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Kirkland poster in International competition

Submitted by Lion Loren Haugen

Cody Kirkland, a seventh grade student at Watford City High School is entered in Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Competition. Kirkland's poster "The Vision of Peace" was sponsored by the Arnegard Lions Club.

His poster was then selected by the Lions Clubs of Western North Dakota to advance to Multidistrict competition among those from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Saskatchewan. In that competition it was selected to advance to the final round of International Competition of all winners around the world.

Cody Kirkland is the son of Darrel and Leigh Ann Kirkland of rural Watford City. His brother Rylee, his grandpa, Bob Kuhehn, his parents and his art teacher, Leann Erickson, accompanied him to Williston, Jan. 18th.

He received recognition from the Lions Clubs of Zone 1-B. Bev Charles, District Governor for SNC, presented Kirkland with a check from



Pictured, front, from left, Erickson, Rylee Kirkland, Cody Kirkland and 5NW District Governor, Bev Charles. Cody Kirkland, his Art Teacher and his family were hosted by the Lions of Zone 1B on February 18th in Williston. District Governor Bev Charles presented Cody with a check from the Multi-District Lions for his winning the Peace Poster contest in the district and multi district level. Back, Grandpa Bob Kuhehn, Leigh Ann Kirkland, Darrel Kirkland, Jim Larson, president Arnegard Lions.

the Multi-District Lions. He was also presented a check from the Arnegard Lions. President, Jim Larson and Club Secretary, Dave Swenson represented the Arnegard Club.

The Watford City Lions Club was host for the zone meeting. Nine clubs from northwest North Dakota comprise Zone 1-B. Chairman Jack Colby presided over the event.

Lions 'Hall' nominations sought

The North Dakota Past District Governors Association (NDPDGA) wishes to announce the search for the 2011 Hall of Fame recipient. The Lions of North Dakota are requested to select an outstanding member of their club to enter the sweepstakes for the 2011 North Dakota Lions Hall of Fame.

While only one North Dakota Lion will receive the 2011 Hall of Fame award, the process of applying is an excellent way to honor that member of your club who has provided dedicated

service to your club, community and to Lions Clubs International.

The final date for submitting an application for the award is April 16, 2011. The hall of fame committee of the NDPDGA will then review the applications after which final selection will be made by the NDPDGA at their annual meeting at the end of April.

It should be noted that the process of gathering information from club, district, state and international Lions records can be time consuming so

applicants are urged to begin their research immediately in order to meet the deadline of April 16, 2011.

The Hall of Fame application form (sections A, B, and C) may be found in this issue of the NORTH DAKOTA LION. Questions may be directed to:

- Marian Johnson, secretary, 701-258-7361, brachmarian@bis.midco.net
- Bruce Schwarzwartz, 701-258-1189, nmbruce@bis.midco.net
- David Blackstead, 223-0254, davidj@bis.midco.net

Past Council Chair injured in rollover

MD5 PCC Brian M. Tinker was injured in a rollover automobile accident on Nov. 17. His spinal cord was severed upon impact after the vehicle rolled twice when it went out of control on icy roads six miles from the Tinker farm home. He was en route to his McClusky office at the time.

Tinker was transported by ambulance, treated and received surgery for his injury and went through rehab in record time at St. Alexius Hospital. He was looking forward to a Christmas discharge but didn't return home until January 1, due to developing severe headaches and a fever of unknown origin.

After just a few days at home, with severe headaches, fever and sweating, his wife, Lion Allan, took him to see his primary care physician in Turtle Lake. His white blood cell count was "through the roof," requiring a return to the hospital.

In his second stay, Tinker had two surgeries: one for the infection and another for complications that set in two days later. He is currently recuperating satisfactorily at St. Alexius Hospital in room 3320 (direct number 701-530-3320).

The Tinkers appreciate the many cards, calls, offers of help, visitors and letters that they have received. A monetary gift from the Turtle Lake Lions was also appreciated and used to help with travel expenses for visits to Brian.

The flowers were great, the sugar-free candy much appreciated, and shared. Several visitors brought him new books to read and Barnes and Noble gift certificates, as well as other



MD5 PCC Brian Tinker

certificates to use for personal needs. They were all greatly appreciated.

Tinker is especially grateful for the patience of people who tried to contact him. He was at times unable to reply to e-mails and at one time had over 9,000 emails to sort through. He is happy

to state that they are now down to a manageable level.

He anticipates being able to catch up on his professional work in the next few weeks and will spend some time in a swing bed unit as he needs additional nursing care until his wounds have fully healed.

Brian is paraplegic but thankful for retaining the use of his upper body with no loss of his direct and upbeat personality or ability to work at his profession. Thank you to everyone who stepped forward to help and who offered emotional support and other help during his injury and recovery.

We are both very grateful to live in a state, and nation, of such kind and generous people. It is what Lions are all about!

Brian and Allan Tinker, McClusky Lions Club members.

Work day planned at Jud

Joni Brandenburg
Executive director,
Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation

Dear Fellow Lions,
Things are going very well here at Great Plains Foundation.

Jud is filled with snow and lots of snow. We have been working to provide our disabled students with an impressive state-of-the-art training center that meets all of their training needs.

In order to do that we host our annual Volunteer Work Day weekend. This year it lands on May 7th. Volunteers gather at the training facility in Jud to offer up their talents,

abilities and ability to work.

We have had numerous donations to help complete the projects and hope to get more. Some of the projects will be tinning the remainder of the roof and student apartments, painting, gardening, and much more.

It's work, it's a social, and it's about people coming together. This annual event has gained momentum in the past years and we hope to build on that.

Get to know others and share the mission of Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation. HOW? By giving of ourselves to help those less fortunate. We will have more details to follow this spring. Hope to see you all on May 7th!

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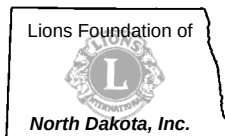
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Tim Brown, Mark Koller,
Elaine Brinkman, R. W. Dockter.
Carleen Ensign 4 years – \$40.

Life member (\$300)

Michael H. Blazek

Memorials

John T. Stewart in memory of Lion Bonnie Eisenhower

Bronze clubs (\$100 to \$300)

Sheldon Lions

Chaffee Lions

Designated funds:

Video Magnifier program

West Fargo Lions, \$1,857; Kulm Lions, \$25; Red River
Lions, \$800.

Your Lions Foundation Board extends a sincere thank
you for these donations – and everyone else – clubs, and
individuals – for your continued support

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Transplant volunteers announced

The Eye Bank of North Dakota has announced Lions
members who transported tissue for December and January.
The Eye Bank wishes to thank those Lions who took the time
to undertake this task.

December

Karl Venneberg, Bismarck; Becky Rhodes, Williston; Ron
Aadness, Stanley; Jack Colby, Williston; Jason Schneider,
Harvey. All were one time transporters.

January

LeRoy Haas, Ashley; Andrew Swanson, Grand Forks;
Ron and Judy Olin, Buffalo City; Ron Harris, Valley City;

Mike Coleman, South Forks; Ross Berg, Valley City; Larry
Schwartz, Bismarck. All were one time transporters.

TEXAS HOLD'EM

TOURNAMENT



Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011
12 noon • AmVets Post #9

2402 Railroad Ave., Bismarck, ND
Registration at 11 a.m.

Entry fee is \$50 with a \$25 add-on available.

The local Red Cross invites
North Dakota Lions to partner
with us. Together, we can be a
“force multiplier” during times of
local emergency or disaster.

For more information, contact the
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5NE Governor's Report

Lions love February!

This is the month for Love and Loyalty in Lionism. Your love can be for family and friends or it can come as part of your efforts to be a **Loving Individual Offering Needed Service** in your neighborhood, community, place of work, or house of worship. In the United States, we are reminded of loyalty as we celebrate President's Birthday this month; and patriotism for our country and the ideals we hold dear. Let's keep our love and loyalty showing through the service we do and the projects we support with our resources. Thank you for being a Lion and serving your community and district!

Speak up for service!

The theme for my year as District Governor is "Speak Up for Service through Lionism!" I started my term calling for all Lions to let people know what you are doing in your clubs and communities. Use the media to spread your news and be proud of the service you are performing.

Service is an international emphasis of President Sid Scruggs, III, who challenged all Lions to do more service this year. He identified four areas of service as his international themes:



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Service empowering youth, service providing assistance for the blind and vision-impaired, service feeding the hungry, and service helping the

environment.

Lions (like Carla Lein, Jeff Botnen, and Connie Koehmstedt) enjoy working on service projects because they are fun and working together makes them feel like they are making a difference. At a recent special hands-on service project and fundraiser for world hunger, Fargo Lions partnered with Elim Lutheran Church. The Fargo Lions prepared and serve an Italian supper and the Elim adult choir, under the direction of DG Robert Littlefield, performed a cantata, "Winter's Grace" by Joseph Martin. All expenses were covered and the project fundraiser was a big success raising \$1,900!

LCI has asked that club secretaries report their service activities by March 31st to be sure they are considered for Beacon of Hope Awards. Now is the time for clubs to be sure they have reported any club service activities focusing on one of the four themes: Youth, Vision, Hunger, and the Environment.

Letting LCI know about the service you are doing is very important. Use the LCI online reporting system and get your club's activities listed. You should not be shy about your service! Speak up!

INTERNATIONAL & MULTIPLE DISTRICT NEWS

Donations needed for Chambers International Director campaign

Our candidate for International Director, Lion Marvin Chambers of Fillmore, Saskatchewan, was endorsed by our Multiple District in November. North Dakota Lions Clubs agreed to support him in his election bid through donations to his campaign fund. It will cost Lion Marvin and his wife, Lion Lynne, about \$25,000 to run a successful campaign. Both District SNE and SNW agreed to financially support Lion Marvin. All Lions Clubs are encouraged to make a \$25 donation to the Marvin Chambers Campaign Fund. Send your club donation for



Fargo Lions, Carla Lein, Jeff Botnen, and Connie Koehmstedt prepare hamburger for an Italian supper.

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District SNE to Lion Sue Anderson, 3406 North 1st Street, Fargo, ND 58102; for District SNW to Lion Carolyn Lean, 2120 S 12th Street, Apt 214, Bismarck, ND 58504.

Youth exchange & MD youth camp planning underway

Lion Katrina Wendel and her Cabinet Youth Team are actively working to find host families and planning for an exciting youth camp to be held July 3-10, 2011 at Wesley Acres near Valley City. At the present time, host families are needed for the international youth who will be coming to the MD youth camp. Lion Paul Van Ness at sirknight2004@hotmail.com is the person to call if you are willing to host a young person and bring him/her to the camp.

There are camperships available for youth from District SNE. If you know of someone who might like to attend the camp, please contact Lion Katrina at kwendel@nd.gov.

Because the camp week overlaps with the International Convention, Lions who are not in Seattle are needed to help with the camp. Any Lions or Lions Clubs interested in helping should contact Lion Katrina and offer your services.

This is a major undertaking and we need as many Lions as possible to step up and help.

Lions Clubs International Foundation Development Fund Seeks Donations

North Dakota Lions Clubs are encouraged to support the LCIF Development Fund. The goal of the Development Fund is to increase giving to LCIF over previous years. The amount of the donation is not as important as the donation itself. LCIF supports ND and other areas of the world experiencing natural disasters. We have received hundreds of thousands of dollars in emergency funding since LCIF began awarding grants. With the potential for flooding and other natural disasters in the state,

we all need to do our part to make sure funds are available. Clubs may send their contributions directly to LCIF. These funds may be used to support a Melvin Jones Fellowship, so consider making a donation and honoring a member of your club who represents the true spirit of Lionism!

Clubs need to support Vision Magnifier Program

Lions Clubs across ND are asked to donate funds to the Lions Foundation of North Dakota to either purchase a new or a refurbished vision magnifier machine before June 30, 2011. A new vision magnifier machine costs approximately \$1,850; a refurbished machine costs about \$800. There is a need for 120 machines, so if every club in ND donated enough money for one machine, we could easily reach the goal.

Club officers are asked to consider using some of your club's project money to finance the donation of a vision magnifier to the program. For more information, contact your district governor.

MD5 environmental photo contest winner named

The environmental photo entry from the Fargo Lions Club, taken by Lion Gary Renier, was selected at the South Dakota State Lions Convention as the MD5 winner to advance to the International Convention competition in Seattle.

The red fox emerging from its den photo was taken at the Fargo Lions Conservancy Park in south Fargo. After the 1997 flood, houses along the section of the Red River near Rose Creek were removed to eliminate the need for flood protection. At that



MD5 environmental photo contest winner.

time, the Fargo Lions joined with the Fargo Park Board and the City of Fargo to establish the conservancy park. Since then, the Fargo Lions Club has helped to restore the area to its natural environment. This photo gives proof to the fact that wildlife is finding their way back to the beautiful area along the Red River. Congratulations to Lion Gary and the Fargo Lions Club.

STATE NEWS

Lions Clubs and Red Cross chapters forge collaboration

Beginning in February, Lions Clubs are encouraged to work with their local Red Cross Chapters to provide assistance for those in need. Letters have been sent to club presidents suggesting possible ways for collaboration.

Representatives of the Red Cross are willing to come to zone meetings and club meetings to talk and present programs about volunteer service opportunities.

Combining efforts with the Red Cross is an important way Lions Clubs can work together to lessen the impact of the potential flooding and other environmental problems that North Dakota may face. For more information contact:

- Beth Dewald, Buffalo-Valley Chapter, Jamestown, 701-252-3550 or bethd@jamestownredcross.org

- Marijo Peterson, Minn-Kota Chapter, Fargo, 701-364-1800 or mpeterson@minnkotaredcross.org

- Tom Tezel, Minn-Kota Chapter, East Grand Forks (GF area), 218-773-9565 or ttezel@minnkotaredcross.org

- Melanie Moen, West Dakota Chapter, Bismarck, 701-223-6700 or mmoen@ndredcross.org

- Susan Ewert, Mid-Dakota Chapter, Minot, 701-852-2828 or susan.ewert@minotredcross.org

- Maureen Roden, Stark County Chapter, Dickinson, 701-483-8704 or starkcounty@ndredcross.org

In the coming months, Lions will be working with the Red Cross to start specialty Red Cross Lions Clubs

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in communities across the state. Red Cross Lions will support the initiatives of Lions Clubs International (particularly in the areas of meeting humanitarian needs and providing relief in times of natural disaster or emergency situations).

Red Cross Lions Clubs projects may include but are not limited to assisting with sheltering, damage assessment, and mass care feeding in times of natural disaster; offering Red Cross training; conducting Red Cross preparedness classes and presentations for the community; offering Red Cross First Aid and CPR classes; fundraising for LCIF and Red Cross disaster relief efforts; and providing services to the Armed Forces.

Lions who are working with extension and are interested in more information should contact Lion Dave Rogness rognessd@co.cass.nd.us or DG Robert Littlefield r.littlefield@ndsu.edu.

DISTRICT NEWS

District cabinet meeting held over North Dakota Interactive Video Network

District SNE made a little history at its January cabinet meeting as 29 Lions met in seven locations (Fargo, Grand Forks, Rugby, Harvey, Carrington, Napoleon, and Indianapolis, IN) to conduct the business of the district.

The seven sites connected at 11 a.m. and business moved quickly

along as reports and actions were taken. The cabinet members expressed appreciation for not having to travel in the extremely cold weather and a recommendation was made to investigate other opportunities to use the system for statewide board and committee meetings.

New web master; district migrating to new website

Lion Athena Dunn of the Napoleon Lions Club athena.dunn1@gmail.com was approved as Information Technology Chair and Web Master by the District 5NE Cabinet at its January cabinet meeting to complete the term of Lion Pat Roundy who died suddenly in October of last year.

The District SNE website is migrating from its former address www.lionsof5ne.org to its new address located at www.e-district.org/sites/5ne/. The former site will stay online while Lion Athena transfers files and information. The new website is part of the LCI network of websites designed to link clubs, districts, and LCI.

One of the new features of the website is a calendar of events. Clubs, zones, regions, and districts are invited to contact Lion Athena with events to put on the calendar. This feature will be helpful in promoting club activities and fundraising events.

Focus on goal to increase club membership by 5%

Our district goal is a 5% membership increase this year. What does this

actually mean?

If you currently have:

- 20 or fewer members = add 1
- 21-40 members = add 2
- 41-60 members = add 3
- 61-80 members = add 4

District Governor Elect Steve Johnson is encouraging clubs to keep membership growth as a priority this spring. One way to increase club membership is to: 1) identify a particular service project that your club is known for; and then 2) publicize that project so others see the good work your club is doing and will want to join.

Think about ways to connect with other groups of service-minded people in your community or area, like the Red Cross and other emergency volunteers. Working with these groups will increase our visibility and relevance. They are also great people to approach about joining a Lions Club.

Look for ways to appeal to individuals who are in different lines of work or who have different interests. Invite couples or relatives who may be new to the community or consider inviting people in neighboring towns that may not have a Lions club. Our district goal is to end the year at +75; and while we have added 160 new Lions this year, we have dropped 114. That puts us up +46 as of January 31, 2011, but we have five months to go. Let's all try to increase our club size by at least 5% to increase Lions activity in our communities and District SNE!

Gackle lion honored for membership success

At a recent club visit to the Gackle Lions Club, DG Robert had the opportunity to honor Lion Joel Zenker on his sponsorship of four new Lions in 2010. Lion Joel found four young people in the community and got them interested in joining the club. DG Robert presented Lion Joel with the International Membership Excellence Pin and Lion Joel found himself seated in the center of the front row in the photo opportunity. Great job and congratulations, Lion Joel and Gackle



Gackle Lions visit.

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Lions for membership growth!

District 5NE succession planning begins

Region Chairs, Zone Chairs, and Cabinet Committee Chairs are needed for 2011-2012. Volunteers are invited to contact DGE Steve Johnson at steve@mid-centurian.com to indicate their willingness to serve.

Club presidents and members of local clubs who attend zone meetings, district and state events, or other Lions activities are encouraged to give serious thought to this invitation. Our district needs emerging leaders to help increase our impact on the local and international levels.

PID Ronald Duffe, the Global Leadership Team leader for our greater Lions region, is stressing the importance of involving and training local leaders to move up the Lions' leadership ladder. Service on the District Cabinet is one way to ensure the future strength of our leadership pool. Future vice district governors are required to have served in the zone chair position and on the cabinet, so if you want to be a Lion leader in the future, consider serving now!

Conduct local club elections in March

The District 5NE leadership team would like every club to hold its 2011-2012 elections in March or early April so that officers can be in place before we hold the Region Training Rallies on April 27 and April 28. 2nd Vice District Governor Mel Olson is organizing the Region Training Sessions and has scheduled Regions 2, 3, 4, and 7 on Wednesday, April 27; and Officer Training for Regions 1, 5, and 6 is set for Thursday, April 28. PU101 forms should be completed as soon as elections are held. Club officers should save the date for their Region Training Rally.

Clubs encouraged to conduct asset-mapping to identify future club leaders

I recently had the opportunity to

present a program at the 5M-11 Mid-Winter Convention held in Moorhead, Minnesota. My invitation to participate came from District Governor Chris Barnard of Ste. Anne, Manitoba, who I met at the USA/Canada Forum, held in Milwaukee, WI last September. The program I presented was entitled, "Today's Members are Tomorrow's Leaders," and focused on obstacles to leadership and strategies clubs could use to create opportunities for their members to develop their leadership skills. As part of the workshop, we conducted an asset mapping exercise where participants listed their tangible and intangible assets. We came up with quite a list! Several Lions present said to each other, "I never knew you could do that," or "Why didn't you tell us you had that skill?"

One of my suggestions was for the participants to go back to their clubs to do an asset mapping of their own before their nominating committee began the process this year of identifying officers for 2011-2012. New members are often modest about their abilities and talents; making it likely that they will be overlooked when potential officers are being suggested. By asking every member to list his/her tangible assets as a Lion and as a member of the club, those who might have been overlooked may be revealed and encouraged to assume a leadership position.

Search continues for 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect

Lionism depends upon dedicated individuals willing to do their part to make sure that this great organization continues into the future. The time is upon our district to identify an individual to LCI who will serve as district governor in 2013-14. In order to serve, an individual must meet the following criteria: 1) will have served as club president; 2) will have served as zone chair or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer; and 3) will have served on the district cabinet for two years.

The training to become a district governor begins in August 2011. From August 2011 until July 1, 2013, there

are eight training sessions to prepare you to become the district governor. The district leadership team is a group effort, with the 1st and 2nd VDGs serving alongside the DG.

Is there someone willing to serve? Please give this your most serious attention and step forward to a grateful district.

Electronic filing of club activities and membership replaces paper forms

I am requesting all club secretaries submit their monthly membership and activity reports online through the LCI website. There are still clubs using the paper forms to submit their monthly reports and as of March 1, 2011, this process should be discontinued.

The reason for this request stems from the fact that LCI is no longer keeping paper files of membership and activity records. All club information is being stored online. The change in reporting should be a positive move for local clubs. The new club reporting system on the www.lionsclubs.org is terrific. It is so easy for club secretaries to use the Submit Report function and enter their monthly information into the system. The process to make reports is user-friendly and should help club officers save time. After logging in the LCI website, secretaries can make changes in membership and then click on the activity button to list projects and donations for the month. Pictures also can be uploaded.

If club secretaries are unsure of how to use the reporting system, they should contact 2nd VDG Mel Olson at molson@trainfargo.com or contact www.lionsclubs.org.

Dates to keep in mind

- March 18-19, Multiple District 5 Council of Governors Meeting – Minot
- March 26, District 5NE Cabinet Meeting – Jamestown College
- April 27, Club Officer Training Sessions – Region 2 + 4 (Northwood), 3 (Jamestown), 7 (Horace)
- April 28, Club Officer Training Sessions – Region 1 (New Rockford), 5 (Wishek), 6 (Enderlin)

5NW Governor's Report

Dear SNW Lions,

Well winter has surely challenged us in our everyday activities this year. In my club visitations this past month we have encountered Mother Nature's power more than once. Bad weather and road conditions prevented us from attending the Zone 3A Meeting in New England the middle of January, and this past week in visiting the Richardton Lions Club.

The Zone 3B Meeting that was scheduled for Monday, January 24 has been rescheduled for February 28th at 7 p.m. MT in Flasher. Lake Metigoshe Lions Club's 30th Anniversary Celebration was cancelled and rescheduled for June, as was Alexander Lions Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Earlier this month, we also ended up spending an extra night in Minot on our return from visiting the Williston Lions Club and Zone 1B Lions.

I want to sincerely thank the Lions Clubs I have had the privilege to meet with thus far. Also, thanks again to all who have contributed to my Melvin Jones. It always amazes me to learn about the wonderful projects all of the Lions clubs are implementing in our District. The opportunity to share in the camaraderie and fun has been an awesome experience. North Dakota Lions truly live up to the acronym of LIONS: "Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service."

Although the light of your service is a beacon of hope for many, it is very easy to get in a routine and take for granted all of the good works you do for your communities. I hope you can take the time to step back and see what a difference your Lions club makes in your community, our State, and the world at large. It is guaranteed to reenergize you going forward!

The New Year started fast and furious weather and Lion wise. The Washburn Lions didn't let cold or snow or the New Year's holiday weekend slow them down, as they met at the Senior Citizen Center in Washburn Monday, January 3, 2011. The first Wednesday of January, Zone 4A Chair, Lion Russ



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Ziegler and Region 4 Chair, Lion Arlen Fetch put together a great Zone 4A Meeting. We are looking forward to getting together at the Richardton High School for the Spring Rally, Saturday, April 16th, 2011. It is shaping up to be a very fun, productive time to meet old Lion friends, make new ones, share old traditions, learn new things, and network our skills for everyone's good.

As usual, the Wilton Lions demonstrated their amazing cooking talents with an incredible wild game dinner while hosting the January 10th Zone 5A Meeting. This has been a good tradition we all look forward to. We heard about a number of wonderful Signature Service Projects and other activities including the Zone 5A Washburn Ferry project. Please, if you have not already done so, or you want to add more photos, send me a photo(s) of your Signature project(s) so we can showcase them at the 5NW Spring Rally in Richardton, Saturday, April 16, 2011. I hope to recognize every 5 NW Lions club at our District Spring

Rally, as I know you all do very many worthwhile service projects. Here is a chance for us all to exchange ideas and advertise for our communities and particular Lions projects.

Thanks, Turtle Lake Lions for being so flexible and gracious when we visited with you this past month. Monday, January 17th, was bitterly cold, but we couldn't help but be warmed by all of the fun and laughter we had while visiting with you. You must be almost finished with your plans for your community Valentines Dinner, which is sure to be a success again. The Turtle Lake Lions also help host Turtle Days July 8, 9, & 10, 2011 where they have the USA and World Turtle Races. People come from all over to participate in all of the festivities and get their Turtle Race T-shirts. If you want to have a great North Dakota Summer experience, make sure and put Turtle Days on your calendar schedule.

I was pleased to be able to present Lion Josh Ressler with International President Sid Scruggs III Letter of Accommodation Award at the Minot Magic City Lions Club meeting, Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The Minot area Lions are dealing with many of the impacts a lot of our western Lions are experiencing with the oil boom in North Dakota. Eventually, if it has not already, the oil boom will affect all of our 5 NW Lions clubs communities, in one way or another. With high growth comes social stresses and infrastructure issues in our communities that our 5NW Lions can and will make a difference in our communities. Let's show our communities how we Lions can assure that all of North Dakota is a better place to live and raise our families.

Thanks PDG Dorothy Polson and Lion Ruthie Wagner for making it work out for us to come to your club meeting at noon and the Zone 1B Meeting that evening. The Williston Lions know how to have a great time at their Tuesday noon meetings. The Zone 1B Meeting, conducted by Lion Jack Colby, had lots

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to celebrate that evening, but especially the Peace Poster Contest.

Lion James Larson, President, and Lion David Swenson, treasurer, of the Arnegard Lions were present, as was their club's Peace Poster Winner, Cody Kirkland, from rural Watford City, who also won at the 5 NW and MD 5 levels. Cody's mom and dad, Darrel and Leigh Ann Kirkland, his younger brother Rylee, and grandfather, Bob Kuhehn, as well as his Watford City High School Art Teacher, Leann Erickson were also in attendance. Cody received money awards totaling over \$300, from the Arnegard Club, 5 NW, and MD 5. Now, that should be a reminder to get those Peace Posters out to our schools, Boy Scouts, Church Youth Groups, etc.

All the clubs in 5 NW can pick up their Peace Poster Kits at the Spring Rally in Richardton, Saturday, April 16th, 2011. You have already paid for your 2011-2012 Peace Poster Kits with payment of your district assessments. You can begin conducting your contests any time now, even before you pick up your kits at the Spring Rally.

Some of you have expressed an interest in conducting your club's Peace Poster Contest this winter and spring because the students are more likely to be indoors at this time than if you wait until fall. Even if you finish your Peace Poster Contest before April 16th, 2011, you can attach the label to your winning poster after you receive your kit at the Spring Rally and then enter it into the 5 NW contest in the fall. The theme of the 2011-2012, 24th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest is "Children Know Peace." All students who are 11 – 13 on November 15, 2011 are eligible to compete. LCI's complete 2011-2012 Peace Poster Contest rules can be found at www.lionsclubs.org.

We brought back 270 pairs of eye glasses from the Williston Lions and delivered them to the North Dakota Eye bank for review, cleaning and shipping. We also received a big bag full from the Hebron Lions. Any Lion wishing to help screen eye glasses

are more than welcome to volunteer some time at the Lions Eye Bank of North Dakota office at 301 North 4th Street here in Bismarck. The Eye Bank office hours are 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. If you choose to park on the street you need to know there is a limit of 90 minutes. You might want to call the Eye Bank, 250 – 9390 to make sure the eye glass reading machine is running before you come.

Monday, January 24th, 2011 I also had the opportunity to attend two Lions meetings. Whenever I have visited the Bismarck Lions Club I have always marveled at how they can get so much accomplished in one hour at noon and still do all the singing and tail-twisting that they do!

They are our District's oldest club and a fine example of what Lionism is all about. That evening the Mandan Dakotah Lions hosted the Zone 4B Meeting and the 5th Annual "Soups On" Competition. Over 60 Lions were in attendance with 17 soups entered into the competition. The competition was very stiff, but Lion Dennis Buchholz, President of the New Salem Lions won 1st place with his outstanding borsht soup. Lions Arlen and Sherry Fetch took 2nd place for the 2nd year in a row with their exceptional sauerkraut sausage soup.

With so many Lions and so much on the agenda, PDG Herman Schaefer kept us on task and enjoying every minute of the meeting. PDG Chuck Whitney talked about Leadership and the Lions Eye Bank. DGE Pat Vannett challenged us to help old and new members become fully acquainted with Lions by using the MD 5 Rookie Lion Award program. It was a privilege to be able to recognize the winners of the Mandan Dakotah Lions Club Peace Poster Contest and their families and present the three winners with their awards.

There are so many different programs we can and do support. For example, it's good to know we have Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) ready to help in case of a natural disaster. With our record

accumulating snow across North Dakota this winter, potential flooding looks to be a more serious threat with each occurring storm. In the past LCIF has come to the aid of many North Dakota Communities in their time of need. As Lions, we will be ready to serve and provide assistance. You might want to consider honoring one of your club or community members with a Lifetime Membership to the Lion Foundation of North Dakota. LFND is set up to help North Dakota Lions clubs serve their communities. If you have not already contributed to Leader Dogs I encourage you to get your contribution to PDG Jan Froemming. We want to continue the legacy of our past districts as 100% contributors, supporting this very noble and worthwhile work.

Zone 4B is doing an excellent job of promoting club visitations, while raising money for worthy Lion projects, with their Traveling Lions Cap. When we visited the New Salem Lions Club, Tuesday, January 25th, they invited me to go along with them the next evening to visit the Glen Ullin Lions Club. The New Salem Lions had received the Traveling Lions Cap from the Hebron Lions who had received it from the Mandan Dakotah Lions. We always enjoy the New Salem Lions and all of their "traditions," some of which are very creative! The Glen Ullin Lions were very good sports about having a surprise visit and receiving the Lion cap and all. The next Zone 4B Meeting will be Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011 at 6:30 pm in Glen Ullin.

Our grandsons, Warren and Luke are already looking forward to going to the New Salem Lions Breakfast under the Cow this summer, July 16th, 2011. Lion Dave and I took our two grandsons, Warren and Luke to the New Salem Lions Breakfast under the Cow this past July 17th, partly to support our fellow Lions, but also to celebrate Luke's 4th birthday. It looks like this will be an annual tradition in our family for years to come. The

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5NW Governor's Report

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New Salem Sue Holstein Cow stands as a Land Mark for North Dakotans' and is a direct result of the New Salem Lions vision and efforts back in 1974. It has been featured in several national publications. It is also the symbol representing North Dakota on the map in the Denver Airport!

If you missed the Bismarck North Star's Charity Texas Hold-em Competition the last Sunday in January you missed a great opportunity, but the Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions with the help of the Bismarck North Star Lions will be hosting their Charity Texas Hold-em Competition at noon, Sunday, February 27th, 2011, at the Am Vets Post #9, 2402 Railroad Avenue, Bismarck, ND. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. with an entry fee of \$50.00 and a \$25.00 add-on available.

On the last day of January I visited the Mandan West River Lions along with Lions Arlen and Sherry Fetch and PDG Jack Stewart. Thank you so much for changing my visitation date and then changing it again to accommodate my schedule. Twenty-nine clubs out of our fifty-four clubs in 5 NW meet on Mondays, some once or twice a month, others every Monday! I am almost finished figuring out how I can get to every club, but if I have not been able to reach you yet, please give me a call at (701) 202-6427 to schedule a visit to your club. The sooner you let me know about your plans, whether it is celebrating your club's anniversary, a special or annual Lions project in your community, etc. the more I can let other Lions know, as well. There are a lot of resources available for 5 NW clubs, which I would like to see utilized for our clubs and communities utmost benefit. I look forward to coming out to your clubs' meetings and events and assisting you in any way I can.

I know it seems like we just began the new year, but spring will be here before we know it, so now is the time to make your plans for new club officers and attend the Spring Rally in Richardton, Saturday, April 16th, 2011.



DG Bev Charles presenting 1st VDG Pat Vannett with the 2009-2010 First Vice District Governor Excellence Award.



DG Bev Charles presenting IPDG Kevin Vannett with the 2009-2010 District Governor Excellence Award and the District Family Growth pin.



DG Bev Charles presenting PDG Herman Schafer, 2009-2010 president of the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club, with the 2009-2010 Club President Excellence Award.



DG Bev Charles presenting Lion Ruthie Wagner, 2009-2010 president of the Williston Lions Club, with the 2009-2010 Club President Excellence Award.

I hope you will consider bringing your non-Lion spouses and friends as well. It will be a good opportunity to showcase Lionism and all the fun and good we do. All 5 NW Lions have already paid to attend the Spring Rally through your club. The only fee for guests would be the price of their lunch. Think about treating someone to a great day!

Let us challenge and encourage ourselves and each other to keep on keeping on being LIONS: Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service, because if you haven't already, you will begin to see all of God's blessings in blessing others, and the blessings just keep multiplying and circling back!



DG Bev Charles, left, presenting Lion Josh Ressler with the International President's Letter of Accommodation.

PID Neil Spencer keynotes District 5NW 2011 Spring Leadership Rally

by Lion JeAnne Selby,
District 5NW PR chair

Past International Director Neil R. Spencer, from Cocoa Beach, FL, will be the noon luncheon keynote speaker for the District 5NW Spring Leadership Rally, to be held Saturday, April 16. The 2011 event will be held at the Richardton High School.

PID Spencer is a member of the Cypress Gardens (FL) Lions Club and has been a Lion since 1987. A former business owner and Boeing Co. employee, Spencer served as an International Director from 2008 to 2010. He has held many offices at the local club level, served as Zone Chair, District Governor, and Council Chairperson.

He has also served as Long Range Planning Chair, Chair of the Constitution and By-laws Committee, and Webmaster & Information Technology Chairperson for MD 35. In addition, he has served as a board member of the Florida Lions Foundation for the Blind and President of the Florida Lions Conklin Centers.

A Melvin Jones Fellow, Spencer has received numerous awards ranging from 100 percent Club President Award to 100 percent District Governor's Award to two District Governor's Extension Awards, to five International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the Leadership Medal and the International President's Medal. The City of Cocoa Beach presented Spencer with the key to the city and recognized him with a proclamation declaring May 19, 2006 as Neil R. Spencer Day.

While the leadership rally committee continues making rally arrangements, District 5NW Governor Bev Charles encourages District 5NW Lions to attend the one-day rally; but she especially urges all club Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers and Membership Chairs to attend. Special break-out sessions have been scheduled specifically for those club officers. DG Charles also asks all current club



PID Neil R. Spencer

Presidents and Secretaries to attend and bring with them their passwords, to facilitate the hands-on training sessions for new club Presidents and Secretaries in the use of computer-based reporting procedures. A session on composing and submitting club news to the North Dakota Lion and/or your local daily or weekly newspaper will also be offered.

In addition to extending an invitation to all District 5NW Lions to attend the Spring Leadership Rally (and you really should attend, since your club has already paid for your entire club to come and take advantage of the dynamic presenters, information and fun!), DG Charles also invites club members to bring their non-Lion spouses and prospective Lions members. "The day offers a wealth of Lions information, for both members and non-members interested in learning more about Lions," said DG Charles.

Other program options currently in process include the Eye Bank of North Dakota, the Lions Foundation of North Dakota, the Peace Poster program, tail-twisting tips, familiar Lions club music, and the Lions connection to the North Dakota Heritage Center "History's

Heroes" fundraising campaign. Tentative arrangements also include group tours of Assumption Abbey during the day.

District Governor Charles is also requesting at least one (or more) digital photograph of each club's signature project, along with a brief explanation of the project. She plans to develop a slide show featuring each club's signature project, for presentation the day of the rally. She prefers digital photos, but she will also accept standard photographs, which will be scanned into digital format for the presentation. DG Charles' e-mail address follows with pre-registration instructions and information.

The opening session of the leadership rally starts at 9 a.m., MDT, with check-in between 8 and 9 a.m., MDT.

Pre-registration may be by club (President or Secretary) or by individual Lion member, by April 8. Pre-register with District Governor Bev Charles by e-mail at dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net. Include in your e-mail the names of those attending and their club affiliation. Also include the names of any non-Lion guests. (There will be a nominal charge for the noon lunch for non-Lion guests.) Additional information is available from DG Charles at 701-202-6427.

In Remembrance

Medina

Mary Heupel

Bismarck

George Seaworth

Columbus

Merlyn Koppelsloen

Zeeland

Barbara Salwei

APPLICATION FOR THE NORTH DAKOTA LIONS HALL OF FAME

Application to be postmarked on or before Saturday, April 16, 2011

SECTION A

DESCRIPTION (On separate sheet(s) list office and year or as requested)

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|-----|--|---|
| 1. | Each year Active member | (15 consecutive years prior to application) |
| 2. | Each year Club Office of President, Club Secretary &/or Treasurer | |
| 3. | Each year Club Board Member | (not as President, Secretary or Treasurer) |
| 4. | Each year Club Committee Chairman (list year and committee) | |
| 5. | Each year Program Presenter at District, State &/or Multiple District meetings | |
| 6. | Each year Region Chairman or Zone Chairman | |
| 7. | Each year Vice District Governor or Deputy District Governor | |
| 8. | Each year District Governor or International Officer | |
| 9. | Each year appointed as member of District Cabinet | |
| 10. | Each year District Cabinet Secretary and/or Treasurer | |
| 11. | Each year State Chairperson of a Lions function | |
| 12. | Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation President | |
| 13. | Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Secretary and/or Treasurer | |
| 14. | Each year North Dakota Lions Foundation Board Member | |
| 15. | Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank President | |
| 16. | Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Secretary and/or Treasurer | |
| 17. | Each year North Dakota Lions Eye Bank Board Member | |
| 18. | Each year Multiple District 5 Council Chairman | |
| 19. | Each year Multiple District 5 Chairperson | (does not apply to MD5 Council members) |
| 20. | Each year District Rally attended | (List years and cities) |
| 21. | North Dakota State Conventions attended | (List years and cities) |
| 22. | Multiple District conventions attended | (List years and cities) |
| 23. | International Conventions attended | (List years) |
| 24. | USA/CANADA Forums attended | (List years and cities) |
| 25. | Melvin Jones Fellow | (List years) |
| 26. | 100% District Governor Award | (List year) |
| 27. | Club President Excellence Award | (List years) |
| 28. | 100% Club Secretary Award | (List years) |
| 29. | Hosting Foreign Exchange Student | (List year, student's name and home country) |
| 30. | ND Chairman MD5 Youth Exchange Camp | (List year, and location) |
| 31. | Each sponsored new Lion member | Include a printout from LCI listing new sponsored members |
| 32. | Guiding Lion | List year(s) and clubs |
| 33. | Extension Award | List year(s) and club(s) |
| 34. | Other Awards | Club, District or LCI |

SECTION B

Prepare a written personal resume including name, marital status, family, occupation, when and where joining Lionism. Include all achievements as a Lion and outside of Lionism, volunteer work and other associations and personal recognition.

SECTION C

(Please print or type)

NOMINEE CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information I have provided is an accurate rendering taken from personal and club records.

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____ State/Zip _____

TELEPHONE _____ (daytime) _____ (evenings)

SIGNATURE _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information provided is an accurate rendering taken from club and other verifiable sources.

PRESIDENT _____ CLUB NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SECRETARY _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Nominations must be postmarked: ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2011.

This nomination form must be signed by nominee, Club President and Club Secretary and returned along with the information submitted for points in Sections A and the resume for consideration by the Hall of Fame Committee.

OTHER ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN APPLICATION:

4x5 or smaller recent B & W photograph of applicant suitable for publication

Ring Size _____

Mail completed application to:

PDG Marian Johnson, Secretary
North Dakota Past District Governors Association
1631 Northview Lane, Bismarck, ND 58501

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(Last, First)

___ Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___ Guest

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Before May 1, 2011 \$145.00

(2) Name _____

(Last, First)

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(2) _____

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by the 2011 MD5?

(1) _____

(2) _____

Do you have any special needs – food or physical?

(1) _____

(2) _____

Is this your first MD5 Convention? (Yes or No)

(1) _____ (2) _____

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Total Amount \$ _____

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Mail your registration form and check to:

MD5 Convention

1825 Sun Valley Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Convention location – THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD, 100 Pine Crest Lane, Deadwood, SD. Reservation phones: (605)–584-4800. **The room block is guaranteed until May 5th** at \$129.00 per night, plus taxes. Ask for Lion's Convention room rate. Check-in time 3:00 p.m., check-out time 11:00 a.m.

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Complete registration below. Use one form for EACH participant

Name: _____ Lion or Guest (circle one)

Badge: _____ Club: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Meals:

Breakfast...Included with Hotel Stay

Lunch....\$14.50

Dinner...\$20.00

*Meals will increase by \$2.00 if paid for after Sept 1, 2011

Date: _____
Lunch: Y N # _____
Dinner: Y N # _____
Amount enclosed: _____
Make check payable to:
ND State Lions Convention

Mail Registration form and check to:
Magic City Lions Club
Attn: Convention Chair
PO Box 782
Minot, ND 58701

Questions regarding 2011 convention or registration please e-mail Terry Alexander, gm@sleepinnminot.com or Josh Ressler, jressler@srt.com

Club News

Garrison

Garrison Lions boast best new Dickens product

The Garrison Lions Club had the best new product at this year's Dickens Village Festival. Lions Marty Dahl and Tami Engel accepted a plaque and a check for \$100 from the Dickens Village Festival Committee's Dick Messerly during the Garrison Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet. The event was Jan. 29 at the Garrison Auditorium.

The club, if you've forgotten already (that's a 25-cent fine if you did!) hosted a booth the second weekend of the festival, selling caramel corn and cashews. The delicacy was a hit in spite of attendance being down Friday, Dec. 3. Saturday business was much better. And the leftovers were taken to the Benedictine Living Center where they went lickety split.

Club members, those who helped make the snack, and those who braved the elements to be vendors, agreed that it was a very fun venture. Plans are to be vendors again at this year's Dickens Village Festival. Though sales could have admittedly been better, vending was deemed a success. The club made more than \$150 from sales.



Lions Marty Dahl, left, and Tami Engel, were presented a plaque for the club's being named Best new Dickens Village Festival product.

Streeter

Streeter Lions deliver Christmas baskets

The Streeter Lions club delivered Christmas dinner baskets to 12 lucky families in the Streeter area Dec. 21.

The baskets consisted of a turkey, potatoes, dressing and everything else needed to make a nice dinner on Christmas day. The turkeys were bought by the Lions club and the other food items were either donated or bought with the money that was given to this worthy cause. As the baskets were being delivered, the Lions members sang, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," to each family.

The Lions club is hoping to make this an annual event. We want to thank everyone that donated to this Lions project and to the Lions members that helped. The project was a great success and the families that received the baskets were very appreciative.



Among those assisting with delivering Christmas dinner baskets were, from left, Arlene Veil, Peg Perman, Margaret Williams, Jill Schlecht, Elray Fercho and Pastor Darwin Kopfmann. Not pictured is Jeff Veil.

Notice

There was more news than there was room for.

If you submitted articles that are not in, look for them next month.