



FROM THE DESK OF DIST. GOV. LION ROBERT LITTLEFIELD

## 5NE Lions News & Views

### Season's Greetings!

As a member of the District 5NE Cabinet, I know you are all very busy doing the business of Lionism across eastern North Dakota and beyond! This is a busy time of the year and it goes without saying that Lions are often the busiest because of special efforts being made to do such things as provide food baskets to the hungry, ring the bell for the Salvation Army, send packages to the troops in Afghanistan, marshal holiday parade routes, and do the usual Lions' business of collecting glasses and helping those in need. I am especially grateful to every Lion who goes above and beyond the call of duty to help others. Thank you! This is the season of giving and Lions are truly givers! Amid all of the hustle and bustle, be sure to take time to enjoy your family and friends.

### Donations Sought for Marvin Chambers Campaign for LCI International Director by Jan. 1st

As most of you know, PCC Marvin Chambers of Fillmore, Saskatchewan is running for International Director of LCI. The cost of mounting a campaign is in the neighborhood of \$25,000 and the Lions of North Dakota all agreed to raise some funds to help Lion Marvin and his wife Lion Lynne. The 5NE cabinet passed a motion to raise at least \$1,000 for the campaign. It was decided that local clubs would be asked first to donate to the campaign; and once that money is received, the district will pay the difference up to \$1,000. With nearly 60 clubs, if each club donates \$25, we will have more than enough. Please talk to your local club and ask for a \$25 (or more) donation made payable to the Marvin Chambers Campaign Fund. *Individual cabinet members and any individual Lion also may contribute to the fund.* Send the donation as soon as possible to cabinet secretary Lion Sue Anderson, 3406 1<sup>st</sup> Street North, Fargo, ND 58102. We would like to have all club and individual donations received before the January cabinet meeting. Thank you!

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#### How to Contact DG Robert Littlefield

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Submit stories and events for publication in the District 5NE Newsletter to Lion Sarah Nathan at sknathan@gmail.com or call 317-750-7860





## Cabinet Meeting Set for January 15th

The third cabinet meeting for the year is set for Saturday, January 15 from 11 a.m.-12 noon. The meeting will take place using the University system's IVN network to minimize the travel for members of the cabinet. The specific room locations follow:

Fargo – NDSU EML 170  
Grand Forks – UND Gamble 130  
Devils Lake – LRSC Admin 172  
Valley City – VCSU Vangstad 115  
Mayville – MSU Library 114

In addition, we can connect to Rugby High School, Harvey High School, Carrington High School, Jamestown Middle School, Medina High School, Linton High School, Kulm High School, Kindred High School, and Indianapolis (Conference Me). However, if you want to be located in one of these sites, you will need to make your own arrangements to get in and use the facility. If you want to stay local, please contact DG Robert immediately and we can get this set up to minimize travel.

We only have one hour for the meeting, so arrive 15 minutes early so you can be sure to be in and set up when the session begins. A technician will be on site at each of the NDUS locations and depending upon your local arrangements, there may be other technicians needed. The system works very well and we will be able to see and hear each other. Let's hear it for technology!

Agendas will be mailed in early January. Officers are asked to submit their reports by January 5 to cabinet secretary Blake [forent@ideaone.net](mailto:forent@ideaone.net). Team leaders should contact all of their committee chairs for reports about activities in the second quarter (October through December) and plans for the third quarter (January through March). The state convention fell in the second quarter and we can certainly celebrate the wonderful job that the Grand Forks area Lions performed. There were items discussed at the cabinet meeting and district meeting that were to be acted upon during the remainder of the second quarter, so any progress that can be noted should be reported. Due to the short time, we will rely on written reports as much as possible.



## International Photo Contest

### Environmental Photo Contest District Deadline is January 1st!

The district must send its one entry to the Multiple District by January 15, 2011. This means that **all entries must be sent to Lion Ken Hansen, 281 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Carrington, ND 58421, by January 1, 2011.** A winning photo will be chosen and I will forward the photo and entry materials to DG Larry Burkhead of 5SW who is coordinating the selection of the MD5 winner at the South Dakota State Lions Convention at the end of the month. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Ken or DG Robert [r.littlefield@ndsu.edu](mailto:r.littlefield@ndsu.edu).

## News for Zone Chairs

### Zone Chairs Asked to Schedule Zone Meetings by mid-February

In an effort to strengthen the link between district cabinet and local clubs, I am asking that all zone chairs reconfirm their efforts in January and February to visit clubs and schedule zone meetings. Schedule your club visits in January and promote the zone meeting that should be scheduled in February.

Some zone chairs have had good luck by scheduling a special program as part of the zone meeting. For example, zone chairs can schedule someone from the Vision Magnifier Program to talk about this new project sponsored by the Lions Foundation of North Dakota; or ask DGE Steve Johnson to come and talk about membership recruitment strategies that could be used; or ask a Service Dogs of America representative to talk about the program; or ask 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Mel Olson to come and talk about how to use the LCI website to improve communication between club and the international office. Make the zone meeting more than clubs reporting about what they are doing.

In addition, the zone meeting in February should include specific instructions for the election of 2011-2012 officers. We need every club to have conducted its elections by the beginning of April so the next officers can attend the region training seminars on either April 27 (Regions 3, 4, and 7) or April 28 (Regions 1, 5, and 6). For clubs that meet monthly, this means getting the nominating committees working in February and the elections being held in March. It would be great to know by the March 26 cabinet meeting that all elections were underway.



## **Lions Opportunities in 2011**

### **Time to Pre-Register for Upcoming Lions Conventions and Leadership Training Opportunities in 2011**

#### **\*\*MD5 Lions Convention – June 9-11 in Deadwood, SD**

You can pre-register for the 2011 MD5 convention in Deadwood by sending \$135/person (before March 1) to MD5 Convention, 1825 Sun Valley Drive, Rapid City, SD 57702. Reserve your room at the Lodge at Deadwood (a luxurious mountain resort & casino) at \$129/night. Call 605-584-4800 and mention the Lions Convention Block.

#### **\*\*International Lions Convention – July 4-8 in Seattle, WA**

You can pre-register for the 2011 International Lions Convention in Seattle, WA by sending \$100/person (before December 31) or \$130 (before March 31) to Lions Clubs International, Attn: Convention Division, 300 West 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523-8823 USA. There is a convention registration form online for your use. The hotel deposit of \$200/room is part of the registration form and must accompany registration. North Dakota attendees stay at the Crowne Plaza. Go online for more information.

#### **\*\*Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute – July 22-24 in Crete, NE**

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) for 2011 will be held at Doane College in Crete, Nebraska. The dates are July 22-24, 2011. District 5NE budgeted for two scholarships in 2010-2011 to cover the costs for individuals wanting to take advantage of this great leadership training opportunity. Anyone who is interested in participating should contact DGE Steve Johnson or DG Robert. This is a great opportunity and the District Leadership Team strongly encourages emerging Lion leaders to attend.

This summer, the base fee for the Institute (double occupancy room) is \$125.00 (if the fees are received by May 31<sup>st</sup>). If a single room is requested, an additional \$25.00 is added to the cost. This includes all meals and materials. Rates increase to \$140.00 (double occupancy) after June 1<sup>st</sup>. The sessions to be taught in 2011 will be: Communication Skills, Diversity, Conflict Management, Managing Change, Project Management, Motivation, Public Speaking, Building Effective Teams, Leading Effective Meetings and Delegation.



## **Lions Opportunities in 2011, cont.**

### **\*\*ND State Lions Convention – October 28-29 in Minot**

You can pre-register for the 2011 State Lions Convention by sending \$30/person to Magic City Lions Club, Attn: Convention Chair, PO Box 782, Minot, ND 58701. Be sure to include your name, club, address, telephone, and email.

Lodging at the Sleep Inn & Suites (connected to the Dakota Square Mall) can be reserved at a special \$109.95 rate (includes deluxe hot breakfast in rate). Call 1-877-837-3140 or 701-837-3100 and be sure to mention Lions Convention Block when reserving rooms.