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Conner Andrus, Elizabeth Urwiller and Rachel Holzkam.

Peace Poster winners around the area

SHARON SOEHREN

The Reeder Lions Club sponsored the annual Lions Peace Poster Contest with students at the Hettinger School.

Pam Harper incorporates this project with her health and art classes. Thirty-three students from Hettinger's fifth and sixth grades participated in the contest. The theme this year was: "Love, Peace, and Understanding."

The winners were as follows: 1st Place (\$20) Conner Andrus; 2nd Place (\$10) Elizabeth Urwiller; and 3rd Place Rachel Holzkam

(\$5).

We would like to thank Pam Harper and the fifth and sixth grades for making this a successful contest.



Conner Andrus



Pictured with Lion Sherry Fetch, left, and 5NW DG Arlen Fetch is Mandan Dacotah Lion's 2014 Peace Poster winner, Cassie Stramer, a sixth grade student at the Mandan Middle School. Cassie's theme is "Peace, Love and Understanding."

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Join the Centennial Service Challenge

LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD,
International Director

Now is the time for Lions Clubs in every district to make their New Year's resolution to join the Lions Centennial Service Challenge. The service challenge is not just for the current year, but continues until Lions Clubs International completes its 2017-2018 centennial year of celebration.

The Lions Centennial Service Challenge stems from our theme: 100 million acts of service for 100 years of service. These acts of service can support youth, vision, hunger, and the environment.

It is easy for your club to participate, because most clubs are already doing what is needed to join the challenge. Every club has at least one project that supports youth (the peace poster contest or sponsorship of some program for children), at least one project or fundraiser that contributes to vision (Leader Dog for the Blind, Service Dogs for America, or purchases eye glasses or vision services), one project that provides food to those in need (Food Bank or holiday gift baskets), and one activity to improve the environment

(tree planting or ditch cleaning).

So, the Centennial Service Challenge is reinforcing existing projects. The only thing that may be different for some clubs is having their club secretaries report their clubs' projects to our Lions Clubs International headquarters as part of their monthly club activity reports on the MyLCI website.

LCI has streamlined the reporting process on MyLCI. Once club secretaries have logged on to MyLCI, a list of centennial project areas will come up on the screen. The secretary only needs to click on the project icon to indicate that the club completed an activity, how many Lions participated, and who benefitted.

At the end of each year, clubs will receive a banner patch to indicate if they completed one, two, three, or all four of the challenge areas. For clubs that record their service activities every year until the Centennial celebration in 2017-18, a

special recognition award will be presented from LCI.

Our hope is that Lions Clubs around the world will help our association to exceed our goal of 100 million acts of service. Every club can take pride in joining this noble effort to show the world what Lions can accomplish together.



As a way to help plan something special for the Centennial in 2017, many clubs are appointing a Centennial coordinator to help them plan something special in 2017 for the 100th anniversary. Perhaps having a special project, planning a community celebration, or simply acknowledging our proud past and exciting future is something that can help to energize your local club.

In addition, some clubs are planning a special project in January 2015 as part of the Lions Worldwide Week of Service – Jan. 10-16 – in honor of the birthday of Melvin Jones Jan. 13. This project might support children in need, one of President Joe Preston's special areas of focus.

In addition to planning a project, the club's coordinator can help the secretary to keep track of how the club is progressing toward reaching its goal of four centennial service projects each year. If the secretary is not able to record the information online, the club's coordinator could provide assistance in this area, as well.

It's time for Lions everywhere to accept the Centennial Service Challenge. The three steps are easy:

- 1) Plan the project.
- 2) Complete the project.
- 3) Report the project and its impact to LCI.

By working together on this Global Service Challenge and Worldwide Week of Service, we will truly "strengthen the pride."

If you would like more information about this challenge, contact any of the following: Centennial planners at www.lions100.org, your District Governor, or feel free to contact me at R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu. Best wishes for a productive and rewarding New Year.

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Lake Metigoshe



Dahle honored

Lion Mona Johnson, right, presents an award to Lion Jim Dahle for sponsoring two new members.



Rugby visits

Lake Metigoshe Lions had visitors from the Rugby Lions Club at a recent meeting. Pictured, from left, are Luis Coca, Jen Coca, Lila Harstad, and Betty Triplett. They shared beginning plans for the 2016 State Lions' convention which will be in Rugby.

New England Lions hold Vision Screening

New England Lions recently conducted a vision screening for pre-school children at the Little Saints Day Care in New England. Twelve children ranging from one to four years of age were screened.

Working with very active, very young children was challenging. Most required several readings before a definite result could be obtained.

Two of those screened, produced a "Refer" reading. This indicates that one or more of six potential vision problems likely exist. Parents of a child with a "Refer" response, are urged to take the child to a vision professional for

testing. Most often, existing conditions can be corrected when properly treated.

Lion Gary Morel, area coordinator, had his first experience detecting "referrals." While the teams hope every child passes the screening, Morel said, "I guess this is why we do this."

Parents of pre-school children are urged to have them screened every year. "Vision can change very quickly in young children," Morel explained.

With the new Vision Screener program, Lions in North Dakota now truly do serve people with vision problems, "from the cradle to the grave."

Hearing preservation, awareness and action

PDG LEWELLYN RUSTAN
MD5 Hearing chair

Did you know?

Lions also collect and recycle used hearing aids. Lions organize hearing screenings. Lions assist in affordable hearing aid projects.

This is similar, but different from vision problems, projects and programs.

Most of the time, when adults have a vision problem, they're aware of it. They recognize that they don't see as well as they used to.

But when they began having hearing loss, they typically simply turn up the volume on their radios and TV's. They think people are speaking too softly. People seem to mumble.

Often, they begin to avoid social situations where there are crowds of people, because they just can't hear well enough to communicate. They ask people to repeat what they've said. Or they may pretend to hear, to avoid being embarrassed.

There is help. Contact hearing professionals in your community, to plan hearing screenings, or hearing evaluations. These are often provided free of charge.

Make sure you've added "And Used Hearing Aids" signage to your eyeglass collection boxes and sites. Even most Lions don't know that we collect and recycle hearing aids.

For more information, check the Lions International web site, or contact your district chairperson.

REMEMBER:

ND Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

For me the time of year that always seems to fly by the fastest is September through December. This year is no different. We will be making a few more visitations this month. We are trying to accommodate the wishes of the clubs and it looks like by the end of February we should have made visitations to the vast majority of the clubs. All who have served in this position seemed to agree that making visitations is the most enjoyable part of the job. That is I believe, because we recognize that our members and our clubs are the heart and soul of our organization. We have an opportunity to see and hear about all of the good things that are being done by Lions Clubs in our district which is truly heart warming. Club secretaries and presidents please report your activities to LCI so that your district and LCI are aware of the wonderful things you are doing. Truly this is so very important and to be very honest, most clubs are not getting this important task accomplished.

I want to visit just for a moment on the Centennial Service Challenge. To earn this patch and recognition

for this project your club simply must do one project each year on hunger, vision, youth and the environment. Without doubt I believe that our clubs are already doing these projects. Please club secretaries get those projects properly reported so your club can get recognition. If you are collecting eyeglasses for example that is a vision project, cleaning ditches, planting trees are environmental projects. They need to be reported as such. Remember, you can make a financial contribution to satisfy the requirements of this effort. This qualifies as a project for example, if you financially sponsor a youth baseball or similar activity. A vision project could be setting up a site for kids screening event or making a financial contribution to Sight 4 Kidz. The list for all of these goes on and on, please contact me if you have any questions regarding this project.

Another major project this year is the capital campaign for Leader Dogs for the Blind. This is a one

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year capital campaign for a truly remarkable program. Certainly you are hearing more about this. Please, let's have 100% participation from clubs in 5NE.

Lions of District 5NE, the State of North Dakota and all Lions of Multiple District 5 can truly be proud of the fact that for the first time ever, starting in 2015 and again in 2016 the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held in multiple District 5.

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held at the University of Jamestown in July 2015 and 2016. This will bring about 100 Lions from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Wyoming and Saskatchewan to North Dakota for three days of some of the finest leadership training available anywhere. As I understand this is open to anyone who has not served as a District Governor. We need to start planning now the cost is only \$150.00 including room and board at the University of Jamestown.

We want to make this the best Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute ever! Please help us accomplish this and help your club and your community as well by identifying and encouraging potential leaders in your club to attend this event.

A word on membership, as it now stands Our District shows a positive growth in membership for this year. Please do what you can so that we may continue this trend throughout the rest of the Lions year which ends on June 30th. It is only through new membership that we can bring new ideas, energy and leadership to our organization which is vital to its survival as it is with any organization.

I will close by wishing each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas as well as a Happy, Healthy and Rewarding New Year. Thank you so much.

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Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2015

Lions pins available

People can send the order form to their district chairperson:

for NW

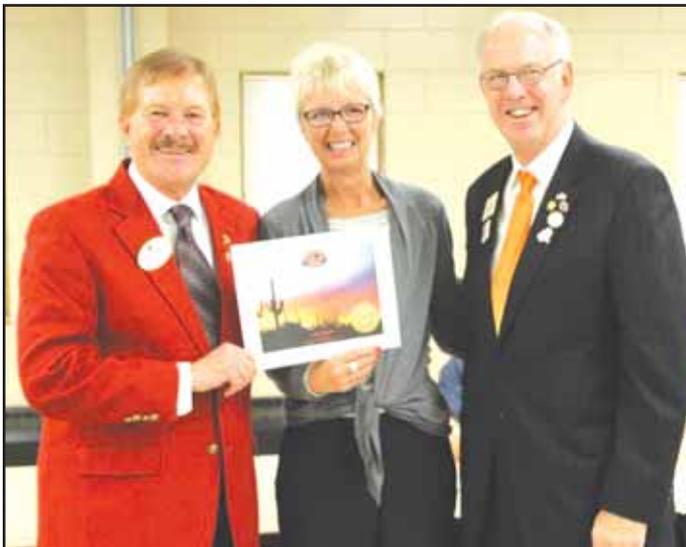
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Zwinger fetted

Mary Ann Zwinger of the Carrington Lions receives International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Michael Molenda. Also pictured is 5NE DG Dwaine Heinrich.



Wurgler honored

Pictured is Sandy Wurgler of the Rugby Northern Lights Lions Club receiving the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from International Director Michael Molenda. Also pictured is 5NE DG Dwaine Heinrich.

Club News

Valley City



New Member

VLDG Lion Luis Coca is pictured with new Lion Kirk Olson. Lion Kirk was installed Oct. 27.



40-year member

Dist. 5NE Governor Dwaine Heinrich, VC Lion Larry Leier and Lion VDG Luis Coca. Lion Leier had received his pin as a 40-year member of Lions International.

In Remembrance



Noonan
Gerald Tanberg

Fargo
Lyle Pederson

Ashley
Oscar Rau

McClusky
Herbert Grosz

Reeder



Treasurer Lion Marvin Soehren, DG Arlen Fetch, President Lion Harvey Oase, Secretary Lion Donna Olson.



DG Arlen Fetch and Lion Leonard Jacobs a 50 year member

DG visits Reeder Lions

SHARON SOEHREN

Governor Arlen Fetch and his wife, Sherry, visited the Reeder Lions Club Thursday, Nov. 13. He awarded several awards and inducted one new member.

We were very excited to listen to District Governor Arlen Fetch tell us about his mission for the year. He would like to increase club

visitations where all Lions Club in our District visit at least three different clubs throughout the year.

He asked that at least three members from each club make the visit. His slogan is "Fun is Fundamental" and is shown on his District Governor's Pin. He gave every member present at our meeting with one of his special pins.



DG Arlen Fetch and Lion Bonnie Bugner a 20 year member



DG Arlen Fetch inducting our new member, Lion Sandra Erdman and her sponsor Lion Bonnie Bugner

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; 218-779-4971

Streeter



Those taking part in the Lions/FFA highway cleanup are, front, from left, Lions Margaret Williams and Jill Schlecht and FFA members Sarah Hatlewick and Morgan Reiser. Back, Lions Arlene Veil, Lloyd Veil, Elray Fercho, FFA Advisor Jeremy Bahr, FFA members John Gutschmidt, Nathan Dahl, Dillon Rudolph and Dominick Franchino,

Join for roadside cleanup

The Streeter Lions Club and Gackle FFA Chapter teamed up and did the 6-mile fall highway roadside cleanup Sept. 25 near Streeter.

The Lions Club really appreciated the help from

the FFA kids and their advisor. The Lions gave a donation to the FFA for its help. The kids and advisor were treated to pizza and pop afterward, donated by Dakota Heritage Bank.

Gateway



Welcome shoppers

Tim Rohde, left, and Gary Peterson of Fargo Gateway Lions Club welcome shoppers to West Acres "It a Wonderful Night" as an event to open Holiday Shopping Sunday, Nov. 23rd.

Washburn



Beaudry nominated

Washburn Lion Morris Nelson (right) nominated District 5NW First Vice District Governor Judy Beaudry (middle) for the position of District Governor Elect during the October 18 district business meeting at the North Dakota Lions Convention. Nelson sponsored both Judy and her husband, Lion Mac Beaudry, for membership in the Washburn Lions Club.

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 and 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.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

November now draws to a close meaning the holiday of Thanksgiving is past. I trust we were all able to celebrate with family and friends during this time. I was beginning to get a little skeptical when the third Thanksgiving dinner happened, but managed to put better judgment by the wayside and ate too much yet again.

Like most people, I took some time to think about what I am thankful for. All of the "normal" things came to mind like family, friends, job, etc. For me though a very different thought came to the forefront. That thought being that I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor. I would not be in this position today if it were not for all the wonderful people I have met in Lions.

This month I would like to talk mainly about reporting. I have tried to mention this when I visit Lions Clubs but often forget or get side-tracked. Basically there are two reports that should be filled out monthly, the "Monthly Membership Report" and the "Monthly Activity Report". The "Monthly Membership Report" (MMR) is a recording of your membership; whether you have added or dropped members during the month. The "Monthly Activity Report" (MAR) is used to record your Lions Clubs activities for the month. Both the MMR and the MAR should be completed monthly. Even if there is no change to membership or no activity during the month, the reports should be completed. If anyone is having difficulty with the on-line reporting, I urge you

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to contact Lion Butch Frank from the New England Lions Club and he can help you. Lion Butch is our IT (Technology) Chairperson for the District and has been given administrative rights on "MY LCI" so he can perform duties on the website representing the secretaries for all our clubs. So please give him a call, it will benefit our 5NW District if you do.

A lot of our clubs have heard by now about the "Sight 4 Kidz" Program. This program is being operated through the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. The program itself offers vision screening for preschool children under the age of six. The screening finds abnormalities in the eyes that, when referred to an Eye Doctor, can prevent long term eye difficulties in the child. What a wonderful opportunity this provides for each of our Lions Clubs to provide service to our communities. Contact PDG Pat Vannett from the Mandan Lions Club to learn more about how your club can serve your community

through this program.

Another program operated by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota is the Video Magnifier Program. This program has been around for a while now and is operating quite well. It provides machines to help those with poor vision to enable these people to read, view pictures and medicine labels. It allows them to be more self-sufficient. For more information about this program, contact PDG Kevin Vannett of the Lion's Foundation of ND.

I'm sure that at some point we have all asked ourselves why we are Lions. In my case I had been asked several times about joining and even went to a couple of meetings. It just didn't seem to be the right fit at the time. But then the realization hit me. I really had been a Lion all my life. So, why not join. By that I mean, that I have always believed in helping those less fortunate than I. I have always believed in service and giving back to the community. I also believe in "paying it forward". Lion

Sherry and I were eating at a restaurant one day after church when a truck driver sat at the table next to us. He looked frazzled. I asked the waitress to give us his bill. We paid his bill and left. The waitress relayed the following to us at a later date... When the truck driver asked for his bill the waitress handed him a note saying that some regular patrons of the restaurant had paid for his bill. After his initial disbelief wore off, he told the waitress that no one had ever done anything like that for him before; he asked if he could keep the note. That is why I AM a LION!

Back to my original thought at the beginning of this newsletter....I am thankful to all of you for all that you have done for Lion Sherry and me! I would like to take this opportunity to wish a safe and joyous Christmas to all and also a safe and prosperous New Year! And remember....WE ARE ALL 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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30 years of Service in Lions awarded to Lion Tom Nordberg from Bowman Lions Club.



10 years of Service in Lions awarded to Lion Estella (Honey) Shaw from the West River Lions Club in Mandan.



15 years of Service in Lions awarded to Lion Brenda Wedwick from Scranton Lions Club.



DG Arlen with Reeder Club Treasurer, Lion Marvin Soehren, President, Lion Harvey Oase and Secretary Lion Donna M. Olson.



New England Lions Club induct two new members, Lion Timothy and Lion Sandy Hecker. 1st VDG Elect Mark Koller and Club President Karen Koller are their sponsors.



Reeder Lions Club inducts new member, Lion Sandy Erdman. Lion Bonnie Buger is her sponsor.

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Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2015

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

SIGHT 4 KIDZ

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=NU6yjUOnzro>

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





Magic City Lions Introduces....



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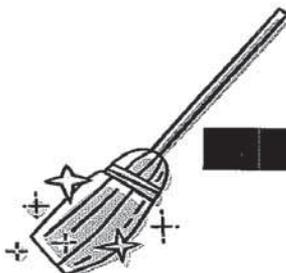
Friday Night Event:
Halloween Costume
Party & Contest

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Lions Convention 2015

Register by July 31, 2015 for a Chance to Win a Free Two-Night Stay in a Suite during the 2015 Convention!!!



Register at 2014 Convention	\$65
Early Bird Registration (until July 31,2015)	\$70
Pre-Convention Registration	\$90
Register at Convention	\$100

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