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Mark Lindquist, a motivational speaker, actor and recording artist from Fargo, ND, was the keynote speaker for the October 24 noon Hall of Fame luncheon.



International Director Rod Wright, of New Brunswick, Canada, delivered the Saturday evening Parade of Governors banquet keynote address.



5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry, of the Washburn Lions, and 5NE District Governor Rick Swenson, New Rockford Lions, offered final comments and thank yous at the conclusion of the Saturday evening, October 24, banquet.

Education, entertainment make 2015 State Lions Convention memorable

BY JEANNE SELBY,
District 5NW PR chair

Seven break-out sessions, two motivational keynote speakers, and a question and answer session with International Director Rod Wright of New Brunswick, Canada, along with an entertaining and engaging Friday evening ice breaker/social made the 2015 State Lions Convention in Minot memorable and worthwhile for participants.

Following a full day of meetings, which included morning District 5NE and 5NW Cabinet meetings, as well as the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board and the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota meetings in the afternoon of Friday, October 23, North Dakota Lions

(and other MD5 Lions and guests) enjoyed an evening of bunco, complete with prizes. Prizes were also awarded for outstanding Halloween costumes. The evening concluded with musical performances by local pianist, Gordy "Crazy Fingers" Lindquist and the local, all-female vocal trio, the Fabulous Flashtastics, performing 50s and 60s selections.

Keynote speakers highlighting the October 23 – 24 convention included first-year International Director Rod Wright, who delivered the Saturday evening keynote address as well as led the Saturday morning question and answer session, and Mark Lindquist, a motivational speaker, actor and recording

artist who lives in Fargo. Lindquist addressed the Lions and guests attending the Saturday noon Hall of Fame luncheon.

PDG Marian Johnson, of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, was honored as the 2015 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame recipient.

One of the 2014 – 2015 District 5NW Cultural & Community Activities was the creation of a quilt, with blocks designed and contributed by each of the District 5NW clubs. Ticket sales on the quilt during Convention generated a profit of \$975, all of which was donated to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board. Lion Kristi Swenson, wife of 5NE District Governor Rick Swenson, won the unique, hand-made quilt

in the Saturday drawing. Lion Dickey Jo Kubas of the South Heart Lions, District 5NW Cultural & Community Activities Chair for 2014 – 2015, initiated the quilt project fundraiser in 2014, during her tenure.

The two-day convention offered participants break-out sessions on Lions involvement beyond the club level; "words of wisdom" collected from interviews with North Dakota senior citizens into a 200-page book; Service Dogs for America (located in Jud, ND), whose mission is to train and certify service dogs for individuals with disabilities; a "minimum

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BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD

Make Diabetes Awareness a priority in November

November is Diabetes Awareness Month, and November 14th is Worldwide Diabetes Awareness Day. The designation of a month and a day to raise public awareness of diabetes is important. In fact, there are many reasons why Lions should help to increase awareness of diabetes.

According to the World Health Organization, diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. Type 1 diabetes is characterized by deficient insulin production; and Type 2 diabetes results from the body's ineffective use of insulin. Type 2 diabetes comprises 90% of people with diabetes around the world. Until recently, this type of diabetes was seen only in adults but it is now also occurring in children.

Over time, diabetes can damage the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves. Diabetes increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. Combined with reduced blood flow, nerve damage in the feet increases the chance of foot ulcers, infection and eventual need for limb amputation.

Diabetic retinopathy is an important cause of blindness, and occurs as a result of long-term accumulated damage to the small blood vessels in the retina. Diabetes is among the leading causes of kidney failure.

I am fortunate because neither I nor any member of my immediate family is one of the growing number of 382 million people living with diabetes, and this number is estimated to rise to 592 million by 2035 (International Diabetes Federation).

However, it shouldn't only be those with diabetes that make diabetes awareness a priority. We all need to get involved and raising awareness is one way Lions Clubs can make a difference. There are many ways Lions can get involved. Two of the most common include Stride and diabetes screening events. Stride events include walking, dancing, cycling, and running. Diabetes screening events can detect pre-diabetes as well as diabetes. Many clubs already sponsor such events, but we need to do even more.

Within Multiple District 5, we have a group of leaders who are ready to help Lions Clubs organize and promote

diabetes awareness events within their districts. Lion Linda Vollmer, lvollmer@sdplains.com, 605-490-0386 is the MD5 and District 5SW Diabetes Awareness Chair. Lion Robyn Tyler, robyn.tyler@va.gov, 605-321-7717 serves as District 5SE Diabetes Awareness Chair. In Saskatchewan, PDG Calvin Bachmeier, cbachmeier@sasktel.net, 306-628-8151 serves as the Canadian Diabetes Provincial Liaison. Lion Kim Kubik, kaks95@yahoo.com, 306-745-2378 represents District 5SKN Diabetes Awareness & Action; and Lion Ted Fai, 306-421-1393 coordinates District 5SKS Diabetes Awareness & Cavalcade Activities. In North Dakota, Lion Donna Ruff, donnaruff@bektel.com, 701-321-2421 leads District 5NE Diabetes Awareness, and Lion Doug Reiser, dougreiser@gmail.com serves in District 5NW.

I encourage all Lions Clubs to consider adding a diabetes awareness project this year. Reach out to your



community and find ways to provide information and screening events. For more information on diabetes prevention and support, contact: Diabetes Education and Camping Association, an organization that supports camping programs for individuals and families; the American Diabetes Association, a nonprofit health organization providing diabetes research and advocacy; or the World Health Organization, the UN agency responsible for international public health.

As we approach the holiday season, Kathy and I extend our best wishes to Lions and their families across North Dakota and Multiple District 5. We look forward to being home for the holidays this year. For more information about our service on the LCI Board of Directors, feel free to visit our website: <http://www.littlefield4lionsid.com>.

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Memorials

Mandan Dacotah Lions in memory of PDG Herman

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Beulah Lions Club
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Bismarck Lions Club
Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club
Grand Forks Red River Lions Club
Minot Magic City Lions Club
Williston Lions Club

Lions State Convention 2015 Parade Of Green

Lions Foundation of North Dakota	\$6,510.00
LF of ND Video Magnifier Program	\$ 600.00
LF of ND Sight 4 Kidz Program	\$1,700.00
Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota	\$4,780.00
Vision USA / ND Optometric Assn.	\$1,759.00
ND Association Of The Blind	\$ 250.00
ND School For The Blind	\$ 100.00
Leader Dogs For The Blind	\$6,501.00
Canine Development	100.00
	\$6,601.00
Great Plains Assistance Dogs	\$6,225.00
Service Dogs For America	
Ocular Research	\$ 300.00
Lions International Youth Exchange Camp	\$50.00
Lions Clubs International Foundation	\$2,625.00
TOTAL	\$31,500.00

Devils Lake to celebrate 50th

The Devils Lake Lions Club is holding a 50th Anniversary Reception Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 7 p.m. at the Chautauqua Room at Lake Region State College.

The Devils Lake Lions Club was established Aug. 19, 1965.

Please join us as we celebrate 50 years.
RSVP to: cenderle2002@hotmail.com if you plan to attend.

MD5 Youth Exchange Opening

The MD5 Council of Governors would like to officially inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that the Youth Exchange Chairperson's term will expire on June 30, 2016. The new term will run from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019.

If you would like an application
Email MD5 Sec/Treas Mike Brand vc1ion@msn.com Deadline for applying for this position is March 1, 2016.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Well 1/3 of my year has come and gone. Now I know why they say your year will pass in a flash. The governor team did 12 visitations in October. We learned most clubs are doing all great things as we think Lions should. The problems come in the reporting. Some of these might be reporting, but I can't see them since they don't click on the share button on activities. Ones I can't see or haven't reported membership (M) or service activities (A), Argusville-Gardner-Grandin Valley MA, Arthur A, Braddock MA, Carrington A, Casselton MA, Chaffee MA, Dakota NFL MA, Devils Lake MA, Edgeley A, Ellendale A, Fargo Gateway A, Gackle MA, Grand Forks South Forks A, Hazelton A, Jamestown A, LaMoure A, Leonard MA, Linton A, Medina MA, Napoleon M, Oakes A, Pettibone MA, Rugby Northern Lights MA, Streling MA, Strasburg MA, Streeter A, Tuttle MA, UND Grand Forks MA, Wahpeton A, West Fargo MA, Wishek MA, Zeeland M, Zeeland Dakota A.

Remember Kristi Swenson email (Kristi.Swenson0155@gmail.com), or her phone # 701 302 0155 to teach you how to connect to MyLCI or report for you since she can go all the way back to July. She can also help you with membership problems like dropping members for you, or adding members, if she has all the information needed to fill it out.

Those of you that missed it, we had a great state convention. On Friday it was meeting day, with the cabinets, Eye Bank, Foundation and PDG meetings. Friday night was special one with a costume party, trivia game, and

2 musical entertainment groups.

Saturday started with breakfast and the singing of the national anthem by one of the nations greatest anthem singers Fargo's own Mark Lindquist. We moved on to our district meetings, 2 sets of breakout sessions. At the Hall of fame luncheon Marian Johnson was presented with her plaque and her Lions story was told. Also at the luncheon our motivational speaker was singer and actor Mdrk Llnquist. In the afternoon we started with our state meeting, including in the agenda was the announcement of the new board members. For the ND Lions Foundation Del Hager of Grand Forks South Forks and Rob Lein of Fargo. On the Eye Bank are Larry

Sayler of valley City and Tracy Wicken of Grand Forks South Forks. Luis coca Jr of rugby was elected the DGE, and Keith Zeuschel of Horace as our 1st VDGE. We still need a 2nd VDGE for next year. Anyone who has been president and a zone chair is qualified for the opening. If anyone is interested they have to call me. The cabinet would elect them at a meeting. We also need a GMT leader but that position has to apply to LCI for the job.

The Eye Bank and Foundation summarized their meetings. Then DG Judy and I gave our Centennial Service Challenge (CSC) gem banner patches. Clubs that reported one challenge and got an emerald patch, Braddock, Davenport, Dakota NFL, Edgeley, Jud,

Leonard, Linton, Wing and Zeeland. Shapphire patches went to clubs doing 2 challenges, Enderlin, Oakes, Tuttle, and Wishek. Ruby is the gem for the clubs who did 3 challenges, Fargo, Kulm, Larimore-Turtle river, Valley city, and Wahpeton. The clubs who did all 4 challenges and in most cases several of them are Carrington, Emerado/ Arvilla, Grand Forks, Horace, Lehr, New Rockford, NDSU Fargo, Robinson, and Rugby Northern Lights. The last thing we did was the parade of Green for donations to several benefits.

In the evening was the Banquet and International Director Rod Wright or New Brunswick, Canada. Talking about all the good things the Lions of North Dakota do and our great people. One of the parts of the banquet was the Lions choir and boy were they special, especially since they only practiced twice during the convention.

Now for looking forward.

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The next (CSC) is the Youth challenge targeted for November 20th to December 20th. Vision for January and February. And the Environmental one for April and May. Any club can do more than one of the same challenge, it would be really good if we all did more than one of each type to help our communities. This April 9th we will be again having a spring rally, we will tell you more about it in the next few months. Then at the end of May is the MD-5 convention in Regina, Saskatchewan. Next summer we will again have the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July. 5NE will again give 10 registrations to the institute from our district. So if you want to attend send in your ndme to me or Bruce Schwartz of Bismarck. We will decide at the Spring Rally who gets the 10 spots.

Youth Camp has been finalized

The 2016 MD5 Youth Camp has been finalized. It will be held at the Shekinah Retreat Center, North of Saskatoon, near Waldheim, Saskatchewan

The dates are July 11th – 17th, 2016.

The cost is \$400; half must be paid on registration.

Ages are 15-18 years; will also look at youth that are just over 18. Deadline for applications is May 31st, 2016.

Camp Director – Lion PDG Ellie Mae Bishop
1731-96 St. North Battleford, Sask. Canada S9A 0H8 Phone: (306-445-6621

Youth Exchange Chairperson-Host Family
Lion Marie Boutin

MD5 Lions Youth Exchange Chairperson
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Marian Johnson named to North Dakota Lions Hall Of Fame

BY PAT VANNETT
PDG Secretary

An enthusiastic crowd rose to its feet at the ND Lions State Lions Convention in Minot on Saturday, October 24 to congratulate Lion Marian Johnson upon her induction as the newest member of the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. Introduced by Past District Governor Garry Freier, a member of the Hall of Fame Committee, Lion Marian was accompanied to the podium by her husband, PCC Brach Johnson, and was escorted by last year's honoree, Lion Arlo Anderson and his wife Doris.

Approximately 200 Lions and friends were in attendance to watch as PDG Marian received her award. In her acceptance speech she related her special fondness for several project that are close to her heart including the Lions of ND Sight 4 KIDZ program sighting a personal connection to vision problems that her daughter and grandson have experienced. Truly her service is not ending.

She began her life in Lions as a Lioness back in 1982 as a charter member of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lioness Club, which re-chartered as a Lions club in 1992. While searching for a fund raiser back in 1983, one of the members said, "I wish we could find stationery to sell that said 'North Dakota' on it." Marian thought that was a great idea and began experimenting with pen and ink sketching. Two wonderful things happened: 1) the Prairie Rose Lions had a popular fundraiser with new Christmas cards each year that sold like hotcakes; and, 2) unable to quit sketching, Marian soon had enough designs to start her own business, "The Inkwell"! Once affiliated with Pride of Dakota, Marian soon had her greeting cards in over 50 gift shops around the state of North Dakota. She continued in that business until 2004.

Nothing lasts forever, and when the



2015 Hall of Fame Recipient PDG Marian Johnson, of the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions, pauses briefly with her husband, PCC Brach Johnson, of the Bismarck North Star Lions, following the 2015 noon Hall of Fame luncheon and plaque presentation October 24.

sales of Christmas cards waned, Lion Marian, being 100% Norwegian, led the charge to start rolling and selling lefse at the Bismarck Street Fair. Luckily it has been another hit, and has remained one of the Prairie Rose Lions' main fundraisers each year.

Meanwhile Marian began serving on district cabinets and on convention planning committees. She was Zone Chairperson in 1999-2000, and served as District Governor for 5NC during 2005-2006. In the years since her governorship, she edited the State Lions Directory for three years, attended three MD5 Youth camps, helped charter the University of Mary Campus Lions Club, and co-chaired the 2008 State Lions Convention with her husband, Past Council Chairperson Brach Johnson.

She stated her witness to service so eloquently, "Brach and I made a decision years ago to enter this life of service". Dedication to service is

a lifetime commitment that Marian and her family have shown. Present for her induction were her children Jessica and Tim, both Lions, her son in law and her three grandchildren. Her example of commitment to service is truly generational.

Many of Marian's home club, the Prairie Rose Lions, were present to support her. They presented Marian with a beautiful bouquet of pink roses following her acceptance speech.

The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award is the most prestigious honor for Lions at the state level. The first Hall of Fame awards were given in 1982. Although this award has been a function of the Past District Governors Association, a recipient does not have to be a PDG in order to qualify, but can be any Lion who has shown considerable dedication over a period of years.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the 7th of the month!

19 District 5NW Lions recognized at 2015 State Convention

Nineteen Lions from District 5NW were recognized during the October 23 – 24 annual State Lions Convention at Minot. Some Lions were honored for outstanding achievements, while others were elected to state or District 5NW leadership positions.

BY JEANNE SELBY,
District 5NW PR Chair



Current 5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry, (far left) Washburn Lions, pauses with her newly-elected district leadership team following district elections October 24 at Minot. Next to DG Beaudry are 1st Vice District Governor Tim Johnson, Bismarck North Star Lions, District Governor Elect Mark Koller, New England Lions, and 2nd Vice District Governor Gary Morel, of Dickinson, New England Lions.



Past International Director Bruce Schwartz (left) presents PDG David Czychynski, Beulah Lions, with the Bronze Level recognition for raising over \$35,000 as District 5NW LCIF Development Plan Coordinator.



5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry (left) presents a Club Past President Excellence Award to Lion Karen Koller, Immediate Past Club President of the New England Lions, during the District 5NW Cabinet meeting October 23.



District 5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry presents PDG David Czychynski, Beulah Lions, with the Club Rebuilding Award, a pin recognizing his efforts toward rebuilding the Beulah Lions Club from a membership of three 18 months ago to 30 members.



District 5NW Governor Judy Beaudry presents Immediate Past District Governor Arlen Fetch with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for his service as 5NW District Governor during the 2014 – 2015 term.

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South Heart Lions Dickey Jo Kubas (second from left) and her husband Arlen Kubas (far right), accept an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for their distinguished achievements in Lionism, from International Director Robert Littlefield, Moorhead, MN (far left), International Director Rod Wright, New Brunswick, Canada (center), and 5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry (second from right) during State Convention Awards ceremonies October 24.

Other District 5NW recognitions and other District 5NW award winners not pictured include:

Past District Governor Herman and Shirley Schafer, Mandan Dacotah Lions, were honored with fourth consecutive Roaring Lions Awards during the October 23 District 5NW business meeting. PDG Herman was recognized posthumously. The Schafer's daughter, Lion Sherry Fetch, also of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, accepted both awards.

Four District 5NW Lions were elected to state Lions board positions. Derek Czychynski, of the Beulah Lions, and Williston Lion Lois Reiersen were elected to three-year terms on the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

Dickinson Lion Ken Davis and Williston Corner Lion Lee Gunlikson were both re-elected to second three-year terms on the Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board.



PDG Dr. David Blackstead, of the Bismarck Capital City Lions, (second from left) accepts a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) plaque and pin from International Director Rod Wright, New Brunswick, Canada, (far left) and International Director Robert Littlefield, Moorhead, MN (far right). Myrna Blackstead, PDG Blackstead's wife, placed the new Progressive MJF lapel pin.

In Remembrance

Stanley
Alan Colbenson



Service Dogs for America thanks our ND Lions Clubs!

They gave generously at the Parade of Green.

*Emerado—Arvilla - Williston - Beulah
Bismarck - Rugby - Valley City - Korner - Mandan - Magic City
North Star - Red River - Elgin - Grand Forks - Mandan Dakota
NDSU - New England - Glenburn - Carrington - New Rockford
Bismarck Prairie Rose - Napoleon - Dickinson - South Heart*

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

5NW Lions R-O-C-K!!!
The Centennial Hunger Challenge was a huge success. We had a show of hands at the State Convention and I will tell you that thirty three clubs participated. The numbers served and the number that served was awesome. Thank you, thank you. We now go forward with the next Centennial Challenge. This challenge is for youth. With Christmas coming up we ask that each of the District 5NW Lions Clubs plan a service project to aid Youth. Each club can plan their own service project. My club, the Washburn Lions will have a gift drive for youth in conjunction with our local Helping Hands. We will donate money the night of our Club Christmas Party. The dates set for the Youth Challenge is November 20th – December 20th. Just make sure you let Gary Morel, Centennial Challenge Chairman know about your project. He can be e-mailed at brokenarrow15@hotmail.com.

October was a very busy month for this old District Governor and I wouldn't change anything about it. What a wonderful bunch of Lions we have in North Dakota. I visited seven clubs this month. I was treated to great people who conducted meetings that were full of energy. Lions who care about their communities and the people in them. They care about Lions and care about helping where ever they can. At one meeting they planned two benefits for members in their community down on their luck and also found a time that they could get the ditches cleaned before winter. Now that makes my heart flutter. They serve. In Dickinson the Noon Club

works all year to support Make a Wish. Great Lions doing great things. I am so proud of all their heart.

I also attended Zone meeting in Bismarck. There were over fifty in attendance. We had great speakers and great information for our clubs attending. Zone Chair, Loris Freier worked diligently to make the meeting informative and fun. I have the best District Officers. They are hardworking and they generate Lions enthusiasm with every word.

Also this month we had the North Dakota State Convention held in Minot. The Grand Hotel set the stage for the finest gathering I have ever attended. The Magic City Lions planned the whole affair that began on Friday morning with the District Cabinet meetings. Lunch was very special. Our visiting International Director Rod Wright attended and talked to the Lions Present. This man knows his stuff.

I can only speak of the western meeting and I can report that we have an excellent Board conducting the business of our District. The important item that came out of our Cabinet meeting that the proposal for Twinning with another club passed. To explain the twinning project, Lions President Dr. Yamada encouraged that all Lions Clubs to twin, which means to join with another club for the good of both. Develop friendships. I had two clubs fall into my lap that were a perfect match to twin with 5NW. One club is the Lions Club of KweKwe in

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Zimbabwe. Their signature project is Chimwaoga Primary School, with an enrollment of 450 students. The students are in need of stationary (paper) and clothing, especially shoes. The second club we will twin with is the Neinburg/Weser Lions Club in Germany. They sent an appeal to our District for help with the Orphanage of Lapias/Lithuania. The building is 100 years old and is disrepair. What stood out to me is they only have two toilets and three showers for 43 children. There is no heat in the bedrooms. Again, a perfect match for



our District to help. We in Western North Dakota will have a connection with those in need in Europe and in Africa. Our expectations of the two foreign clubs will be open communication to us so we can be part of their progress. See programs and hear how we are serving. Whatever we do will improve the lives of children. I can't think of a better project. Something new and worthwhile. The whole district together. The



5NW Peace Poster Contest chosen at convention

This year's Peace Poster theme was "Share Peace." It is inspiring to see the vision that our youth has of peace. This year's 1st place winner was Suzanna Zamburskiy from Mandan. She is a 6th grade student at Mandan Middle School. She received a prize of \$100. Second place winner went to Madison Jarret from South Heart. Madison received \$50. We need to get our youth involved in Lions, and the Peace Poster Contest can be a great way to get them started. A special thank you to all the clubs that sponsored a peace poster this year. Submitted by Peace Poster Chair, Karen Koller.

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fundraising for this project will begin with a letter to all 5NW clubs in January. Clubs will then decide on their fundraising for the project. The accumulation of our efforts will come at the Spring Rally in April where we will have a Parade of Green for our international project.

Now as for the convention, what a masterful work. The Magic City Lions out did themselves. The Lions of North Dakota were treated to a wonderful weekend. The meetings

on Friday went without a hitch. Friday night was one to remember. The ballroom was perfectly decorated. The Magic City Lions hosted a Halloween Costume Party that brought costumes out for most of the parties. I believe I saw Dolly Parton with a Pirate. If a Lion came without costume the Sawyer Leo's were there with a face painting booth. The food was so good and the evenings merriments spectacular. He evening started with a rowdy Bunko Game. Magic City Lion Josh Ressler guided the

players until in the end there were winners and prizes. Then the entertainment began with Gordy "Crazy Fingers" Lindquist. Crazy Fingers played and treated his audience to his antics and amazing feats. He is amazing. And as if that was not enough here come the Fabulous Flashtastics. They sang and entertained for hours. Dancing broke out and I'm not sure but I do believe our Council Chair Arlen and his wife Sherry stole the floor.

Saturday started with

WAKIE – WAKIE. If you don't know what that is I'm not telling you, come to the convention and find out. The Minot Lions took on this project at the request of District Governor Judy. Jim Johnson agreed that the wakie – wakie was a go and it was a good one. The day started with a 7:30 am breakfast. Yes I said 7:30am. The opening session had a special honor. The National Anthems were sung by Mark Lindquist. Oh my, that man

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It was a 'Magic' time *Fun, hospitality at convention*

By DOREEN CLOCK
Magic City Lions

There was all kinds of fun and great hospitality at the 2015 State Lions Convention. It was where "Magic" happened. There were 175 Lions and guests who joined in on the fun from all over the state and Canada. Magic City Lions were happy to host the event.

Friday's Ice Breaker Halloween costume contest was a success. The night started with a quick game

of Bunco. It was followed by Crazy Fingers, Gordy Lindquist, who entertained young & old alike. Judging of the costumes and the evening closed with the Fabulous Flashtastics. An evening of dancing and fun was had by all.

Saturday, it was down to business. The "Breakout" sessions were very well attended. Magic City Lions is happy to report the bake sale "How to make \$1,000 in 30 Minutes" brought in more than \$2,600 between the

two sessions!

A check has been sent to Districts 31C and 31D in South Carolina Lions in the amount of \$1,526 to help support efforts for the flood victims. The check also includes fines collected during the convention.

Our noon luncheon featured Mark J. Lindquist, world renowned speaker, singer and actor. He had a inspirational speech on giving to others.

The afternoon was business meetings and the

Parade of Green.

The banquet speaker, ID Roderick Wright, was an inspiration to all Lions.

District Governor Judy Beaudry presented the International Presidents of appreciation. Magic City Lions' own, Lion Nicole Swartwout, received one for co-chairing the 2015 Lion's State Convention. Congratulations, Lion Nicole for a job well done.

Thank you to all who helped make this State Lion's convention happen.

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time/maximum profit" club fundraiser; the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota; tips for utilizing social media for marketing Lions membership; and a panel discussion on "Sight 4 Kids," a relatively new program offering free vision screening

for North Dakota children ages six months to six years. The seven break-out sessions were offered Saturday morning and again Saturday afternoon.

The Lions Choir performed several numbers during the Parade of

Governors banquet Saturday evening.

The annual memorial service, judging of peace poster contest entries, the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota meeting, Lions Foundation of North Dakota meeting, and "Parade of

Green" rounded out a busy Saturday schedule.

2015 State Convention participants were invited to pre-register for the 2016 State Convention, which will be hosted by Rugby Lions club members next October 21 – 22.

Lions of North Dakota children screening statistics

As of 11/5/15:



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# Screened	# Referred	% Referred
5574	729	13%

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Thank You Lions for

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can sing. What a treat. The Breakout sessions began at 9:00am and were just the best ever. Very interesting and informational. At noon we broke for lunch. I was so thrilled that my friend Lion PDG Marian Johnson was inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame. The Johnson family were one of my first friendships in Lions, so how fitting to me that Marian was the recipient of this worthy award. She and CC PDG Brach are Lions and they have raised Lions. Their son, Tim is this years 1st Vice District Governor for District 5NW. The absolute best part of the Convention was our guest speaker Mark Lindquist. The same Mark Lindquist that sang at the opening breakfast had everyone standing by the end of his energetic motivational performance. Mark is a nationally recognized speaker, a former Sergeant in the USAF and an Afghanistan War Veteran. Service for Mark is a way of life. The afternoon were busy with ND State meetings. At 4:15 the Magic City Lions held the Lions Memorial Service. It was my privilege to honor our passed Lions. This year was especially important to me as PDG Lion Herman Schafer my friend and Sherry Fetch's father was memorialized. Herman helped me develop as a Lion. He and I visited many times. I will miss him.


OK now on to the finale. The Convention Banquet in the Grand Ballroom. District Governor Rick Swenson 5NE, presided over the dinner. It was my pleasure to listen to our guest speaker, International Director Rod Wright enliven us with his wisdom and give direction to the diners. ID Wright is a Lion. He spent the weekend showing us he was a Lion. I so enjoyed my time with him. We are lucky in North Dakota, we have our own International Director, Robert Littlefield and our own Past District Governor Bruce Schwartz. I use these two men. I ask questions and I always get answers. There is much to be learned from those leaders. PID Bruce is the best hugger ever.

On Sunday Mac and I were lucky enough to take ID Rod Wright to the airport. ID Wright had time in the morning to get out of the motel and get a little fresh air. We took him west on Highway 2 until we found an oil well. He had never seen one and I thought it

was a good way to see the countryside. We then came back to Minot and headed to the zoo. He wanted to see the Lion enclosure. Knowing the Lions in Minot supported the facility, the ID wanted a photograph. The zoo was closed so after trying to break in (just kidding) we headed to the Scandinavian Park. He enjoyed the park, was amazed at the buildings. I then delivered ID Rod Wright to the airport. There is construction everywhere at the airport so I ended up taking him to the building via the exit. A hairy ride and I'm sure he breathed a sigh when I walked out of the Airport. I don't think he will forget me soon and I will not forget his genuine love of Lions. He was a wonderful guest and

a master of flexibility. International Director Rod Wright spent three days caring for the Lions of North Dakota. Thank you, ID Rod.

I tell you I have had a great month. I told my mentor Past International Director Bruce Schwartz that this District Governor position was becoming one of the sweetest times in my life. He smiled and said "Just wait, it gets better." Is he crazy? How can that be? As always I have a quote to leave you with. This one came from Mark Lindquist's book SERVICE. The quote from Benjamin Franklin, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." Wow, that quote hits home.



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Rugby



New Melvin Jones

DG 5 NE Rick Swenson presents Luis Coca Melvin Jones Fellow Award at Rugby Lions Charter Night on Monday Oct. 19th.

New Rockford



Punt, Pass and Kick

The New Rockford Lions held it annual Punt Pass and Kick competition in September. Eleven young men tried their best on all three events, with the winners going on to compete in Carrington later in the month. Afterwards Lions members served hot dogs, chips and pop to the and families.

Lions Foundation tee off for Lions top golfer

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota held its first Annual "Tee off for Lions" golf tournament. The entries

came from coast to coast. We had golfers pay green fees of up to \$495. Then there was a golfer who played on a course where shooting around the barn was a 12 stroke penalty. This year's winners are.

1. Farthest Distance Away Saco, Maine 1911 Miles-Winner: Brach Johnson
 2. Most unique Golf Course, Dakota Pasture Pool Par 22 Golfing for the Fun of It Winner: Arlen Kubas
 3. Most Stokes on a Hole- 11 Strokes-Winner: Steve Johnson
 4. Most 5's on a Card- Winner: Rex Huss with SIX 5's on the front nine
- A great FUN event for all Lions. Watch for next year's tournament!



Del Hager Grand Forks South Forks Lions.

2015 State Convention Chair, Minot Lion Nicole Swartwout (second from left) accepts an International President's Certificate of Appreciation for her outstanding service during the past year chairing the 2015 Convention committee. Presenters include (from left to right) International Director Robert Littlefield, International Director Rod Wright (second from right), and 5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry.



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The Fargo Lions Go One Step Farther

Lions 2016 Vision Mission to Puerto Vallarta



A new mission to Mexico to give vision screenings and to distribute eyeglasses to those in need is being formed. The mission is scheduled for February 21st thru 27th in Puerto Vallarta. There are 3 ways to be involved.

- 1. You can sponsor one of your members to be on the team to go.
- 2. You can sponsor a local optometrist or optician to provide their services of screening and fitting eyeglasses.
- 3. You can partially sponsor one or more Lions from across North Dakota who will be serving on the mission.

The estimate for each person is \$1600 for the roundtrip flight and hotel accommodations. If you plan to choose a partial sponsorship, send your donation to:

Fargo Lions Club
PO Box 21
Fargo, ND 58108

Please indicate that this is your club's donation in support of the 2016

Wishek



Peace Poster winners

The Wishek Lions selected the winners for this year's Peace Poster Contest at the regular Monday morning meeting Oct. 12 at the Piccadilly. There were four poster places selected in the contest theme "SHARE PEACE". Pictured are Savanna Bader first place for \$20, Warny Becker, Lion President, Ashley Mueller third place for \$10, Haily Lindquist second place for \$15, and, inset photo, fourth place winner, \$5, Camryn Dohn accepting her prize from Lion Renee Otto. Top winners are entered in a national contest for a top prize of \$5,000.

Lions Foundation offers sight-screening for kids

By DANIEL ARENS
Hazen Star editor

Preschool and daycare kids at the Hazen Elementary School were checked for possible sight problems at a free vision screening last week.

Partnering with the Hazen branch of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, the elementary school worked with Custer Health to bring "Sight 4 Kidz" to the students. The goal of the screening is to identify any potential vision issues at an early stage, so that vision correctives can hopefully be administered before sight problems grow too severe for correction.

Vision screening was done through a mobile screening device, which

quickly scans eyes without any discomfort for the children. The screening device compares refraction in both eyes, checks corneal curvature, and can detect nearsightedness or farsightedness in vision.

A total of 64 kids were screened in Hazen on Oct. 13 and 14. If the screening device detects a problem, a notification is sent out to parents referring them to an eye-care professional for further vision examinations. Four kids from Hazen were referred.

In addition to the preschool and daycare students, screening has been provided for elementary students in Hazen before. Hazen Lions Club members helped to administer the screening.



The Hazen Lions have had a busy year with their Sight 4 Kidz Vision Screening project.

The picture was taken at the Hazen Preschool. Pictured from left to right are Lion DG Judy Beaudry, volunteer Janelle Ziemann, and Hazen Lion Maxine Beckwith. Not pictured is Hazen Lion Kathy Nordgren.

Public Notice

ND State Lions meeting minutes

ND State Lions Meeting
October 24, 2015
Minot, ND

District Governors Judy Beaudry and Rick Swenson called the State meeting of the 2015-2016 year to order at 2:00 pm at the Grand Hotel in Minot ND.

DG's led the group in the Pledge to the Flag.

DG's welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of last year's state Lions meeting. October, 2014

Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

Vision Trip - Lion Mark Western of the Fargo Lions talked about the upcoming vision trip to Mexico.

2. SNE Elections - DG Rick congratulated DGE Luis Coca, 1st VDGE Keith Zeuschel on being elected to the District SNE leadership team.

3. SNW Elections - DG Judy congratulated DGE Mark Koller, 1st VDGE Tim Johnson, 2nd VDGE Gary Morel on being elected to the District SNW leadership team.

4. SNE Foundation & Eye Bank Elections -DG Rick also congratulated Del Hager, Grand Forks and Rob Lein, Fargo Lions on being elected to the Foundation and Larry Sayler, Valley City and Tracy Wicken, Grand Forks on being elected to the Eye Bank.

5. SNW Foundation & Eye Bank Elections - DG Judy congratulated Ken Davis, Dickinson and Lee Gunlikson, Williston on being elected to the Foundation and Lois Reiersen, Williston and Derek Czywczynski, Beulah on being elected to the Eye Bank.

6. ND Lions Eye Bank Report – President Mike Blazek
Mike indicated that the process of combining with SD Lions Eye Bank is going well. They are looking at renaming it to the "Dakota Lions Sight & Health". Mike introduced SD Lions Eye Bank Executive Director Marcie Diamond & Allen Burdahl. Mike indicated that they had about \$300,000 in the bank.

7. Lions Foundation of North Dakota Report- VP Steve Johnson. Steve reported that the foundation was working on a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP).

8. Sight 4 KIDZ Report- PDG Pat Vannett
Screening teams have been added to Williston, Minot, South Central and Bismarck/Mandan areas.

The committee would like to set-up training for the coordinators to become more proficient than they already are.
Plus Optic is donating 13 Bluetooth label printers along with program updates. Children screened so far is 4,729 with 533 being referred to Eye Care Professional that is 11% referral rate.

PDG Pat had everyone who has participated in vision screening stand and be recognized. Half of the room stood. She also had the area coordinators stand and be recognized for their work.

The Fargo area Lions were congratulated for their work and TV story. PDG Mel read a letter from a parent thanking the program. Because of the screening held on their 15 month old child, she received eye glasses and her development is greatly improved.

9. Video Magnifier Report- PDG Kevin Vannett

The video magnifier program has had 188 applications. The total

project income was \$208,217.26 and total expenses of \$202,538.01. The program has 107 Video Magnifiers. Kevin then thanked all of the Lions for their support for the project.

10. Foundation Golf Report- Executive Director Kevin Vannett & Rob Lein

The first prize given was the Farthest distance away – Brach Johnson (Maine)

Second prize given most unique Golf Course – Pasture Golf Arlen Kubus

Third prize given most strokes on a hole – Steve Johnson 11 Strokes \$495 fee

Fourth prize given most 5's on a course (9 hole) Rex Huss six 5's in nine holes.

Grand Prize – ND Top Golfer Del Hager

11. PDG Lewellyn Foundation Awards: Bronze- Carrington, New Rockford, North Star, Rugby, South Heart, Valley City, Williston Korner, Washburn, Alexander, Scranton

Silver- Dickinson, Mandan, Minot Magic City

Gold- Bismarck Prairie Rose, Grand Forks Red River, Williston

100% Clubs Bowman, Lehr, Elgin

Life Member Sponsoring Club Grand Forks, New England, Enderlin, Mandan Dacotah, New Rockford

12. Centennial Awards - DG's Rick & Judy handed out centennial awards.

Emeralds- Edgeley, Leonard, Zeeland, Braddock, Wing, Jud, Linton, Davenport, Dakota National Forensic League, Dickinson, Watford City, Hooterville, Beulah, North Star, Glenburn, Dickinson Noon

Safire- Oaks, Wishek, Tuttle, Enderlin, Bismarck, Elgin, Glen Ullin, Kenmare, Stanley, Washburn, Hazen, Bowman

Ruby - Fargo, Kulm, Valley City, Larimore-Turtle River, Wahpeton

Headwaters, New England, Reeder, Mandan Dacotah

Diamond - Emerado-Arvilla, Grand Forks, Lehr, Robinson, South Forks,

Carrington, NDSU Campus, Rugby Northern Lights, New Rockford,

Bismarck Capitol City, Mandan, Minot Magic City, Williston, Bismarck Prairie Rose, Lake Metigoshe, Scranton, South Heart

13. Food Drive Challenge - DG's Report on Food Drive Challenge and thanked all the clubs.

14. Quilt Winner - ID Rod Wright was called upon to draw the winning ticket Kristi

Swenson won. The quilt took in \$975.00 to be given to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota

15. Awards: International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation Craig Wollenburg, Rugby- Dennis Nathan, Valley City- Arlen & Dickey Jo

Kubas, South Heart- Nicole Swartwout, Minot Magic City

16. DG Judy - Presented this year's Hall of Fame winner Marion Johnson with a piece of pottery.

17. Peace Poster Winners - SNW Mandan Dacotah, SNE Larimore

18. State Convention - The District Governors called for nominations for the 2018 State Convention

It was moved and seconded for Grand Forks to host the 2018 convention.

Motion Carried.

19. A motion was made and seconded to adjourn

Motion carried.

REMEMBER:

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

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Club News

Glenburn



Lions assist at tourney

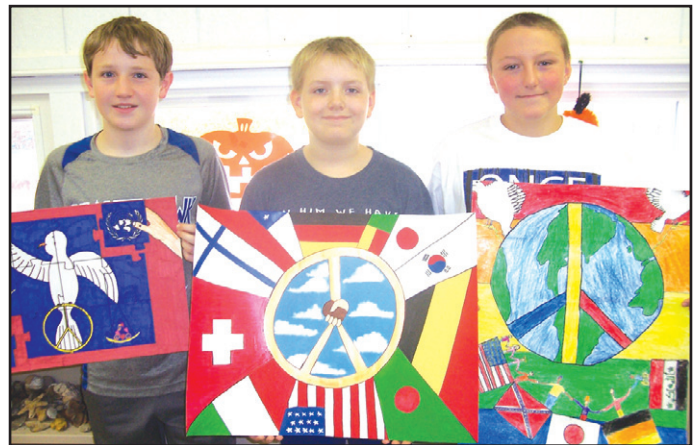
Glenburn Lions Barb Quimby, Dennis Hensen, back, Lance Johnson, and Ginney Jones, front, assist with admissions to the Class B -District 12 Volleyball tournament Oct. 30 at the Glenburn Public School. Submitted by Ginney Jones, Glenburn Lions Club Treasurer



Peace Poster winner

On Oct. 31, Glenburn Lions Jodi Spokley, Argy Nelson, Barb Quimby and Ginney Jones visited Glenburn School where they presented local 8th grader, Morgan McIver, with a certificate and gift card for being selected as the local 2015 Peace Poster Contest winner. Submitted by: Ginney Jones, Glenburn Lions Club treasurer.

Reeder



Pictured, from left, Conner Andress 1st Place, Patrick Schultz 2nd Place, Tristan Pekas 3rd Place.

Peace Poster contest

BY SHARON SOEHREN

The Reeder Lions Club sponsored the annual Reeder Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

On Oct. 8, the winners of the contest were chosen. The First Place winner was Conner Andress, for the second year in a row.

The Second Place winner was Patrick Schultz, and the Third Place Winner was Tristan Pekas. These students are from the Hettinger Elementary School, Grades 5 and 6.

Thanks to Mrs. Pam Harper, the teacher responsible for the completion of this project, for believing that this is a

worthwhile and learning activity for the students.

There were 44 entrants in the contest. The theme for this year was "Share Peace." The posters were done very well and I, Sharon Soehren, the Reeder Lions Clubs Poster Chairperson appreciate the time and effort that goes into making this a successful project.

The winning poster goes on the State Lions Convention in Minot to judged against all winners in the State Contest. The winner than moves on to further competitions at higher levels.

Our winners are given monetary awards for their efforts.