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Lion Clarence Harris, Jr, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, offers the Breakfast Address titled "LCIF Campaign 100".



Lion PDG Chuck Whitney along with his wife Terri. (Left) Chuck received the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame Award at the noon luncheon at the State Convention on October 20. Pictured on the right are PDG Dave Czywczynski and his wife Linda, who presented the award to Chuck.



Lion Lois Reierson, Williston Korner Lions, Executive Director of the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, received the International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation from ID Jennifer Ware. DG Ginney Jones and DG Rob Lein look on.

Success by All Measures

The 2018 State Lions Convention in Grand Forks is one that will be remembered for quite some time. The theme and the success of 101 Donations give it a place in Lions lore. Although attendance at the Convention was only about 175—small by some measures—the generosity of North Dakota Lions was legendary.

The Parade of Green collected over \$28,000 for Lions and related charities. The complete list is published in this issue of the ND Lion.

In celebration and recognition of its 50th anniversary, North Dakota Lions Clubs and individual Lion members contributed almost \$12,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). What a

gift! As a byproduct of that generosity, eleven Melvin Jones Fellowships were sponsored: South Forks Lions (4), Hazen Lions (2), Carrington Lions, Mandan Lions, Bismarck North Star Lions, Rugby Lions, and Bismarck Prairie

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International Director Jennifer Ware presents the Keynote address at the banquet finale.



Grand Forks Mayor Mike Brown welcomes the Lions of North Dakota to "101 Donations" State Lions Convention.



Eric Johnson, MD, Altru Health Systems, UND School of Medicine, educates the Lions on "Diabetes" at the Hall of Fame Luncheon.

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The sleek and modern Lions Clubs International website is up and running. The website is designed to improve your service. It's true, a great website can make a huge difference in your club's service impact. With the allnew https://lionsclubs.org, you will find many resources to make a positive impact in your Lions life. The site is BEAUTIFUL! It is easy to navigate. Everything you are looking for is within one to two clicks away.

RESOURCES for Members includes Featured Resources and New Resources. The Featured Resources will include current projects or things your clubs could be doing now. Currently you can view the Club and Community Needs Assessment, a Fundraising Guide (NOTE that this gives you two options to consider. An ONLINE FUNDRAISING or EVENT FUNDRAISING with a step by step guide.) and a Strides For Diabetes Event guide – since November is Diabetes Awareness month.

The New Resources include a New Member Kit Certificate Template along with the Sponsor Certificate Template. This will help your Lions Club look professional by being able to print right onto the certificates you

receive in the New Member Packet. Another resource guide for everyone is the International Constitution and By-Laws and if you want to know what happened at our Board of Directors' Meeting, the Executive Summary is available for you.

Simply, start looking at the website. Because – the Service Journey sight is just days away from being released. As the website develops you will find more of the resources you loved come alive for you along with some new tools you never even thought of.

International Board Service project and meeting, October 2018

Kevin and I returned from the Board of Directors service project and meeting held in California. Your board of directors took part in a Vision Screening at a pre-school for low income families and we helped with the Special Olympics Softball Tournament.

Imagine if Lions clubs gathered to serve and then included a bit of business



along with that service project. What would our next century of Lions Clubs look like then? Would we attract new members into that kind of club?

Remember that Kindness Matters and each kindness you show through your service impacts someone's life. You are making a difference in our world.

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Rose Lions. Appropriately, South Forks and Hazen had contributed the most overall to 101 Donations.

We are grateful that PID Jennifer Ware and her husband Lion Jeff were here to share with us. PID Ware's banquet presentation and her Q&A session were memorable. She's a great Lion and a wonderful person. Lion Clarence Harris joined us all the way from Milwaukee and gave many of us our first exposure to LCIF Program 100. Local Pastor Kirk Meseck offered an inspiring message to those attending the memorial service. Dr. Marty Douglas,

Development Director for Service Dogs for America, kept the crowd at attention with her canine demonstration after the banquet. All six breakout sessions were well attended and the respective presenters received positive reviews.

Special kudos are warranted for Paul Olson, director of ND Vision Services School for the Blind and his fantastic staff. They hosted one of the most enjoyable and educational icebreaker events on record.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 State Lions Convention in Dickinson on October 25th and 26th.



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The Fargo Lions presented Dr. Anna Miller, OD with a 2017-2018 Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. Dr. Miller is the primary eye doctor at Family Healthcare. Dr. Miller, through Family Healthcare, provided 22 eye exams for Fargo Lions requests in the 2017-2018 fiscal year at a reduced cost allowing us to provide more exams and eyeglass referrals. Left to right: Fargo Lion Kate Rogness; Julie Sorby, Director of Community Development at Family Healthcare; Dr. Anna Miller and Fargo Lion President Sue Anderson.



The Campus Lions Club at North Dakota State University, Fargo, has a fun fundraiser. Fargo Lion President Sue Anderson was the first one graced with the official traveling toilet. The toilet moves to another Lion's yard with a \$30 donation for the American Diabetes Association. Lion Sue reminded everyone to be sure to tell your family it might be coming. Her husband was surprised. As Lion Sue said, "Gotta love the student's creativity."



Fargo Lion and PDG Mel Olson receives the Helen Keller Award from PCC David Jensen. Fargo Lion Past President Paula Swanson is on the left

Fargo Lion, PDG Mel Olson, receives Helen Keller Award

At the Fargo Lions Club meeting Oct. 22, Lion Mel Olson was presented with the Helen Keller Award for his work with the Eyeglass Recycling Center of North Dakota as well as for his work as a board member with Dakota Sight and Health. This award was presented to him by the Minnesota

Lions Vision Foundation as appreciation of Mel's efforts on behalf of all of the Lions of ND. The Lions clubs in Minnesota pooled funds and made a donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation for \$1,000 in Mel's name to give him this honor.

Helen Keller Awards are given to honor those who have distinguished themselves on behalf of sight. They are an excellent way to honor a Lion, Lioness, non-Lion individual, business or organization. A \$1,000 donation to the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation (for Lions Gift of Sight, the Lions Children's Eye Clinic, the MAC Center, the Minnesota Lions Eye Surgery Center, or other Vision Foundation projects) allows the donor to present

a Helen Keller Award. The award recipient receives a beautiful plaque and pin, and the recipient's name is displayed on a Helen Keller board in the University of Minnesota's Eye Clinic. Both the donor and the recipient have the satisfaction of supporting worthwhile Lions projects.

Established in 1992, more than 2,000 Helen Keller Awards have now been bestowed on deserving recipients.

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

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We as Lions like to rate our conventions. Most are pretty good, there are a small handful that aren't so good, and there are those rare ones that are extraordinarily great.

The 2018 North Dakota State Lions Convention, held Sept. 19 and 20 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, was, in my opinion, extraordinarily great. Convention chair Steve Johnson and the rest of the Grand Forks Lions put on a fantastic convention.

Whoever came up with the idea of 101 Donations for the convention theme is a genius. That theme allowed North Dakota Lions to show just how generous they are. Lions donated an estimated \$11,400 to LCIF as part of the giving theme. That means there are 11 Melvin Jones Fellowships that can be given out due to that generosity

Past International Director Jenny Ware and her husband, Lion Jeff, of Michigan were our special international guests. Both were quite impressed with the North Dakota Lions. PID Jenny had a question and answer period on the Saturday afternoon of the convention, then gave a rousing keynote address at the banquet that evening. I told PID Jenny that she needs to come out here next vear for our state convention in Dickinson when Kathy Clemens and Sherry Fetch will be district governors.

Another special guest was Lion Clarence Harris of South Milwaukee, Wis. Clarence spoke about the new LCIF Campaign 100 and stayed for the whole convention, having a great time. Clarence is the widower of Past International Director Karla Harris. Karla and Clarence were at the Multiple District 5 Convention two years ago in Regina, Saskatchewan, when Karla was an international director. We had a fantastic time with them. Sadly, PID

Karla passed away in 2017.

One of the highlights of the convention was having the Friday evening icebreaker at North Dakota Vision Services/School for the Blind in Grand Forks. Lions got to take tours of the facility and learned a lot about what all goes on there beyond what we already knew.

It was great seeing Past District Governor Chuck Whitney of Bowman being inducted into the North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame that Saturday. Chuck is most deserving of that award. Most Hall of Fame honorees receive a special ring upon their induction, but Chuck asked that money for his ring go to a Lions charity.

For District 5NE, Kathy Clemens of the Jamestown Lions Club was elected district governor-elect for 2019-20, and Grant Kahlbaugh of the Grand Forks Red River Lions was elected first vice district governor-elect. There was no election for second vice district governor-elect, as there were no nominations during the District 5NE meeting. However, later that day. Joe Sowokinos, also of the Grand Forks Red River Lions, stepped up and said he was interested in the position. He will likely be elected second vice district governor-elect at a later date. Thank you for stepping up, Lion Joe.

In other District 5NE elections, Kristi Swenson of the New Rockford Lions, Kirk Tingum of the Grand Forks South Forks Lions and Mark Western of the Fargo Lions were elected to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota board of directors. And Past District Governor Mel Olson was re-elected to the Dakota Lions Sight & Health board of

I mentioned Dickinson as the site of next year's state convention, and Carrington

will play host to it the following year. Lions in Carrington saw how well Rugby did with a smaller town hosting a state convention, and said, "We can do it, too." I'm certainly looking forward to those next conventions.

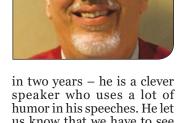
But Grand Forks sure raised the bar as far as quality of state conventions go. Way to go, Grand Forks Lions!

Northern Pride

North Dakota Lions provided a strong presence at the Northern Pride Lions Leadership Forum, held Nov. 2 and 3 in Mahnomen, Minn.

International Director Pat Vannett was one of those North Dakotans. She was the guest speaker at the noon luncheon and gave an inspiring message. Pat, you have a way of firing us up as Lions, and we appreciate that.

Lions Clubs International Third Vice President Brian Sheehan - himself a Minnesotan – gave the address at the banquet. I now see why Third Vice President Brian will become president of Lions Clubs International



us know that we have to see beyond the horizon in Lions. but must have fun doing so.

This was just a super, fun event. Lion Carla and I, as well as other North Dakotans, got a great chance to meet Minnesota Lions, as well as some from Manitoba, Ontario, Wisconsin, and Iowa. We in our multiple district need to do more things like this with their multiple district.

This also gave me a chance to hook up with parents and grandparents who have kids going to North Dakota State University. They were asking if NDSU has a campus club. Boy, NDSU sure does! I told them I would hook up with the NDSU Lions, so look for an increase in membership in that club, all thanks to the Northern Pride Leadership Forum.

Mott



1st Vice District Governor Sherry Fetch (pictured with PRLC member Carolyn Lean) was the winner of the guilt raffle at the ND State Lions Convention in Grand Forks. All proceeds were donated to LCIF. The guilt was designed and coordinated by PRLC member Ellie Meeks.



Award recipients Barb Welk-Dale Niewoehner -Sandy Mongeon-Galen Mack-Judy Jelsing & Bruce Rheault with DG Rob Lein

Rugby Lions Club 90th Anniversary

By Lion Janet Miller

The Rugby Lions Charter Night 90th anniversary banquet held surprise entertainment following the ceremonies.

Dinner at the Dakota Farms Restaurant featured fork-tender roast beef. Harvest table decorations with a nod to Halloween set the tone provided by Lions Ruth Fedje and Judy Jelsing.

The original Club Charter was on display, surrounded by photos of the founding members. Their names are on the back and printed in the program.

NE District Governor Rob Lein gave an inspiring talk highlighting Lions' accomplishments, and there are many of them, throughout the year. We were delighted his wife, Lion Carla came with him.

Lion Carla, Lion Sandy Mongeon from the Rugby Lions and Lion Jennifer Suko from the Northern Lights Lion Club discussed vision screening for children. Undoubtedly, this exchange will find use in all three clubs.

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Program & table decor.



Original Charter and photos of founders.

Hazen



Longtime Hazen Lions Members Dorothy Eissinger and Joyce Vachal greet people coming out for a benefit for Michael Sailer held Sunday.

Photo by Kathy Mettler



Lisa and Mike Schwindt were presented with a check from Hazen Lions President Sharon Olander, from donations received at Mike's medical benefit held Oct. 7.

Photo by Doreen Ost



Hazen Lions members honored the first and second place winners in the Peace Poster Contest. Pictured from left to right: Myah Johnson, Sharon Olander, Ciarra Lenoir and Maxine Beckwith.

Photo by Daniel Arens



Hazen Lions presented a check from a benefit held Oct. 21 for Michael Sailer, put on by the Lions Club and St. Paul Lutheran Church members. Front row, left to right: Tina Knecht, Michael Sailer and Sharon Olander. Back row, left to right: Rosemary Sailer, Sharon Moon, Carmel Ballard, Esther Sailer and Shannon Murray.

Photo by Daniel Arens

Lions Foundation of North Dakota, Inc. State Convention Parade of Green Donations

Lifetime Memberships * \$300

Jeanette Bean by Dacotah Mandan Lions Club Al Shreve by Dacotah Mandan Lions Club Jennifer Grimm by Fargo Lions Club by Fargo Lions Club Mel Olson Connie Osowski by Grand Forks Lions Club Karen Koller by New England Lions Club Dan Hill by South Forks Lions Club Charles Zick by South Forks Lions Club

Bronze Clubs * \$100-\$299

Carrington Lions Club
Jamestown Lions Club
Lake Metigoshe Lions Club
Minot Magic City Lions Club
New Rockford Lions Club
North Star Lions Club
Rugby Lions Club
South Heart Lions Club

* \$300-\$499

Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club

Mandan Lions Club

Gold Clubs * \$500-\$999

Red River Lions Club Williston Lions Club Williston Korner Lions Club

Glenburn Lions Club \$ 50

Family of PDG Ray Lein \$102

Sustaining MembershipKristi Swenson

\$10
2nd Year

Vivian Pendergrass \$20

District 5NW Club New Lions Member Challenge



FIRST PLACE

To The Lions Club with the most NEW LIONS MEMBERS

Signed up on LCI

Between November 1st and April 5th will receive:

3 FREE Registrations

for the ND State Lions Convention in Dickinson.

SECOND PLACE

2 FREE Registrations

for the Lions ND State Convention in Dickinson.

Will be Awarded at the Spring Rally in Beulah, ND April 6th.

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings 5 NW Lions! We had a wonderful time at the recent North Dakota State Lions Convention! For those of you who were there, I'm sure you will agree that Lion Steve Johnson and the team of Lions from the South Forks Lions Club, the Red River Lions Club and the Grand Forks Lions Club did an awesome job of putting on a great convention. The learning sessions were a hit, a district Peace Poster Contest winner was selected, the district and state meetings were productive, the tour of the North Dakota Vision Service School for the Blind was very informative, entertainment was great and our guest speakers were very impressive! Our future District Governors were elected to their positions. My sincere congratulations to Lion Sherry Fetch, DGE, Lion Kevin Bean, 1st VDGE, and new to the line-up, Lion Scott Ressler, 2nd VDGE. We have a winning leadership team to lead us into the forthcoming 2019-2020 Lion year! Finally, I'd like to give a "shout out" to Lion Clarence, for his LCIF Campaign 100 presentation, Dr. Eric Johnson for his

presentation on Diabetes and to Past International Director, Jennifer Ware, our featured speaker, for her amazing spirited Lions speech. We always have such a grand time when we join together in the spirit of Lionism. Next year, I'm sure we are in for a similar treat in Dickinson. So, I hope to see you there.

I'd like to briefly remind you of a couple of administrative concerns that seem to be popping up. It's important for club leaders, particularly Club Treasurers to understand that LCI and district dues are two different things and keeping the bills paid and on time is very important. If club membership dues to LCI become over 90 days delinquent, the DG is notified, as the club stands in jeopardy of being suspended by LCI. We don't want this to happen, so please stay on top of paying your club membership dues. Likewise, with our district dues, those funds are used by the district to pay for various district bills, and if the clubs aren't paying, it could jeopardize our ability to pay for various things we have allotted the funding toward. If you are a Club Treasurer and have questions about your responsibilities or need additional training, please reach out to me and I'll find a seasoned Treasurer to assist. Also, please try to attend the upcoming Spring Rally in Beulah on Saturday, 6 April 2019. Club Treasurer training is always offered at the Spring Rally because it's such an important club position with specific financial nuances associated with Lions clubs.

Club Secretaries, please perform your monthly membership reporting on MyLCI. It's just a couple of clicks on your keyboard! Also, please report your monthly service activities. For the month of October 2018, 36 service activities were reported by our clubs, but a few reported more than one per club. So, I'm sure more are performing service activities, but their contributions are going unreported. We need to be proud of the service we perform and report it to LCI.

Continue striving for membership growth, but most importantly, stay focused on member retention as well. Make your new members feel



welcome, get them involved, thank each other, and work to get along with each other. Afterall, we are a Lion family and our business is service to those in need. As Lions we need to be unified as we support our motto of "We Serve".

Finally, remember there are free club supplies available from LCI. New membership kits and various new member pamphlets are available for order at no charge. Your Club Secretary or Club Membership Chair can order them for your club. I encourage you to visit the website and request the items your club needs: https://www2.lionsclubs.org/. You'll also find other cool Lion accessories that you can purchase on the website.

It's a wonderful Lion year so far and I hope you're enjoying the journey. I sure am! As always, THANK YOU for all you do as Lions. Each of you are truly contributing in so many kind ways of making the world a better place to live!

Club News



5NW Team Members Complete Bachelors Degree at Lion's University in USA/Canada Forum 2018, Columbus, Ohio. Pictured from left to right, 2nd VDG Lion Kevin Bean, 5NW Treasurer, Lion Jeanette Bean, DG Lion Ginney Jones and 1st VDG Lion Sherry Fetch.

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DG Rob presented the awards then posed with Club President Lion Bruce Rheault with the anniversary cake. DG Rob and Lion Carla had to leave a bit early as they were trying to get home that night. Door prizes were a big hit.

The surprise entertainment

The surprise entertainment turned crafty. We painted pumpkins. Lion Barb Welk's sister, Carol Marken, showed us design ideas ranging from traditional faces to making pumpkins look like doughnuts. Paints, stencils, brushes, transfers and various types of glitter invited creativity.

The meeting turned into a social event. We each worked on our own pumpkin then walked around to see what everyone else was doing. Over paints and pumpkins we visited, caught up on what was happening and exchanged views of favorite sport teams and the latest game.

Pumpkins turned into colorful works of art. Some took their pumpkins home, others are on the restaurant windowsills or displayed at the entrance. It was a successful, fun and very social evening.



Pat Bye with pumpkin.



DG Rob Lein & Club President Lion Bruce Rheault with cake.



Chuck Repnow painting pumpkin house.



Artists at work.

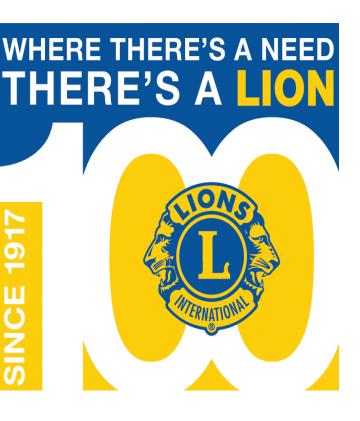
Capital City _



St. Mary's High School Leo's Club members who recently provided and served dinner to 395 guests at The Banquet in Bismarck. Far right is Kari Stromme, their school advisor. Capital City Lions is their club sponsor.



Capital City Lions received Honor of Silver Award from Bismarck State College Foundation for its continued support of their scholarship program. Left is David Blackstead, PDG, and right is Gary Hansen, Club President.



Club News

Mott



Mott Lions receive years of service chevrons. Left to right: Lion Shirley Halvorson, 20 years, 5 NW DG Ginney Jones, Lion Troy Mosbrucker, 15 years. Thank you Lions Shirley and Troy for your years of Lions Service!



During the October 15 annual club visit, two new Lions were inducted into the Mott Lions Club. Pictured left to right, Lion Heater Jahner, sponsor of Lion Amber Grist, Lion Steve Meckle and his sponsor, Lion Sharon Larson. Thank you to the Mott Lions on your continued efforts toward club growth!

Beulah



October 9th, 2018 I made my first visit for DG Lion Ginney Jones to the Beulah Lions Club. This is such an awesome young club that does so much service for thieir community. I am so proud of each and every Lions member. While visiting, I inducted 2 new Lions! Pictured are: Sponsor PDG Lion Dave Czywczynski, New Lion Christina Schweitzer, 1st VDG Lion Sherry Fetch, New Lion Chris Schantz and Sponsor Lion Casey Renner. Welcome to the wonderful World of Service!

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

Club News

Grand Forks



Alyssa Carlton-Krese, age 12, of Grand Forks won the District 5NE bracket of the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Alyssa attends Valley Middle School in Grand Forks. Her poster goes on to the MD5 bracket of the Peace Poster Contest. *Photo by Bryon Novotny*



Lions from Grand Forks assist Pembina County Health Services with Vision Screening of Kindergarten students throughout all the County schools. L to R: Roger Johnson Denise Dame, Ron Timpe, Deb Stark and Del Hager.

Carrington .



The Carrington Lions Club sponsored the Peace Poster Contest for grade 6. The local winners were first place Kendall Kovar, second place Sierra Friedt, and third place Joslyne Thompson. Pictured from left to right are Joslyne Thompson, Sierra Friedt, Kendall Kovar and David Nowatzki, Carrington Lions president.

Glenburn_____



A supporter of the "Dictionary Project", Glenburn Lions donated dictionaries to the 3rd grade students of Glenburn School. This is an educational literary incentive for the students. The children were very excited to receive their own dictionary/animal gazetteer. We wish them continued success throughout their academic journey!



Hallie Nash, age 11 of Glenburn was the winner of the local Glenburn Lions Peace Poster contest.

Fargo Gateway_



The Gateway Lions Club of Fargo sponsored the 2018 Peace Poster Contest for the middle school students at Oak Grove. The winners from this local contest are pictured above (from left to right). !st Place: Papa-Yaw Arim, 2nd Place: Gus Elbert and 3rd Place: Hailey Newman. Papa-Yaw's theme was, "We can't get anywhere in life without kindness". The Gateway Lions Club would like to thank Principal Aimee Zachrison for her help in coordinating the program.

Club News

Williston



Newest member Lion Tate Cymbaluk, left, was inducted with sponsor Lion Terry Oxendahl, center and Lion President James Bervig, right.



Lions President James Bervig, left, with his new member Lion Matt Kohler, right.

Alexander _____





Lion Bob Johnson recieved award for 30 years of service.



Lion Don Link recieved award for 45 years of service.



Lion Artie Weber recieved award for 15 years of service.

Mandan





Dacotah Mandan Lions Serve Their Community by Cleaning Ditches

(Left to right) Lion Danielle Moe's spouse, Dustin Moe , Lion Danielle Moe, Lion Leanne Eckroth, Lion Shirley Schafer and PCC Lion Arlen Fetch. Photo of back of DGE Lion Sherry Fetch.

Williston Korner_____



Korner Lions Stevie Broe and Kent Reierson show their Lion spirit by running a booth at the All City Halloween party.

2018 Parade of Green

2018 was another stellar year for the Lions Parade of Green! The final tallies are in, and here is the amazing numbers that the Lions of ND raised this year. – Paula Swanson, Secretary LFND

LCIF 5 NE	1,350
LCIF 5NW	3,270
Video magnifier	1,418
Lions Fdn of ND	6,453
Sight 4 Kids	2,400

*An additional \$1,000 donation from Chuck Whitney to Sight for Kids was made as his Hall of Fame Donation

Dakota Lions Sight & Health	4,950
Leader Dogs for the Blind NW	4,250
Leader Dogs for the Blind NE	3,125
Service Dogs for America	7,125
Vision USA	1,936
ND Assn of the Blind	800
ND School of the Blind	850
MD5 Youth Camp	100
TOTAL	\$39,02

*These totals do not include the Pin Auction or the 101 Donation Totals.



Lewellyn Rustan presents Karen Koller with a Lions Foundation of North Dakota Lifetime Membership.



District Governor Ginney Jones (left) presents New England Lions Bobby Erickson with a Melvin Jones Fellowship Award.

Lions Celebrate 85th Anniversary

The New England Lions Club recently celebrated the 85th anniversary of the club, which was granted a charter by Lions Clubs International in September of 1933. A banquet was held at the New England Memorial Hall, with more than 50 guests attending, including the District Governor from Glenburn, and Lions from Mott, Bowman, Reeder, Scranton, Bismarck and

Mandan.

Several New England Lions were recognized with awards. Roberta (Bobby) Erickson was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is the highest award given by Lions Clubs International Foundation. She was the first woman inducted into the New England Lions Club, in 1996,

Karen Koller received a Lions Foundation of North Dakota Lifetime Membership. Mark Koller received a District Governor Extension Award for chartering a new Lions Club in Surrey. Presidential Appreciation Awards were presented to Sandy Lein, Gary and Bonnie Morel, and Lewellyn Rustan. Centennial Membership Awards were presented to Tim Hecker and Arlene Rose. Milestone Chevron Awards were given to Mark Koller for 25 years and to Gary Morel for 15 years of service.

The New England Lions Club currently has 36 members. The club is most noted for the popular Burgers In The Park, held each Tuesday during summer months. That weekly event has attracted more than 300 guests from the local and area communities.