

# NORTH DAKOTA LION



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The Napoleon Lions Club celebrated 85 years last week. (L-R) front: Barb Braun, Athena Dunn, Christine Schwartzberger and Donna Ruff; middle: Sally Johs, Anton Braun, Pete Horner, Lorraine Piatz, Mary Beth Schumacher; back: John C. Johs, Curt Christofferson, Brian Schneider, Bert Schumacher, Andy Piatz, Tillie Piatz, Jerome Schwartzberger, Willie J. Piatz and James Ruff.

## Napoleon Lions observe 85th

By JESSICA WALD,  
Reporter/Graphic Designer,  
Napoleon Homestead

Past International Director Bruce Schwartz of Bismarck was guest speaker at the Napoleon Lions Club 85th birthday celebrated Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

Lion Schwartz is a member of the Bismarck Lions Club, the club which sponsored the Napoleon Lions Club in 1929.

Also present at the birthday celebration were Present International Director Robert Littlefield of Fargo and Past International Director Wm. Gackle of Kulm. The Hazelton Lions were also represented as were the Lehr, Wishek and Linton clubs.

PID Schwartz noted the many accomplishments of the Napoleon club and

stated that without a Lions Club the community would have a great void to fill. He also stated that all the Lions efforts are voluntary. "You make Napoleon tick" stated Schwartz.

Director Littlefield brought greetings from Lions International and also praised the local club for their many services they have provided

to the city of Napoleon in the past 85 years. The program was opened with the singing of the National Anthem by the Ketterling twins, Sophie and Emilie, 4th graders at Napoleon Public School. NHS senior Justin Hoberg entertained the group with several vocal numbers.

Thirty-five people attended the event, including 18 of 25

local members. The Napoleon Lions Club has a fine history of accomplishments to their 85 year record that have made a difference in the history of their community. Some accomplishments include: purchase of the city

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## Eye Bank loses accreditation

### New partnership formed

PDG CRAIG WOLLENBURG  
President LEBND

In July 2013 the LEBND Executive Board was informed of the Eye Bank's loss of accreditation due to multiple issues. Not the least of which included lack of oversight by Tissue Banks International.

TBI's lack of service was a point of discussion for some time.

With the loss of accreditation the LEBND Board explored alternatives and began looking for another organization to provide the same services that TBI

was contracted to provide. The search was narrowed to the Minnesota Lions Eye Bank and the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank.

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# "Energized for Harvesting the Fruits of Great Ideas!"

By Lion Robert Littlefield,  
International Director

I love fall. It has always been my favorite season of the year because it is so dynamic and full of change. Don't get me wrong; coming from the upper plains, spring is always welcomed because it signals the end of what is usually a cold winter. Summer is wonderful because the days are longer and full of potential growth and bounty. Even winter has its special moments because of the holidays and time for quiet reflection. But fall energizes me because it signals the time of harvest, the beginning of another school year, the arrival of new students, and a fresh start.


For Lions, fall is a time for rallies, training, planning for the attainment of goals, and strengthening of the pride! Already, Lions around the world are completing the first quarter of the 2014-2015 year and from my vantage point, Lions are energized to make a difference in this world.

One initiative making a difference is the One Shot, One Life Measles Initiative of Lions Clubs International Foundation. This LCIF initiative will help to protect tens of millions of children in the world's poorest countries against measles, a highly infectious disease that kills an estimated 430 people every

day, mostly in developing countries.

According to LCIF reports, for less than US\$1, a child can be immunized against measles for life, making the vaccine potentially the most cost-effective health intervention available. Saving the life of a child for \$1 seems miraculous. How many lives can we save together? Let's harvest all bounty and reap the joy of saving a child's life.

Lions Clubs has committed to raising US\$30 million for immunization programs by 2017, when Lions Clubs celebrates its 100th anniversary. The funds raised by the Lions will be matched by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. See more at: [http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian\\_efforts/measles/index.php#sthash.ZSkYbifs](http://www.lcif.org/EN/our-programs/humanitarian_efforts/measles/index.php#sthash.ZSkYbifs).



*In Remembrance*

**Noonan**  
Robert Wissbrod

**Glen Ullin**  
Albert Duppong

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Kathy and I made One Shot, One Life our designated LCIF project this year. We encourage you and your local clubs to support this international initiative and send your donations to Lions Clubs International Foundation, 300 West 22nd Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842. In addition to your club donations, Kathy and I will be selling One Shot, One Life pins at the ND Lions State Convention for \$10 each. We believe it would be tremendous if we could sell 100 pins and donate \$1,000 to the initiative. Imagine, saving 1,000 lives through our collective North Dakota generosity! Every single dollar makes a difference in the life of a child. The value of the gift is priceless.



As we move into another fall season, I wish for all Lions around the world to experience success in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of those in need. As we approach our centennial, the theme rings true: "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

Lions pins available



People can send the order form to their district chairperson:

**for NW**  
Tim Thueson,  
3211 N 19th St. Bismarck, ND  
58503, 701-250-9705

**and NE**  
Arlo Anderson,  
4680 153rd Ave SE,  
Leonard, ND 58052  
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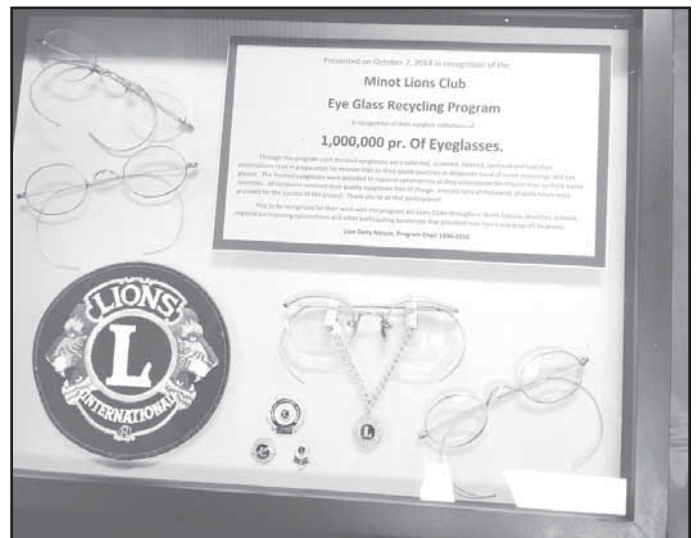


The Minot Lions' feat of collecting more than 1 million glasses was featured on the KX TV network. At the conclusion of the interview, club members got the privilege of asking KXMC meteorologist a question: "Hey Tom, how's the weather?"

# What a record

The Minot Lions Club has set a record that it hopes will continue to grow. The group recently surpassed the 1 million mark for used eyeglasses collected. Club members recently added to that number setting up shop at the Minot Roosevelt Park Zoo. The feat is magnified as the benchmark was reached in only 20 years. Sight has always

been the main focus of Lions International. Those 1 million glasses have been dispersed into developing countries, third world nations, some in the united states but mostly in third world countries. The Lions will continue to take donations of used eye glasses and will keep their eye on another million pairs.



## Just ASK1!

By LION KATHERINE TWEED

Sometimes we Lions wonder why we have so many organizational titles. After all, we're all Lions.

Now I know. Every Lion has a support team in place beyond our own clubs. This article is a brief overview of the Global Membership Team.

Each Lion is important for what you do and what you can do. We are the people who get things done to serve others.

We always need more hands and hearts to do our service.

That's where the district global membership team supports you. If you have questions about how to grow your club, and we all do, we have resources for you.

In District 5NE we are fortunate to have membership chairpersons in every club. That person is backed up by a district



team.

Here's your team – please contact us with any questions or suggestions:

District GMT chairperson PDG Katherine Tweed, ktweed@cablone.net or 701.235.2115

DG Dwaine Heinrich, dwaineh@hcadj.com or 701.269.1128

First VDG Rick Swenson, virus\_of\_h@yahoo.com or 701.302.0432

All Zone Chairpersons in the District

Let's work together to make sure this is a positive membership growth year for our District so that we can serve more people and make our communities even better.

## Lions: Get the word out

JOE PRESTON, PRESIDENT  
*Lions Clubs International*

Dear Lion:

When I was growing up, I hoped that one day I could change the world. As Lions, we can actually say we are. We help children and neighbors who need us, and we strengthen communities and change lives in the process. Your club does so much for your community, so make sure you let your community know what a difference you're making.

Getting media coverage for your club is a great way to celebrate your achievements and increase your visibility. The [club press release page](#) provides

easily customized press releases for a fast, effective way to promote your club. Whether you're looking to promote service projects, fundraising events, club milestones or create your own press release, you'll find what you need to help get the word out to your community.

Keep in mind that the more people know about the great things you do, the more likely they are to join your club. The **press release for recruiting new members** is a great way to invite your community to join you. Download it today, and use it to promote membership growth in October and throughout the year!

# 5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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This edition of The Lion will not reach you until after the state convention is over. Today, I am sitting here asking myself how did this happen, how did I end up being co-chair of the state convention and district governor at the same time. This is particularly puzzling considering I repeatedly said I would not do either job.

As it often happens events over which we have no control affect our lives in so many ways. It certainly was a series of events over which I had no control that brought me to the decision to accept these responsibilities.

Having gotten myself into this situation I am particularly appreciative of those who have stepped up to help or encourage me. Certainly this would not be possible without the support of my wife Joyce who is a truly remarkable and energetic partner.

From my own Club Lions, Kristi Anderson and Kathy Clemens have gone above and beyond serving as cabinet secretary and treasurer and convention co-chair and treasurer respectively.

The wise and always witty counsel of Lion Dennis Nathan of Valley City, has been invaluable over these months as has the dedication and hard work of so many others involved in the convention effort from Jamestown, Medina, Valley City, Carrington and Rockford.

I have also been blessed by having a great group of fellow district governors in multiple district 5. We all share the same enthusiasm and concern

for the Lions and all Clubs of our multi-district.

The people I have had an opportunity to meet and work with certainly are a example of International President Preston's call to "Strengthen the Pride through Service." There are so many good things going on with Lions here in North Dakota it is hard to not be enthusiastic.

Recently I had the opportunity to induct nine new Lions at a meeting of the NDSU Lions Club. It is both humbling and energizing to visit with these enthusiastic

young ladies and gentlemen committed to our Lions motto, We Serve.

We ask all Lions Clubs in District 5NE to consider accepting the Centennial Service Challenge and hold activities supporting youth, vision, hunger and the environment each year for the next three years until our centennial in 2017.

We also have a very important capital campaign this year to support Leader

Dogs and a major remodeling project at their facility in Rochester, Michigan.

In closing, let's not forget the words of our founder Melvin Jones, "The main function of the service club is to be helpful to your community in every manner possible." The first step is to "Ask One."

Thank you so much.

## Directory is online now

Lions who do not receive a 'hard copy' directory now have access to all of that information. It is available online. It includes contact information for:

- North Dakota Lions clubs
- District officers and chairpersons
- Lions Foundation of North Dakota board of directors
- Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota board of directors
- MD5 Council of Governors officers and chairpersons
- Past District Governors Association
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Great Plains Assistance Dogs
- The North Dakota Lion
- And lots and lots of other information!
- Convention schedules, etc.

Here are the websites:

[e-district.org/sites/5ne](http://e-district.org/sites/5ne) and [e-district.org/sites/5nw](http://e-district.org/sites/5nw)

Due to privacy issues, the North Dakota Lions directory is kept in the members section. For login and password go to the link at the bottom of the home page.

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*Michael Gaudle, President*  
(Oct. 15, 2014)

# Leader dog kennel project off and running

By PID Bruce Schwartz

The Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Redesign Project is off to a good start. Leader Dogs for the Blind has asked the Lions of North America to raise \$3 million dollars to help with the redesigning, restructuring, expanding and upgrading of its kennel facility at the Leader Dog campus in Rochester Hills, MI. One only needs to know that in 1990, 20 leader dogs were placed with clients as opposed in 123 in 2013 to understand the need for expansion and facility upgrades.

North Dakota and South Dakota make up Sector 19, one of 25 sectors in North America (U.S. and Canadian), and our goal in Sector 19 is to be the top fund raising sector for this one-year project. We want to "Beat Everybody's Pants Off!" To make that happen, all the Lions clubs and Lions in North and South Dakota will have to step up to the plate and contribute in a big way to the project. Contact your Leader Dog district coordinators for the instructions on how to contribute. They are Jan Froemming (SNW-701-584-3606), Sandy Wurgler (SNE-701-208-0936), Donna Wetz (SSW-605-490-0567) and

June Van Asch (SSE-605-949-2723).

Several clubs and individuals have made contributions so far. They are as follows:

- NDSU Campus Club (SNE) \$2000**
- Wasburn Lions Club (SNW) \$1000**
- Bismarck Lions Club (SNW) \$10,000**
- Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club (SNW) \$500**
- Custer Lions Club (SSW) \$50**
- Groton Lions Club (SSE) \$250 (for a brick)**
- Lemmon Lions Club (SSW) \$750**
- Total So Far \$14,550**

Clubs are encouraged to contribute at the Leader Club level. Leader Club status requires a minimum gift of \$7,500. Gifts of \$5000 and over may be paid over a 5 year period while gifts under \$5000 may be paid over a three year period.

Individual Lions and non-Lions can purchase a personalized brick that would be placed on the outdoor plaza at Leader Dog. 4"x8" bricks are \$250 and 8"x8" bricks are \$500.

The one-year Kennel Redesign Project initiative will end next June 30. Because of



A future Leader Dog is happily supervising the early construction phase of the Leader Dogs for the Blind kennel building project.

the project's short time span, I am asking all clubs in North and South Dakota to make this Leader Dogs for the Blind project their number one fund raising activity for the 2014-15 Lions year.

The mission of Leader Dogs for the Blind is to empower

people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly efficient client instruction and innovative services.

Make plans now to generously gift the Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Project.

## NORTH DAKOTA LIONS ANSWER THE CALL FOR PRE-SCHOOL VISION SCREENING WITH



Recently, our International President, Joe Preston asked all of us to be a part of a national focus for the purpose of providing pre school vision screening. They say "timing is everything" and the Lions of North Dakota are set up and ready to screen the children of our state.

Because of the generous donations of the ND Lions Clubs, businesses and individuals, and with the cooperation of Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Lions of North Dakota Sight 4 KIDZ vision screening program is up and running and ready to meet the needs in your community.



**Our children need us.** According to educational experts, 80% of learning is visual. So if children can't see well, they can't learn well. And vision problems that go undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent.

The Lions of ND Sight for KIDZ is our State program that offers a vision screening to the children of North Dakota. **Our mission is to ensure that children receive proper vision screenings and follow-up care when needed.** No one works harder than Lions to save sight, but we can help even more children when we work together focusing on children ages 6 months to 6 years of age.

The ND Sight 4 KIDZ program has purchased 13 screening devices and equipment to bring FREE vision screening to your community. We currently have trained screeners in New Rockford, Grand Forks, Fargo, Jamestown, Bismarck, Washburn, Dickinson, Williston and Mandan. Those volunteers are ready to help you get a screening going in your community too.

**You can change a life by becoming a vision screener.** With just minutes of training, any Lion can screen the vision of a child. Just push a few buttons and the screening devices used in Sight 4 KIDZ do all the work for you. Every child deserves to see the world clearly. And they can with your support.

**Hands On Training at your Clubs' Screening activity will be the best training.** We have found that when we couple an experienced screener with a new screener volunteer, the results are a great experience for all. But most of all, our children's needs are being met. Lions should screen at any age from 6 months on; the biggest benefit: 6 months to 6 years of age. Where should Lions Screen? Day care centers/nursery schools; School screenings; Mall screenings; Santa Days; Wherever the children gather, that's where Lions will screen.

Follow this link to view an inspiring video about how a Lions Vision Screening can make a difference in a child's life: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU6qjUOnzre>

For information on how to get a vision screening scheduled in your community, contact: Lion PDG Pat Vannett: [patvannett@gmail.com](mailto:patvannett@gmail.com) or 701-426-8132.



Service Dogs for America

is *celebrating*

**25** years!

ND Lions Club's have been there from the very beginning ..please join us at the Lions State Convention in thanking every club that supported the dogs we train and the individuals we serve.

*We couldn't have done it without you!*

See you at the convention – Oct 18th, 2014

Interact with our service dogs and trainers  
Come see the switch board for mobility training built by Lion Arlo Anderson  
Experience how a service dog can assist YOU!

# 5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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By now all 5NW Lions Clubs should have received the form for my Club Visitation Challenge. I now extend an invitation for all clubs to update their calendars and get information about upcoming events and special happenings out there. If all clubs updated their calendars with upcoming events, clubs would know when to visit each other. If you would also send your calendars to the 5NW District IT Chair, Butch Frank at bfrank@ndsupernet.com, he will get the information on the 5NW Website.

Now I'm going to change the topic a bit. By the time this letter is published I will have attended the Zone 2-A Membership Drive at the Roosevelt Park Zoo in Minot. What a novel idea. Each club in the Zone has been invited to set up a booth and distribute information about Lions and their perspective club. There will also be booths about other Lions related activities, such as Conventions and eye glass collection. I'm looking forward to being there. I commend Lion Jim Johnson, the "acting unofficial Zone Chair" for Zone 2-A, for keeping this Zone alive with Lions activities.

Speaking about membership; that just happens to be this month's topic. As part of International President Joe Preston's Theme, there is a program being promoted called "ASK ONE". Just think of the simplicity of this idea.... "ASK ONE". There are 1.36 million Lions in the world and if every one of those Lions asked one person to join just imagine what the possibilities

could be. Even if there were a 5% success rate, that would be 68,000 new Lions members. Not that I like to talk about statistics but that many new Lions would be impressive. Heck, all I'm striving for is 120 new Lions! I believe this can be accomplished! Just remember that somebody asked you to join Lions at one time or another. They may have asked you more than once. What if they wouldn't have asked you at all? Would you be a Lion? Think of all the experiences in your life that you would have missed! Think of all the wonderful people in your life you would never have met! Just "ASK ONE" and be the change in someone's life.

As I have mentioned before, my theme for this year is "Fun is Fundamental". Part of the underlying reason for using that

theme is to attract membership. People will be more willing to join an organization when they see that group is having fun. So instead of having a meeting.... have a fun meeting. I attended a club last year that had a "Mystery Dinner". It was a lot of fun and definitely "spiced up" the meeting. When you are out there cleaning ditches, have fun doing it. My own club was out cleaning ditches last weekend and the camaraderie and fun we had doing it made the chore fun! Tail-twisting for many clubs seems to be a lost art.... rejuvenate it! I attended a club that when the Lion put a \$1.00 in the jar and said "Happy Buck" they could share a happy thought or positive event. There are many ways to utilize tail-twisting. Experiment!

Which brings me to a topic I've talked about before, and

that is Club Visitations. When I visit clubs and I mention "Club Visitations" the older members get a gleam in their eye and younger members don't know what I'm talking about. Sometimes club members express how fun it was to do visitations. I am young in "Lion years" but have had the fortune of being along on several visitations. I was able to witness what a benefit it was to our club and also to the club being visited. We had fun!

Just a reminder that our Lion's State Convention is October 17-18 in Jamestown. Those that have not registered can still do so at the convention. The agenda contains a lot of information for both Lions

### 5NW LION'S CLUB CHALLENGE 2014-2015

1. At least three members from your club must make the visit.
2. The date and which club you visited must be recorded.
3. District Officers (DG,VDG, 2VDG,Cabinet Members, Zone Chairs) do not count as one of the three visiting members.
4. Visitation must be to another Lion's Club outside of your own town.
5. Minimum of three visitations to qualify

**Date of Visitation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Visited:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Visiting Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Members Visiting:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Signature of Presiding Lion of Club Visited:** \_\_\_\_\_

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and non-Lions. Please consider attending. Sherry and I would love to see you all there!

To the Lions clubs I have visited already, I extend a

heartfelt "Thank you" for the hospitality and caring that you have extended to both Sherry and myself. Sherry isn't always able to come with me as we

both still work, but she is a definite asset to me when she is along.

To the Lions Clubs I have yet to visit, I am looking

forward to visiting each and every one of you. And remember....."We are ALL LIONS!"

## Two local Washburn Lions appointed to district cabinet

Two local Washburn Lions are among the 25 District 5NW Cabinet members recently appointed by 5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch, Mandan.

Lions District 5NW, composed of the western half of North Dakota, includes 46 Lions clubs. Cabinet members will serve until July 1, 2015.

Immediate Past District Governor Mike Blazek remains on the Cabinet, serving as District Membership and Extension Chair, while Lion Judy Beaudry this year serves as First Vice District Governor. She will become District 5NW District Governor July 1, 2015.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club, with 1.35 million members in approximately 46,000 clubs in

209 countries and geographical areas.

For nearly 100 years, whenever there has been a need at home or around the world, Lions members -- men and women -- have been there to help. They live their Lions motto, "We Serve."

Their volunteer efforts extend beyond supporting vision care, addressing unmet health and education needs worldwide.

Lions make a strong commitment to youth outreach programs, environmental improvements, construction of homes for the disabled, diabetes education and hearing programs; and through their foundation they provide disaster relief in the U.S. and around the world.

## Club News

### Washburn



Lions 5NW Past District Governor Mike Blazek (left) accepts an engraved plaque, commemorating his 2013-14 term of office, from current 5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch, during the district's first quarter fall cabinet meeting in Halliday.

## Washburn Lion recognized

Past 5NW Lions District Governor Mike Blazek, Washburn, recently received an engraved plaque, commemorating his 2013-14 term of office.

The presentation took place on Aug. 23, during the district's first quarter, fall cabinet meeting in Halliday.

Blazek served as district 5NW governor from July 1, 2013 until June 30, 2014. The district's service area includes 49 Lions Clubs in the western half of North Dakota.

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## WANTED

### Lions for Vision Screening Training

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota is actively seeking fellow Lions from around North Dakota to serve as operators of the mobile Plusoptix S12C Vision Screener to be used in conjunction with a fantastic new program called



The goal of the program is to provide vision screening to pre-school children.

### FREE OF CHARGE!

Lions, we need your limited time and commitment to learn how to operate the Plusoptix device and to assist with screening children wherever Lions serve all across the state of North Dakota. For more information, please contact: Del Hager, [del714@hotmail.com](mailto:del714@hotmail.com);

218-779-4971

# Kyleen Ekstrom Benefit

Monday October 20th

Mandan Pizza Ranch

You are invited to join us for a benefit for Kyleen Ekstrom on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the Mandan Pizza Ranch beginning at 5:00 PM. A portion of the cost of each buffet dinner purchased will be donated by Pizza Ranch. There will also be donation containers located throughout the restaurant. Tips and donations are welcomed and encouraged to help pay for medical costs for Kyleen. However, due to changes in the law, tips and donations cannot be added onto the food tab when paying for the meal, so donors are asked to contribute cash or checks into the containers provided. Checks may also be sent to Security First Bank, 614 West Main Street, Mandan, ND 58554. This event is being coordinated by the Mandan Dacotah Lions

Club.

Kyleen is a thyroid and breast cancer survivor, but a post-operative infection (staph) was contracted after one of the tumor surgeries. She has endured several rounds of radiation therapies, lymphedema treatments, and multiple strong oral antibiotic combinations to combat the staph infection. She has been diagnosed with 11 different forms of MRSA (staph) infection in a surgery biopsy. She now has staph in her blood system, bones, lymphatic system and it has caused organ damage. She is unable to receive medications intravenously due to systemic staph infection. The oral antibiotic prescribed for her costs over \$975 per week after health insurance coverage. Her Bismarck doctors are in



consultation with specialists at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota regarding her care.

Kyleen has been unable to work since her breast cancer surgery due to complications of that surgery and Parotid gland surgery. The staph infection causes nausea and high fevers that continue for

days and weakness that causes Kyleen to use a wheelchair at times. Currently a surgical incision is open and the only treatment option is the current prescription.

Kyleen is married to Jerry Ekstrom. The family lives in Mandan and the kids attend Mandan Public Schools.

## Mandan Dacotah Lions Live the Lion's Motto, "We Serve"

When driving on east Main Street in Mandan, ND on the southern side of the intersection that connects to I94 you would have seen several Mandan Dacotah Lions on Saturday, October 4th 2014 working the area picking up trash. This is one of the many things the club does for service to the community. Other service projects we enjoy doing throughout the year include serving hotdogs at the Buddy Walk; a local walk to raise money for the National Down Syndrome Society; volunteering at ND Special

Olympics Bowling and Track Events, serving burgers at Mandan Patriot Day, eyeglasses collection, giving Christmas gifts to children of need, adopting a family at Christmas and many more.

The Mandan Dacotah Lions also enjoy service involving the youth of our community. We promote and support the Peace Poster Contest at the Mandan Middle School and do a Stride's Walk Splash and Dash every year to raise money for local diabetic children to attend Camp Sioux.

This year we are also doing



a local Benefit for Kyleen Ekstrom at the Mandan Pizza Ranch on Monday, October

20th. Please come out and support this very worthy cause.



Both Organizations were interviewed and after much discussion it was decided that an affiliation with the SDLETB would be in the best interest of the LEBND.

In February 2014, LEBND notified TBI of the intent to end our affiliation with them. The SDLETB began overseeing the processing of corneas in North Dakota while we worked on

developing a business model to best serve our needs and utilize the strengths of the SDLETB.

A temporary agreement was reached Sept. 1, 2014, that will be in place for the next 10 months. During this period the LEBND Board will continue to monitor and review operations. We will look at what is working and determine if changes need

to be made.

By July 1, 2015, a proposed permanent contract will be presented to the new board that will meet the goals and vision of the LEBND and continue to provide the quality service to our hospitals and communities that they have come to expect.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Board Scott Ressler, Tracey

Wicken and Lois Reierson, PDG Mike Blazek and also the members of the Eye Bank Board for their efforts and patience in working through this transition. It has been challenging and time consuming and they all deserve your thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

## MD-5 Committee Chairperson Position Opening: Vice District Governors Trainer

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to inform all Lions Of Multiple District 5 that there is a committee chairperson.

Position becoming available as of June 30th, 2015.

The term of this position will be from July 1st, 2015 to June 30th, 2018.

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

Mike Brand  
1904 Burlington Dr. #1  
West Fargo, ND 58078  
Phone/fax: 701-205-4729  
© 701-840-1103  
Email: vclion@msn.com

*Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2015*

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!

NOTICE

**Thank You!**

# Glenburn



## Receives 25-year pin

Glenburn Lion Clair Simonson receives 25 year pin/recognition from 5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch.



## New member

Glenburn Lion Barb Quimby receives new membership pin & induction from 5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch. Also pictured: Lion Ginney Jones, Lion Barb Quimby's sponsor.

# Mandan



## Food drive success

The Mandan Lions recently sponsored a "Fill the Window" Food Drive. Food items went to Aid Incorporated and the Walton House in Mandan.

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**No Exceptions!**

# NAPOLEON

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park, taking a leading part in building the Exhibit Hall, sponsoring town bands, Boy Scout troops, basketball tournaments, music events. The club was instrumental in getting a reading magnifier for the Napoleon Care Center. The machine is available for public use also.

More accomplishments include: a medical clinic built, assisted in getting a toll free telephone exchange between Napoleon and Wishek, getting a road constructed and paved to Beaver Lake State Park, getting Highway 34 east of Highway 30 paved. Past District Governor, James Ruff, presented Lion Athena Dunn, president of the club, a special wall plaque to hang in the lobby of the restaurant where the club

holds their regular meetings.

Lion Jerome Schwartzenberger has the most years of service. He will complete 55 years in Jan of 2015. Lions Andy Piatz and James Ruff have 36 years. Lion John Johs has 30 years. Lion Pete Horner has 19 years. Anton Braun has 13 years, Brian Schneider and Donna Ruff have 10 years. Curt Christofferson has 8 years.

Six year members include: Barb Braun, Athena Dunn, Lorraine Piatz, Christine Schwartzenberger and Sally Johs; 4 year members: Athena Dunn, Tillie and Willie Piatz, Carmen Rath Wald, John Wald; 3 year members include Bert and Mary Beth Schumacher.

# 2015 MD5 Lions Convention Registration

"Lions Building Community: Teamwork, Technology, Transformation"

May 29-30, 2015 – Hilton Garden Inn – 4371 17th Avenue South, Fargo, ND 58103

## REGISTRATION FEES (per person)

### Complete Package

By December 31, 2014.....US\$130/125 if cash/check

By March 30, 2015.....US\$145/140 if cash/check

### Saturday Only Package

By December 31, 2014.....US\$105/100 if cash/check

By March 30, 2015.....US\$120/115 if cash/check

## Special Events on Thursday, May 28, 2015

(all fees include local transportation from hotel to venue)

9 holes of Golf at Osgood plus lunch US\$40

Red River Zoo US\$20

Bonanzaville US\$20

Maple River Winery Tour US\$20

E-Mail Questions to: lionsmd52015@gmail.com

Contact information: Lions 2015 MD5 Convention

PO Box 3144

Fargo, ND 58108

## Single Event

Registration + one meal on Saturday...US\$40-60/35-55\*

\*fee dependent upon breakfast/lunch/dinner

REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from the Lions MD5 2015 Convention Committee Treasurer, Lion Gary Hanson, 836 Lakeridge Place, West Fargo, ND 58078 until May 28, 2015. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Secretary/Treasurer PCC Mike Brand, 1904 Burlington Drive, Unit 1, West Fargo, ND 58078. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention. Questions should be directed to the MD5 Convention Chair, PCC Robert Littlefield 218-790-4346 or lionsmd52015@gmail.com

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Convention location – Hilton Garden Inn 701-499-6000. The room block is guaranteed until Monday, April 27, 2015 at US\$114 per night plus tax. Ask for Lions MD5 Convention room rate. Check-in after 3 pm – Check out time 11 am.

Type of Payment: Check\_\_\_Cash\_\_\_Draft\_\_\_Credit Card\_\_\_ Total Amount:\_\_\_ Initial:\_\_\_

## Special Events on Thursday, May 28, 2015

Golf at Osgood 9 holes plus lunch US\$40

Red River Zoo (includes ride) US\$20

Bonanzaville (includes ride) US\$20

Maple River Winery (includes ride) US\$20

Credit Card Information

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_American Express

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Expiration Date:\_\_\_\_\_Security Code\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

## One Form Per Person

Name\_\_\_\_\_

District\_\_\_\_\_Club\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_ Guest

E-Mail (for confirmation of registration):  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your 2015 Lion position (for name tag):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Yes No Specify:\_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Yes No

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_

State/Prov\_\_\_\_\_Zip/PC\_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information:

Registration Package Fee.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Special Event Fees Total.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

List: 1\_\_\_\_\_

2\_\_\_\_\_

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Total Fees Due.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Form of Payment:

\_\_\_Check\_\_\_Cash\_\_\_Draft\_\_\_Credit Card

Date:\_\_\_\_\_By:\_\_\_\_\_



Pictured, from left, Art Owens, Rob Palmer, PID Bruce Schwartz, PDG Lewis Shaw, PDG Pat Vannett, PCC Dale Ekstrom, PDG Kevin Vannett, Bill Schott, Dennis Friesz, Walter Keidel.

# Lions Foundation of North Dakota Help Sponsor Lions Alert Trailer

The Mandan Lions Club recently took on this project after seeing what a disaster can do to a community. In 2011 the state of North Dakota went through several disasters involving floods.

In 2013 the Mandan Lions purchased a used concessions trailer. They gutted it out and rebuilt the trailer. The concessions trailer has a 48” commercial grill, exhaust hood, three compartment sink, two refrigerators, and new floor and counter tops. After the trailer was remodeled the Lions

installed new signage including the Lions Clubs International Logo.

The cost of the project was \$20,000. Several grants were written and many local businesses funded this great project. The Mandan Lions members want thank everyone who contributed to this project.

According to Kevin Vannett, the project chairperson of Mandan Lions Club, the donors “are truly helping Lions make a difference in our community.”

Projects like this would not

be possible without the help of our Lions Foundation of North Dakota. So we would encourage all Lions Clubs

to contribute to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota on an annual basis.

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