



Robert Littlefield Induction

North Dakota Lions State Convention



Quilt winner

Lion Sharon Larson of the Mott Lions Club (left) displays the Prairie Rose Lions' quilt which she won at the state Lions convention. Helping her to hold it is Carolyn Lean, a member of the Prairie Rose Lions. The club members had fun selling arm-lengths of tickets at the hospitality room and breakfast, and through that effort raised \$880 for Camp Sioux, a camp for diabetic youngsters. The quilt top was designed and sewn by Lion Ellie Meeks, and about a dozen different Prairie Rose members (and two international exchange students) hand-quilted it around an old fashioned quilt frame. This was a great "Dollars for Diabetes" project!



Melvin Jones family

An all-Melvin Jones family! Lion Sandy Ressler received a Melvin Jones fellowship from the Prairie Rose Lions club at the convention, joining fellow Melvin Jones recipients, son Jamie and husband Scott Ressler of North Star Lions, and son Josh Ressler of Minot Magic City.



Littlefield inducted

PID Robert Littlefield being inducted into the ND Lions Hall of Fame. Instead of receiving a ring, he designated the donation to go to Sight 4 Kidz. PDG Kevin Vannett presided over the induction ceremony.



Leadership

A wealth of leadership! Here are all of North Dakota's Past International Directors along with our new International Director and our special guest speaker. This picture was taken at the Heritage Center icebreaker at the State Convention. From left to right are PID Robert Littlefield, PID Bill Gackle, PID Dana Biggs, Past International President Bill Biggs, PID Bruce Schwartz, and ID Pat Vannett.

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Join the Worldwide Diabetes Day

As I write this article, I am preparing for two events relating to Diabetes. First, I am so excited to be collaborating with the two district chairpersons from North Dakota on a Diabetes seminar being held at our state convention, November 4, 2017. Secondly, I am preparing for our first full board of directors meeting where the entire board will participate in a World Diabetes Day event on November 14, in Delhi, India.

Diabetes – Worldwide Epidemic

The World Health Organization estimates that over 422 million people worldwide have diabetes, a growing world epidemic that is expected to affect over 642 million by 2040.

Key facts

The number of people with diabetes has risen from 108 million in 1980 to 422 million in 2014 (1).

The global prevalence of

diabetes* among adults over 18 years of age has risen from 4.7% in 1980 to 8.5% in 2014 (1).

Diabetes prevalence has been rising more rapidly in middle- and low-income countries.

Diabetes is a major cause of blindness, kidney failure, heart attacks, stroke and lower limb amputation.

In 2015, an estimated 1.6 million deaths were directly caused by diabetes. Another 2.2 million deaths were attributable to high blood glucose in 2012**.

Almost half of all deaths attributable to high blood glucose occur before the age of 70 years. WHO projects that diabetes will be the seventh leading cause of death in 2030 (1).

Healthy diet, regular physical activity, maintaining a normal body weight and avoiding tobacco use are ways to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Diabetes can be treated, and its consequences avoided or delayed with diet, physical activity, medication and regular screening and treatment for complications.

Lions and Diabetes Awareness

With these statistics and concerns in mind, Lions have acted through the Diabetes program. Our work supports diabetes awareness, education, prevention, detection, control, and research.

Joining Forces to Fight Diabetes

Lions work with local community partners and national diabetes associations to promote diabetes education and awareness throughout the year. We also commemorate World Diabetes Day, an annual campaign led by the International Diabetes Federation on November 14.

Fellow Lions, we have the forces to make a difference in the lives of so

many. Consider new ways to assisting those families affected by this disease. Watch for articles, tools and videos as they roll out. Especially during the 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas!

Grateful

Kevin and I are grateful for our Lions family. I know that our Canadian friends have already celebrated their Thanksgiving Day and our US friends are celebrating soon. Kevin and I want to wish all of you and your families health and happiness. We are so grateful to consider each of you as part of our family.

Remember “Kindness Matters.” Keep making a positive difference in our world.

Lion Pat



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Lions Foundation of ND Update...

By Lion Del Hager, President LFND

Greetings to the Lions of North Dakota. We just finished one of the finest Lions Conventions I've ever attended! Congratulations and thanks to the many Lions of the Bismarck and Mandan area who worked so very hard to make the Convention a success! Job well done!

I'm happy and proud to report that the Lions Foundation of North Dakota is operating on very solid ground both financially and programmatically. The members of the Board of Directors are excellent leaders in their own right and are serious about their responsibility to be good stewards of the financial resources entrusted to them.

To that end, the Board oversees the management of highly successful programs and projects like the Video Magnifier program, the Sight 4 Kidz program and Eye glass recycling. In addition, the Board reviews grants submitted by local Lions clubs for a wide variety of Lions related projects in local communities. More recently, the Foundation began a Sight Fund Grant program for clubs wishing to apply for assistance to help individuals with the cost of examinations, glasses and even diabetes related expenses that are often closely associated with serious vision problems. The contact person for more information on the grants is the Executive Director of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Lion Lois Reiersen. She can be contacted at gramma_lois@hotmail.com or by looking to the Foundation website at ndlions.org. Thirty-six grants totaling nearly \$60,000 have been approved to date!

The Standing Operating Procedure states: "The Lions Foundation of North Dakota was established to mirror the Lions Clubs International Foundation, with North Dakota beneficiaries rather than international beneficiaries." As a 501(c)(3) corporation, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota qualifies to receive tax deductible charitable contributions from individuals.

The Foundation meets on a quarterly basis to conduct official business. Any Lion in good standing is welcome and encouraged to attend a Foundation Board of Directors meeting. For 2018, our meetings are January 13, April 28 and July 14. The final meeting of the calendar year occurs during the State Convention.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may reach me at del714@hotmail.com. Please check out the website as well.

ND Parade of Green

\$53,835 raised through the ND Parade of Green Lions of North Dakota, WOW, WOW, WOW is all I can say. This year, the Parade of Green was the best parade we have had to date, and it goes to show that when we all come together we really can make a huge impact. Below is a breakdown of the fund received, but again let me say WOW, and way to go North Dakota Lions! – Paula Swanson, Secretary LFND

LCIF 5 NE	\$3,655
LCIF 5NW	5,685
Video magnifier	500
Lions Fdn of ND	7,561
Sight 4 Kids	5,700
Dakota Lions Sight & Health	6,301
Leader Dogs for the Blind NW	3,400
Leader Dogs for the Blind NE	4,425
Service Dogs for America	8,750
Vision USA	1,989
ND Assn of the Blind	550
ND School of the Blind	1,150
MD5 Youth Camp	300
Lions Diabetic Occular Center	100
Silent Auction (LCIF)	3,769
TOTAL	\$53,835

Convention Wrap-Up

Thanks to all of you who made the recent state Lions Convention in Bismarck a great success, and a lot of fun. First of all, there were 310 Lions and spouses registered! So the biggest thank-you goes out to those of you who attended, especially with the dubious weather reports going into the weekend. We were really pleased by the attendance.

Secondly, thanks to all of the clubs and individuals who donated items for the silent auction, which raised \$3765! That amount will be donated to LCIF's disaster response fund. We know that all of our neighboring Lions to the south have suffered a great deal of hurricane damage this summer, and this will help to bolster the fund that makes the work of LCIF possible.

Also, thanks to the willing workers from all four Lions Clubs in Bismarck. Without your help, we could not have had the event that we had. All of you, working together, made our jobs easier.

Brach Johnson and Scott Ressler
Convention Chairmen

**GET THE
WORD OUT!**



Send in the detail of your Club's upcoming events and they will be featured in the monthly Lion's newspaper!

Let us know what your Club has been up to – submit photos and write-ups and share the great ideas and successes with Lions readers!

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings to all Lions and friends of Lions! Did you attend the 2017 ND Lions State convention? Wasn't that a great convention put on by the clubs in Bismarck and Mandan. Our Hats are off to PDG Brach Johnson and Lion Scott Ressler and their entire crew for the planning and completion of this convention. They did a super job! If you did not attend, you missed a great time. Start making plans to attend the next state convention in Grand Forks in October 2018 and also the Multiple District 5 convention scheduled for May 17 – 19, 2018 in Bismarck. Registration forms are available and remember those who register early receive a discounted rate. More details will be forthcoming. The next Lions International convention will be held in Las Vegas on June 29-July 3, 2018.

Is your club interested in hosting the ND Lions State convention in the future? The convention rotates between 5NE and 5NW on alternate years. 5NW hosted it this year, Grand Forks will host it in 2018, and 5NW will again host it in 2019 in Medora. The Carrington Lions were awarded the State Convention for 2020. It takes time to plan and coordinate this event so if your club or group of clubs are considering it, please contact a member of the leadership team in 5NE. Ideally a location should be selected three to four years in advance so that speaker's schedules can be arranged.

My club visits are off to a great start. It is nice to see such active clubs in the district. What is even more exciting is that I have already inducted several new members into the clubs

I have visited. Keep up the great work of searching for new members. If you want to induct new members into your club when I or my DG team visits your club, just let us know. We can also help with awards presentations. If you ever have a question or issue about something in your club, be sure to speak to my team during visits or just email them to me. I have had several questions and issues presented already this year. Most I was able to answer on the spot, some I had to research and currently I am working on a few others with requests sent to LCI. It is always best to ask instead of letting it grow into a much larger problem later. We can't fix what we do not know about.

Speaking of fixes, have you verified your current roster of members lately? You can go into MyLCI and see your club information easily, however; if you don't use the MyLCI site be sure to contact my team for a current list of members when we visit your club. I have come across several clubs that have members listed that are no longer a member of the club. Remember, you are billed by LCI and the district for dues of these members even if they no longer pay dues to your club. Also, if a member has not been placed on your roster they do not receive information from LCI. They are not on the mailing list for the newsletter magazine. Years of service accumulate from the date of registration in MyLCI. Your club secretary is responsible to send in this information. Be sure their contact information is correct also. Remember, we do have our District Coordinator Lion Jan Coca who can assist with this task

if your secretary needs help.

During a recent Go-to-meeting of the Service committee, we discussed the possibility of all MD5 clubs doing a service project that would benefit one of the many issues that Lions International are involved with; such as diabetes or other challenges. A certain week in the spring could be set aside for every club to do something in their community, such as a fund raiser, information booth, screening, or other related activities. More discussion and planning to follow. This would be in conjunction with the new Global Service team initiative.

Also of interest are the plans by LCI to have marching bands in the International Convention parade in Las Vegas in 2018. MD5 had a band from Minnesota that marched with our group in Chicago in 2017. I am sure that there are marching bands somewhere in MD5 that would be interested in preforming. Arrangements have already been made with UNLV to provide campus housing for students and their chaperones. Rates and meal packages will be announced later. MD5 does have some funding available but all clubs are encouraged to hold a fund-raising event to help support their trip. Look around in your district for a school that might have the ability and desire to travel to the International Convention. What a great way to get young people interested in Lions and you might even attract a few new members.

Another opportunity for service is in stepping forward to serve in the leadership of our Multiple District. Each year a new

District Governor is elected, and we need to have Lions that are willing to step up for the challenge. But that is not the only way you can assist in the district. We have many committees that do wonderful things for Lions. There is great training available through the Multiple district and several forums that you can attend to learn more about leadership. Some funding is provided, but it is a great opportunity for you to increase your commitment to Service in Lions. Lions International is the largest service organization in the world with 1.4 million members in over 230 countries in the world. Lions just celebrated our centennial year and now we need committed members to lead us into the second 100 years.

Those elected at the State convention in Bismarck are: Rob Lein – District Governor Elect; Kathy Clemens – 1st Vice District Governor Elect; currently we have no 2nd Vice District Governor Elect however a member did step up after the meeting and placed his name for consideration. At our next cabinet meeting we will vote to appoint him after he has submitted paper work. Also elected as representatives to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota are PDG Steve Johnson and Lion Paula Swanson. Elected to the Dakota Lions Sight and Health board of directors is Lion Tracy Wicken. These Lions will each serve a three year term.

A LIONS SERVICE IS NEVER ENDING

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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The 2017 State Convention was just held in Bismarck, ND. What a convention, a new attendance was reached with 310 Lions registered, with 48 clubs attended. First off, I would like to give a thank you to Convention Co-Chairs Brach Johnson and Scott Ressler and then to North Star Lions, Bismarck Lions, Bismarck Capital City, and Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions. These Lions put on a great convention. Everything ran smoothly, and I give these Lions all the credit for putting on this Convention. As District Governor all I had to worry about was running my meetings.

Meeting Past International President Bill Biggs was one of my highlights being a Lion. PIP Biggs is an interesting person and I could have talked to him a lot more.

Your new District Governor Team for 2018-2019 is DGE Ginney Jones from the Glenburn Lions, and 1st VDGE Sherry Fetch from Mandan Dacotah Lions, and 2nd VDGE is

Kevin Bean from Mandan Dacotah Lions.

New members for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota are: filling a 2 ½ year position which start immediately is Lion Lewellyn Rustan from New England Lions, 3-year terms were Lion Michelle Finch from Mott Lions and Lion Vivian Pendergrass from Bowman Lions.

One position on the Board of Directors for the Dakota Lions Sight & Health and that went to Lion Carolyn Lean from Bismarck Prairie Rose. Also, the 2nd VDGE goes to the Board Meetings.

The Parade of Green went very well. Here are the totals, LCIF 5NE - \$2675, LCIF 5NW - \$4925, Video Magnifier - \$500, Lions Foundation of ND - \$7561, Sight 4 Kidz - \$5700, Dakota Lions Sight & Health - \$6301, Leader Dogs for the Blind 5NW - \$3400, Leader Dogs for the Blind 5NE - \$4425, Service Dogs for America - \$8750, Vision USA - \$1989, ND Association of the Blind - \$550, ND School of the

Blind - \$1150, MD5 Youth Camp - \$300, Lion Diabetic Occular Center - \$100, Silent Action (LCIF) - \$3769, NW Funds Raised - \$760, and NE Funds Raised - \$980. The grand total is \$53,835. All the Lions Clubs in North Dakota should be very proud of themselves for stepping up and helping these great organizations.

Other Convention information is the next convention sites. In 2019 the convention will be held in Medora, ND and in 2020 the convention will be held in Carrington, ND. Lion clubs should start thinking about the sites for 5NW in 2021 and 5NE in 2022. Hotels are being booked 3 to 4 years in advance.

Other business at the District Meeting.

A non-binding resolution motion was adopted by 5NW District for Vision USA. The motion was for clubs to access \$3 per member for Vision USA to help fund their program. Remember this is a non-binding motion.

With Thanksgiving coming up now is a good time for Lions to help with reducing Hunger. Lions can donate food items to food pantries. Donate your time at sites that have Thanksgiving meals for the needy. Buy a turkey or other food items for someone in your neighborhood that you know could use a little help for the holidays.

In the Lion Magazine International President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal states that 800 million people go to bed hungry each night. Just in the USA 16 million people are undernourished.

There are numerous projects that we Lions can be doing to help. You know what your Lions club can do to serve.

Our member numbers are down to 1199. You all know with more members the more "We Serve." Just think what our communities will do without your Lion Club there. LIONS have strong hearts and know what to do to keep the Pride strong.

Let Lions Roar!!

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

In Remembrance



Lignite
Kenneth Berg

Williston
Steve Oylo

Streeter
Art Bender

Wahpeton
Jason Barton

Club News

Lehr



Butler inducted

Lehr Lions met Sept 21, and new member Mark Butler was inducted by PDG James Ruff. Lion Mark's sponsor is Lion Don Schnering. Pictured, from left, are Lion Don Schnering, sponsor, new member, Lion Mark Butler, and PDG James Ruff

Magic City



Recognized for Years of Service

5NW 1st VDG Ginney Jones presented the Magic City Lions with years of service chevrons during 7 Nov 2017 club visit: Lions David Snyder (35 yrs), Gene Neal (30 yrs), Marita Hoffart (20 yrs), Fred Beuchler (10 yrs), Sharon Palmer (10 yrs) and 1st VDG Ginney Jones (Sarah Burckhard 10 yrs-Not pictured). Thank you for your years of Lion Service!

New England



Receiving pins

Joe Bohlman receiving pins from club president Lewellyn Rustan

Glenburn



Legacy Project sign complete

Oct. 20 was a proud and happy day for the Glenburn Lions Club as they completed their long awaited "Lions Legacy Project" of replacing their community sign that was destroyed during a severe summer storm June 2016. A HUGE thanks to "Do All Welding & Fabrication" for the sign fabrication, Lions Foundation of North Dakota for grant assistance, and other significant donors: B & G Electric, Dakota Agronomy Partners, CHS Sun Prairie, Del Jrs. Bar and the local Glenburn Lions and residents that made significant personal donations during our 2017 summer "Burgers-in-the-Park" events. Finally, a huge thanks to "Do All Welding & Fabrication" and the Glenburn Lions that helped with installation. We love our new sign!

Beach



Beach Lions present a check

The Beach Lions, represented by Lion Treasurer Melanie Viner, left, and Lion Secretary Mary VanVleet, center, presented a check for \$1,000 to the Golden Valley Manor Foundation represented by Manor Administrator Vicki Branden.

Club News

Williston



New pavilion

The Lions Clubs celebrated their 100th anniversary at the ribbon cutting. The pavilion was a joint effort with the Williston Lions Club, the Korner Lions Club and the Rotary Club. There was a need for a larger shelter.



Sign over

Lion James Bervig signs over the Lions portion of the new pavilion to the park board this fall.



Miss N.D. visits

Miss North Dakota Lizzie Jensen spoke to the Williston Lions at a recent meeting.



Recognized for Years of Service

5 NW 1st VDG Ginney Jones presented the following Stanley Lions with years of service chevrons: Lion Stan Wright (55 years), Lion John Anderson (25 years) and Lion William Whitmore (20 years). Thank you for your many years of Lion Service!



Peace Poster winner

Mikelle Bleyl (age 11) from Bakken Elementary School, Williston, is the winner of the Peace Poster Contest. Her quote on peace was "Kindness knows no boundaries." Mikelle also placed third at district.



"New Member Installed"

During the 23 October Stanley Lions Club meeting, 5 NW 1st VDG Ginney Jones installed new Stanley Lions Club member Lion Clifton Halvorsen. Lion Clifton (center) is pictured with his sponsor, Lion Jim Hamann (right). Welcome Lion Clifton!

MD 5 Club Contests 2017-18

A. 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.

B. Scrapbook Contest Rules

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

C. Website Contest Rules

1. The website must be an individual club website, not state/provincial/zone or international.
2. Websites will be judged on quality of content and design.
3. The internet address of each website must be reported to District Governor Keith Zeutschel or District Governor Terry McAleese by April 15, 2018. Contact them at: zeutsch@msn.com or mcaleese@sasktel.net

Note: Newsletters, Scrapbooks and Websites must be submitted to the District Governor in each district by April 15, 2018. Only one entry for each category will be allowed in each district of the multiple district 5 for the MD5 contest.