



NDSU Lions

provide vision screening at kids Halloween party

NDSU Lions recently provided vision screening for 34 young children at a Halloween Party. The NDSU Lions Club took advantage of an opportunity to access a number of young people by providing vision screening at a college sponsored Halloween Party for young children. The club set up their booth in the corner of a room at the campus Living & Learning Center where the party was held. Five of the thirty-four children screened need to be referred to an eye care professional. All children screened were awarded their choice of candy for sitting quietly and looking into the screening device.

The whole process, that went very smoothly, was conducted by the students after only a few minutes of training. Various students operated the scanner, while others recruited the students, assisted with completing the consent forms and printed out the results of those who needed to be referred to eye care professionals.

Because the party lasted two hours, 10 different NDSU Lions had an opportunity to be involved in the screening. As student volunteers changed, they taught



Pictured are NDSU Lions, from left, Peter, Sam, Alyssa, Kally, Nik and Mel, and, front, Ben and Skylar.

each other how to use the equipment and clearly demonstrated that the screening equipment is very "user friendly". The activity also demonstrated that the vision screening can be effectively done in conjunction with other community activities.

All Lions clubs in the state are encouraged to become involved in providing vision screening for the young people in their communities. For additional information and to find out how your club can be involved contact Pat Vannett at 701-426-8132 or patvannett@gmail.com.



NDSU Lion Trevor performs a vision screening on one of the children.

Serving on the board is a 'Mountain-top' Experience

BY LION ROBERT S.
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International Director

On October 5-8, 2014, the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors met in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA to conduct its fall meeting. The Arizona Lions of Multiple District 21 were the official hosts.

To begin, the success of the meeting must be credited, in large part, to the inspiration of our International President Joe Preston. This year, he and the executive officers have laid out a proactive, progressive, and positive agenda that is club-focused and provides straightforward strategies to "strengthen the pride" for Lions in 2014-15 and beyond.

The Workings of the Board

The official meetings took place in the ballroom of the Phoenician Resort Hotel where a gallery of board spouses and companions, as well as local Lion leaders and guests could observe. I met with representatives from the Arizona State University Campus Club and encouraged them to be bold and make a difference on their campus and in the community.

At the appointed time, President Preston entered the chambers and took his place at the head of the



Receiving membership keys at center are ID Robert Littlefield and ID Kembra Smith (the 2016 speaker for the MD5 Convention in Regina) with the executive officers (left to right) 2nd VP Corlew, 1st VP Yamada, IP Preston, and PIP Palmer.

assembly. The opening session is quite formal and protocol is followed with precision. In addition to the initial business, President Preston presented membership keys to five international directors who had sponsored and retained more than five new members over the past two years. I was honored as one of the five, having 10 new members to my credit.

As directors, we spent two and one half days working in our committees. There are eight major committees and as a member of the Public Relations Committee, I was involved in discussions pertaining to all aspects of our internal and external public relations efforts, including: our Centennial planning and activities, public relations grants, the Lions magazine, protocol,

and awards. Imagine the level of interaction when the PR committee met with Budget and Finance Committee: There were six interpreters, along with 12 board members and staff, working together to ask and answer questions, as well as make decisions affecting the future of our association! It was a very memorable experience.

Once the committees completed their deliberations, the minutes and resolutions from each committee were published for all board members to review and prepare for the informal hearings. What I found without exception was the high level of esteem held by every member of the board for the other directors. After the hearings, each committee made its final report and the board voted to accept the

recommendations.
Summary of Board Resolutions and Activities

The Constitution and By-Laws Committee recommended the reinstatement of the office of 3rd International Vice President to be proposed in 2015, as well the reallocation of board representation to reflect the changing demographics of membership in the constitutional areas. This will mean a reduction in the number of directors from Constitutional Area 1 from 14 to 11 and increase the number of directors from Constitutional Areas V and VI to six and seven, respectively. An Election Practices Task Force is

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Grants awarded

by Lions Foundation of North Dakota

Two North Dakota Lions Clubs were awarded grants from the Lions Foundation of North Dakota at the board of directors meeting during the state convention in Jamestown. The Leonard Lions Club was awarded a \$2,500 grant, and the New Rockford Lions Club was awarded a \$5,000 grant. The grants were awarded

to assist the clubs in conducting projects in their communities.

This brings to a total, \$43,043.82 in grants that have been awarded since the Foundation began.

Established to mirror the Lions Clubs International Foundation, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota is a distinctly

different organization. It was organized as a 501(c)(3) corporation to provide funding for projects that are conducted by North Dakota Lions clubs, to benefit North Dakota communities.

Grant applications are available from the Foundation Executive Director Kevin Vannett, or

a member of the board of directors. Applications must be submitted not less than 30 days prior to a quarterly meeting of the board of directors, for consideration.

Grant funds are made available primarily by donations from Lions and Lions clubs.

District 5NW Roarin' Lion Awards

*Repeat winners of the
Roarin' Lion Award:*

Joel Newgard

North Star Lions Club, second year

Herman Schafer

Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, third year

Shirley Schafer

Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, third year

*Congratulations to these
very active Lions!*

Roarin' Lion Awards can be won each year. Just complete the seven required activities within a 12 month period and submit the completed and signed form.

Forms are available from

PDG Lewellyn Rustan, Roarin' Lion chair
11696A 73rd Street SW, New England ND 58647

LIONS STATE CONVENTION 2014

PARADE OF GREEN

Lions Foundation of North Dakota	\$5,520.00
Sights 4 Kidz	\$3,157.55
Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota	\$3,961.00
Vision USA	\$1,705.00
Leader Dogs For The Blind	4,601.00
5NW	\$3,051.00
5NE	<u>\$1,550.00</u>
North Dakota Association For The Blind ..	\$ 900.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$ 21,344.55

NOTICE

More news, photos next month

Editor's note:

Due to the large amount of contributions of news and photos from Lions Clubs from across the state, and the many forms for various Lions conventions, rallies and events, some

club news and photos were held. If you don't see your club's news in this issue, watch for it in coming issues. And, thank you for sending your Lions news to the N.D. Lion.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

As you may recall, our theme for the year is "Teamwork in Action." My experience has been that usually when you hear a lot of talk about teamwork or cooperation it is because talk and no action is all there is.

We are pleased to report that in District 5NE we have witnessed teamwork in action not only with the District Governor team functioning as a team but also with the teamwork involved in planning, promoting, and delivering a successful State Lions convention. The effort by the Lions of Carrington, Medina, Jamestown, New Rockford, and Valley City is appreciated by all. Our thanks go out to them, the over 200 Lions who registered for the convention, as well as everyone else involved.

On the weekend of November 1st Joyce and I were able to repay our Canadian friends for their time and efforts to participate in our

convention by attending the Lions Convention in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. A great time was had there and we thank our northern neighbors for their genuine hospitality and friendship.

So now with a busy Summer and Fall at the office as well as the State Convention behind us, I need to now catch up on visitations. As you will recall, the District Governor team consisting of the Second Vice Governor Luis Coca, First Vice Governor Rick Swenson, and myself are sharing visitations this year.

As I write this I do not yet have visitations set for the following Clubs; Arthur, Ashley, Braddock, Chaffee, Edgeley, Emerado-Arvilla, Fargo Gateway, Grand Forks, Grand Forks South Forks, Jud, Linton, Medina, Napoleon, Pettibone, Rugby Northern Lights,

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Sheldon, Tuttle, Wahpeton Headwaters, and Wing. I have been making some calls, however I invite the president or his/her designee from any of these clubs to give me a call. The best phone number to contact me on is my office number during the day at 701-952-2250. At other times you may be able to reach me on my cell which is 701-269-1128.

I look forward to getting out and visiting with Lions in Clubs throughout our District. There are so many good things going on that space does not allow us to mention all of them. It is obvious that our Clubs practice our motto "We Serve" throughout the District with so many projects that help their communities.

We want to encourage all Clubs to participate in



the Centennial Service Challenge and conduct one program each year focused on vision, hunger, youth, and the environment. This is also a year when a capital campaign is being held to remodel and refurbish the Leader Dogs facility in Rochester, MI. We urge all Clubs and individual Lions should you so wish to help make this campaign a huge success.

We also have a wonderful Sight 4 Kidz vision screener program which is kicking off. I am sure more will be said about that throughout this newsletter.

We encourage all Clubs to report their activities and to also remember to, Ask One. Thank you so much.

New Rockford



Host Punt, Pass and Kick

The New Rockford Lions spent a sunny September afternoon hosting the annual Punt Pass and Kick competition. This year we had 28 kids participating. After the awards were handed out, Lions members served everyone hot dogs and pop. A total of 90 people were served.

New England



Program Manager Lion Keven Vannett shows Marian Erickson how to use her Video Magnifier, as New England Lions Karen and Mark Koller, Bobby Erickson and Lewellyn Rustan observe.



Marian Erickson enjoying clearly seeing a photograph, as she experiences another of the things she can do with her Video Magnifier.

Lions help woman see better

New England Lions recently assisted in placing a Video Magnifier for local woman Marian Erickson. The magnifier makes it possible for her to once again read even the fine print of newspapers, recipe cards, labels and prescriptions. It also makes it possible to clearly see and enjoy photographs and letters from friends and family.

The Video Magnifier Program is a project of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Units are purchased with donated funds, and placed with qualified applicants on a lease basis. Currently, the program has 86 units in place throughout the state.

Program Manager Kevin Vannett of Mandan provided set-up and instruction assistance. "Marian is a quick student!" he said. She responded, "If you can do it, I can do it!"

One of the most difficult tasks is learning to sign your name, or write on the paper under the magnifier lens, while watching what you

are doing on the big lighted screen. "It takes some practice," Vannett said.

Marian's delight was obvious. "I never knew such a thing existed," she said.

Although her vision loss is not as severe as many who use a Video Magnifier, the improvement was dramatic.

When a photo of a young family was placed under the lens, she couldn't contain her excitement.

After learning of her vision problem, the New England Lions Club submitted an application and committed to cover the deposit and first three

months lease costs.

Several New England Lions accompanied Vannett to place the unit. "I thought it was so wonderful!" commented New England Lions President Karen Koller. "This is going to add a lot to her life."

Medina



Awards presented

Medina Lions Club members recently received membership awards. Recipients include, from left, Jim Cowell (10-year award); President Clyde Reister; Marvin Dockter (45-year award); Mabel Cowell (20-year award). As an interesting side note, Marvin sponsored Mabel and Mabel sponsored Jim.

Sawyer



New sign

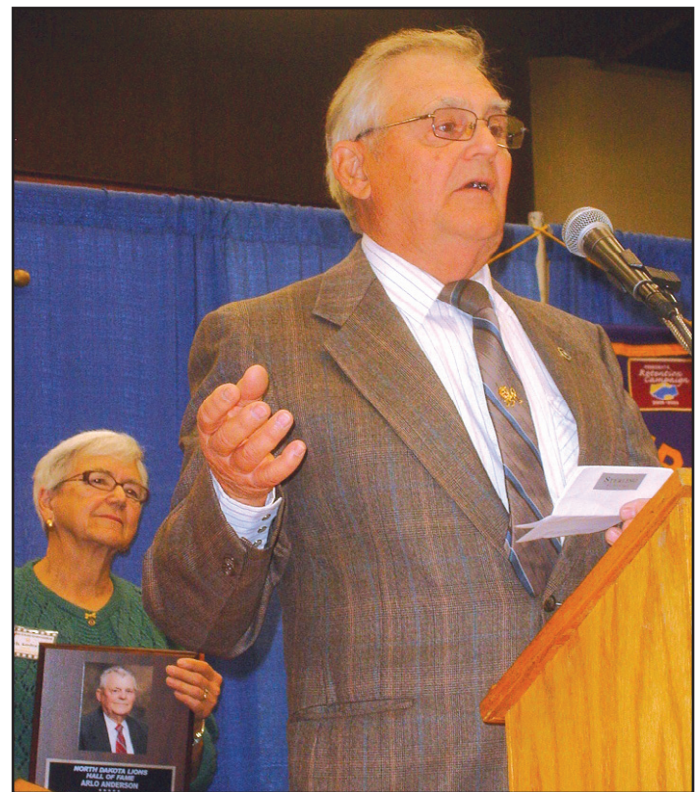
Sawyer gets a new sign thanks in part to the Sawyer Lions/Leo Clubs. Pictured, from left, are Lions Earl Fink, Cy Kotaska, Leona Kotaska, and PDG Chris Helgesen.

North Star



Screening demonstration

PDG Pat Vannett, State Sight 4 Kidz coordinator, demonstrates the PlusOptix vision screener, one of 13 devices available across North Dakota, on Bismarck North Star Club Secretary Jim Bumann during the Oct. 23 Zone 5A meeting hosted by the North Stars. The Sight 4 Kidz program targets preschool children ages 6 months to 6 years of age. To receive training in the use of the new screening device or to schedule a vision screening in your community, contact PDG Vannett at patvannett@gmail.com or 701-426-8132.



2014 Hall of Fame member

Lion Arlo Anderson is the newest member of the North Dakota Lions Club Hall of Fame. Lion Arlo is pictured during his remarks after receiving his Hall of Fame award at the State Lions convention in Jamestown Oct. 18. His wife is in the background holding the Hall of Fame plaque. Photo by Lion JeAnne Selby.

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
701-645-2519



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ND 2012



ND 2011



ND 2010



ND 2014



ND 2013



MD 5 2014
Toronto



MD 5 2015
Hawaii



5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch (second from left) and his wife, Lion Sherry, accept Melvin Jones Fellowship plaques from PDG Dave Czwczynski (far left), Beulah, and International Director (ID) Robert Littlefield (far right), Fargo, ND, during State Convention awards ceremonies October 18. Both DG Arlen and Lion Sherry are members of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club.



Current District 5NW Governor Arlen Fetch (far left), Mandan Dacotah Lions, pauses with his newly-elected successors following district elections during the October 17 – 18 State Lions Convention at Jamestown. Next to DG Fetch are District Governor Elect Judy Beaudry, Washburn Lions, 1st Vice District Governor Mark Koller, New England Lions, and 2nd Vice District Governor Tim Johnson, of the Bismarck North Star Lions.



New England Lion Walter "Butch" Frank, center, accepts the International President's Certificate of Appreciation, for his distinguished achievements in Lionism, from ID Michael Molenda, Hastings, MN (left), as 5NW DG Arlen Fetch, Mandan, looks on.



Mandan Dacotah Lion and PDG Herman Schafer, center, accepts the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from ID Michael Molenda (left) during state awards ceremonies October 18, as DG Arlen Fetch, Mandan, looks on.

Twelve District 5NW Lions honored at State Convention

BY LION JEANNE SELBY,
District 5NW PR chair
November 3, 2014

Twelve Lions from District 5NW were recognized during the October 17 – 18 annual State Lions Convention at Jamestown. Some Lions were honored for outstanding achievements, while others were elected to state or District 5NW leadership positions.

Five District 5NW Lions were elected to state Lions board positions. PDG Mike

Blazek, Washburn Lions, and PDG Chuck Whitney, Bowman Lions, were elected to two-year terms on the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

New England Lion Lance Jacobs and Bowman Lion Vivian Pendergrass were elected to three-year terms on the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board, while Dickinson Lion Ken Davis was elected to complete the last two years of an unexpired three-year term on the Foundation Board.

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
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Email: vc1ion@msn.com

Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2015

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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As I begin to write this letter I realize that it is the beginning of November. Wow! Where did these four months go! It is hard for me to imagine that one third of my term as District Governor is ... well ... gone. I say gone because I feel that it is more missing than complete.

So now I would like to reflect a little as to what has transpired in the last four months. I have visited twenty-two Lion's Clubs and one Leo Club during this time. While visiting the clubs I have had the honor of inducting fourteen new Lion's members and presenting six Melvin Jones Fellow Awards; one being to a member of the Wildrose Lions Club. This was their first Melvin Jones Award ever received by their club. I also have been awarding milestone chevron awards for Years of Service in Lions ranging from five to sixty years. It gives me great pleasure to participate in these events.

We have had a 5NW Cabinet meeting in August in Halliday (Thanks Halliday!). There was a Council of Governor's meeting in Minot in August also.

In October we held our North Dakota State Convention in Jamestown. The speaker for the Hall of Fame Luncheon was Lion Gail Hamilton who is the reigning Ms. Senior Colorado and placed fourth in the Ms. Senior National Competition. She is a beautiful blind woman who gave an inspiring and very moving message. At the end of her presentation she sang a beautiful song that

brought many of those in the audience to tears.

International Director Mike Molenda from Minnesota inspired us all with his speech at the Saturday Night Banquet. It was so refreshing to meet ID Mike and his wife Linda. They are such wonderful down to earth people.

I'm thankful that the North Dakota State Convention was held in the East this year, DG Dwaine Heinrich from 5 NE and his convention team really put on one heck of a program. I tip my hat to DG Dwaine for a job well done!

And then there are the club visitations. They are so much fun. I am grateful for the hospitality and fellowship shown by each club. Every Lions Club is unique and every meeting is different. But we are all really serving the same purpose. We are all in our community to serve.

We (Sherry and I) have met so many wonderful fellow Lions over the last four months. I like to think that every person we have met is a friend, from the businessman in Williston to the farmer from Glenburn; We Are All Lions.

At our State Convention, we elected the following Lion Leaders of 5NW:

District Governor Elect : Judy Beaudry from the Washburn Lions Club.

1st Vice District Governor Elect: Mark Koller from the New England Lions Club.

2nd Vice District Governor Elect: Tim Johnson from the Bismarck North Star Lions Club.

ND Lion's Eye Bank Representatives: PDG

Chuck Whitney and PDG Mike Blazek.

ND Lion's Foundation Representatives: Lion Lance Jacobs and Lion Vivian Pendergrass.

Also Lion Ken Davis was duly elected to fill a position on the Lion's Foundation that he had already assumed due to the vacated position of 2nd VDG Mark Koller who is automatically on the board. We look forward to awesome leadership from these fellow Lions.

At the State Lion's Foundation meeting, a motion was presented to increase the assessment for the ND Lion Publication from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per member per year. The increase was to cover the cost of producing the publication as it has been. However, we were also presented with a higher quality paper with color print options. An amendment to the previous motion was made to go with the higher quality paper and raise the assessment to \$6.00 per member per year. The amended motion passed. The new higher quality paper is quite nice and it is my impression that other Lions will be quite impressed also.

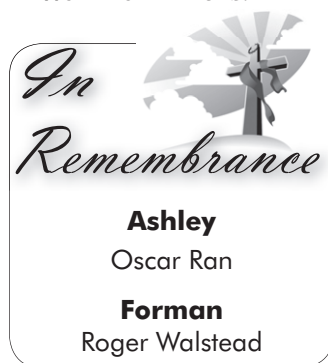
Last month I had the opportunity to attend an event in Zone 2A. It was a Zone-wide Membership Drive. Each club in the zone was requested to set up a booth with information about their club and Lionism. Prospective members were then invited to attend. There were also booths set up for other programs supported by Lions, such as Service Dogs of America and the Sight

for Kidz Program. Food was provided and it was a great time. There were over one hundred people in attendance and from what I understand several new Lions signed up. Kudos to Lion Jim Johnson and the Minot Lions for setting this up. What a wonderful event.

I had been asked last year to check into the possibility of re-zoning Zone 1-A. It looks like that will be coming into fruition this year. Zone 1-A will be dissolved. Noonan's Lions Club will move into Zone 1-B, which is the Williston Zone. Lions Clubs Berthold, Kenmare, and Stanley will move into Zone 2-A, which is the Minot Zone. I want to thank all those involved for being understanding and patient with me during this process.

Lastly, I couldn't let a publication pass without mentioning my District Club Visitation Challenge. I do have a few forms trickling in. I can't empathize enough how important I feel that these visitations are. Let's get to know our fellow Lions out there and remember.....

We Are All Lions!



5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



DG Arlen Fetch inducting a new Lions member, Desirae Reuer during his visit to the Hebron Lions Club. Desirae's sponsor is Becky Heinle.



DG Arlen Fetch presented Minot Lions Club member and PDG Lowell Latimer a LCI Years of Service Award for 45 years.



DG Arlen Fetch presenting the Melvin Jones award to Lion Gary Clock during his visit to the Magic City Lions Club.



Two new Lions members were inducted by DG Lion Arlen Fetch during his visit to the Mott Lions Club. Along with DG Arlen, pictured are Janine Lein and Michelle Finck. Their sponsor is Lion Shirley Halvorson.



DG Arlen Fetch recently visited the Ray Lions Club where PDG Walter Johnson received LCI Years of Service Award for 55 years.



DG Arlen Fetch recently visited the South Heart Lions Club where he inducted a new Lions member, Jenna Alexander. Her sponsor is Becky Kanski.

Elgin



Lion Brandon J. Rafteseth, Lion Steve Winkler, Lions District Governor Arlen Fetch, Lion Douglas Johnson and Lion Duane Schatz

New Lion members installed

Two new Lion members were installed during the regular meeting of the Elgin Lions Club on Thursday, Oct. 23, by District Governor Arlen Fetch.

They were Lion Steve Winkler sponsored by Lion Brandon J. Rafteseth and

Lion Douglas Johnson sponsored by Lion Duane Schatz.

The Lions Club also hosted Past International Director Bruce Schwartz who spoke on the Leader Dog Foundation. Photo by Lion Sherry Fetch.



President Doris Friedt and President Virgil Stern.

Lions donate to Halloween Party

The Elgin Lions Club recently donated \$300 to the Elgin Dakota Lions Club to sponsor the Annual Halloween Party for youth of the community at the Elgin Community Center.

The funds will be used for prizes for the young people. Here Doris Friedt, president of the Elgin Dakota Lions Club, accepts a check from President Virgil Stern. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.

Napoleon

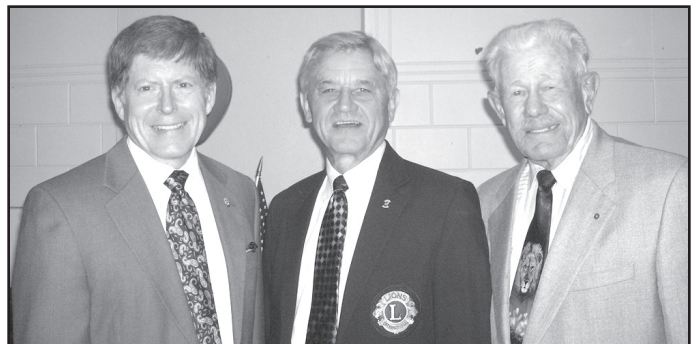


PDG Dave Czywczynski, Beulah Lions, left, PDG James Ruff and ID Robert Littlefield, Fargo Lions.

Ruff presented Melvin Jones

Past District Governor James Ruff, Lehr, center, member of the Napoleon Lions, was presented the Melvin Jones Fellow Award at the N.D. State Lions Convention Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, at Jamestown, for his dedicated humanitarian services from the Lions Clubs International Foundation. PDG Dave Czywczynski, left, Beulah Lions, and ID Robert Littlefield, right, Fargo

Lions, are the present LCIF Development Plan Coordinators of the NW and NE Districts. Lion James became a member of the Lehr Lions in 1978. He is now an associate lion of that club. He served as District Governor of 5NC in 2009-2010, being the last district governor of 5NC. The state of N.D. was redistricted into two districts the following year.



ID's visit

Three dedicated N.D. Lions serving terms as present or past International Directors attended the Napoleon Lions 85th celebration Oct 1. ID Robert Littlefield, left, is presently serving his 2-year term on the Lions International Board of Directors. Past International Director Bruce Schwartz, served on the Board in 2002-2004 and PID Bill Gackle served in 1981-1983. Prior to the arrival in Napoleon, they did not know that all three would be present, but the significance of them being there together was something the three recognized and appreciated.

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

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

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

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E-Mail (for confirmation of registration):

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Yes No Specify:_____

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Yes No

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currently studying election practices around the world to create uniform standards and procedures to assure that the best practices are followed.

The Convention Committee recommended that the parade at the Honolulu convention begin at 9:00 am to reduce the amount of time participants will be exposed to the sun while waiting for the event to begin.

The District and Club Services Committee recommended the 210th country—Sao Tome and Principe—be added to District 403-B1. In addition, redistricting was approved (in 2015) for Illinois, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Alberta/Montana, and Norway; and (in 2016) Denmark, and Ohio. Electronic reporting and services will be encouraged in all matters of the association.

The Finance and Headquarters Committee managed all financial matters and proposed increasing reimbursement for mileage associated with board travel to .50/mile effective July 1, 2015. In addition, modest increases for the in-district budgets for international directors and past international directors were recommended.

LCIF recommended the approval of a major 1.56 million dollar grant to support Lions-Special Olympics Mission Inclusion program and increased to \$100,000 the maximum

amount available for standard grants.

The Leadership Committee (soon to be Leadership Development Committee) approved the DGE School curriculum scheduled for use in Honolulu and approved a Faculty Development Institute for North America in 2014-15.

The Membership Development Committee recommended that a pilot program for families and women modeled after the GMT and GLT structure be adopted to promote increased recruitment of these groups. A new 2-year pilot project—Join Together—was introduced as a way for Lions to partner with existing community-based nonprofit organizations. In addition, the committee recommended that an extended billing adjustment

period be created for campus clubs that more closely follows the U.S. higher education academic calendar.

The Service Activities Committee recommended the appointment of a Reading Action Program Coordinator to promote literacy and related programs. In addition, because more than one Leo receives the Leo of the Year Award, it was recommended that the name be changed to Leos of the Year Award.

Finally, the Public Relations Committee proposed and was granted an increase in the advertising budget for the current fiscal year from to promote the Centennial. The committee recommended that the current public relations grants program be modified beginning July 1, 2015, to a Centennial Planning Grant. Multiple

Districts may apply between July 1, 2015 to June, 30, 2017, in the amount of \$1,500 per district for a one-time grant to be awarded up front to support any activities or publicity related to the centennial. Finally, the committee recommended that by January 1, 2018, that the association become fully digital in its publication of the Lion.

More information will be forthcoming from LCI about all of these recommendations that were supported unanimously by the Board of Directors. In the meantime, if you want to keep up with the experiences that Kathy and I are having on the Board of Directors, please go to our website at <http://www.littlefield4lionsid.com>. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

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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