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District 5 NW Cabinet Diabetes Awareness and Action Chair Loris Freier (left) and District PR Chair JeAnne Selby participated in the January 25th electronic Cabinet meeting from Lion Loris' winter home in Mesa, AZ. PHOTO COURTESY OF PDG GARRY FREIER

District 5NW meets electronically

By JEANNE SELBY
District 5NW PR Chair

The District 5NW Cabinet held its third quarterly meeting Saturday morning, January 25. Doing so is just good Lions district management and essentially unremarkable.

But *how* the Cabinet members met on yet another “near blizzard” winter day in North Dakota *is* remarkable!

Nineteen District 5NW Cabinet members met via the “Adobe Connect” meeting experience, under the “host tutelage” of District 5NW Information Technology (IT) Chair Butch Frank.

District 5NW IT Director Butch served as primary meeting host, managing the technical aspects of

the meeting, while District 5NW Governor Mike Blazek conducted the 90-minute meeting and shared co-hosting duties with IT Chair Butch.

All participating Cabinet members had access to microphones on their computers, along with text communication capabilities; all sites except one had webcam service.

District 5NW Governor Mike felt this first 5NW District Cabinet meeting went very smoothly. “The cameras and microphones made it easier for everyone to be actively involved in the meeting.”

“For a first time electronic District meeting, the connection was really strong. Everyone respected one

another’s wishes to speak and took turns talking.”

District 5NW IT Chair Butch Frank agrees with DG Mike’s assessment of the electronic meeting experience.

“The meeting went smoothly, considering the number of people participating. We had the fewest technical glitches

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The “Adobe Connect meeting” computer screen visible to all electronic meeting participants was similar to this one, viewed by Cabinet members Loris Freier and JeAnne Selby.

Multiple District 5 receives LCI grant

By PCC ROBERT LITTLEFIELD
MD5 Public Relations
Committee chair

Council Chair Rick Pockett recently received notification that Multiple District 5 has been awarded a public relations grant for 2014 in the amount of \$20,000 to be distributed between the six districts and the multiple district to promote Lionism. Each district will receive approximately \$2,200 to support its project, with the remainder awarded to the Multiple District to complete a social media campaign.

This is the fifth public relations grant the Multiple District has received in the past six years. LCI specifies that the grant must be used to purchase public relations materials or develop public relations programming and each district must match 10 percent of the grant within the district budget.

MD 5 applied for the grant

this year in order to confront a growing problem: declining membership across the region. The Council of Governors attributed this problem in part, to the lack of effective public relations activity to increase awareness and interest in Lions Clubs International. The grant includes six specific projects – one from each district – along with an overarching project at the Multiple District level to promote Lionism. Listed below are the specific projects identified for each district and the Multiple District:

District SSKN – The information technology committee will purchase equipment and programs to create websites and develop PowerPoint displays, specifically targeting young adults.

District SSKS – The public relations committee will purchase banners used for public events or events

sponsored by local Lions Clubs to replace existing banners that have become worn and out-of-date.

District SNE – The public relations committee will purchase advertising and public relations materials to be used by the media to promote community awareness of Lions service.

District SNW – The district will use the funds to create advertising and public relations about the refurbishing of the 4-H camp facility used by the general public and Lions throughout the district.

District SSE – The funds will be used to pay local radio stations and media outlets to develop information for use in paid and public broadcasts to promote Lions activities throughout the district.

District SSW – Using the information gained from a pilot test of ad campaign materials with local newspapers, the

district will develop a public relations campaign to use in local newspapers throughout the district

MD5 – The Long Range Planning Committee and the Public Relations Committee will consult with social media experts to develop the capacity to use Internet and video streaming to disseminate publicity to the general public using social media.

The grant application was written by PCC Robert Littlefield, Chair of the MD5 Public Relations Committee, with input from the six district governors and their district leadership teams, and submitted by CC Rick Pockett. The grant seeks to reach over one million people in Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota through the public relations projects. For more information, contact Council Chair Rick Pockett at mrpockett16@gmail.com.

In Remembrance

Hebron
Edmond Remfert

Edgeley
Emil Nelson

Williston
Jack Colby
Minot
Russell T. Larson



MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert"
as a Candidate for International Director!

"Lions will be in good hands with PCC Robert roaring across the prairies as an International Director. Lion Robert has a proven track record and with Kathy at his side they will make great ambassadors for Lions."

Lion Audrey and PDC Doug Reid, 55KN

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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 January

NE

Bob Tupa – Grand Forks (1)
Melvin Karch – Valley City (1)
Keith Berger – Grand Forks(1)
Ron Harris – Valley City (1)

NW

No transporters

MD5 Lions Badlands Youth Camp needs your help

By JEANNE SELBY
District 5NC PR chair

Lion Judy Beaudry is using her influence as District 5NW 1st Vice District Governor in an effort to involve all Lions members and officers in providing volunteer and financial assistance to help make the 2014 MD5 Lions Badlands Youth Camp a huge success!

Specifically, she's asking Lions clubs for money, both to support meals for the campers during the week and full or partial financial sponsorships of North Dakota high school youth (ages 15 to 18) to attend the camp, Lions families across North Dakota to serve as host families before and/or after the Youth Camp for the international campers, a Lion volunteer to make arrangements for the international youth, clubs to spend a day at the camp preparing and serving either noon lunches or evening meals or both. Ideally, she would like to see one club (actually, only about four members are needed) assisting with camp

activities throughout each day of the six-day camp. She also welcomes donations of orange juice, bottled water, peanut butter and jelly. In addition, she encourages Lions members to solicit high school youth to register to participate in the camp.

The Youth Camp is slated for Sunday, July 20, through Saturday, July 26, at Medora. Participation is limited to the first 56 campers. The cost for each registrant is \$400, with half of the fee due upon registration.

According to 2014 MD5 Lions Badlands Youth Camp Director Mac Beaudry, camp highlights include the Medora Musical one evening, horseback riding, a western-themed outdoor barbecue, a picnic, an ice cream social, a pizza party, a story-telling activity, miniature golf, swimming at the local pool, and possibly one or two community service projects. Although the schedule isn't finalized, Beaudry promises "We're in the Badlands of North Dakota; we're going to have a 'western' good time!"

For more details or specific questions, contact Camp Director Beaudry at your earliest convenience. He encourages you to make your volunteer commitments while the best dates are still available! You may contact Lion Mac at 1002 Cannon Lane, Washburn, ND 58577, mbeaudry@westriv.com; phone 701-220-

4410 or 701-315-0305.

We all know our organization's motto, "We Serve." It's what Lions do! Camp Director Beaudry needs you now – and also in July -- to convert our motto into action and make a difference for the youth attending the MD5 Lions Badlands Youth Camp!

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

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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District 5NE begins 2014 with sizzle

Snow and ice have not stopped our Lions from service. Filling food shelves, providing wood for heat, community dinners, Valentine surprises, eyeglass collecting and distributing, hearing aid assistance, Peace Poster kit purchases and solid club planning are moving us forward to serve more people all the time.

The LaMoure Lions Club growth plan really worked. By the end of this month, I expect our negative numbers to be positive with new members coming into other clubs, too.

When you think about your club and where you are going, please consider using the tools for community assessment and club assessment available from Lions Clubs International. Your Zone chairs, Region chairs and I are ready to help. Just shoot us an email or call us – we're here to serve with you.

Bandit and Packer are my traveling companions

Service Dogs for America in Jud gave me two charming traveling companions, Bandit and Packer. The dogs travel well. By the time you read this column they will have visited two Fargo Lions clubs, Horace Lions, Chaffee Lions, Bowdon Lions,



Flat Bandit and Flat Packer are at St. Michael's Catholic parish in Grand Forks. The most obedient dogs ever!

Moorhead (Minn.) Lions, St. Michael's Catholic parish in Grand Forks, Zeeland Lions, Zeeland Dakota Lions, and many other venues.

They will even have attended a fundraiser for Leader Dogs for the Blind in Horace put on by Zone 6A. Photos to come! Leader Dog and SDA district chairperson will be there helping with doughnuts and chili.

The story here is that Lions help provide service dogs to those in need.

To celebrate its 25th anniversary, SDA in Jud is using a fun concept from a children's book, "Flat Stanley." Young Stanley is accidentally squished flat as a pancake in Jeff Brown's book. Stanley soon discovers there are advantages to being flat, like sliding under doors and slipping into envelopes to be mailed around the world visiting new places and making new friends.

My guys, Bandit and Packer, may even go to a Rotary meeting!

For the 25th anniversary, let's have 100 percent participation in our clubs for Service Dogs for America. Please send what you can. A \$25 donation, one year for each year of the school, would be especially nice.

Take a look at the website, www.servicedogsforamerica.org. My donation is in the mail, flat as Stanley, Bandit and Packer. You'll see photos soon.

Lions World Lunch Relay

Get ready to celebrate Family and Friends Month in April by taking part in Lions World Lunch Relay on Friday, April 4. It's a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in local communities with Lions around the world.

Register your lunch event at Lions Clubs International, choose your location and celebrate your event. Take photos and share the fun through social media.

It's a time to show your club is making a difference in your community.

Club Visitations a Delight

There are only a few clubs remaining on my visitation calendar. Two must be re-scheduled because of storms. Please contact me as soon as possible for any special times or places you would like me to be. My only job, volunteer as it is for all of us, is to serve you. Let me know what I can do!

Mark Your Calendars

- February LION Magazine Online Edition - In this month's magazine, learn about the attractions and venues of Toronto, the host city for the 2014 international convention. Our own DGE Dwaine Heinrich from the Jamestown Lions Club will officially become the 2014-2015 district governor. Go to lionsclubs.org

- February Lions Newswire Newsletter – In this month's Newswire, learn about the Lions World Lunch Relay, International Ear Care Day and more. Go to lionsclubs.org.

- March is Lions Eye Donor Awareness Month – Contact the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, 310 North 4th Street, Bismarck, ND 58501; call 701.250.9390 or toll free, 800.372.3751; www.lionseyebankofnd.org to learn how to raise eye donor awareness in your community.

- 2014-15 Peace Poster Contest Kits on Sale in March – The new theme is "Peace, Love and Understanding." Order kits through Club Supplies. Many art teachers like to do the contest in the spring. Their students have had a year of learning and can produce wonderful art. If you have questions, contact our District Peace Poster chairs, Lion Cliff Vining and Darleen at 701.347.4814 or Lion Carla Lein, 701.293.7291.

- April is Lions World Lunch Relay. See above.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

• PU101 forms are due in May. Lion secretaries report newly elected and returning club officers to ensure the new officers receive the information and material they will need for the coming year. You may report the new officers using the MyLCI website or mailing the printed form to International Headquarters and your district governor. The

deadline is May 15. Be sure your club is following protocol now to elect officers.

• Be registered well in advance, now would be good, for the Multiple District 5 convention May 30-31 in Watertown, SD. Be ready to "Roar for Robert" Littlefield and vote to endorse him as a candidate for International Director. His accomplishments

for and with Lions are remarkable by any standard. His campaign director is Past District Governor Mel Olson. He is organizing bus transportation for Saturday, May 31. Look for more information about Lions roaring to Watertown by bus. For more information about Lion Robert, go to Littlefield4lionsid.com. For

more information about the MD5 convention, go to www.5selions.org/forms/Md5conreg2014.pdf. Our district has not had an ID for 30 years. Kulm Lion Bill Gackle, who is active in his club as past international director, continues to serve our District and encourages support for Lion Robert. It's time for Robert!



They're roarin' in LaMoure'n *Club membership mushrooms*

5NE DG KATHERINE TWEED

Our District has a history-making club. In a survey of past district governors, no one can remember something like the LaMoure Lion's club growth. The official report shows at the end of January the club grew by 121.74 percent. And that is not even as high as it really is. Lions Clubs International will only allow adding 30 members at a time. More than 30 calls for further information.

Their story began last fall. Only a few members were attending meetings and they thought about their future, their service. They've had a distinguished history, beginning in 1960.

Now it is 2013-2014 and life is different.

The club, led by President Mitch Carlson, the school superintendent, did a community needs assessment. (Lions Clubs International has a form called

MK-9 EN that any club can access.)

According to Secretary Greg Pedersen, the club decided to do a membership drive in October. They invited several potential members to their social hour, supper and meeting to inform them about Lionism.

Next on their activity list was the 66th annual pancake day in December, donations to the Community Chest and Lions/Santa Night. On that night they provide pizza, pop, toys, singing, candy and a visiting Santa to kindergarten students.

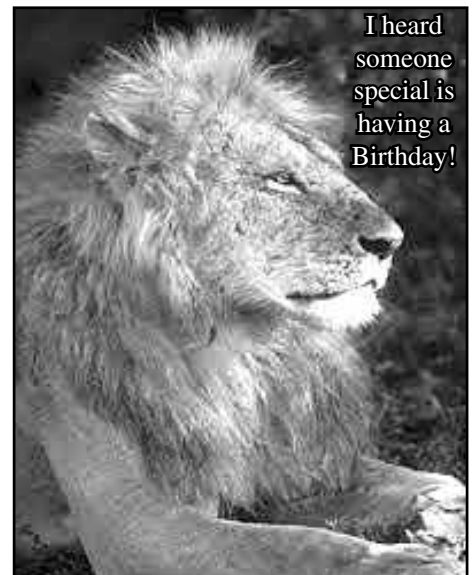
The key to pulling in the five new members in December and 30 plus in January was their decision to team up with the LaMoure Park Board and JakeStar to improve local parks.

The new members include many young couples (remember the Family Program) and other active business people.

While the club celebrates the new members, they honor their wonderful

history and commit to the future of their community.

Thanks, LaMoure Lions for roaring.



5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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A little history on St Valentine's Day

History says the name comes from Valentine, a priest, who served during the third century in Rome. Emperor Claudius II decided that unmarried young men fought better than married men since wives and families were a distraction to them when in battle. Saint Valentine continued secretly married the young men in violation of the Emperor's decree, because he felt it was an injustice to deny the young men a wife and family. When the Emperor found out, he had Valentine put to death. While in prison awaiting his execution, it is said that he fell in love with the jailor's daughter and before he died he sent her a note

signed "from your valentine" hence the saying yet today. The middle of February was chosen to celebrate the anniversary his death or burial in approximately AD 270. It took until the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14th as St Valentine's Day. Valentines greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, with the earliest written cards in the 1400's. The earliest known poem was written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was being held prisoner in the Tower of London. It is now in the British Library in London.

By the 1900's cards began to replace written letters as it

was quicker and cheaper due in part because of improved printing equipment. In America we started exchanging handmade valentines in the 1700's. In the 1840's, Esther A. Howland began to sell mass produced valentines in America. Howland was named "Mother of the Valentine." She created valentines from scraps of ribbon, lace and colorful pictures.

Today there are approximately 1 billion valentines cards sent each year throughout the world. Women purchase approximately 85 percent of them.

Now that you have a very small history of Valentine's Day, share it with others. Also please

share your love of Lions as well, for it is with a Lions heart that we all serve others.

Happy Valentines Day

“Yesterday is gone, you cannot change it, tomorrow isn't here yet, today is all that you have to work with make the most of it. That is why it's called the present.”

Mandan Lions To Donate Proceeds from Annual Breakfast

April 6, 2014 to LFND Vision Screening Program

Hold a Fundraiser in YOUR community!

Lions Helping ND Kids See!

- The initial cost of the project is \$60,000. HALF of the funds must be collected prior to program startup!
- SIX portable screening devices are planned in strategic locations for Lions Clubs to use for child vision screening events.
- Trained Lion VOLUNTEERS will assist you with the Vision Screenings in your community.



Donations may be sent to:
PDG Mel Olson, Sight 4 Kidz Project Treasurer
616 38th Avenue S, Fargo, ND 58104

Sight 4 Kidz

Thank you to all the Lions Clubs who have already donated to this project!

Questions? Call Project Chair: PDG Pat Vannett 701-426-8132

Lions host Youth Exchange visitor

She's on her way back to Australia now, but Andrea Mynard will have fond memories of her visit to Canada. Andrea was sponsored by her hometown Lions Club from Trafalgar, Western Australia, and hosted by the Spiritwood Lions.

However, her actual hosts were the Denis and Shannon Laventure family of Leoville, who saw to it that she was exposed to as much Canada as possible during her three-week stay.

Some of that exposure was to the worst a Canadian winter had to offer, although she did not let the weather deter her. She especially enjoyed watching ice hockey and taking part in other winter activities.

Andrea and her Laventure family were guests of the Lions at the Christmas party, held at Marion's Burger Bar on Dec 19. She and Lion President Dave



Spiritwood Lion President Dave Hyndman exchanged banners and pins with Andrea Mynard, youth exchange visitor from Trafalgar, Western Australia.

Hyndman exchanged banners and pins.

Andrea, 17, is going into her final year of high school, was to begin in early January at the

end of her summer holiday.

All the Australian youth placed in Canada and the U.S. would be meeting in Los Angeles "for a few days of fun"

before heading back to their homeland. Part of that fun would be a visit to Disneyland and other attractions.

..... Wanted: Host families

By LION MARIE BOUTIN
MD5 Youth Exchange chairperson

The 2014 Youth Exchange will be taking place this coming summer for youth camp and home stay and fall or winter and

as in the past we require Host Families to open their homes to these youth coming from overseas.

The youth will be here for a 3 to 6-week period learning how we live and our customs. They are very mature young people and are very willing to learn our

ways. Here is an opportunity of a lifetime to meet someone from another country and learn their customs and the way they live.

If you are willing to open your home to one or more of these youth please contact one of the following District Youth

Exchange Chairpersons and indicate your willingness to take part in one of the best programs the Lions Clubs International offers and it will give you a lifetime experience you will never forget and you will make a lifetime friend.

MD5 Lions Youth Exchange chairpersons:

District 5 SKN Wanda Aamodt Box 695 Martinsville, SK waamodt@sasktel.net	MD5 Marie Boutin Box 448 Battleford, SK mbdg.2008@sasktel.net	District 5 SW Neil Vollmer Box 33 Newell, SD lvollmer@sdplains.com	District 5 SKS Edie Lozinsky Leader, SK t.e.lozy@sasktel.net
District 5 NE Katrina Wendel 1001 North 4 street Grand Forks, ND kwendel@nd.gov	District 5 NW Dave Charles 6301 Apple Creek Drive Bismarck, ND dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net	District 5 SE Myron Fuerst 504 Adler Lane Sioux Falls, SD myronfuerst@sio.midco.net	



Eleven Lions and former Lions of the Beulah Club received Melvin Jones Fellowships. Pictured back row left are Delane Bauer, PDG Lanny Gabbert, Linda Gabbert, and Andrea Holtan. Front left are Brad Holtan, Bill Weaver, Darwin Smith, Linda Czywczynski, PDG Dave Czywczynski, and Berna Smith. Not pictured: Deanne Gierke and Jody Pfenning.

Ten Lions of the Hazen Club received Melvin Jones Fellowships. Pictured back row left are Sharon Olander, Maxine Beckwith, Mel Roth, Ed Grunett for wife Donna Grunett, and Past District Governor Lewellyn Rustan. Front left are Past International Director Bruce Schwartz, Alvina Hagler, Darlene Grimm, Dorothy Eissinger, and Joyce Vachal. Not pictured: Kathy Nordgren and Diana Dukart.

Beulah Lions Club Holds Melvin Jones Fellowship Banquet

Past International Director Bruce Schwartz attended the Melvin Jones Fellowship Banquet at the International Lions Convention in Hamburg, Germany and accepted the 100% Melvin Jones Club for the Beulah Lions Club. In returning home with the award, PID Bruce and his wife Julie were invited to be part of a memorable night presenting Melvin Jones Fellowships to 21 deserving Lions. Past District Governor Lewellyn Rustan was also invited to be a MJF presenter and share in the festivities of the evening.

Invitations went out to the Hazen Lions Club and the members of the Beulah Lions Club. The banquet was held at the Grandview


Steakhouse in Beulah. PID Bruce presented the Beulah Lions with a banner and plaque for being a 100% Melvin Jones Club. Eleven Melvin Jones Fellowships were presented to the members and former members of the Beulah Lions Club. The Hazen Lions Club had ten recipients who shared in the Melvin Jones Fellowships.

New Rockford



New Melvin Jones


On Jan. 26, the New Rockford Lions Club held its annual "Christmas Party." Everyone brought finger foods to share and a gift to exchange or "steal." During the party Vice President Bruce Hirschert presented our newest Melvin Jones recipient Lion Dennis Gehrtz with his plaque. The party continued on into the evening playing card games with lots of laughter.



MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert"
as a Candidate for International Director!

"I am supporting PCC Robert because he embodies the characteristics that should be envisioned in an International Director, including: Loyalty to Lionism, intelligence, integrity, exceptional speaker, enthusiasm in all projects, goal oriented, service minded, and friendship for all. PCC Robert will serve all the Lions of MD5, as well as the Lions of the world as a Director"

IPDG Jan Wagner, 5SW



MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert"
as a Candidate for International Director!

"It is a pleasure for me to endorse PCC Robert Littlefield for the position of International Director in LCI. Lion Robert is and has always been a shining star within MD5. I strongly encourage you to support Lion Robert in his quest for this prestigious position."

PDG Dr. Ken Gifford, 5SW

Giving Heart Day event

Dear Fellow Lions,

As part of our 25th Anniversary and the Giving Heart Day event, Service Dogs for America (SDA) is using the "Flat Stanley" concept, from a children's book written by Jeff Brown. Young Stanley is accidentally squished "as flat as a pancake" when a bulletin board falls on him. But Stanley soon discovers there are real advantages to being flat, like sliding under doors, and being able to fit into an envelope to be mailed around the world visiting new places and making new friends.

SDA has added a new twist to this story and created our very own series of Service Dogs. We have already sent them off to visit cities all over America. Upon an email request, we will send out a paper photo of one of our 13 yearly's...like FLAT-Enzo.

As a FLAT-Enzo "host

family" our hope is that you will share your FLAT-Enzo in a picture with your family and friends and share something about your city and the exciting things FLAT-Enzo saw or did while visiting there, as well as sharing the news about Giving Hearts day!

Service Dogs for America asks that you go to our website (www.servicedogsforamerica.org) and click onto our Facebook icon at the bottom on the home page and "like us" once you have received your FLAT-Enzo, start posting your pictures to SDA's Facebook page, (saving your best photo for your post on Giving Hearts Day 2/13/14. There will be a contest for the best 5 posts!!) To make this more fun, when you upload your photos onto our Facebook page, please let us know approximately how far your city is from ours (Jud, North Dakota) so that we can

calculate the number of miles our FLAT-SERVICE DOGS have traveled. Please feel free to make a copy of this letter and mail your FLAT-Enzo on to your friends and family around the country! This was a FB post "Flat Jackson is at the world's largest Buffalo 42 miles from Jud, ND

More BIG news...create a legacy and help change lives too!

Service Dogs for America has been selected to participate in a Giving Hearts Day event. It's a 24-hour online fundraising event, through Dakota Medical Foundation and Impact Foundation. SDA hopes that your family and friends can help celebrate Service Dogs for America's 25th Anniversary, by making a \$25.00 donation (that's a buck a year!) on Giving Hearts Day, February 13th, 2014 on our secure website; www.servicedogsforamerica.org.



servicedogsforamerica.org. Your \$25.00 donation will also be matched only on this 24 hour online fundraising event on Feb. 13th, 2014.

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000 to sponsor one service dog, and to raise another \$20,000 in matching funds to sponsor another service dog. That would be \$40,000! Help us...help others by your generous support!

Thank you for letting our FLAT-Enzo, come to visit you!

Yours truly,
Shelley Nannenga
Development Director
Service Dogs for America

Katelyn Schmidt wins MD 5 competition in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Katelyn Schmidt, a 8th grade student at Mandan Middle School, Mandan, North Dakota, took a big step becoming an internationally recognized artist when she won a local competition sponsored by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, Mandan, North Dakota.

Katelyn's poster had advanced through the Mandan Dacotah Club, District 5 NW and is now advancing to the International level, which is the final level in the contest.

Katelyn's poster is one of more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is

sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

"Our future is bright. It is filled with Peace and Happiness," the thirteen year-old from Mandan said. The poster was selected for its originality the boldness of color, the defined lines, the attention to detail and the story the poster tells of the theme for this year "Our World, Our Future" by a panel of judges made up of local artists. The artists gave outstanding praise to all of the District entries and were amazed by the imagination and creativity of each student and the artwork



they submitted. Each poster received the appreciation of the judges for their excellent work.

MD 5 Lions Opportunities

for Youth Chairperson, Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett said

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Lions go 'Racing for Ryden'



Ben Phelps and Lions Don Groll and Tom Nordberg running the Calcutta Race.

By LION SANDRA
PHELPS OBERFOELL

Recently, a 3½ -year-old Bowman boy, Ryden Heck, who was born deaf, had an experimental Auditory Brain Stem Implant surgery at the University of North Carolina. The surgery gave Ryden the opportunity to hear the world around him.

Bowman Lions got involved when asked by Lion Sandy Oberfoell if they would be willing to help the Heck family by having a medical benefit. And so it began, "I approached our Lions members to see if we could do this project, and after a resounding yes from everyone we were off and running."

Lion Lisa Abrahamson and Lion Vicky Swanson helped



Desmond, Katrina and Ryden the night we presented them with the proceeds from the benefit.



Auctioneer Bert Penfield, Lions Don Groll & Tom Nordberg auctioning off the Pinewood Derby cars for the Calcutta Race

chair this event with me and with the ideas of Lion Don Groll, it was decided that we would have a Pinewood Derby Race, a ball drop raffle for a TV, a gun raffle and a live auction.

We started out with 200 tickets for each raffle but ended up adding another 100 tickets more for each raffle and we sold all of them. Usually you have to go around to ask people to buy them, but in this instance, when people found out about the benefit, they were flocking to us

for the tickets.

It was simply amazing! When we asked for donations for the live auction, we thought if we got 20 or so items we would be doing good, we ended up with more than 80 items!

Bert Penfield, of Penfield Auctions, volunteered his auctioneer services for the live auction, and with the help of the Lions and generous

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Lane and Ann Dingfelder in line to enjoy the Indian Tacos that were served.



Kim Norton grandmother of Ryden, Ryden and cousin Sierra Moralez the day of the benefit

Five reasons why Lions should endorse Lion Robert Littlefield for ID

By PDG MEL OLSON

Lions in Multiple District 5 have the opportunity in 2014 to endorse a candidate to run for International Director in Lions Clubs International. In addition to his years of involvement, service, and leadership as a Lion at the club, district, and multiple district levels, let me share with you five reasons why I believe Lions should endorse Past Council Chair Robert Littlefield for the position of International Director in Lions Clubs International.

Reason #1: Lion Robert has international and intercultural communication experience. Through his membership in the International Communication Association and the International Argumentation Group, Lion Robert has been a presenter at international conferences in Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, and Canada. He is a recognized international and intercultural communication speaker and scholar.

Reason #2: Lion Robert has national leadership experience. In addition to his Lions leadership activities, Lion Robert has served as an officer in several national

organizations, including a two-year term as National President of Pi Kappa Delta, a collegiate forensics organization; a six-year term as National Secretary-Treasurer of that group; and currently as part of a national network of forensics educators advising the largest high school and collegiate association of students in the U.S. He was responsible for starting the Pi Kappa Delta Foundation and serving as a founder of the National Junior Forensic League for middle school students.

Reason #3: Lion Robert is a professional educator and trainer. He has a doctorate in speech communication and has been a professor of communication for 35 years at North Dakota State University. Specializing in public relations specifically risk and crisis communication he has taught thousands of students both on and off-campus. In addition, he developed the online communication graduate program to deliver courses to students around the region as well as overseas.

Reason #4: Lion Robert is an accomplished public speaker and debate coach. An award-winning speaker, Lion Robert is an effective communicator in large auditoriums delivering

speeches and programs; as well as in one-on-one conversations over a cup of coffee. In 2013, he coached his debate team to the World Championship at the International Public Policy Forum sponsored by New York University and the Bickel and Brewer Law Firm. He continues as the head debate coach at a local high school.

Reason #5: Lion Robert is an articulate spokesperson for Lionism. Lion Robert is a passionate advocate for empowering youth to speak up and make a difference in their

communities. He is well versed on the current issues facing Lions Clubs International and is prepared to be a strong advocate for preserving the best of Lionism while building our Lions organization for the future.

You know you can count on Lion Robert to represent your interests and keep you informed about what is happening on the International Board. Please give him your support on May 31, 2014, in Watertown, South Dakota at the MD5 Convention!



MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert" as a Candidate for International Director!

"As Lions, we look to leaders who lead their lives leading the way to help others who require help. PCC Lion Robert is such a "Lion" and I support him for International Director."

PCC Bob Moore, 5SKS

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:
<http://www.5selions.org/forms/Md5conreg2014.pdf>
or Email: lionsmd52014@gmail.com

For more about Lion Robert and Kathy go to:
<http://www.littlefield4lionsid.com>
or Email: r.littlefield@ndsu.edu



MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert" as a Candidate for International Director!

"As a college student from Faulkton, SD, I have been able to successfully pursue my dreams in the NDSU Lions Club thanks to his devoted guidance and leadership, and I have no doubt he will transfer that same passion and commitment as an International Director."

Lion Jade Monroe, 5NE

NDAB seeks Nominations

By CANDY LIEN
Chairperson

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc., once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Jim Dahle of the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club, received his award at the evening banquet during NDAB's state convention, which was in Grand Forks in June of last year.

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

The person who will be chosen for this award is not necessarily the one who has held the most offices or who has been recognized in other ways, but the one who has been working quietly behind the scenes in providing humble, yet very

important, service to people who are blind or who have low vision.

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

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the Award. Please submit your nominee's application by March 15, 2014, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club President.

Send the requested information to committee chairperson, Candy Lien at (cmlien@hotmail.com).

The recipient will be announced at a later date and honored at the NDAB's annual convention in Fargo in June 2014.

To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit the web site at (<http://www.ndab.org>)

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volunteers we had an extremely successful live auction. Lion Lisa Abrahamson's husband and daughter, Pine Abrahamson and Megan Torpen, volunteered to spearhead the golf ball drop for the TV. They did an awesome job of making it exciting for the audience to watch.

We had Indian Tacos for lunch that day and homemade bars for dessert thanks to the many Lions members and friends of the Lions, who stepped up to help make it happen. We are very lucky to have such a giving and caring community and if I can speak on behalf of all of the Lions, we were honored to help "pay it forward" to such a wonderful little boy and his family.

Ryden's surgery was successful! He is now in a 3-year research study to help him progress with the help of the auditory device.

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I've been around. The test meeting four days earlier gave me a chance to work out the glitches."

District IT Chair Butch also cited the time savings to meeting participants. "Our face-to-face meetings usually go from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Although we had some set-up time and the test meeting, our January 25th meeting took only 90 minutes."

Cabinet members gathered at seven locations to participate in the electronic meeting; they were Bismarck (hosting 7 members); Mesa, AZ (2); New England (4); Sioux Falls, SD (1); Washburn (2); and Williston (3). MD5 Information Technology Chair Elizabeth Flodell from Saskatchewan also connected and observed the electronic meeting.


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"It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I am grateful and very proud that we, as Lions, are able to provide these students with the opportunity to share their visions of peace." All the Lions of MD 5 are cheering for Katelyn as her poster advances to the international competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world."

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$2,500, plus a trip for the winner, two family members and the sponsoring club president to New York City, New York, USA for the awards ceremony at the Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500.

View past international grand prize

winners at www.lionsclub.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.4 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 208 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs had aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.



**MD5 Lions "Roaring for Robert"
as a Candidate for International Director!**

"PCC Lion Robert has always displayed a high degree of integrity, responsibility, and ambition. He is definitely a leader rather than a follower. He is also a most dependable team player. His good judgment and mature outlook ensure a logical and practical approach to his endeavors. I am happy to give him my wholehearted endorsement for International Director."

PDG Kevin Vannett, 5NWX

2013 - 2014 MD5 LIONS CLUB CONTESTS

VOTING ON THE CLUB NEWSLETTER, CLUB SCRAPBOOK, AND CLUB WEBSITE
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DISTRICT CABINET MEETING MAY 10th, 2014.

We Need Your Entries!!



The following are general minimum guidelines:



MD5 Lions Club Newsletter/ Bulletin Contest

Newsletters are to be placed in sheet protectors in a 3-ring binder.

The 3-ring binder needs to be clearly labeled with the Club Name.

Newsletters should be concise and informative.

Newsletters will be also judged for the quality of content, page layout, and publication design.

The 3-ring binder **MUST** reach your District Governor or District Contest Chairperson by MAY 10th to be judged on the District Level.

The District Winner will then compete on the Multiple District Level with the other five districts in the MD5 at the MD5 Convention.



MD5 Lions Club Scrapbook Contest

Scrapbooks need to be in a 3 ring binder clearly labeled with the Club Name.

The Scrapbook **MUST** have a Table of Contents.

All pictures should have a short description and people clearly labeled.

Scrapbooks **MUST** reach your District Governor or District Contest Chairperson by MAY 10th

to be judged on the District Level.

The District Winner will then compete on the Multiple District Level with the other five districts in the MD5 at the MD5 Convention.



MD-5 Lions Club Website Contest

Website is to be a Club Website and not a State/Provincial/Zone International website.

Websites will be judged for quality of content and design.

The URL of each District's winning Website **MUST** be submitted to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee on or before May 10th.

The District Winner will then compete on the Multiple District Level with the other five districts in the MD5 at the MD5 Convention.



PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY to:

5NW District Governor,
Mike Blazek,
1919 Assumption Drive,
Bismarck, ND 58501,
701.400.0526,
vdg5nw2012@gmail.com

5NW Contest Chair,
Sherry M. Fetch,
406 4th Ave. NW,
MANDAN, ND 58554,
701.426.3432,
smfetch@bis.midco.net

5NE District Governor,
Katherine Tweed,
501 24th Ave. S.,
Fargo, ND 58103,
701.235.2115,
ktweed@cablone.net

5NE Contest Chair,
Mary Ann Zwinger,
590 Main St.,
Carrington, ND 58421,
701.650.8476,
dzwinger@daktel.com

NO LATER THAN 10 am, MAY 10th, 2014.



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- WHAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not yet served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 25-27, 2014. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 25. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2014. Lunch on Friday, July 25 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri
- COST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2014. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
THE 2014 INSTITUTE**



11TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville, Missouri
July 25-27, 2014

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ **Badge Name** _____ **Gender** _____
Last First Initial M/F

ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Sub-District No. _____ **Years in Lions** _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US\$150 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2014, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2014, the base fee increases to US\$170. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the registration form mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Northwest Missouri State University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25th and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- _____ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
- _____ Diabetic Diet requested
- _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
- _____ Wheelchair Access required
- _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)
- _____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2014 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Relationship** _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ **WORK** _____ **CELL** _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: _____



CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS:

GLADSTONE INN & SUITES
111 2ND ST NE
JAMESTOWN, ND 58401
(701) 252-0700

STANDARD ROOM
KING OR 2 DOUBLE BEDS \$82

POOL SIDE \$95

ALTERNATE HOTELS:

HAMPTON INN (701)952-6500
QUALITY INN (701)252-3611

CONTACT INFORMATION:

KATHY CLEMENS
K.BOE@CENTRALSALESINC.COM
701-269-0234 OR 701-252-7030

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LIONS CONVENTION 2014



OCTOBER 17 & 18, 2014
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
2014 STATE LIONS CONVENTION

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MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

LIONS TITLE: _____

JAMESTOWN LIONS CLUB

ATTN: KATHY CLEMENS

CLUB: _____

PO Box 253

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