

PDG Chuck Whitney To Be Inducted Into N.D. Lions Hall of Fame

The North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award for 2018 will be presented at the state convention in Grand Forks to a dedicated Lion who has been a familiar face at many conventions and rallies: Past District Governor Chuck Whitney of Bowman, North Dakota.

Lion Chuck, a member of the Bowman Lions Club, was described by Past President Sandra Phelps as "the epitome of the Lions motto, 'WE SERVE''. He has been a Lion for 32 years, and in that time has worked as chairman of Strides Walk for Sight, Blood Drives, Sight 4 Kidz, and White Cane Day, to name a few activities. That's just at the club level! Their club named him Lion of the Year in 1995, 2016, and 2017.

In 1986, District Governor Dave Czywczynski appointed him region chair, and the outward journey with Lions began. He has served multiple terms on District Cabinets, and served as District Governor for 5NW in 2005-2006. He has attended almost 20 North Dakota State Conventions, and nearly that many MD5 Lions Conventions. In addition, he has attended 2 International conventions and 10 Spring Rallies.

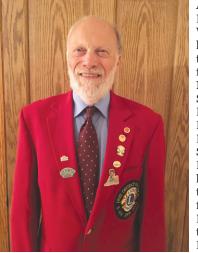
But what really sets Lion Chuck apart is his dedication to some really challenging programs and activities. He has been very active with Youth Exchange and Youth Camps, beginning back in the 1990's, and he and his wife Terri have hosted students from Turkey and Mongolia. Besides working as a camp counselor at eight Youth Camps, he took on the head job of Youth Exchange Camp Director for the Medora camp in 2008.

His interest in youth has

not been confined entirely to Youth Camps, however. He received an Extension Award in 2005 for helping to form the Dickinson State Lions Campus Club and worked as an advisor with them from 2007 to 2011. In 2017 he served as a coordinator for Bowman's CORE program, targeting 9th grade kids to demonstrate the workings of EMS and the possible consequences resulting from poor decision making. Currently, he chairs the ditch clean-up with the Bowman Cub Scouts.

Another consuming interest for Lion Chuck has been vision. He established a working relationship with the North Dakota Optometric Association and helped to coordinate the Vision USA project for a number of years.

Another sight-related effort was directed toward the North Dakota Lions Eye Bank, with which he worked for 10 years.



Along with Lion Craig Wollenburg, he helped in the transition from the North and South Dakota Lions Eye Banks to Dakota Lions Sight and Health. He helped move the funds from the old Eve Bank to the Lions Foundation of North

Dakota, structured as a bond ladder. Interest earned is used to assist North Dakota Lions Clubs with Lions projects and vision related activities in their local communities.

This is just a sampling of what Lion Chuck has accomplished over the 32 years he has been active with Lions. Perhaps a few words about his early life are in order. Chuck was born and completed his early education in Connecticut. He spent a year in the United Kingdom as an exchange student (hence his interest in Youth Exchange) before completing undergraduate studies at University of North Carolina, and then beginning Medical Studies in Bruxelles, Belgium. This did not result in a degree, and, returning to the United States, he lived in Connecticut for a year before moving to Watford City in 1979, where he was employed as a surveyor on a seismograph crew, working numerous prospects for oil clients while he considered further education. He enrolled in the Palmer College of Chiropractic in January of 1982, and graduated Cum Laude in March of 1985. It was at Palmer that he met and married his wife Terri, who completed a degree in office management. In 1985 they went to Bowman, North Dakota, where they opened their chiropractic office in February of 1986.

Chuck and Terri have three adult children—Chad, Jennifer, and Brent, and Jennifer and her husband have a son, William.

No biography of this Lion would be complete without a quick mention of his car passion. This interest in cars led him to chair the Bowman Car Show from 1990 to 2014. He has restored over 20 cars and pickups in the past thirty years. In addition, Lion Chuck purchased and refurbished several cars for each of the kids to send them off to college with decent wheels! They always know just what to give Dad for Christmas-more tools! Terri has continued to be a good sport about the whole thing.

Chuck's list of activities in Lions is truly impressive, and not everything has been mentioned in this article. But Lion Chuck says, "This list of things done would not have been possible without the friendship and help of many other people, especially Lions, along the way. A great big thank you is due to those many people. It has been a great run so far!"

2018 Lions Convention For Districts 5NE And 5NW

THIS IS YOUR OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 2018 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ND STATE LIONS CONVENTION October 19 & 20, 2018 IN GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA. THIS PAGE CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION THAT REQUIRES THE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION OF CLUB OFFICERS.

ND STATE LIONS/ND DISTRICTS CONVENTION RULES 2018

1. The official convention program shall be the order of business.

2. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary procedures. Host District Governor shall appoint a convention parliamentarian and a convention secretary.

3. PRESIDING OFFICER – The host District Governor (5NE, DG Rob Lein) shall be the designated officer to preside at the state meeting.

4. QUORUM– A majority of the registered certified delegates in attendance at the convention session shall constitute a quorum.

5. Lions in good standing must be registered and certified in order to vote on all convention matters. Clubs with a past due balances over 90 days exceeding \$20/member or \$1,000, whichever is less to Lions International or their District will be considered not in good standing.

6. The use of profane language at any business session, social function, or banquet is prohibited.

7. Credentials to vote at the District/ND State Convention shall be mailed to the respective District Cabinet Secretary for 5NE (Lion Tracy Wicken – 733 Dawn Circle – Grand Forks, ND 58203) and 5NW (Lion Lois Reierson - 1321 25th St W - Williston, ND 58801) or delivered upon arrival at the convention by 9:00 am CST on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the convention registration desk at the Alerus Center – 1200 South 42nd Street - Grand Forks, ND 58201.

8. CLUB DELEGATE FORMULA – Article IX. 3. Each chartered club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and its district (single or sub and multiple) shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one vear and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last

preceding that month during which the convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only for each office to be filled by, and one (1) vote only on each question submitted to the respective convention.

9. Solicitation or sale of club project items, with the exception of the host district is prohibited.

10. The Alerus Center is a smoke free facility.

Voting At The District Conventions Held During The ND State Lions Convention

11. All voting at official meetings of the district and state shall be done by certified delegates present. A delegate must be present at the time of voting to have his/her vote counted in official results. If he/she cannot be present, his/ her alternate shall take his/ her place. For a club to be in good standing, all debts over 90 days past due exceeding \$20/member or over \$1000, whichever is less, to Lions Clubs International or their District, must be paid. The Credentials Committee must certify voting delegates. Clubs should identify their voting delegates and alternates and list them below. Mail this form to your **District Cabinet Secretary** for 5NE (Lion Tracy Wicken - 733 Dawn Circle - Grand Forks, ND 58203) and 5NW (Lion Lois Reierson - 1321 25th St W - Williston, ND 58801) or deliver it upon arrival at the convention by 9:00 am CST on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the convention registration desk at the Alerus Center - 1200 South 42nd Street - Grand Forks, ND 58201.

This form is to be filled out and SIGNED BY YOUR CLUB SECRETARY PRIOR to coming to the Convention or BY YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR at the convention. CREDENTIALS INFORMATION: - Names of Voting Delegates and Alternates attending the 2018 ND Lions State Convention and their Years in Lions

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Peace Poster Contest under way

"Kindness Matters" is the theme for this year's Lions Peace Poster Contest, for youths ages 11 through 13 (by Nov. 15).

Bright colors, faces, symbols, flags and animals are great things to put on the Peace Posters. More ideas can be found under the Peace Poster Contest on lionsclubs.org.

Poster sizes are to be 20 x 24 inches. There should be no numbers or letters on the front of the posters. Designs regarding religion or politics are not allowed.

A variety of mediums are used to design the posters. You can find these in the school guidelines of the kit that you will order by Oct. 1. Encourage kids to be as creative as possible and, by all means, have fun!

Judging of the posters is based on originality, artistic measure and expression of the "Kindness Matters" theme.

Each club will judge the posters and pick out one

winner per school. The winning poster per school will move on to the District 5NE judging, which will take place at the state convention Oct. 19-20 in Grand Forks. (Since there are two districts in North Dakota, there will be two district winners one from 5NE and one from 5NW.) The district winner moves on to MD5 judging, and the winning MD5 poster goes to international judging.

The person who creates the winning international poster will receive \$5,000 and a trip for four to the United Nations. There are also 23 \$500 winners at the international level.

Posters from within District 5NE can be taken to the state convention. If they can't be brought to the state convention, they can be mailed to Carla Lein, **District 5NE Peace Poster** Contest Chair, 5050 40th Avenue South, Apt. 237, Fargo, ND 58104. Please mail by Oct. 16.

MD5 is looking for the MD5 GLT (USA) Co-Coordinator to complete the term of PDG Doug Scheller. Attached is the job description for the Multiple District GLT Coordinator. Please send all applications and questions to : MD5 COUNCIL CHAIR - PDG Keith Zeutschel, (c)701-799-4997, zeutsch@msn.com MD5 COUNCIL SECRETARY - PDG Ken Peters, (c)306-536-3294, secretary.md5@sasktel.net **GLOBAL ACTION TEAM** MD5 Global Leadership Team (GLT) Multiple District Coordinator Co-Chairperson for the U.S. multi-district area within MD5 Term Completing the remaining three years; selected by the multiple district (per the multiple district constitutional bylaws) as a non-voting member of the council of governors. May serve multiple terms. As the GLT multiple district coordinator, you are the leadership development expert ensuring districts achieve their goals. You educate, coach and mentor your coordinators while removing barriers that impede progress. Your drive and determination will inspire and empower districts to be successful in developing quality leaders. Position Actions for Success Develops and executes an annual multiple district leadership development plan Communicates regularly with GLT district coordinators, Provides ongoing motivation to and monitors progress of GLT district coordinators Promotes leadership development opportunities Collaborates with GMT and GST multiple district coordinators and Global Action Team Chairperson (council chairperson), Identifies potential and new leaders in MD5 districts Organizes and facilitates instructor-led and web-based training in coordination Completes requirements and submits applications to receive multiple district funding from LCI for leadership development activities and files all necessary reports Recommended Qualifications for the position are: Passionate about Lions and is invested in the association's future. Leads by example, actively participating in leadership development programs . Able to use technology (Email, Microsoft Office, MyLCI, LCI website, social media) Recognizes the importance of diversity in Lions. Graduate or faculty member of an Advanced Lions Leadership Institute or Faculty Development Institute, or other professional leadership program. More specific detail for this job description can be found on LionsClubs.Org on the GLT-MD-Coordinator sheet and Global Leadership Team Toolbox. Letter of intent and Lions resume are to be forwarded to MD5 Council Secretary on or before November 1, 2018.

Lions clubs will be responsible for ordering kits. There is one kit per school or youth group. You can sponsor more than one school if need be.

To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at the Lions Clubs International office, at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822. To order online, go to Club Supplies (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit) under lionsclubs.org. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Please use a credit card.

The kit includes rules and regulations for the club, rules and regulations for the school, fliers about Lions and the Peace Poster Contest for students to take home, an Achievement Award certificate to be given to the club-level winner, and a winning sticker that needs to be filled out and put on the lower-right corner of the winning poster.

There is an essay contest for those who are blind. If there is a youth in your area who is blind and wants to take part in this, please encourage that youth to write an essay on "Kindness Matters" with 500 words or less. The essay should be mailed to Carla Lein or brought to the state convention.

Lion Carla Lein, District **5NE Peace Poster chair**

Need To Clean Up Mailing List

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota is responsible for oversight of the monthly ND Lion newsletter. We are currently working on cleaning up the hardcopy mailing list of the paper. We are paying for newsletters that are being mailed to individuals that are no longer Lions. We are asking that the Club Secretary poll your members to find out if your members wish to receive a hardcopy or electronic copy of the newsletter. Please email this list to Lion Lois Reierson at the email address at the end of this article. We also ask that Club Secretaries notify Lion Lois Reierson and BHG @ billing@bhgnews. com when members drop their membership so they can be dropped from our newsletter list. In the next couple of months the clean-up of the hardcopy list will be complete. If you are currently receiving the newsletter, are still a Lions member and your hardcopy stops, please notify Lion Lois Reierson @ 701-770-1922 or gramma.raisin@gmail. com.

Lois Reierson LFND Executive Director

Thank you very much,

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 (specialprojects@ bhgnews.com) send photos as jpgs. and name them, any copy as rtf. - with no formatting. Any questions call 463-2201!

Thank You!

Let us hear

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It's appropriate that this year's theme for the Lions Peace Poster Contest is "Kindness Matters." Think about how kindness matters so much in our lives.

Think about how much kindness matters to us within our families. Think of how much kindness matters among friends. Think of how much kindness matters at work, in schools, in churches, in sports, in all aspects of our lives.

Think of how much kindness SHOULD matter in areas where it's lacking, such as politics, on the social media, in respect for law enforcement and other areas.

Think of how much kindness mattered when you decided to become a Lion. After all, we serve, as our motto says, and we wouldn't serve in the first place unless kindness matters.

We will soon be seeing Peace Posters coming out, drawn by creative and enthusiastic young people. It's a wonderful project within Lions, not only because we get young people involved in a Lions project, but because we get to see that creativity and even idealism on those posters.

My wife, Lion Carla, is the District 5NE Peace Poster chair, and she absolutely loves being involved with Peace Posters. She first got involved in this when some fellow members of the Fargo Lions Club asked her to help them. It's tough for Carla to say no to anything regarding Lions, and she dove headfirst into the job. She is very good at it, so much so that she moved up to the district position.

If I may brag, Carla and the Fargo Lions Club do a great job with the Peace Poster Contest. One of the things we do is display the posters at the West Acres Mall. This gives people a chance to see the creativity of these kids, and it gives us a chance to spread the word about Lions. We have judges from our club pick out the top three posters with the winner going on to District 5NE competition at the state convention. The Fargo Lions awards \$100 for first place, \$50 for second and \$25 for third.

Not only that, but there is a chance for people at West Acres to vote for their favorites. The winner in this People's Choice Contest, as we call it, gets a \$50 West Acres gift card, while the second- and third-place finishers each get \$25 West Acres gift cards.

Carla also gives out Rice Krispies Treats to each participant. The best part about that is there are always some leftover Rice Krispies Treats for me! Yummy!

You who have clubs participating in the Peace Poster Contest don't have to follow Fargo's example for awards. Please use what's appropriate for you, and for what your club can afford.

Clubs pick winners from each school they have in the contest. Those winners go on to the state convention for the District 5NE competition. That winner goes on to MD5 competition, and the MD5 winner goes on to the international contest.

Wouldn't that be something if a kid from our district won the international Peace Poster Contest? Please make sure your club participates in Peace Posters so kids in your area have that chance.

Seeds of service

We are seeing progress in adding members to District 5NE, thus providing more needed service. Council Chair Keith Zeutschel visited the Davenport Lions on Aug. 23 to induct two new members – Joe Russell and Roger Norton. Welcome, Lions Russell and Roger!

The Enderlin Lions inducted Bobby Geske on Aug. 28. Welcome, Lion Bobby! The Enderlin Lions have had six new members since August 2017. Way to go, Enderlin!

Back to the Davenport Lions, a bunch of busy worker bees in our district. They are still working on getting a new club in Mapleton. They were active in Mapleton Days, held Sept. 7 and 8, by being active in a breakfast, a mud run and dancing in the park, among other things.

The Arthur Lions are trying to recruit new members. They have scheduled a ham dinner Sept. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Arthur Community Center. The Arthur Lions are using this event to encourage more people to join and teach them about Lions. Lion Carla and I plan on attending – I'm always glad to tell about how important a Lions club is in small towns. Believe me, I know -- growing up in Wing and watching what the Wing Lions did for the community back then and continue to do todav.

There are also inroads into Mayville and Portland in the hopes of bringing back that Lions club. That would be fantastic if we could bring back May-Port.

I mentioned last month how Lion Crystal Dueker has been going around, spreading the news about women in Lions and just doing a great job being our district's sparkplug. She has had her hand in on many of



the above activities, so way to go, Crystal!

Please email

Jan

Clubs, please don't forget to email copies of your activities to Jan Coca, our district administrator. Her email address is janicecoca@yahoo.com.

(Yes, her email refers to her as Janice, not Jan. That's her real name, but not what people call her. Kind of like me – my real name is Robert, but everyone knows me as Rob. That is, unless you go to my hometown of Wing, where they still call me Robbie.)

Lions Foundation of North Dakota,

Inc. Recent Donors Bronze Club -\$100-\$299: Linton Lions Club Silver Club - \$300-\$499: Wishek Lions Club

Williston Korner



Williston Korner Lions Lois Reierson, Roni Gravgaard and Kristi Marcy screened 385 Williston School District kindergarten students.

Emerado



Grand Forks Air Force Base CMSGT Brian Thomas presented Emerado Arvilla Lions a plaque of the Global Hawk. The officers expressed their gratitude to our group for support to Operation Warm Heart which exceeds over \$40,000 during the past many years.



Emerado Arvilla Lions presented Helga Coleman with the Magnifier which she can carry in her purse.



At our annual picnic Lion President Joel Linneman presented Tony Hanson with an award for 20 years of service with the gaming project.





Glenburn



Glenburn Lions hosted their final summer 2018 Burgers-in-the-Park event on 15 August. They were joined by the Boschert Family (Brian, Andrea, & Gracie) who made cotton candy to give away during the event. The \$400.00 raised from this event will be given to a local family who lost their home due to a house fire. Our Lions may be few in numbers, but are proud to serve!

Volunteer and service to humanity

What do you get when vou mix The Rat Pack , (Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Sammy Davis, Jr. impersonators) with the real Wayne Newton and the country-twang of Winona Judd? The answer is the 102nd International Lions Convention in Las Vegas; a 4-day celebration with over 25,000 Lions members being serenaded each morning by a Vegas act as they took their seats at a hotel convention center over the 4th of July weekend.

Many people know that our organization is focused on helping the blind and visually-impaired with service dogs and use of the white cane. With members in England, Mexico, Peru, Japan and over 200 other nations; their service has the most impact right where they live; providing assistance to make a difference around the world. For example, members from S. Korea worked with the Lions Foundation to build schools in Columbia along with clean drinking water for those villages. There are clubs in S. Africa serving to provide clean water in their areas. Other Lions clubs help distribute donated glasses around the world to help children and adults see a better future in their lives.

There are over 1.5 million volunteers performing a global humanitarian service.

Did you know there is a wall at the Lion's headquarters in Illinois which has the portraits of all the men who have served one-year terms as International Presidents? In the past 20 years, you would see the faces of leaders from Japan, Germany, Brazil, S. Korea, Australia, and from across the USA. But a historic face will be added to the wall by the first leader to ever be elected from Iceland. The fact Gudrun Yngvadottir is also a woman makes that doubly historic. Since women became full members 30 years ago, she is an example of working her way up the ladder; serving in leadership positions for the past years. During my 23 years of membership, I've met other women who served as District Governors along with leadership roles on the board of directors from Pakistan, Italy, Turkey, Ireland, Canada, India and the USA.

from Crystal Dueker, (a member of the Fargo Gateway Lions since 1995 who has attended over 20 international conventions around the world)

Project Chair of Women in Lionism 701-306-2539

Proposed Changes To The Memorandum Of Understanding Lions Clubs Of North Dakota As October 18, 2015 Amended October 20, 2018 Section V - To Be Voted On At State Convention

A. An annual convention of the Association of Lions Clubs of North Dakota shall be held at a place selected at a previous state convention. The convention sites must should be selected at least five (5) years before the proposed convention.

Ē. Business Sessions

2. Agenda - The agenda for the business meeting of the state convention of the Association of North Dakota Lions Clubs shall include the following items: Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. Report, The North Dakota Lion Report, Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Report Dakota Lions Sight and Health Report, Convention Fund Report, Convention Bid and Selection Report, **Resolutions Committee** Report, and any other reports that are presented to the district governors 30 days in advance of the convention that warrant inclusion in the agenda.

5. Official Minutes - The convention secretary shall, within sixty (60) days after the close of the convention, mail an official report of the convention proceedings to the current district governors; presidents and secretaries of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association, the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Dakota Lions Sight and Health, and the Lions Foundation of North Dakota. Inc.

ADDENDA TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A. Opportunities during the annual convention will be made available for Lions clubs and Lions organizations within North Dakota to recognize individuals, clubs, or other entities for their work to promote Lionism.

2. Melvin Jones Fellow Recognition - Lions receiving a Melvin Jones Fellow Award from the close of last years convention through the current convention will be introduced and recognized at a reception as part of the state convention. Any Lions club in North Dakota may present its Melvin Jones Fellow Awards at the reception. The district governors and the Convention Planning Committee will create, at each convention, an opportunity for presentation of Melvin Jones Fellow awards and recognition of new Melvin Jones Fellow recipients. The district governors (jointly) will give notice to North Dakota Lions clubs via the North Dakota Lion at least 30 days in advance to make arrangements for presenting or recognizing their Melvin Jones Fellow Award recipients at the state convention.

3. Parade of Green - Lions clubs will have the opportunity to make public their donations to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc., the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota Dakota Lions Sight and Health, and other entities associated with Lionism. The host district governor will schedule a time corresponding with the business meeting for the Parade of Green.

B. Financial

1. State Convention Fees

c. Upon request, local host committees will receive a sum based upon one dollar (\$1) per member for use in funding convention activities. Additional funds may be requested and provided with appropriate justification if funds are deemed available by a majority vote of the Executive Committee of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association, with appropriate justification provided. The Executive Committee shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer.

3. Collection and supervision of per capita assessment fees for the State Convention and Hall of Fame Funds will be based upon the number of members in each district as shown on the Monthly Membership Reports (MMRs) for the months of June and December. The collected assessment fees shall be sent for caretaking to the secretary treasurer of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association on September 1st and March 1st of each fiscal year.

a. Excess Funds - Any excess registration funds held by the host club(s) shall be forwarded to the secretary treasurer of the North Dakota Past District **Governors** Association for deposit in the State Convention Fund. Any legitimate expenses presented after the final report has been submitted to the Past District Governors Association may be paid at the discretion of the Past District Governors

Association Executive Committee.

b. Deficits - Any losses incurred by a state convention, which occurred beyond the control of the host club(s), shall be submitted to the current district governors for submission and payment from the State Convention Fund upon majority vote of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association Executive Committee.

c. Refunds - The convention registration form shall clearly state the procedure to obtain refunds for pre-paid registration fees.

d. Financial Report - The host club(s) shall submit a detailed state convention financial report, showing income and expenditures of the state convention to the district governors and the secretary treasurer of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association within sixty (60) days following the adjournment of the convention.

e. The secretary treasurer of the North Dakota Past District Governors Association shall provide to each district governor an annual detailed accounting of the State Convention Fund prior to each district's first cabinet meeting in July/ August.

Reminder: ND Lion DEADLINE is the (1) of the month!

Bowman

The Bowman Lions had a busy month of August. While many clubs in our area do not meet at all during the summer or do Burgers in the Park, The Bowman Lions have added spice and variety the "to do" list here all the while raising money for sight projects and a CORE event that we help sponsor at the Bowman County High School. We also sponsored our second of three blood drives this vear for the United Blood Services in Bismarck.

We began the month with a bang and a splash... literally! We hosted our fourth annual Splash 'n Dash mini triatĥalon on August 4 with registration and the event beginning at the Bowman Sweetwater Golf Course. We set up a 5K run on the golf course following the same route as the Bowman Cross Country meet which also was the regional meet for SW ND Cross Country runners. This year we were lucky to have had just enough rain to make the course nice and green without the specter of swarms of mosquitoes. At the end of the run, the competitors biked for 2.7 miles along US 12 north into Bowman and up a local street course to the Rouzie Rec Center Pool where they swam 10 laps for a distance of 250 meters. Our competitor base was down from last year, but we still raised nearly \$500 to help defray the costs of the glucose kits for the Bowman Community Health Screening in December. The Bowman Lions have been sponsoring these kits for over 20 years now so that the public does not have to pay for them. As most of you know, Diabetes is the leading cause of preventable blindness in North America, and this screening is very accessible so long as you can get up early and NOT

eat breakfast! Each year we find several Diabetics who never even knew they had a problem. Our major sponsors are the Bowman **Financial Institutions:** Dakota West Credit Union. Dakota Western Bank. Dakota Community Bank, Wells Fargo, along with Southwest Health Care and lastly but not leastly Bronson's Market Place which provides our light breakfast after the event. The generosity of these patrons allow us to use all of the entry fees for our Diabetes Screening.

The very day after the Strides mini triathalon saw the Bowman Lions rallying around the griddle to provide pancakes and sausage for a fund raiser for the CORE event to happen this month. CORE is an acronym for COMMUNITY ORGANIZED RESOURCES for EDUCATION and comes to us from Rapid City, SD. It is an awareness program aimed at and designed for High School Freshmen. The Sunday August 5 event raised money to defray the travel and lodging costs for the organizers. Local coordinator Christine Peterson FNP marshals a group of volunteers and local civic organizations to provide group leaders, as well as a free noon meal. She also co-ordinates the skill sets of local law enforcement, EMS and Fire Fighters to make the program real, believable and accessible. This year, as last, will consist of 7 stations in the morning hours followed by a skit, a VERY believable crash scene, a mock funeral for the deceased kid and a mock trial for the guilty parties. These final parts are provided by our local Krebsbach/Kulseth funeral home and a very recently retired judge presiding over the trial and sentencing of the guilty person(s). It is all

too believable and leaves a very graphic message to our young people who came from as far east as Lemmon, SD, south to Buffalo, SD, as far north as New England and as far west as Baker, MT and Beach. This event is quite successful at opening the eyes of the local freshmen BEFORE they know it all as sophmores!

The final event for the Bowman Lions happened on Wednesday August 28th at the Bowman Ambulance Garage. This is the second of three such drives sponsored by the Bowman



Three of the four team competitors compare times after the run



Lion Paul Brooks runs back to the cooks: MORE pancakes please!

Lions. Along with the other two drives sponsored by the Rhame Rancherettes in February and October. the Lions drives are usually well attended and its UBS goals are passed early in the day! It goes without saying that the generosity of our local donor pool make the coordinator's job a lot easier. Some 54 units of "product" were gathered to make a very real difference in the lives of those patients in need. The next Bowman Lions community blood drive will happen shortly after Christmas.



Local runners competing in the 2018 Splash 'n Dash event as Lion Ken Braun records their finish time



SWHC Marketing Director Cole Benz gets help from Lion Tim Pendergrass



Lion Chuck Whitney helps President Vivian Pendergrass with awards

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Greetings Lions of 5 NW. It's hard to believe that our summer is quickly slipping away from us already. I hope you've all had a wonderful summer and you're leaning into your new Lion year with great enthusiasm. Some of the key things to remember is planning for your year ahead. Are you thinking of ways to "reach for new horizons" as our International President, Gudrun Yngvadottir has challenged us? Something new for you to consider when planning your service activities this year is to consider doing a fundraising event for LCIF. There is significant focus on LCIF donations this year. You'll be hearing more about this from the district governor team, when they visit your club and your club LCIF coordinators will also be receiving further information and encouragement for this initiative from our district LCIF Coordinator, PDG, Lion Mark Koller. Service related activity ideas will be shared with you by our district Global Service Team Coordinator, PDG, Lion Judy Beaudry. I am simply highlighting this with you to show support of this initiative and encourage you to do the same. As Lions, many of us feel obligated to serve the needs of our individual communities first, and that's very natural, however, as members of an International organization, we need to be also be considerate of serving and participating in ways beyond the boundaries of our communities and this is one significant way we can do this. I'm not asking you to begin doing things differently, I'm simply

suggesting you consider this proposal. Many of us donate to LCIF individually and it's a wonderful thing to do. The idea of donating through service activity fund raising events is just another means of consideration, after all, service is our motto and together we can accomplish so much to help those in need.

Club Presidents & Secretaries, one of our DG team reps should be contacting you soon to schedule your annual DG club visit. I am sharing club visits with the 1st Vice District Governor – Lion Sherry Fetch, and 2ndVice District Governor – Lion Kevin Bean. Please welcome them and work with them on scheduling their visit. One of us will be reaching out to you for this soon.

Now that school has started, it's the perfect time to deliver your Peace Poster contest information to your local school. This is an excellent opportunity to involve youth in your community with a Lions related event and show them that the world truly cares about kindness – "Kindness Matter" is the theme this year! The Essay contest is an event for visually impaired students. Age requirements are listed for both events in your Peace Poster package.

There will be a Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum 2-3 November in Mahnomen, MN that is reasonably priced and will function like a mini-USA/ Canada Forum. This would be an awesome opportunity for leadership training for new or existing members, who are possible future leaders for your club. Contact me or our district Global Leadership Team Coordinator, PDG, Lion Mark Koller, if you'd like more info.

Finally, important dates to remember for upcoming events is our ND State Lions Convention: 19-20 October, in Grand Forks. Consider who's going from your club and get your voting credentials squared away. Coming together with fellow ND Lions during conventions is always a blast.



As always, THANK YOU for all you do! Your contributions through service touch the lives of many and truly makes your community and our world as a whole a better place to live. Continue to invite others to become members, so they can also benefit from the enrichment that serving others can bring to their lives.



Come celebrate with us! at the New England Memorial Hall

Social 5:30pm - Dinner 6:30 pm \$12 per person

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Please RSVP no later than Saturday, October 6th

to Deb Frank 701-260-2505 or <u>debbfrank@yahoo.com</u>

Visit www.e-district.org/sites/5nw to see what's happening in your District 5NW

101 Donations 2018 North Dakota Lions State Convention October 19th and 20th, Grand Forks, North Dakota

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1200 South 42nd Street	At convention \$105.00
Grand Forks, ND 58201	

Questions contact:	Lion Rex Huss
	(218) 779-3774
	r huss@msn.com

Mail registration form and check payable to ND State Lions Convention to: 1396 48th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND, 58201

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Use a separate copy of this registration form for each person attending convention

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Grand Forks lodging near 2018 State Lions Convention Site

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.3	La Quinta Inn & Suites	4051 Gardenview Dr	
.3	Expressway Suites		
.3	Staybridge Suites	1175 S. 42nd St	
.3	My Place Hotel		(701)-354-2767
.5	Sleep Inn & Suites (block of rooms)		
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1.3	America's Best Value Inn	1000 N. 42nd St	
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MD 5 Lions Opportunity For Youth Report

August 17-18, 2018 This report is a little lengthy; however, LOFY encompasses many different programs. In July an email of introduction was sent to all the sitting District Governors. An article regarding the peace poster contest was also sent to the editors of all the newspapers/newsletters in the districts. LCI offers a variety of programs and grants for Lions to work with the youth.

YOUTH CAMP

I had no communication with those involved in the MD 5 Youth Camp. I am sure it was a great success in Sioux Falls, SD. Thank you to the sponsors of the camp and those involved in arranging and housing this important event for MD 5.

Is the Council again sponsoring the MD 5 scholarship for students to apply for a \$1500.00 scholarship to attend a Lions youth camp? I am sure that PDG Judy will have applications.

PEACE POSTER

This is the 31st year of the peace poster contest. This year's theme is Kindness Matters. The Peace Poster Contest has some important deadlines to be met. Hopefully article have appeared in your district newsletters. These deadlines are as follows:

November 15, 2018-Postmark date deadline for a club to send 1 winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor. Check that all information is filled out legibly on the poster tag. Don't forget to get the signatures of the District Governor and also the Council Chair. The student's narrative should reflect the theme and their poster. Make sure the tag is placed in the right position on the poster. Incomplete tags will disqualify the poster. Please keep a count as to the number of posters drawn in your district and report that information back to me.

Students ages 11, 12 or 13 on November 15, are eligible to participate. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters bv 60 centimeters). Threedimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold the poster.

November 16-17, 2018 the District Governors bring their district's winning poster to the Council meeting so a MD 5 winner can be selected. Make sure label on back is correctly placed and all information is filled out.

December 15, 2018 The MD 5 winning poster must then be sent to LCI.

After the MD 5 winner is selected, I will submit a press release regarding the winner to all the newspapers/newsletters. The District Governor in the winning District will present the check to the winner. The Governors from the remaining winners will be given the checks to present.

LEOs

The LEO Club Program is still an essential part of our Lions organization. Alpha Leo Clubs are for teens and young adults ages 12-18 focusing on individual and social development. Omega Leo Clubs are tailored for young adults ages 18-30 encouraging personal and professional development. LEO of the Year award is one such award for that special LEO Club member who has dedicated themselves to the spirit of volunteerism. The LEO Club Advisor can nominate such an individual. I know there has been a big push to establish more LEO clubs.

LIONS QUEST

Lions Quest is another program available. I believe it is used in Saskatchewan. I have not heard of it being used in North or South Dakota.

READING ACTION PROGRAM (RAP)

District Governors might want to mention the **Reading Action Program** (RAP) partner in their columns. This would be a good program for clubs to collaborate with other organizations which could have a long-lasting impact in their community. LCI has partnered with Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and Reach Out and Read programs. The Reading Action Program also allows Lions to provide additional assistance to individuals with visual impairments. particularly by focusing on Braille literacy and access

to assistive technology. For further information contact the Lions website. I know of one club that has done vision screening and have also handed out books to the kids screened.

LIONS SERVICES FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Lions Services for Children and Youth program is to improve the lives of children and young adolescents in adverse circumstances through health and education services, locally, and internationally. Possible Lions Club projects can include: collecting canned food products for local food pantry, collecting clothes or furniture for distribution to the needy, providing vision or hearing screening, sending a child with diabetes to a specialized camp, or conducting a literacy program in cooperation with a local school, library, or community center.

LIONS YOUNG LEADERS IN SERVICE AWARDS

Lions clubs can present the Lions Young Leaders in Service Award to our youth, ages 12-18, who have completed at least 50 hours of community service within a 12-month period.

MD 5 SPEAK – OFF COMPETITION

Guidelines were sent to all the DG's last year for the contest. To my knowledge there were 2 students that took part from all MD 5 Districts. Both individuals were from the North Dakota Districts. I talked to many speech

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coaches this past year and gave the information to them. I followed the conversation up at another meet and many coaches told me that their students were not interested. This year's competition rules are included in this correspondence. I will try to get the rules to the CSTAND organization of North Dakota. This is the ND speech and theater organization for ND speech coaches.

POSTER CONTEST

LCI sponsors an Essay Contest for students who are visually impaired. It is based upon a theme. For

Washburn

more information consult the LCI website.

In North Dakota, Capital City Lions of Bismarck sponsored the sixteenth annual St. Mary's speech tournament in February. There were over 30 schools represented with over 250 participants. The winners in the 14 different speaking events qualified to go to either the North Dakota State Class A or Class B competition held in April.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Tim Thueson MD 5 LOFY Chairperson



Washburn Lions President Arden Wagner presented a check in the amount of \$2500 to Janell Olson, Director, McLean County Resource Center. Zone 5A pledged \$10,000 and this is the second installment. The funds were raised at the annual Painted Woods golf tournament held at Washburn.

Davenport



During the recent August meeting of the Davenport Lions two new members were inducted into Lions. New members are Joel Russell and Roger Norton. The installation of officers also was conducted by PDG Keith Zeutschel. Davenport Lions are a very busy group that is famous for their Pitchfork Fondue which has travelled many miles in "SERVICE" to local communities. Got an event and need some food?? Call President Dan to see if they are available.

Stanley_



The Stanley Lions Club held their last Burgers in the Park on August 13th. The proceeds of \$990.00 going to the S.A.C.K. program (Stanley Area Cares for kids) In July the club donated \$1,750.00 to the Ina Mae Rude Aquatic Center. In June the Club donated \$1,375.00 to the Stanley Area Community Foundation. We also had entertainment at each event.

Headwater's



The Headwater's Lions Club, along with two of their Minnesota partners, the Breckenridge Lions Club and Campbell Lions Club, donated \$500.00 to Chahinkapa Zoo in Wahpeton, ND, to sponsor a new wagon for a 5 year term. The current wagons were not made for commercial use and had faded rapidly, showing signs of wear and tear. New wagons were needed!! Presenting the check for \$500.00 is Headwaters Lions Club President Sandy Eichhorn (left) and 2nd Vice President Joy Eichhorn (right). Accepting the donation is Kathy Diekman, Zoo Director.



MD 5 Lions Speak Off Contest Rules 2019

1. Students in grades 9-12 may participate in the speak-off contest including home school students.

2. Speeches shall be 4-6 minutes in length.

3. Topics will be limited to the following areas: Hunger, Environment, Vision, Youth or Public Service. Speeches must be original, not copied from some other source.

4. Notes may be used for the speech contest, but speakers will not be allowed to read from a manuscript.

5. Speakers should prepare speeches prior to the contest. The speeches may be memorized if the speaker wishes to do so.

6. Appropriate clothing should be worn for the contest.

7. District winners will provide a live recording speech for the Multiple District contest.

8. Each District Governor will be responsible for coordinating their District speak-off contest within their district. The Governor will also be responsible for obtaining a recording of the winning speech to be forwarded to Lion Gale Hyde for the MD 5 Speak-off Contest.

Other information: Local lions club or

Zones can sponsor a contest. Several clubs can get together and sponsor a contest. Let your schools know about the contest. For further information for judging ballot, please contact PDG Tim Thueson at

Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum November 2-3, 2018

Meet & Greet Mixer Friday 36 Informative Seminars on Saturday Dynamic and Motivating Speakers International Director Pat Vannet and

Past International Director Brian Sheehan Lions Clubs International Endorsed Candidate for Third Vice President

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Registration form at http://www.lionsmd5m.org Registration fee \$75:00 UD/\$75:00 CAN (Includes Saturday's lunch and dinner) Hotel \$65:00 USD plus tax ttps://www.eventbrite.com/e/northern-pride-tions-leadership-forum-2018-tickets-44697493303



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The winner of the local contest will then advance to the District competition. In the event that no local club or Zone contest is held; the District Governor can hold a district wide contest. Please check with your District Governor for dates of the District competition. Winners from the

District contest will send a video presentation of the winning speech to:

Lion Gale Hyde at hydesoffargo@gmail.com before May 1, 2019. She will inform PDG Tim Thueson who the winners are from the MD 5 competition before May 23.

Winners of the MD 5 competition will be announced at the MD 5 Convention in Prince Albert, Sask., May 23-25, 2019. MD 5 Prizes are: 1st place- \$400.00, 2nd place- \$300.00, 3rd place-\$200.00, 4th – 6th place-\$100.00 each.

Timeline:

Contest at local or Zone can be done anytime with 1 winning name or video presentation sent to your District Governor. Call your District Governor to see when your district contest will be held.

Please note that the District Governor can also host a live contest for the District "Speak-off Contest".

District competition must be complete before May 1, 2019 so Governor can send winning speaker video link to Lion Hyde to be judged and winners announced before May 23, 2019.

Sorenson Donates Pins **To Lions Foundation Of ND**

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Past District Governor Oscar Sorenson, a charter member of Grand Forks Red River Lions Club, and fixture at ND Lions events for many years with wife Lion Dell, has offered his lifetime collection of Lions pins to raise funds for the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

In his Lions career, PDG Oscar served his club and district in almost every capacity possible. He has received numerous awards for his Lions work including International President's Certificate of Appreciation. He is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Lion Oscar was a director and president of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota.

Lions Oscar and Dell have been married for 53 years and have three adult children and ten grandchildren. The Sorensons currently reside in Fargo.

The collection, exceeding



two years of pins from all 50 states, collectible series pins, Canadian pins, pins from other foreign countries, MD5 pins, and pins from clubs throughout the state of ND.

Fundraising from Sorenson's pins will take place at the 2018 State Convention in Grand Forks. VDG Grant Kalbaugh from Red River Lions and currently serving on the Foundation's board of directors, has volunteered to oversee the distribution. Lion Kalbaugh can be reached at (701) 739-2761 or hatcollector2000@vahoo. com should collectors have questions.

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Registration includes Friday evening Meet & Greet Mixer, Your choice of up to 6 of the 36 Seminars on Saturday, Saturday lunch and dinner with dynamic guest speakers: ID Pat Vannett and PID Brian Sheehan (Saturday Breakfast on your own, seminars start at 9 AM)

This year you can SIGN UP ONLINE @ www.eventbrite.com/e/npllf-2018-registration

Pay with Credit card in US\$ or CDN \$ follow the online screen instructions to register in minutes.

If you want to send a cheque / money order in:

USA make them payable to: Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum

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PDG Dave Jensen, Box 156 Wendell, MN USA 56590 E. oakstuff@runestone.net Canadian residents mail to:

PDG Cheryl McKitrick PO Box 340, Crystal City MB Canada R0K 0N0 E. <u>cemckit@gmail.com</u>

In Canada make them payable to: District 5M13

Cancellations prior to October 19th, 2018 will have a \$25.00 fee applied, NO Cancellations after October 19th, 2018 except for Medical emergencies which are accepted anytime with documents (\$25.00 fee still applies).

For more Information Email The Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum at: <u>NPLLFMD5M@gmail.com</u>

Hotel Reservations - Contact the hotel directly - Rate \$65.00 USD per night (+ taxes) Until October 19th, 2018

Shooting Star Hotel & Casino, Mahnomen, MN – call 1-800-453-STAR and ask for block # 5322.

This block is called "Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum"

2018 MD5 Youth Exchange Camp a HUGE SUCCESS

MD5 Youth Exchange Chairman - PDG Judy Beaudry

As Youth Chairman I was so pleased with the students and program that came together on July 15th. Thirty-three campers arrived at Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Camper check in was at 2pm, welcome and introductions followed. The Flag Ceremony was a beautiful site, as each flag was presented. The flags circled together and remained that way until the close of camp. Following was the Opening Dinner at Augustana Commons followed by outdoor games and a fire pit and s'mores.

The Monday highlights were the challenge/ropes Course at Inspiration Hills Retreat Center in Inwood Iowa which was a new state for most of the campers. That was the only function I missed because I stayed back with a sick camper. She was sick all morning but by noon she was better and I took her shopping. A typical woman, she seemed to rally at the mall. We had the youth engage us with their Country Presentations. They did a great job showing the heart of their countries and what was important to each of the youth. We ended the day with an outdoor theater trip to Luvurne, Minnesota. What a great time. We arrived home at 2:30am.

Tuesday began with a bus ride to HORSEPOWER, a non-profit riding stables for at risk and tramatized youth. I was so proud of the work they put in. Saddles were polished, helmets scrubbed and hung, arena cleaned and trenched, every stall cleaned in the paddock, windows washed, floors swept and scrubbed. You would have thought Merry Maids were there. The staff at the facility were very happy. These campers

understood service and volunteering. We ended the day with an outdoor theater trip to Luvurne, Minnesota. What a great time. We arrived home at 2:30am.

On Wednesday we went on a high-tech Dairy Farm tour. It was a great tour and we had many farm kids that were so interested in the operations of the farm. We then went to EROS Datacenter out in the middle of no where. The location was on purpose in the country as it is a highly secured datacenter operation. It really appealed to most of the students. They put on a great program. We also had lunch there and we closed the cafeteria down at 12:15 as they ran out of food. They actually did eat them out of food.

On our first stop on Thursday morning at 6 am was to serve breakfast to over 300 homeless or hungry Sioux Falls residents. At the Banquet our students served, cleaned tables, did dishes and visited with the clientele. At 9:30 we broke into groups. One group worked a mailing, getting it ready for the mail and two groups went and cleaned at two shelters. We were done by noon. We ate and went to The Butterfly House, the aquarium and to outdoors programs on archery and canoeing. A full day followed by a picnic for the camp and area Lions members. District Governor Marie Anne Ben attended as did PDG Jerry Voss.

Friday, we went to a private home for swimming. They had a beautiful pool and we also had games and pizza. They were so happy to swim the afternoon away. That was a big day because the bus company who picked us up every day brought out their party busses for us as a treat. It worked. You should have seen the smiles.

Saturday morning, we

were up early, had breakfast and retired the flags. Lion Marna Allen took the flags back to Canada for the Camp 2019, that will be in Canada. They were on the road by 9am as they had to be at Portal, ND by 10:30 to get through customs. The Canadian contingent is such a good thing for the good of the camp. I want to thank Fillmore and Battleford Lions for their commitment to YEC.

All the students were hosted in Sioux Falls. I attended their Fall Rally in hopes of promoting more interest in the area. I will approach Canada a little differently this year. We need much support from everyone.

We also sent two Canadian students to Japan, MD133. They each attended and were hosted in different parts of the country. One of the girls was awarded a Lions MD5 Scholarship. I will have a report from them this winter and a final report on the 2018 Camp.

I am now working with Australia to hosts students in December and January. I believe Lion Marie Bouton converses with New Zeeland.

Also, I am waiting for the Youth Camp Balance Sheet to see how we can promote the camps in the future. I believe that now that we don't receive the proceeds from the MD5 Convention raffle, that we may come up with another fund raiser.

I can't complete this report without thanking all who promote this project. Youth are our future of Service, and they need the help of LIONS to reach their potential.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK Lion Jody Bymers of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions, as she chaired the event. Jennifer Sigette, Executive Director of the South Dakota Lions Foundation planned a great week for the youth. As we traveled with the campers we saw and did so many educational and fun projects. I also want to thank the entire Grummond family. They are Lions. Tom and Shannon opened their home to the foreign campers to have a hangout for the weeks they were hosted in South Dakota. That allowed the students to spend their days together. The Grummond children gave many late night hours to entertaining at the camp, These Youth had two big days of service to the Sioux Falls community. Not one student laid back, they all worked and got the job done. We should all be very proud of the MD 5 Lions Youth Exchange Camp, they make us look good.

Next year the camp will be in Saskatchewan, Canada. Watch the District newsletters for information. If you and your clubs are sponsoring in any way I thank you. If you are not, please consider involvement in next years camp.

PDG Lion Judy Beaudry MD5 YEC Chairman

Dakota Lions Sight and Health Board Elections

Dear Fellow Lions: If you'd like to find a

If you'd like to find a new, rewarding way to fulfill our mission as Lions, and are willing to be an involved, engaged board member, please consider running for a position TO SERVE on the board of directors of Dakota Lions Sight & Health, your Lions eye and tissue bank. We have an incredible organization here in the Dakotas, run by outstanding staff, which each year helps to restore sight and health to hundreds of people throughout our region, our country, and even the world.

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Each year, one position in each district (5NW, 5SW, 5NE, 5SE) comes up for election at the respective state conventions. If you'd like to share in the wonderful experience of helping to set strategy and direction and providing fiscal oversight for the best eye bank anywhere, we'd welcome you to join our board for a 3 year term beginning July 1, 2019.

Please submit a note or letter of endorsement from your Lions Club, along with your notice of intent to run, to myself and to your District Governor, 30 days before your state convention. Emails are gladly accepted.

Our board meets 4 times annually, in different areas around the Dakotas, and has the option to participate via teleconference as well. Meetings are generally 2-3 hours in length. If you have any questions about serving on the board, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or to any board member you may know in your district. You may also visit http://dakotasight. org to learn more about the organization.

Joining you in service, Lion Colin Keeler Pierre/Fort Pierre Lions

Club President, Dakota Lions

Sight and Health colin.keeler@gmail.com

101 Donations???

If you've heard that the theme of the 2018 Lions State Convention in Grand Forks is "101 Donations", you may be wondering, "What's up with that?" Let me explain.

As everyone knows, this is the 101st year of Lionism. The planning team thought it would be nice to somehow incorporate 101 into our theme. Fewer Lions are aware that this year is the 50th anniversary of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), the charitable arm of Lions. Associated with the convention, the planning committee wanted to combine special "donations" from Lions from all over the state and present them to LCIF as one large, state gift. LCIF allows us credit for this gift toward Melvin Jones Fellowships. We'll have drawings to select those recognitions at the convention based on our total gift. Do a good thing and have someone deserving from your club may be recognized.

In a letter we recently

sent out, we've asked all ND Lions clubs to consider a donation (above and beyond what they typically do) made payable to the convention for LCIF. We hope your club chooses to do this. We'll also ask every convention attendee to make a donation recognizing LCIF's 50 years of service. The planning committee assumes that reaching a total of 101 donations will be a slamdunk...easy. We're hoping to get many times that number.

Finally, you may have seen in our convention materials, a white lion cub with black spots. That's not a dog; it's a lion. The character is the convention team turning the wellrecognized Dalmatian into a Donation Lion. Every donation made to the convention for LCIF will result in a white spotted lion posted on the ballroom wall recognizing the generous donor.

See you at the convention on October 19th and 20th.

Lion Steve Johnson Chairman, Convention

Planning Committee

Lions Foundation of North Dakota Candidates Needed for Board of Directors

Four positions on the Board of Directors of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota will be decided by election at the State Convention in Grand Forks. Each District (5NE & 5NW) will have two positions to fill by election.

There are 12 elected positions on the Board, six from each district. Two from each district are elected each year.

Directors may serve no more than two consecutive three-year terms. Directors appointed to fill vacancies created by resignation or other reasons, may be elected for the first of those threeyear terms, following the completion of the unexpired term they were appointed to fill.

Directors take office July 1, and serve threeyear terms ending on June 30.

District 5NE:

Del Hager's second term expires June 30, 2019. He is not eligible for reelection.

Kristi Swenson was appointed to fill a vacancy. Her position is up for election. She is an eligible candidate for a first threeyear elected term director.

District 5NW: Ken Davis and Lee Gunlickson each end their second terms on June 30, 2019. Neither is eligible for re-election.

The Board of Directors meets quarterly in January, April, July, and at the State Convention. The meetings, typically held in Bismarck, can be attended in person, or by electronic or telephone connections. Although electronic attendance does count for determining a quorum which is necessary to conduct any business, in-person attendance is preferred and allows the member a better opportunity to fully participate.

Board members discuss and decide issues including investment of funds, fund raising, and considering and awarding grants to North Dakota Lions clubs for projects in their communities. Officers on the Board include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They are elected by the Board of Directors,

Board members are expected to serve responsibly to assure the Foundation continues to serve the Lions clubs of North Dakota. Since it was established in 2000, it has grown to include the Video Magnifier program, Sight 4 Kidz, Eyeglass Recycling, and most recently, a special grant fund for sight related projects, created by the dissolution of the Lions Eve Bank of North Dakota. The Foundation also oversees the North Dakota Lion magazine.

Any Lion seriously interested in one of these positions, is encouraged to contact their District Nominating Committee for more information, and to state their intent to be a candidate. The elections will take place at the Districts' annual meetings held at the State Convention in Grand Forks.

