



Cheetah found, brought home!

Enderlin Lion Christiansen hailed as financial genius!

BY LION MIKE MARTIN

The Enderlin countryside sleeps a bit easier knowing the local Lions Club has found its missing roaming Cheetah.

In the summer of 2011, Enderlin Lion Carol "Christy" Christiansen bought a stuffed Cheetah toy at a Twin Cities rummage sale for \$1. A Cheetah is not quite a Lion but still a member of the big cat family.

On Sept. 21 of the same year, Lions Christy, Harold Narum, Donn Larson and Jack Armstrong drove the Cheetah to Grand Forks and dropped her off at a local Lions club meeting: the deal was for every day your club had the Cheetah, \$5 was to be donated to the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation of Jud.

Lion Christy's thought was to raise money for this Foundation and to encourage Lions Club visitations.

The only way to shuck this financial drain was to pass it on to another Lions Club, who then paid \$5/day to Jud until they passed it on to another Lions Club.

After the Cheetah was left at Grand Forks, the Enderlin Lions caught snippets of its visits until about a year ago when all rumors stopped.

In desperation, the Enderlin Lions placed a story in "North Dakota

Lion" newspaper, pleading for its return and promising the hiring of Dr. Walt Palmer, famed hunter and killer of big cats. Dr. Palmer would go from Lions Club to Lions Club with his bow and blood lust in his eye until the Cheetah was returned.

The day the "North Dakota Lion" went on-line was the day Lion Christy got a call from Lion William Gackle, Kulm Lions Club, who said "We got your Cheetah."

Arrangements were quickly made and Lion William delivered the Cheetah to the LaMoure Chronicle office and Jenny Fernow, the Enderlin Independent editor, drove her the last 55 miles to Enderlin Jan. 19.

The financial director of the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation, Shelly Nannenga, told the Independent: "We are tickled to get these donations. We are so thankful and it was a great idea."

Foundation Executive Director Jan Brodtkorb added "Lions Clubs are one of our biggest supporters and we are grateful for all Lions support."

The travelog in the Cheetah's cage documented 28 host clubs but, alas!, the records for the first 6 months on the road are gone!



Home again, home again. Enderlin Lion Carol "Christy" Christiansen with the new-found cheetah.

However, the 28 Clubs listed \$5,325 went to Jud. Assuming 6-8 additional clubs in the missing six months and the total could be in the \$6,500 neighborhood.

Lion Christy's \$1

rummage sale buy resulted in a financial return to the Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation a Rothchild or Rockefeller can only dream about

BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD



How Will Historians Write Our History?

It's February and the Ground Hog did not see his shadow; so, an early spring is on the horizon. That's good news for us as we long to lose the snow and cold that often gets the best of our spirits about this time of year.

An early spring holds great promise and potential. There is something that lies ahead of us and we don't always know what the future will bring. We always have the past, so there is something to write about; but looking forward often leaves us with a blank page, waiting for history to write itself.

In recent years, the news stories being written by journalists contain information that is quite negative in scope: stories of war, terrorism, extremist groups, shootings, and hate, to name a few. These stories are painting a picture of people who are violent and destructive. Will historians write about humanity in the 21st Century as warlike and

uncaring about their fellow human beings?

In contrast, Lions are rebuilding communities after natural disasters, empowering youth, feeding the hungry, and providing sight and vision services for those needing assistance. Lions are providing hope through the services they provide and the projects they support financially. But, are there enough stories of hope for historians in the future to conclude that not all of humanity was focused on war and violence? Some days, I'm not sure.

I believe Lions should be more proactive in making sure that their positive stories of service get published in local newspapers and broadcast over public airwaves so that people become more aware of all the wonderful things Lions do in their communities and around the world. You know my theme has always been: "Speak Up For Service!" In addition, through the efforts of friends there is a

"Speak Up For Service Day" on October 30 each year. I want to remind everyone that publicity is a key part of building awareness and helping people to understand exactly what Lions do.

I want to suggest that Lions should actively counter the negative stories with positive ones, so that "the record" is more balanced in the history books. We need to make sure the correct information is written about Lionism and our role as Lions in the world today. We need to make sure that we provide the complete picture and provide the substance that future historians can use when they write about 2016.

Think about Lionism and the impact we have in the world. More than 1.4 million people annually come together in membership to stand up for love, peace, humanitarian needs, and hope for a brighter future. In over 46,000 clubs, Lions serve their communities and

stand together against hate, violence, and destruction. We have come together—not for political purposes to dominate the world; not for economic purposes to control the flow of goods and services; not for religious purposes to establish one faith—but for humanitarian purposes to make the world a better place.

When historians in 2516 look back at the world in 2016, let's hope we have provided them with the evidence they need to write about Lions Clubs International as the largest civilian dynasty the world has ever known. Who wouldn't want to be part of such an organization? Let's leave a legacy and make sure we tell our communities and the world about what we do; and with our stories, bring the promise of a bright future for those in need.

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LEBND to Partner with SDLETB

By MICHAEL H. BLAZEK
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During the Lions State Convention in Minot October 2015, I announced that the LEBND and SDLETB were to become partners as a new organization dba Dakota Lions Sight and Health. That time is now upon us. We have been working on this for over twelve years to make a stronger, economical and unified eye and tissue bank. A decision was made to leave TBI who was the management company, to find a better, closer management organization. The discussions between LEBND and SDLETB BOD's, had been about organizing a joint entity since they have been managing our eye bank for the past one and a half to two years.

As in any new relationship we have had a few bumps to smooth out but it has been very minimal. One of the bumps was the makeup of the new BOD. We will have equal representation with three members each from 5NE

and 5NW. This will reduce the number of LEBND BOD by twelve.

All of the current assets of LEBND will stay in ND and be managed by a Financial Committee, not yet determined. We will be dissolving the current LEBND in order to move forward with the new partnership as required by LCI rules and state law. A new set of By Laws and Articles of Incorporation have been drawn up for the new organization and will be available upon request.

Any donations to the eye bank going forth should be made to Dakota Lions Sight and Health or DLSH. Donations can still be sent to our local office and they will be forwarded to the main office in SD. The clubs will still be recognized by DLSH the same as before at the State Lions Convention.

When I discussed this change with several of the older Lions members that had been involved in the startup of the LEBND, they felt it was time to move forward. Two of the most frequently asked questions

were, "What is going to happen to the assets we have?" and "Are we still going to provide the service we currently do with regards to sight programs?" My answer has been the same as above, all assets stay in ND. As to the second question, I believe we can improve on the service and have a stronger presence in our

communities.

I am asking for the Lions Clubs of North Dakota to promote the donor programs, especially the gift of sight.

Remember we are Lions. We are "Knights for the Blind" as Helen Keller asked us to be.

ID Littlefield Takes Position at University of Central Florida

ID Robert Littlefield has accepted a position as Director of the Nicholson School of Communication at the University of Central Florida and will begin his duties on August 8, 2016. Littlefield will leave North Dakota State University after 38 years on the faculty.

Littlefield was offered the position after a national search by UCF to fill the Director position. Littlefield will oversee the launching a doctoral program in strategic communication, the move of the NSC to a downtown campus location, and the creation of a College of Communication Arts and

Sciences. The University of Central Florida is in Orlando as is one of the largest universities in the United States, with 63,000 students.

ID Robert and his wife Kathy will move to Orlando, but keep their home in Moorhead, MN. Likewise, they will retain their membership in the Fargo Lions Club and plan to regularly participate in Multiple District 5 events and meetings. Littlefield also will continue traveling and speaking at conventions, forums, and events as a Past International Director for LCI.

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Peace Poster Contest Kits on Sale

The theme for the 2016-17 Peace Poster Contest is "A Celebration of Peace." Sponsor a Peace Poster Contest in your community and encourage local boys and girls (ages 11-13) to celebrate peace through art. Resources for organizing and promoting your club's contest are included in the Peace Poster Contest Kit,

which may be purchased from the Club Supplies Sales Department starting January 15. [Visit the Club Supplies Store](#) and enter "Peace Poster Kit" in the Search Box. [Visit the LCI website](#) to learn more about the Peace Poster Contest, see past winning posters, [watch the Peace Poster Contest video](#) and more.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Well Winter is almost over, unless March decides to roar like a Lion. I can tell you more clubs are reporting up to 35 and that is a good thing. We still have 19 clubs that have not, some of which I have visited and I know they have done service activities already this year. Of the 36 reporting 32 have done at least one centennial challenge, and of those 4 have done 3 and four are already diamond clubs. Like I said at the state convention, I think all clubs are diamond clubs they just have to report so LCI knows what we are doing for our communities. Again if you need help reporting you can call Kristi Swenson at 701 302 0155 or email her at Kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com. She can teach you how to report yourself or help you to input it for you, if she has the right information. I will say as the governor team meets all the clubs, we are impressed by all our district does for everyone we serve. If you haven't been visited or contacted to when you will be visited, please contact me and we will make sure someone gets to you.

Now I have to talk about something I don't like to, if I have been at your club you know I don't talk about membership. Right now our 5-NE membership is down 63 from last year and this is the time of the year we need to get out and find new members. Or even better look around you and see if there is a need for a Lions club in your area needed for that community or another in your own community. We are looking at three places

right now for other clubs, but that doesn't mean we can't use even more to serve 5-NE.

Looking forward in February or March you should be holding your elections for next year's officers. Once your election is over, your secretary can input them for 2016-2Ag and they will be ready for LCI so they can get their own user names and passwords so they can look at information for your club. This is also very good for our North Dakota directory so they don't have to keep calling you for the information to be put in the book. Another reason to have your elections is so they and anyone else who want to go to the 5NE spring rally in Valley City at VCSU on April 9th with registration at 8:30 to 9. And the rally starting at 9 o'clock. We will have sections for all types of Lions from Presidents, secretaries, treasurers, to old or new Lions. The theme is LOOK FORWARD, LOOK UP it means we are looking towards new officers and up to better things for our district. We will have sections for all the officers but also for women in Lionism, people who like to serve will have the centennial challenges (if you come to this please bring a list of your activities to share with all other clubs), because if you have heard me speak HOW CAN I STEAL YOUR IDEA IF I DON'T KNOW IT. One of the great things we have for the first time in a long time we will be hosting

an International Director. Linda Tincher from Indiana will be with us for the rally. We will be having a vision screening that day for the children of Valley City, but if any of you want to bring children along they are welcome also. In another place in the paper please read the story of a wonderful family who was helped by the Lions of North Dakota and its SIGHT 4 KIDZ program. The last thing will do that day is just have a little fun, we will LOOK UP to flying some kites, hopefully we will have more than 84 kites we bought. That will mean we will have had a successful rally for both us at our district.

One thing we lost was the GPLLI to our district, it is still close to use at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. The district is still going to give away \$150 towards the registration for 10 people who want to go, but you will have to pay the travel costs. If you want to be one of the 10 send your name to me and the club which you belong by April 1st. The cabinet will decide who gets to go but one of the criteria is an early request



to go.

Some of the other Lions places to go are the MD5 convention in Regina, Sask. at the end of May. The USA/Canada form in the middle of September. The North Dakota Lions Convention in Rugby at the end of October.

I think our future looks bright, so LOOK FORWARD AND LOOK UP. Hope to see many of you in Valley City and beyond. Yours in LIONISM, and ALOHA

February 11 2016

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One day ONLY!
A 24 Hour online fundraising Event

Service Dogs for America
has been selected to participate!



Help feed rescue dogs in service dog training

Your gift will be multiplied by a match of \$40,000



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.



2015 - 2016 MD5 LIONS CLUB CONTESTS



VOTING ON THE CLUB NEWSLETTER, CLUB SCRAPBOOK, AND CLUB WEBSITE
WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DISTRICT CABINET MEETING APRIL 16th, 2016.

We Need Your Entries!!

The following are general minimum guidelines:

MD5 LIONS CLUB NEWSLETTER/ BULLETIN CONTEST

1. Newsletters are to be placed in sheet protectors in a 3-ring binder.
2. The 3-ring binder needs to be clearly labeled with the Club Name.
3. Newsletters should be concise and informative.
4. Newsletters will be judged for quality of content, page layout, and publication design.
5. The 3-ring binder MUST reach your District Governor or District Contest Chairperson by APRIL 16th be judged on the District Level.

MD5 LIONS CLUB SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

1. Scrapbooks need to be in a binder clearly labeled with the Club Name.
2. The Scrapbook MUST have a Table of Contents.
3. All pictures should have a short description and people clearly labeled.
4. Scrapbooks MUST reach your District Governor or District Contest Chairperson by APRIL 16th to be judged on the District Level.

MD-5 LIONS CLUB WEBSITE CONTEST

1. Website is to be a Club Website and not a State/Provincial/Zone/International Website.
2. Websites will be judged for quality of content and design.
3. The URL of each Club Website MUST be submitted to the District Governor or District Contest Chairperson by APRIL 16th to be judged on the District Level.
4. The URL of each District's winning Website MUST be submitted to the Chairperson of the MD5 Service Activities/Public Relations Committee on or before May 15th.

The District Winner will then compete on the Multiple District Level with the other five districts at the MD5 at the MD5 Convention, May 26th in Regina, SK.

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY NO LATER THAN 10 AM, APRIL 16th, 2016 to:

SNW Contest Chair, Lion Sherry M. Fetch, 406 4th Ave. NW, Mandan, ND 58554,
701-426-3432, smfetch@bis.midco.net

SNE Contest Chair, Mary Ann Zwinger, 590 Main St., Carrington, ND 58421,
701-650-8476, dzwinger@daktel.com



MD5 CHALLENGE !!!



To All Districts and Lions Clubs!!

Fill the TREASURE CHESTS with Raffle Items
to raise funds for the **2016 MD5 YOUTH CAMP !!**

Raffle to be drawn at the 2016 MD5 Convention.

Need not be present to win!!!

Get list of Items to your District Governor
or MD5 Representative by March 1st, 2016
(So raffle tickets can be made.)



Looking for ideas? Here are a few

- ❖ Made in Saskatchewan, Made in North Dakota, Made in South Dakota Products!!
- ❖ Once-In-A-Lifetime Experiences
- ❖ Fishing Items
- ❖ Vacation Trip Packages
- ❖ Golf Items
- ❖ Creative Artwork
- ❖ Unique Dining Experiences
- ❖ Music Memorabilia
- ❖ Craft Items
- ❖ Sports Memorabilia
- ❖ Fun Outings in Your Area
- ❖ Hot Air Balloon Rides



Lions Club helps young boy

What an exciting year! We have a preschooler; he's a boy, a boy who hates coloring, drawing, and learning his alphabet. We've been excited for this moment all year because maybe it will miraculously change. In November we had our very first parent teacher conferences, and it was everything we expected. He still hates coloring, knowing a few letters by sight, but he LOVES school. At home I've tried every method I could think of to make learning fun, but it always ended in pencils being thrown down and tears.

Fast forward to December 5th, we ventured home to New Rockford for Santa Days. We were successful at playing several games before we were told about a vision screening in

another room. If you went in there, you received a sticker just for going. What kid doesn't love stickers? We ventured in and were met by Mary Gehrtz and Kristi Swenson. Ellis sat in a chair and faced Kristi who was holding an eyesight computer. All he had to do was look at the nose of the face that was on the machine. She told us all the great things it does. Based on the data from Ellis, it gave us a referral. I was truly hoping the machine had failed. Our 3-year-old daughter, Ashtyn, was up next. She passed with flying colors. Before long the light bulb went off. Maybe he wasn't just 'a boy who hated everything learning' he was a boy that couldn't see.

The following Monday I was able to get Ellis into our family eye doctor in

Jamestown. I was still hoping and praying the Lions Club test was wrong. It wasn't 10 minutes into our appointment and the doctor advised that Ellis does not have bad vision, one for the win in a family of horrible eye vision. However, he does have severe astigmatisms. He can't see up close, he can't see far away. Two weeks later we received his glasses. His first statements were, "Wow! The floor is huge," "My feet are so huge, mom" and "Mom, I can see your eyes!" The whole day was filled with firsts for an almost 5-year-old little boy. We went out to eat at the Pizza Ranch and for the first time ever he wanted to color, and colored inside the lines!

At no time, had we ever suspected his eyesight to be the root of our problems. He has only known the way



Ellis Rogers

he has ever seen things, he never knew there was a clear world out there. Thanks to the New Rockford Lions Club for taking time to be at Santa Days. Without the chance of our paths crossing, I would still be a frustrated parent with a frustrated child.

Submitted by Jeff, Melissa, Ellis and Ashtyn Hollinshead, Rogers, North Dakota.

Volunteering with my ukulele

Editor Note:

This was published in the NDSU student newspaper, The Spectrum.

Open Letter to Dr. Robert Littlefield by Jack Dura

Dear Dr. Littlefield,
I was a student in your COMM 216: Intercultural Communication course last fall; a journalism major rounding out his pre-communication requirements. As the first few weeks of class went by and we became more familiar with the coursework, you introduced one assignment that, at that time, slightly vexed me. What be this assignment, you may ask? Service Learning.

Ah, yes, Service Learning

— the out-of-class volunteer experience required to pass COMM 216. Upon hearing about this, I inwardly freaked. Weeks earlier, I had just started another part-time job (number five), and between balancing those hours with homework and class time, your required Service Learning seemed a stretch.

I stewed for a day or two, then took the bull by the horns and found some organizations I could volunteer at through the Volunteer Network in the Memorial Union. One of them was Bethany on University, a retirement community that was on my way home from campus. I've always liked old people, so I gave it a shot and emailed

the community life director (who turned out to be the mother of one of my high school friends — small world, eh?).

Soon after, I'd filled out the paperwork, gone through training and description of duties with Bethany staff and started my first volunteer shift on Friday, Sept. 27. I'm not going to lie, I wasn't exactly thrilled to be there, but I socialized with the residents, helped with bingo and even met an older gentleman who shared an interest in German-from-Russia heritage with me.

It was that connection that convinced me to come back again but with a different mindset and action plan. On Saturday, Oct. 5,

I brought my ukulele along with me to bingo and played for residents. Nothing too fancy, just a few little ditties and nothing vocally demanding (I completely and utterly lack the ability to sing). Months beforehand, I had taught myself to play the ukulele and never had an audience before Bethany on University. Now I had a reason to keep coming back.

Volunteering with my ukulele proved to be a two-way street. I had an audience and the residents had entertainment, if only for one hour on Saturdays. I befriended a few more residents, began going door-to-door on my assigned floor with my ukulele, and before

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We are into our New Year and my month started with a Zone meeting in Wilton. Bless those Wilton Lions for the job they do with the Wild Game Feed. Always delicious and filled with treats. My favorites were the Walleye and homemade bread. One item they had this year was Red Squirrel. I'm sorry I just could not try it, but many did. Their conclusion was it tasted like chicken. We had a good meeting with every club in the District represented. Good job by my Zone Chair Loris Freier.

Just to bring you up to date on the Spring Rally. It will be in New Salem, April 2nd. I sat in on the planning and you just can't miss this one. We have two of the best speakers coming to treat us at the rally. VDG Mark Koller asked PID John Daum from South Dakota to come train and speak to our Lions and he said yes. He's a good one. And then PDG Dave Czyczynski told us that Beulah had Mark Lindquist booked to speak at their high school on the Friday night before our Rally. He suggested we get in touch with Mark Lindquist about coming and entertaining at our Rally. Long story short, he is coming. Now if you heard him at the Convention in October you know what a fine heartfelt entertainer he is. He has a message for our Lions also on that Saturday. I tell you, you are in for a great day. Please attend, you won't be sorry.

I have set three goals for January, February and March. E-mails went out to the club officers. The

first is to plan an event to invite community members to learn about Lions and become members. Right now, Lions are improving communities around the world along with projects in our own communities. We need to get the word out and get help to add more service. The next project is the twinning with Zimbabwe and Lithuania. I am asking that each club send a gift to fund this project. Both projects are in dire need of help and Lions in our district will impact the lives internationally. The third push is on my shoulders. We are working on three new Lions Clubs. Lion Mac and I have visited two communities and compiled data with the Community Needs Assessment. VDG Mark Koller and PDG Lewellyn Rustan are working on the third community. Let's hope we can bring service to all three communities. We have a guide coming this month to help us achieve our goals.

Also this month I made my visit to the North Star Lions in Bismarck. When I began Lions my first Zone meeting in 1995 was in Bismarck at a North Star Lions meeting. Those Bismarck Lions sang and joked with each other. They had a good time. It was then I knew I was in an organization that I wanted to be in. So, it was my privilege to visit their club. And yes we sang and joked and had a good time.

The end of the month was spent in South Dakota at their Convention in Aberdeen. All six MD5

District Governors were in attendance. It was special for South Dakota. They were very happy for the support. I tell you we drove to Aberdeen to attend, but our Canadian District Governors came a great distance to attend. Those Canadian Lions are the best. To end this article I just want to tell you that Lion Mac and I attended the Washburn Emergency Responders Banquet Saturday night. They had a Motivational Speaker from Fargo come to talk to us. She was good. I was revved up by her presentation. I just want to share a couple of things she said. She said "Attitude is the doorway and we are the key." "Attitude is both Optimistic, hopeful,

you believe when a door closes a window opens and Pessimistic, hopeless, everything closes." Our attitude is so important. In Lions our service is key to our well-being. Don't you just feel better when you have done something for someone else? To me, a positive attitude is just an easier way to live. I think that is true of all Lions. And now my quote this month talks to us about attitude.

The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change, the realist adjusts the sails. William Arthur Ward Have a good February.

2016 USA-Canada Lions

Leadership Forum Omaha, Nebraska Sept. 15-17, 2016

Leadership ? Service ? It's what Lions do !

"Leadership for Service", the theme for the 2016 Forum, reflects our goal of equipping our Lions to meet the Centennial Service challenge in performing 100 million acts of service.

Saturday afternoon will have three large service projects that every attendee will be able to participate in. Corresponding seminars have been added, teaching the skills and organization needed to better prepare service projects at the Club and District level.

Opening night, Thursday brings master illusionist and motivational entertainer,

Billy Riggs. On Friday, Lion Jay Blake brings his drag race car "Follow a Dream" to the Forum, along with his amazing story of overcoming a blinding accident to follow his racing dream.

Saturday we look forward to the inspiring words of our then International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew. We finish the evening with Retired General Dick Abel, who after a long career of military, private sector and public leadership will be talking about the leader within each of us.

Register now via our website: www.lionsforum.org

When you meet a blind person

Editor's note: This paper was handed to Lions Club 5NW District Governor Judy Beaudry, Washburn, when she was trained to walk with the tools of a blind person.

"I was blindfolded and guided to walk as a blind person," she said. "It was a lesson in humility."

"These tips for us who are sighted, will help when we are in the company of those who are blind. As Lions, Knights of the Blind, these are easy aids to use." It is being run as per her request. There are many ways you can help blind people live normal lives Here are a few hints.

If you walk with him

Let him take your arm. Don't push him! The motion of your body will him what to expect.

If you eat with him

Read the menu and prices to him. If he wants help, cut his meat, fix his coffee, etc. Tell him the positions of the various foods on his plate.

If he has a dog

Remember the dog is a working dog, not a pet. Don't divert his attention or touch him – his master's life depends on his alertness.

If he is alone

Always identify yourself when entering a room where a blind person is. Don't play any "guess who" games.

If you live or work with him

Never leave a door ajar. Keep corridors clear of clutter. Tell him if furniture is moved.

If you talk with him

A blind person can hear as well as you, sometimes better. Always talk directly to him, not through his companion.

If you seat him

When showing a blind person to a chair, put his hand on the back. He will be able to seat himself easily.

If you direct him

Give directions as clearly as possible. Left or right according to the way he is facing.

New Lions in District 5NW

Clubs that added new members in January:

Bismarck Capital City	1
Bowman	1
Dickinson Noon	2
Elgin	1
Glenburn	1
Hazen	2
Hebron	2
Minot	2
Minot Magic City	1
Stanley	1
Williston	1

Total New Members in January	15
Total New Members since July 1	60
Current total member count	1,249

That's a gain of just 4 in January due to dropped members

This is a wonderful time to add new members!

Get them off to a great start !!

Bring them to the Spring Rally on April 2nd !!!

(Don't send them..... BRING them !!!!)

Prospective Members through LCI Ads!

Your Global Membership Teams are receiving E-Mails from LCI forwarding inquiries and interest of potential Lion members generated by LCI advertising. Those are forwarded to the clubs in those areas, encouraging them to contact and invite the prospect to become a Lion. I also contact the individuals themselves, and let them know about the Lions club or clubs in their area. Don't drop the ball! If those prospective members are not contacted by the club, they will NOT become Lions. Consider also doing local media advertising for your club, providing contact information.

For assistance contact your District GMT Coordinator.

PDG Lewellyn Rustan, District 5NW GMT

NDAB seeks nominations

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc., once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Ms. Kathi Runge, of the Mandan Dacotah Lions, received her award at the evening banquet during NDAB's state convention, in Jamestown in June.

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. In memory of Bob's service, NDAB is asking that the

various Lions Clubs of North Dakota consider submitting the name of one of their members who exemplifies Bob's spirit of selfless, but generally unrecognized, assistance to people who are blind or who have low vision.

The person who will be chosen for this award is not necessarily the one who has held the most offices or who has been recognized in other ways, but the one who has been working quietly behind the scenes in providing humble, yet very important, service to people who are blind or who have low vision. Feel free to resubmit the name of someone who has

not been selected in the past, as it has always been difficult to make a selection from so many worthy nominees.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the award. Submit your nominee's application by March 15, 2016, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community

by the nominee, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held or committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club president.

Send the requested information to the committee chairperson, Candy Lien at cmlien@hotmail.com.

The recipient will be announced at a later date and honored at the NDAB's annual convention which will be held in Williston in June 2016. To learn more about the North Dakota Association of the Blind, visit the web site at www.ndab.org.

MD5 Registration Form

NAME (1) _____

Lion Lioness Leo or Guest
Club & District: _____

Special diet or physical needs

How many conventions attended _____

Address: _____

Province / State: _____

Phone (Res): _____

Email: _____

NAME (2) _____

Lion Lioness Leo or Guest
Club & District: _____

Special diet or physical needs

How many conventions attended _____

City / Town: _____

PC / Zip: _____

Cell or Business: _____

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 via your own vehicle _____ # golfing _____ X \$ 50.00 =

Friday Chilli supper Event: (5:00 – 8:00 pm) (\$15.00 / person) X _____ = \$ _____

Thurs. Council Spouses Tour (1:30-5:00 pm) (\$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

Lions have 'Warm Hearts'

The Emerado-Arville Lions' partnership with the Grand Forks First Sergeant Council continues.

Recently, the club presented council officials with a check for \$1,000. Proceeds go to the council's "Operation Warm Heart."

Presented the check was Msgt. Steven Bradley. Making the presentation was Emerado-Arville Lions Club President Mike Nolan. Joining the presentation was Msgt. Kory Henry for "Operation Warm Heart" and Lions Bob Entze and

Jim Johnson.

The Emerado-Arville Lions have been making donations to "Operation Warm Heart" for more than 40 years.

The club received a letter of appreciation from Steven Bradley, vice president of the Grand Forks First Sergeant Council, extending his gratitude.

"It means a lot to the men and women of our community as we provide support during times of emergency and need," Bradley wrote.



Pictured, from left, are Msgt. Steven Bradley, Emerado-Arville Lions Club President Mike Nolan, presenting a \$1,000 check to Msgt. Kory Henry for "Operation Warm Heart." Also present are Lions Bob Entze and Jim Johnson.

District 5NE Leadership Rally set for April 9 in Valley City

By KRISTI SWENSON

"Look Forward; Look Up!" will be the theme of the District 5NE Leadership Rally scheduled for April 9, 2016, at Valley City State University. International Director Linda Tincher and her husband, PDG Vern, will be rally speakers and provide some of the workshops for the attendees.

ID Linda and PDG Vern Tincher from Indiana will arrive on Friday, April 8, and attend a dinner with the Cabinet and area Lion leaders in Valley City. More information will be forthcoming about the dinner event. The rally activities begin on Saturday, April 9, with registration beginning at the VCSC Student Center at 8:30 am. The opening session begins at 9 am with welcome and remarks. Two sets of workshops will be held in the morning, geared to the President/Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurers, Membership Chairs, and General Membership.

Session Topics will include: "How to Run a

Meeting with Protocol," "Using MyLCI," "Building Your Club Membership," "Participating in District and International Contests," "Increasing Opportunities for Women and Families in Lionism," "Motivation, Management, and Delegation: Keys to Success," "Centennial Service and Membership," and "Retaining and Involving Current Membership."

ID Linda Tincher will present a keynote message at the luncheon; followed by two general sessions: "Upcoming Lions Conventions and Leadership Training," and "LCIF is more than a Melvin Jones Fellowship."

A vision screening is scheduled for children and a kite flying event is scheduled for area youth in the Valley City area. The District 5NE Cabinet Meeting will follow the last sessions. All Lions in North Dakota are invited to the rally to meet and hear from ID Linda Tincher. For more information, contact DGE Luis Coca or DG Rick Swenson.

Heloise promotes Lions

Editor's note: The following appeared in a recent column by Heloise. It is shared with readers, thanks to Lion PDG Dwaine Heinrich, Jamestown.

Helpful Hints

Dear Heloise:

I saw a hint in your column about saving the tiny screws from old eyeglasses before discarding. Instead, please consider donating old glasses, broken or not, to Lions Club International.

Used glasses that are broken are taken apart, the parts inventoried and cataloged, and then are used to refurbish glasses. Lenses are polished and given to people around the world with limited resources or access to vision care. Many optometrists' offices have a Lions Club recycling box in their office. Go to www.lcif.org for more information on Lions Club vision programs. — Edie B., via email

Edie, of course! Your wonderful organization is one of my favorites. I have mentioned it through the years, and thank you for the reminder. All types of glasses — prescription, nonprescription and sunglasses — are accepted. Volunteers collect, clean and sort them, and they are sent to developing countries for people who need them. — Heloise

P.S.: Look around your home, auto and office, and collect old, no-longer-used glasses! Pass them on to those who need them.

Club News

Glenburn



Vision Screener training

On Jan. 25, Glenburn Lions Ginney Jones, Barb Quimby and Tom Barnes received Sight 4 Kidz Mobile Vision Screener training from Lion Pat Vanett from the Mandan Lions Club. Other trainees present included members from the Magic City Lions, Minot Public School nurses and First District Health nurses. Glenburn Lions hope to begin screening in local daycares and area schools soon.



30-years of service

During the Jan. 2016 Glenburn Lions Club meeting, Glenburn Lion Tom Miller is presented with a 30-year service award by 5NW Vice District Governor Mark Koller. Submitted by Glenburn Lion Ginney Jones, Glenburn Lions Club treasurer

Mandan Dakotah



Distribute gifts

PDG Lion Arlen Fetch, Lion Steve Moore and Lion Marcy Moore of the Mandan Dakotah Lions and Santa Claus as they prepare to distribute Christmas gifts bought by the club for children on the Standing Rock Reservation.

Magic City



New Lions

Top Photo: Gary Thuner, sponsor, and Lisa Thuner.

Bottom Photo: Becca Schmaltz, and Darlene Johnson, her sponsor.

Enderlin



Successful benefit

Another successful benefit was held Jan. 23 at the Enderlin VFW for Polly and Bruce Gangl who lost their home to a fire in the fall. Presenting a check to the Gangl's on behalf of the Enderlin Lions Club (LR) is Lion Ruth McCleerey, Polly and Bruce Gangl, Lions members Roger Maras, Dr. Andrew Peterson, and Mike Lemna. Over 200 plates of spaghetti were served by the Lions. Auctioneer Art Hagebock, Pure Prairie Auction, LaMoure, ND, cried a successful auction.

(Photo by Teddy Fink)



**Find the Lion in you at the
14th Annual Spring Rally**

April 2nd, 2016 at New Salem High School
Registration begins at 9am

**The Rally is free for all Lions of District
SNW, and includes Lunch and breaks**

Free Raffle Tickets for early registration
The earlier you register the more you get

Save or print this form and send to
DGE Mark Koller - 5647 110th Ave SW
New England, ND 58647 or call (701) 290-0511
or e-mail to dgteammkoller@icloud.com

NAME _____

LIONS CLUB NAME _____

2015-2016 CLUB OFFICER POSITION _____

LION ☐ **GUEST** ☐

YEARS IN LIONS _____

FOR OFFICIAL USE _____

DATE RECEIVED _____

TICKETS ISSUED _____

I knew it, I had passed my required 10 hours for class by late-November.

I could have stopped coming altogether to Bethany, but I chose to stay, and here is why, Dr. Littlefield. Connecting with the residents via a beat-up ukulele and a four-song repertoire was something I never expected. I thought they'd poo-poo me once they heard me "sing" or be woefully unfamiliar with my choice of music, but that's how I prevailed.

Music is truly the universal

language, Dr. Littlefield. This I have learned. I really doubted that an 86-year-old woman would be tapping along to a Shania Twain ditty played on a ukulele and sung by a tone-deaf 20-year-old. Well, the joke was on me! Right there I directly applied the concepts of intercultural communication, and your course came to life for me.

Since passing COMM 216 last December, I have continued to volunteer at Bethany on University. Every Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 4 p.m., I am there, with my

ukulele, guitar or mandolin. That's another thing, too — after gleaned more experience on the ukulele, I branched out to guitar and then to mandolin, all because of the volunteer exposure from COMM 216. I also learned more songs and threw myself into tablature, picking and plucking Irish jigs and old hymns.

So I thank you for throwing me into volunteerism, Dr. Littlefield. I thank you for requiring your COMM 216 students to help their fellow man. Who knows

how many others have had the same experience I did, one that really opened my eyes of how important and delightful volunteerism is for those on both ends of it. I certainly hope that Service Learning continues in your curriculum, and I strongly encourage all readers of this letter to volunteer, donate their time and recycle the service in their community.

Have a tropical day,
Jack Dura

District 5NW International Twinning Lions Clubs Project!

As District 5NW begins a new year, we will begin a new International Lions Club Twinning Project. This will be an ongoing project that continues in the future. This International Lions Club program promotes the LCI Purpose:

To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.

To foster learning about other cultures.

To exchange experiences and ideas about what it is to be a Lion.

To add an international dimension to our Lion's service mission.

We will be twinning with two International Lions Clubs. They are:

Nienburg Lion's Club from Weser, Germany

To help their Lion's Project- **The Orphanage of Lapiai/Lithuania**

Lions Club of KweKwe, Zimbabwe

To help their Lion's Project- **The Chimwaoga Primary School**

District Governor Judy states, "To every Lion dedicated to the motto "We Serve", the concept of the community is both near and far. Considered alone, a single project of a single community may seem of minor significance; but, when added to the projects of many communities and many people working together, the sum total reflects the magnitude of the programs significance as an instrument for international goodwill and peace.

I am asking that we pool our monies and send to each of the two overseas clubs. Your donation to this project can be as little as \$25.00 or it could be a fund raising project with the proceeds given to both of the International Lions Clubs or to one that you choose. All will be appreciated. What you send is up to each club in the district. The need of each of our twinning clubs is great and I know our Lions will help as much as they can.

So I am asking for your contribution to this project. You may bring your check to the Spring Rally in New Salem, North Dakota, April 2, 2016 or mail it to the 5NW Secretary PDG Kevin Vannett. We will have a Parade of Green for the project." **All Lions Clubs have received information about each project and is on Facebook and the 5NW Web Page.**

NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME APPLICATION FORM

THE _____ LIONS CLUB NOMINATES _____ FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

Two seconding statements are required, one of which must be from the club president.

SECTION A - Minimum Requirements

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

SECTION B - Basic Life as a Lion

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

SECTION C - Preliminary Selection Criteria

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

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

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

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

SECTION E - Non-Lion Activities

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

SECTION F - Biography

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

SECTION G | Nominee Certification

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

NAME _____ DATE _____ ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE/ZIP _____
TELEPHONE (home) _____ (cell) _____ NOMINEE SIGNATURE _____ E-MAIL _____

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

CLUB PRESIDENT _____ CLUB NAME _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CLUB SECRETARY _____ E-MAIL _____ SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Applications must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2016. This application must be fully completed and signed by the appropriate parties and returned along with a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail Cay Dzywanski • P.O. Box 192 • Beulah • ND 58523



Find the Lion in you at the 14th Annual District 5NW Spring Rally Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 at New Salem High School

This year's Rally promises to be an Udder Delight



Featured Speaker
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR
JOHN J. DAUM
John J. Daum, of Spearfish, South Dakota, USA, was elected as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 80th International Convention, held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA, June 30-July 5, 1997 to serve a 2 year term through June 1999.



Come and join in the fun !
There's something for everyone
Raffle for Prizes – Extra Tickets
awarded for Early Registration

The Spring Rally is Free
and Open to all District
5NW Lions and their
Guests
The Rally includes Lunch,
Breaks, and all activities to
help us all become better Lions



Special Guest - **Mark J. Lindquist**

Mark is a nationally recognized motivational speaker and world-touring entertainer who has performed live for over 1,000,000 people in 22 countries and 44 states throughout his career. He is also the author of the books, "Passion! 8 Steps to Reignite Yours" and "Service, My Way of Life."

As an actor, he has appeared in ABC's LOST, CBS' Hawaii Five-O and the Universal Studios movie "Battleship." He has performed for Grammy winning artists, Academy Award nominated actors, foreign dignitaries around the world as well as staffers at the White House.

Mark is a former Sergeant in the United States Air Force and an Afghanistan War Veteran who currently lives in Fargo, North Dakota. Information on his company can be found at www.MarkJLindquist.com