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Anderson to join Hall

Arlo R. Anderson is the newest member of the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. He will be inducted during ceremonies at this year's State Lions Convention Oct. 17-18 in Jamestown.

Arlo R. Anderson was born at Leonard, on the family farm Jan. 11, 1936. He attended Maple River #36 school during elementary years and graduated from Leonard High School. He lettered in baseball, football (captain) and was basketball student manager and was a cheerleader.

After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy and served four years on a minesweeper based in Charleston, S.C. with duty tours to the Mediterranean, Haiti and Cuba.

He married Doris Holbrook in North Carolina after getting out of the Navy. They lived in North Carolina for five years

before moving back to North Dakota. In North Carolina, he worked for Duncan Electric Company. His first two children, Marianne and Rodney, were born in North Carolina.

The family moved to North Dakota in 1966 to help on the family farm. A third child, Marsha, was born in 1972. Arlo received his electrical licenses in 1965. He retired from farming after 40



Arlo Anderson

years and from electrical work after 50 years.

Arlo is a charter member of Chaffee Lions, being a member since the club organized in 1974. He has been club president

three times, and has been pin chairman and parade chairman for several years. He is also "Martha Stewart of onions" for the annual streak fry at Casselton Community Days.

Since retiring from farming and electoral work, Arlo and Doris have been traveling during the winter months in a travel trailer. They spent three winters in Florida and the past two in Arizona and points south.

Arlo and Doris have done volunteer work at Service Dogs for America at Jud for the past seven years. Arlo even has a dog named after him. The Chaffee Lions Club donated money in a contest to name puppies, but instead of naming the puppy "Chaffee," they named it "Arlo."

Anderson's non Lions activities

Member of Bethel Moravian Church – Served as elder & trustee several years. North Dakota Moravian Mission Society member – made 6 trips to Mississippi for work projects after the Katrina Hurricane. Went to Labrador, Canada on building project at Moravian parsonage. Went to Bethel, Alaska for building project at Moravian Church. Attended several churches synods and retreats.

4-H member for 6 years – showed pigs and gardening projects at county fairs.

Member of Old Time Tractor Pullers Assoc. – served as president 2 terms. Members of Northern Tractor Pullers – served as director 3 terms.

Former member of West Fargo Gideons – served as treasurer several years.

President of Leonard Cemetery Assoc. – chaired the addition of the Veterans Memorial Volunteer for Community of Care

Does tractor caravans with "Gathering of the Orange" – Logged over 900 miles on caravans. Also does "Relay for Life" tractor caravan for American Cancer Society in Rutland, ND for the past 3 years.

Farmers Union – has attended almost every State Farmers Union Convention since 1970. Was a delegate to National FU Convention in Anaheim, CA – Attended the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Farmer Union in Point, TX.

Attended Dem.-NPL State Conv. Since the year George Sinner was nominated for Gov. of ND.

Member of ND Heritage Center | Member of Lewis & Clark Foundation

Member of Fort Mandan Foundation | Life member of DAV

Member of Leonard Senior Citizens | Member of ND Century Club

Had roller skating for Chaffee School & Community for 3 years

Hobbies – restoring old tractors, wooding, traveling.

The Lion Arlo Anderson file

Lion member - 38 years
Zone Chairman - 10 years
Cabinet member - 24 years
Attended 35 ND State
Lions Conventions
Attended 27 MD 5
conventions

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Test your North Dakota Foundation I.Q.

By PDG MARIAN JOHNSON
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North Dakota

Here's a test for you concerning a very important entity in North Dakota Lions. Being an old softy, I have provided the answers for you, but why don't you breeze through the questions first and see if you know all of the answers? Clubs are making plans for the coming fiscal year right now, and you might very well benefit by knowing the following information:

What is the difference between LCIF (Lions Clubs International Foundation) and Lions Foundation of North Dakota? Has your club contributed to both in the past, or just to one?

LCIF, of course, is the Foundation overseen by Lions Clubs International, and they contribute funds to countries and areas who have suffered the destructive forces of floods, tsunamis, earthquakes, etc. You have seen the articles in the Lions International magazine about the good they do. The Lions Foundation of North Dakota is built on the LCIF format, with grants for projects conducted by North Dakota Lions clubs. Since the Foundation is a state-wide entity, they can coordinate the good that both of our districts

can do.

What two important programs are run under the umbrella of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota?

Both the Sight 4 Kidz Program, which is acquiring vision screening equipment for use with young children, and the Video Magnifier Program, which after four years has distributed and maintained 85 video magnifiers to help low-sight, mostly elderly individuals, are organized under the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Both of these programs have been very visible—and very successful. It is entirely possible that your club has contributed to one or both of these efforts. But the same clubs sometimes forget about the parent organization.

What can the Lions Foundation of North Dakota do for my club?

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota has jumped in to help coordinate fund-raising efforts for our own communities that have suffered disasters. Do you remember "Bricks for Burlington"? That was an effort to help the Burlington community after the 2011 flood. The Foundation also has matching grant money available, currently about \$12,200. This grant fund is not large right now, but it is available to help

clubs with modest community efforts. In the last few years, twenty grants totaling over \$35,000 have been awarded to Lions Clubs in the state. Any club who wishes to request funds should fill out the application, available from Executive Director Kevin Vannett, Box 248, Mandan, North Dakota, but the paperwork must be received 30 days before we meet, so please plan ahead.

What can my Lions club do for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota?

Contributions, of course! If more money is received, we would have more to share through grants and projects. Also, individual Lions can become Life Members of the Foundation by giving a one-time donation of \$300. (This can be paid in three installments of \$100.) Perhaps some of your Lions would be

interested in doing that. Or, here's an idea: Does your club recognize a "Lion of the Year" in your club? Perhaps \$300 could be donated in his/her name to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota to honor this accomplishment.

How did you fare on this test of your Foundation knowledge? Of course, there is more to say, but for now, please remember the Lions Foundation of North Dakota as you plan your club contributions, and also, consider submitting a grant application to the Foundation if you have a modest-size Lions Club project that you think might qualify. Please contact Executive Director Kevin Vannett, 701-426-8050, (800-372-3751) or kvannett@bis.midco.net if you have questions. Also, please note the new address of the Lions Foundation of ND: Box 248 Mandan, ND 58554.

In Remembrance

Grand Forks
PDG Mark Hennemann

Napoleon
Ray Schmidt

Jud
Ray Kuhn



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Vision Screener Program Donations

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Administrative Account	25%
Grant Account	25%
Corpus Account	50%

***Grant application forms and criteria are available from the LFND Secretary (or executive director)*

Lions Clubs International matching grant awarded for the Sight 4 KIDZ program

The Lions of North Dakota have been awarded a \$55,000 matching grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation for the startup of the Sight 4 Kidz vision screening program. What a great time to be a Lion! Our statewide Sight 4 KIDZ program is making great progress.

Three Lions were trained in Iowa in early August while attending the National Association of Vision Professionals national conference. The National Association of Vision Professionals was established in 1978 for the prevention, detection and follow up of vision services for pre-school and school age children and adults. Lions Del Hager, Tracy Wicken and Pat Vannett heard Dr. William E. Scott,

who founded the Iowa Kids Sight Program, speak about amblyopia. His advice for us: "Screen as young as you can. The younger the better."

The team of three committee members from North Dakota was able to network with vision professionals and numerous Lions attending the conference representing eighteen states. They received private training on the use of the PlusOptix photo screening device from a company representative also attending the conference. Their learning experience will enhance the effectiveness of the Lions of North Dakota Sight 4 Kidz program.

Six PlusOptix screening devices are being shipped to North Dakota with arrival expected mid-August. Volunteers will be contacted for

training with the equipment. Lions will get information on how you can be involved during the state convention in Jamestown.

The Lions Clubs

International Foundation matching grant and the continued support of clubs and benefactors from across North Dakota will ensure our littlest citizens have Sight 4 KIDZ.

Back to school time

Back-to-School time is Back-to-Lions time for many clubs. During the summer, most clubs take a little break. Now is our time to think about our clubs, our Lions and our goals.

Calendars are already filling with annual events. Please invite potential Lions to your events, let them know how our contributions are financed and how they can be part of your club.

Athletic teams are already



practicing for fall sports. We need to get in shape, too. Just ask!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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It is customary for a District Governor to pick a slogan for their term of office. The slogan for our District this year is "Teamwork in Action." Often from many organizations and in conversation we hear much talk about teamwork, working together, and cooperation. Experience tells us however that teamwork is not something one hears, but rather something one sees.

With Lions one truly sees "Teamwork in Action." We see cooperation as we work together to serve our communities, our district, multi-district, and people in need around the globe.

As you know, each District has a Second Vice District Governor, First Vice District Governor, and District Governor. The plan is that in two years the Second Vice Governor will become the District Governor.

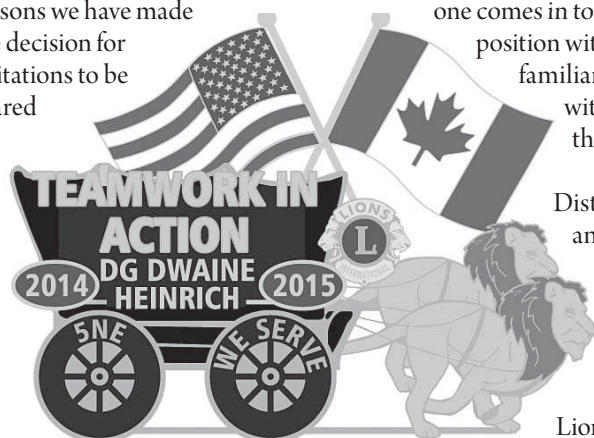
This year we are fortunate to have as our First Vice District Governor, Lion Rick Swenson of the New Rockford Lions Club. Joining us as Second Vice District Governor is the very capable Luis Coca of the Rugby Lions Club. We have met and discussed how to put the concept of Teamwork to work so that we as a Team may better serve the Lions of District 5NE. Remarkably, we all seem to be on the same page on the issue of Teamwork and Club Visitations.

Although there is certainly nothing wrong with the District Governor making all of the Club visitations as we have attempted to do in the past, one must ask, however, if that is in

the long term best interest of our District.

From attending Multiple District 5 meetings, which includes Lions from North and South Dakota as well as Saskatchewan and visiting with Lions from other states and countries, we learn that this is not the custom in every District, including the Districts in Saskatchewan.

There are a couple of reasons we have made the decision for visitations to be shared



between the District Governor and Vice District Governors. The first being that we want to encourage capable Lions throughout our District who are busy with their own careers and families to have an opportunity to at least consider the possibility of becoming District Governor. Leadership is an opportunity to meet other likeminded Lions throughout the District, Multi-District, and beyond. We want more Lions to consider accepting the challenge of being a District Governor. Spreading the load over three years makes that much more doable.

Another reason for making the decision is that when an incoming District Governor

has already visited half of the Clubs in the District this will make him or her much more aware and in touch with what is going on in the District and make that person hopefully a much better informed and effective District Governor.

It is also the responsibility of the District Governor to appoint the District Cabinet and Zone Chairs. This as well is a difficult task at best when

one comes in to the position without familiarity with the

District and

Lions in our

many Clubs. It is also the desire of your new District Governor and Vice District Governors to work together and with others identify those of you out there who are very willing and capable of accepting the great opportunities for fellowship and leadership the Lions can provide.

Recently I made my first visitation to the Harvey Lions. Thank you Lions for the great visit and hospitality.

Elsewhere in "The Lion" you will find a breakdown of the Clubs to be visited by each of the three of us who make up the District Governor Team. We would like to try to make visitations as early on as possible so we do not end

up in a situation where we are scrambling at the end of the year to make our visitations. Part of the reason for making this change is so that we will be able to have someone visit each and every one of our Clubs. The District Governor of course will be available for special events, regardless of which of us makes the visitation to your Club.

I would really appreciate everyone's consideration while we attempt to introduce this new teamwork approach. We believe in doing so we will help fulfill the mission of our new International President, Joe Preston, and truly "Strengthen The Pride."

In closing I must remind all of the State Convention to be held in Jamestown October 17th and 18th. Please send your registrations in as this will make the planning process much easier.

On a sadder note, late last month we said good bye to my friend, our friend and fellow Lion and Past First Vice District Governor Fran Romsdal. Much has been said and written about how he showed us courage and how to face death with a positive attitude and a smile. This is all true.

However, and perhaps more importantly, let's remember how he lived as a friend and showed us not only in words but also in actions how to serve.

Thank you so much.

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First Vice District Governor Rick Swenson

First Vice District Governor Rick Swenson 5NE will visit the following Clubs on behalf of the District Governor:
Grand Forks Red River, Grand Forks UND,
Hazelton, Kulm, Lamoure
Leonard, Robinson, Valley City,
Wahpeton, Zeeland

Teamwork in action *District Governor Visitions*

Zeeland Dakota, Ellendale,
Enderlin, Northwood,
Larimore/Turtle River
Fargo NDSU, Casselton,
Davenport, Lehr, Strasburg

We encourage you to contact First Vice District Governor Rick at 414 1st St N, New Rockford, ND 58356, phone 701-320-0432, or email virus_of_h@yahoo.com to schedule a visitation as soon as possible.

Second Vice District Governor Luis Coca will visit the following Clubs:
Bowdon, Oakes, Carrington,

Gackle, Fargo
Devils Lake, Sterling, Horace,
Jamestown, New Rockford
West Fargo,

Second Vice District Governor Luis may be contacted at 1511A 6th Ave SE, Rugby, ND 58368, phone 701-881-0126 or 701-240-5517, or email at Luisec@min.midco.net. Again, we encourage you to contact him early to schedule a visitation to your Club.

If your Club is not listed above, your visitation will be



Second Vice District Governor Luis Coca

made by District Governor Dwaine Heinrich. He may be contacted at P.O. Box 64, Jamestown, ND 58402, day time phone 701-952-2250 or cell 701-269-1128 or email DwaineH@hcadj.com.

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5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings fellow Lions of District 5NW. Wow, I am now officially your District Governor after being officially sworn in at the International Convention in Tornoto, Canada.

Let me begin by sharing some highlights and observations about the International Convention. First off was the fact that there were 760 District Governors there for three days of training before the convention even started. Each of those District Governors represents one district. Those districts can come from anywhere in the world. I met people from China, Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand, Germany, France, Columbia, Prince Edward Island.....I could go on and on. And we all are Lions! I guess what I am getting at is that being with such a diverse group of people really impressed upon me the true breadth of the Global Presence of Lions in the World.

Second, it was truly an honor to be able to share the moment when a Lion from North Dakota was elected to serve as International Director. My best wishes go to Lion Robert Littlefield as he begins his term as our International Director.

Third, meeting International President Joe Preston from Arizona and learning about his theme, "Strengthen the Pride".... I won't expound on that at this time, you will hear more on that when I visit your clubs.

And lastly, there were over 20,000 Lions that attended the

International Convention. If you can imagine every person from the city of Dickinson being gathered in one place, that's how many Lions were at the final session of the International Convention. And we all are Lions!

Earlier I had mentioned being sworn in as your District Governor and I truly mean that I am YOUR District Governor. I am not in this position for myself; I am in this position to serve the Lions of 5NW. I want every club to feel that they can call me at any time with concerns or needs that they have. I and my District Governor team will do our best to address those concerns and needs.

My theme for this year is "Fun is Fundamental". This theme came to me several years ago while I was serving as Region Chair and Zone Chair. It was mostly through my observations that this theme

evolved. Of course, I don't want to talk about this through this venue at this time, you will all hear more when I do my visitations.

Suffice it to say that I am really looking forward to this year. My District Governor Team is ready and willing to tackle any challenges that may come our way. 1st Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry of Washburn and 2nd Vice District Governor Mark Koller of New England have been invaluable to me already, whether it be by just listening or offering their input and knowledge.

Did I mention that my theme is "Fun is Fundamental"? As part of that theme I am proposing a CHALLENGE to all clubs in the District. My CHALLENGE is for all clubs to make 3 visitations to another club this Lion's year. In order for a visitation to qualify it must meet the following criteria:

- 1: At least three members of your visiting club must go.
 - 2: Date and club visited must be recorded.
 - 3: District Officers (DG, VDG, 2VDG, Zone Chairs, Cabinet Members) do not count as one of the three visiting members.
 - 4: Visitation does not count if the club visited is in your own town (Mandan Dacotah can not count a visitation to the Mandan Lions or Mandan West River Lions, etc.)
- Pretty simple yet kind of fun! I will provide a patch for each club that completes their three visitations. These patches will be able to be put on club banners. I will develop some kind of form to be used to record your visitations and get a copy out to every club. It is my hope that all clubs

5NW Peace Poster Contest time

By LION LOIS REIERSON
*Peace Poster Contest
Chairperson 701-770-1922*

It is hard to believe it is already August. I don't know about the rest of you Lions but I'm wondering where the summer went. The new school year is fast approaching and so is the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Peace Poster Kits were distributed at the Spring Rally or mailed to the club secretary if your club did not have anyone in attendance at the rally.

The Peace Poster Contest

encourages young people to express their vision of peace. The theme of the 2014-2015 Peace Poster Contest is "Peace, Love and Understanding". Students age 11, 12 or 13 on Nov. 15 are eligible to participate.

There are some talented youth in our district so encourage the youth in your area to participate in this contest. Review the age requirement and poster rules which are in the packet your club received. It is very important to ensure the size

requirements are followed because if the poster is too large or too small the poster will be disqualified.

Peace posters will be judged at the State Convention in Jamestown Oct. 18 which is earlier than previous years. The deadline for submission is Oct. 10. I hope to see you all at the State Convention.

Please mail the winning entry from your club to:

Lois Reiersen
1321 25th St W
Williston ND 58801
Call with any questions.

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will participate in my little CHALLENGE.

Just a couple of administrative things....

For those clubs who do not have electronic means of

submitting monthly reports or are having trouble submitting them, please contact Butch Frank of New England and he will help you. He is in the new directory as the IT Chair. The

directories should be out very soon.

Our Monthly Membership Reports and Activity Reports must be submitted each month even if there are no changes.

There, that's the administrative stuff.

Till next month I will leave you with two thoughts:

WE SERVE! and WE ARE ALL LIONS!

Club News

Mandan Dacotah



Exchange students gather

Camp Coordinator Lion Judy Beaudry is pictured, talking to the 50 or so international youth that participated in camp from N.D., S.D., Saskatchewan, France, Italy, Germany, and many more countries.

Youth Exchange was founded "to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world." Club members said from what they witnessed; this was evident. "We are sure many friendships were developed over this week. We commend 1st DG Lion Judy Beaudry and Lion Mac Beaudry for doing an outstanding job as the coordinators of the camp," said Lion Sherry M. Fetch, Mandan Dacotah Lions



Club serves

Sunday, July 20, the Mandan Dacotah Lions provided the first evening meal at the 5NW International Youth Camp held in Medora. Pictured are the Mandan Dacotah Lion Club President, Lion Kevin Bean, with Lion Jeanette Bean, DG Lion Arlen Fetch and Lion Sherry M. Fetch.

NOTICE

Let us hear from you!

Please send us your comments, letters to the editor, what's new, etc.

Send us your pictures!

Everyone likes to see friends and club members pictured doing important Lions work.

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

Thank You!

NOTICE

97th Annual Lions International Convention: beyond expectations!

Editor's note: Following is the blog, posted by newly elected International Director Robert Littlefield while he was in Toronto at the International Convention.

Kathy and I anticipated that the 2014 Lions Convention in Toronto would be a wonderful experience; but little did we know how much the event would exceed our expectations! We had an exhilarating and inspirational time and we cannot begin to thank our dear Lion friends and supporters for all they did to contribute to this "top of the mountain" experience.

Upon arrival in Toronto, we checked into a beautiful hotel with a European flavor: the Radisson Admiral Harbourfront. We joined Lions from North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan, and other midwestern states. Our fabulous campaign team went into action immediately upon arrival and soon was functioning like a well-oiled machine.

There were responsibilities to be assumed and shared. Everyone pitched in and the excitement and energy level soared. Kathy and I were so humbled by the care and attention paid by everyone to make sure our campaign went forward in such a positive way.

These wonderful Lions from MD5 never hesitated when something needed to be done. In the words of campaign chair Lion Mel Olson, "we got 'er done!" Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the following campaign committee members who traveled to



ID Robert Littlefield and wife Kathy, Sherry and 5NW DG Arlen Fetch and Julie and PID Bruce Schwarz

Toronto to help: Mel Olson, Pat and Kevin Vannett, Rob Hill, Blake Strehlow, Larry Burkhead, Gerald and Mary Sletmoe, Gordon and Bev Ziegler, Rick and Maureen Pockett, Gladi and Joe Andrew, Dave Butler, Crystal Dueker, and Marvin and Lynne Chambers.

We also enjoyed having others from MD5 on hand to march in the parade and give us moral support: Ken and Donna Wentz, Dwaine Heinrich, Arlan and Sherry Fetch, Murray Linner, Ellie May and Harold Bishop. Kathy took this picture of some of our team in front of the Convention Center.

We express our special and sincere appreciation to PID Bruce and Julie Schwartz from North Dakota who advised us, introduced us, and promoted our candidacy with expert finesse at every turn. They guided us among the leaders who were past international presidents and directors. Their commitment to our candidacy meant that they had to get up extra early every morning in order to travel with us to several breakfasts and area caucuses to introduce us to the Lions of

North America.

This traveling from caucus to caucus and event to event didn't happen by accident. Our logistics team headed by Rob Hill, with Mel Olson and Larry Burkhead was superb in making making sure we moved easily from place to place every morning. Rob even had coffee and bagels from Tim Horton's waiting for us each morning. I spoke to Lions from the New England states, New York and the mid-Atlantic states, the southeastern states, Texas, California, the midwestern, and southwestern states. In addition, we went to the "Down Under" and Canadian caucuses where Lions expressed support for our dream: that every man, woman, and child needing a helping hand will find a Lion there to lift them up and give them hope for a brighter tomorrow. The essence of this dream has found its place in the 2017 Centennial theme: "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

The "high" just kept getting higher as we took our place in the International Parade. Lions from Sioux Falls carried the MD5 banner, followed

by a contingency of District Governors-Elect and other Multiple District leaders. Three Past International Directors and their spouses (Garnet and Mary Ellen Davis, Bruce and Julie Schwartz, and Marvin and Lynne Chambers) were next in the procession, symbolically leading the way for us to follow as the MD5 candidate for International Director. Pat and Kevin Vannett carried our banner and we walked along behind, waving and greeting the crowd watching the parade. The remaining delegation completed the entourage carrying posters and red-white-and-blue fans which came in handy!

Every day, our team was out in front of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (MTCC) or the Air Canada Centre (ACC) handing out campaign materials and trinkets. 25,000 Lions and guests registered for the convention and we reached out to thousands of them daily. Sometimes the team needed a break (and they took it, as depicted in the photo to the right); but tirelessly, they were on their feet, smiling and greeting those who entered the

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MTCC or ACC.

Kathy and I were also on hand, so we spent time shaking hands and greeting the convention participants. We shook thousands of hands and felt the warmth and support of every person we greeted. Many had heard me at the caucuses, but as one person told me, "you are the only candidate I have met." We felt the impact of taking the time to meet and greet our fellow Lions and friends. When they pledged their support for my candidacy, the impact of what PID Marvin Chambers once told me rang true: "Robert, when you serve on the International Board, you represent the Lions of the world!" What an honor! What a responsibility. What a gift to have been placed in this position to touch the lives of those in need of help.

In addition to campaigning, Lions of MD5 attended every plenary session where we learned about new and ongoing initiatives, heard motivational speakers, watched talented and inspirational performers, and participated in the ongoing business of the association.

Then came the nominations and election process. What a humbling experience to join the international director candidates and walk up on the stage to be nominated by a fellow Lion from MD5 who has worked tirelessly in support of my campaign. SNW Past District Governor Pat Vannett was wonderfully impressive and passionate as she introduced me to the convention participants.

Addressing the Lions of the world was the most exciting speech experience I have ever had. Each step in the process took us to a different level of excitement.

When the election results were announced, we felt a joy that is indescribable; and we looked up to the Lions from MD5 to share the moment!

With the announcement of the election and the adjournment of the convention, Kathy and I were taken to the friendship luncheon where we enjoyed a meal with our mentors, ID Mike and Linda Molenda of Minnesota, and other members of the International Board. ID Mike and Linda are wonderful people and began immediately sharing information with us to help make our entry to the Board an easy process.

Stepping onto the International Board was an awesome experience. The transfer of authority to act on behalf of Lions worldwide is filled with tradition. It was so impressive to watch our new International President Joe Preston assume his role as leader of the Board. As each group of directors—immediate past, 2nd year, and 1st year—were introduced and presented with pins and certificates of recognition, our identity as a new board emerged.

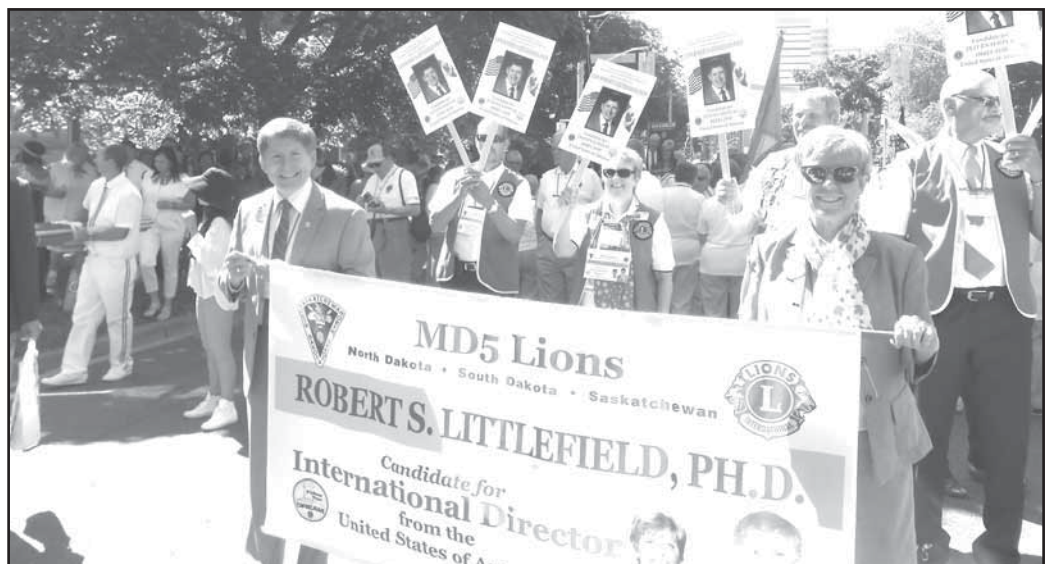
I was so pleased to be appointed to the Public Relations Committee because this working group oversees all publications, advertising, marketing, design, protocol, and related activities of the association. In addition, the PR Committee will be taking the lead on the Centennial Planning. I couldn't have asked for a better assignment as it will connect my professional background to my international service at a whole new level.

But, more importantly, being able to serve on a public relations committee with representatives from Africa and the Far East, as well as from North America will enrich my background and what I can bring back to my students at North Dakota State University taking my public relations and intercultural communication courses.

So, as I complete my first blog entry as an International Director, I am struck by three



ID Robert Littlefield at his first meeting.



Future ID Robert Littlefield and supporters at the parade.

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things:

First, I am so very grateful to the Lions of MD5 who believed in my candidacy and gave me the opportunity to have this life-changing experience. I will never forget these Lions and I will always be honored to serve in their name.

Second, I am blessed to have such dear friends who gave so much of themselves to help me to reach my dream. Each of these individuals knows what they mean to Kathy and me and why we consider ourselves to be among the most fortunate people in the

world to have them among our closest friends. Finally, while I always dreamed of being an international director, the chances for a person from Fargo, North Dakota joining the LCI Board of Directors seemed remote. However, Past International President Barry Palmer challenged us to dream beyond what we thought

was possible; and with that perspective, Kathy and I took the risk and followed a course that led us to Toronto and the future. Thank you, Lions of the world for making my dream of international service come true.

—Lion Robert S. Littlefield,
International Director
Lions Clubs International



PDG Pat Vannett and ID candidate Robert looking out at the crowd.



ID candidate Robert pledges to serve the world.

Lions of Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange Camp

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Welcome to the wonderful world of Lions Youth Exchange.

Each year the Lions of Multiple District 5, which is comprised of Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota provide assistance to the youth of their six districts to take part in what has become a truly wonderful experience of learning about other cultures of the world.

The six districts in our multiple also take in many youth from foreign countries during the winter and again in the summer.

Youth who are not necessarily Lions children are chosen by Lions clubs to take part in this unique opportunity.

Exchanges "Family Only" during the winter months generally last between three to six weeks. On occasion there are some "Family Only" exchanges during the summer months and they will generally last three weeks. The Youth Camp exchanges during the summer months may be one or two weeks in length, in addition to the one week at our International Lions Youth Camp.

During these exchanges

there is an opportunity to learn the cultures of other countries from the youth attending this Camp.



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These exchanges are not to be considered a holiday nor are they to be conducted for the purpose of a formal education, employment or career

advancement.

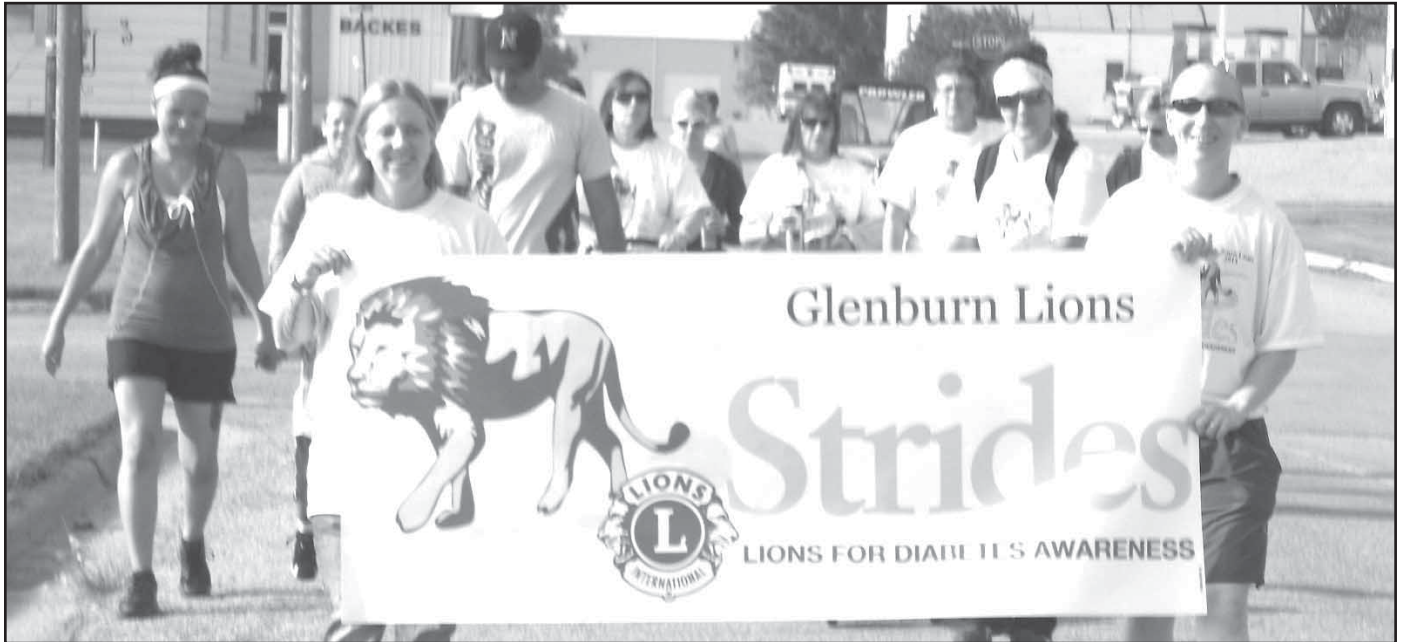
All youth are expected to serve as representatives of their communities and countries.

Youth Exchange was officially adopted in 1962. It is founded on the first of Lionism, to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world.

What better way for Lions Clubs to do this than have the youth of our communities take part in a program that offers opportunities of a lifetime.

Please consider the Lions Youth Exchange Program for your club, just open a door, a whole new world is waiting on the other side. We are always looking for host families for youth who would like to learn about our cultures and ways of life.

Glenburn



Lions host Strides Walk

July 12, Glenburn Lions Strides Diabetes Awareness Walk was a hit! 30+ members of the Glenburn and surrounding communities came out on this beautiful morning to support this worthy cause. Because of the event and the people who supported it, the Glenburn Lions Club was able to make a sizeable donation to the National Diabetes Foundation. We hope to repeat the event next summer!" Submitted by Ginney Jones, Glenburn Lions Club treasurer

South Forks



Lion of the Year

Lion Larry Eickman was named Grand Forks South Forks Lion of the year for his extensive work in the club this past year. Shown here presenting Lion Larry with the award is last years President of the South Forks Lions, Bill Steckler. Eickman was the treasurer for the club as well as helping at Christmas in the Park and at the Farmers Market. He was awarded a Progressive Melvin Jones Award. Additionally, Eickman assists with transportation for a senior Lions member to the club for the meetings.

Minot



New Melvin Jones awarded

The Minot Lions awarded Lion Jim Johnson a Melvin Jones Fellow at the regular meeting on June 30. Pictured is PDG and Minot Lion Lowell Latimer presenting the award to Lion Jim.

YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP



The 44 youth campers attending the 2014 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp, joined by Camp Director Lion Mac Beaudry (far left, front) and First VDG (and Camp Coordinator) Judy Beaudry (ninth from left, upper level), pause for the camera during a busy week. The week-long camp began on July 20. (Photo courtesy of Mac Beaudry)

District 5NW hosts 44 youth at 2014 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp

By LION JEANNE SELBY
District 5NW PR chair

Following the week-long 2014 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp, Immediate Past District Governor Mike Blazek reflected, "The fun part of being at the camp was watching the group of 16-to-18-year-olds coming together for camp and not knowing each other; then, at the end of the week not wanting to leave camp!"

The MD5 Youth Exchange Camp was planned and hosted by District 5NW volunteers July 20 - 26 at the Badlands Ministries Camp, five miles south of Medora, in western North Dakota.

The MD5 Youth Camp, which annually rotates among North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan, this year hosted 44 youth campers, with 36 international campers (15 of whom were Canadian) and the balance from North and South Dakota.

In addition to the 15 youth campers from Canada, other

foreign exchange students were from Brazil (2), Denmark (2), Finland (3), France (1), Germany (1), Italy (3), Mongolia (4), the Netherlands (1), Poland (1), and Slovakia (1).

All foreign exchange students enjoyed approximately two weeks of home hospitality with Lions families in North Dakota before or after the week-long camp.

Youth Camp Director Lion Mac Beaudry, Washburn, and Camp Coordinator 5NW First Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry had scheduled a busy week of activities, many taking advantage of the western flavor of Medora, for the youth campers.

Following the opening ceremonies and parade of flags upon arrival at the camp Sunday afternoon, July 20, the Mandan Dakotah Lions prepared and served a "western style" barbecue. The campers were encouraged to wear western dress to dinner.

Cowboy Poet Dick Melvin performed for the group. The day concluded with a western movie, popcorn and sodas.

The western theme reappeared throughout the week as small groups of six campers received stage coach tours of Medora and the surrounding area each morning. The campers and volunteers attended the western-themed Medora Musical as a group Tuesday

evening, July 22. On Wednesday, July 23, the campers went on a three-hour horseback ride originating from the Peaceful Valley Ranch, founded in 1885 and now on the National Register of Historic Places. Medora's miniature golf course presented numerous challenges and obstacles, many of which replicated the "wild west" (eg., buffalo and horses).

The morning of July 21



The Bismarck North Star Lions Club was one of five District 5NW clubs to provide evening meals to the youth campers during the week-long camp. Cooking brats and hot dogs were Lions (left to right) PDG Garry Freier, Jamie Ressler, Tim Johnson and Aaron Birst.

YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP

the campers learned a bit of Medora's early history as they toured the Chateau de Mores, the 1880s era, 26-room home to the Marquis and his wife Medora.

In addition to the picnic supper at Chimney Park, the mini-golf and the evening musical, the campers' day in Medora also included a couple of hours for shopping and the "obligatory stop" at the ice cream parlor (which everyone enjoyed)!

Other activities the campers enjoyed during the week were swimming (both at Belfield and in the adjacent "Big Muddy"), a bonfire and marshmallow roast, decorating

(and of course, eating) cupcakes, "do-it-yourself" ice cream sundaes (which the Lions youth campers shared with the elementary school campers attending the camp in another part of the campus), a leather stamping craft (offering a choice of bracelets, bookmarks or belts), and a "sharing time" (providing a time for comments, reflections and/or exchange of tokens) at the end of week.

Opportunities for physical activities included a one-mile evening hike to the top of a butte on the property, a "high ropes" course (an obstacle course 40 feet in the air), a "low ropes" indoor obstacle course,

soccer, volley ball, baseball, frisbee golf, ladder golf and horseshoes.

The group took a four-hour bus tour of the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park on Thursday morning, July 24, with stops at the Visitor Center, the prairie dog town, and Roosevelt's Maltese Cross Cabin.

In addition, the campers also participated in an on-site service project, cutting and clearing tree branches and

brush. The 44 youth campers volunteered a total of 135 hours in the clean-up project.

Five District 5NW Lions clubs prepared and served meals to the youth campers, while the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions baked and donated many dozens of cookies for the campers' evening snacks.

In addition to the barbecue prepared and served by the

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Youth campers take a break at one of Medora's two ice cream parlors on Tuesday, July 22.



Lions Youth Exchange Camp participants played the 18-hole miniature golf course in Medora one afternoon during the camp.



District 5NW Lions volunteers assisting at the July 20 - 26 youth camp for three or more days included (left to right) Washburn Lion Gary Blatchford, Julie Blatchford, North Star Lion PDG Garry Freier, Prairie Rose Lions Loris Freier and JeAnne Selby, Washburn Lion PDG Mike Blazek, Prairie Rose Lion Valerie Blazek, First VDG (and Camp Coordinator) Judy Beaudry, Washburn Lions, Camp Director/Washburn Lion Mac Beaudry, and Prairie Rose Lion Lori Newgard. (Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Blazek)

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Mandan Dakota Lions the first evening of camp, the youth campers were guests of the South Heart Lions Club at their "Burgers in the Barn" community summer fundraiser/public relations event on Monday evening, July 21. The Bismarck North Star Lions grilled brats and hot dogs and served potato salad, chips and brownies Wednesday evening; the Hazen Lions provided a pasta bar Thursday evening, July 24; and the New England Lions served "tacos in a bag" accompanied by brownies and scotcheroos Friday evening, July 25.

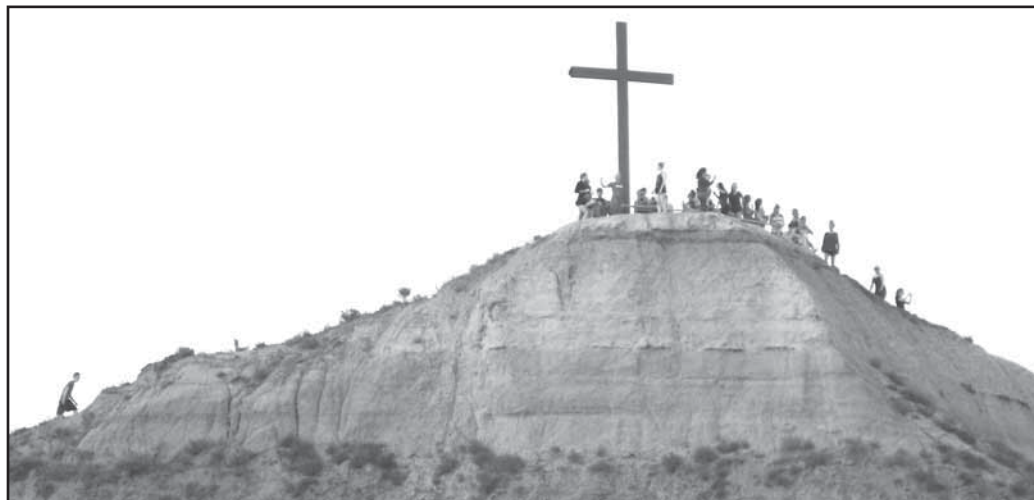
Breakfasts and lunches were prepared and served by Badlands Ministries Camp staff at the on-site dining hall.

PDG Mike Blazek and Youth Camp Directors Mac and First VDG Judy Beaudry were pleased to receive praise from the Badlands Ministries Hospitality & Group Sales Director, Carole Smolnikar. Smolnikar noted that she had never hosted a group of campers as large as this one -- nor as well-behaved. She also added that she hadn't seen as many wonderful adult volunteers as those provided by the Lions.

The Beaudrys' response was that "the youth were all ambassadors for their respective countries and for Lions International, as there was never a time they weren't shining stars. It was an honor for us to serve as Camp Directors!"

First VDG Judy also praised the "fabulous teamwork on the part of the volunteers that made our jobs easier and contributed to a successful week."

Volunteers who spent three



The youth campers hike a half-mile trail to the top of a butte on the Badlands Ministries property after supper July 23. (Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Blazek)



Allesandro of Italy, front, displays his completed cupcake for the camera, as other youth campers continue to decorate theirs. The youth campers ate their artistic creations upon completion. (Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Blazek)

to seven days assisting at the camp included North Star Lion PDG Garry Freier; Prairie Rose Lions Valerie Blazek, Loris Freier, Lori Newgard and JeAnne Selby; Washburn Lions Gary Blatchford and PDG Mike Blazek, along with Blatchford's wife, Julie. Lion Blatchford also served as Camp Treasurer.

Additional volunteers from Saskatchewan included First



Newly-elected MD5 Council Chair Ken Wetz and his wife, Donna, of Newell, SD, take a break from "last-day-of-camp" activities to enjoy the Lions youth campers and beautiful Badlands scenery. (Photo courtesy of PDG Mike Blazek)



Covered in mud from head to toe, the Lions youth campers enjoy the "Muddy" Missouri River, adjacent to the camp, during one of two swimming opportunities. (Photo courtesy of Mac Beaudry)

VDG Eunice Cameron, her friend Margaret, MD5 Youth Exchange Chair Marie Boutin, and "Bus Driver" Jack.

The 2015 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp will be held July 12 - 18 in South Dakota.

Club News

Rugby



Happy helpers

Rugby Lions Club members recently received assistance from residents at the Haaland Home of Rugby, sorting used glasses. The Haaland Home is an assisted living center and the residents living there do this for the Rugby Lions Club on a regular basis. Club members collect the glasses at different locations, gathering them once a month, then turn them over to the seniors at the Haaland Home to do the sorting duties.



North Star



Roberts honored

Members of the North Star Lions present Cole Roberts a check for \$1,000. Cole graduated from BHS and enrolled in college at BSC this fall. Cole is using the money to purchase a laptop including the software JAWS and OpenBook. Pictured, from left, Aaron Birst, President Tim Faller, Vision Instructor Brandi Trom-Anderson, Cole Roberts, Jed Geer, and Tim Johnson.

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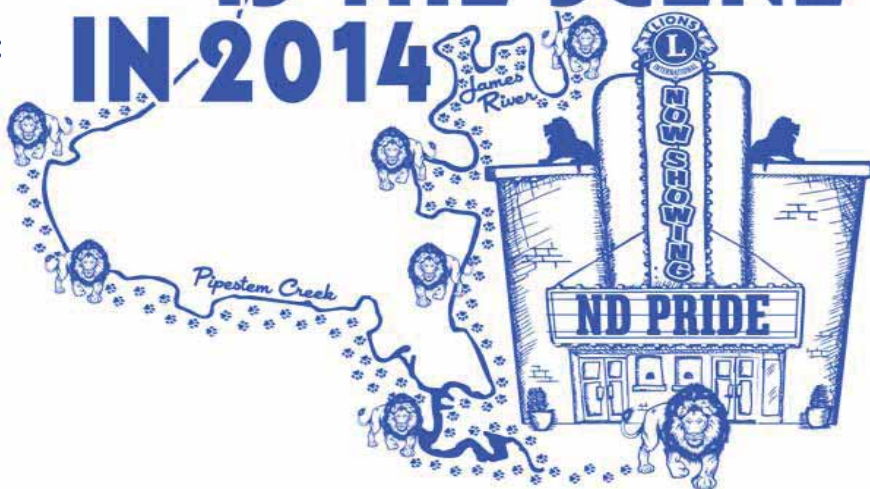
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