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2016 Eye Glasses Recycling Mission Trip Puerto Vallarta Mexico, February 20-27, 2016



By: Kevin Vannett

Wow!!! Where do I start? First and foremost I would like to thank the Puerto Vallarta Lions for their invitation to come. Secondly thanking the Fargo Lions for giving other lions across the state the privilege to be part of this adventure.

Also thanks to Lion Sue Anderson who served as our team leader.

I would like to share how rewarding this mission trip was and introduce you to the team. The group consisted of seventeen very dedicated people.

Let's start with the Thom's Lion Dr. Steve Thom of Fargo the passion that Dr. Thom brought was

heartwarming his concern to bringing a better quality of life to the people of Mexico. Dr. Steve also had great courage to oversee 16 other volunteers with no medical training he showed great patience with us.

This takes us to the Exam Room where Lion Pat Vannett served as Dr. Thom's assistance. Pats work with the Plus Olpixs showed to be very valuable. Alee Thom was a big part of the Exam room where she served as the interpreter. Allie is a college student at Concordia College. Her youth and energy that she brought was very helpful and rewarding.

Know we move on to the Crew who we called the

pickers. Which included Sue Anderson, Dwaine Heinrich, Troy Anderson, Alice Coats Schott, Carolyn Probst, and Joyce Heinrich. It was the task of each of these individuals to find the best pair of glasses they could, that meant looking through thousands of eye glasses to find a couple pairs for them to choose from.

Eye Chart Crew Lance Jacobs, Michelle McCormack.

This was great as they finished with the Eye Charts they could lend their experience fill in wherever needed. As being there second mission trip to Puerto Vallarta Mexico.

Runners Pat Brown & Joe Dobbs this was also

the second mission trip for both Pat & Joe. Pat would take people from the Eye Chart station to their next station weather it was the Eye Exam room or to the Reader Glass station always taking the time to introduce them to us. This made such a pleasant experience for all. Joe worked with the Dr Thom as to getting the prescription and escorting them to the next station. Joes smile and sense of Lions Pride was outstanding.

Frame Station Dana Dobbs & Sue Anderson Dana and Sue worked hard on making sure everyone

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BY ID LION ROBERT S. LITTLEFIELD



“Who is Taking Care of Your Members?”

By ID Lion Robert S. Littlefield

Membership. It seems like we hear that word often these days as club officers and Lions strive to spread the good news of Lions Clubs International in hopes of attracting like-minded people to join. Of course, we are always looking to attract new members; but, as we move into the final months of the 2015-2016 Lions year, let me suggest something that is equally important. That is, retention. Who is taking care of your members to make sure they continue their membership into 2016-2017 and beyond?

Let's start at the beginning. When people join a Lions Club, they are always excited about getting involved. They want to serve and they believe that they can make a difference in their community. They may have thought that Lions Clubs International was a global organization, so by joining, they could contribute to making the world a better place. Whatever the reason, they wanted to join or they wouldn't have paid their dues and started attending meetings and participating in service projects.

But then, something happens. According to

figures compiled by Lions Clubs International, if a member is going to drop out, it will usually happen within the first two years. The reasons for dropping vary, but the theme that comes through loud and clear is: “being in the club wasn't what I expected it to be.” Why?

Sometimes, new members are not fully included in the planning and management of events because those who have run things for years like to keep control. Other times, new members are tossed into leadership positions without appropriate training and felt pressure to over-perform and burn-out. For some new members who might expect a global orientation, they might find their clubs to be content to stay within the city limits. Sometimes, they find out that their ideas are not compatible with the other people in the club. There are many reasons why new Lions don't feel important or needed. Thus, dropping membership makes sense.

Now to the current problem, for as many new members as we recruit into our clubs, we lose more through drops and death. It's happening again this year across the Multiple

District and beyond. I know we can't stop people from dying, as much as we might like to try. But, we can stop the drops if we make an effort.

It's like a relationship. When you start dating, you pay a lot of attention to your partner. You compliment and say nice things to him/her, give gifts, and generally let the person know that they mean a great deal to you. If we start ignoring our partner, stop communicating, or paying attention to the things that matter, the relationship will fall apart. You have to work at relationships; and clubs need to work at maintaining meaningful connections with their members.

During these final months of our 2015-2016 year, I am asking the club leaders to consider doing something special to reconnect with their members. Why not declare the month of May as Member Appreciation Month? Here are some ideas you might consider:

Plan a special event and invite members who have missed some meetings to set a date for the event that would work for them come.

Call or visit members who have become less active and let them know what the

club is doing and that they are missed.

Send out “thinking of you” cards to members letting them know how much their efforts are appreciated and that they are missed.

Ask Lions who have become less active if there is something they care about that the club could take on as a project, and invite them to participate.

Recognize length of service for your club in the community in some special way and identify all club members so that the community knows who is in the club.

Create special ways at club meetings and special events to recognize all members, but especially those who have become less active.

Invite less active members to get involved in the Centennial Legacy Project so that the club can leave its mark on the community during 2016-2017 when LCI celebrates its Centennial.

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Meet the team of Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service



First of all let's start with our team leader Lion Sue Anderson. Sue is the spouse of Troy Anderson. The trip would not have been successful if it wasn't for the work Sue put into the trip. Thanks Sue! Lion Sue works at Gate City Bank in Fargo as a Property Management and Lending Solutions Manager.

Troy was a station worker. He is the spouse of Sue Anderson. Troy works for the City of Fargo

Sue and Troy Anderson

I have collected glasses in my office for many years and have several co-workers who automatically donate

their old glasses every time they get a new pair. Some, I am sure, have never really thought much about what the Lions even do with the donated glasses. After traveling to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico with the ND Lions and partnering with the Puerto Vallarta Lions on a Vision Mission trip, it makes me proud to be able to come back and tell my co-workers, friends and relatives what it means to donate just one pair of glasses! Every person I fitted for glasses were so grateful to receive such a gift. There was no hiding their excitement as I placed glasses on someone's face and saw the reaction as they either read something close up or could read the exit sign

on the distant wall. Even though there was only 16 individuals representing the ND Lions, I hope all ND Lions realize this trip would not be possible without them. To every Lion who has collected, sorted, cleaned, read and packaged glasses, donated to a fundraiser, sponsored a Lion or helped promote the trip, you were just as much part of this trip as everyone who took part. My hope is the ND Lions will continue to partner with the Puerto Vallarta Lions and expand our foot print in Puerto Vallarta by helping start a vision screen program in the elementary schools. Thank you for the opportunity to live by our motto We Serve.



Joe Dobbs

Joe was the one of the Lions who escorted the clients from station to station. Joe is the spouse of Dana Dobbs. Joe works as a Financial Representative at North Western Mutual in Fargo



Dana Dobbs

Dana worked at the fitting station to make sure everyone was properly fitted. Dana is the spouse of Joe. Dana works as a Para at Froehlich Pre-School

Grateful for the Opportunity!

A Lions trip of any size is fun. Whether a Mystery Bus Tour, club visitation, state or multiple district convention it's guaranteed there will be service with a smile.

Dana, myself and fifteen other North Dakotans

travelled to Mexico this past February and were graciously welcomed by the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club. The mission was to provide vision screening and eye care to the people of Puerto Vallarta. With the

professional and thorough work of Dr. Steve Thom, we did just that.

We were reminded that most people are good and want to help their communities. Lions facilitate this sense of

responsibility. This trait and our similarities trump any cultural differences. Our team served and had fun doing it.

i Nosotros Servimos
Joe and Dana Dobbs

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Spring is upon us

Well spring is upon us. By the time you will be reading this we will have already had our Spring Rally. I am hoping most of the clubs have been represented there and met ID Linda Tincher and her husband Verne. If you did not attend, and do not report your membership and activities you might get a call to meet someplace where we can help you to get caught up.

We did a few visits in March and to my knowledge, we only have 11 to go with most of those scheduled already. We have had great times with all of the clubs finding out who you are and the great things you do for your communities and beyond. On a different note like I have been telling you all along we want you all reporting so you get the recognition you deserve. To date we have 8 clubs already with diamond patches, and another 8 only one challenge away from diamond. We also have 8 other clubs with at least one challenge done. We also have 5 clubs that have reported something but didn't qualify for any of the challenges. The last group of 17 clubs have not reported at all, some of which I personally met with so I know they have done great things and just didn't report. Just like every month I will tell you we are here to help you, hopefully some of your secretaries will have been at the Spring Rally and gotten Kristi to help you catch up. If you have a question if something

fits one of the challenges call and we will tell where it fits best, sometimes a project fits 2, so you get both done on the same one. One thing I did learn from ID Linda is that if the Secretary isn't reporting, the present of any club can also report or edit your activities to help your club. So here is the list again of clubs not reporting at all, unless they got help at the rally before this was printed. Argusville/Gardner/Grandin, Arthur, Casselton, Dakota NFL, Devils Lake, Edgeley, Ellendale, Fargo Gateway, Leonard, Medina, Pettibone, Sterling, Streeter, University of North Dakota, Wahpeton, West Fargo, and Zeeland Dakota.

In other club news in March you should have elected your next year's officers. If you haven't please do so in April and get them reported to LCI so the right information will be put in

next year's directory. If you do not you will be locked out of MyLCI also, and won't be able to communicate with them. If you have a problem reporting that Kristi Swenson can help you with that too. Some of you may have gotten it done at the Spring Rally that is ok also.

Looking ahead first comes cleanup day for service dogs for America in Jud on May 7th from 9 am to 6pm with the Davenport Lions steak fry to follow. You can come later if you need to any help is appreciated. If you have never been to the training site you are in for a treat. They train some of the finest dogs in the United States. We go to the MD-5 convention next, at Regina, Saskatchewan on May 27 and 28th. This is where Luis Coca Jr. of Rugby will get his Red Jacket for his term as District Governor for 2015-2017. Then comes the Great

Plains Lions Leadership Institute, this year at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota. We will be giving out 10 registrations at the rally if you had been selected to get one after applying with me. After that comes USA/ Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska.

This is on Sept 15-17 it is close as it will be for a while so if you want to go I have some registrations that I can share with you. Then comes the ND Lions state convention in Rugby on Oct 28-29, let's make this one a convention to remember for Luis.

But I hope to have seen quite a few of you in Valley City, hopefully having a great time LOOKING FORWARD AND LOOKING UP as we fly our KITES.

ND Lion's are "PAWS" itive...

you DON'T want to miss Volunteer Day!!



Saturday May 7th, 2016

9:00 am—6:00 pm

Service Dogs for America—Jud, ND campus

All the fun and food starts when you arrive!

Davenport Lion's hosting Steak Fry dinner

RSVP—info@servicedogsforamerica.org



Let me introduce you to Lion Dr. Steve Thom. Dr Thom was truly an inspiration to the group. His dedication to his field is amazing. Lion Steve provided thorough Eye Exams. Dr. Steve is the father of Allie Thom. Dr Thom owns Thom Eye and Laser Clinic in Fargo

Dr. Steve Thom

Seventeen North Dakota Lions and associates recently travelled to Puerto

Vallarta Mexico in February 2016 to provide eye care services and glasses to



Allie is a college student at Moorhead Concordia College Allie is the Daughter of Steve Thom Allie was stationed in the Exam Room as one of the Interpreter's

Going into the week, I had no expectations going into the trip because I had never been to a Lions meeting or Lions mission trip before. I think having no expectations helped me to enjoy and appreciate each day we had. The week was a whirlwind full of hard work and lots of laughs. However reflecting on this mission trip, the thing that stands out most to me are the people. The Lions from Puerto Vallarta were so friendly, welcoming and extremely helpful. Not to

nearly 800 locals. This was done in conjunction with the Puerto Vallarta (PV) Lions Club and was an overwhelming success in my opinion. We gave out nearly 1500 glasses, and triaged many for eye surgery. The hundreds of volunteer hours put in prior to the trip reading glasses prescriptions and organizing them by North Dakota Lions cannot go without mention. Having never gone on a Mission Trip before, I was filled with questions prior to our arrival. Sue Anderson, who organized the trip admirably, answered most of them, but many had no answer until the first day we saw patients. Providing medical eye care with 16 non-medical volunteers of

all ages could have proven difficult, but this group was filled with motivated and caring Lions and family members who proved to be quick and competent learners of the craft! As the only Physician in the group I couldn't have been more impressed!

Our brother Lions from Puerto Vallarta lead by President Enrique Flores Perez did an outstanding job advertising the event and in screening patients and translating. Their hospitality toward our team was exemplary. It was a wonderful example of two cultures combining to fill a HUGE need! Well done Lions! Steven Thom, MD

Allie Thom

mention our team, the Lions from North Dakota who were ready and willing to take on the task set before us. We were able to come together and see nearly 800 patients in such a short amount of time. Teamwork was very essential, and everyone had to learn new skills. Each person had an essential role to play in order to make our system efficient. Also, from my perspective as a college student it was really important to see and realize the importance

of building relationships, sharing cultures, and serving others. It was also a great way to put to use what I study in school. This trip was filled with learning opportunities and chances to push us out of our comfort zone. It was really rewarding to be on the front lines doing exams and handing out glasses and to be able to see a real change and make a positive difference.

Allie Thom aka the other Thing :)

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got the correct fit with their glasses. The key was not to break the Glasses that were chosen for them.

Sunglasses Station Ethin Probst Ethin was put in charge of the Sunglass station he would make sure that everyone knew that sunglasses were available. As you may not know Ethin is totally blind. Ethin

taught us don't look at ones disability but to look at their ability. Everyone brings something to the table. Thank You Ethin.

Readers Station Bill Schott & Kevin Vannett we had a much easier time finding glasses as they were only around 20 different prescriptions of reader.

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The list is endless, but it goes without saying that if members feel they are not appreciated or listened to, and someone starts appreciating and listening to them, they might decide that continuing their membership is worth their time and money. The result: Retention.

It's up to all of us. We have to pay attention to our members and let every Lion

knows that s/he matters. LCI has determined that for every Lion, 50 people are impacted. When we add Lions, we can give more service. When lose track of Lions, and they drop out, 50 people are worse off. So, I ask again: "Who is taking care of our Lions Club members to keep them active and involved?" I hope the answer is: "We are!"

Pat Vannett

What an honor to be a part of the Vision Mission Trip to Mexico. I was so impressed with the service approach that all of the Lions and friends from North Dakota and Mexico took for this mission. Everyone was totally focused on providing the working poor of the Puerto Vallarta area with eye exams and eye glasses and providing as much help as possible in the short time we had.

I am so proud to be a part of the International Association of Lions Clubs and this

mission trip solidified that pride for me. I came to really admire all of the people from both countries for their dedication in service to others. The Lions of Club de Leone along with their children worked side by side with the Lions of North Dakota and their families. How cool is that! Having kind hearted Lions from two different countries working together to make a difference in the lives of people was an experience of a lifetime. Without the eye exams and eye glasses that we took

to Mexico, many of these people would not be able to work and provide for their families.

I worked in the exam room with Dr. Thom and his daughter Allie. We saw so many people with not only vision but medical needs. There were many sad cases of individuals who were almost or totally blind due to poor health, scarring of the eyes, cataracts or other severe eye problems. Some days I could have cried at the need. Thank you Lion Joe for always recognizing when



Pat was stationed in the Exam room. Pat is the spouse of PDG Kevin Vannett Pat is a Licensed Realtor in Bismarck/Mandan.

we needed a laugh and coming through with one. We were hot and tired most days with needing to be reminded to take a water or bathroom break. Yet, those who we served were always at the front of our minds and we held together to do the

very best we could for those people.

The slogan "Where There Is a Need, There's a Lion" was lived to the fullest during this trip. Thank you Lions for your service.

Lion Pat Vannett
Mandan Lions Club



Lion PDG Kevin Vannett. Kevin worked at the Readers Station and the Low Vision Station. Kevin is the spouse of PDG Pat Vannett Kevin owns a Low Vision Store in Mandan.

What a great opportunity to serve others. This was a lifetime dream come true as I was able to fulfill an item on my bucket list. The one thing this trip brought was seeing in the bigger picture of Lions serving the needs of others around the world first hand while working with other

Kevin Vannett

Lions Clubs. Not only clubs from North Dakota, but also Lions from another country. This was made possible because of the Lions of North Dakota taking the lead on Eye Glass Recycling throughout the State. And the dedication of Lions collecting and transporting the glasses all around the

state. I want to thank everyone on the team for their commitment to serving others. I have memories of seventeen people working together sharing fun and laughter that will last a lifetime. The mission would not have been successful without each and every one.



Bill work at the Reading Glass Station. Bill is the spouse of Alice Bill worked as an Economic Development Manager for Basin Electric. Alice worked at one of the work stations. Alice is spouse of Bill Schott. Alice is a retired School Teacher.



Bill and Alice Schott

Alice and I were honored to participate with the ND Lions delegation in distributing used eye glasses. We provided testing to over 800 individuals and distributed 1800 pair of glasses. At the beginning of our work week the 17 Lions from North Dakota gathered in a prayer circle giving

thanks to God that we could serve this community to see better, After four days of hard work we gathered again to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the opportunity to help people to see better, however the greatest blessing we received as Lions is that our mission is to SERVE OTHERS.

Dwaine and Joyce Heinrich



Dwaine worked one of the stations. Dwaine is the spouse of Joyce Heinrich. Dwaine owns Heinrich and Company an Insurance Adjuster Company.

Joyce worked a station. Joyce is the spouse of PDG Dwaine Heinrich Joyce was a former Teacher

There were several highlights of our Lions trip to Puerto Vallarta. It was great to work with a group of Lions from North Dakota who worked so well together. It was also great to see how well the

Puerto Vallarta Lions and the North Dakota Lions worked together.

It was an "Eye Opener" to see the dedication of the Puerto Vallarta Lions and their genuine concern for the less fortunate in their

city. Some worked their "day jobs" at night to be with us during the day.

It is important that we recognize the above factors as without them, we would not have had the chance to thoroughly enjoy the

opportunity of meeting and being able to provide the needed exams and eyeglasses to hundreds of wonderful and very appreciative residents of Puerto Vallarta.

Lion Dwaine

Michelle McCormack and Lance Jacobs



Lance was one of the screener at the Eye Charts. Lance is the spouse of Michelle McCormack Lance is a retired Farmer/Banker

Michelle also worked at one of the stations. Michelle is the spouse of Lance Jacobs This was Michelle's second Mission trip with the Fargo Lions. So her prior experience was helpful. Michelle is retired and recently worked for West River Health Systems in Hettinger

Michelle and I were able to be screeners for distance and close vision for the second time at the mission in Puerto Vallarta. Our process was to greet the person by name, have them stand on a line and cover one eye. Two years ago we had an eye chart that was pictures, so we learned quickly the names for star, heart, boat etc. This time we had the well-known E chart, with E's pointing different directions. We had to learn the words for left,

right, up and down!

We saw first hand many people without glasses, who needed readers for close work. We were able to send them right to our readers' station where Kevin and others helped them find "cheaters". Scarier still were the people who were older, without glasses who had no distance vision. Dr. Thom wanted to see all of them, to check for cataracts and other problems and get them a prescription.

A big part of what we did

as the first Americans these people had to deal with, was reassure them that we could help. We made an effort to smile, and laugh and let them know it was ok to be here and be seeking the help they really needed. We got a lot of hugs and smiles as we sent them on their way to see the doctor or on to the cheaters station.

The experience is intense-we spent four days on our feet with a group

of 15 other North Dakota Lions who became dear friends and teammates; we made deep connections with the Puerto Vallarta Lions and their spouses and learned so many things about their country, and we touched lives with the gift of improved sight. It was a privilege to be part of the mission, and we are changed for the better and carry many more people in our hearts.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Hello my Lions. I quote Franklin Roosevelt,

“People acting together as a group can accomplish things which, no individual acting alone could ever hope to bring about.”

Yesterday we came together in New Salem, ND for our Spring Rally. **THE DAY WAS WONDERFUL.** I would like to have said amazing, but amazing is just overused. There were 116 Lions in attendance. What a group. They shared and they learned.

We had a special guest PID John Daum from South Dakota give us his best. He inspired us with words and he ended with song.

I must stop here and thank the New Salem Lions for their care of the Lion attendees. Big yummy donuts and coffee were ready for us when we arrived. With everyone content to start our day, we attended breakout sessions. Lunch was ready for us at 12:30. Wonderful appetizers, spaghetti, salad and breadsticks. Wow it was good. Prepared with love. Homemade.

Do you remember my request for each club in our district to consider sending something toward the twinning project where we would help our Lions Clubs in other countries care for those less fortunate.

I had told about a school in Zimbabwe that needed much and an orphanage in Lithawania that also was in dire need of very much. In both cases Lions Clubs reached out to us for help. Well, District 5NW we just went International with our goodness. We raised over \$3000. for our projects. If you still want to donate you can. Just send donations to Kevin Vannett, 1101 Sunset Drive, Mandan, ND 58554. We will take donations until April 30. So far I have had word from the Lions of Kwe Kwe, Zimbabwe. They are so grateful and I will be in contact with their District Governor. I will keep you all informed. This is exciting. Thank you to all the the Clubs that gave to this project. They will each receive a patch for their banner. Our International President Dr. Yamada asked that we twin with a club overseas and we twinned with two.

After lunch we were off to afternoon sessions. All the sessions shared and were lively. At the close of the afternoon sessions, we initiated 6 new Lions. PID John Daum presented the new Lions to the crowd at the Rally. We celebrated.

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Everyone settled in for our Special Guest, a friend to Lions and the best darn inspirational speaker in the world. Mark Lindquist. He would be quick to tell me he is only thirty-four and he is a work in progress, but can that man lift his audience. And he did.

I want to thank DGE Mark Koller and his wife Lion Karen, who planned this year's Rally event from start to finish. Mark would give me small tasks to do, but the big plans were all his. Thank you so much. We all appreciate your efforts. DGE Mark will follow me next year as District Governor. You're in for a great year. He's a good man and a very Good Lion.

Now if you attended I am sure you agree with everything I just said about our day. If you could not attend, I am sorry. Lions need to hear and be treated for all the good they do. Just remember next year. I bet next year you will be there.

Ok, so moving forward, we have some big projects coming up. I will start with I am hoping we are all thinking of new members. I have a thought about how to best go about asking. Instead of asking someone new to come to a Lions meeting, ask them to help with a service project. People like to help so work them, have a feed afterward and the give them an application and ask them to join. People are more likely to want to join after they see what you do.

We have clean-up day at Service Dogs of America in Judd, ND. Saturday, May 7th. They roll all day and your whole family can come and help. We break for lunch and work until

the Davenport Lions show up with their grill van and the steaks are cooked and dinner is on. It is a great experience for all. I really encourage you to make it a family day. You may paint, build, clean, wash, polish, train or rake but you will not be board. The dogs welcome the kids and they keep them very busy. When the day is done you can be proud of your accomplishments and the kennels and grounds are left in very good order. Sharing the day with other Lions Clubs, making friends is so much fun. I know you are saying, but I have my yard to do, or my home to paint. Trust me you're a Lion, you will get it done. See you in Judd.

The next opportunity we have in western North Dakota is the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association is asking the Lions to help in their clean-up project. There is a picture in the ND Lion. Read the ad and see if you can take fellow lions on a day of cleaning. For details please Call Kevin, kvannett@bis.midco.net.

Lastly Lions are needed at the Elgin Lions Centennial Legacy Project April 30th, 5 miles south of Elgin, ND, Sheep Creek Dam. They will start at 9am MDT. They will need help with planting, mulching assembling tables and more. If you again could take some fellow Lions to Elgin you could help them make a difference. You can call Elgin Lions President Steven Schadler for more info.

JUDY BEAUDRY

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Area Lions Clubs Centennial Legacy Project

APRIL 30th, Sheep Creek Dam – 5 miles south of Elgin, ND



2012 Zone 4-B Lions Tree Planting at Lake Tschida
--Area Lions Clubs, local volunteers and others contributing to our environmental legacy



Lions & Other Volunteers needed to assist with the 2015-2017 Centennial Legacy Project for this area.
April 30th, starting at 9:00 a.m. MDT at Sheep Creek Dam.

Projects Include: Planting & mulching 400 soil conservation trees, assembling & placing picnic tables, fire rings & grills, finishing the accessible fishing pier and installing beaver barrier fencing.

For more info contact: Elgin Lions Pres. Steven Schadler, 701-516-2877, sol_de_glo@yahoo.com

Carlyon Probst and son Ethin Probst



Carlyon worked one of the stations. Carlyon is the mother of Ethin Probst. Carlyon works as a Trail Court Administrator in North Dakota



Ethin worked at the Sunglasses station. Ethin is the son of Carolyn Probst. Ethin is a High School Student at Magic City Campus in Minot.

My son, Ethin, and I recently embarked on an adventure to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico to participate in a Lions Vision Mission. We joined fifteen additional Lions representing seven North Dakota Lions Clubs.

We arrived on February 20th and began setting up on February 21st. We partnered with the Club De Leones of Puerto Vallarta to perform 773 vision screenings and exams for the local residents in just three days. Matching the prescription with the appropriate eyeglasses was not an easy task. Even

though few individuals spoke English and language barriers were present, local Lions volunteers assisted with translation which added to the full experience of the mission. The excitement and appreciation was evident and shared by all.

When we wrapped up at the end of the third day we estimated well over 800 local residents visited the club and took advantage of the screenings and services. We gave out nearly 1500 pairs of eyeglasses. We provided an additional 200 pair of sunglasses all of which were taken and greatly appreciated.

Lion Steve Thom, MD conducted eye exams which resulted in many referrals for eye surgery. He states "Having never gone on a Mission Trip before, I was filled with questions prior to our arrival. Sue Anderson, who organized the trip admirably, answered most of them, but many had no answer until the first day we saw patients. Providing medical eye care with 16 non-medical volunteers of all ages could have proven difficult, but this group was filled with motivated and caring Lions and family members who proved to be quick and competent learners of the craft! As the only Physician in the group I couldn't have been more impressed!! Our brother Lions from Puerto Vallarta, led by President Enrique Perez Flores, did an outstanding job advertising the event and in the screening of patients and translating. Their hospitality toward our team was exemplary. It was a wonderful example of two cultures combining to fill a HUGE need! Well done Lions!"

Many thanks and much appreciation goes out to the Fargo Lions who collected and cleaned over 3,000 pairs of glasses for the trip. Many local volunteers, including Dr. Dan Levine, read the prescriptions of those glasses and labeled and bagged them. The Lions from Puerto Vallarta not only provided us with everything we needed to accomplish this Mission, but took us into their home and celebrated with their families over incredible food, conversation, and comradery.

Ethin and I cannot express enough our appreciation for the contributions both the Minot Lions and Magic City Lions made in sponsoring a portion of this trip. It has afforded us an opportunity to travel to another Country, provide a service to others, meet and work with Lions

from our home state of North Dakota and the local Lions from Puerto Vallarta. In addition, a special thanks to Alberto, local PV Lion, who took us to see parts of Puerto Vallarta we otherwise would not have experienced. From the North Bay to the South Bay during our two free days; he generously shared his time and took us to a variety of beaches and restaurants, on both the coastline and in the mountains, and was pleased to introduce us to his friends. Between his broken English and my very minuscule Spanish it was both humorous and challenging to communicate which simply added to the fun. His generosity and kindness will not soon be forgotten. We have made many new friends. This experience we shared has been priceless.

Pat Brown

Three things impressed me about our vision mission to Puerto Vallarta in February.

First was the detailed preparation for our arrival by members of the Puerto Vallarta Lions Club. They advertised the screenings, made appointments, and set up the club's rooms to facilitate the exams.

Second, I was impressed by the patience and gratitude of the people we screened, many of whom waited more than an hour to see Dr. Thom, and all of whom were grateful for the exams and glasses.

And third, I was impressed and gratified to witness international Lions in action. We were not Americans, or Mexicans, or



Pat was one of the Lions who took the patient's from station to station. Pat is an Author he wrote the Book "The Mick"

Canadians. We were Lions working together to serve people in need. And that's why I am proud to be a Lion.
~ Lion Patrick Brown,
Fargo Lions Club

New Lions in District 5NW

Clubs that added new members in March

Alexander	1
Killdeer	1
Minot	2
Minot Magic City	3
Noonan	1
Williston	1
Total New Members in March	9

Clubs with Positive Member Growth this year

Bismarck Prairie Rose	1
Dickinson Noon	5
Glen Ullin	1
Glenburn	1
Halliday	2
Mandan	6
Minot	3
Minot Magic City	9
North Star	3

Out of 46 clubs in District 5NW, only nine have positive membership growth for the current year. As a district, we've added 72 new members, but we're down 54 members from July 1st.

We can't afford that kind of loss as a district. You can't afford that kind of loss as clubs. Think for a minute about what you enjoy the most about being a Lion. Let's offer that same opportunity to our friends who are NOT YET Lions.

Let's get your club's name on the list of clubs with positive membership growth! Need help? Call me.

PDG Lewellyn Rustan

District 5NW GMT

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

NDSU Schedules Reception to Honor the Littlefields

An open-house reception in honor of Dr. Robert and Kathy Littlefield is scheduled on Saturday, May 14, 2016, from 3-6 pm in the Harry D. McGovern Alumni Center, 1241 North University Drive, Fargo, ND 58102. All Lions and friends are invited to attend.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

P.O. Box 248 * Mandan, ND 58554

100% Club * \$10 per member
Bowman Lions Club

Sustaining Memberships * \$10

Ken Brawn, April Redetzke, Jessica Skalicky, Tim Pendergrass, Darrell West, Jessica West, Darren Limestand, Harold Narum, Linda Narum, Myles Richard, Amy Burke, John Burke, Duane Lutz, Vivian Pendergrass, Gail Hughes, Wayne Hughes, Sandy Oberfoell, Tom Williams, Terri Whitney, Evie Abrahamson, Lisa Abrahamson, Peggy Lindstrom, Nancy Schaefer, Bonnie Roehrich, Florian Roehrich, Debra Schade, Ken Abrahamson, Paul Brooks, Don Groll, Ray Hegle, Dick McElmury, Tom Nordberg, Debbie Peterson, Julie Silha, Vickie Swanson, Chris Voegele, Roger Walter, Susan Wanner, Chuck Whitney, Randine Williams

Lifetime Membership * \$300

Fargo Lions Club (2 Lifetime Memberships, to be designated later)

Your donations and contributions to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota are appreciated, and make it possible to award grants to North Dakota Lions Clubs to assist with their projects in their communities.

Thank you!

Lions Clubs of Multiple District 5 MD5 Convention Committee March, 2016 Multiple District 5 Convention

This will be your official notice for the Multiple District 5 Convention for 2016 to be held in Regina, Saskatchewan on May 26, 27 and 28, 2016.

Attached in this group you will find the following important papers that require the immediate attention of your club officers:

The Official Convention Notice for 2016
The Official MD5 –Regina Convention Rules for 2016
Your Club's Credentials form
Your Club's contest entry forms:
Most Lions Miles Traveled

**Note: A copy of the Convention proceedings
(can be found on the MD5 Web Site (90 days following the Convention.)
Note: Voting matters will be posted on the Web site and in the 3 Lions papers---
30 days prior to the Convention**

The official convention rules should be reviewed by your club officers and explained to your delegates. Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. There will be one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid.

Your club credentials form is very important. Delegates and alternates must be selected. The form should be presented to: Credentials Committee at the Lions Registration Desk at "Travelodge Hotel", upon arrival at the Convention but no later than 11:45 A.M. Saturday-May 28, 2016.

The Lion Contest forms should be given to your delegation to be presented to the Convention Committee Chairperson, c/o The Lions Registration Desk at the "The Travelodge Hotel". The basis for Most Miles Traveled Contest is for clubs 25 and under in members and 26 and over in members. For the Most Lions Miles contest points are awarded on the basis of 3 for a Lion, 2 for a Lions wife, and 1 for each child in attendance. The points are totaled and multiplied by your round-trip mileage to Regina, Saskatchewan. In completing these forms only count those that have pre-registered.

The properly Certified MD5 Lions attending the annual MD5 Convention may vote on proposed changes to the MD5 Constitution and Bylaws. The Proposed changes (if any) can be found on the MD5 Web Site at; www.md5lions.org . A copy of the Regina Convention proceedings may be obtained from the MD5 Web site (3 months) after the Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

MD5 COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Convention Committee: Council Chair PDG Arlen Fetch
PDG Dwaine Heinrich, Chairperson : PCC Mike Brand, Secretary-Treasurer

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS PROPOSALS #1

The following are the proposals put forward by the MD 5 Long Range Planning Committee for the consideration of the Council of Governors:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – Multiple District Council Chairperson – update the Duties of Officers to be current with the Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws:

BYLAWS – page 19 Article 2 Section 1
DELETE all wording following Section 1 Multiple District Council Chairperson
INSERT

The multiple district council chairperson shall be the administrative facilitator of the multiple district. All actions are subject to the authority, direction and supervision of the multiple district council of governors.

In co-operation with the council of governors, the council chairperson shall:

Further the Purposes of the association;

Assist in communicating information regarding international and multiple district policies, programs and events;
Document and make available the goals and long range plans for the multiple district as established by the council of governors;

Convene meetings and facilitate discussion during council meetings;

Facilitate the operations of the multiple district convention;

Support efforts initiated by the International Board of Directors or the council of governors that are intended to create and foster harmony and unity among district governors;

Submit reports and perform such duties as may be required by the multiple district constitution and bylaws;

Perform such other administrative duties as may be assigned by the multiple district council of governors; and

Facilitate, at the end of his/her term of office, the timely presentation of all multiple district accounts, funds, and records to his/her successor in office.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – Multiple District Council Chairperson – add new Council chairperson removal policy to be current with Lions Clubs International Constitution and Bylaws:

BYLAWS – page 19

INSERT

Section 2 **REMOVAL.** At the request of the majority of the council of governors, a special meeting of the council may be called for the purpose of removal of the council chairperson. Regardless of the manner in which the council chairperson is selected or elected, the council chairperson may be removed from the council for cause by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire number of the council of governors.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

BYLAWS – pages 19 through 23

RENUMBER current Section 2 through 13 to read Section 3 through 14

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCES

BYLAWS – page 26 Article VI Section 1

DELETE sentence two

INSERT new sentence two

When the reserves of the undesignated funds reach a level of 60% of the previous years expenses, the Council of Governors shall make a recommendation of a dues increase to the membership of the Multiple District, to restore within three (3) years the undesignated funds to 70% of the third (3rd) years expenses, which shall be voted on at the next Multiple District Convention.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCES

BYLAWS – page 26 Article VI Section 1

Proposed Dues Increase

Increase the per capita dues by \$ 2.00 per year in each of the next 3 years beginning July 1, 2016.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS PROPOSALS #2

The following are proposal put forward by the Long Range Planning Committee for the consideration of the Council of Governors:

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS – The following title changes are required to reflect the recent replacement of the Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer by a Multiple District Council Secretary and a Multiple District Treasurer

CONSTITUTION – ALL ARTICLES

DELETE: all forms of wording of Multiple District Council

Secretary/Treasurer

INSERT: Multiple District Council Secretary and/or Multiple District Council Treasurer to comply with the content of the text.

BY-LAWS - ALL ARTICLES

DELETE: all forms of wording of Multiple District Council Secretary/Treasurer

INSERT: Multiple District Council Secretary and/or Multiple District Council Treasurer to comply with the content of the text.

BY-LAWS – ARTICLE VI – MULTIPLE DISTRICT FINANCES

Section 5 – page 27

DELETE: all wording after the words *in accordance with the*

INSERT: after the words *in accordance with the* rates determined by the Council of Governors at the First Council Meeting of the Fiscal Year and not to exceed the Rules of Audit of Lions Clubs International currently in effect for District Governors.



The Fargo Lions Club Presents
'Blind Joe'
From Season 9 of NBC's 'The Voice'!

Friday, April 22nd
Fargo Theatre
7:30 p.m.
Tickets \$35/\$20

Tickets can be purchased at
www.jadepresents.com



BLIND JOE

**Evening also includes raffle and live auction,
featuring a lasik eye procedure by Dr Lance Bergstrom!**

Lions Club Secretaries Credentials Committee March 2016

Voting at the Multiple District Convention

Voting is by Lions Clubs International rules. The Rule for voting-is-one vote for each 10 members or major fraction thereof, 5 being considered a major fraction. For a club to be in good standing, all debts to Lions Clubs International of \$50 or more, 90 days past due must be paid.

The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Please select your voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Please have your delegation leave this form at the Lions Registration Desk, at the "Travelodge Hotel", no later than 11:45 am, on Saturday, May 28 2016.

This sheet is to be filled out and--SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY-- prior to coming to the Convention.

CREDENTIALS INFORMATION:

Name of Club _____ District _____

Total number of members in Club as of March 30, 2016 _____

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Name of Voting Delegates attending the MD5 Convention
In Regina, Saskatchewan

Office held in Club

Club Secretary's Signature _____

Please send this sheet along with your club secretary or a club representative that will be attending the MD5 2016 Convention. This information can be downloaded at the MD5 Web site at www.md5lions.org

TAKE TO THE MD5--REGINA- CONVENTION

JUDY BEAUDRY
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And I end this article on a sad note, I and the members of the Bowman Lions lost a member last month. Lion Ken Silha longtime Lion who loved to have fun, was active in all the projects of the Club passed away. You know I love this job as District Governor but I am saddened to make a new friends along my travels, see the good in them and then know they passed. My condolences to his wife Lion Julie and his family.

Again I leave you a message filled with things to keep you busy. Happy Spring Lions.

In Remembrance



Feeder
Elwyn Nichols
LaMoure
Ronald Splitt
Fargo
Joel Kolle

US 85 Clean - Up Week

April 25-30, 2016



Lions what a Great way to do your Environmental Project!

Interested in Volunteering
Contact: Lion Gary Morel • 701 225-8407

REMEMBER:
ND Lion DEADLINE
is the 7th of the month!
No Exceptions!

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE
14TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Mount Marty College
Yankton, South Dakota
July 22-24, 2016

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ **Badge Name** _____ **Gender** _____
Last First Initial M/F

ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Sub-District No. _____ **Years in Lions** _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US\$160 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2016, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2016, the base fee increases to US\$180. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Mount Marty College. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22th and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- _____ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
- _____ Diabetic Diet requested
- _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
- _____ Wheelchair Access required
- _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
- _____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2016 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact
Name _____ Relationship _____

Contact telephone:
HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders:

The Prairie Rose Lions Club of Bismarck is sponsoring a PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 30th from 8:00-10:00 AM at South Bismarck

Applebee's (434 S. Third St.) Tickets are \$6.00 each. Tickets are available from Prairie Rose Lions or at the door. Proceeds will be divided between Service Dogs at Jud and Backpacks for Kids. Donations are appreciated!

Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank Al Larson Memorial 4 Person Golf Scramble

Male • Female • Co-ed

Friday, June 10, 2016

CrossRoads Golf Course • Carrington
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

Entry Fee:

\$50 a person/\$200 Team
Includes Green Fees, Prizes, Lunch & Supper
Golf Carts available for rent at 701-652-2601

Cash Team Prizes: \$1,200 Team Prize Money (prizes vary slightly based on entries)

Hole Prizes: Contest on each hole

REGISTER EARLY • Only 36 Teams

Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____
Name _____	Phone _____

Registration Deadline is: June 6, 2016

Send your registration to: Duane Zwinger, 509 Main Street, Carrington, ND 58421
or call 701-652-1752 or email dzwinger@daktel.com
Make Checks payable to Carrington Lions Club

Visit CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway at www.crossroadsgolf.com