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Youngsters prepare for the stick horse calcutta.



Attending were Miss Rodeo South Dakota, Kendra Peterson, and Miss Rodeo North Dakota, Dani Taylor.

## Fundraiser held for JJ Umbreit

One of the main focuses of the Lions is to bring awareness for eye sight research, to help in preventing blindness and promote eye health at an international level, but on a local level.

Sunday, June 4th, the Bowman Lions sponsored a medical benefit for 3-year-old JJ Umbreit, son of Josh and Amber Umbreit, who is undergoing treatment for eye cancer.

The benefit was in conjunction with Trails 4 Transplants, which is a trail drive that was going from Mandan, N.D. to Belle Fourche, S.D. to help promote organ, eye and tissue donation.

The Bowman Lions, along with several local friends of the Umbreit family, provided a wonderful free will supper with burgers, hot dogs and homemade salad and desserts.

There was a stick horse calcutta race and a live auction along with speakers, that included some transplant recipients (Ashley Peterson and Sally Jacobson) and special guests Miss Rodeo North Dakota (Dani Taylor) and Miss Rodeo South Dakota (Kendra Peterson).

\*The Lions would like to thank all of the sponsors that sponsored a stick horse, SW Healthcare employees for donating salads and desserts, Pifer Auction Service for auctioneering the wonderful items that were donated and all the volunteers that had a hand in making this benefit a huge success.



The Umbreit family.

#### BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD

## Capital Hill Day in Washington, D.C.: A Lesson in Advocacy on Behalf of Lions Clubs International

The 98th Convention of Lions Clubs International just concluded in Honolulu, Hawaii where over 18,000 Lions came together to celebrate their pride in serving those in need. The centennial theme—Where there's a need, there's a Lion brought to the forefront the mission that unites 1.4 million Lions around the world.

The delegates elected officers and new board members. Elected as President is Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada from Japan, along with 1st Vice President Bob Corlew of Tennessee and 2nd Vice President Naresh Aggarwal from India. In addition, 17 new first year directors were elected, seven of which are from the United States.

The timing of the convention came at the mid-point of my term, as I now become a 2nd year director. I was pleased to be selected by Dr. Yamada as chairperson of the 2015-2016 Public Relations and Information Committee. We will oversee the PR and marketing strategies used to promote the Centennial, develop a strategy for transitioning to an electronicbased format for The Lion magazine, and coordinate the communication going out to local clubs around the world.

We began with the final board meeting led by President Joe Preston. President Joe is a person who lives the phrase, "you'll never know until you've tried!" He introduced many initiatives to strengthen the Lions' organization, as well as ways to ways to enhance the pride Lions feel about the service they perform for those in need. The Board and the Lions of Arizona started the Preston Family Scholarship at Arizona State University—his alma mater—to honor his leadership this year.

The convention started with the international parade of nations. What a spectacle! The officers and directors were at the front of the parade, followed by the delegations from around the world. The North Dakota, South Dakota, Saskatchewan Lions were #44 in a parade of nearly 150 entries. It was a hot day, but nothing is more fun that walking in a parade, smiling and waving at friendly faces.

The plenary sessions were fast-paced and interesting. There were musical numbers performed from The Lion King and President Joe sang his theme song and a new song written especially for the convention. Tim Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics since 1996 was the keynote speaker. His message focused on what it means to be fully alive—the title of his new book—and he challenged us to rethink what it means for us, and all people to live life to the fullest. We had an opportunity to meet him and he gave us a signed copy of his book.

We learned about the work of Lions Clubs International Foundation and discovered that we raised over \$40 million during 2014-2015 to support grant programs like the Kids 4 Sight vision screening in North Dakota, disaster relief, and education programs, to name a few.

The second featured speaker was Carolyn Miles, CEO of Save the Children, recipient of the Lions Humanitarian Award for its work with refugee children in war-torn Syria. This year, Dr. Yamada is emphasizing the need to provide assistance to children as part of his international theme: Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

There were luaus and





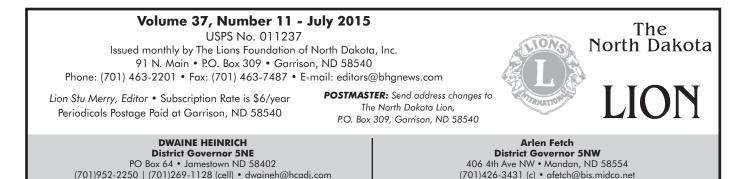
Robert and Kathy on their last night in Honolulu as the board meeting concludes.

special events and receptions that enabled us to meet Lions from around the world. As an international family of current and past directors and officers, our circle of friends has grown.

Lion Kathy had a terrific time! In addition to attending convention meetings and programs, she swam with the dolphins, hiked to the top of Diamond Head, swam in the ocean, and toured the Bishop Museum, to name a few of the different experiences she had.

At the conclusion of the convention, we proceeded

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## Sight 4 Kidz Vision Screening is in South Central North Dakota

Lions Donna and James Ruff are working diligently to assure that no child needs to suffer with an undetected vision problem in their part of the state. During the month June they, along with assistance of Lions from the local area Lions Clubs, screened more than 130 pre-school children at nine different day care facilities in the region. The nine day care facilities were in Napoleon, Ashley Wishek and Lehr. The screenings were sponsored by the Lions Clubs in each of the communities.

The Ruffs have promoted the SIGHT 4 KIDZ program at numerous events in the past and plan to set up a booth at the Tri-County Fair later this month. Donna indicates that interest in the project is running high in that area and they plan to possibly expand the SIGHT 4 KIDZ screenings to Linton, Strasburg, Edgeley, LaMoure, Ellendale and Oakes. They also are planning on setting up a screening for those children in Wishek who do not attend a Day Care.

Approximately 10% of the children screened (13) were identified with a vision problem and parents were notified and encouraged to take them to an eye care professional for a comprehensive eye exam.

Lions Clubs throughout the state are encouraged to get involved with the SIGHT 4 KIDZ screening program to assure that no children in their community needs to suffer with an undetected vision problem. All Lions clubs across the state have the ability to schedule free vision screening utilizing trained volunteers who will train local Lions that want to become involved.

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Lion Donna Ruff of Lehr at a recent Sight 4 Kidz screening.

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## Runge is 2015 LePage Award winner

Lion Kathi Runge from the Mandan Dacotah Lions received the 2015 Robert John LePage Service Award Saturday, June 13 at the North Dakota Association of the Blind State Convention Banquet in Jamestown.

Kathi was selected because she epitomizes what Robert LePage was all about; quiet, dedicated service to others, without fanfare or accolades. Lion Kathi has collected thousands of donated eyeglasses for Mandan Dacotah Lions Club and has participated in many of our service projects for sight. Lion Kathi also helps individuals with sight loss at her home in Library Square.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was established in 2008 in honor of the more than twenty-four years of service that Bob had contributed to people with sight loss."



Kathi Runge, 2015 LePage Service Award winner.

SIGHT A TOZ Update				
# Screenings Held	# Children Screened	# Children Referred	# Lions Participating	
87	1850	209	270	
Reported As of 7/01/15 11% Referral Rate				

## **5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

ALOH{ I am writing this on the way back from Hawaii. We learned about Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada's theme, "Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity". We want to bring dignity to others through humanitarian service. As we strive to serve the needs of others, let us always remember to respect the dignity of those we serve. As we reach out to others with hands of service. let us always remember it is not a handout. Harmony is brought to us with mutual understanding through service. As we build others up, let us always remember serving others isn't just an act of kindness; it also means to build understanding and harmony. Humanity brings it all together. As we show empathy for the less fortunate in our respective communities, let us extend empathy to all who are suffering around the world.

You will learn more of this as the District Governor team comes to visit all your clubs. We are continuing PDG

## Club News

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Heinrich's theme of teamwork in action. 1st VDG Luis Coca of Rugby and 2nd VDG Keith Zeutschel of Horace, will make some of the visits to the clubs.

My theme this year is, "The eyes have it". I want us to get back to where we came from. by focusing on all our vision responsibilities. Such as the ND Lions Eye Bank, Leader dogs of America, the ND Lions Foundation-Video Magnifier Program and our newest the Sight 4 Kidz program, the Vison USA program with the ND Optimistic Association, and plus our glasses recycling and vision services. It also has a secondary meaning of saying yes to the needs of your community and your leadership to aid others.

Next month I will tell you which clubs Keith, Luis and I will visit. I will be going to Sheldon on July 11th for their 50th anniversary and Hazelton on the 12th for their annual visit and to install new members including Hazelton's first women.

We are a team up and down out district from the leadership of the District governor team to all the Lions who work at all the service projects. District Governor Judy Beaudry of 5-NW of Washburn, and I think we should also teamwork throughout the state. Together are going to propose we do 4 state wide projects so all of clubs when reporting will become diamond centennial service clubs. Starting with the 2nd and 3rd weeks of September, we want you to think of a project so you can provide for a hungry related need such as a food pantry, meals on wheels or the like.

At the end of the month when your secretary does your service report you will have one part of the Centennial Service



project done, We will also do all three of the others during the year, asking you to do them to also aid your community.

I wish to thank all the people who convinced me, I was good enough for this task. I can tell each and every Lion, I will do my best to support all of you as I support my own club. I hope all of the people I have asked to help me, as I once thought I am not good enough or am too busy, you were asked because I think you are the ones we need to make our district grow from within. If any of you need anything don't be afraid to ask anyone on the team for assistance. Mahalo (thank you in Hawaiian) for allowing me to serve you for the 2015-2016 year.

## Rugby



Rugby Lions Club held their 87th installation of officers on July 6. Installation was conducted by Lion Dale Niewoehner. Pictured are in front row are: L to R President Betty Triplett; Secretary Jan Coca; Co-treasurer Lila Harstad; and 1 year Director Sandra Mongeon. Pictured in the back row are L to R: 1 year-director Shelly Block; 3rd Vice President Bruce Rheault; Co-treasurer Joni Johnson; and Past President Luis Coca. Officers not present: 1st Vice President George Gray; 2nd Vice President Barb Welk; Lion Tamer Kurt Arthur; Tail Twister Galen Mack; 2 year Directors, Eldon Borgen and Ashley Burkhartsmeier.

## Carrington



Lions Club members from Grand Forks who came to the Carrington Lions golf tournament. The driver was PDG Wayne Westland.

## Carrington Lions Golf Tournament

By LION DUANE ZWINGER

The 9th Annual Carrington Lions Club/Gate City Bank Golf Tournament was at the beautiful CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington Friday, June 12.

The tournament was again a success as the tournament attracted 23 four-person scramble teams. The Lions Clubs that had players were from Grand Forks, Glen Ulin, Leeds, Lankin, Emerado, Streeter, Fargo, Jamestown, Bismarck, Rugby and Carrington.

The Carrington Lions Club would like to thank the Lions from Grand Forks their support of the tournament by having 14 golfers at the tournament.

The tournament has a history of having weather that is not very nice. This year, the weather was very pleasant with a slight breeze to hinder the golfers. The participants that come to this tournament get to enjoy two meals, get a welcome "goodie" bag, have a chance to win prizes on each hole contest, earn cash prizes for placing in the tournament and a chance to win a car with a hole in one on the par 3 Hole #5.

The tournament is a fundraising project for the Carrington Lions Club and



The winning team at the tournament was the foursome of Cory Smith, Jeff Riedesel, Brad Skytland and Matt Vold. The team is from Carrington.

all the funds are given back to the community and other Lions projects for the state and international. From this event, the Carrington Lions club makes a significant donation to LCIF.

The Carrington Lions club wants to thank all the golfers that have supported our tournament in the past and hope you will be with us again in June 2016.

## International Theme for 2015: Dignity. Harmony. Humanity.

#### By ID ROBERT LITTLEFIELD

President Jitsuhiro Yamada launched his international theme for 2015-2016 at the International Convention held in Honolulu this past June. Dignity. Harmony. Humanity—represents peace, hope, determination, teamwork, and unifying people through service. Dr. Yamada believes that Li dignity should move Lions to ot action. As we strive to serve the needs of others, Lions need to remember to respect the dignity of those we serve. Human dignity should not be a privilege and Dr. Yamada believes that re

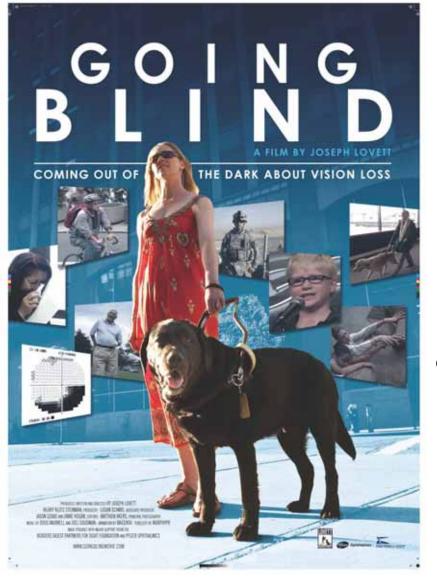
Lions should bring dignity to others through humanitarian service. One area of focus is expanding services to children by: supporting and brightening the

outlook of children in hospitals, responding to the needs of children in refugee camps, addressing the needs of hungry children, and continuing to support the Lions Reading Action Program.

Harmony is a second area of focus. As we build others up, Lions must remember that serving others is not just an act of kindness, but a means to build understanding and

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## The Fargo Lions in partnership with ND Vision Services/ School for the Blind and the Fargo Theatre present:



July 21st, 2015 6:30-10:00 p.m. Fargo Theatre 314 Broadway Fargo, ND Tickets: \$10

Contact person: Sherry Shirek sherrybeth7@gmail.com text or voice 914-720-2319

\*This event will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Fundraiser will help the **Fargo Theatre** purchase audio description/closed captioning equipment for patrons who are blind or deaf.

**S**ponsored by:







## Lake Metigoshe



Pictured, from left, are Mary Haugen, Jeannie Orke, LeaRae Espe, District Governor Arlen Fetch, Susan Tretebas, Jim Borkowski, Mary Grosgebauer, and Dennis Hanson.

## Lake Metigoshe Lions install new officers

District Governor Lion Arlen Fetch recently installed the 2015-16 officers for the Lake Metigoshe Lions Club. Officers are President Dennis Hanson, Secretary Susan Tetebas, Treasurer Jim Borkowski, 1st Vice President Mary Haugen, 2nd Vice President LeaRae Espe, 3rd Vice President Jeannie Orke, Lion Tamer Larry Haugen, Tail Twister Gale Wondrasek-Lane, Membership Chair/Past President Mary Grosgebauer.

Lions members from clubs in Rugby, Mesa Ariz., and Boissevain, Manitoba helped the local Lions celebrate their Charter Night at the Metigoshe Ministries' Christian Center.

## Prairie Rose



#### Melvin Jones

The Prairie Rose Lions Club of Bismarck has awarded a Melvin Jones fellowship to two of their members, Carolyn Lean (r) and Jenell Loftesness (I) for their excellent work. Both are past presidents, and Carolyn was also secretary for three years for the club, as well as cabinet secretary and treasurer for the district in recent years. Besides serving as vice president and president of the club, Jenell served as treasurer of the Prairie Rose club for two years and has also served a term on the ND Lions Eye Bank.

## Elgin



Herman Schafer, Shirley Schafer, Kate Rungie, John Lacher and friend Bianca Deloreschild.

## **Dacotah Lions visit Elgin**

The Mandan Dacotah Lions members Past District Governor Herman Schafer, Lion Shirley Schafer, Lion Kate Rungie, Lion John Lacher and friend Bianca Deloreschild, were visitors at the opening night of the Elgin Lions Hamburgers in the Park on Friday, June 5.

The Elgin Lions Club serves hamburgers in the park each Friday evening starting at 5:30 pm MDT throughout the summer. As your new District Governor 5NW, it is my first task to write this article. I have so much to say (imagine that).

I am in Hawaii with 20,000 other Lions Club members. It is here that they will train me and send me to you, to lead us into a great 2015-2016. Hawaii will never be the same and neither will I. Lions serve both young and old, and care about the world. Yesterday was my first day of training. At my table were other District Governor Elects. Lions from Michigan, India, Australia and Egypt.

My Egyptian tablemate told me with great passion, about his clubs work with the orphans. They saw to their food and medical needs. He described how good it was that they could give these children a meal. They spend one day a week preparing food and distributing the food to several orphanages. This basically feeds the orphans for a week. He also told me how they screened their eyes for vision problems and saw to the needs to those children who needed treatment or glasses. He was very interested in our vision screening program and the sophisticated equipment we used. I will e-mail him information that he can use. Imagine with our technology today I will communicate our North Dakota practices to Egypt in hope that we can help a child in Egypt.

We arrived in Hawaii June 22nd and started our training here the next morning. Our session started with registration, gifting and a photo session. Today, I identified my purpose as District Governor SNW. I will be your guide, your coach and your mentor. This year you will lead the way and I will join in. I like to have fun

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and I love to see Lions doing what they do best, SERVING. We're going to work hard and have fun while we're at it. I am so excited to get going, to start our year. Our District Cabinet is in place, and I thank each of my Lion friends that said yes to their positions. They all roar.

This year we will also start sharing the District Governor visitations with The DG Team. 1st Vice District Governor Mark Koller and 2nd Vice District Governor Tim Johnson will share the visitation. I also hope to have our Leadership and Membership Team making the visits with us. This teamwork will give us all an effective experience for the coming years.

This year we will see many Lions at our Zone meetings. Zone Chairs will be full of information. With attendance up and more input at our zone meetings we will grow in wisdom and manpower. I really hope I can attend club fundraisers and service projects, as does the 1st DG and the 2nd DG. As a team we can be everywhere. Well almost everywhere.

Past District Governor Arlen left us with growth in our membership. We want to keep those numbers growing. More members equals more service. ASK ONE works. Ask your family. Families that serve together as Lions establish a family tradition of serving others.

Communication is always important. Right now I want you to have my phone number 701-462-3433 and my cell 701-220-4410. My e-mail address is jbeaudry@westriv.com. Call or e-mail anytime, if I don't answer I will call as quick as I can.

The opportunities we have this year are endless. We will have each of the Centennial Service Projects as a statewide effort. District Governor Rick Swenson, the District Governor in Eastern North Dakota has challenged all clubs to join this call to serve. In the end, if you complete the four Centennial Service projects each of the next three years, you will have an Emerald Status for your



club and the state will be just a little richer. We will call on every club in the State of North Dakota each quarter to take charge of a project that is effective for them. I will tell you now that the first Statewide Centennial Service Project will be for hunger. I ask that every club, during the 2nd two weeks of September design a fundraiser involving food. The proceeds will go to a food pantry of your choice. We will compile people served and serving. Perhaps a grand total of dollars raised. We will have fun with it. We will serve.

In conclusion, as we approach our centennial celebration, we would do well to remember and meditate upon the words of our founder –

"You can't get very far until you start doing something for somebody else."

Melvin Jones Thank you for you**r service in Lionism. Aloha** 

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to the first board meeting for our new President, Dr. Yamada. This meeting was very ceremonial and formal, as he was introduced and entered the room to take his position as President. The certificates of election were distributed, along with new International Director pins.

Then came the two speeches—one given by a 2nd

year director leaving the board, and one given by a 1st year director in response—to bring the meeting to a close. ID Steve Tremaroli was chosen by IP Joe Preston to speak for the 2nd years, and Dr. Yamada selected me to speak in response. As you can imagine, I was excited and honored to represent the first year directors.

There is much to do as

we approach our centennial year. We thank you for your continued support as we begin a new year of service and we wish the best to all new officers as together we begin the 99th year in the world of Lionism. It is an honor for Lion Kathy and me to represent you and the Lions of the world on the Board of Directors.



#### At convention

The MD5 Lions made a bright, colorful splash at the International Convention in Hawaii during the International Parade. MD5 was #44 in the parade.

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## Reeder



#### Scholarship winners

The Reeder Lions Club presented scholarships to high school seniors from Hettinger and Scranton High Schools. Pictured, from left, Jordan Finck - Hettinger High School, Vance Valloff - Scranton High, McKenna Wegner - Scranton High School, Damon Mellmer - Scranton High School, Sharon Soehren, Reeder Lions Scholarship Coordinator.



#### **New England visits**

New England Lions come to Reeder Lions Sight 4 Kidz Screening to aid and supervise. Lions Gary and Bonnie Morel and their grandchildren Colt, Peytn, and Raeli Morel.



#### **Screening time**

Reeder Lions sponsored a Reeder Day Sight 4 Kidz Screening. Pictured: Reeder Lions members Bill Baker, Dennis Johnson, Sharon Soehren, Coordinator Phyllis Enerson, Larry Jackson.

#### **REMEMBER:**

# ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

No Exceptions!

## Elgin



Lion Past District Governor Vern Fredericks, Lion Steve Schadler, Lion Robert Larson and Lion Shawn Lince.

## **Elgin install officers**

The Elgin Lions Club held installation of the newly elected officers on Thursday, June 25, 2015 with Past District Governor Vern Fredericks of Flasher conducting the ceremony.

The new Lions President is Lion Steve Schadler, secretary Robert Larson, and treasurer Shawn Lince. Other officers installed were Third Vice President Doug Johnson and Director Art Rath. Officers not present were first vice Ron Bartz, second vice Myles Stoller and directors Allen Hummel, Jade Seibel and Peter Rouse.

The club held its annual

drawing for door prizes and members present won \$1 to \$10 each during the evening. Lion Scott Ostenson spoke on the Hospital Foundation fund raiser on Friday, July 10 at the city park and Lion President Virgil Stern spoke on the All Star Basketball games in Bismarck and encouraged members to attend and visit with International Director Lion Robert Corlew during the Fort Lincoln Barbecue on July 15.

The Lions Club will hold its annual steak fry for members on Sunday, July 26 at the Elgin Golf Course starting at 5 p.m.



Lion Duane and Lion Gail Schatz, Lion Julie and Lion Past International Director Bruce Schwartz.

## **Elgin special guests**

Among the many Lions and special guests attending the Lemmon Lions Club 85th Anniversary Celebration and banquet on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Benny's Steak House were Lion Duane and Lion Gail Schatz of Elgin and Lion Julie and Lion Past International Director Bruce Schwartz of Bismarck.

Other Lions Clubs represented from North Dakota were from Reeder, Scranton and New England.

The newly elected District Governor Chuck Edwards is from the Lemmon Lions Club.

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harmony. According to Dr. Yamada, in a rapidly changing world where people from different cultures and points of view interact daily, Lions need to promote harmony in their personal and professional contexts. Groups that live in harmony will have a crucial advantage over those that do not.

The third area of focus is humanity. Dr. Yamada asks all Lions to not only show empathy for the less fortunate in our communities, but to extend empathy to all who are suffering around the world. For Lions, serving humankind is not a duty but rather, a responsibility.

President Yamada chose the crane as his symbol for the year. The story of the crane is compelling. Every year, thousands of small cranes migrate over the Himalayas in V formation. They are the smallest species of the crane family. At high altitudes and minus temperatures, this migration is a brutal test of their strength.

This grueling trip would be impossible if they flew alone. But the total energy expended is reduced because each bird makes use of the backflow of air over the wings of the other birds in V formation. The leading bird expends the most energy, so it is necessary to continually rotate new birds into the position. The success of the V depends upon the cooperation and harmony of every member of the flock. While each bird is small, every bird has great dignity. Lions and Lions Clubs can learn a lot by

considering and following the example of the crane.

Dr. Yamada believes in his theme: "We have demonstrated throughout our history the ability to bring people together for a common cause. We have should time after time that national boundary lines are nothing more than dots on a map. In spite of conflicts and disputes throughout the world, we work beyond differences—a grassroots coalition of peace through service."

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - Hawaii



Welcome to Honolulu.



ID Robert led a session on centennial planning for district and area coordinators.



ID Robert hiked to the top of Diamond Head.



President Joe Preston sings with the band, "I'm Already Gone."



Lion Officers: Corlews, Prestons, Palmers, and Yamadas wave to parade delegations passing the viewers stand.



DG Rick Swenson and ID Robert Littlefield before one of the plenary sessions.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - Hawaii



Leos of the World march in the parade.



President Elect Jitsuhiro Amada and his wife Dr. Toshiko Yamada wave to the crowds.



A performance of songs from The Lion King introduced the Pride of the Lions at the first plenary session.



The fireworks were fabulous as the DGE school concluded with a luau.



Lion Kathy and ID Robert Littlefield are now 2nd Year directors.

## **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.



**Rugby Lions** 

Two PERSON Scramble Fund Raiser

DATE: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

TIME: 9am – Registration 10am - Shotgun Start



Location: Rugby Golf Course (Along U.S. Hwy 2)

**Two PERSON Team:** \$90**Individual:** \$45 (Will match up)

Mulligan's: \$5 each

Price includes a hamburger basket, green fees, and door prizes. Please sign up early for a head count to prepare hamburgers.

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

Name	Phone	Address
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ALL PROFITS	uis Coca @ (701) 240-5517 f S WILL BE USED FOR CON e Dogs, Leader Dogs, Music in the Park,	MUNITY PROJECTS

MAIL TO: Rugby Lions Club, P.O. Box 251, Rugby ND 58368



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• Challenge your friends, or neighboring Lions Clubs

• Prizes to be awarded at the State Lions Convention - best score, most distant location, most locations, oldest, youngest, etc. Everyone can be involved!



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## **Registration Form - \$20 to compete**

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	Street/PO Box	City	State/Province	Zip/PC
PHONE				

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Friday Night Event: Halloween Costume Party & Contest

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Join us in the Magic City October 23rd-24th, 2015 for an enchanted time! Mirth, Merriment, and Magic will be had by all!

## 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!!!

STIN	<b>Register at 2014 Convention</b>	\$65
7///i+.	Early Bird Registration (until Jul	ly 31,2015) \$70
+	<b>Pre-Convention Registration</b>	\$90
	<b>Register at Convention</b>	\$100
Date:		
Convention Fee		
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Full Name:		2015 State Lions Convention
Address:		
City:		
Phone:		Mail Registration To:
	Lion Guest	Magic City Lions
		Attn: Gary
Club:		PO Box 782
		Minot, ND 58702