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2016 ND State Convention Change

The 2016 State Lions Convention Scheduled for October 21 and 22 has been moved to October 28th and 29th.

A scheduling conflict with the local motels forced the host club, The Ruby Lions, to make this change. Please note this change on your

calendars as you plan for next year's state convention.

The convention committee is contacting all Lions who pre-registered for

the convention informing them of the change. We realize this may cause a

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Lions Convention Oct. 28-29, 2016

Register by July 31, 2016 for a Chance to Win a
Free Two-Night Stay in a Suite during the 2016 Convention!!!

Hotel Information

Convention Hotel
Northern Lights Inn
776-5776

Alternate Hotels

Cobblestone Inn & Suites
881-3000

Oakwood Inn
& RV Park
776-5272

Friday Night Event

Ice Breaker at
Dakota Farms/
Northern Lights Inn

Early Bird Registration (until July 31, 2016)

\$70

Pre-Convention Registration

\$90

Register at Convention

\$100

Non-Refundable 60 days prior to convention

Date: _____

Convention Fees: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Lion _____ Guest

Lion's Title: _____

Club: _____

Make Checks Payable to:

Rugby Lions Club

Mail Registration to:

Rugby Lions Club

Attn: Registration

PO Box 251

Rugby, ND 58368

Contacts: Joni 776-2572

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Lila 771-2468

lila@kzzj.com

BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD

Remember Children in Need This Holiday Season

We are guilty of many errors and faults, But our worst crime is abandoning the children, Neglecting the fountain of life. Many of the things we need can wait. The child cannot. Right now is the time His bones are being formed, His blood is being made, and his senses are being developed. To him we cannot answer "Tomorrow." His name is "Today."

This poem written by Gabriela Mistral provides an urgent message explaining why in today's world, children need Lions more than ever. This year, International President Yamada has emphasized the need to provide essential service to children in need. This month, Lions around the world are focusing on the family. What a wonderful opportunity to focus on the Centennial Service Challenge of relieving hunger in local communities around the world.

As LCI reports, "millions of children suffer from poverty, homelessness, abuse, neglect, disease, and disabilities. Tragically, they often must live without essential health and education services that would alleviate their distress and give them

hope for the future." Lions are in the ideal position to improve the lives of children through local initiatives and international cooperation.

The problems children face vary in degree from community to community and country to country, but the need for food, health, and education services is constant and universal.

I encourage every club to focus on helping children in need. Assistance to children and young adolescents, ages nine months to 15 years is especially recommended.

If your club is unsure of what are the most serious needs of children and young adolescents in your community, consult with administrators at hospitals, schools, and youth services organizations. These needs may include:

- Food, shelter, or clothing
- Vision and hearing screenings
- Immunizations
- Assistance in coping with illnesses or disabilities
- Information about proper nutrition
- Drug and alcohol abuse education
- Literacy programs
- Vocational training

It's easy to organize an event to support local

children. For example, this past weekend, my local Fargo Lions Club and the NDSU Lions Club donated over 50 presents (clothing and toys) for 25 children at the Nokomis Childcare Center. The donated gifts were collected, and on a Saturday morning, over 30 Lions and potential new members participated in a gift-wrapping session to prepare the gifts for presentation to the Center.

I know there are many clubs that already do something special for children and families during the holiday season. Thank you for your efforts. If your club does not have a special project for children,



consider doing something special during December or in January when the focus on children continues.

Kathy and I extend our best wishes to Lions and friends everywhere for a blessed Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Solstice, and any other seasonal celebrations dear to you and yours. We look forward to seeing you in the year ahead and continue to thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve. You can follow our service at www.littlefield4lionsid.com

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

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Lions New Members

July – November • District 5NW Clubs

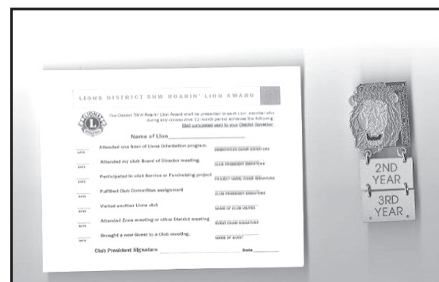
<u>Members Added</u>		Williston	1
Beulah	3	Total members added	40
Bismarck Capital City	1		
Bismarck Prairie Rose	1	<u>Clubs With Positive Net Growth</u>	
Dickinson Noon	3	Bismarck Capital City	1
Glen Ullin	1	Dickinson Noon	3
Halliday	3	Glen Ullin	1
Killdeer	2	Halliday	3
Lake Metigoshe	2	Lake Metigoshe	1
Mandan	4	Mandan	4
Minot	1	Minot Magic City	5
Minot Magic City	8	New Salem	1
New England	3	North Star	4
New Salem	1	Williston	1
North Star	4	Total Clubs	10
Richardton	1	Congratulations! Keep it up!	
Watford City	1	PDG Lewellyn Rustan • Global Membership Coordinator	

Become a 5NW Roarin' Lion

The Roarin' Lion Award is unique to Lions District 5NW. Modeled after the MD5 Rookie Lion Award, it was established to recognize and encourage Lions to be active in seven areas. While the Rookie Lion Award can be won only by Lions in their first year of membership, the Roarin' Lion Award can be won every year. However, it is not automatic: Lions must submit an application for the award. Dozens of Lions complete the qualifications year after year, but have never received the award simply because they have not submitted an application. To date, these are the number of awards presented:

- **Attend one hour of Lions Orientation program**
- **Attend your club Board of Directors meeting**
- **Participate in 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**

First Year	29	Second Year	10
Third Year	6	Fourth Year	5



There are several dozen awards waiting to be won and proudly worn. For application forms, contact the 5NW chair, your District Governor or Zone Chair.

I'm reserving space to announce your award in future North Dakota Lion magazines!

Here's the criteria: Simple. And by doing these things, you will be an active, valuable Lion. Your community, your club, District 5NW, and Lions Clubs International are proud of you! This is just one way to let us show it!

PDG Lewellyn Rustan • Roarin' Lion Chair • District 5NW

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, well the year is almost half way over. We had many visits in November and our second council of governor meetings. As I said at the state convention, I think all Lions clubs are diamond clubs we just need to report what we do as Lions. We still have 18 clubs that have not reported activities in 10 or more months. I know some clubs are now reporting, but we want all clubs reporting on a timely basis. Again if you have a problem reporting or even getting a My LCI account you can call Kristi Swenson. She or I can walk you through it, or for a little bit until, you get the hang of it she can input the data for you, all she would need is the information. 5-NE already has 2 clubs which have attained the diamond level for the centennial service challenge this year. 20 of the 55 have done 1 or more, I think that is great. Remember the second half of the Lions year is coming so all you treasurers be ready to pay the next installment of dues. We do not want a club placed on status quo because of nonpayment of dues. This is a dire situation that can easily be avoided. On a more positive note- we have 3 areas looking at forming a club. Fargo has started on getting a branch club, hopefully by the end of this year this will be established as a full club. There is also a possibility of a club forming in the Forman area, and a new campus club in our district. It would be great to get all 3 up and running before the end of the year so if you know of anyone in these areas please ask them to join and help out serve in their

communities.

The DG team had 13 visits in November, all of them gave us information on what they do for their communities. We have been amazed at all the different things each of us do and how we serve. Hopefully when we visit more of the clubs they can tell us what they do and we can help them report all the projects for their club. Talking about reporting I am glad to report a few of the clubs are learning to report on their own. There are 8 clubs that have not reported their membership (MMR) this lions year. The bad part is 29 clubs have not reported their activities, and we have met with some of these already. I know all of you do great things, I just want you get the recognition you should have. Any club can get help reporting, just this month we got 2 of the ones who have not reported in a while to report, if you don't want us to help you call someone in your club or zone to help.

Also in November was the council of governors where we discussed the business of the Multiple, including voting on a new MD5 secretary Ken Peters of SKN, and a new treasurer Kevin Vannett of NW, both start their jobs July 1, 2016. The peace posters were collected so Mauren Pockett could take them to be judged professionally. The next Youth camp is in SKN so if any of the youth ages 15 to 18 in 5NE want to go, get the information to me or Youth Exchange chairman Jan Coca of Rugby. The cost is \$400 but maybe a Lions club in your area might

help with your registration. We are also looking for a new youth director since Jan can't do the job next year, we are also looking for a site for the youth camp in the July of 2017 since it is our turn. If your club has an Environmental Photo to send in it has to be to Ken Hansen of Carrington by Jan. 4, if it is not there it will not be included in the voting.

Looking to the future, the next big part of our district is the Spring Rally in Valley City on April 9th. We are hosting an International Director so we would like as many as possible there. Our theme is LOOK FORWARD LOOK UP, we want you to find new ways and things to do as we move into our new century. There will be sessions for presidents, secretaries, treasurers, new lions and old, and anyone who wants to learn about all different parts of what we do.

Our next MD5 convention is at the end of May in Regina, Saskatchewan, more on that in the near future. Also I am sorry to report that the GPLLI is going to be moved to Yankton, South Dakota, if they are approved. We are still going to give the 10 free registrations this year, you will have to get your name to the district team before April 9th, we first will pick one from each of the zones after that it is first come first get, but you will have to cover the transportation to the site. The state convention has been moved one week back to Oct 28 and 29 2016, so if you have registered you can reserve your room. And again Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

The MD5 Youth Camp Opportunity

The MD5 Youth Camp Application is available this month for those youth wishing to apply to a Lions International Youth Camp in a foreign country. Application is available in the ND Lion Newsletter or by contacting DG Judy Beaudry by e-mail jbeaudry@westriv.com. The amount of the Scholarship is \$1500. The student who meets the criteria and is selected by the camp committee will select the destination of the camp. There will be a committee to advise the accepted student.

This opportunity, is a project through Multiple District 5, made up of North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. Two students will be selected from this area. The deadline for the application is January 31, 2016 for interested youth.

Applications can be sent to :

DG Judy Beaudry, Chairman • 1002 Cannon Lane
Washburn, ND 58577



State Chairman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Bob Wefald, speaks to the Williston Lions and introduces the Dolphins. Wefald helped orchestrate the visit by the seamen and was also one who played a vital role in having a state-of-the-art vessel named after the Peace Garden State.



From left, Nuclear Machinist Mate David Wesley and Lieutenant Commander Cameron Aljilani, two of the seamen that help the operation of the nuclear-powered submarine, the U.S.S. North Dakota speak at a recent Williston Lions meeting.

U.S.S. North Dakota sailors take a trip to sub's namesake

BY MELISSA KRAUSE
Williston Herald

WILLISTON - There is great prestige that comes with operating a vessel that bears the name of a state, and this week, two sailors will understand the depth of that honor and what the nuclear submarine, the U.S.S. North Dakota, truly means.

Executive Officer Cameron Aljilani's jacket was heavily decorated with various pins and insignias of his merits. He took a seat next to Nuclear Machinist David Wesley Evers, who also was recently awarded the title of "Sailor of the Year" of the U.S.S. North Dakota. They both shared a pin of dolphins, indicative of one who serves aboard a submarine.

"If you see a guy wearing dolphins, I trust them," Aljilani said. "I know what it takes to do that and that's a bond."

State Chairman for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), Bob Wefald, helped

orchestrate the visit by the seamen and was also one who played a vital role in having a state-of-the-art vessel named after the Peace Garden State.

It took Wefald 23 years, but he finally helped make it happen on October 25, 2014 when the submarine was commissioned.

A Naval Vietnam Veteran, Wefald felt it was pressing that the men of the ship maintain ties with the people of the state after which it was named. Aljilani and Evers happily obliged so that they, too, could better grasp what the state and its people are all about.

Venturing from city to city, Aljilani and Evers met a diverse group of individuals that call North Dakota home and were able to see first hand many of the iconic symbols that reside in their ship's crest.

A nuclear submarine, the U.S.S. North Dakota is able to create its own water and oxygen so the only need to surface is dependent on how much food is on hand, according to Aljilani.

Within the submarine there are two Virginia Payload Tubes that are capable of launching six Tomahawk cruise-missiles. "We're the silent killers of the U.S. Navy," said Aljilani. "This isn't a cruise ship; it's a warship."

Twenty-eight-year-old Evers is one of few in charge of overseeing the operation of the nuclear reactor that powers the submarine. The nuclear power ensures the submarine can sustain its energy for 33 years without needing to refuel.

"If you're not nervous about what you're doing, then that's a problem," Evers said. "Then you're too comfortable and you should reevaluate that." Aljilani said the tour has been more rewarding than he could have expected.

"We get a whole state of people that sends us letters and gifts," Aljilani said. "We get a lot of outpouring of support and generosity. We really wanted to see the great state and meet the people of North Dakota."

MD5 Lions Club Contests, Newsletter, Scrapbook, & Website

These following revised rules supersede all former rules regarding MD5 Contests:

MD5 District Council of Governors will submit the name of their District Contest Judge **60 days** prior to MD5 Convention, to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee, it needs to be understood these Judges will be attending the MD5 Convention. Districts that do not submit a name will not have a vote. At the MD5 Convention, the MD5 Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee will serve to break a tie vote.

Districts within MD5 are encouraged to hold competitions for CLUB NEWSLETTERS, CLUB SCRAPBOOKS, AND CLUB WEBSITES. District contest rules may be developed by each District. These following rules are general minimum guidelines for the MD5 Contests:

MD5 LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER/BULLETIN CONTEST

1. Club Newsletters/Bulletins needs to be clearly labeled with the Club Name.
2. Club Newsletters/Bulletins should be concise and informative.
3. Club Newsletters/Bulletins will be also judged for the quality of content, page layout, and publication design.
4. The Club Newsletters/Bulletins **MUST** be delivered to the Registration Desk at the MD5 Convention on the first day of the MD5 Convention. Once judging is complete the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee, will report the results to Convention.

MD5 LIONS CLUB SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

1. Club Scrapbooks need to be clearly labeled with the Club Name.
2. All pictures should have a short description and people clearly labeled, but is not required.
3. The Scrapbook **MUST** be delivered to the Registration Desk at the MD5 Convention on the first day of the MD5 Convention. Once judging is complete the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee, will report the results to Convention.

MD-5 LIONS CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

1. Website is to be a Club Website and not a State/Provincial/Zone/International website.
2. Club Websites will be judged for quality of content and design.
3. The URL of each Website **MUST** be submitted to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee prior to **30 days** before Convention. Each District Judge should be "Carbon Copied" on that message to ensure all Judges receive the URL.
4. District Judges will submit their vote prior to **15 days** from Convention to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee, who will report the results to Convention.

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scheduling problem for some of the pre-registrants and we will refund your registration fee upon request.

The Rugby Lions Club,

along with the Northern Lights Lions Club, is planning a fabulous weekend for the ND State Lions. We are honored to have been selected to host

this exciting and inspiring event.

Fill out your registration form that you will find in this edition of the ND Dakota Lion and we look

forward to seeing you at the 2016 State Lions Convention in Rugby, "The Center of it All"

PDG Craig Wollenburg

area LIONS CLUB'S 3RD ANNUAL CHILI AND DONUT FEED TO BENEFIT LEADER DOGS

Horace, ND - Are you looking for something fun to do?

Are you looking for a great organization to support?

You can do both at the Chili and Donut Feed hosted by area Lions Clubs.



January 30th • 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

All Proceeds will be donated to Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The Chili and Donut Feed will be held at the
Horace Community Center, 214 Thue Ct, in Horace, ND

Free Will
DONATION



MUTIPLE DISTRICT 5 LION'S CLUB INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE CAMP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Parent of Guardian _____

Phone number (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

School _____ Year _____

LEO Club member (Yes) (No) _____ Years in LEOS _____

Passport number (if available) _____

ON A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER:

List your accomplishments and participation in community service.

Why do you want to attend a Lion's International Youth Exchange Camp?

Enclose a letter of endorsement by a local Lion's Club.

*Disclaimer: In order to participate in this program, you must have a valid passport and if selected you must have proof of Health Insurance and International Travel Insurance.

No application will be accepted after January 31, 2016.

Send completed applications to: DG Judy Beaudry, 1002 Cannon Lane, Washburn, ND
USA 58577

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5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Merry Christmas, my Lions. Peanuts illustrator, Charles M Schultz says, "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone". Why that is exactly what Lions do every day. I think Charlie Brown must have been a Lion, well he is just a kid so a LEO.

In the December Lions Magazine Lions Clubs International President says "Service is beautiful. It's love. It's kindness. It's charity in action. It's spirit taking flesh. It's dignity, harmony, humanity --- not only for those we serve also for Lions. Our service is joyful, peaceful and full of good cheer. It's quite in line with the buoyant mood of this time of year --- the holiday season."

Christmas is a great time for Lions. It seems we really show our very best side. We give, we serve and we celebrate. You have no idea how proud I am of the Lions I serve. I'm invited to Lions Clubs parties all month long. I love parties so you will hear about them next month. Remember that from November 20 to December 20th our Centennial Challenge asks you to direct your service projects or fundraising to Youth. With our four

challenges, Enviromental, Vision, Hunger and Youth, we must submit the Youth Centennial Challenge to Lions Clubs International and to our Centennial Chairman Lion Gary Morel. His e-mail is brokenarrow15@hotmail.com. If you have questions about this program please call me at 701-220-4410.

Lion Mac and I traveled quite a bit. One day we traveled from Watford City to Reeder. As we left Watford City we had several head of bighorn sheep along the road. What a treat. They really are magnificent to watch. I forgot to take pictures so I just must remember and can't share. We have been so lucky to have such great weather as we have traveled this fall. We have been so lucky to have had such great welcomes from those we visit.

I also want to wish my Lions a very Happy New Year. By the time the next edition of the N D Lion is printed we will have already made and broke our resolutions.

JUDY BEAUDRY

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Just so you know I have a great plan for the winter months. I am asking every member to bring someone to the meeting with them. Trust me if you look around the town you can find someone to bring. Bring a spouse, a relative. I think you should bring them and then ask for their help. You all do a tremendous amount of service in the communities. Let's find a way to bring new people to share with.

My plan is that we will bring those new members to the Zone meetings and have a big special initiation. Do you know if you bring a new member into Lions through the Centennial both the new Lion and you are rewarded with special awards. If that new Lion stays a Lion for four years you both receive a diamond pin. Please help me. I also encourage you to have a get together for the community. Tell what you do and what you want to do. Ask the visitors what they might like to see happen. Give them ownership in the meeting. Bring some food to share.

By Spring we should have many new members to help us. I will be connecting with your Clubs Presidents and Secretaries to push the new member push. While you are busy bringing new members I will be out there working on new clubs. I have four areas that I will be working on along with my District Governor team. VDG Mark Koller and 1st VDG Tim Johnson will help and also the Global Leadership Team and the Global Membership Team. If you are called on to help with this ambitious effort please say yes.

So now I once again say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you for all you do and all you do to make so many lives better. Your successes bring the Joy we celebrate at Christmas, a Joy we see all year. Your resolve to make our communities great just works. We all become stronger and happier. We are Lions – We Serve.

Reminder:

ND Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of
the month!

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.

New Rockford



Lion club members Rick Swenson, Mary and Dennis Gehrtz help put together the new fence surrounding newly built New Rockford pool. The money to purchase the fencing materials came from a Lions Community Grant.



Our lions club has several used glasses drop off boxes set up all over New Rockford. This year for the convention we were able to send 200 pairs of glasses to be repurposed for those in need.

Williston



Lions Cindy Roles and Stuart Langager sell Christmas wreaths outside of Albertsons Saturday for the Lions annual sale. The group enjoyed great weather this year and report another successful year.

Glenburn



New member: Glenburn Lions Club welcomes their newest "Centennial member": Lion Martha HarriSon (center). Also in photo: Lion Ginney Jones (Centennial Sponsor) and Lion Lance Johnson, Glenburn Lions Club President.

Visit
www.e-district.org/sites/5nw
to see what's happening
in your district 5NW



Lions of North Dakota children screening statistics

As of 12/4/15:



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www.ndlions.org



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Foundation

# Screened	# Referred	% Referred
6256	840	13%

To Schedule a vision screening, please contact one
of the Coordinators closest to you:

Lion Kristi Swenson
New Rockford
701-302-0155
Kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com

Lion Jim Blomberg
Minot
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jblomber@minot.com

Lion Mel Olson
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Lions Clubs International

LCI Leadership Development Webinars

**Register Today!
Register with a Lion Friend!**

Across the Table and Across the World: Building Lions-to-Lions Relationships

Explore the many ways to build relationships within the Lions world including club service project cooperation, club-to-club visits and club twinning. Includes a discussion of the role of club leaders in facilitating club and district partnering and current successful examples.

Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 12:00pm (12 Noon) CST Chicago

Friday, January 15, 2016 at 7:00pm (19:00) CST Chicago

Social Media as a Lions Leadership Tool

Widen your Lions sphere of influence by strengthening your understanding and application of social media as you connect to Lions at the club, community and global level. Learn how to leverage social media to promote and strengthen your club, zone and district service activities, membership, and fundraising. Latest social media trends and best practices included.

Wednesday, February 3, 2016 12:00pm (12 Noon) CST Chicago

Friday, February 12, 2016 7:00pm (19:00) CST Chicago

Missed it! - No Worries!

Webinars are recorded!

You can participate/view at any time about a week after the live broadcast.

<http://www.lionsuniversity.org/>



Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



Many Lions are taking courses to improve their leadership skills from running a meeting to managing a project. The ABOVE opportunities are available to ALL Lions. Even past district governors are learning new tips from these training sessions. Take them at a time that suits your schedule.

Learning is a LIFE LONG event!!!

Blessings to you and yours.

Pat Vannett, Past District Governor

District 5NW Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Grand Forks



Full house for the Grand Forks Lions Fun Night.



I win!



Where to sit?

Grand Forks Lions Fun Night

Grand Forks Lions Clubs joined together to host their annual Fun Night on Thursday, November 12. This event is the largest fund raiser for the clubs with the proceeds going to the many charities and

organizations supported by the clubs (South Forks Lions, Red River Lions and the Grand Forks Lions). This year was another tremendous success with over 300 meals served. Guests enjoyed excellent

food and fun. As part of the evening guests enjoyed playing games and participated in a live auction. Auctioneer Ross Jorgenson, South Forks President, auctioned off several items that helped

the evening raise money to continue the mission of the Lions. The clubs want to thank all those that helped put the event together and for those that bought tickets and had a fun evening. See you next year.

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.



Shayna Taylor wins Multiple District 5 competition in Lions International Peace Poster Contest

Shayna Taylor, a 8th grade student at North Battleford Comprehensive High School, North Battleford, Saskatchewan, took a big step towards becoming an internationally recognized artist when she won a local competition sponsored by the Historic Battleford Lions Club, Battleford, Saskatchewan.

Shayna's poster has advanced through the Historic Battleford Club, District 5 SKN and Multiple District 5 levels of competition and is now advancing to the international level, which is the final level in the contest.

Shayna's poster is one of more than 350,000 entries submitted worldwide in the annual Lions International

Peace Poster Contest. Lions Clubs International is sponsoring the program to emphasize the importance of world peace to young people everywhere.

The poster was selected for its originality, the boldness of color, the defined lines, the attention to detail and the story the poster tells of the theme for this year "Share Peace" by a panel of judges made up of local artists. The artists gave outstanding praise to all of the District entries and were amazed by the imagination and creativity of each student and the artwork they submitted. Each poster received the appreciation of the judges for their excellent work.

MD 5 Lions Peace Poster

Chairperson, Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett said "It is obvious that these young people have strong ideas about what peace means to them. I am grateful and very proud that we, as Lions, are able to provide these students with the opportunity to share their visions of peace." All the Lions of MD 5 are cheering for Shayna as her poster advances to the international competition, and we hope that her vision will ultimately be shared with others around the world."

One international grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners will be selected. The grand prize includes a cash award of US\$2,500, plus a trip for the winner, two family

members and the sponsoring club president to New York City, New York, USA for the awards ceremony at Lions Day with the United Nations. The 23 merit award winners will each receive a certificate and a cash award of US\$500.

View past international grand prize winners at www.lionsclubs.org. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization with nearly 1.4 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in 210 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world.



From left, Lions Club President Terry Oxendahl, Priscilla Distelvelt Van Assche, Kayde Cottrell and Miss North Dakota 2015 Delanie Wiedrich celebrate Kayde's winning the Williston Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

Kayde Cottrell's backstory informs contest-winning poster

BY MELISSA KRAUSE
Williston Herald

WILLISTON — When a classmate accidentally splattered paint onto Kayde Cottrell's poster, she chose not to view it as ruined. Instead, she took inspiration from the works of Jackson Pollack and accentuated the mishap. For her, having the opportunity to paint her idea of peace went much deeper than just winning the contest.

Every year, the local Williston Noon Lions Club selects a 6th grade class to participate in the creation of a poster, and ask that the entries emphasize the importance of world peace. When Mrs. Deathrage's class at Hagan Elementary was chosen, they quickly went to work.

Over the course of the next week the students chiseled away at the poster

project, some even opting out of recess so they could devote more time to working on it.

As posters were completed, Kayde was initially devastated to find that someone had dripped paint onto her poster, but the feelings soon abated in the spark of creativity. She took her brush and added spatters of paint across her paper like she had seen from a Pollack painting at a museum in Seattle.

Kayde said her classmates were shocked by the move and figured there was no way she would win.

"They thought I ruined it," Kayde said.

Doves and peace signs were common themes in the posters, but for hers, Kayde chose a rainbow and the American Flag to be the main subjects before the additional touches were added.

"I know that the American flag is supposed to represent peace and that we can all be one," Kayde said. "It doesn't matter who your are or what your skin color is, what religion you are, we can all be friends."

Her need to know that those symbols had meaning is especially important.

While living in Alaska, Kayde, whose family is Mormon, said they fell victim to discrimination due to their race and religion. Overnight, Kayde saw her friends turn their backs on her and even felt backlash from adults. This caused trepidation when looking to form those bonds when she moved to North Dakota.

The judges had met to decide who would represent Williston in the International Peace Poster contest and were impressed by the level of "expression and creativity" from the

class at Hagan elementary. Even without knowing her backstory, the judges found that her poster stood apart from the rest and selected her poster as the winner moving her onto the state competition.

Holding her poster in front of a room that gathered to honor her, Kayde stood next to Miss North Dakota at the Williston Noon Lions Club luncheon held at the Williston. Her parents joined in the applause and congratulations.

"For it to come full circle and have her to be the one to win this was a good way to show her that peace can prevail," said Kayde's mother, Lori Cottrell. "It does matter to keep trying even though people do you wrong. You have to keep promoting peace."

Travelodge South Regina, Sask. May 26 - 27 & 28, 2016
Chairperson – Lion Ken Peters PDG 306 536-3294 or kvp@sasktel.net

Tentative Schedule of Convention events:

Wednesday, May 25th, 2016

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM Early Registration (Mezzanine – 2 tables w/ 2 chairs per

Thursday, May 26th, 2016

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Golf Event – Sherwood Forest 9 holes

3:00 PM – 7:30 PM Early Registration (Mezzanine)

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM **Council of Governors meeting** **40 - 45 persons**

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM Council Spouses Event \$15/person **56 people Max.**

City tour on the Bus

5:30 PM on Free time – Casino venture ?? - Shopping

Shuttle buses to Casino and back

Friday, May 27th, 2016

6:30– 9:00 a.m. Breakfast on your own – Hotel Restaurant opens at 6:30 AM

8:00– 7:00 p.m. Registration (Mezzanine)

9:00– 10:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony, Presentation of flags

Introduction of International Director

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Coffee

10:30 – 11:25 a.m. **Garry Cross Past Int.** VP of Optimists International

11:30 – 1:10 p.m. **Senior Councillor Awards Luncheon**

Luncheon Speaker – Council Chair Arlen Fetch

1:15 – 2:00 p.m. **Tissue Donor (Caroline Reid) “Lilly my Liver”**

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. **Organ/Tissue Speaker (Erin Schimpf RN)**

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00– 4:30 p.m. MD5 Business meeting

4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Necrology Service

5:30– 8:00 p.m. Lions of Regina Bar BQ Sandra Schmirler Center

Bussed to event and return

Saturday, May 28th, 2016

7:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Registration (Mezzanine)

7:30 – 9:00 a.m. State / Provincial Breakfast – Central lobby / hallway Buffet

– 3 separate close together rooms

South Dakota Lions (50)

North Dakota Lions (75)

Saskatchewan Lions (100)

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Bev Berger** – Lions Foundation of Canada

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. MD5 Committee Meetings

10:30– 0:45 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Q & A with International Director Kembra Smith, of Georgia

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Red Jacket Luncheon Soup & sandwich buffet

1:40 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **Meghan Chisholm – English Channel swimmer**

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Coffee Break

2:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. MD5 Business meeting

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. pre-Banquet reception (bar service)

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Governor's Banquet** (meal service) (Prime Rib)

International Director Kembra Smith speech

Awards & Presentations

Closing Remarks

Sunday May 29th : Memorial Service & Tree Dedication at Regina Beach or Travel Home
Drive Safe so we can see you all in Deadwood in 2017

Special diet or physical needs	Special diet or physical needs
How many conventions attended _____	How many conventions attended _____
Address: _____	City / Town: _____
Province / State: _____	PC / Zip: _____
Phone (Res): _____	Cell or Business: _____
Email: _____	

Registration Fees:	{All fees shown are in Canadian dollars}
Before March 15th, 2016\$ 150.00	X _____ people
March 16th, - May 15th, 2016\$ 160.00	X _____ people
Walk in at Convention\$ 175.00	X _____ people

NOTE: Make cheques payable to: Lions MD 5 - 2016 Convention
c/o: LION PEARL PETERS
Address: PO BOX 26, Regina Beach, Saskatchewan S0G 4C0

Golf Outing: Thursday morning arrive by 8:00 am – starting at approximately 8:30 am
 Location – Sherwood Forest Golf Course (9 Holes) \$50.00 Golf/Cart/Lunch
 (Located just west of Regina (Dewdney Ave West to #730 Grid and short distance North)
 20 minutes from hotel # golfing _____ X \$ 50.00 = _____

Friday Bar BQ Event: (\$15.00 / person) X _____ = \$ _____

Thurs. Counsel Spouses Tour (\$15.00 / person) X _____ = \$ _____

Hotel Accommodations: Convention Location: Travelodge Hotel South, 4177 Albert St., Regina, Saskatchewan 306 586-3443. Rooms are blocked until April 15th, 2016. They are the attendees responsibility to book and pay for. Bookings are not the responsibility of the MD 5 Convention Committee. Room Rates are \$139.00 - \$145.00 / night Plus taxes. Ask for MD 5 Convention room. Check in 3:00 PM and checkout is 11:00 AM

Refund Policy: Refunds of Convention fees shall be requested from MD5 Convention Committee Treasurer, Lion Pearl Peters. Full refunds of Convention registrations may be made up to 7 days prior to the start of the Convention. Because meals, etc. have been committed by the Convention Committee, refunds limited to 50% of the original registration fee may be requested from 7 days prior to the Convention up to but not later than 7 days after the conclusion of the Convention.

Questions: Should be directed to Convention Chair PDG Lion Ken Peters (H) 306 729-4428 or Cell: 306 536-3294