list. Each club and each Lion is valuable.

We do have one issue that faces us. We need to have more people on the front lines. No club has told me it has too many members.

“Just Ask” is not a new campaign. “Just Ask” is a reminder that there are Lions around us who need to be asked to join our clubs.

One example is a woman who works in an optician’s office. She had collected eyeglasses for a club for years. No one had ever asked her to join and she was interested. Finally, someone asked and she has already become a VIP Lion. “Just Ask!”

Please do keep asking. We Lions provide opportunities for people to serve and be served.

Have you found your Brag voice?

Are you bragging about your club? About what you do? About why you are a Lion? About the good fun and camaraderie you have serving together?

Remember, if we do not tell people what we do, they will not know. If they do not know, they will not understand why we do our service and our fundraisers.

Bragging is good public relations. And, it gives us a boost, too. When we review the service we are giving, we can be proud of Lions.

We are taught not to be prideful and boastful. Telling people what we do is good for them and for us. Brag about the past and the future.

A few final notes

Check the district website for the latest updates to the North Dakota Lions Directory. (Secretaries – please remember how important those PU101 forms are.)

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5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

**SOME PEOPLE
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THEY'VE MADE A
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PROBLEM.**



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Welcome to our two newest Streeter Lions, Bryan and Tammi Neville (Remember the discounted family membership. Perhaps invite your spouse, who likely works with you on Lion projects, to join your club.)

Become a Dream Catcher Club! Let me know your dreams so I can share them with PDG Ron Ewles. He's keeping track of our Multiple District dreams. (We want to show the world we dream big!)

Make your plans now to attend the MDS convention in Watertown, S.D., May 30-31. Our own Lion Robert

Littlefield received unanimous endorsement from our District. The District SNW and Past District Governor's Association both endorsed his candidacy at the state convention. Our votes and voices supporting Lion Robert need to be heard. (Financial investment in his campaign is needed, too.)

While you are marking your calendars, remember Jamestown is the Scene in 2014 for our state convention, Oct. 17-18. (More information to come.)

Blessings to each of you and your families.



Lions Fran and Monica Romsdal

Romsdals are honored at state convention

Lions Fran and Monica Romsdal, Jamestown, received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation at the North Dakota State Convention in Dickinson, Saturday, Oct. 26. The following story was shared in support of their award. Lion Monica is wearing the shell necklace from Hawaii that went back to Hawaii with them the next day as they left for their honeymoon.

Sometimes there are matches made in heaven. We've all seen them.

Some matches help develop a new Lions Club. A member of a Lions club that began in 1929 helped start a club that chartered in 2011.

The one club member had been president of his club more than once, Zone chair more than once and known in his community as a leader and supporter, as well as a superb Lion.

He became second vice district governor right after she became the president of the

newly chartered club.

As a team they developed even more friendships in Lions.

There was a challenge along their path, but they married on 12-12-12.

To two tremendous Lions, we award the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.

Fran and Monica Romsdal are leaving for a honeymoon in Hawaii. I want to present Monica and Fran with a shell necklace, hand carried from Hawaii to Germany to Dickinson.

Bon voyage, Lions. We look forward to your return and your continued service together in Lions.

Follow Your Dream!



Fifty-five year Lion

Lion Calvin Fercho received his 55th-year Chevron at the Fargo Lions Club. He is the longest term chevron this year in District 5NE.



Lions initiate 'Involve a Veteran Program'



The *Involve a U.S. Veteran* program is a nationwide initiative sponsored by Lions Clubs International that offers qualified U.S. veterans an entrance fee waiver of up to \$30 when joining a local Lions club. The waiver is available to the first 5,000 U.S. veterans. The program runs through June 30, 2015.

Eligible veterans include

Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard personnel who are retired or were honorably discharged from these services. National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training (persons may still be enlisted in these services) and other personnel the U.S. services consider a veteran are also eligible.

This is a good time to provide veterans with an opportunity to be involved in their communities. They continue serving, this time as Lions.

Consider adopting new projects in your communities that appeal to veterans:

- Making and sending care

packages overseas

- Organizing a book drive for military children with the USO

- Reading to patients in a local VA hospital

- Donating backpacks and school supplies to military families

- Fundraising for wounded

warriors

More information is available from the Lions Clubs International website or from your district governor. Please alert your district governor to your plans and ideas.

(information compiled from LCI by KKT).

Jamestown



Top volunteers

The Jamestown Lions earned the Volunteer Organization of the Year for 2013. They were presented the award at the Oct. 5, NDSU football game. Lions Fran Romsdal, Kristi Anderson, Dwaine Heinrich, Gary Speidel accepted the award.

THINK BEFORE YOU DONATE

Something to think about before you make contributions

The American Red Cross

President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' Salary for the year was \$651,957 plus expenses

The United Way

President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary along with numerous expense benefits

UNICEF

CEO Caryl M. Stern receives \$1,200,000 per year (100k per month) plus all expenses including a ROLLS ROYCE Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

March Of Dimes

It is called the March of Dimes because only a dime for every 1 dollar is given to the needy.

GOODWILL

CEO and owner Mark Curran profits \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a very catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for profit. He pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage! Nice Guy. \$0.00 goes to help anyone! Stop giving to this man.

Instead, give it to ANY OF THE FOLLOWING GO "GREEN" AND PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE IT WILL DO SOME GOOD

St. Jude Research Hospital

100% goes towards funding and helping Children with Cancer who have no insurance and cannot afford to pay.

The Military Order of Purple Hearts

National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. You donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

Make a Wish

For children's last wishes 100% goes to funding trips or special wishes for a dying child.

The American Legion

National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. You donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Veterans of Foreign Wars

National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. You donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Disabled

American Veterans National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. You donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

The Salvation Army

Commissioner, Todd Bassett receives a small salary of only \$13,000 per year (plus housing) for managing this \$2 million dollar organization. 96 percent of donated dollars go to the cause.

Ronald McDonald Houses

All monies go to running the houses for parents who have critical Children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing and feeding the families.

The Vietnam Veterans Association

National Commander receives a \$0.00 zero salary. You donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth!

Lions Club International

100% of donations go to help the blind buy hearing aides, support medical missions around the world. Their latest undertaking is measles vaccinations (only \$1.00 per shot).

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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District 5NW leadership elected during the Oct. 26 business meeting and joining District 5NW Governor Michael Blazek (second from right) are (from left to right) 1st Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry, Washburn Lions, District Governor Elect Arlen Fetch of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, DG Blazek of the Washburn Lions, and 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Koller, New England Lions.



1st VDG Arlen Fetch and Lion Amber Fetch, (his daughter); both Mandan Dacotah Lions, at Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI. Here they are hanging out with a couple of leader dogs in training. The program they attended is for all 1st Vice District Governors in Lions to promote the Leader Dog Program. It was an awesome experience and 1st VDG Arlen recommends that if you are in the area please stop in and see what a wonderful program this is.

District 5NW recognitions

By LION JeANNE SELBY
District 5NW PR chair

District 5NW Lions elected new leaders for the 2013 – 2014 term during their Oct. 26 district business meeting. New district leadership joining current 5NW District Governor Michael Blazek of the Washburn Lions includes District Governor Elect Arlen Fetch of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, 1st Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry, Washburn Lions, and 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Koller, New England Lions. District Governor Elect Fetch will become District 5NW Governor July 1, 2014, when DG Blazek concludes his

current term.

Bismarck Prairie Rose Lion Evelyn Silbernagel received a Roaring Lion pin, for completing seven designated criteria during the past year.

Prairie Rose Lion Jenell Loftesness and Bismarck North Star Scott Ressler were both re-elected to second three-year terms on the North Dakota Eye Bank.

Past District Governor Marian Johnson of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions and Immediate Past District Governor Lewellyn Rustan of the New England Lions were both elected to serve three-year terms on the Lions Foundation Board.

NOTICE

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.

It's a wrap

State Convention programs highlight western N.D.

By LION JEANNE SELBY
District 5NW PR chair

2013 State Lions Convention participants received an introduction to Lionism and life in oil-impacted western North Dakota during the 2013 event hosted October 25-26 at Dickinson.

Bakken Oil Field Tour: The introduction began Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, with a four-hour Bakken Oil Field bus tour for "early-bird" Convention participants.

The bus tour first took the 58 participants to the Bakken Oil Express (BOE) Depot, a unit train loading facility three miles west of Dickinson, then to an oil well site. The final stop offered a tour of the Target Logistics crew camp facility near Manning, followed by dinner for tour participants at the crew camp dining room.

Lions and guests were returned to Convention headquarters, the Ramada Inn Grand Dakota Lodge, in time

for a candlelight memorial service for departed North Dakota Lions.

Ice Breaker: The Friday evening ice breaker, following the memorial service, featured the comedy, mystery, and mentalism of "Mystical Minds." Entertainers Ron Rhoades and Greg Wilkinson solicited numerous volunteers from the audience throughout the hour-long show.

Keynote Speakers: Convention participants were privileged to hear three excellent keynote speakers at the Saturday meal functions, beginning with Dana Altendorf, Director of Community Relations with Make a Wish North Dakota, at breakfast. Cowboy Poet Bill Loman of Sentinel Butte entertained the group at the noon Hall of Fame luncheon.

Lions International Director Stacey Jones of Miami Gardens, FL, was the Saturday evening banquet speaker.

Breakout Sessions: ID



International Director Stacey Jones of Miami Gardens, FL, keynotes the Saturday evening State Convention banquet.

Jones also served as presenter for one of 16 45-minute breakout sessions on Saturday. In addition to ID Jones' question and answer session, other topics and presenters included "Change and the Bakken go hand-in-hand," presented by Lion Lynn Helms of the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division; "The challenges of energy," given by MDU Energy Services Manager Kevin Callahan; "Bridging the generation gap," by Dr. Deb Dragseth, Chair of the Department of Business at

Dickinson State University; Make A Wish North Dakota, by Make A Wish Board Vice Chair (and Lion) Kelly Braun and Amy Kreidt, mother of a Make A Wish recipient; "Food supply chain," which compared the changes in food production through the years, by SNW District Governor Michael Blazek; Leader Dogs for the Blind, by Lion Carroll Jackson, accompanied by his guide dog Hunter; Service Dogs of Jud, by Lion Shelley Nannenga; and the video magnified program,



Bakken Oil Field tour participants enjoy dinner in the dining hall of the Target Logistics crew camp near Manning Friday, October 25

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State Convention Highlights

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jointly presented by Lions Tracy Wicken of the North Dakota School for the Blind and PDG Kevin Vannett.

The busy Saturday also included district business meetings, an invitation to the October 17 – 18 2014 State Lions Convention to be held at Jamestown, the fourth annual Leo Lion Youth Speech contest, with speech topics related to public service, and the Lions Peace Poster contests, featuring the winning artistic interpretations of peace created by youth from local

schools and youth groups across the state.

The North Dakota State Lions Choir, directed by Lion Jana Schweigert, South Heart music teacher, performed during the Saturday evening Lions Convention banquet.

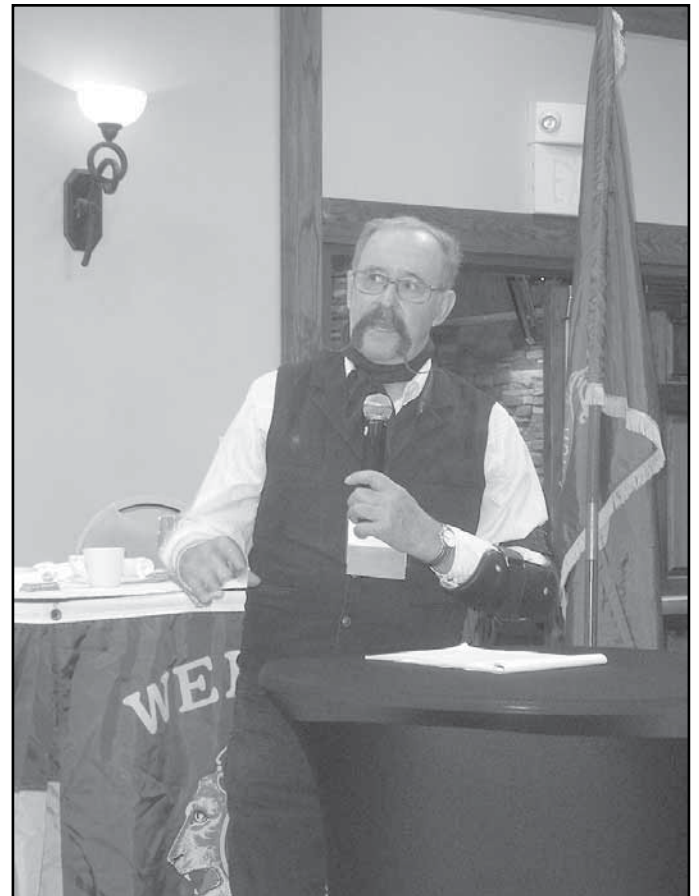
The two-day convention concluded with the music and vocals of the seven-person band, Rhythms of the Hart. The band members hail from southwestern North Dakota and play music ranging from country, 50s and 60s rock 'n roll, pop, to current hits.



Past Council Chair Dr. Robert Littlefield of the Fargo Lions addresses the group as a candidate for International Director during the State Lions Convention.



Chair PDG Chuck Whitney defends himself against darts "thrown by" Prairie Rose Lion Lori Newgard (off camera) during the October 25 evening ice breaker featuring "Mystical Minds"



Cowboy Poet Bill Loman entertains Lions and guests at the noon Hall of Fame luncheon October 26

See more pictures on next page

State Convention Highlights



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Michael Wright of PlusOptix explains the vision screener to 5NW 1st Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry prior to the October 26 state meeting. Six vision screeners have been purchased for use across the state.



Lion Lynn Helms of the North Dakota Industrial Commission Oil and Gas Division talks about the numerous changes in the Bakken Oil Fields of western North Dakota during one of 16 breakout sessions Saturday, October 26.



Stewart honored posthumously

John T. "Jack" Stewart was honored posthumously Saturday, Oct. 26, with the 2013 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame award during special ceremonies during the annual Hall of Fame luncheon. Accepting the plaque on behalf of his deceased father is Gregg Stewart (second from left) of Bismarck, accompanied by his wife Ruth, daughters and grandson. Presenters are Past District Governors' Association President PDG Chuck Whitney (far left) and PDG Garry Freier (far right).

State Lions Convention: A new chapter in Western hospitality

By LION CHUCK WHITNEY

Sunday the 27th of October began with your Convention Committee doing what other similar committees have done for decades after a Convention: we packed up as best we could all the "stuff" that goes with making a convention a success and you never notice until it's YOUR turn!

From helping the hotel manager clean up the Grand Dakota Ballroom after Rythms of the Hart had earned a few of us sore feet (WOW was that fun?!!) to packing up the flags, stands and banners we had strung all over the hotel and getting those Lions things to the Jamestown crowd in their hospitality room. We were dead on our feet, and this convention chair had no energy left for the trip home to Bowman.

Thank God for the "junk" room provided by the hotel. Speaking of the hotel, Elaine Myren and her staff went above and beyond to make this convention a success, too!

Gary and Bonnie Morel put together a menu that should have left no one hungry at the end of the day. One of our truly unsung heroines has to be Rita Gawryluk whose eye for detail is absolutely astounding. She gets the credit for so many things – the brochures, the centerpieces, even her ideas from the get-go as to our convention theme. In so many ways, she showed us the way.

DickieJo Kubas was a constant inspiration. Her "no" button seems to have been broken, like many of us Lions, but what truly set her apart was that she took the ball and ran with it. Lion Riley Mattson is truly lucky to have her on his staff.

Lions Mark Koller, along with Ken Davis, set up an oil field tour that had those Lions talking for days about the Western Edge. Speaking of Ken Davis, he, too, took a lot of his time out to make it happen.

When I first visited the Dickinson Lions over a year ago, I asked an experienced Lion friend Jerry Gallway to help, and he very kindly "volunteered" Ken. What a huge addition to our group, as he handled not only the money but the registration.

Ken was also our liaison with Julie Obriegewitch at the Dickinson Convention and Visitors Bureau, who gave us \$500 for printing as well as helping set up name tags and visitors packets. Julie also was kind enough to come and help personally with the registration.

We have Lion Vincent Biesiot to thank for our pastors, plus his input on procedure and timing. The rest of us, from Lion Arlen Kubas to myself, were the go-to guys when "where do you want this to be put?" inevitably got asked.

“ We each change the world in our own way and this is a wonderful place to recharge that Lion Spirit 'battery' . ”
-Lion Chuck Whitney

Needless to say this was a group effort, and we had some very fun times setting it up. Calling several of the group on Monday and Tuesday left me with the same feeling: NOW what?! The last time I felt this disoriented was after my last doctoral exam when I realized that, YES, I had passed, but for a moment I had no where to go! It was a wonderful experience and I urge any of you even remotely thinking of putting on a convention to dive in.

The compliments from convention-goers have been most gratifying. We had a total of 160 people at our most numerous event, and DID pay our bills. Unfortunately, the gag gift of free trips to Hawaii next February will have to be put on permanent hold!

We are proud to tell you that we will be able to repay at least some of the front money advanced to us by the PDG Association after all is said and done. You Lions are the ones who made this work, and to you all, we owe a huge THANK YOU.

This convention would not have happened without you. We hope that the news of this convention will encourage others to come to future events. This is

where you meet long lost Lion friends and to make new ones. We each change the world in our own way and this is a wonderful place to recharge that Lion Spirit "battery."

Speaking of recharging your Lion battery, how many of YOU visited the Jamestown Lions hospitality room and sampled their "Intermission" beverage? I was asking for Buffalo Brew expecting a home brew beer, but instead got a fruit punch whose punch was legendary ... it WAS tasty, but also brought back college memories of the PJs we made for the southern girls to get them to sing and dance oh so many decades ago!

Two cups were enough to convince me that water should be MY chaser!! No convention is strictly party and dance, but the fellowship we had with all of you set new records! Really good times had with these fine folks. I urge you to sign up NOW! If they can do THIS good a job 200 miles from home, just imagine what next October will bring!

Lion JeAnne Selby is our SNW publicity chair, and she took a lot of pictures, plus she is preparing an article on the meat and potatoes of the convention, the break-out sessions, key note speakers and the address by ID Stacey Jones.

Look for her article elsewhere in the Lion.



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Bob Hammons

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Melvin Schindler

Wing
William Michelsen



International Director Stacey Jones recognizes ID candidate Robert and Kathy Littlefield for their leadership and commitment to service.

Littlefield endorsed as candidate for International Director

By PDG MEL OLSON
 Fargo Lions Club

Past Council Chair and District Governor, Lion Robert Littlefield was unanimously endorsed by District SNE at its annual meeting held at the 2013 ND State Lions Convention in Dickinson on Oct. 26 to stand as a candidate for international director. Littlefield was nominated by PDG Mel Olson who told the delegates of Littlefield's record of Lions service and his commitment to continuing that level of leadership and service at the international level. PDG Steve Johnson of Grand Forks seconded the nomination speaking of Lion Robert's character and personal qualities that would make him an effective leader on the international board of directors.

With the NDSU campus Lions and others showing their support through "Endorse Littlefield" and other signs, the final vote was unanimous for Littlefield to become an official candidate eligible to campaign for the MDS endorsement. The North Dakota Past District Governors Association unanimously endorsed Lion Littlefield at its business meeting and Lions of District SNW added a resolution of support at their district meeting.

Lion Littlefield and his wife, Kathy, accepted the endorsements with a promise to do their best to continue promoting Lionism in the years ahead, and to represent the Lions of Multiple District 5 if given the full endorsement to serve on the international board of directors when the Multiple District Convention convenes in Watertown, SD in late May.

PCC Littlefield has an extensive record of leadership and service in Lionism at the club, district, and multiple district levels. A Lion since 1984, he has consistently used his skills and creative abilities to help promote the programs and objectives of Lions Clubs International and the LCI Foundation. A few highlights of his mentorship and service are:

While president of his local club when LCIF launched the SightFirst II program, the club successfully added 22 Melvin Jones

Fellows, was named a Model Club, and joined the international effort to virtually eradicate river blindness. He currently serves as district coordinator for ongoing LCIF efforts to raise funds to support global and local projects.

At the district level, as governor when LCI promoted the leadership training and mentorship, his modeling of a team-based approach enabled the team of vice district governors and district leaders to work together to accomplish their district goals. The team received the District Excellence Award. Similarly, when LCI promoted membership growth and extension, the district extension goals resulted in the chartering of four new clubs all of which are still thriving including a campus club. District SNE won an international award at the Seattle convention for ending the year with positive growth.

Littlefield has maintained his Guiding Lion Certification and currently serves as advisor for the NDSU-Fargo campus club and as a Guiding Lion for the Dakota NFL Lions club. In addition, last spring, mentoring a highly motivated high school student, Littlefield and others started a Leo Club at a Fargo high school.

At the multiple district level, when the Club Excellence Program was initiated, and the Council of Governors decided to model the process, Littlefield facilitated a parallel program to assist the Council in examining its own purpose and practices in an effort to increase visibility and relevance for the districts and local clubs. One direct result has been the integration of online training opportunities stemming from regional leadership grants developed by PCC Gordon Ziegler of Saskatchewan and the MDS Global Leadership Team. Currently, he serves as Public Relations Chair for the MDS Council, finding it rewarding to work with district teams to develop several successful LCIF public relations grants that have provided thousands of dollars to the districts to promote their activities and projects.

For a complete listing of Lion Littlefield's record in Lionism, go to the website <http://www.littlefield4lionsid.com>.

Seeing things in a new light

Optometrists fund Vision USA/ND

By CHUCK WHITNEY

Greetings Lions of North Dakota! Not trying to take on the job of Arch Angel Gabriel (was HE late for everything too?), I bring you glad tidings of great joy! We have, as a group, come through one more time in a big way in our partnership with the North Dakota Optometric Association (NDOA) Optometric Foundation of North Dakota (OFND) by funding the Vision USA – North Dakota Project.

As many of you may recall, the OFND partnered with the Dakota Medical Foundation and received a grant which helped make up the difference between the actual cost of the Vision USA – North Dakota Project and what we donated.

Thanks to the generosity of the Lions of North Dakota, this program is now largely funded by our gifts. However, we should not forget the numerous NDOA member optometrist's who are donating the exam

and frames (\$200 - \$300 worth of services and materials) and Essilor Laboratories of America, Twin City Optical and Soderberg/Walman Optical who have agreed to allow for a 50 percent discount on the lenses.

Just as a refresher course, the program originated some 30 years ago and spread across the country. The Lions were a natural partner to help with its funding, but in the early days, there were a few bumps in the road. It was originally a one month event and that lead to a lot of work getting out applications, screening them, assigning care, and finally, getting the bill paid. Once we went to a voluntary per member donation program, the onus of sending a Lion's Club a bill for eye care, they had not authorized, became one of those (thankfully!) footnotes to history. We have systematically stepped up to the plate to fund this program since about 1989, here in North Dakota.

Our level of participation has kept pace with the increasing number of applicants and number of eligible recipients.

Finally, for those unfamiliar with this program, it is designed for the working poor. All applicants must be a resident of North Dakota and have lived in our state for at least two years. Someone in the household must be working at least part-time.

The applicant cannot have any type of insurance or public assistance that will cover an eye exam or glasses, such as Medicare, which does cover an exam. The applicant cannot have had an eye exam in three years, and finally they must meet certain maximum net income levels (which should perhaps be restated as minimal levels of income!).

The applications for this program are in schools, County nurse offices, as well as Human Service Centers. Through the years these applications have also landed in the hands of several pastors, Optometrists, and of course, Lions clubs!

The applicant must complete the form, have it signed by a 3rd party, such as a social worker, employer, clergy or Lions club member (family and friends cannot be the 3rd party) and send it to the NDOA office in Bismarck. There it will be screened by a member optometrist who volunteers as the programs regional coordinator. If eligible, the applicant is assigned to a Doctor for care, and then notified.

There are cases that are pending, due largely to scheduling conflicts. The staff at NDOA have done a yeoman job of making this happen and we all owe them a huge THANK YOU for all their time and effort. We all look good because of that effort.

If any of you are in Bismarck, their office is located at 921 9th St SW. Drop by and say thanks! Thanks again also to you our everyday Lion Heroes who have made its funding a priority at your club. It certainly could not happen without you.

Vision USA/ND activity

To recap the last few years, let me begin by refreshing your memories: the NDOA works on a January to December fiscal year, so the data I am about to share should be seen in that light.

In 2011, 58 Lions Clubs donated a total of \$5,322; there were some 126 applications, of which 73 were eligible for care and 73 received care.

In 2012, 56 Lions Clubs donated a total of \$5,551 to fund the 95 eligible of 164

applicants. Only 72 received care, but some 23 other eligible recipients had care pending, that was taken care of the next year.

In 2013 (up to 11/1/13!) 63 Lions clubs had donated \$6,670; so far this year there have been 143 applicants with 90 eligible. Of those, 67 have received care, 12 applicants are in review, and 22 are pending. As you can well see, this program is working well and is solvent thanks to YOU!

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time bases. He must watch the activity he is involved with and takes eye drops on the hour. He will soon be having an operation on his right eardrum that was also damaged during the accident. He has hopes that surgeries will save sight in his right eye. Kevin, Tucker's father, has returned to some form of a work schedule, but knows there lies much ahead for Tucker and himself. Kevin was recently quoted in an interview in the local newspaper, "And you know,

miracles do happen."

The Carrington Lions Club was so excited and absolutely thrilled by what the community has done. Also very proud to be a part of such a great and worthwhile project. Here is another quote from Kevin Zink in the same newspaper interview, "You know those Lions they always have eyesight as one of their main projects. We're really appreciative of what they are doing."

Thank you, Hazen Lions supporters

PDG ED GRUNETT

The Hazen Lions Club has completed another successful year! For the Fiscal year 2012, which ended June 30, the club raised \$61,282.00 throughout the year. This amount includes \$2,500 from Basin Electric Power, \$1,000 from Roughrider Electric and \$1,000 from Thrivent Financial Services.

We have already donated \$48,726 to local community needs, including families in need, Concert Series, Boy Scouts, Food Bank and many others. We have a reserve for Riverside Park, which we are helping the Hazen Park Board to restore after the flood.

We believe this project will be completed in fiscal year 2013 – year ending June 30, 2014. We will also complete our pledge to Lions Sight First Campaign next Fiscal Year.

For our Hazen Lions Club members, this was a record year. We are so thankful we live in a wonderful, supportive community that is so willing to help. Thank you community!



Ten Hazen Lions Club members received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award a member can receive. Pictured back row left are Sharon Olander, Maxine Beckwith, Mel Roth, Ed Grunett for wife Donna Grunett and past Lions District Governor Lewellyn Rustan. Front left Alvina Hagler, Darlene Grimm, Dorothy Eissingner and Joyce Vachal. Not pictured: Kathy Nordgren and Diana Dukart.

Recently, 10 of our members received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, the highest award a Lion can receive. We are proud of their accomplishment and congratulate each of them. Alvina Hagler, Dorothy Eissingner, Joyce Vachal, Maxine Beckwith, Sharon Olander, Donna

Grunett, Mel Roth, Darlene Grimm, Kathy Nordgren and Diana Dukart

We have filed our tax return with IRS. If anyone wishes to see it, they may contact Lions President Sharon Olander or Lions Treasurer Donna Grunett.

Napoleon Lions assist with Oktoberfest Fundraiser

The Napoleon Lions Club substituted lederhosen for their Lion's vests and assisted in the 1st Annual Oktoberfest which took place Friday, Oct. 4, at the Downtowner in Napoleon.

Prior to the event, Lion tamer Lorraine Piatz, decorated the hall and Lion Jerome Schwanzenberger could be seen selling Oktoberfest tickets.

At the event, Lion President Athena Dunn circulated the crowd and collected volunteer hours from helpers for grant statistics. Lion members John and Sally Johs, assisted wherever they could, Lion Vice-President, John Wald, assisted in organization and clean-up, and his wife, Lion Greeter, Carmen Rath-Wald, greeted, but the serious work of collecting the silent auction bids went to Lions Mary Beth and Bert Schumacher.

Out of the packed-to-the-seams crowd,



Athena in the thick of things

came the winning bidders with money in hand and the Schumachers in true Lion fashion, cheerfully collected money and recorded transactions.

The Oktoberfest was the first of its kind this area has seen with all proceeds benefiting the Napoleon Clinic remodeling project. The German-style event included a variety of beer samplings, Wascht sausage tasting, wiener relay, beer stein holding (Masskrug) contest, silent auction, and



Lion Mary Beth at the door

polka contest.

The hospital and clinics are an important part of the community and Lions members recognized that they need to support the clinic in offering a safe and comfortable environment as enhancements to already good quality health care. Community input,

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Williston



Madelyn gives Clark, a service dog in training, a treat for obeying trainer Shelley Nannenga, left, during an assembly at Trinity Christian School.

Service Dogs of America visit the Williston area

WILLISTON HERALD

It's furry, cute and a hero. Trinity Christian School students learned about service dogs in a school-wide assembly Tuesday afternoon.

Shelley Nannenga of Service Dogs for America in Jud taught students how service dogs are trained and used. She brought along Clark, a canine partner in training.

The training center in Jud has about 25 dogs on campus. When puppies are about 5 weeks old, training is begun. It takes about two years for a dog to be trained.

The dogs are given positive reinforcement in the form

of treats throughout their training.

Dogs are trained to be obedient and controlled. Service dogs cannot be uncontrolled in public.

"So that's what we have to promise to do," said Nannenga.

Service dogs are used to help those with mobility problems or as an emergency responder. Children who have epilepsy can have a dog in their room that can push an alarm if the child has a seizure. The dog is like a "guardian angel."

The assembly was hosted by the Trinity Christian School Leo Club, a youth version of the Lions Club.

Bowman



Peace Poster winner

Pictured is the local Bowman Lions Club Peace Poster contest winner Shaye Lardy with Lion President Lisa Abrahamson. Shaye won first place out of 10 other entrants in the contest. Lion Don Groll is the chairman for this event.

MD-5 Committee Chairperson Positions Open:

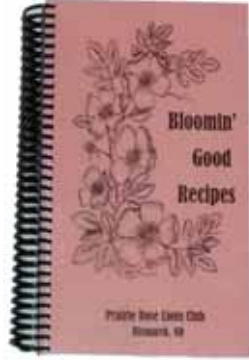
The MD5 Council of Governors would like to inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that there are Four- (4) committee chairperson positions becoming available as of June 30th, 2014. The term of these positions will be from July 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2017.

- GMT--- (Global Membership Trainer) GLT (Global Leadership Trainer)
- LOFY/Leo--- (Lions Opportunity for Youth/ Leo)
- MD5 Pin Chairperson

If you have an interest in any of the above positions and would like a job description and application, please contact the Council of Governors Secretary-Treasurer:

Mike Brand
1904 Burlington Drive #1
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Phone 701-205-4729
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Prairie Rose Lions cookbooks here

By LORIS FREIER
Past president, Prairie Rose Lions

The Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club Cookbook, “Bloomin’ Good Recipes” is now available for sale. The price per book is only \$10 and includes more than 600 recipes.

The order form (included with this article) includes information on the postage and handling cost (\$5 per book) for mail delivery.

Contact Evelyn Silbernagel by phone at 701-255-4713 or e-mail ksilbernagel@bis.midco.net if you want to pick cookbooks up in Bismarck or for a large mail delivery.

Consider getting some to

sell to club members or others who like to cook and will enjoy recipes from Prairie Rose members and other Lions in the state.

Thanks to the North Dakota Lions who contributed recipes to help make this fundraising project a success. Let your club members and friends know an order form can also be found on the projects page of the SNW Lions website at www.e-district.org/sites/5nw.

This cookbook makes a nice hostess gift or stocking stuffer during this holiday season. Order now and watch for Prairie Rose Lions members selling the cookbook at Lions club visitations and events in the future.

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involvement and support were crucial to this effort.

The remodeling will include making the three small patient exam rooms into two larger rooms, new paint, carpet replacement, new doors and windows, updated electrical work and décor. Napoleon organizations have already pledged to raise nearly \$10,000 for the building project. It is hoped that the fundraiser Oct. 4 combined with a newspaper ad campaign for sponsorships and other ongoing efforts will bring in the necessary funds to reach the goal of approximately \$30,000 for the total budget.

Lions were part of the community coming together around this event donating their time, silent auction items and services. Regional support

for the clinic remodel project is evidenced in that the German fry sausage tasting samples will be provided by Schmitt Locker of Napoleon, and Reister Meats of Streeter. The beer tasting samples will be from Jerome’s Distributing and McQuade Distributing, both out of Bismarck, and Pride of Dakota member Dot’s pretzels donated tasty snacks.

The event and other fundraising efforts have raised more than \$25,000 and donations and grant awards are still being received. If you would like to donate toward the Napoleon remodeling project, contact Carmen Rath-Wald at 701-754-2504.

The Napoleon Lions were proud to help with this unique event supporting a good cause.

Help Lion Robert and Kathy catch their dream of international service to Lionism in Watertown



Join them on

May 30-31, 2014

at the

MD5 Lions Convention

and make things happen!

Endorse Littlefield for International Director!

For convention registration materials go to:
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or Email: lionsmd52014@gmail.com

For more about Lion Robert and Kathy go to:
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or Email: r.littlefield@ndsu.edu