

DISTRICT 5NE CABINET MEETING  
Lions State Convention  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Cabinet Members Present:: PDG Dennis Anderson, Salli Lou Anderson, PDG Katherine Tweed, PDG Gerald Sletmoe, Mel Olson, Robert Littlefield, Dennis Nathan, PDG Al Kalbaugh, Rick Swenson, VDG Wayne Westby, Arlo Anderson, Doug Roundy, Pat Roundy, DG Duane Zwinger, Rob Lein, PDG John Dobbs, PID Bill Gackle, Cliff Vining.

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by DG Duane Zwinger at 10 am. DG Duane led the cabinet in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. DG Duane requested all cell phones be turned off or put on vibrate. DG Duane appointed Lion Robert Littlefield Parliamentarian who will limit discussion to 3 minutes and Lion Rob Lein as Tail twister.
2. **No Introductions**
3. **District Governors Report:**
  - I am just getting started on visitations and I plan on visiting ½ the clubs by Christmas time. I have inducted 15 new members so far as I visited different clubs. I am encouraging visitations. A visiting club must have at least 3 members to qualify as a visitation.
  - **Membership:** 5NE has an increase in membership. We are at 990 and we started 983
  - **Reports:** I feel it is important to gets reports in. These three reports are important to me. PU101 form, (M&A) membership reports and activity reports. The clubs are making a good effort to also get me their activity reports and the information is very valuable to me to see your local clubs are doing.
  - **5NE News and Views:** This is a wonderful asset to our district.
4. **Motion to Suspend the Voting Rules:** Motion made to suspend the voting rules was made by PDG Gerald and seconded by Lion Rob Lein. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Minutes from August 9, 2008.** ( The minutes were sent by e-mail to the cabinet) PDG Katherine moved to approve the minutes seconded by seconded by ????. Lion Robert Littlefield had one amendment: That the Merlow plan in the minutes was not the final plan submitted for approval. Motion Carried.
6. **Additions to the Agenda:**
  - World War II Honor Flight. Motion for approval of agenda.Motion to approve the agenda - Moved by VDG Wayne, seconded by Doug. Approved.

7. **District Financial Report:** We still have three clubs that have not paid their dues yet. Doug has sent out several statements and DG Duane has made personal phone calls. A suggestion was made by Lion Bill Gackle that the zone chairman of the three clubs should be aware of the clubs that have not paid their dues yet. PDG AI Motion by Dennis seconded by Rick to approve the financial report.

**8. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Northwood Grant Application: The Standard Grant application is still being worked on. LCI has had several concerns and those concerns are being worked on. The application will be resubmitted by January 12<sup>th</sup>. LCI will then present the application in March. (Fund update) Matching fund grant has \$18318.99 and \$5200.00 from donations given directly to Northwood gives us a little over \$24000.00. Deaconess Hospital will come up with the rest of the money to meet the qualifications for the Northwood Grant. Lion
- b. Rookie "Lions" Award. Duane is promoting this award as a way to orientation and getting new members involved and will serve as a way to retain our new members and also involves the sponsor.
- c. Redistricting in MD-5. The delegates will be voting on two things tomorrow at our general district meeting. Each district has to approve the redistrict format. (1.) Two of our three districts must have a net increase of 75 members before March 31<sup>st</sup>. (2.) If we do not meet the 75 net increases, the plan to redistrict into two districts will be presented at MD-5 meeting in June for approval and will then be presented to LCI.
- d. E-mail of ND Lion Magazine. This remains confusing as to who will get the magazine by e-mail and who will not. Lion Robert suggested that each club send Pat a name of someone in their club that Pat can send an e-mail copy of the ND Lion Magazine each month.
- e. "Lions Apparel for International Convention" ND Delegates will be housed in the Radisson University Hotel. It is a perfect location (according to Lion Robert) this hotel is on a bus route and you would not have to drive anywhere. Cost is \$146.00 a night. **Apparel:** Katherine and Rob will head the apparel committee to get ND matching outfits. NO WHITE PANTS

**9. New Business:**

- a. Amendment to the Bylaws of Memorandum of Understanding (Vote) (1) dues changes; \$4.00 to subsidize the ND Lions magazine and increase .25 to .50 to support the Lions magazine. This will be voted at the Lions state meeting today.
- b. Vision USA: Katherine made a motion that the district will support the assessment of \$3.00 per member. Seconded by ????. Motion carried.
- c. Extension Workshop (November 2-6) Lions Wanda and John Barnett have been hired to teach and Extension Workshop.
- d. World War Two Honor Flight: Lion Katherine reported that two honor flights are being organized. One out of Bismarck and one out of Grand

Forks. Katherine is asking for volunteer to help with these flights as well as monetary help.

### **10. Reports:**

#### **A. Leadership:**

1. USA/Canada Forum (\* Attachment 1) Included at the end of this report. Lion Robert reports it this was the most motivation seminar he has been to in many years.
2. 5NE Spring Rally: Goal is to increase attendance by %100. Goal is to have 80 Lions at this Rally. Valley City, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>.
3. Immerging Leaders recognition for Women and young members.
4. 2009 International Convention-Minneapolis:

#### **B. 5NE Website: Pat reported there is getting to be more traffic on the website.**

#### **C. Merlow Conference – August 16<sup>th</sup> I Minot - 5NE Action Plan.**

(\* Attachment 2)

#### **D. Merlow**

1. Membership – Steve Johnson – No report.
2. Extension & Orientation - Rick Swenson – Rick wants to have a set program for extension and orientation as a way for clubs to start then personalize it for your own club. He is looking into this.
3. Retention – Joe Dobbs - No Report
4. Leadership – Robert Littlefield (all in his report that is attached)
5. Women – Carla Lein (taking the place of Rita Harris) No report

#### **E. Zone Chairs:**

1. A-1 Leon Comeau
2. A-3 Joe Kraft
3. A-3 Dennis Nathan – He has visited Carrington and Jamestown so far.
4. B-1 Mel Olson (\* Attachment 3)
5. B-2 Gerald Sletmoe – (\* Attachment 4) New e-mail address: ges135@live.com
6. B-3 Fred Gackle. (Bill Gackle) No Zone meeting yet but they have had a zone social. We also visited the Jud Lions.

VDG Wayne reported he has a new e-mail address of [Westy1@gra.midco.net](mailto:Westy1@gra.midco.net) and the phone # in the book is wrong. Corrected phone # is 218-779-2022.

#### **H. Committee Chairs**

1. Campus/Leo Club/Youth Exchange – Katherine Tweed (\* Attachment 5) 5NE wants to thank Katherine for all the hard work she has done with the Campus Club.
2. Convention – A Kahlbaugh – Very little work done on the Convention in Grand Forks.
3. Diabetes Awareness - Bruce Furness - No Report
4. Environmental – Rob Lein – I am learning more about the “Green Team” to promote recycling involving Lions.
5. Hearing and Speech – Al Kahlbaugh - No Report

6. Honorary Committee – Lyle Swor -
7. Information Technology – Pat Roundy (\* Attachment 6)
8. ND Lions Foundation and LCIF – John Dobbs – John will try to make it to all the Zone meetings and update clubs with LCIF and ND Foundation information. DG and VDG are members of the ND Eyebank and Foundation board.
9. Leader Dogs / Service Dogs – Salli Lou Anderson (\* Attachment 7)
10. Liberty Day – Dennis Anderson (\* Attachment 8)
11. Long Range Planning – Al Kahlbaugh/Katherine Tweed / John Dobbs  
The Long Range Planning board unanimously endorses Lion Robert Littlefield for 5NE VDG elect and will be voted on tomorrow at the district meeting.
12. Peace Poster Contest – Cliff Vining – The schools should very soon have the posters completed and the Lion clubs have then judged and the winning poster sent to the DG. Here has been a good response from the clubs that took a part in the Peace Poster contest. It is hard to get completely accurate record of all clubs that took part or that started the program and failed to complete the program but it seems to all is going quite good. The plan is to get a handle on all clubs that took part one day very soon. It is always a challenge to get more clubs to work with the program and there is more participation as the years go by and we are very thankful. The Peace Poster contest is a great way to spread the word about Lions and students and their families really enjoy the program.
13. Pins – Arlo Anderson - Pin Chair report - Pin sales are slow. I went to 3 clubs and sold a few. I have a few orders for the new MD5 convention pin.
14. Public Relations – Sarah Nathan
15. Sight Conservation & Blind – Dennis Anderson (\* Attachment 9)

## **11. Concluding Remarks.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by 5NE Secretary, Patricia Roundy

(\* Attachment 1)

**District 5NE Cabinet Meeting**

**Friday, October 24, 2008**

**Leadership Report**

**Submitted by Lion Robert Littlefield**

**Personal Training Experiences (July-October)**

- Participated in the Multiple District 5 MERLOW Conference, August 16, in Minot
- Participated in the USA/Canada Forum, September 18-20, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

**Leadership Chair Activities**

- Helped develop S.M.A.R.T. goals for District 5NE in areas of Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership, Orientation, and Women
- Sent letter to all Club Presidents in District 5NE with two requests: Identify two outstanding members for leadership recognition (one young Lions and one female Lion); and a survey to get information about women in leadership positions and an approximate age breakdown of membership in the club.
- Sent letter to Zone Chairs in District 5NE to ask them to contact Club Presidents about the aforementioned letter.
- Communicated with District 5NE Leadership and Mentor about project to recognize young and female Lions
- Contacted NDSU Officials about starting a campus club for faculty, staff, AND students.
- Continued effort to start club in Casselton, ND.

**Focus on S.M.A.R.T. goals for LEADERSHIP+WOMEN**

**Goal #1: District 5NE will increase the number of younger members and women in leadership positions at the zone and district levels by a minimum of 50%.**

**Action Steps:**

1. Leadership Chair will identify the current number of women and young people serving as zone chairs, cabinet members, or district officers.
2. Leadership & Women's Chairs will develop and schedule an Emerging Leader Recognition Event (ELRE).
3. Leadership & Women's Chairs will send a personal invitation and follow-up to Club Presidents to identify 1-2 women and/or younger members with potential to be leaders in their clubs and local communities for the ELRE.
4. Leadership & Women's Chairs will send personal invitations with follow-up to individuals identified by Club Presidents to ELRE.
5. Leadership & Women's Chairs will coordinate the ELRE and provide information about leadership opportunities.

6. Attendees will be invited to serve in zone and district positions for 2009-10 year.

Deadlines:

1. Leadership Chair will identify benchmark numbers by September 1. Done.
  - a. 0 women serve as zone chairs; 4 women serve as cabinet members; 2 women serve as a major leadership capacity (District Secretary & MERL-Women's Chair).
2. EMRE will be scheduled by September 15. In Process.
  - a. We may need to schedule more than one so that attendees don't have to drive so far to get to the event.
  - b. We anticipate holding the first one on November 15 and possibly the second one on December 13.
3. Invitations to Club Presidents to nominate will be sent by October 1. Done (October 15)
4. Invitations to Emerging Leaders will be sent out by November 1. (probably November 5)
5. List of participants will be provided to DGE by February 1.

Indicators:

1. Reports will be made to DG and Cabinet.
2. Invitation and information communicated to web coordinator for publication on-line.
3. Participation rate will be communicated to DG and Cabinet.
4. DGE should have at least 1 woman serve as Zone Chair, 6 women serve on the Cabinet, and 1-2 women serve in an officer capacity.

**Goal #2: District 5NE will increase the level of participation at the Spring Leadership Rally by 100%.**

Action Steps

1. Leadership Chair will establish a working committee of 5-7 to plan the spring leadership rally.
2. Sub committees will plan arrangements, speakers/programs, International Director protocol, and publicity.
3. Publicity to be submitted to: News and Notes, ND Lion Magazine, and DG communication.
4. Registration Materials will be made available to every club in 5NE.
5. Comparison of 2008 and 2009 attendance will be tracked by Leadership Chair

Deadlines

1. Planning committee will be created by October 1. (In process)
  - a. Letters have been sent to individuals inviting them to serve on the committee. Responses are requested by October 31.
2. Sub-committees identified by October 15. (will do by November 5)

3. Publicity provided for December through March media outlets.
4. Registration materials provided monthly December through March.
5. Registration numbers compared and presented at May Cabinet Meeting.

#### Indicators

1. Leadership Chair will report status of committee and subcommittees at October Cabinet Meeting. (Done)
2. Publicity in December through March.
3. Registration materials collected by April 1.
  - a. To meet goal, at least 80 Lions should attend the Spring Leadership Rally.
4. Final Report at May Cabinet Meeting.

#### **Additional On-Going Efforts**

1. Hope to schedule a Guiding Lion Workshop

#### DISTRICT 5NE ACTION PLAN FOR 2008-2009 (revision 2)

(\* Attachment 2

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Goal #1: District 5NE will increase membership by at least 75 members (net).

#### Action Steps:

MERLOW Membership Chair will provide information about the Four-Step Plan of Membership to Club Membership Chair.

Each club will set a goal of increasing membership by a net of 5% through the implementation of the Four-Step Plan.

District Governor will emphasize use of Four-Step Plan in all communication with the clubs.

District Governor will include information about the Four-Step Plan in 5NE News and Views.

#### Deadlines:

MERLOW Membership Chair will provide information by September 1.

Clubs will set membership goal by October 1.

District Governor will communicate with all clubs by October 30.

5 NE News and Views will carry information in September and October.

District membership will be monitored each month through activity reports with the goal of 75 net increase.

Indicators:

District membership goal of 75 net increase attained by March 2009.

Club Membership Chair will report monthly progress through monthly activity and membership reports.

MERLOW Membership Chair will monitor monthly membership reports and report to Cabinet.

District Governor will discuss progress being made at Cabinet meetings.

**EXTENSION**

Goal #1: District 5NE will add three new clubs.

Action Steps:

MERLOW Extension Chair will identify three target communities as potential locations for new Lions Clubs.

Guiding Lions will be identified to spearhead efforts in target locations.

There will be an application made to LCI for an Extension Workshop to be held in 5NE. The LCI team will assist local Lions in extension plans and conduct an Extension Workshop. The site will depend upon which communities are targeted as potential locations for Lions Clubs.

Extension teams of 10-12 Lions living in proximity to target areas will be created to assist with the identification of potential members.

Contacts will be made with 10-12 local individuals in each target community to form the core of each new Lions Club.

Recruitment will be carried out to secure a minimum of 20-25 members for each new club.

Guiding Lions will help get the individual clubs chartered.

A second application to LCI will be made for a second Extension Workshop.

#### Deadlines:

MERLOW Extension Chair will identify target communities by September 15.

Guiding Lions will be assigned to each target community by October 1.

Extension Teams will be formed by October 15.

The LCI Extension Workshop will be held by October 30.

Contacts will be made to form core by November 15.

Recruitment will be carried out by December 1.

New clubs will be chartered by March 1.

The second application will be made by February 1.

#### Indicators:

MERLOW Extension Chair will report to District Governor.

District Governor will appoint Guiding Lions and report to Cabinet.

Record of the list of Lions on Extension Teams will be kept by MERLOW Extension Chair.

Record of potential members will be kept by Guiding Lion and provided to MERLOW Extension Chair.

Membership applications and fees will be sent to LCI.

Successful chartering will be reported in ND Lion and 5NE News and Views.

## RETENTION

Goal #1: Every club will schedule and conduct a minimum of two orientation sessions during the year.

### Action Steps:

District Orientation Chair will acquire LCI orientation materials and make them available to every club and mentor club officers in their use.

Each club will designate an Orientation Chair to plan and present the orientation sessions.

Club Officers or Orientation Chair will modify LCI materials to fit individual club needs.

Club will schedule and present a minimum of two orientation sessions using the club materials for current and new members.

### Deadlines:

District Orientation Chair has materials by July 1<sup>st</sup> and will distribute to clubs by August 1st.

Club should designate an Orientation Chair by July 1.

Club should have an orientation plan in place by September 1 (or October 1 during 1st year).

Orientation sessions should be held in November-December and February-March or has needed by the individual club.

### Indicators:

District Orientation Chair will report to the August Cabinet Meeting that materials have been distributed.

Club Orientation Chair should report to the Zone Chair by September 1 that materials have been modified and plan is in place for sessions.

Club will report that orientations have been held in monthly activity reports sent to District Governor.

## **LEADERSHIP + WOMEN**

Goal #1: District 5NE will increase the number of younger members and women in leadership positions at the zone and district level by a minimum of 50%.

### Action Steps:

MERLOW Leadership Chair will identify the current number of women and young people serving as zone chairs, cabinet members or district officers.

MERLOW Leadership Chair and MERLOW Women Chair will develop and schedule an Emerging Leader Recognition Event.

MERLOW Leadership and MERLOW Women Chairs will send a personal invitation and follow-up to Club Presidents to identify 1-2 women and/or younger members with potential to be leaders in their clubs and local communities for a special recognition event.

MERLOW Leadership and MERLOW Women Chairs will send personal invitations with follow-up to the individuals identified by Club Presidents.

MERLOW Leadership and MERLOW Women Chairs will coordinate the Emerging Leader Event and provide information about leadership opportunities.

Attendees will be invited to serve in zone and district positions in future years.

### Deadlines:

Current Leadership Chair will identify benchmark numbers by September 1.

Emerging Leader Recognition Event will be scheduled by September 15.

Invitations to Club Presidents will be sent by October 1.

Invitations to Emerging Leaders will be sent by November 1.

Emerging Leader Event will be scheduled in late November.

List of participants will be provided to District Governor Elect by February 1.

The list of participants will be provided to Vice District Governor by February 1 as well. The VDG will be encouraged to use some from this list as cabinet members.

### Indicators:

Leadership Chair will report goals to District Governor and Cabinet through reports.

The date and arrangements will be finalized so publicity can be adequate to clubs and district officers.

Participation rate at the Emerging Leaders event will be communicated to District Governor.

Number of women and younger members in zone and cabinet positions will be increased to attain goal.

The Emerging Leader Recognition Event will be publicized in the ND Lion Magazine and the 5NE News and Views

Goal #2: District 5NE will increase the level of participation at the Spring Leadership Rally by 100%.

Action Steps:

MERLOW Leadership Chair will establish a working committee of 5-7 to plan the leadership rally.

Sub-committees will be created to plan arrangements, speakers/programs, International Director protocol, and publicity.

Publicity will be provided through 5NE News and Views, ND Lion Magazine, and District Governor communication with clubs to promote increase of registration.

Registration materials will be made available to every club in 5NE.

Comparison of registration from 2008 and 2009 will be tracked by MERL Leadership Chair.

Deadlines:

Planning Committee will be created by October 1.

Sub-committees will be identified by October 15.

Publicity will be provided for December, January, February, and March publicity outlets.

Registration materials will be provided monthly from December through March.

Registration numbers will be compared and presented to Cabinet in May.

Indicators:

MERLOW Leadership Chair will report status of committee and subcommittees at District Cabinet Meeting in October.

Presence of publicity materials will be monitored December through March by Leadership Chair.

Registration materials will be collected by April 1.

Final Report will be presented at May Cabinet Meeting.

## **PUBLICITY**

Goal #1: Every club will develop and implement a publicity plan that will include one new enhancement to what the club has done before to publicize its activities.

### Action Steps:

MERLOW team for District will create a template for options for the clubs. Examples of some options include:

- a. Brochure to promote specific club.
- b. Enhanced or developed website.
- c. Press kit.
- d. Public service announcement.

Club Officers will develop a publicity plan.

Club Officers will implement choices.

Publicity will be used throughout the remainder of the year.

### Deadlines:

Template will be made available to clubs by September 1st or asap.

Club Officers will develop a publicity plan by October 1.

Club Officers will implement choices by November 1.

Publicity will be used regularly.

### Indicator:

MERLOW team will report to District Governor at October cabinet meeting.

Club Officers will report publicity plan to Zone Chair.

Club Officers will provide record of publicity to Zone Chair and include examples in monthly activity reports.

(\* attachment 3)



### Lions Zone B-1 Report

*By Mel Olson, Zone Chair*

Lions Zone B-1 held the first zone meeting of the year on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Skills and Technology Training Center in Fargo. Lions Club officers were surveyed to determine what days, times and locations would work best for them. Information was mailed to officers to report on the responses and to set a meeting time and place. A meeting agenda was developed and distributed.

The meeting was very poorly attended and little if any official business was accomplished. Past Zone B-1 Chair, Robert Littlefield, provided me with a great deal of historical insight into the responsibilities and opportunities of serving as a Zone Chair.

I have developed a plan for visiting all the clubs in the zone and my hope is that there will be a higher level of interest in zone meetings as we move toward the winter months.

Below is my anticipated visitation schedule:

November 19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Argusville-Grandin-Gardner
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Arthur
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Noon	Fargo Edgewood
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 Noon	Fargo Gateway
December 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	Horace
November 17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Heart of Horace

Respectfully submitted:  
Mel Olson, Zone Chair

(\* Attachment 4)

The following is my Zone B-2 Report:

1. **Zone Meeting:** Unable to have a zone meeting as scheduled in September 2008. Tentatively I have a zone meeting scheduled for January 2009 at the Kindred Lions in Kindred, ND.

2. **Visitations:**

I have visited six of the seven clubs and brought the "Thoughts of Membership", State Convention, New Clubs and talked about fund raising. I also answered questions that the members had.

3. **Membership:** Have not heard much on Membership yet, but the Sheldon Club will have four new members at the next meeting and two members transferring from another club.

4. **Fund raisers:**

Anything from Bar Bingo in Sheldon to white elephant sales in Chaffee on December 4. Leonard and Kindred will have their fund raiser sales later (2009). Wahpeton Headwater had pumpkin days last month (Sept). Enderlin will be selling calendar drawing tickets for November, December and January.

5. **Summary:**

Please note my new email address, which will be a new communication method. I am now up with the times. Further discussions will continue at visited clubs regarding Membership.

B-2 Zone Chairman  
Gerald Sletmoe

(\* Attachment 5)

**District 5NE Cabinet  
Oct. 24, 2008**

***Youth Exchange Report***

District 5NE is hosting four youth in the winter exchange programs.

- Two girls will arrive from Australia Dec. 6 and depart Jan. 14. One girl will be hosted by Lion Lance Bergstrom, Fargo Lions Club. The other girl does not yet have a host family.
- Two girls will arrive from Peru Jan. 15 and depart Feb. 26, 2009. One girl will be hosted by Lion Gordy and Deb Van De Venter, Oakes Lions Club. The other girl does not yet have a host family.

I have a news clip with me from the Foster County Independent written by an Italian Youth Exchange person who was here this summer and stayed with a family in Sykeston.

Please contact Katherine Tweed if you can host or suggest someone who might be able to host.

Youth is one of Lions International's strong initiatives. I'd be glad to visit with anyone and any club about the program.

***Youth Exchange Camp***

On Nov. 15, I will attend a Youth Exchange meeting in Minot. After that time I will have information about next summer's Youth Exchange camp. Watch for

information on our District Web site and in "News and Views." Our District hosted five this summer and had two at camp.

### ***Campus Club Report***

Officers have been elected for the University of North Dakota Lions Club. The charter date for the club is Nov. 20, 2008. All clubs are encouraged to send representatives, congratulatory cards or gifts to get them going. Please coordinate gifts through me so we don't have duplicates. A gavel is one gift the club will need. They do not have a place to store a banner so at this time a banner is not a good gift. Donations to the club's treasury to help them get going would be appreciated. Event information will come soon.

The sponsoring club is the South Forks Lions Club and the Guiding Lion is Lion Steve Johnson from the Grand Forks Lions Club.

The club president, Steph Windish, will be here Friday night and Saturday morning. She will be introduced at the District meeting. Please welcome her to Lionism.

Officers are:

Steph Windish, president. (She is from Bismarck and her father is Lion Steve Windish.)

Emily Lorenz, first vice president.

Vanessa Watson, secretary

Patrick Nagel, treasurer

Kelli Atkinson, membership chairperson

Peter Meberg, Ph.D., is their adviser

The club meets in the Swanson Room 10-12 in the lower level of the UND Memorial Union every other Thursday. They met last night with Guiding Lion Steve Johnson as their mentor.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Tweed, 701.235.2115, [ktweed@cablone.net](mailto:ktweed@cablone.net)

(\* Attachment 6)

Information Technology

Patricia Roundy

Monday, October 20, 2008

As of today (Monday, October 20, 2008) 1272 visits have been made to the website <http://www.lionsof5ne.org/>.

I am encouraged that 4 clubs have contributed items lately that had not before. They are: Grand Forks South Forks, Buffalo City, Jamestown Lions and the West Fargo Lions have added their newsletters to the website. I am surprised that some of our cabinet members have never visited the website and probably most 5NE clubs have not either. I hope with lots of information available on the website that more clubs will check it out. I would like to make certain things only available on the website but I have not visited with anyone about this yet so it is "food for thought".

***I recently received this survey from LCI***  
***How do you use technology to assist Lions in your district /multiple districts?***

*Staff at LCI wants and values your considerable expertise in the field of information technology. We want your ideas, training and professionalism to be shared with other Lions worldwide. Would you take a few minutes to answer some short questions with respect to how you are using current technology to help and assist Lions in your district and or multiple districts?*

I believe local websites may be the Lions link of the future and if that is so... we have a head start.

(\* Attachment 7)

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Bismarck ND  
Service Dogs/Leader Dogs

**Great Plains Assistance Dog Foundation** has had a great improvement over the last year with the change in management and staff. Everything is functioning more smoothly. So far this year 9 dogs have been placed successfully and we have one more placement coming. The last young student came with two nannies and they all enjoyed North Dakota. The downturn in economy has affected our earnings so of course efforts are being made to cut expenses. One new program we are working is a puppy raising program where approved inmates at Jamestown prison work with a puppy. This program will benefit our puppy expenses, give the puppies socialization and help inmates become productive. The staff of Great Plains is here at convention; please ask them any questions you wish. They are always open for Club visitations.

**LEADER DOGS for the Blind.** I had the privilege of attending a Leader Dog Chair training session at the facility in Rochester, MI. The visit reinforced my confidence that they are on the leading edge of helping visually impaired folks with the GPS trekker program, computer and vocational training, orientation and mobility and of course the guide dog program. I have a couple of 8 minute DVD's called "Independence Day" that I would be happy to loan to clubs for a program. DVD's. The DVD shows the facility and clips of the students working with the guide dogs. Leader Dog has a new program called 70 for 70 in

commemoration of their 70<sup>th</sup> year as a provider of guide dogs. If your club gives \$70 more than they did last year, your club will receive a banner patch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lion Salli Lou Anderson, Chair

(\* Attachment 8)

### **Liberty Day**

I have Constitution booklets available for clubs who wish to distribute them here with me. We have a few people who take them into classrooms in our area.

(\* Attachment 9)

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Bismarck ND

### **Sight Conservation & Work with the Blind**

ND School for the Blind held their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and has a commemorative book available. The staff there is also very willing to talk to Lions Clubs and has great information regarding all the services they provide.

I have collected eyeglasses and brought them to convention to be recycled. A reminder to all Lions Clubs to participate in Vision USA and recycling programs.

Funds for Vision USA can be funneled through Lions Foundation of ND

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