



North Dakota Lions mission trip to Mexico

Lions from North Dakota recently had an opportunity to experience the true meaning of being a Lion and why it is so important to recycle eyeglasses.

A group of Fargo Lions and their spouses accompanied by Dr. Steve Thom & daughter Libby, Dr. Mike Rexine & wife Kathy and Lions from Bismarck, Jamestown, Mandan and Grand Forks traveled to Mexico on a vision mission trip. The focus of the trip was to provide vision screening to those in need and to provide approximately 3500 pairs of recycled glasses to individuals in need of vision services. In addition to the prescription glasses, approximately 1,000 pairs of readers and 750 pairs of sunglasses were distributed to individuals who attended the vision screening activity.

Upon arrival in Mexico, the North Dakota Lions group joined with the Puerto



Back: Troy Anderson, Joe Dobbs, Dr. Steve Thom, Dr. Mike Rexine, Kevin Vannett, Mel Olson, Mark Western.
Center: Kathy Clemens, Sue Anderson, Libby Thom, Kathy Rexine, Pat Vannett Paula Western.
Front: Kate Lee, Dana Dobbs, Kim Olson, Ashley Mathson, Jennifer Grimm, Bruce Schwartz, Julie Schwartz.

Vallarta Lions Club who provided the promotion for the event, transportation to and from the airport and the facility in which the event was held. The Puerto Vallarta Lions also assisted with the organization and services needed to screen, treat and provide prescription eyeglasses to more than 500

individuals who were experiencing vision issues and in need of assistance.

Many of the Lions working at the tables indicated that the expression on the faces of the individuals when they were fitted with an appropriate pair of glasses and were able to see well again, alone, made it worth the time

and effort involved recycling the glasses and taking the Mission Trip. Lions involved in the Mission Trip explained they now have a clearer indication of the reason "We Serve".

Sue Anderson, one of the

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Gift Certificate Extravaganza-Gateway Lions

During these very trying times of the "Coronavirus Pandemic" many businesses are really feeling the pain financially. Lion President Duane Zwinger of the Gateway Lions Club in Fargo saw an email from a restaurant owner stating it would be very helpful at this time for people of Fargo to purchase gift certificates for future use. He forwarded that email to the members

of the club. Two members, Lions Darrell Costain and Gelaine Orvik took the message and ran with it. They got the ok from the Board of Directors (by email vote) to use some money from the Lions All-Star Basketball account to purchase gift certificates. These gift certificates will then be purchased by members of the club. They choose Happy Joe's Pizza, Fargo Gastropud, Buffalo

Wild Wings and Texas Roadhouse. These vendors were chosen because during the Lions All-Star BB games they provide meals to the athletes. The gift certificates were in \$25 or \$30 denominations. This information was sent out to the members. This promotion ran from March 27-April 4. The members really responded!!! During that time frame 25 members purchased 54 gift certificates

worth \$1,445. This amount of sales will not save these four businesses from closing, but it will help. As Lion Darrell was getting the gift certificates from the businesses, he was thanked very much by the owners/managers for thinking of them during this very difficult time.

That is what Lions Clubs do. In time of need, we are there!!!!

Leadership at a Time of Crisis

By Crystal Dueker

MD5 New Voices coordinator

If you have been reading my past columns about the 4 categories of the Lions New Voices Initiative, (Membership, Service, Marketing, and now Leadership) you might be curious how "Leadership" fits in right now. As Constitutional Region #2-New Voices Chair, Lion Nicole LePage of Quebec, says, "Being a Leader in Lions is doing more in Lionism."

Wouldn't you agree NOW is the time for us all to do more as Leaders in our service across MD5? Afterall, service is the product Lions deliver to their communities.

In the words of DG-elect Don Morris, (5SKS), "Our family, friends, neighbors, and communities will be looking for reassurance during these coming months and we as Lions need to be willing to LEAD through the darkness. We must continue to SERVE as best we know how. We must be prepared to help as we can lighten the burden of those around us."

Here is just a sample of Lions serving across MD5:

The newest N.D. club, the Mapleton Lions, hit the ground running. Their Facebook page states their members will perform shopping errands or related aid to serve the people in their community. (Great way to introduce themselves.)

Minot Magic City Lions also have a Facebook page; offering gift certificates from their local "Mom and Pop" stores to help them during this time of economic crisis. Each week, the comments posted are added into the club's pot so these certificates can be awarded. Plus it is a reminder to their members to purchase gift certificates for their own use or as a way to say "Thank You" to the healthcare worker or any person working an essential job. (President Josh Ressler told me how 180 comments reached over 10,000 people as of early April.)

A few Horace Lions are part of a volunteer committee (with church leaders and city council members) to check up on the elderly in their North Dakota area. Are the elderly OK? Do they need something from a store or pharmacy, or need someone to talk with during this crisis?

Lions across Saskatchewan, South Dakota, and North Dakota are helping to pack boxes at their local food banks, as well as donating funds to those same food banks and to the Salvation Army. Did you know some of the members from New Rockford Lions in N.D. make their usual trips to Wal-Mart (30 miles away) to do shopping for multiple people? Picking up a gallon of milk, loaf of bread, or cans of

beans for someone else saves them from standing in long lines; especially now when admission to big stores is being limited.

My own Fargo Gateway Lions Club purchased over \$1,450 in gift cards from Fargo restaurants. Each of these businesses have supported our North Dakota Lions All-Star Basketball series with ads in the game programs over the past 40 years. It is our way to inject some funds into our city's economy. (Our members purchased all of them to replenish our charitable funds account.)

In South Dakota, Lions are taking the elderly to medical appointments and wait outside of the clinics to take them home again or to the pharmacy.

Another Lion, donated \$1,000 out of her own pocket, to help a group of teachers in Leeds, N.D. The purpose was to help them with the needs of their students and helping local families. (Leeds students carry on the

"Adopt-a-Highway" legacy of the now-closed Leeds Lions Club.)

There was also a \$400 check sent to the Ashley Lions in N.D.; suggesting their club match it. Those funds could be used in helping a local business or family in need in their community.

Jeanette Bean, 2nd DG of 5NW, (Mandan Lions) sent out a memo to Lions clubs in her region to consider purchasing gift certificates from their local stores. PID Pat Vannett suggested those grocery certificates could be donated to family shelters or food banks, or as a gift to your mail delivery person.

Finally during this time of social distancing, there were two Lions singing in their church on Palm Sunday. (No more than 10 including 2 ministers.) I heard it was video-taped. I hope it was sent out or posted to bring HOPE to others. Easter is a time for RENEWAL; to FEED our souls. We all need some of that right now.

The MD5
Convention in
Brookings, SD has
been cancelled.

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Kelly Jacobs	1st Year

*Thank you Lions Clubs and Individual
Lions for your generous Donations.*

Update on Lions events

District 5NE Clubs

These are very difficult times with the “Coronavirus Pandemic” taking over the world. It has affected each of us, the business world and even our Lions Clubs. We on the 5NE District level are trying to move ahead as best we can under these very trying conditions. This note is to inform you that the Contest & Awards Committee is still moving forward. The reason for this being that the Lions Clubs of 5NE have spent much time in preparation for these contests & awards.

The first four contests are due for completion on April 30, 2020. These are;

1) Club of the Year, 2) Club Scrapbook, 3) Club Newsletter/Bulletin & 4) Club Website. The next these contests are due for completion on July 30, 2020. These are; 1) Lion of the Year, 2) Club Visitation & 3) Club Membership Improvement. The judging of these contest and awarding to the winners is still up in the air, but it will get done. If any of you have any questions regarding the forms, reporting process or any other concern, get in contact with Contests & Awards Chair, Duane Zwinger at 701-650-9697 or dmazwinger@midco.net
5NE Clubs-ROARIN’ & ROOKIE LION
5NE District Contests

& Awards Chair Duane Zwinger and DG Kathy Clemens would like to announce that District 5NE will be conducting the “ROARIN” LION and the “ROOKIE” LION awards. The “ROARIN” AWARD has been in place for a few years in 5NW and with their permission we in 5NE are going to have this award as well. To be a ROARIN LION, a Lion must be in good standing and must do seven (7) activities during a Lions calendar year. Some of those activities are; visit another Lions Club, bring a guest to a meeting, participate in a service or fund raising project, etc. To earn the ROOKIE LION award, you must be a 1st year Lion and must do nine (9) activities during his/her 1st year of Lionism. The activities are similar to the “ROARIN” LION award. A few other activities may be; attend Lions Club Board meeting, attend a cabinet meeting, attend a one-hour orientation, etc. DG Kathy and Chair Duane are hoping that many of you Lions of 5NE will take advantage of this GREAT opportunity to become better Lions. If any of you want to know more about these programs, need the forms with the criteria or any other question, get in contact with Duane Zwinger at 701-650-9697 or dmazwinger@midco.net.

SPRING RALLY RESCHEDULED!!!

Districts 5NW and 5NE

SAVE the DATE

June 12th - 13th

On-Line ZOOM Meeting

More Information Pending

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

5NE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Greetings Lions of ND!

As I look out my window, I see the sun shining and the birds chirping. Does that mean spring is upon us? This spring will be very different for all of us, but I know there are still ways that we can spread the "Sunshine".

I know it is very difficult for a lot of us Lions not to be able to hold meetings in person. We are a very social bunch! I was able to attend a virtual meeting via Zoom with the Fargo Gateway Lions last week. There was so much joy on their faces to be able to see each other again even though it was through a computer. They were able to conduct business, make some plans for the future, and even do a little tail twisting. I know there are many more clubs out there meeting online and I applaud you for doing so! Great Job for

thinking outside the box!

As you all know, our Lions motto is WE SERVE. In the current time, we have to come up with new and different ways to serve as we can't serve in the ways we have done in the past. A few clubs have reached out to me to let me know the ways they are serving their communities. I get to brag about my club in Jamestown a little bit as we participate in the Meals on Wheels program and we are still able to safely deliver those meals to those in need. There are clubs purchasing gift cards from local restaurants for those in need who are currently out of a job or just to support the restaurant as they struggle to not be able to do business as they normally would. Great Job Lions of North Dakota for still showing the ways that WE SERVE!

I do have some bad news to share. The MD5 Council of Governors has decided to cancel the MD5 Convention that was to be held in Brookings, SD in May. If you had booked your hotel for the convention, please make sure to cancel your reservation. If you had paid your registration for the convention, Cindy Ostlie or another member of the convention committee will be in contact with you. Of course, there is always some "Sunshine". The Council of Governors meeting and the business meeting will be held electronically. More information on those meetings will be coming out soon.

As you are all aware, both Districts 5NE and 5NW had to cancel our Spring Rallies. The District Governors from both districts put our heads together and decided we are going to have a Virtual

Spring Rally. We are going to hold it the evening of Friday, June 12th and during the day on Saturday, June 13th. We are still in the planning stages, but I wanted to mention the dates to all of you and let you know more information is to come!

My HUGE THANK YOU this month goes to all the Lions of ND. You are all stepping up to try new things or do things just a little bit differently in order to still live our motto of "WE SERVE"! I hope all of you are staying safe and healthy and I am looking forward to seeing you all in person again very soon!

"Service Creates Sunshine"

Club News

Horace



The Horace Lions along with the Boy Scouts from Horace provided another Pancake Breakfast to the community. The event is an annual event in support of Troop 274 Boy Scouts. The Lions do the cooking and the scouts do the serving which works out very well for all concerned. We also work with the local Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts during the January and April Pancake Breakfasts. This has been a Service Project of the Horace Lions for over 20 years.

Elgin



Photo by Lion Duane

Lion Gail Schatz sorting used eye glasses.

Lions Collect Eye Glasses

Shown is Lion Gail Schatz sorting used eye glasses from throughout the community and county. Boxes for used eye glasses are available at Elgin True Value, Elgin Vision Clinic, Jacobson Memorial Hospital and Grant County News. In Carson the used eye glasses can be left at the box at the Carson Super Valu grocery store. Lion Gail collected 247 pair

of used eye glasses recently and after sorting the glasses were given to the Lions Vision Eye Source in Mandan. The glasses will be sorted and possibly distributed in a foreign country. Lion Gail has been collecting used eye glasses for more than 40 years. It is the number one service project for the Lions Club.

Gateway



Pictured above is President Duane Zwinger of the Gateway Lions Club of Fargo as he led the club in a meeting using the ZOOM communications method. The meeting took place on Friday, April 3.



Pictured above is photo of a computer image of the participants in the Gateway Lions Club ZOOM meeting on Friday, April 3. There were a total of 20 Lions in attendance at this meeting.

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co-chairs of this year's Vision Mission 2020 to Mexico summed up the experience this way:

This was my third mission trip to Puerto Vallarta with the ND Lions. Every time we join the Puerto Vallarta Lions in screening and dispensing eye glasses I am overwhelmed by how grateful the citizens of PV are to receive eye care and used glasses. Patients were so happy to be receiving the Lions services even after waiting several hours. There is

nothing more satisfying than placing used eyeglasses on a person in need. The surprised look they first give as they look around the room and then the corners of their mouth cannot hide their excitement as they display the biggest smile. They can see!

With April being Eyeglasses Recycling Month the mission trip and the glasses provided to those in need, serves as a stark reminder of the need and the value of eyeglasses recycling.

The 2021
MD5 Convention
will be at the
Alerus Center in
Grand Forks on
May 20-22.



ALL EYES ON CARRINGTON
2020 NORTH DAKOTA LIONS STATE CONVENTION
OCTOBER 23TH AND 24TH
CARRINGTON, NORTH DAKOTA



Convention Site:
Carrington High School
100 3rd Ave. South
Carrington, ND 58421
Questions contact:

Registration Fees:

Oct. 27, 2019-Sept. 1, 2020 - \$95.00
Sept. 1, 2020- Convention - \$110.00

Lion Ken Hansen
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Mail registration form and check payable to ND State Lions Convention
to Tom Paintner, 11 6th St S Carrington, ND, 58421

☐ I need special vision accommodations (explain on back of this registration form)

☐ I need special meal accommodations (explain on back of this registration form)

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

Name _____ Lion Guest (circle one)

Preferred badge name _____ Club _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Telephone _____ Email _____

Total \$ enclosed _____ Check # _____

Lodging Information

Chieftain Conference Center 701-652-3131

Single- \$95.00
King/Full Double/ Queen Double -\$110.00
Suites: 1 King Bed/ 1 Queen Sofa Sleeper - \$125 - \$130

Carrington Inn & Suites 701-652-3982

Single: 1 Queen- \$85.00
King Single: 1 King- \$95.00
Full Double: 2 Full Beds- \$90.00
Queen Double: 2 Queen Beds- \$95.00

Cobblestone Inn Suites 701-652-3000

King Single- \$124.99
2 Double: 2 Beds \$124.99
Suites: 1 King Bed, 1 pull out- \$139.99
King Single- \$124.99
2 Double: 2 Beds \$124.99
Suites: 1 King Bed, 1 pull out- \$139.99

Serving during the COVID-19 pandemic

By Gary Morel
5NW GST

I hope everyone is doing fine and staying healthy during this time we are living in.

As Lions we take pride in serving our communities. With the coronavirus, Lions clubs had to make the decision to cancel all the fund-raising events they had planned. As Lions, we know we made the right decision. It is another way we serve our communities by keeping everyone safe. Board meetings and regular meetings had to also be canceled.

Here are some suggestions for clubs that are searching for some useful online tools to help you hold virtual meetings:

1. Zoom – generous free version allows for up to 100 people, but meetings are limited to just 40 minutes.

2. ezTalks Meetings – an exceptional free web video conference service. Can also support up to 100 people on one web conference.

3. Skype – widely known online meeting platform. Although it is free, it requires users to create a skype name and download the program.

4. Google Hangouts – communication platform that allows one-on-one or in groups through text, voice or video chats.

5. Go to Meetings – highly popular web conferencing tool. They have a free version that is limited to audio for three participants. Also, a paid plan allows for video conferencing for large conferences.

6. Join.Me – is a free plan that is limited to conferencing and screen sharing. A paid pre-subscription is recommended for meeting with more than five participants.

Other ways we can serve right now is by making a do-

nation to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) either as clubs or individual donations. This COVID-19 pandemic is affecting the world.

LCIF grants are helping the whole world in this time of need.

LCIF has awarded 23 grants totaling US\$ 1,098,776 for our COVID-19 response.

The Minot Magic City Li-

ons are supporting their local businesses by giving away \$50 gift cards over the next several weeks. To be eligible for the drawing you will need to Like their Facebook page/post and share to their timeline. Then leave a comment on what you are doing during your quarantine time. The winner will be picked on Friday and gift cards mailed to you. The Magic City Lions are supporting 28-30 busi-

nesses. Contact Lion Josh Ressler at jressler@srt.com or 701-721-0092 on how your club can do this project.

This is just one example what Lions clubs can do at this time. If you come up with other ideas on how we can serve let the 5NW District Secretary, Lion Lois Reirson, know and a bulk email can be sent to all clubs.

*“Just how important is the loss of
one club member?”*



In community service measurement,
it is the loss of hands, energy, and project progress.

For people in dire need of help...

One Less Volunteer to Provide Assistance.

EVERY LION COUNTS !!
EVERY LION IS IMPORTANT!!

5NW DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S REPORT

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Hello Lions of District 5NW,

During this Holy Week of Easter, I find myself focusing on the many changes that have occurred in the hospital where I work, our community, our country and our world due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus. These unprecedented changes in our nation, state, and hospital have required measures to be put into place which are to help protect each other in combating this virus. As we anticipate and prepare for a surge in COVID-19 cases in North Dakota by the end of April, we can expect more necessary changes as we learn new ways and techniques to combat this virus.

We are living in a time of challenges and uncertainty, this is true. Covid-19, the current Coronavirus Pandemic, has impacted our lives significantly. Many of our Lions are in the age groups that are most at risk, most vulnerable.... but to clarify...we are all at risk. Because of this we are to isolate from each other and stay home.

As I mentioned, I work in the health care world and I want you all to know that we are prepared for any possibilities of escalation of this pandemic here in North Dakota. It is extremely important that you follow the recommended guidelines of at least 6 feet distancing, washing your hands frequently, wearing a face covering in public and staying at home as much as possible.

With this new temporary way of living in our communities, how can we as Lions stay connected and serve our world? Connection to others can start with a phone call, a

text or an email and even an old-fashioned letter or card is a thoughtful way to reach out to others.

But...there are also so many new ways to reach out to others. Lions Clubs can meet on their computers and phones through Facebook, Go-to-Meeting, and even Zoom. And there is also twitter and snapchat!!

So I reach out to you to continue toCommunicate....Communicate....Communicate!! Staying in touch with our Lions Club members is very important. We can continue to plan Lions projects and service for the future from our homes by utilizing

these different platforms. The DG Team will help you in any way we can to stay connected. I have recently heard of Lions Clubs having meetings, signing up new members, having orientations and other trainings over the computer. It can be done. We can learn, grow and embrace these new ways to stay in touch.

The International Convention and MD5 Convention have been canceled, but we as Lions of our communities and the world have experienced these types of challenges in the past 103 years. We have faced these challenges, learned, adapted, and grown, just like we will now in

our time. Opportunity awaits for anyone willing to learn. Knowledge sharing equips us to leverage our strengths, bridge gaps through partnerships and encourage innovation. This process of discovery unifies our focus and prepares us for action.

This past weekend I was reminded of an author who has endured so much in her life but also embraced those around her with love and compassion, Corrie ten

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Thank you to the Hebron Lions for hosting my 2nd Zone Meeting.

We had a great time coming up with new ideas to increase membership and how to retain membership. Discussion on how to give back to the community was filled with great ideas.

All clubs need to remember the Zone Chairs are always here for you and willing to help in any way we can. Continue our motto: WE SERVE!

Zone 4B Chair Jeanette

Elgin



Pictured is Oakes Lions Club Tail Twister, Geoff Rath, presenting Jeremiah and Ida with a \$1000 donation.

Donation presented

On Feb 18, 2020 Jeremiah Erickson, Client Services Coordinator, Service Dogs for America located in Judd ND along with his personal service dog Ida, attended the Oakes ND Lions Club annual Valentines Dinner. Jeremiah described his experience of being placed with Ida and answered many club member's questions ranging from dog training procedures to

how dogs are placed with potential individuals and what dog breeds are preferred. The dogs at Judd are trained for Mobility Assistance, (PTSD) Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Seizure Response and Diabetic Alert Response. Any organization or individual wishing to contribute by donating time and talent or monetarily can inquire by calling 701-685-2242.

Project Little Room 2020

Greetings to all ND Lions! As I write this article, I realize that it was one month ago to the date (March 8th) that I sent out information to all Lions Clubs of ND about a vision-related project called Project Little Room 2020. Presidents and secretaries of all clubs were sent an email describing the project and asking for financial support from Lions of North Dakota of a fairly ambitious amount. The goal is to raise the dollars needed to purchase 10 new Little Rooms by the fall of 2020. Each full-sized Little Room kit costs approximately \$3500. Little Rooms for smaller children are less costly but the overall goal for funds needed is about \$35,000. A couple of links I invite you to view is a message from Paul Olson, Superintendent of ND Vision Services/School for the Blind <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drMDgb6Ovp0> and also a short video of a 9-month old little girl inside a Little Room showing what a Little Room is and how they work. Little rooms are designed to give blind infants, children with slow development, severely disabled chil-

dren and children with combinations of disabilities the possibility to gain the ability of reaching, the beginning of the understanding of space, and early object concept. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drMDgb6Ovp0>

At this time, I want to thank all Clubs for their consideration and I also want to report those clubs who have, so generously, donated to this effort. Although I am not reporting each club donation amount, as all donations are appreciated, one club alone donated the full amount to purchase a complete Little Room! That is wonderful! Clubs that have donated at this time are Horace Lions Club, Grand Forks South Forks Lions Club, Stanley Lions Club, Bowman Lions Club, Grand Forks Lions Club, Williston Korner Lions Club and Minot Lions Club. The total amount donated to date is \$8,100! All of that in one month!

I have had conversations with a few other clubs and their intention is to support this project as well. With our

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Contact your DG for further instruction if you have contests you planned to submit for the MD5 contest.

District 5NW Clubs New Lions Membership Challenge



We Want NEW LIONS!!

CHALLENGE REVISED!!!

FIRST PLACE

To the Lions Club with the most NEW LIONS MEMBERS

Signed up on LCI

Between November 1st and June 12th, 2020 will receive:

3 FREE Registrations

for the ND State Lions Convention in Carrington, ND.

SECOND PLACE

2 FREE Registrations

for the ND State Lions Convention in Carrington, ND.

**Prize will be Awarded
at the Spring Rally ON-LINE per ZOOM on June 13th, 2020.**

Boom. She wrote of her experiences during WWII. She said, "Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow. It empties today of its strength." This quote reminded me not to waste time worrying about things over which I have no control. It reminded me to do what I can with what I can control and trust the future because things always seem to happen for a reason. We are just unaware of it at this time.

And then Roy T. Bennett said, "Instead of worrying about what you cannot control, shift your energy to what you can create." We, as Lions, can create and think outside of the box. We CAN INSPIRE someone today!

There are a few things we are NOT going to cancel this year.....

We aren't going to cancel the Spring Rally. We are going to have a new kind of Spring Rally. The Western and Eastern side of the State of North Dakota are going to combine our talents and have an On-Line ZOOM SPRING RALLY! We are going to embrace the challenge of updating and training the Leaders in our Lions Clubs. More information will follow, but SAVE THE DATE for June 12th evening and 13th daytime. Join us to learn and grow as Lions!

We ARE NOT going to cancel the 5NW Membership Challenge! We are going to REVISE IT. The Lions Club with the most new members between November 1st and June 12th, 2020 will receive 3 FREE Registrations for the ND State Lions Convention in Carrington, ND. The second place winner will win 2 FREE Registrations. WE need NEW LIONS! And we can induct them on-line or over the phone! YOU ARE CHALLENGED!!

We are also rescheduling

the WOMEN'S SYMPOSIUM to October 10th. SAVE THE DATE!! More information will follow.

NORTH DAKOTA LIONS DAY will still be on June 7th! We will still celebrate the AMAZING LIONS in North Dakota on June 6th or 7th!

Amazing Things Will Happen. The future is unknown, but.... We are Lions. Lions are a part of the Largest Service Organization in our World. We are also one of the top four trusted service organizations in our World. But you know this amazing information about who we are and what we do for our communities. We are Lions. Our Story is Hope. Our mission is service, and our service is visible. Its effects are measurable. We are equipped with INSIGHT and INSPIRED by opportunity! Through Action LIONS Fulfill Our Mission and Our Motto: WE SERVE!! Now more than ever, it is important that We Stand Together as Lions! Thank you for serving your community and the world. We will endure through anything. Because.... We are Lions!!!

WE ARE On FIRE To INSPIRE!!

current situation and being asked to avoid meeting in larger groups, presentation of financial support and club presentations of the project information has been curtailed. I know that in time, this will occur.

The Lions Foundation of North Dakota (LFND) voted to recognize Project Little Room 2020 as a qualified vision-related effort under its Vision Grant Program. This means that any ND Lions Club can apply to be reimbursed for 50% of any contribution (up to \$1,000) to Project Little Room 2020. Donations are asked to be made to NDVS/SB Founda-

tion as they are the entity that funds special projects that a state agency cannot fund.

We are experiencing interesting times and we are finding creative and different ways to meet and fulfill our mission. A number of ND Lions Clubs have been so generous over the years and it is greatly appreciated. I am anxious to see what the next months will bring and I will continue to share the progress of this fundraising effort with you.

I wish all of you good health and safety. Thank you for all that you do.

Lion Tracy Wicken

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!



The Multiple District 5 International Youth Exchange Camp scheduled for July 19 -26 has been cancelled. Watch for further information in the May ND Lion.
-PDG Judy Beaudry



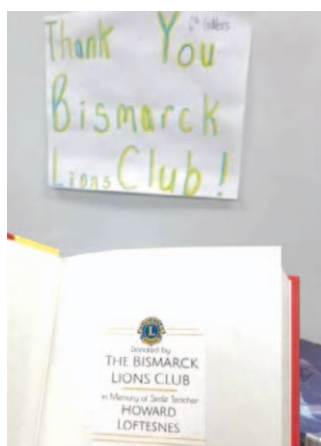
Sarah Francelich Simle Middle School Librarian, students, and Lions Club members listening to the many uses of the Green Room.

Bismarck Lions Club holds Simle Middle School Green Room dedication

Because of the generous support the Bismarck Lions Club received during the first Legend of Lofty Golf Tournament we were able to hold a dedication ceremony this October for a brand new “Green Room” in the Library of Simle Middle School.

Lion Howard Loftesnes was a teacher at Simle Junior High School for 25 years and his long tenure teaching at Simle Middle School inspired the partnership. We asked the Librarian, Sarah Francelich, how the Bismarck Lions Club could make a significant contribution to the students of Simle. Sarah put together a proposal for a top notch “Green Room” which included video equipment, lights, tripods, green flooring and paint.

A Green Room is a place where the students can record their school projects. The green back drop and flooring allows them to “edit”



Book plate pasted to every book donated.

backgrounds and make their projects exciting and state of the art. Just think of riding a dragon with the air rushing behind the actor.

The Legend of Lofty Golf Tournament was such a success that the Bismarck Lions Club was also able to get everything needed for the room and provide.



Jenell Loftesnes, Howard's wife and member of Prairie Rose Lions.



George Hastings - A Lion for 55 years

The Grand Forks South Forks Lions celebrated the 55 year service of George Hastings during our morning breakfast meeting with his family at his side. George was presented a Certificate of Achievement and a Gift card recognizing his many years of service as a Lion.

George is the only remaining charter member from the group of 16 that began the club on June 23, 1964.

George is a Lion with many talents that he has used throughout the years. George

remembers going from door to door in the community selling Halloween Candy and selling light bulbs as a fund raiser for the South Forks Lions so the goals of the club could be achieved. George also has participated in many other fund raising and community projects in his community.

George has served in many leadership positions including serving as a director, various Vice Presidents positions as well as President in 1972-1973

He also received many awards for his leadership and devotion as a Lion. He has received the Melvin Jones Fellow award in 1973 as well as a 25 year plaque recognizing his leadership/achievements and a 40 year plaque recognizing his service and loyalty from the South Forks Lions on the 40th anniversary of their charter.

George will continue to be a Lion for years to come always recognizing the Lions motto-“We Serve”.



SAVE THE DATE

The Bismarck Lions Club
2nd annual

Golf Tournament the “Legend of Lofty at Hawktree”
in honor of Howard Loftesnes

July 13, 2020

Hawktree Golf Club

SAVE THE DATE

*We would like to consider participating in the Legend of Lofty at Hawktree,
as a sponsor in one or more of the following ways:*

1. Hole Sponsor - \$250; 2. Sponsor a team - \$400; 3. Birdie Sponsor - \$1000; 4. Eagle Sponsor - \$2500

Please contact:

Ryan C. T. Gordon, Bismarck, 701-426-2678 or RyanCTGordon@protonmail.com



Campaign 100 Raffle fundraiser update



With the Coronavirus changing everyone's lives across the nation, and has put limitations on how we, as Lions conduct business with our clubs and how we go about doing service, and fundraising, your District 5NW has decided to delay the launch of the District 5NW Lions Raffle.

In the March issue of the ND Lion, there was a full page article of the details of this Campaign 100 raffle fundraiser. All the raffle fundraising information that was in the March issue will remain the same except for: The date that we will start the fundraiser and the date that we will draw the prizes will change.

We will be following all of the guidelines and rules set forth by the North Dakota State Attorney General's office regarding gaming.

Our goal is to be patient and find a comfortable date to reschedule this raffle fundraiser. At this time no decision has been made on when those starting and drawing prize dates will happen.

Thank you for participating in the campaign, thank you for serving your community, and thank you for being a Lion.

From, District 5NW LCIF Coordinator, Mark Koller c) 701.290.0511

LIONS: WHEN SENDING PHOTOS

- Highest Resolution Possible, at least 200 pixels. **And in focus, please!**

- **Name Photos, Please:** name photos accordingly with the story or cutlines you send. Example: GarrisonLionsAwards.jpg photo is sent with GarrisonLionsAwards.doc as the copy.

- ID people in the photo.

- In the caption include name of club that is pictured.

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"Peace Through Service" is the theme of the 2020-21 LCI Peace Poster Contest. This is the 33rd anniversary of the Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Lions clubs may purchase a contest kit through the Club Supplies Sales Department. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. The contest must be sponsored by a Lions club.

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 by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork. Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional 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 poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the special award ceremony at Lions' Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law.

Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.

Awards

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony. There the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US \$5,000.

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

Deadlines

Please note that the following dates are from those in the Peace Poster information from Lions Clubs International. MD 5 Council of Governors may set different dates depending on when their meeting is scheduled. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15, 2020	Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
October 1, 2020	Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.
<u>October 22, 2020</u>	Club needs to have one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor. .

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact MD 5 LOFY Chairperson, PDG Tim Thueson.

Carrington Lions Club & Gate City Bank **Al Larson Memorial** **4 Person Golf Scramble**

Male • Female • Co-ed

Friday, June 12, 2020

CrossRoads Golf Course • Carrington
Registration starting at 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Start at 11:15 a.m.

Entry Fee:

\$60 a person/\$240 Team

Includes Green Fees, Mulligans, Lions String,
Prizes, Lunch & Supper - FREE SNACKS ON THE COURSE
Golf Carts available for rent at 701-652-2601

Cash Team Prizes: \$1,200 Team Prize Money (prizes vary slightly based on entries)

Hole Prizes: Contest on each hole.

REGISTER EARLY THIS TOURNAMENT ALMOST FILLED UP LAST YEAR

REGISTER EARLY • Only 36 Teams - Deadline: June 10, 2020

Name _____ Phone _____

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Send registration to: Brian Duchscherer, PO Box 298, Carrington, ND 58421
or call 701-321-5719 or email brian.duchscherer@k12.nd.us

Visit CrossRoads Golf & Recreation Parkway at www.crossroadsgolf.com