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Guest readers visit library

Several guest readers have been showing up in the library this month to read to grades K-6. Over 30 reader spots have been filled by community members during the month of February to celebrate reading month.

Readers come in and read to the students either from a favorite book that they bring or from a chapter book that is provided. This is the third year that I have worked with Lions Literacy Project Coordinator, Carmen Rath-Wald and the Napoleon Lions Club in planning this event.

In 2013, Wayne A. Madden,

the Lions Club International president, encouraged clubs to promote literacy. This event was one of the things that Carmen started and it has been a huge success every year. Carmen puts in the time scheduling the readers and I am very thankful for her efforts to make this happen.

Year after year, this has been a great opportunity for community members to come out and support literacy by reading to the kids. Some readers are a bit hesitant at first but once they start reading, they realize that all ages of kids love having someone read to

them. It is a great experience for both the kids and the

community members!

**WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION**

SINCE 1917



BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD

Putting the 'Inter' back in Lions Clubs International'

When Lions Clubs International was founded in 1917, an important part of the organization was the exchange of ideas and projects between Lions from different clubs, communities, and parts of the world. This is why extension activities and starting new clubs have always been part of our organization's history.

The exchanges occurred when Lions Club members visited other clubs, attended district events or multiple district conventions, and traveled to the international conventions. Lions met each other, learned new things, built friendships, and had fun. The expectation that Lions were more than a community club was part of the reason attracting potential members to the club in the first place: they were proud to be part of the world's largest service organization.

Our name itself—Lions Clubs International—reflected the emphasis of going beyond the club or community border. The word "international" includes 'inter' with the word 'national'; meaning between nations. Part of chartering a Lion Club was the expectation by the parent organization that its local members would interact with each other and the

Club would interact and attend the zone, district, multiple district, and international meetings, rallies, and conventions.

The reason for me raising this subject is the growing trend for local clubs to remain local—that is, existing solely for the benefit of their own communities; and in the process, disconnecting from district and international programs and activities.

Members of community-only clubs do not to attend conventions, do not participate in district or international projects or initiatives, do not report their activities or membership activity regularly, and sometimes do not pay their dues in a timely fashion. This is a growing problem.

How do we reverse this trend? Here are a few suggestions:

Clubs should send a group of Lions to visit a nearby club at least once a year. Include your new members so they get to meet some other Lions who may be experiencing some of the same things they are. Have them report back to the club about their visit.

Clubs should make attending a district, multiple district, or international convention or meeting

something that is expected of one elected officer. Other officers and new members should be brought along to meet other Lions. Pay their way to attend and have them report back what happened.

Clubs should support the service projects and fundraisers sponsored by other clubs in your zone or district. Working together to serve and raise funds for Lion projects and major initiatives like LCIF, Leader Dogs for the Blind, or Service Dogs of America produces better results.

In closing, on behalf of the Multiple District 5 Convention Planning Committee, I would like to invite every club in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan to send at least one person to the convention in Fargo, ND on May 29-30. There will be pre-convention activities planned for those who come early and want to enjoy the Fargo-area hospitality, programs for the experienced and inexperienced Lion, great speakers, a memorial service to honor those Lions who have died since the Watertown convention last year, and fun. The registration materials and other articles are included in this newspaper.

We belong to the world's



largest service organization. Let's remember to put the "inter" back into how our clubs think about their relationship with other clubs and the larger organization of 1.38 million Lions in 210 countries and territories around the world.

Our travels next month take us to the international board meeting in Prague Czech Republic and to Nova Scotia. There will be much to report to the Lions of North Dakota and Multiple District 5. To learn more about our experiences, go to <http://www.littlefield4lionsid.com>. Best wishes to all who serve.

Directory is online

Lions who do not receive a 'hard copy' directory now have access to all of that information online.

Here are the websites:
e-district.org/sites/5ne
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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Another Leader Club

The latest LEADER CLUB to join the parade is the CAPITAL CITY LIONS CLUB. Shown above is Gary Arman, left, and Marlene Larson presenting a pledge check to Bruce Schwartz toward their \$10,000 commitment to the Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Redesign Project. The goal of the project in North and South Dakota is to raise \$150,000 and to develop 15 leader clubs. A Leader Club is one that pledges a minimum of \$7,500. Schwartz, sector coordinator for N.D. and S.D., reports that about \$90,000 has been raised and that eight Leader Clubs have come on board. The campaign runs until Dec. 31. For more information clubs may contact Schwartz or 5NW coordinator Jan Froemming (701-584-3606) and 5NE coordinator Sandy Wurgler (701-208-0963)

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Life Members* \$300

Walfred Billings by Enderlin Lions Club
Marvin Fink by Enderlin Lions Club
James Nelson by Enderlin Lions Club

Sustaining Memberships * \$10

Mark Koller (3); Karen Koller (2)

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
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Email: vclion@msn.com

Deadline for all applications will be March 1, 2015

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Statement of review of financial records

Years: 2012-2013 & 2013-2014

On January 24, 2015, in accordance with corporate Bylaws Article VIII – Books and Records, as amended October 18, 2014, an internal review of the financial records for the years 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 was conducted by the Executive Committee.

President Del Hager, Vice President Lee Gunlikson, Secretary Lewellyn Rustan, and Executive Director Kevin Vannett met with Immediate Past Treasurer Chris Voegele on January 24, 2015. The records were found to be in order, and no discrepancies were noted.

President Del Hager and Secretary Lewellyn Rustan met with Video Magnifier Program Manager Kevin Vannett on January 24, 2015. The Video Magnifier Program financial records were found to be in order, and no discrepancies were noted.

The IRS tax return for the year 2013-2014 was prepared and submitted by Laura Adair, CPA, of Ritter Adair & Associates, PC of Bismarck, North Dakota.

HELP!!! Donations & Recognition

When making donations to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, the Video Magnifier Program, Sight 4 Kidz, North Dakota Eye Bank, Vision USA, Leader Dogs For The Blind, or any of the other great programs we support as Lions and Lions clubs, it is very important, and so helpful if you follow a few guidelines.

We receive donations that are sent to the wrong place. We receive donations with no indication of where the donor actually intended for it to go. We receive donations intended for a specific recognition program, without an explanation of what the intentions are.

We've been criticized when a donation doesn't get to the right place, or when the recognition doesn't reflect the donor's intent. We almost always get the mess straightened out, but that takes time, with a lot of frustration for us and the donor.

Here's how you can help:

1. If you don't know where to send the donation, check the North Dakota Lions state directory, or call someone who can direct you.

2. Clearly identify on the check's memo line, your intention for the donation.

3. If there are other facts we should know to properly handle your donation, include a note telling us exactly what your intentions are.

We appreciate your financial support, and we definitely want to honor your intent. We want to recognize the donation, with the proper recognition to the club or individual.

If you're confused or have questions, please call someone for direction before mailing your donation. Working together, we can do so much better!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

These months just keep rolling along. February was another fast and furious month. I was able to make five very enjoyable Club visitations in the first half of the month. At mid-month I took a break to get a new right hip for my birthday. Thanks to a very amazing orthopedic surgeon I was home two days later. Early March brings five days of rehab in hopefully Sunny Florida and then back on the Lions trail. The first day of spring on March 20 will bring the first day of our last Council of Governors meeting of the year in Minot.

Spring is always a great

time of renewal as we elect new Officers and begin to look forward to a new Lions year. It is also a good time to renew our commitment to serve others and to reach out to others in our community who have our same feeling and need to serve others to become Members of your Club.

This is also the time to begin making plans to attend the Leadership Rally to be held in Valley City on April 18, 2015. Again, this year for the first time in a number of years this

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will be a District-wide event, which you will read more about elsewhere in this newsletter. We will also be holding the District Cabinet Meeting in Valley City on this same date. Please note that this is a change from the previously scheduled location of Jamestown.

It is hoped that this single event will draw more Lions, bring more ideas and enthusiasm.

In particular, we would like to see new Lions as well as newly elected Officers in



attendance. This is a wonderful way for us to share ideas and strengthen the bonds of friendship and pride.

Thank you all so very much for all of the wonderful things you are doing in your communities, in our District, and beyond.

Ashley



45-year member

During a recent visit to the Ashley Lions Club DG Dwaine Heinrich presented Lion Bud Overboe a certificate recognizing his 45 years as a member of the Ashley Lions.

Ashley



10-year member

Ashley Lions President Jeremy St. Aubin receives his 10-year membership certificate from DD Dwaine Heinrich during a recent club meeting.

Braddock



45-year member

Lion Treasurer Andy Schmidt of the Braddock Lions Club was recently presented a certificate for 45 years of membership by District Governor Dwaine Heinrich.

Medina



Patch presented

The Medina Lions Club is a small, but active club led by an energetic and active President Lion Clyde Reister. Lion President Clyde was recently presented with a patch for the club's banner for membership satisfaction by DG Dwaine Heinrich.

Wing



New members

The Wing Lions Club is another bright spot on the map of Lionism in our District. This the hometown of PDG Rob Lein has a small, but very active Lions Club. Recently, they recruited five new members, Jason Bosch, Frank Hein, Lloyd Stroh, John Tufte and Seth Williams. 5NW District Governor Arlen Fetch joined DG Dwaine Heinrich at a recent visitation at which time four of the five new members were inducted into the club.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

District 5NE leadership training & cabinet meeting set for April 18

BY ID ROBERT LITTLEFIELD
District GLT coordinator

Valley City State University is the site for District 5NE's leadership and training rally and cabinet meeting on April 18, 2015. Rooms in the student union on the VCSU campus will be used for the training sessions and cabinet meeting. District Governor Dwaine Heinrich and District Governor Elect Rick Swenson will coordinate the day's activities.

The leadership training will have something for everyone. There are sessions for club board members; club presidents,

secretaries, and treasurers; experienced club members; zone chairs; and new members.

Session topics for club board members include: recruitment strategies, the importance of orientation programs, and retention and recognition strategies. Sessions for club officers will focus on: improving communication and teamwork, using MyLCI, and succession planning.

Experienced members can become certified as Guiding Lions by completing Sessions I and II. In addition, zone chair training will be offered

to help future leaders to learn more about how to assist clubs needing guidance. New Lions can attend an actual new member orientation program, as well as, learn about the Lions Centennial Service projects and the ND vision screening program.

The cost for the leadership and training rally is \$40 per

club (no limit on number of attendees). This includes a noon meal for all participants. Clubs should send their registrations to VDG Rick Swenson, 414 1st Street North, New Rockford, ND 58356 along with their payment by April 10, 2015. For more information, contact VDG Rick at virus_of_h@yahoo.com.

5NE Leadership & Training Rally Registration Form Due by April 10, 2015

Club _____

Name of Contact Person _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____

Number of people attending _____

AMOUNT DUE FROM CLUB: \$40

The general schedule of events is as follows:

9:00 am - Registration Begins

9:30 am - Welcome

10:00 am - Four Training Sessions

11:00 am - Four Training Sessions

Noon - Lunch

1:10 pm - Four Training Sessions

2:00 pm - Break

2:30 pm - Cabinet meeting

4:30 pm - Adjournment

MD5 CONVENTION

Leo Rally planned

BY LION JADE MONROE,
LION SHANE HOFER,
Leo Rally Local Co-Chairs

Multiple District 5 Convention to will feature a Leo Rally thanks to special funding from Lions Clubs International. All Leos and any high school aged students in MD5 are invited to attend the rally. In addition, Leos from Multiple District 5M (Minnesota, Manitoba, and Northwestern Ontario) will be invited.

The Leo Rally begins on Friday evening, with a bonfire and social for all Leos in attendance. On Saturday, an action packed itinerary includes a leadership workshop, presentations, and a memorial tree planting service project. Leos will then join the rest of the MD5 convention

participants at Saturday's lunch, where Leos and Lions alike can share their dedication to service and Lionism.

Registration for the rally is \$25/person (which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday). Other costs are being subsidized by Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs are encouraged to contact their local Leo groups and sponsor registration costs, if possible. Preliminary registrations are requested by March 31, but we are prepared to accept registrations after this date, as our ultimate goal is to have as many Leos attend the rally as possible.

For more information, contact: Lion Jade at jade.monroe@my.ndsu.edu or Lion Shane at shaneh@sunbutter.com

2015 Spring Rally Schedule

10:00 - 10:25

Library - Room 113: Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center Dave Borlaug
Computer - Room 843: Presidents Training - ?
Room 120: All about Lions Had Seeklander & Tim Johnson
Room 117: Youth Camp Mac Beaudry

10:35 - 11:00

Library - Room 113: Art & Artifacts Dave Borlaug
Computer - Room 843: Secretary Training - ?
Room 120: Centennial Service Challenge Dickie Jo Kubas
Room 117: Sight 4 Kids Gary Morel

11:10 - 11:35

Library - Room 113: Zone Chair I Ruthie Wagner
Computer - Room 843: Treasurer Training Scott Ressler & Jamie Ressler
Room 120: Club Orientation Mark Koller
Room 117: The Measles Initiative Dave Czywozynski

11:45 - 12:10

Library - Room 113: Zone Chair II Ruthie Wagner
Computer - Room 843: Webinars - ?
Room 117: Teams Building & Blueprinter for a Stronger Club Tim Johnson

1-15 - 1:40

Library - Room 113: Leaderdog & GIPPLI PID Bruce Schwatz
Computer - Room 843: Membership Butch Frank
Room 120: Just Ask One PDG Mike Blazek
Room 117: Leadership GLT & GMT PDG Pat Vannett

Wanted

The 2015 Youth Exchange will be taking place this coming summer for youth camp and home stay and fall or winter and as in the past we require Host Families to open their homes to these youth coming from overseas. The youth will be here for a 3 to 6 week period learning how we live and our customs. They are very mature young people and are very willing to learn our ways. Here is an opportunity of a lifetime to meet someone from another country and learn their customs and the way they live.

If you are willing to open your home to one or more of these youth please contact one of the following District Youth Exchange Chairpersons and indicate your willingness to take part in one of the best programs the Lions Clubs International offers and it will give you a lifetime experience you will never forget and you will make a lifetime friend.

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Leader, SK
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District 5 NW: Judith Beaudry
1002 Cannon Lane, Washburn, N.D.
westriv.com - 701-462-3433

MD5: Marie Boutin
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mbdg.2008@sasktel.net

District 5 SW: Donna Wetz
Box 204, Newell, S.D.
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Wanted

NIPAWIN LIONS CLUB

1965 ♦ 50th ♦ 2015 Anniversary Celebration

50 Years Of "We Serve"
Saskatchewan District 5Ca & 5Skn

Saturday, June 27, 2015

Generations Event Centre
10th Avenue West Nipawin, SK

8:00 a.m. - Morning coffee & muffin

Noon lunch (supplied by the Nipawin Lions Club)

1:00 p.m. - Museum tour

2:00 p.m. - Houseboat river tour

(let us know if interested so can book enough boats)

5:30 p.m. - Cocktails

7:00 p.m. - Supper (\$30.00 per person)

**Music, dancing and socializing
to follow**

Send favor of your reply to
Nipawin Lions Club
Box 1555 Nipawin, SK S0E 1E0
Email: karlabernesky@yahoo.ca

The favor of
your reply is
requested by
May 1, 2015

Mark Koller



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District 5NW

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cell 701-290-0511

We have the opportunity this summer to take on something very exciting in Lions. I am talking about Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, or GPLLI. My wife Karen and I both attended it last summer in Maryville, Missouri. I believe that trip was close to 800 miles from our home. The great news is this summer GPLLI will be held in North Dakota on the beautiful campus at Jamestown University. The learning and FUN will be July 24th - July 26. Any Lion, Lioness or Leo can attend this, but once you have become a District Governor you cannot attend GPLLI.

Karen and I gained allot of knowledge in leadership that is already helping us in Lions and it is helping us in our daily lives. There were Lions from as far south as Kansas and Missouri all the way north to Saskatchewan and North Dakota. One of the highlights of GPLLI for us was, meeting and visiting Lions from different parts of the country and learning all the great things they do in Lions for their communities. The training sessions were all put together so wonderful with awesome

facilitators! They gave us a nice little break in between sessions to visit and relax. Some of the sessions include: Delegation, Communication/Public Speaking, Conflict Management, and our very own Pat Vannett was a facilitator for Motivation.

I encourage every Lions Club in North Dakota to send someone from your club to attend this important learning and leadership opportunity. Karen and I totally enjoyed the leadership experience at GPLLI, and you will too.

Youth Camp finalized

The 2015 MD5 Lions Youth Camp has been finalized. MD5 Lions Youth ExChange

Location: Camp Kinship in the beautiful Black Hills in Deadwood, S.D., July 12-18.

Ages: 16 to 18 years. (Will look at 15-year-old youth that are coming close to 16 years, also will look at youth just over 18 years.)

Deadline for applications: May 1, 2014

Camp Chairperson - Lion Donna Wetz
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Alexander
Arthur Gajewski
Devils Lake
Robert Weed

Lions of North Dakota Club Vision Screening Request

www.ndlions.org



Lions Club Name: _____
City: _____

Club Contact: _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Name of Screening Site: _____

Address of Screening Site: _____

Approximate Number of Children: _____ **Time of Screening:** _____

THREE LOCAL LION VOLUNTEERS needed for each event:

Lion _____

Lion _____

Lion _____

Please contact your local ND Sight for KIDZ Coordinator and arrange a date that works for both of you

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

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To become a trained Vision Screener is easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Organize a Vision Screening in your community. Use this form and contact one of the Lions listed above closest to you.
2. The trained screener you contact will help you with some preliminary activities to make for a fun event.
3. Your trained screener will arrive early (and so will you) to help you learn the ins and outs of the equipment.

Roaring Information for Every Lion!

Check out the **Lions Member Center** at www.lionsclubs.org

Next Click on

MFMBFR CFNTR

Next click on

RESOURCES



5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

As I am winding down on my club visitations, I want to take time to reflect on the message that I have been giving to all of you. First is Visitations. The biggest reason for doing club visitations is to build fellowship among Lions. We can learn from each other what works and what doesn't work. We can gain fresh ideas to bring back to our clubs. Visitations are very important to me and that is why I came up with the "Visitation Challenge". It's really quite simple, make three club visitations before June 30, 2015 and get the appropriate form to me.

Service! This is the purpose of Lions. Need I say any more on the subject? Just that service in our communities is what will really stand out to people and make them aware of who we are. Hand in hand with service is Visibility. When we do our service projects in our communities, we need to be visible by wearing our vests or other apparel that identifies us as Lions. Why? Because we have to let people know who is doing the project. Call it advertising ourselves, if we don't advertise ourselves nobody else is going to do it for us.

And then of course there is RECOGNITION! I strongly believe in recognition on the very grass roots level. Every Lion in every club contributes something to that club and every Lion in every club needs to be recognized for those contributions. A simple pat on the back or telling a person "Good Job" is recognition. We all need to be more cognizant of simple ways to recognize the effects of all our members.

I have talked before about LCI's "ASK ONE" campaign.

The simplicity of the program warrants repeating it. All we are asked to do is ask one person to join Lions. If you sponsor a new Lion in October or April, you will receive a pin recognizing that. Very simple and very doable.

I talked last month about our District 5NW Spring Rally. As a reminder to everyone, the Spring Rally is only one day (March 28th) and is free for all. Well, there is cost of getting to Washburn...where the Spring Rally will be held, but the sessions and the meal are at no cost.

The Spring Rally is our District's opportunity to offer training for all incoming officers and also offer sessions of interest for all Lions. Registration will be at 9:00 am with sessions starting at 9:45 am. It will be completed by 3:00 pm. There will also be a "Pie Social" in conjunction with the Rally.... and something about possibly slinging pies at your District Governor.

Again I want to mention that all Lion's Clubs need to be filling out the PU101's. Now, here is the kicker; it has to be filled out electronically, or "on-line". Those of you who cannot or are having trouble with on-line reporting... please, please get in touch with Lion Butch Frank at 701-579-8001! He can put those reports in for you and would be more than happy to. The same holds true for our MMR's and Monthly Activity Reports. They also need to be filled out "on-line".

In closing, one thing that I have not really talked a whole lot about this year is

membership. The visitations that I have done and the monthly DG letters that I have written have not dwelled on membership. My rationale on that subject is that we have heard for too long the need to recruit new members. My goal has been to not preach to you what we already know, but to deliver a positive message that hopefully helps us feel good about who we are as Lions. If we feel good about who we are as Lions it will reflect on our membership and make our clubs more attractive to prospective members.

That said; I am extremely pleased to report to you that for the first time in many years

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District 5NW is reflecting positive growth!!! Certainly this looks good for me as District Governor, but real credit belongs to all of you. You are the ones out there recruiting the actual members, not me! Kudos to ALL MEMBERS of District 5NW!!

We are also doing a better job of retaining the members that we do have. Awesome! Whatever we are doing, let's keep doing it because it is working!! And remember: WE ARE ALL LIONS !!!

You can't win if you don't enter!

It's time to get your entries ready for the MD5 Lions Club Contests. District 5NW entries must be received early to assure they will be included in the judging at the Cabinet Meeting April 18th in Hazen. The winners there will advance to be judged at the MD5 Convention in Fargo May 29 & 30.

The contest categories are:

Lions Club Newsletter / Bulletin Contest
Lions Club Scrapbook Contest
Lions Club Website Contest

And, the Winner is: Hey, it could be you! But not if you don't enter.

If even slightly interested, please contact District Contest Chair PDG Lewellyn Rustan at 579-4347 or irite@ndsupernet.com for complete guidelines and rules.

SIGHT 4 KIDZ UPDATE

# SCREENINGS HELD	# CHILDREN SCREENED	# CHILDREN REFERRED	# LIONS PARTICIPATING
44	1056	140	113
Reported As of		03/02/2015	13.3%

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT



Mandan Lions add

DG Arlen inducted two new Lion's Feb. 2 when visiting the Mandan Lion's Club. From left, PDG Kevin Vannett sponsored Karla Meikle, DG Arlen, Travis Messer sponsored by PDG Pat Vannett.



Years of service

Three years of service awards were recently presented to Elgin Dakota Lions Club members. From left, Lion Bonnie Kautz, club treasurer, awarded 25 years of service, DG Arlen, Lion Doris Friedt, club president, awarded 10 years of service. Not pictured: Lion Kimberly Bren awarded 25 years of service.



Schafers honored

DG Arlen presented the Roarin' Lions Award to PDG Herman Schafer and Lion Shirley Schafer.



Beulah inducts one

Beulah Lions Club inducts one new Lion during DG Arlen's visit. What an honor! From left, Lion Katie Keller sponsored Brandi Schaper, and DG Arlen.



Mandan Dakotah Lions honored

Three years of service awards presented to Mandan Dakotah Lion's Club. Pictured, left, is Lion Anna Anderson awarded 15 years of service with DG Arlen. Right, Lion Shirley Schafer awarded 15 years of service with DG Arlen. Not pictured: Lion Gary Heaton awarded 15 years of service.

Programs scheduled on teamwork, technology, and transformation

BY LION TOD DAHLE
LION CONNIE KOEHMSTEDT
Program Chairs

Varied programs are scheduled for the 2015 MD5 Convention to be held in Fargo on May 29-30, 2015. A keynote address by a local community activist and three programs will address this year's theme of Lions "Building Community: Teamwork, Technology, and Transformation."

To kick off the convention, Greg Tehven will present the keynote address on the topic: "Ideas Worth Spreading

to Change the World." A motivational speaker and community leader, Greg has spent much of his life believing he can "create the community you want to live in." He is the co-founder of innovative enterprises, including: Emerging Prairie, Dinnerties.com, 1 Million Cups Fargo, and Students Today Leaders Forever. He is an adjunct professor at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Greg's current activities include co-organizing Startup Weekend in Fargo and curating TEDxFargo.

For more information about his interests and background, track him down at gregfromfargo@gmail.com or on twitter @gregfromfargo.

In addition, programs in each of the three topic areas—Teamwork, Technology, and Transformation—will be presented on Saturday. Led by knowledgeable presenters, each session will provide useful information that club members

can use to build their leadership skills and improve their club operations. By attending all three areas, registered Lions at the convention will have the opportunity to be included in a drawing for one free night's lodging at the Hilton Garden Inn.

To address the topic of teamwork, Dr. Stephenson

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Memorial service and the friendship dinner planned

BY LION LUCI MELBY,
MD5 Memorial Service Chairperson

A memorial service and friendship dinner at Bonanzaville, USA, is planned for the Multiple District 5 Convention to be held in Fargo on May 29-30, 2015. Located in West Fargo, Bonanzaville is a pioneer village with 12 acres, 43 historic buildings, 400,000 artifacts, and millions of memories. Bonanzaville is operated by the Cass County Historical Society, with a mission to collect, display and interpret artifacts relevant to the history and cultural heritage of the Red River Valley. It is the region's largest historical attraction with something for everyone to see.

The memorial service will honor and remember Lions from across the Multiple District who have died since the last convention in May of 2014. Club officers should

send notice of deceased members and an photograph (electronically, if available) to Lion Luci Melby at luci@fsw-co.com. Please send in your information by April 1, 2015 (that's no joke).

The friendship dinner will follow with some good old-fashioned country food. This event is sure to bring back memories and a smile on the face of every Lion and guest. For entertainment, local musicians and dancers will be performing.

The evening's activities return to the Hilton Garden Inn where "the Hospitality Zone" located in the convention hall lobby area will be open for light snacks, beverages, and good conversation. We hope Lions from across the Multiple District will gather in the "zone" to share stories, snacks, beverages, and have some fun.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

The noise is deafening!

What noise? Why, the sound of a large pride of Roarin' Lions!

If you aren't hearing that noise in your club, here's how to fix it:

Challenge your members to qualify for the Roarin Lion Award

Here's how they do it:

- Attend one hour of Lions Orientation Program
- Attend your club Board of Directors Meeting
- Participate in a club Service or Fundraising Project
- Fulfill club Committee Assignment
- Visit another Lions Club
- Attend Zone Meeting or other District Meeting
- Bring a new Guest to a Club Meeting

It's not that difficult, and it's an award that can be earned year after year.

Here's how to make it even easier:

**Attend the Spring Rally & Leadership Conference
Washburn – Saturday, March 28th**

Accomplish at least one of the qualification requirements

PLUS

**Fellowship/Fun/Food/Officer Training/Motivation
And it's free! Your club has already paid your registration!**

*For information and application forms Contact:
District 5NW Roarin' Lion chair PDG Lewellyn
Rustan at 579-4347 or irite@ndsupernet.com*

Come early and enjoy local activities

BY LION MARK JENSEN,
Chair of Pre-Convention Activities

This year, the MD5 Convention Planning Committee has organized several events for those who would like to come early and enjoy a little of the local culture in and around Fargo! On Thursday, May 28, 2015, five distinctly unique activities will provide enjoyment for early arrivers.

For those who enjoy the game of Golf, the Osgood Golf Course in Southwest Fargo is the site. A round of nine holes, lunch, and round-trip transportation to and from the venue are included in the \$40 fee. Hole prizes and good fun is planned for those who participate.

The Maple River Winery

will be the destination for those who want to sample wines made from North Dakota finest fruits. Nestled in downtown Casselton—just a short 20 miles from the hotel—the tour will feature samples and round-trip transportation. The winery will have products on sale for those interested. They also have shipping. The cost for this tour is \$20.

Added by popular demand is a beer tasting tour of the Fargo Brewing Company, Fargo's newest microbrewery. Participants will enjoy tasting a few "flights of beer" that include brewery specialties, followed by a tour of the facility. At the tour's conclusion, participants seeking a few more tastes will have the opportunity to sample their favorites. Transportation

and the flight tasting are included in the \$20 fee.

Finally, the convention hotel is located just a few blocks from West Acres Shopping Mall, the largest shopping complex between the Mall of America and the west coast. Those wanting to experience the West Acres will have as much time as needed prior to the start of the convention. The shopping alternative is open to anyone at no cost. However, transportation to and from West Acres is up to those wanting to shop.

For those who have already registered for the convention but not registered for any of these special events, please

contact PCC Mike Brand at vcilion@msn.com to reserve your spot. All reservations after March 1st should include the cost for the special events along with registration fees. Early registration for the special Thursday events is appreciated because the committee must confirm the number of participants going to each of the venues. An email confirmation will be sent to all who register.

Additional information may be received by contacting the coordinator of the Thursday events, Lion Mark Jensen, at the following email address: jensenmark651@gmail.com.

ID Larry Dicus is international guest

Larry Dicus, from Whittier California, is the international guest and speaker at the 2015 MD5



Convention scheduled in Fargo on May 29-30, 2015. Director Dicus is a second year director and will complete his term of office following the International Convention in Honolulu at the end of June.

Director Dicus is a retired vice president of sales in the information technology field. A member of the Whittier Lions Club since 1996, he has held many offices within the association, including president, district governor, council chairperson, and foundation president of the Lions Mobile Health Screening Unit of Southern California. He is currently very active in the

promotion of the Lions/Special Olympics partnership initiative.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including: the Founders Membership Growth Award, the Quick Start Gingko Award, the International President's Leadership Medal, two International President's Medals, and five International President's Certificates of Appreciation. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Dicus is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital and the Lake Avenue Church Sanctuary Choir.

Director Dicus is married to Jane, and has two sons and three granddaughters.

Sponsors needed for "Hospitality Zone"

BY LION GARY HANSON,
MD5 Convention Treasurer
LION PAULA SWANSON,
Hospitality Co-Chair

Sponsors are sought for the Hospitality Zone at the MD5 Convention scheduled on Friday evening, May 29, at the Hilton Garden Inn located in Fargo, ND. Everyone attending the convention will be invited to "the Zone" to take the pressure off individual clubs, future host site committees, and other out-of-town guests to host their own hospitality rooms and will allow all convention participants to gather together for socializing and fun!

We need sponsors for this event so that we can provide food and beverages for those who want to attend. Public acknowledgement of all sponsors will be made based upon the level of sponsorship

provided. We look forward to seeing everyone and spending more time together!

\$1,000+ - "Lion King Level of Support" - Listed in program, large sign, "keynote sponsor"

\$500 sponsor - "Lion Level of Support" - Listed in program, large sign, "program sponsor"

\$250 sponsor - "Leo Level of Support" - Listed in program, medium sign, "refreshment sponsor"

\$100 sponsor - "Cub Level of Support" - Listed in program

If you are interested in sponsoring hospitality at the convention in Fargo, please contact Lion Paula Swanson at pswanson@bellbanks.com. Clubs and individuals may send contributions directly to the convention treasurer at the address listed below:

Lion Gary Hanson, PO Box 3144, Fargo, ND 58108

Elgin



Officers of the Gilbert Lions Club include Ruth Wick tail twister and past President, (Gail and Duane) Ron Wick, secretary and the (BR) Treasurer and President formerly from Minot.



Elgin Lions visit Arizona Lions

Lion Duane and Lion Gail Schatz visited the Gilbert Arizona Lions Clubs during their regular meeting and during the Annual Bluegrass Festival in the high school auditorium during the month of January.

They also participated in

the weekly fundraiser with selling of hot dogs, water, pop, candy, pop corn, coffee and kettle candy during the soccer games each Saturday. The most popular pop is Dr. Pepper and the kettle candy was a sell out each trip.

A golf cart is load with

supplies and rotates among the four-five soccer fields where hundreds of young and old customers purchase their favorite treats.

All the funds are used to support youth in their community. During the Bluegrass Festival Gilbert Lion

Mayor John Lewis was the MC and a blind Lion member played piano music for a hour before the festival started. The Schatz's enjoyed 81-degree weather during their stay in Arizona.

Lions donate to Giving Hearts

The Elgin Lions Club donated \$450 to Prairie Learning Center Foundation as a part of the spectacular one of a kind on-line giving event

"Giving Hearts Day" Feb. 12. Here,

Dave Marion, PLC executive

director, receives

the donation from Lion President Virgil Stern. This program raises awareness for their programs and services provided in the communities. PLC was chosen to participate in Giving Hearts Day with matching funds from Dakota



Dave Marion and Lion President Virgil Stern

Medical Foundation and other generous donors. Prairie Learning Center provides a high quality therapeutic group experience designed to help at risk youth examine and modify their behavior. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.



District Governor Arlen Fetch and Scott Ostenson

New Lion member in Elgin

District Governor Arlen Fetch of Mandan installed Scott Ostenson as a member of the Elgin Lions Club on Thursday evening during the annual Elgin Dakota Lions Club Valentine's Party and Awards Night at the Elgin Community Center with numerous Lions, friends and guests present. Lion Ostenson was introduced to

the Elgin Lions Club by Lion Theo Stoller, his sponsor. The Elgin Lions Club members were guests of the Elgin Dakota Lions Club members at a special potluck meal. As part of the program the Elgin Dakota Lions recognized the Peace Poster Contest winners and speech contest winners. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz

Minot



Minot Lions induct five

Five Lions have been recently inducted into the Minot Lions Club. Pictured in a group of four are Lions Andrew Leraas, Jason Bentley, Lindell Kemmet and Perry Olson. The single is Lion Thomas Moller. Sponsors are Lion PDG Lowell Latimer, Lion Brad Bergman, Lion Tom Schrader and Lion Terry Narum.



Wishek



Long-time Lion

Pictured is Lion Ruben Aipperspach with his bride, Leona, of 75 years. Lion Aipperspach is a WWII veteran and has been an active member of the Wishek Lions Club for more than 51 years. In this day and age, both are truly remarkable feats! Congratulations Lion Aipperspach. Submitted by Lion Schmitt, secretary.

Red River



Funds to campus Lions

At the March 5th meeting of the UND Campus Lion's Club, Red River Lion's President Joe Sowokinos presented a check for \$500 to UND Club President Hailey Lick. The funds were given to support our club's "Paying it Forward Initiative" by supplementing the UND Campus Club's project funds.

Lehr



Lehr Lions Club Blood Drive

The Lehr Lions collected 14 units of blood on February 23, 2015 at the Lehr Community Center. Left to right: Lehr Lions Club secretary, Bonnie Wiskus; donor, Tim Wynne, Lehr; and United Blood Service employee, Ashley.

New Rockford



Lions Vision Screening event

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Beck, Associate Professor of Communication at North Dakota State University will focus on strategies to help club leaders manage conflict, make decisions, and improve meeting facilitation.

Dan Newland, Assistant Director for Advanced Learning Technologies and User Services with the North Dakota State University System will present online strategies Lions can use to improve communication within their club, between clubs, and with Lions around the world. Specific

applications for social media will be addressed.

International Director Larry Dicus will join the discussion with area Lions addressing the need to transform Lionism to match the interests and preferences of a younger generation less concerned about perfect attendance at meetings and more interested in service opportunities in their communities. Ways to think outside the box to develop opportunities for the next generation of Lions will be introduced.

NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME APPLICATION FORM

THE _____ LIONS CLUB NOMINATES _____ FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME
Two seconding statements are required, one of which must be from the club president.

SECTION A - Minimum Requirements

This nominee has been a member of the _____ Lions Club since _____.
This nominee has been a member of Lions for 20 or more years: Yes _____ No _____
This nominee has been a member of a North Dakota Lions Club for 15 or more years: Yes _____ No _____
Nominee must have attended a minimum of 10 non-club rallies and conventions: Yes _____ No _____

SECTION B - Basic Life as a Lion

The nominee has served in a Lions Club as (Check all that apply): President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Sec/Treas _____ Director _____
Fundraiser Chair _____ Membership Chair (Pos. Growth) _____
Nominee has been named by club as: Lion of the Year _____ Times Melvin Jones Fellow _____ Times
Nominee's Convention Attendance (times): State _____ Multiple District _____ International _____ USA/Canada Forum _____
District Leadership Rally _____ Other _____ (list them) _____
Nominee has served in district cabinet as (indicate number of times): Secretary _____ Treasurer _____ Zone Chair _____ Region Chair _____ Committee Chair _____
Nominee served on board of directors of (list number of years): ND Foundation _____ ND Eye Bank _____
Nominee has served as a MD5 committee chair (list number of times): _____ Nominee was elected as District Governor (list year): _____

SECTION C - Preliminary Selection Criteria

	Points Per Category	Total Points		Points Per Category	Total Points
1. Each year an active Lions member (15 consecutive years min)	1.0	_____	25. Multiple district conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
2. Each year club president, secretary and/or treasurer (20 year max)	2.0	_____	26. International conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
3. Each year club committee chair (30 year max)	1.0	_____	27. USA/Canada Forums attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____
4. Each year club board member (other than 2 & 3 above) (10 max)	1.0	_____	28. 100% District Governor award* (list year(s))	1.0	_____
5. Each year program presenter at district, state or MD5 convention	1.0	_____	29. Club President's excellence award* (list years)	1.0	_____
6. Each year chairman of ND state or MD5 convention	2.0	_____	30. 100% club secretary award* (list years)	1.0	_____
7. Each year committee member of ND state or MD5 convention	1.0	_____	31. Initial Melvin Jones Fellowship Year _____	2.0	_____
8. Each year region chair or zone chair	1.0	_____	32. Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships How many _____	1.0 ea	_____
9. Each year vicedistrict governor	1.0	_____	33. Each sponsored new member (requires printout from LCI to verify)	1.0	_____
10. Each year district governor	3.0	_____	34. Each year Guiding Lion* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
11. Each year international committee* (list year and committee)	2.0	_____	35. Each year Leo club advisor* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
12. Each year as member of district cabinet	1.0	_____	36. Each year Campus club advisor* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
13. Each year district cabinet secretary and/or treasurer	2.0	_____	37. Each year Club Branch advisor* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
14. Each year as chair of a major Lions function* (list years and events)	1.0	_____	38. Each year Extension Award* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
15. Each year president of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.	2.0	_____	39. Each year Rebuilding Club Award* (list years and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	_____
16. Each year secretary and/or treas. of Lions Foundation of North Dakota	1.0	_____	40. Other Awards# (list award and year received). Include one point for each year perfect attendance.	Club 1.0 District 1.5 International 2.0	_____
17. Each year board member of Lions Foundation of North Dakota	0.5	_____	41. Each hosted foreign exchange student* (list years, name and country)	3.0	_____
18. Each year Lions eye bank president	2.0	_____	42. Each hosted youth camp student* (list years, name and country)	1.0	_____
19. Each year Lions eye bank secretary and/or treasurer	1.0	_____	43. Chair of youth exchange camp* (list years and camp locations)	3.0	_____
20. Each year lions eye bank board member	0.5	_____	*List information on separate sheet. **Suchas PDG Association, SightFirst fund drives, etc.		
21. Each year MD5 council chair	3.0	_____	TOTAL POINTS FROM SECTION C _____		
22. Each year MD5 committee chair (excluding sitting governors)	1.0	_____			
23. District rallies attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____			
24. North Dakota state conventions attended* (list year and city)	1.0	_____			

AT THIS POINT, NOMINEES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 125 POINTS FOR NON-DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND 250 POINTS FOR PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE EXCEEDED THE THRESHOLDS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE REST OF THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT APPLICATIONS OF NOMINEES WITH POINT TOTALS ABOVE THOSE THRESHOLDS BUT WERE NOT SELECTED AS THE WINNER WILL BE INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARS FOR WHICH ADDENDA MAY BE ADDED.

SECTION D - Lions Activities that are not covered in Section C

This section requests a written statement covering anything that was not covered in Section C. It may be in outline or paragraph form and no more than 150 words. Use a separate sheet. Maximum 10 Points

SECTION E - Non-Lion Activities

This section requests a written statement regarding your activities as a citizen outside of Lions. Please include community service, leadership activities and other community involvement. It may be in outline or paragraph form and no more than 200 words. Use a separate sheet. Maximum 25 Points

SECTION F - Biography

Prepare a personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation and when and where you joined Lions. Include all achievements, volunteer work, other organizations and personal recognitions. Section F is limited to 500 words but must be more than 250 words. It will be judged on content, clarity, structure and presentation. Although a set number of points will not be used for this section, the Selection Committee will give significant weight to the biography as they evaluate the application. This section is to be in narrative form only with optional third person construction.

SECTION G | Nominee Certification

I certify that the information I have provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken from personal, club and LCI records.

NAME _____ DATE _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____ NOMINEE SIGNATURE _____ E-MAIL _____

Club Certification: We certify that the information provided herein is a true and accurate rendering taken from club records and other verifiable sources.

CLUB PRESIDENT _____ CLUB NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CLUB SECRETARY _____ E-MAIL _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Applications must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2015. This application must be fully completed and signed by the appropriate parties and returned along with a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail to: Dave Czwyczynski • P.O. Box 192 • Beulah • ND 58523

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

Credit Card Information

Name on Card _____

Card Type: ____Visa____Mastercard____Discover
____American Express

Card Number _____

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):

Payment Information:

Registration Package Fee..... \$ _____

Special Event Fees Total..... \$ _____

List: 1_____

2_____

3_____

Total Fees Due..... \$ _____

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_____

Form of Payment:

____Check____Cash____Draft____Credit Card

Date:_____By:_____

“PIE SOCIAL” SPRING RALLY

The Spring Rally is set for
March 28th, 2015
at Washburn High School
Washburn, ND

9am (CST) – registration
9:45 –3pm –learning



We have a great plan for the 5NW Spring Rally, including fun and food. The pie social is will be amazing. This rally is very crucial to our clubs. There is new information that will make our clubs easier to run and better. There is no cost to the clubs and you will leave the rally with your head full of lions pride. Get your registration in for the early bird drawing.

District 5NW 13th Annual Spring Rally

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Washburn High School in Washburn, ND

Send this form to:

DGE Judy Beaudry – 1002 Cannon Lane – Washburn, ND 58577

Or e-mail to: jbeaudry@westriv.com

Name _____

Lion ____ or Guest ____

Club _____

Number of years in Lions ____

2014-2015 Club or District Officer Position _____