



NORTH DAKOTA LIONS DISTRICT GOVERNORS ANNOUNCE MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

District 5NW Governor Mark Koller • District 5NE Governor Luis Coca

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A challenge has been issued and accepted. Our two District Governors are currently locked in friendly contest where you can participate. The goal is to recruit new members into our Lions Clubs. The winners will be every person who is a Lion as we add new Lions to our rosters. This challenge will begin Sept. 1st and end at the State Lions Convention in Rugby on Oct. 29th. The official count on new Lion members will be announced on

Saturday at the State Lions Convention. Every sponsor who joins a new Lion member will have their name put in a drawing for fabulous prizes! 5NE and 5NW will both have 3 prizes drawn on Saturday at the convention. Another

point to this challenge between the District Governors is this: If District Governor Mark Koller loses, he will have his head shaved at the State Lions Convention. If District Governor Luis Coca loses, he doesn't have any hair to cut. Therefore DG, Koller

will have a "wig" that DG Coca has to wear at the convention!

We have two months until the State Lions Convention in Rugby. We have to recruit the members and get their names on the roster at MyLCI as new members. So your Secretary

has to be diligent in their responsibility in getting the information to MyLCI.

DG Mark doesn't want to be bald, and DG Luis doesn't want to wear a wig. We need your help in this effort for recruiting new members while having some fun with a friendly challenge. In reality...nobody will be losing.

Please contact your District Governor by email or phone when you sponsor the new member we can get your name in the drawing.

ND Lions Hall of Fame inductee *announced on page 2*



Lion Loris Freier to be inducted into the N.D. Lions Hall of Fame

The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Committee is proud to announce the 2016 inductee Lion Loris Freier.

Lion Loris Freier grew up in the small community of Steele, North Dakota. After graduating from Steele High School she earned a BS Degree from North Dakota State University (NDSU) with a double major in Dietetics and Vocational Home Economics Education.

She is a Registered Dietitian, completing a dietetic internship at Regions Hospital and Medical Center, St. Paul, Minn. Loris later completed a Master's Degree in Food and Nutrition from NDSU.

Loris began her career in education by teaching several years in western North Dakota. Her experience and educational qualifications led to a 32 year career in nutrition education when she was hired in the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

She held the positions of Nutrition Education and Training Coordinator for eight years and Assistant Director for Child Nutrition Programs for 24 years. Other work experience was a consultant dietitian in several North and South Dakota nursing homes and small hospitals.

During her career she was an involved member of 10 local, state, and national nutrition and education professional organizations.

Professional honors Loris received include the ND Dietetic Association Pyramid Power Award, Honorary Membership in the Future Homemakers of America, and three United States Department of Agriculture Certificates of Appreciation in the field of child nutrition education.

In her early thirties, Loris and a friend organized a Lioness Club in Bismarck. Loris wanted to do community service even though it was a busy time for her personally and professionally; she was serving as president of a national association and raising two small sons.

With their husbands as members of the newly organized North Star Club, they also promoted it as "a girls' night out". They distributed letters recruiting interested women to an organizational meeting held in September 1982. I

n November 1982 Loris became a charter member when the Prairie Rose Lioness Club was certified. It was re-chartered as a Lions club in 1992 and continues to be an active club today. Loris currently serves on the



Loris Freier

board as a director.

Now in her retirement years, Loris includes Lions in her annual snowbird months in Mesa, AZ as an Associate Member of the Sunland Springs Village Lions Club.

In 34 years of Lionism, Loris has held several club offices, including three terms as president and many years as a director. At the cabinet level she has served as Cabinet Secretary, Region Chair, Zone Chair, and Diabetes Awareness and Action Chair. Her greatest honor was in 2005 when the Prairie Rose Club chose her

to receive the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Lion Loris is married to Past District Governor Garry Freier. They have two grown sons, Travis and Trent. With parents who were very active Lions, including Garry's term as District Governor when they were seven and three years old, they learned much about Lions and service to others. Travis is currently an officer in the Rapid City Downtown Lions Club. Trent resides in Fargo and is a frequent volunteer in community service projects.

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Lions kiosk planned for the N.D. Heritage Center

At last spring's Past District Governors meeting we were presented with a great opportunity to expand the reach of our Lions organization in the state of North Dakota: an electronic kiosk at the North Dakota Heritage Center which would tell about our organization, and also be the historical repository for our Hall of Fame. What a wonderful way to celebrate the 100th year of Lions!

Any visitor to the Heritage Center would be able to visit this kiosk and easily access information about us and our history across the state of North Dakota.

With this in mind, PCC Brach Johnson, the 2017 State Convention Chairman, has already reserved the Heritage Center for our Friday night icebreaker. He is planning a special night of catered food, tours, and also a dedication ceremony of the

North Dakota Lions Kiosk while we are all there.

However, we now must raise the funds necessary for the work to complete the kiosk. At the Past District Governors meeting in April, approximately \$600 was donated right on the spot from those in attendance. That has been enough so that PDG Secretary Pat Vannett could secure a specialist to work on the template, but the whole project is estimated to cost approximately \$3000. The more we can raise, the more of our Lions story we can share with the world.

So far the North Dakota PDGs have been sponsoring this project. However, clubs may be interested in using this as a Centennial Legacy project, and others may also wish to contribute. This will be brought up at the 2016 state meeting during the convention in Rugby if you wish more information.

Come to Rugby and save money

What? Let's explain.

The convention chair for NEXT year's state Lions convention in Bismarck is Brach Johnson, and he has cooked up a deal that will save Lions money on their 2017 registration! But someone from your club has to come to the 2016 State Lions Convention in Rugby in order to cash in.

Here's how it works:

Each club can register for any number of members and spouses that will attend for a \$40 registration fee, non-refundable. (No names necessary at this point, just the number times \$40. The members' names can be submitted later.)

HOWEVER, the payment has to come from the club itself, not from an individual. So an officer or member who has been empowered by his club, and has a club check in his hand, can insure that his members can get in on this super deal.

This super deal, however, is only good during the Rugby convention, and expires when the convention ends.

No fair mailing it — we want you, or a representative of your club, to come to Rugby. The projected convention registration fee for the 2017 State Lions Convention in Bismarck (Nov. 3-4) will be \$65 if you miss out on this bargain.

Article announcing the MD5 Youth Camp Scholarship 2017

Lions International Multiple District announces two scholarships available to youth ages 16-20 years old. The scholarship grants \$1500. For travel to a camp in another country. The application is available in this letter or by contacting:

PDG Judy Beaudry
1002 Cannon Lane • Washburn, ND USA 58577

Stanley



The picnic shelter in Stanley was filled for Stanley Lions Club's final summer barbecue.

Lions Club holds final summer BBQ

Stanley's Lions Club held their third and final summer barbecue in Wilson Park on Monday, Aug. 8 with a good crowd attending.

The proceeds from the

third barbecue were donated to the Golden Age Club. The proceeds from the first barbecue were donated to the Sauber Sports Complex project and the second was

donated to the Mountrail Community Food Pantry.

The three barbecues raised a total of just under \$3,600 for the three entities.

The Stanley Lions Club

generally does not meet during the summer, so the cookouts in the park give them and the entire community an opportunity to get together for a good cause. Courtesy, Mountrail County Promoter.

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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We are approaching the North Dakota State Convention rapidly. Hotel rooms are being booked, breakouts planned, meals and entertainment will be great.

If you don't want to miss out on a great convention, you need to register very soon. Contact Rugby Lions Club President Betty Triplett for registration and more information at bkktriplett@yahoo.com.

Your District Governor has visited a few clubs these last months and has plans to visit many more in the near future. That is the best part of this job; visiting other Lion Clubs and seeing what they are doing for their communities.

I am continually amazed at the amount of service we do across the area. Everything from cleaning up parks or ditches along the roadside to running "Mud Runs," serving meals to hundreds of people and supporting our

communities. When we put on our Lion garb with our logo, it represents pride in our organization.

Your Vice District Governor's Keith and Rob have also been busy this last month. They have attended the Multi-District 5 meeting held in Minot. They aren't just there to meet, but are in continual training on how to become great District Governors.

They are familiarizing themselves with the Lion's International policy and procedures, how to run effective meetings, the use of the MyLCI internet and so much more. These men are learning and becoming very effective leaders to serve our clubs in the district.

As we visit the clubs, we will bring around a huge banner for every Lion in the District to sign their name.

As the year closes, it

will be given to the District Governor Elect Keith to take with him to Chicago for the 100th Anniversary Celebration at the International Convention. We will all be represented at the convention by our signatures when it is carried during the International Parade.

One of the things that is still a concern is not only retaining our members; but building and strengthening our existing clubs. Unfortunately, our clubs are aging out and we need to find and retain new and younger members. This can be done as we look around in our communities and find people with a servant's heart.

People who give of themselves and want to be part of the world's largest and greatest service organization. An

organization that is worthy of praise. People aren't going to know about us unless we get out there and brag about the many good things we do. We need to look into the next 100 years of Lions and plan great things.

Boxer Muhammad Ali is popular all over the world. Before his 1971 fight with Joe Frazier, Ali boasted: "We're gonna decide once and for all who is King!"

There's not a man alive who can whup me. I'm too smart. I'm too pretty. I am the greatest. I am the king! I should be a postage stamp; that's the only way I could get licked!" There isn't a service organization that can even come close to being as great as our Lion Clubs. We just can't be licked.

Flock to Drake MD5 2017 Lions Youth Camp

Looking for a way Lions can help youths?

Look no more. Lions and Lions clubs in MD5 are asked to help sponsor youngsters for the International Youth Exchange Camp, scheduled July 16-22, 2017 near Drake, N.D.

This is a great way for youths from our area and all over the world to get together in the spirit of Lionism, and to learn what Lions are all about.

Ages are 15 to 19 and the cost is \$400 per person. Only 40 slots are available. There are many ways for MD5 Lions to help.

You can sponsor a youth, host a youth, help with meals, donate money for camp activities and to pay for transportation for the different trips or become a camp counselor.

Host families are especially needed. Being a host family would be a three to six-week commitment depending on how long the student is able to stay. Host families would provide a room, meals, transportation to the camp, sleeping bags and pillows. These students have their own spending money and full health insurance as well.

Drake is in the center

of North Dakota, so there are many possibilities for activities. Among the ones that have been discussed are as follows:

*Going to Bismarck-Mandan to see the State Capitol, Heritage Center and to have some fun at Raging Rivers Water Park.

*Going to Rugby to see the geographical center of North America, the Village Museum and then to Minot to the zoo.

*Going to New Town and the surrounding area for a day.

*One of the days will be spent doing a community

project and just having fun at camp.

The camp itself has swimming, boating, fishing, canoeing and other activities. Bonfires will most likely be a nightly event.

Any questions, please contact the co-chairs, Lions Carla Lein and Jan Coca. Carla can be reached at 701-781-0743 and Jan can be reached at 701-509-4901.

Please help make this a success. All Lions and Lions clubs are encouraged to help. Thank you for your support.

Lion Carla and Lion Jan

Board members are sought for Dakota Lions Sight and Health

LION COLIN KEELER
President, Board of Directors
Dakota Lions Sight and Health

Greetings! My name is Colin Keeler, and I am the current president of Dakota Lions Sight and Health, the combination of the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank and the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota.

We've had a wonderful past year and are excited to share it with all the Lions of North Dakota. We are moving up the publication of our annual report so it should be ready by the ND Lions State Convention in October.

According to the bylaws of Dakota Lions Sight and Health, one director from

each of the four districts represented (5NE, 5NW, 5SE, 5SW) needs to be elected annually at the state convention.

We need to ask 5NE and 5NW to hold elections at the N.D. State Lions Convention for these two positions.

In order to be placed on the ballot, the bylaws state that a Lion needs to obtain a letter of endorsement from their club, and send it and a letter of interest indicating their desire to run to the president of DLSH.

Any Lion in 5NE or 5NW who wishes to run should send these letters to:

Colin Keeler • 525 N Central • Pierre, SD 57501
or electronically to colin.keeler@gmail.com.

New Rockford



President grills

New Rockford Lion's Club President grilling steaks for the club's annual picnic. There was great food, fellowship with a whole bunch of conversation about Lions. This club knows how to "party" and have a great time.

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

2016-17 5NE Peace Poster Contest

Greetings: I hope everyone had a memorable summer. Now it's time to get back into the routine of school and fall activities.

Just a reminder Peace Poster kits are available from our district. You can e-mail Kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com or call 701.302.0155 to request a kit. Kits are \$12 payable to District 5NE, Kathy Clemens Treasurer.

If your club has not participated in this event before, please consider doing so. What a great way to honor Cliff Vaning who was the long time chair of this until his passing last year.

Lions if you're not attending the state convention Oct. 28-29, where the district contest is held, please send your local winning poster to Kristi Swenson, 414 1st Ave. N, New Rockford, ND 58356. By Oct. 26th so they can be entered in the state judging.

Submitted by Kristi Swenson 5NE Peace Poster Chair.

Calling All Lions Clubs Silent Auction Items Needed

Kennel flooring urgently needs recoating to protect dogs' paws.

All proceeds go to the Service dogs of America for this high-quality, non-slip coating project. Please help. Bring your donations to the 2016 North Dakota State Lions Convention October 28-29 in Rugby.

Display Space available at the ND State Lions convention

To reserve your place call PDG Craig Wollenberg at 208-0577 or Lion Betty Triplett at 209-1284. We can provide a table and chairs. Table length is six-feet.

Call early to get the best placement. The final deadline for booth space is Friday, October 21st, one week before the start of the convention.



Certified screeners

Lions of North Dakota Sight 4 KIDZ Screener Certification was Aug. 22 in Mandan. Being certified are, front, from left, Bonnie Morel, Donna Ruff, Lois Reiersen, Marian Johnson, and Heather Czywczyński. Back, Mel Olson, Pat Vannett, Del Hager, Gary Morel, James Ruff, Kristi Swenson, Julie Schwartz and Tracy Wicken.



THANK YOU TO OUR SCREENING COORDINATORS!

Call to Schedule a FREE Early Childhood Vision Screening in Your Community.

Williston & North West Area: Lois Reiersen Grammar_lois@hotmail.com 701-770-1922	North Central: Jim Blomberg jblomber@minot.com 701-721-5787	North East: Del Hager del714@hotmail.com 218-779-4971
West Central: Heather Czywczyński heatherczywczyński@gmail.com 701-516-2116	Central: Judy Beaudry jbeaudry@westriv.com 701-220-4410	Central East: Kristi Swenson Kristi.swenson0155@gmail.com 701-302-0155
South Central: Gary & Bonnie Morel brokenarrow57.gm@gmail.com 701-225-8407	South Central: Julie Schwartz nmbruce@bis.midco.net 701-527-4007	South East: Mel Olson melolson60@gmail.com 701-730-0152
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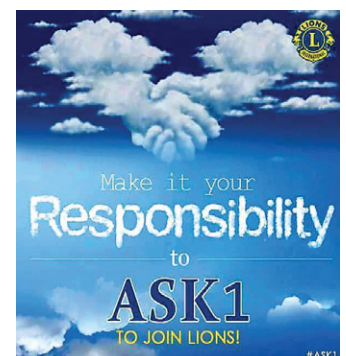
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Club makes plans

Sheldon Lions Club at there annual meeting making plans for their New Mountain Top. Great Club with great people who are full of Lionism. Keep up the good work!

One woman's experience

Cornea transplant recipient to share story

By LION JANET MILLER

Have you ever thought about the cornea recipient? What happened? How has life changed?

Mary Skorheim, a Minot native, will be at the N.D. State Lions Convention in Rugby this October to tell about her experience and answer questions.

As Lions we are quick

to advocate eye donations, and many of us are tissue donors ourselves, but we do not often hear the rest of the story.

A healthy cornea acts like a window. It is the clear covering in front of the eye. Injuries and several types of diseases can damage this window. Mary had keratoconus.

Keratoconus is an eye

disease that gets worse over time as the cornea changes shape. As the name implies, the cornea becomes cone-shaped. Vision gets very blurry and Mary worked at a university. Reading became difficult.

The transplants gave Mary the ability to continue her career in higher education. She worked the University of Florida, Arizona State University, St. Olaf College and the University of Wisconsin. Recently, she retired from the University of Utah.

The cause of keratoconus remains unknown but it tends to run in families. This disease usually develops in high school and college age groups but it can start in childhood. During the early stages, special contact lenses may work. Severe cases require transplants.

Corneas are not like other transplanted organs. They do not need patient-donor matching. Usually steroid



Mary Skorheim

eye drops prevent tissue rejection, making pills and strong drugs unnecessary. After surgery, it is very important to protect the eye from any injury.

Mary Skorheim is a three-time corneal transplant recipient. One transplant did not 'take' so she had to have another. Now she is a strong advocate for cornea donation.

It changed her life and she will share her uplifting story at the convention.

Are you in Sync?

Ice breaker at state convention

The Rugby Northern Lights Lions is holding the State Convention "ice breaker" on Friday Night at the Northern Lights Inn following the buffet supper.

We will be having Karaoke and Lip Syncing. Each club has the opportunity to do a Lip Sync show to show off your clubs talents. You can sing it or fake it. If you like you can dress as your favorite artist or favorite group.

If at all possible please email me (Sandy Wurgler-swurgler@hotmail.com) or call 701-208-0963 so we make sure we have your song. Pick as many as you want. We also want solos – I know there are a lot of you out there.

There will also be other things on the list, too ... (look out).

See you at "Tunes Are Us."

Rugby Northern Lights.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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September finds us with our harvest completed. I am able to focus on club visitations, and I have several visitations scheduled for September. Karen and I attended a concert in the park at the Dickinson bandshell this past Tuesday. The Dickinson Lions Club sponsored 'Imagine, a Tribute to the Beatles'. This group was very entertaining. It was a perfect evening with everyone sitting on their own lawn chairs in this beautiful park. There had to have been several hundred people that attended. It made me feel good watching all of those Dickinson Lions Club members working this event, selling 50/50 tickets, sitting at the free will offering table and visiting with concert goers. Dickinson Lions Past President Neil Steiner took me over to their Lions clock that their club installed in the park a few years ago, all lit up looking over this nice park. Our Zone Chair Stephanie Carlson showed me their new park bench with the Dickinson Lions Club name on it. After the bench project was completed

she said it qualifies for the Centennial Legacy project. She entered the info on MyLCI for the Legacy Project. I was so impressed how something as simple as a new park bench can make this park look so nice. Hats off to the Dickinson Lions Club for your excellent work! Every park in our communities should have a park bench like this one for our Centennial Legacy Project.

Our district is ready to kick off an orientation program and take it to the clubs. These next few years your District Governor Team will be doing new member orientation at the club level. We have 5 different orientation teams that will be available. So far our teams consist of Lions that are married couples. They are: Linda and Dave Czywczyński; Arlen and Sherry Fetch; Pat and Kevin Vannett; Mark and Karen Koller; and Judy and Mac Beaudry. These teams will be contacting your clubs to set up the date. Informed new members are more likely to feel comfortable with their club and get

involved with activities right away. A properly orientated member is also one who will remain in Lions. Speaking for myself I have always come away from an orientation session learning something important.

Our district governor team had our 1st monthly online meeting this past week with the zone chairpersons. We use 'go to meetings' and we shared a lot of great information. The zone chairs are already busy doing club visitations and many of them have scheduled their 1st zone meetings. Our goal is for all of our zones to have a zone meeting before our State Lions Convention in October. Remember all clubs are required to have representation from their club to attend the zone meetings.

We have our Global Membership Team District Coordinator (GMT-D), Lewellyn Rustan working on membership in the district. He is also busy scheduling clubs that show an interest in recruiting membership. Please refer to the article Lion Lewellyn has in this

issue of the ND Lion. Our District Governor Team is very pleased with the efforts he is making to help our Lions Clubs become healthier for our future.

You have read and heard about our North Dakota Lions District Governor's Membership Challenge in this issue of the ND Lion. I am going to be busy picking out a wig for DG Luis Coca's head because District 5NW is going to win this membership challenge! Can we push to greater service through increased membership growth in the next few months working on this membership challenge? YES WE CAN!!! I believe it is also important to join younger members in to our Lions Clubs so the legacy of Lions is there in our communities for generations to come. Each new Lion impacts the lives of 70 people on average. There is a tremendous future ahead for us if we just act and get those new people invited to a function or a club meeting, so they too can have the opportunity to impact 70 people's lives.

District 5NW Membership Challenge Prizes

For every new Lion member you sponsor, your name will be put in a drawing for the following prizes:

- Carson Wentz jersey
- 42-inch flat screen TV
- One night's stay at Comfort Inn in Mandan and a dinner for two.

Winners will be drawn at the Lions State Convention in Rugby.



Calling All Lions Clubs


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2016-17 5NW Peace Poster Contest

Lions, as we celebrate 100 years of Lions Service, it is most appropriate for the theme for this year. Peace Poster contest to be Celebration of Peace.

The Peace Poster kits were distributed at the Spring Rally in New Salem. If someone from your club was not able to attend, they were mailed to your Lions club secretary. We have so many talented children in our communities.

It is so exciting and inspirational to see the vision children have of peace and how they put their visions into their drawings. Students ages 11, 12, and 13 (with birthdays that fall on/before Nov. 15) are eligible to participate in the Peace Poster Contest. Be sure to review all poster rules that are included in the packet each Lions Club received, especially the size requirements.

I would like to encourage the clubs to buy the poster board and cut it to the proper size because if a poster submitted is even 1/8-inch too small or too large, it will not qualify.

The Lions Clubs winning Peace Posters will be judged at the State Lions Convention in Rugby, Oct. 28-29.

Please mail your club winning poster to Lion Karen Koller by Oct. 20 so that the poster can be reviewed to make sure it meets the poster contest rules and size requirements. Mailing address: Karen Koller, 5647 110th Ave. SW., New England, ND 58647.

For more information contact: Peace Poster Chairperson, Karen Koller at: 701-579-4742 or email: karenkay59@icloud.com. See you at the State Convention!

New Lions in District 5NW

In the second month of our Centennial Year, we've added 13 new members, but dropped 15.

Clubs that added members in August are:

Bismarck Capital City	1
Dickinson Noon	1
Glenburn	2
Mandan	4
Mandan Dacotah	3
South Heart	1
Williston Korner	1

Clubs with positive growth for the year are:

Beulah	2
Bismarck Capital City	1
Dickinson Noon	1
Glenburn	2
Mandan	4
South Heart	1
Williston Korner	1

Eight clubs have a net loss of members for the year.

Total membership in the District is down 22 members since June 30. Without the 28 members in a new club, we'd have a net loss of 50 members.

Help for getting New Members for District 5NW

A new program has been launched to assist clubs in getting new members. With proven methods used in getting members when establishing new clubs, the District Global Membership Team will work with existing clubs to expand their membership base.

The one day program begins with a membership sponsoring workshop in the morning with a few members of the club. Focusing on the direction of the club, participants will gain skills, enthusiasm and confidence. In the afternoon, teams canvas the community offering membership to key people. It is anticipated that the one day program can add 6-12 new members for the club.

Sound simple? It's certainly not complicated. It does, however, require commitment from at least a few members of the club. There definitely are things that can be learned and practiced. There also are things that should be avoided. The two hour workshop covers that.

Sound exciting? It certainly is! Participants will be amazed and delighted with the results. And the experience will prepare them to repeat the program themselves, as needed. Clubs will be selected for the program by the GMT and Governor Team. They will select one club each month to work with.

If you want to be one of the first clubs to benefit from this guaranteed successful program, contact:

PDG Lewellyn Rustan

Global Membership Team Coordinator

Call: 579-4347

Email: irite@ndsupernet.com

MD5 CHALLENGE !!!

To All Districts and Lions Clubs!!

Fill the TREASURE CHESTS with Items
to raise funds for the **2017 MD5 YOUTH CAMP !!**

To be drawn at the 2017 MD5 Convention. (Need not be present to win!!!)

**Get list of Items to your District Governor or MD5 Representative by
March 15th, 2017**

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

MD 5 Club Contests 2016-17

Newsletter/Bulletin Contest Rules

1. Newsletters must be placed in a loose leaf binder with the Club name clearly labeled on the outside of the binder.
2. Newsletters must contain a minimum of 6 issues during the year with the last issue not later than May 1.
3. Each issue should be placed in a plastic sheet.
4. Newsletters should be concise and informative.
5. Newsletters will be judged on content, page layout and design.
6. Photos may or may not be included within the newsletter.

Scrapbook Contest Rules

7. Scrapbooks must be clearly labeled on the outside of the book with the club name.
8. Photos contained within the scrapbook must have a brief description and people in the photos should be clearly identified.
9. Scrapbooks will be judged on content, design and use of scrapbooking materials.

Website Contest Rules

10. The website must be an individual club website, not state/provincial/zone or international.
11. Websites will be judged on quality of content and design.
12. The internet address of each website must be reported to District Governor Terry Peterson by April 15, 2017. Contact him at: TLP51649@aol.com.

Note: Newsletters, Scrapbooks and Websites must be submitted to the District Governor in each district by April 15, 2017. Only one entry for each category will be allowed in each district of the multiple district 5 for the MD5 contest.

North Dakota State Lions Convention Parade of Green

The annual Parade of Green will take place at the close of the business meeting on Saturday at the State Convention in Rugby. Clubs and individuals are encouraged to bring their donations for the following:

Lions Foundation of North Dakota

Club Donations:

- Bronze / Silver / Gold / Diamond
- 100% (all members Sustaining Members)
- Lifetime Membership

Individual Donations:

- Sustaining Member / Lifetime Member
- Video Magnifier Program
- Sight 4 Kidz Program
- Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota / Dakota Lions Sight & Health
- Leader Dogs For The Blind
- Operations/Canine Development
- Great Plains Assistance Dogs — Service Dogs For America
- Vison USA / North Dakota Optometric Association
- North Dakota Association Of The Blind
- North Dakota School For The Blind
- Lions Clubs International Foundation

Take your donations to the appropriate table. If you do not see the name of your recipient on any of the placards in front of the persons taking the donations, take it to the "Other Organizations" collection point.

This is the perfect opportunity for clubs to honor a member with a Lions Foundation of North Dakota lifetime membership. The \$300 donation must be a separate donation, not part of the club level donation.

At the 2015 State Convention in Minot, total donations were \$31,500. As always, the challenge is to surpass that amount.

Notice to club secretaries

This is your responsibility and obligation

When new members are added to your club, the only way they are added to The North Dakota Lion newsletter mailing list is: IF YOU NOTIFY THEM!

When members are dropped or deceased, the only way they are deleted from The North Dakota Lion newsletter mailing list is: IF YOU NOTIFY THEM!

We periodically find members that have never received the newsletter. Members are assessed \$6.00 for the newsletter.

They are entitled to receive it.

We periodically find newsletters still being sent to members who have been dropped or are deceased. Paying for the newsletter to be sent to those who are no longer members, and no longer pay for the newsletter, costs each and all of us money when that causes dues increases.

The North Dakota Lion

Email address: editors@bhgnews.com

Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board of Directors Members Needed

Each year, two members of each district, are elected for three-year terms on the Lions Foundation of North Dakota board of directors. These elections are to take place at the district meetings during the state convention.

District 5NE

This year, both of those positions in District 5NE will be open for new board members. The two members ending their terms are not eligible for re-election, having served the maximum two consecutive three-year elected terms. They are Duane Zwinger and Gerald Sletmoe.

Also in District 5NE, Kristi Swenson was appointed to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. That position, ending in 2019, would need to be filled by election. Swenson is an eligible candidate.

District 5NW

The two positions to be filled in District 5NW are those of Marian Johnson and Lewellyn Rustan. Both are completing the first three-year elected term, and both are eligible for re-election.

Also in District 5NW, Michelle Finck was appointed to fill a vacancy created by a resignation. That position, ending in 2018, would need to be filled by election. Finck is an eligible candidate.

Other candidates are welcome to seek any of the above positions.

See also: Proposed bylaws changes that would eliminate District Governors and Second Vice District Governors as voting members of the board of directors.

**Please send us your comments,
letters to the editor, what's new, etc.**

Send us your pictures!

Everyone likes to see friends and club members pictured doing important Lions work.

Send us your photos for publication. Send by e-mail or postal mail (if you would like the photo back, please put your name and address on the back of the photo and include a self-addressed stamped envelope).

PLEASE if you send by e-mail send photos as jpgs. **and name them**, any copy as rtf. - with no formatting. Any questions call 463-2201!

**Thank
You!**



Club News

Reeder



Club officers

The upcoming officers for Reeder Lions Club year 2016-2017. Pictured, from left, are: Lion Lenny Jacobs -President, Lion Marvin Soehren-Treasurer, Lion Donna Olson-Secretary, Lion Phyllis Enerson-1st Vice President, Lion Larry Jackson-2nd Vice President, Past District Governor Lion Russell Doe-3rd Year Director, Lion Jim Brown-3rd Vice President, Lion Sharon Soehren-2nd Year Director, Lion Leroy Olson-Tail Twister.



Accepts Melvin Jones

Secretary Lion Donna Olson accepting her Mervin Jones Award from Past District Governor Lion Russell Doe.

Rugby



Golf scramble winner

Rugby Lions Club President Betty Triplett, left, presenting a \$300 check to first place winner Corey Espe of Dunseith for the Lions Club Golf Scramble. The Rugby Lions Club raised \$2,800 for various projects that they are involved in.



Medical benefit

Treasurer Lion Marvin Soehren giving Jerry and Candice Lewton a check for over \$13,000 following a medical benefit the Reeder Lions sponsored for them.



Scholarships awarded

The Reeder Lions club awarded \$200 Scholarships to High School Seniors in both Hettinger Public School and Scranton Public School; Pictured, from left, Samuel Kludt, Elizabeth Thompson, from Hettinger, Lion Sharon Soehren, Scholarship Chairperson, Tanner Sanford, and Emily Erickson, from Scranton.

Elgin



Hold Family Steak Night

The Elgin Lions Club held their annual family and steak night with rib eye steaks and all the trimmings on Sunday evening, July 31 at the Elgin Golf Course. Here, Lion members enjoy the delicious steak outside. They are Lion Mike Tischer, Lion Myles Stoller, Lion Ken Diehl, Eunice Diehl, Wanda Stoller and Lion Randy Fischer. The fun evening was arranged by Lion Art Rath and Lion Sisco Maier.

Club News

Williston



Receives 2-Key pin

Lion Stuart Langager, right, is presented with a 2-Key pin from Secretary Lion Ruth Wagner at a recent meeting.



Plaque presented

President Lion Burton Youngs, left, presents Past President Terry Oxendahl with his Past President plaque.

New Rockford



Club picnic

The New Rockford Lion's Club celebrating their annual picnic Aug. 7 at Club President Dennis Gehrzt's home. It was an afternoon of games like three legged race, blind bean bag toss, tic tact toe pong and so much more. Everyone walked away with a prize of some sort. Great time!

ND Lions are invited to attend the Northern Pride Leadership Forum



Hosted by
MD5M Lions



Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum



November 11th - 12th, 2016

Shooting Star Convention Center, Mahnomen MN USA

2016 Registration Form

"Meet your fellow Lions from Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa, Saskatchewan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Manitoba, NW Ontario and Minnesota."

Your District & Club Name: _____

Name & Title _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

State/Prov. _____

Zip/Postal _____

Phone (w / area code) _____

Email _____

Registration form at

<http://www.lionsmd5m.org>

ALL costs are in USD
Canadians are asked to
send USD money order to
PDG Cheryl



Special Dietary Needs: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Allergies _____ (circle ones that apply)

Registration Fee \$99.00 USD

Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer (if you are arriving then), Your choice of up to 6 of the 36 Seminars on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers: PID Brian Sheehan and PID Robert Littlefield. (Saturday Breakfast on your own, seminars start at 9 AM)

Make cheques / money orders payable to: **Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum**

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Cancellations prior to October 31st, 2016 will have a \$25.00 fee applied, NO Cancellations after October 31st, 2016 except for Medical emergencies are accepted anytime with doctors letter (\$25.00 fee still applies).

For more Information contact: PDG Dennis W. Kelly III at cdk3inc@outlook.com

Hotel Reservations – Contact the hotel directly – Rate \$65.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until October 30th, 2016

Shooting Star Hotel & Casino, Mahnomen, MN – call 1-800-453-STAR and ask for block #71.

This block is called ***"Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum"***

Lions Foundation of North Dakota Donor Recognition Programs

CLUB RECOGNITION

Annual Contribution	Recognition	
\$100 - \$299	Bronze Club	Club Banner Patch
\$300 - \$499	Silver Club	Club Banner Patch
\$500 - \$999	Gold Club	Club Banner Patch
\$1,000 or more	Diamond Club	Club Banner Patch
\$10 / Member	100% Club	Club Banner Patch

(All members are also sustaining members)

\$300 Sponsor Lifetime Member Club Banner Patch

INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION

Annual Contribution	Recognition	
\$10	Sustaining Membership	Pin & Annual Bars
\$300	Lifetime Membership	Pin & Bar

Memorial gifts are recognized by an acknowledgement sent to the family. All donors are recognized in The North Dakota Lion newsletter.

Donations are appreciated and recognized as they are received. Banner Patches are distributed annually. Donations received during the Parade Of Green at the State Convention are also acknowledged and announced as they are brought forward.

Individual members are encouraged to update their annual Sustaining Memberships during the Parade of Green. Bring those contributions directly to the LF of ND Secretary to be recorded. Those Recognition Awards will be mailed.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board of Directors meetings

The Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota meets quarterly. The January, April and July meetings typically are held in Mandan, but are also accessible to the members via electronic means.

The October meeting is in conjunction with the North Dakota Lions State Convention, this year in Rugby.

Any North Dakota Lion member in good standing, is always welcome to attend any of the Board of Directors meetings as a guest.

Board members are seated at the business table. Guests are seated on chairs, generally at the rear of the room. Guests may speak when recognized by the Chair, but do not have voting privileges.

Routine business of The Lions Foundation of North Dakota, is conducted by the Board of Directors, who are elected by the District they represent. Membership in the Lions Foundation of North Dakota includes all Lion members in good standing in the Lions clubs of North Dakota.

Major decisions, such as bylaw changes or amendments, generally recommended by the Board of Directors, are decided by the state-wide membership during a session at the State Convention.

There are two directors elected each year by each District. Directors may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. Candidates seeking election are encouraged to convey their interest to their District Governor or the District Nominating Committee.

Lions Foundation of North Dakota announces proposed bylaws changes

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota Board of Directors does hereby propose and recommend the following changes to the corporate Bylaws:
Eliminate current district governors and second vice district governors from the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE II – Board Of Directors Section 1.	Board Composition
B. Current district governors	Delete
C. Current vice district governors	Change to:
B. Current first vice district governors	
D.	Change to C.

Include the secretary as a co-signer for checks, drafts, or orders for payment.

ARTICLE VI – Contracts, Checks, Deposits and Gifts Section 2. Checks, Drafts, or Orders.

Change to read..." any two of the following Treasurer, President, Vice President or Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Corporation".

The above proposed changes were approved and recommended by the board of directors at the quarterly meeting in July, to be decided by the North Dakota Lions at the Annual Meeting during the state convention in Rugby in October, 2016.

The Bylaws state that amendments will take effect at the close of the annual meeting at which they were ratified unless otherwise specified in the amendment.

Lions Foundation of N.D. awards grants

At the quarterly board of directors meeting in Mandan July 9, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota approved and awarded grants to assist two North Dakota Lions clubs with projects they are conducting in their communities.

The Linton Lions Club's grant was to assist with repairs the club is making to their Linton Lions Club Demolition Derby Arena.

The Williston Korner and Williston Lions clubs were awarded a grant to build, together with the Williston Rotary Club, a pavilion in a park.

Each of the two grants were awarded in the amount of \$1,000.

Grants are limited to not more than 50 percent of the total cost of the project. The amounts awarded in this round, were further limited by the current amount of funds available.

The original intent of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota anticipated donations from Lions clubs, individuals and others, along with investment earnings, to provide grant funds. Investment earnings for the past several years have been very modest, limiting the amount of funds available.

Recent donations, although also modest, have been the primary source of revenue to continue providing grants. Those donations are much appreciated, not only by the Foundation, but even more so, the clubs conducting projects that qualify for grants.

Since the Foundation's first grant provided in 2010, thirty-two projects conducted by North Dakota Lions clubs, have been assisted with more than \$52,000 in grants.



Lions Convention Oct. 28-29, 2016

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

Hotel Information
Convention Hotel
Northern Lights Inn
776-5776

Alternate Hotels
Cobblestone Inn & Suites
881-3000

Oakwood Inn
& RV Park
776-5275

Friday Night Event
Ice Breaker at
Dakota Farms/
Northern Lights Inn

Early Bird Registration (until July 31, 2016)	\$70
Pre-Convention Registration	\$90
Register at Convention	\$100
<i>Non-Refundable 60 days prior to convention</i>	

Date: _____
Convention Fees: _____

Full Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Phone: _____
_____ **Lion** _____ **Guest**

Lion's Title: _____
Club: _____

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