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At the Saturday Jan. 14, 2017 meeting of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota in Mandan, the Fund Agreement was signed. Pictured, from left, are Lions BOD member for DLSH, ongoing VP of LEBND PDG Mel Olson, Lions Foundation Secretary Lewellyn Rustan, Foundation Treasurer Ken Davis, Lions Foundation President Del Hager, Eye Bank President Mike Blazek, Secretary Chuck Whitney and Treasurer Lois Reierson.

# Lions hold historic meeting Vision Grant Fund established

#### By PDG CHUCK WHITNEY

As many North Dakota Lions already know, the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota ceased doing business last year with the formation of the Dakota Lions Sight and Health organization.

The Lions of South Dakota generously allowed the LEBND to keep its assets while re-organizing the process of Cornea Donation for our state.

In the past year, we have seen new people hired to gather the donated corneas, as well as perform Community Outreach and Hospital Development. We have been singularly lucky to have an outstanding group of people centered in Sioux Falls to not only manage but move forward the goal of cornea donation and transplant in North Dakota.

This situation has left your North Dakota Lions Eye Bank with a wonderful dilemma: what to do with the funds gathered through Eye Bank operations and Lions Club Donations these past 20 years?

The discussion was detailed and carefully thought out among the board of directors that you, the Lions of North Dakota, elected.

As many of you also already know, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota was instrumental in establishing the Eye Bank, and at the end of the day was most definitely the best recipient for these funds. With the help of many very dedicated Lions, we came up with a dual plan for the cash and the investment funds we had.

Your Lions Foundation of North Dakota already administers a charitable grant account and has set up similar investment goals for that money; it was the "natural" recipient.

The "Fund Agreement" adopted by the Lions Eye Bank Board of Directors allowed for the establishment of a "Vision Grant Fund" with a direct initial contribution of \$70,000 for the purpose of supporting the North Dakota based services for the vision impaired.

When the Eye Bank is officially closed down in April, there will be an additional approximately \$6,000 added to this sum.

We still have to file a final IRS 990 form for our final year as well as pay for the accountant to complete and file this paperwork. At this writing, we do not anticipate any further expenses.

The Invest Financial Account, managed by Lion Jason Jaeger in Fargo, will be transferred intact to the Foundation with the recommendation that 60 percent of its income going forward be used to pay any account fees or management costs and 40 percent of its annual income be transferred to the "Vision Grant Fund."

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## Hosts and Hearts Needed for Youth Exchange

Ever wanted to make the world a better place, to create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world?

You can do it through Lions Clubs International Youth Exchange program – and you can do it now.

Lions District 5NE is hosting the annual MD5 Youth Exchange Camp July 16-22 near Drake.

Host families are needed for the international students. Approximately 20 youth will be here from other countries to spend a week with 20 youth from North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan.

The typical stay is four weeks, which includes the week at the camp. Host families will pick up their chosen youth at the arrival airport, likely Jamestown or Minot. You chose your vouth by reviewing a bit of information about them from their application form. You also fill out a host application form and the exchange begins. Usually the host family and youth are in touch by e-mail and other media before they arrive.

Camp begins at 4 p.m. July 16 and concludes at 11 a.m. July 22. The host family makes arrangements for transportation. Most often students arrive in the week before the camp and stay for another two or so weeks following camp. All youth speak English and have international health insurance. Youth are aware of the camp and exchange policy of no smoking and no drinking. They live with you as a member of your family, doing what you do.

Host families do not have to be Lions but must be recommended by Lions. The youth are sponsored by Lions Clubs in their host country. You do not have to have teenagers at home to be a host.

The youth, whose ages are 15-19, are talented, adventurous and interested in knowing about their host family, community and country.

Jan Coca is Dist. 5NE Youth Exchange chair, at 701.509.4901 or e-mail janicecoca@yahoo.com, or contact Carla Lein, at 701.781.0743.

Katherine Tweed is the camp registrar. Please contact her at 701.235.2115 or <u>ktweed@cableone.</u> <u>net</u>. As we go to press we have several international applicants but only a few from Multiple District 5.



Pat Vannett, candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International, spoke to South Dakota Lions at their state convention.

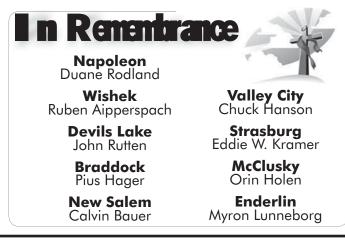
## Vannett at S.D. convention

Pat Vannett, Candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International, recently attended the South Dakota State Convention in Fort Pierre, S.D. Pat gave a heart-warming talk at their State Meeting on Saturday.

She thanked the group for their service and told of her own adventures in Lions.

Multiple District 5, consisting of North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan, has planned a special session one day event to vote in support of Pat for International Director.

This special event will be April 1,2017, at the Grand Hotel in Minot, North Dakota. Read more in the ND Lion Newsletter.



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#### Kulm Lions to celebrate 75th anniversary

In conjunction with the International Association of Lions Clubs 100th Anniversary the Kulm Lions will be celebrating the 75th Anniversary.

April 8, 2017, Kulm Community Center, 5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Banquet. Speaker is unknown at this time.

Bill Gackle, Sec. Kulm Lions Club

## Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.

#### Sustaining Memberships \* \$10

Jodi Ridenhower, Paul Ridenhower, Douglas Johnson, Steve Winkler, Shawn Hagen, Robert Larson, Dennis Schmidt, Michael Tischauser, Kelsey Brackel, Rick Hochhalter, Kenneth Diehl, Steven Schadler, Allen Fichter, Allen Hummel, Jerome Roehrich, Theo Stoller, Leslie Bartz, Terry Bentz, Randy Fischer, Kent Roehl, Peter Rouse, Anthony Ulrich, Guy Warren, Kurt Maxon, Reggie Pahl, Rick Michels, Jade Seibel, Myles Stoller, Bobby Walters, Paul Wutzke, Neal Dukart, Kenneth Friedt, Aaron Leverson, Harold Bless, Brandon Rafteseth, Dean Zimmerman, Doug Ballweber, Ronald Bartz, Jim Boehm, Willard Boyer, Dale Bren, James Heim, Elrov Herbel, Kevin Hertz, Jeff Hillius, George Hsu, Harlan Klein, Lloyd Klein, Shawn Lince, Jim Maier, Mario Maier, Ralph Meidinger, Travis Rafteseth, Arthur Rath, Duane Schatz, Martin Schock, Virgil Stern, Clarence Werner, Reuben Zacher, Jimmy Zimmerman, Dale Froemming

#### Memorials

In memory of Donald Stoltz JeAnne Selby, Earl & Marlene Larson,

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

#### **Bronze Club**

Chaffe Lions Club

Thank you Lions and Lions Clubs of North Dakota! It is only with your generous support, that we can continue to provide grants to assist with the great work you do in your communities!

## On behalf of Chris and Jan Helgesen and their family

A heartfelt THANK YOU to our friends and neighbors for your generosity and love. It was great to see so many of you at the breakfast. Also a special THANK YOU to the Sawyer Senior Citizen's Club, Sawyer Lion's Club, Sawyer Fire Department, City of Sawyer and to so many others for your hard work. It is so greatly appreciated.

## Exams and Glasses How to apply

BY DEL HAGER, LFND PRESIDENT

An issue that has arisen in many communities and with many Lions Clubs, in part, due to the incredible job being done by those involved with the Sight 4 Kidz Program, is the need to provide eye exams and glasses for many of the children referred for optometric services through the Program. In some locations, this has become a much larger financial burden placed upon local Lions Clubs than ever before.

In order to help address the problem, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota is asking Clubs to share some information with us. We would like to review the processes being used by local Lions Clubs in order to help establish a more universal application process. To that end, we're asking you to share your application form and format/ process with us. Not every community does it the same. Not everyone asks families the same questions. I'm aware of some places that involve Social Service agencies and some use school staff to reach out to families while in some communities it's the Lions Club themselves who take care of all the paperwork and deal with the optometric firms. Frankly, in some places the current process is not working very well.

Once information is accumulated from a sufficient number of Clubs, we will analyze it and put together a Universal Application Form and a suggested method for determining eligibility for financial assistance from Lions Clubs. We're looking for a way to learn from each other. We need to share our ideas and methods. If you have a wellrun system, please let us know. If you are having difficulty or are looking to streamline your process, we need to know that as well.

Please forward your current application forms and any other information you wish to share by email or USPS to Del Hager at: <u>del714@hotmail.com</u> or 1901 Chestnut St, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

# Sincere thank you

By LION DEL HAGER, LFND President

At the January quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, a financial agreement was reached with the LFND and the Executive Board of the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank.

The agreement involves the transfer of cash and investments previously managed by the NDLEB to the Foundation for the expressed purpose of establishing a Vision Projects Fund "... to support North Dakota based services for the vision impaired."

The announcement that the Eye Bank is reforming with South Dakota to become known as Dakota Lions Sight and Health has been well documented.

This newspaper has kept the Lions of North Dakota informed of the move and an official vote was cast at the

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## **5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

This is our eighth month as your District Governor and we have to admit that it has been going by extremely fast. The Governor's team has been doing an outstanding job in carrying out their duties.

The biggest event coming up is our "Spring Rally 2017" at Valley City on April 8th. DGE Keith Z. has been working, coordinating and directing our team to bring you the best training and seminars ever.

This training can help new club officers in their new positions. But, it's also good for those who have been officers for a while. Everyone could use a refresher course now and then. Plus, we have other seminars that you can find interesting.

What a great way to fellowship and have fun with other Lions from the district.

Later that evening, Lehr Lions Club will

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be celebrating its 75th Anniversary as a club. We will ensure that our training is completed in a timely manner for those who would like to attend the event.

This is a great club from a small town that has a huge vision for the future. They look back at their accomplishments and look ahead at the next mountain to climb. This club is full of "Lionism" and I really enjoyed visiting with them last month.

We still have a few clubs to visit and we are looking forward to fellowshipping with them. Visiting our clubs in the district is the most enjoyable part of being your district governor.

We have met a lot of great people in some outstanding clubs who understand the meaning of "Lionism." They are continually searching for service projects to make their communities a better place to live.

Our state is looking forward to PDG Pat Vannett's bid for International Director. She is on the campaign trail raising money for this prestigious position. She is supported by her district (5NW) as a candidate in good standing.

She has numerous accolades over the years as a Lion and has served in many positions from her club level, to district Governor and in the Multi-District 5 in the Global Leadership team.

She has been very instrumental in training many leaders throughout the Multi-District. We wish you success in you campaign



and know that you will be a superb International Director.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone of the Multi-District 5 convention that will be held in Deadwood South Dakota this May 19-20.

It looks like it's going to be a hum-dinger as we come together for the celebration of 100 years as Lion's International.

The celebration will be complete with marching bands, floats and hundreds of lions from Canada, North Dakota and South Dakota. We hope to see you there.

# **AB** seeks nominations

By CANDY LEIN, Chairperson

The North Dakota Association of the Blind, Inc., once again is seeking nominations for the Robert John LePage Service Award. Last year's recipient of the award, Leon Comeau of the South Forks Lions, received his award at the banquet during NDAB's state convention, which was held in Williston last June.

The Robert John LePage Service Award was established in 2008 in honor of the more than twenty-four years of service that Bob had contributed to people with sight loss.

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

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

Please feel free to resubmit the name of someone who has not been selected in the past, as it has always been difficult to make a selection from so many worthy nominees.

All applications will be reviewed by a committee of NDAB members, and one individual will be chosen to receive the award.

Please submit your nominee's application by March 31, 2017, and include the following information: the individual's name, club name, contact information for both yourself and the nominee, a letter outlining the types of service provided to individuals with sight loss within the community, the number of years as a Lions member, any offices held, committees chaired, and a brief letter from the club president.

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

#### Lions Foundation of North Dakota awards grant

At the quarterly board of directors meeting in Mandan on January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota approved and awarded a grant to assist the Minot Magic City Lions Club with their Utility Box Art Project.

The grant of \$1,500 was limited by the amount of funds available in the grant account.

To date, grants totaling \$55,043.82 have been awarded to North Dakota Lions clubs to assist with projects in their communities.

# **District 5NE Spring Rally**

April 8th will be the day to set aside for a fun and informative Spring Rally and Training opportunity for Lions Members of District 5NE. We have planned a day filled with several programs of interest to all. Several dynamic speakers and presenters have been invited to keep your interest throughout the day. Plus a great luncheon program and speaker will be featured.

The Rally will be held at Valley City State University in the Student Center located at 101 College St. SW. The time will be from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM with a District cabinet meeting to follow after all programs are completed.

It is suggested that each club send several members from their club but please try to have your current President, Secretary / Treasurer and also those that will fill those positions in the 2017 – 2018 year.

#### Please register early so final plans can be completed. There are no registration fees for this event.

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8:30 Registration	
9:15 - 10:00 Session one	
Room	(A) Youth Programs Panel PDG Judy Beaudry, Carla Lein, Jan Coca
Room	(B) Effective meetings and Getting Members Involved, PDG David Jensen, PDG Pat Vannett, 2nd VDG Rob Lein
Room	(C) Notes from MD5 and LFND - PDG Kevin Vannett
10:10 - 10:50 Session two	
Room	(A) Presidents Training and - other notes DG Luis, DGE Keith, PDG Rick
Room	(B) Secretary/Treasurer training - MyLCI and Reports –Jan Coca, Kristi Swenson
Room	
11:00 - 11:45 Session Thre	
Room	Dakota Lions Sight and Health- Eye and tissue donation– Alan Berdahl Lunch/Tailtwisting (Funds go to Youth Camp)
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch/Tailtwisting (Funds go to Youth Camp)
12:30	SpeakerPDG David Jensen
1:45 - 2:30 Session Four -	repeat of session one so you can attend more than one topic
Room	(A) Youth Program's Panel PDG Judy Beaudry, Carla Lein, Jan Coca
Room	(B) Effective meetings and Getting Members Involved
5	PDG David Jensen, PDG Pat Vannett, 2nd VDG Rob Lein
Room	(C) Notes from MD5 and LFND PDG Kevin Vannett
2:45 - 3:15 Session five	
Room	Vision Mission to Haiti - Kory Peterson - What happens to all those used glasses?
3:30	
3:45	5NE Cabinet Meeting

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State Convention's Annual Meeting in Rugby this past October.

There's an old saying that goes: "Whenever one door closes, another opens." That message seems to be appropriate for this occasion. The Eye Bank was formed out of the LFND and operated as a very successful entity until it was determined that a better way of doing business was in order. We are all better off thanks to the dedication of many North Dakota Lions who, over the years, served on the Board of Directors of the Eye Bank; served on their Executive Board; provided transportation to deliver eye tissue; contributed financially as individuals and as local Lions Clubs; and, gave assistance and support in many other ways. Today, another door has opened. Special "thanks" and noted appreciation goes out to members of the current Eye Bank BOD who presented the Agreement at the Foundation meeting and participated in the discussion and signing of the document: President Mike Blazek; Secretary Chuck Whitney; and, Treasurer Lois Reierson.

In years to come, long after the current members of the LFND Board of Directors are no longer serving on the Board, the Vision Fund will be here to help citizens of North Dakota. Much planning will take place in the coming months to make this an extremely meaningful project. Details on how Lions Clubs can access this money through Grants will be made available as soon as possible.

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



Dear Minot Friend,

On February 25th, 2017 – The MinOt Magic City Lions together with Service Dogs for America will be hosting the  $3^{rd}$ <u>Annual</u> "PURSES for a PURPOSE" benefiting our North Dakota wounded warriors. The Lions want to secure funds for ND veterans in need of a service dog for their invisible wounds.

The event will help raise vital funds for <u>Service Dogs for America's</u> - Wounded Warrior program. A service dog can help decrease suicide, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the negative impact of traumatic brain injuries in our veterans. PTSD causes invisible wounds that lead them to check out of society and check out of life. A service dog is trained to understand their story and their needs. However, these dogs can cost up to \$20,000 making this lifeline hard to afford for many.



The first two PURSES for a PURPOSE events have raised over \$38,500! Those funds, along with grants and other generous donations, continue to assist our North Dakota veterans to receive their PTSD service dog at <u>zero cost</u>! This year, your contribution is more critical than ever, as state funding has been drastically reduced due to budget cuts. 100% of all proceeds raised will be donated directly to the Wounded Warrior program at Service Dogs for America. So together, let's tell our deserving heroes.........We have your back!



#### PURSES for a PURPOSE

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 2:00 – 6:00 pm Sleep Inn & Suites Hotel–Minot, ND



will help the

#### Sponsorship levels available:

- \_\_\_\$100 **Wristlet** (receive event acknowledgement)
- \_\_\_\$250 Handbag (2 General tickets, pre-event and event acknowledgement)
- \_\_\_\$500 **Clutch** (4 General tickets Logo at event, all pre-event acknowledgements)
- \_\_\_\$1000 Brief Case (VIP table for 4 Logo at event, all pre-event and event acknowledgements)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Silent & Live Auction Sponsor Donate an item!

Thank you in advance for your generous support for our North Dakota veterans!

Sincerely,

Magic City Lions and PFAP Chair - Tricia Nechodom

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Magic City Lions with a donation for PURSES for a PURPOSE.

All checks should be made payable to: Magic City Lions Club Questions: Contact Tricia Nechodom: <u>tricianechodom@gmail.com</u> or 701-857-7916

<u>Service Dogs for America</u> is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization - IRS EIN#-45-0427665 Serving individuals with disabilities for over 28 years. For more – visit <u>www.servicedogsforamerica.org</u>

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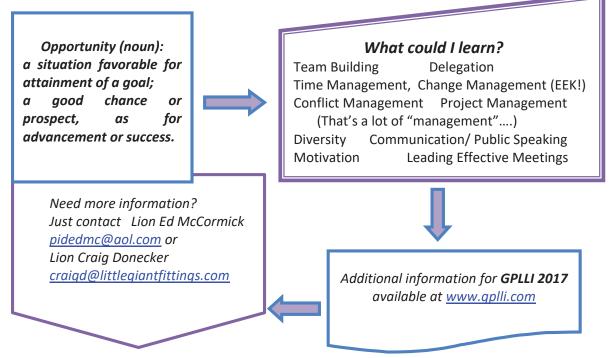


Lion Dave says....



Everybody knows Iowa Lion Dave Stoufer. If Dave says it's amazing, it's amazing!!!!!

What is GPLLI?	GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Where?	Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri
When?	Dave says July 21-23, 2017
Cost?	\$175 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 1 <sup>st</sup> , cost increases to \$200 beginning May 2, 2017
Who can attend?	Any Lion, Lioness, or LEO who's 18 or older, who has not yet served as District Governor as of July 2017



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Just yesterday as I and many more of us watched the most incredible Superbowl comeback of any year in the history of Super Bowls, it made me think of this game played on Sunday, and Lions.

First of all hats off to the New England Patriots and Tom Brady. Someone asked me why I was such a New England Patriots fan all of a sudden, as many people know I am a die hard Vikings fan.

My reply was (something I stole from a friend of mine, Lewellyn Rustan, that) "I come from New England, so why wouldn't I be a Patriots fan. New England North Dakota, that is!

We as Lions have had many challenges in regards to our worldwide association. Since we are celebrating our Centennial right now, we can look back and reminisce on what Lions have accomplished around the world, from becoming an international association only a few years after we were founded, to the 46,000 clubs we have right now.

Talk about a challenge, in

February of 1945 our Lions founder, Melvin Jones and Lions Clubs International were invited to assist in drafting the United Nations charter. For generations, Lions and the U.N. have shared many common goals and worked together to further peace and prosperity.

And what about our foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF was established in 1968. LCIF awarded its first grant in 1972 to flood victims in the Rapid City S.D. area.

From that day forward till today our foundation has done so much in humanitarian needs around the world such as Campaign Sight First II, raising \$200 million to fight river blindness and saving the eyesight of many doing cataract surgeries and other eye care services.

LCIF is tackling a wide range of problems every day. Be proud of your foundation and please support LCIF at the club level and by personal donation.

Just think about the

mountains we have climbed these past few months in 5NW. We had a great North Dakota State Lions Convention in Rugby with great attendance. We have learned from this convention that we can do an awesome job hosting an event this big even in a small community.

Our clubs are showing off Centennial Service Challenge campaigns in bigger and better ways in their communities. Legacy project are getting started and completed all over our district.

The new Orientation program is being presented at the club level for all Lion members. Fundraisers across our district have taken place or are scheduled to take place these next few months, including a 'Souper Bowl' fundraiser for Leader Dog for the Blind in Beulah, to another fundraiser 'Purses for a Purpose' with the proceeds going to Service Dogs for America which will be in Minot Feb. 25.

Our Sight for Kidz vision screening program is a great



success again this year. Our screeners have screened thousands of children this past year. Should we be proud of these things that we have accomplished? You bet we should!

And what about leadership? We are sending our upcoming leaders to Institutes and Forums. We have sent young Lions to Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in Yankton, S.D. this past summer.

We have also sent an upcoming leader to Advanced Lions Leadership Institute in Houston Texas and another upcoming leader to Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in

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District governor installed new members at Prairie Rose Lions Club. **8** THE ND LION | February 2017



**Beulah Lions Super Bowl Party** First place for decorative booth. PDG Judy Beaudry, PDG Pat and PDG Kevin Vannett.

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Chicago. We have zone chairperson's doing a great job visiting clubs and having zone meetings across our district.

We have identified new leaders and are encouraging them to participate in being future leaders in our district. Having all of these new and upcoming leaders trained and our zone chairs gaining experience, the future here at 5NW looks very bright!

How about our candidate for International Director. PDG Pat Vannett! This is a

very exciting time for us as Lions in District 5NW. We have never had a candidate to become an International Director. PDG Pat has been out in our multiple district campaigning, traveling, visiting clubs, zone meetings and conventions sharing her message with as many people as she can.

In our MD5 on April 1st in Minot, all of us will have the opportunity to be present at the Council of Governors special convention to vote and show our support for her.

## New Lions in District 5NW

Seven clubs of District 5NW added 8 new members in January!

#### Clubs that added members are:

Bismarck	1		
Dickinson Noon	1		
Lake Metigoshe	1		
Minot Magic City	1		
Mott	1		
Watford City	1		
Williston	2		
Thirteen clubs have positive net growth for the	year:		
Beulah	4		
Bismarck	5		
Bismarck Prairie Rose	1		
Glenburn	2		
Lake Metigoshe	2		
Mandan	14		
Mandan Dacotah	2		
New England	1		
Richardton	3		
Scranton	3		
South Heart	1		
Stanley	3		
Washburn	12		
District 5NW clubs dropped 14 members in			
December, for a net loss of 6.			

December, for a net loss of 6. 1,241.

Total membership in the District

We have begun the membership drive campaign with a few clubs. With the teams working cooperatively together, we can reverse this trend. Call me if you're ready to go to work. We'll help you get your membership activated and growing!

Lewellvn Rustan **5NW Global Membership Team Coordinator** 

This vote is so important for PDG Pat Vannett to move forward to continue her journey to become an International Director to represent us here at home. and the world.

So please mark your calendar to be present and vote on Saturday, April 1st at the Grand Inn, Minot, to be a part of this great venture with PDG Pat Vannett and her journey.

Our Spring Rally is going to be a great one again this year. First Vice District Governor, Garv Morel chairs the event and has been working very hard getting the details worked out. This vears rally will be held in South Heart at the school on March 25 starting with registration at 9:00 am Mountain Time.

We started off our new Lions year back in July with our membership growing and growing in

our district, however in the last few months, our membership has dropped off dramatically.

We must continue asking people to join Lions. ask people to help with a service project, and ask our community to celebrate our Centennial with us. Every new member that joins Lions impacts the lives of 50 people.

As one of our zone chairperson has said, if every Lion member would invite one person to a Lions meeting or function each year we would have more Lions to do more service.

I want to thank all of vou for serving your club and your community. As President Bob Corlew says, "It's fun. It's fulfilling. It's in the giving that we receive." Let's make the 2nd half of our Lions year even better than our first!

#### Can't you hear those Roarin' Lions

Two District 5NW Lions have earned the Roarin' Lion Award in December and January.

Another first timer is Lee Gunlikson of the Williston Korner Lions Club, qualifying in January. Kent Reierson, also a Williston Korner Lion, qualified for his second year bar in December. Maybe Zone Chair Lois Reierson had something to do with getting those two Lions to "git 'er done."

This brings the total number of Roarin' Lions in District 5NW to 33 since the program was started in 2011. It's so simple to join this elite group.

Here's all you have to do: • Attend one hour Lions Orientation Program Attend your club Board of Directors Meeting • Participate in a club Service or Fundraising Project Fulfill a club Committee Assignment Visit another Lions Club • Attend a Zone Meeting or other District Meeting Bring a New Guest to a club meeting Although the orientation program at the Spring Rally will

last less than one hour, we do honor that as fulfilling that first requirement. What a fantastic opportunity to complete three of the seven! See \*And, see you at the Rally!

For application forms, or more information contact me at: irite@ndsupernet.com or 579-4347 PDG Lewellyn Rustan, Roarin' Lion Program Chair

#### **MD5 Endorsement for International Director Candidate**

#### **SPECIAL CONVENTION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The Council of Governors of MD5 has set **April 1, 2017** as the date for a special convention to endorse a candidate from Multiple District 5 to run for the position of International Director of Lions Clubs International. This notice serves as the official call for clubs to participate (Section VI, Section 2 of Standard Form District By-Laws). This special convention will begin at 2:00 pm and coincide with the MD5 Council of Governors meeting to be held at the Grand Hotel in Minot, North Dakota. **There is no registration cost associated with the convention**.

This special convention has been set to allow additional time for an international director candidate from MD5 to coordinate fundraising, planning and promotion prior to the International Convention scheduled June 30-July 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

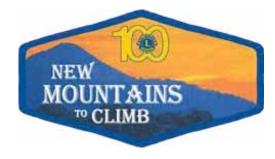
All clubs in good standing may send voting delegates based upon official membership figures provided by LCI. The certification process follows established practices set by LCI: Each chartered Lions club in good standing in the association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten members or portion thereof. The number of members is based upon the number of club members as of February 28, 2016.

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#### **Registration Form for Special Convention**

Lion's Name	District
Club_Name	Number of Club Members as of February 28, 2016:
Address	
Email:	Telephone
Number of Dinner meal requested at \$	20 a plate



## VISION GRANT continued from page 1

policies for disbursement from this fund will be the responsibility of the Foundation moving forward.

The 60/40 split may seem a bit conservative at this moment, but what we cannot foresee is the premium we may have to pay to maintain high grade investment bonds within that account in the future.

If at all possible, we want to keep this Fund growing so that it can help pay for the vision needs of our people. A final thank you is entirely appropriate at this point, as Lion Aaron Birst from Bismarck was instrumental in writing the initial document, and Lions Mark Westin and Paula Swanson were key people helping us to clarify some of the details in the agreement.

At the Saturday Jan. 14, 2017 meeting of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota in Mandan, the Fund Agreement was signed by Lions Foundation President Del Hager, Treasurer Ken Davis and Secretary Lewellyn Rustan. On behalf of the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, the signatories were President Mike Blazek, Treasurer Lois Reierson, and Secretary Chuck Whitney.

With the disbursement of these funds, we have moved forward with the official dissolution of the Lions Eye Bank which will be complete in April after the filing of the final IRS 990 form and the Articles of Dissolution with the North Dakota Secretary of State.

A HUGE Thank YOU goes out to the Lions of North Dakota who have loyally supported the Eye Bank all these years. As you can see we have left your support in very good hands.

#### FUND AGREEEMENT

THIS FUND AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made this day of October 1st, 2016 between the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota, ("Donor"), c/o Lois Reierson, Treasurer LEBND, residing at 1321 25<sup>th</sup> St. W in Williston, ND 58801, and the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc., ("Foundation"), doing business in Mandan, North Dakota, 58554, using PO Box 248,.

#### 1. Creation of the Fund.

Initial Contribution: Donor hereby contributes \$214,409.10 (value determined by market values as of 1/11/17) from the current investment account of cash (\$2,787.10, more or less) and bonds (\$210,622.00, more or less), to the Foundation for the creation of the Vision Projects Fund ("Fund"). Donor also donates \$70,000.00 (plus residual \$7,087.42, more or less, less any final expenses at final dissolution of the Donor) to the Foundation to establish a Vision Grant Fund. Other entities or persons may also make a subsequent contribution to the Fund. All contributions to the Fund shall be administered pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Foundation hereby agrees to accept the responsibility to ensure the Fund is managed according to this agreement.

#### 2. Purpose of Fund.

The purpose of the Fund is to support North Dakota based services for the vision impaired.

#### 3. Distributions from the Fund.

(a) We recommend that the Foundation spend no more than 40% of the interest accrued by the Fund annually. The remaining 60% of the earned interested would be applied to the expenses of managing the fund and the balance added to the principal's balance.

(b) The Foundation's distributions from the Fund must be in accordance with a Spending Policy adopted by the Foundation's Board of Managers consistent with the purpose for the creation of the fund.

#### 4. Administration.

(a) The Fund is intended to be a component part of the Foundation.

(b) The Foundation shall administer the Fund in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, under and subject to the Foundation's governing instruments, as amended from time to time, and in accordance with procedures for the administration of similar funds of the Foundation, including charges for Foundation services. The Fund, and distributions from the Fund, shall be subject to the ultimate control and absolute discretion of the Foundation.

(c) No distribution shall be made from the Fund to satisfy any debts or administrative obligations of the foundation beyond the purpose of the fund or to satisfy any debts or obligations of any individual who is a member or relative of a member of the foundation's board of directors.

(d) Any recipient of benefits from the Fund shall be advised that such benefits are from the Fund. 5. Controlling Law.

This agreement shall be governed in all respects by the laws of North Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Foundation and the Donor have executed this Agreement.

LEBND

Michael Blazek, President LEBND

Date:

Chuck Whitney, FRND

Lois Reierson, Treasurer, LEBND

LFND. Inc

Del Hager, President LFND, Inc.

Lewellyn Rustan, Secretary, LFND, Inc. KEN Davis, Treasurer, LFND, Inc.

## Club News

## New Rockford



#### **After Christmas Party**

The New Rockford Lions held their annual after Christmas, Christmas party on Sunday Jan. 8. Everyone brought a appetizer to share and a gift to exchange. We all got our own "ugly sweater" cookie to decorate. Prizes were given out to the best ugliest sweater and the sweater with the most frosting and candy. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing board games.

## Fargo Gateway\_



## Presentation to 'The Village'

At a recent January meeting Lion President Byron Klebe of the Fargo Gateway Lions is seen presenting The Village Family Service of Fargo a check for \$1,000. The gift will be used at the Nokomis Daycare Center to help offset expenses for the daycare by keeping rates very low for families in need.

## Williston Korner



## Lions collect food

The Williston Korner Lions collected nonperishable food items during the Worldwide Week of Service to Prevent Hunger. The food items were donated to the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Food Pantry. Pictured, from left, are Roni Gravgaard and Lois Reierson.

## Magic City\_



#### New member

LeAnn Tennyson is pictured with her sponsor, Lion Susanne Hoskin. LeAnn became a member of the Magic City Lions Feb. 7.



## **Cross joins Lions**

Lion Josh Ressler sponsored Kevin Cross to become a new member of the Magic City Lions club on January 31, 2017.

## Club News

### Carrington



## Sight 4 Kidz

Carrington Lions Club members with the help of New Rockford Lions Club member, Kristi Swenson screened 74 elementary and preschool children Jan. 26 at Carrington Elementary School and Carington Preschool. Lions who helped with the screening were as follows. Front: Krisit Swenson and Illa Zink. Back: Mary Topp, Mary Ann Zwinger, Judy Swanson, and Sharon Paintner.

## New England\_



## New England Lion honored

Past District Governor Lewellyn Rustan, Walter (Butch) Frank, District Governor Mark Koller

The New England Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to member Walter (Butch) Frank at their January meeting.

Lion Butch joined the New England Lions Club in 2006 after moving his manufacturing business, Bear Tech Industries to New England in 2002.

He currently serves as the club's secretary. He also serves as Lions District 5NW Information Technology chair and District Administrator, and assists all of the Lions clubs and various Lions organizations in the state with their internet needs. He has developed several web sites, and produces the annual North Dakota Lions Directory.



## Lions present check

Carrington Lions treasurer, Tom Paintner, presents Carrington City Librarian Vivian Overby a check for \$500 to be used for general operating expenses for the city library. The Carrington Lions held a French Toast and Sausage Supper to raise the funds that were donated.

#### Elgin



## Lions given special awards

Lion District Governor Mark Koller, Lion Robert Larson and Lion Rick Hochhalter.

The Elgin Lions Club held their 60th annual Christmas party and awards ceremony on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2017 at Our Place Cafe with family, friends and Lions members from both Lions Clubs.

Both Lions Clubs have a membership of nearly 90 members. Special guests were Lion District Governor Mark Koller and his wife Lion Karen from New England.

The District Governor presented special Awards to Lion Robert Larson with the Melvin Jones plaque and Lion of the Year to Lion Rick Hochhalter.

Other Lions recognized were Lion Art Rath and Lion Clarence Werner for 50 years of service to the Elgin Lions Club.

Lion President Ron Bartz recognized several Lions with Perfect Attendance pins. Photo by Lion Duane Schatz.

#### NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME APPLICATION FORM

THE	LIONS CLUB NOMINATES				FOR THE N	IORTH DAKOTA LIONS HA	LL OF FAM	E
	Two seconding statement	s are req	juired, one of	which must be	from the clu	b president.		
	SE		A - Minimum	Requirements				
This nominee has been a me	ember of the Lions Clu			Requirements				
	ember of Lions for 20 or more years: Yes	No						
	ember of a North Dakota Lions Club for 15 o	or more year	rs: Yes No					
	d a minimum of 10 non-club rallies and cor							
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Fundraiser Chair Memb	a Lions Club as (Check all that apply): F bership Chair (Pos. Growth)	President	_ Secretary Tr		s Director			
Nominee has been named	by club as: Lion of the YearTimes Me	elvin Jones Fe	ellowTimes					
Nominee's Convention At	tendance (times): State	Mult	tiple District	International	USA/Co	nada Forum		
District Leadership Rally			er	(list them)	-			
Nominee has served in dis	strict cabinet as (indicate number of time	s): Secretary	Treasurer	Zone ChairReg	ion Chair	Committee Chair		
Nominee served on board	d of directors of (list number of years): N	D Foundatio	on		ND Eye Bank			
Nominee has served as a A	MD5 committee chair (list number of tim	es):	Nom	inee was elected as	District Govern	or (list year):		
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	etsecretary and/or treasurer	2.0	37.	Each year Club Branch	advisor* (list yea	rs and clubs) (6 max)	2.0	
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	he Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc.	2.0	39.	Each year Rebuilding C	lub Award* (list y	ears and (clubs) (6 max)	2.0	
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AT THIS POINT NOMINEES MUST HAVE A MINIMUM OF 125 POINTS FOR NON-DISTRICT GOVERNORS AND 250 POINTS FOR PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH THE APPLICATION. IF YOU HAVE EXCEEDED THE THRESHOLDS, PLEASE COMPLETE THE REST OF THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT IT APPLICATIONS OF NOMINEES WITH POINT TOTALS ABOVE THOSE THRESHOLDS BUT WERE NOT SELECTED AS THE WINNER WILL BE INCLUDED FOR CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING TWO YEARSFOR WHICH ADDENDA MAY BE ADDED.

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

This section requests a written statement covering anything that was not covered in Section C. It may be in outline or paragraph form and no more than 150 words. Use a separate sheet. <u>Maximum 10 Points</u> SECTION E - Non-Lion Activities

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

#### SECTION F - Biography

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

#### SECTION G | Nominee Certification

NAME		ADDRECC	CITY	STATE/ZIP	
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TELEPHONE (home)	(cell)	NOMINEE SIGNATURE	E-MAIL		
Club Certification: We certify that	t the information provided herein is a	true and accurate rendering taken from club reco	ords and other veritiable sources.		
CLUB PRESIDENT	CLUB NAME	SIGNATURE	DA	TE	
CLUB SECRETARY	E-MAIL	SIGNATURE		DATE	-

Applications must be postmarked on or before APRIL 15, 2017. This application must be fully completed and signed by the appropriate parties and returned along with a 4X5 or smaller photograph. Mail to Kevin Vannett • 1101 Sunset Drive • Mandan • ND 58554

#### DISTRICT 5NE SPRING RALLY Register early to attend the 2017 Spring Rally to be held at Valley City State University April 8, 2017 from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

This rally and training event is open to all members of Lions from District 5NE. It is suggested that the current and next year's club officers attend this event. We have an exciting day planned for you. It will be held in the Student Center located at 101 College Street on the campus of Valley City State University. We ask that you register early so that final plans can be made for those attending. There is no registration fee for this event.

To register please contact DGE Keith Zeutschel 5703 100th ave s. Horace ND 58047 zeutsch@msn.com or cell # 701-799-4997

#### Press Release: MD5 Endorsement for International Director Candidate

The Council of Governors of MD5 has set April 1, 2017 as the date for a special convention to endorse a candidate from Multiple District 5 to run for the position of International Director of Lions Clubs International. This notice serves as the official call for clubs to participate (Section VI, Section 2 of Standard Form District By-Laws). This special convention will begin at 2:00 pm and coincide with the MD5 Council of Governors meeting to be held at the Grand Hotel in Minot, North Dakota. There is no registration cost associated with the convention.

This special convention has been set to allow additional time for an international director candidate from MD5 to coordinate fundraising, planning and promotion prior to the International Convention scheduled June 30-July 4, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois.

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Club	Number of Club Members as of February 28, 2016:
Address	
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# 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 !!
- Golf Items
- Once-In-A-Lifetime Experiences
- Fishing Items

- Vacation Trip Packages
   Golf Items
- Creative Artwork/ Craft Items
- Creative Artwork/ Craft Items
   Unique Dining Experiences
- Music Memorabilia
- Sports Memorabilia
  - Fun Outings in Your Area
  - Hot Air Balloon Rides

#### Fundraiser planned for Mary Halverson to help defray medical cost Hosted by the Mandan Dacotah Lions Mandan Pizza Ranch • Monday, Feb. 27th • 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## PID Jack Epperson will be at 5NW Spring Rally, March 25



Jack Epperson from Dayton, Nevada, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as director of Lions Club International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 through 8, 2014. A member of the Dayton Valley Lions Club, and a Lion since 2001, he has held many offices including District Governor, District GLTand region chairperson. Director Epperson and his wife, Mary, also a Lion have one son, two daughters and eight grandchildren.

District SNW DGE Gary Morel

Our 16th Annual Spring Rally at South Heart will be on March 25. Registration will begin at 9:00 am Mountain Time. We will have many interesting sessions. There will be a Bake goods auction during lunch. All funds will go to PDG Pat Vannett International Director Campaign. Register early for 3 door prize tickets, deadline March 11. Contact DGEGary Morel, 225-8407, 290-8407. brokenarrow57.gm @gmail.com

# **16th Annual Spring Rally** March 25, 2017 at South Heart High School **Registration begins at 9 am Mountain Time**

The Rally is free for all Lions of District 5NW, and includes Lunch and breaks

Free Raffle Tickets for early registration



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DGE Gary More!	<sup>,</sup> 10692 50th St SW <sup>,</sup>	• Dickinson, NO58601	or call (701)	225-8407	or 290-8407
	Or e-mail to	obrokenarrow57.gm@g	ymail.com		

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