

DISTRICT 5NE CABINET MEETING

January 17, 2009

10:00 A.M.

Chieftain Motel

Lion board members present: Steve Johnson, Robert Littlefield, PDG Dennis Anderson, Salli Lou Anderson, PDG Katherine Tweed, PDG Al Kahlbaugh, PDG Rob Lein, Doug Roundy, Pat Roundy, Leon Comeau and DG Duane Zwinger.

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. DG Duane requested that when a motion is made and seconded; please state your names so Secretary Pat has it on her recorder.
2. **Introductions:** Lion Leon Comeau was introduced to several cabinet members.
3. **District Governor Report:**
 - Visitations: Duane has visited almost all the clubs. He has 5 or 6 left.
 - Membership: One of my goals was to increase membership. As of December we are at 975. This is down 8 from July 1. I am hoping by the end of the year to have a membership increase with our new chartered clubs. I am challenging every club to have a 5% increase (which in some clubs is only one member).
 - Reports: MMR reports to LCI and Activity Report. As of December 2008, 22 clubs out of 34 did not send in any reports in November. There are only 7 clubs who have not sent in any reports since July 1, 2008. Some clubs only care about serving their local communities and don't care about the big picture. It is improving but we have a long way to go. Several suggestions were discussed about how to help clubs understand the importance of reports and maybe a training session would be of help.
 - **Comments from DG Duane**
 - a) USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. This is a very good leadership program – one of the best.
 - b) Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute
 - c) 2009 State Lions Convention. Early registration ends February 15, 2009.
 - d) The annual Leadership Rally for 5NE will be held at the Eagles Club in Valley

City on Saturday, April 4. The committee under the direction of VDGE Robert Littlefield has put together a great program. Officers of the clubs and members of the cabinet are encouraged to attend. Anyone and everyone are invited to attend. The cost of the rally is only \$10 per person and that includes a noon luncheon. Special guest for the day will be ID Bill Watkins from Tennessee.

- e) News and Views (thank you to Sarah Nathan for the great job she does and DG Duane encouraged everyone to send their information to Sarah)
- f) Election of Officers: DG Duane is encouraging all clubs to elect their officers in March so the new officers can attend the Leadership Forum in Valley City and the names of new officers can be sent in to be included in the ND Lions Directory.
- g) Discussion of pamphlets available from LCI. **(Two great tools for membership pamphlets are now on the 5NE website)**
- h) Honor Flight: I have been promoting the World War II Honor Flight for veterans during my visitations. I believe very strongly in the project. To learn more about the project go to their web site: www.nvhonorflight.com.

4. Motion to Suspend the Voting Rules: Moved to suspend by Dennis, seconded by Salli, motion passed.

5. Approval of Minutes for Oct 24th, 2008: Moved by Salli Lou, seconded by Doug, Motion passed.

6. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. Public Relations Grant
- b. State Directory:
- c. Lions Environmental Photo Contest:
- d. Lions Clubs in 21st Century Book

Lions Dennis approved the additions to the agenda with a second from Lion Al. Passed

7. District Financial Report:

- a) Lion Doug presented the financial report. Lion Robert moved to accept the financial report, seconded by Lion Rob. Approved.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. MERLOW "Action Plan" **(Attachment 1)** this is what the goals and action plan are for this year. It is an important plan.
- b. International Convention-Minneapolis (July 6-10)

- Lion Robert reported that the ND Lions will be staying at the University Radisson Hotel. Robert reported we could not have gotten a better hotel than this. You step out of your hotel, step on a bus and it will take you right to the convention.
 - DG Duane reported that the convention will not get closer than this and encouraged everyone to attend.
 - Convention Wardrobe: Lion Katherine is on the wardrobe committee and her committee is recommending Kaki bottom and a white top with a ND logo on it to wear under our blue multidistrict vest.
 - Salli made a motion we go with the wardrobe as suggested by the wardrobe committee. Seconded by Doug. Passed. This will be worn for the parade.
- c. Extension Workshop and Extension Lions Clubs:
- Lion Robert spoke about how successful the extension workshop was and how much the team had learned. “The team learned the tools and now they have to make them work.” Lion Robert and committee are still working on getting new clubs started in Casselton and Mayville/Portland. “Mayville/Portland has 20 people signed up so they have enough to charter a club. Lion Robert suggested that we should try to have their charter night around April 25th on Lions Worldwide Induction day.
- d. Redistricting: This is ongoing discussion with several options being discussed at this time. DG Duane’s recommendation is that we should go to 2 districts.
- e. Northwood Grant Application: Nothing to report at this time.

9. New Business:

- a. ND Heritage Center Expansion project: The North Dakota Heritage Center is planning an expansion of the facility and they have made a request of funds from each of the Lions Clubs. The Cabinet feels that the project is very worthwhile, but feel that it is not in the realm of our primary goals. Lion Robert moved that this request be given to the clubs to consider but it not be endorsed by the 5NE cabinet as a priority because it is not related to our principle concern as a vision related activity. Seconded by Doug. Passed.
- b. 3 year and 5 year plans for 5NE - The plans are a request from the mentor of MD5, Gary Fry. Our plans will be taken from our Merlow Action Plan.
- c. Lions Worldwide Induction Day (April 25th, 2009 LCI will provide a planning guide and other information for a successful program. This is kit MK-61 at

www.lionsclubs.org.

- d. Habitat for Humanity: DG Duane states this is a great project and it would be terrific if the ND Lions could work on this someday.
- e. Public Relations Grant: Duane has researched a matching grant from LCI to put up a billboard but it is not affordable at this time. Several options were discussed and we will discuss this more at a different time including assessing each club a set amount.
- f. State Directory proposal from David Blackstead. Lion Katherine moved we affirm David Blackstead proposal that the responsibility to put the yearly directory together be slotted into the PDG constitution and it become their official responsibility from now on. Seconded by Salli Lou. Approved.
- g. Lions Environmental Photo Contest: DG Duane reported that Lion Kathleen Lewin from the West Fargo Lions Club was selected as the winner of the Lions Environmental Photo Contest for 5NE. She presented a very beautiful photo of the Landscape in the natural form. Her winning photo will advance onto the MD5 contest and then may advance to the international competition at the International Convention in Minneapolis. Great job Kathleen (**Kathleen's photo is now on the 5NE website.**)
- h. Lions Clubs in 21st Century Book: DG Duane reported on a new hardbound book called "Lions Clubs in the 21st Century" Lion Robert moved that we recommend that each club in the district should purchase one copy of this book and present it to a local library. Seconded by Lion Pat... motion passed. Cost is about \$30.00.

10. Reports

A. MERLOW:

1. Membership – Steve Johnson. This is the website address for 30 Marketing Ideas from Lions International... (excellent information) *Is your club keeping its service a secret?* Lion Robert reported that the "Spring Leadership Rally in Valley City will include orientation for new members and Lion Steve will coordinate this. An invitation has gone out to all clubs to send their new members and Lion Steve will be the coordinator for the orientation part of the rally. DG Duane also reminded the members that part of the "5NE Lion Rookie Award" requires each new member to be involved in an orientation program.

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/mk97.pdf>

2. Extension & Orientation - Rick Swenson “No Report” Lion Rob (Mayville/Portland guiding lions” reported that Mayville/Portland needs a sponsor and several cabinet members will try to find one. Lion Katherine suggested maybe Andy from Horace would be interested and Lion Rob will follow-up on this lead.
 3. Retention – Joe Dobbs - No Report
 4. Leadership – Robert Littlefield (**Attachment 2**) Lion Robert stated one of the Leadership goals was to increase the number of young members and women in leadership positions. An award luncheon will be part of the “Spring Leadership Rally” and will recognize an emerging young lion and a woman from each club where they will receive a certificate for Emerging Leaders. New Lions members who joined in 2008-2009, from all the 5NE clubs, will also be invited to the “Spring Leadership Rally” and a New Member Orientation will be conducted at the Rally. Lion Pat will contact the 5NE club secretary’s to get Robert a list of all new members from 5NE for this year. Lion Steve will be the coordinator of the New Member Orientation at the Spring Rally. Lion Robert hopes that after this year, the “Spring Leadership Rally” will always include Orientation. VDG Wayne and Lion Robert’s goal for next year is to increase the number of women and young lions in leadership rolls next year by serving on the Cabinet and Zone Chairs. Lion Robert also had a question about the Cabinet and what their terms of office were and who will need to be replaced from the MERLOW team.
 5. Women – Carla Lein (No Report)
- B. Zone Chairs:
1. A-1 Leon Comeau – Leon has had one meeting so far and 6 members attended. They had a good discussion and his next meeting will be in January.
 2. A-2 Joe Kraft – Not in attendance but sent a report. A Zone meeting was held on Tuesday, January 6th. The clubs were working on getting on new members and keeping old members. The clubs were reminded of the importance of getting monthly reports in on time. The clubs were asked to get their officers elected in March if possible and get those names sent in to LCI and Marion Johnson in Bismarck. Clubs attending were Northwood and Devils Lake.
 3. A-3 Dennis Nathan – No Report
 4. B-1 Mel Olson (**Attachment 3**)

5. B-2 Gerald Sletmoe – No Report
6. B-3 Fred Gackle – No Report

C. Committee Chairs:

- 1) Campus / Leo Clubs/ Youth Exchange-Katherine Tweed. (**Attachment 4**) Lion Katherine thanked DG Duane for his support of the Youth Exchange and Youth Camp and presented DG Duane with a pin from a youth from Australia. A girl from Australia spoke to the Fargo Lions and presented them with a banner from Australia. A girl from Australia also spoke to the “Horace” lions club. Lion Robert is working getting a club started from NDSU that will be more than a campus club. It will be for students, staff and faculty. It will be the only club like it in the country.
- 2) Convention- Al Kahlbaugh/ Jeffrey Hemming - Plans for the convention is moving forward. New Co-Chairman for convention will probably be named soon as Jeff is not able to continue at this time and Lion Al does not think he can either. The convention is in 22 months. The Alerus Center has been secured for the event with a \$2000.00 deposit
- 3) Diabetes Awareness/Eyebank – Bruce Furness – **No Report**
- 4) Environmental – Rob Lein – Lion Rob and Lion Robert talked about the “Green Team” and are trying to get all Lions aboard with this program. It may be a popular approach to get members involved as “Recycle, Reuse and Reduce” The suggestion is if any club is doing a “Green” project you should put your “Green Sign” up while you are working. An idea is that every club does one big “Green” Project a year and report it to the District Governor. Lion Rob is working on a chart to plot clubs have green teams.
- 5) Hearing & Speech work with the Deaf – Al Kahlbaugh - Al talked about the hearing aids he is now wearing and about the program for recycling hearing aids. Pat has the address on the website.
- 6) Honorary Committee – Lyle Swor – **No report**
- 7) Information Technology – Pat Roundy (**Attachment 5**)
- 8) ND Lions Foundation & LCIF – John Dobbs (**Attachment 6**)
- 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 – al

reported that the candidates are set- for the coming year coming but they have no candidates for down the road. This will depend on re-districting.

- 12) Peace Poster Contest – Cliff Vining - 7 schools participated from our District. There was conflict between the date to submit and the MD date to judge so many schools missed the deadline. A girl from Kindred was the winner from MD5.
- 13) Pins – Arlo Anderson –**No Report**
- 14) Public Relations – Sarah Nathan - No Report
- 15) Sight Conservation & Blind – Dennis Anderson “**Attachment 8**”

11. Concluding Remarks: DG Duane Zwinger (NONE)
12. Announcements: (NONE)
13. Next Meeting: (**Our May cabinet will be May 9th probably in Mayville at 10 am**)
14. Adjournment

Katherine moved the Tail Twisting money be given to Service Dogs for America, seconded by Salli Lou - approved by the club.

2:05 pm the meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Roundy, 5NE Secretary

(Attachment 1) DISTRICT 5NE ACTION PLAN FOR 2008-2009 (revision 2) DG Duane

DISTRICT 5NE ACTION PLAN FOR 2008-2009 (revision 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 increases.

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 1st 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 2 (Leadership by Lion Robert Littlefield)

* District 5NE Cabinet Meeting

Saturday, January 3, 2009

Leadership Report

Submitted by Lion Robert Littlefield

Personal Training Experiences (November-December)

- Participated in the District Extension Workshop activities, November 4, 2008

Leadership Chair Activities

- Continued effort to start club at NDSU. Received approval of President Chapman to use NDSU in name of club.
- 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. (This did not happen because not all clubs provided information.)
 - a. Clubs (7) responding include: Arthur Lions, Carrington Lions, Fargo Downtown Lions, Fargo Gateway Lions, GF Red River Lions, New Rockford Lions, Valley City Lions,
3. Invitations to Club Presidents to nominate will be sent by October 1. Done (October 15)
 - a. Follow up letter will be sent to those club presidents not responding by January 9.

4. Invitations to Emerging Leaders will be sent out by November 1. (This did not happen due to incomplete listing.)
 - a. Current plan is to provide special recognition to individuals at Leadership Rally in April.
5. List of those to be recognized will be provided to DGE by February 1. (This date should still be possible so DGE can consider these individuals for zone and district leadership.

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 be planning to 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. The following individuals have agreed to serve on the planning committee:
 - a. Sub-committees identified by October 15. (will do by November 5) Mary Carter (registration), Steve Johnson (new member orientation), Carla Lein (registration), Dennis Nathan (local arrangements), Mel Olson (Leadership Express), Katherine Tweed (Leadership Express), Wayne Westlund (international director),
3. Publicity provided for December through March media outlets. (Beginning in January 2009)

4. Registration materials provided monthly December through March. (Beginning in January 2009)
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. (Beginning in January 2009)
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 start visiting clubs in the spring and summer
2. Working to get Lions to participate in International Convention in Minneapolis

Planning for District Leadership Training Rally for District 5NE has begun.

Date and place: April 4, 2009; Valley City Eagles Club

International Director has been identified:

ID Bill Watkins

219 Riverbend Drive

Loudon, TN 37774

Residence: 1-865-458-3805

Cell: 1-865-604-9084

E-mail: PDGBill95@charter.net

The content for the Leadership Express Training Experience is based upon the format used at the USA/Canada Forum in September. The format uses the railroad as a way to unify the experience. There is an engineer who runs the train, a conductor for each car, and the participants. The engineer makes sure that everything stays on schedule. Each conductor is responsible for leading a 20 minute presentation on a topic. There are six conductors, so the participants move from car to car and the conductors repeat their programs six times over the course of the day. A train whistle will signal the time to move to a new car.

The topics include: Recognition for Members, Making Meetings Meaningful, Team Building, Time Management, Mentoring, and Managing Change.

Tentative format for Leadership Rally

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Registration

9:30-10:20 a.m. – Opening Activity (Orientation to Zone, District, MD, & International)

10:30-11:50 a.m. – Leadership Express Track #1 (Recognition, Meetings, Team Building)

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch and Keynote Address

1:00-2:20 p.m. – Leadership Express Track #2 (Management, Mentoring, Change)

1:00-2:20 p.m. – Incoming Presidents and Secretaries Conference with DG and DGE

2:30 p.m. – Adjourn

* Press Release for District 5NE Leadership Rally

NEWS & VIEWS and ND LION

HEAD: DISTRICT 5NE LEADERSHIP RALLY SET FOR APRIL 4, 2009

The District 5NE Lions Leadership and Club Rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Eagles Club in Valley City. District Governor Duane Zwinger and the entire cabinet strongly encourage every club in District 5NE to be represented at this important meeting.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

8:30-9:30 a.m. - Registration (Main Lobby of the Eagles Club)

9:30-11:50 a.m. - Opening Activity and Leadership Express Track #1

12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. - Lunch and Keynote Address by ID Bill Watkins; Special Recognition for Emerging Women & Young Lion Leaders

1:00-2:20 p.m. - Leadership Express Track #2; Incoming Presidents and Secretaries Conference with DG, DGE, & ID

2:30 p.m. - Adjourn

This year, International Director Bill Watkins from Tennessee will be the featured presenter and speaker at the rally. ID Watkins will participate in the orientation activities, give the keynote address at the luncheon, and be available to meet with presidents and club secretaries.

The programs will be an exciting change of pace. In addition to an orientation session that new members will find informative and helpful (veteran members will also benefit), participants will

be getting on the Leadership Express for six great programs on the following topics: Recognition, Making Meetings Meaningful, Time Management, Mentoring, Managing Change, and Team Building. Once on-board, participants will move from program to program throughout the day. The format being used is based upon a series of programs presented at the 2008 USA/Canada Forum.

In addition to the informative and hands-on programs, emerging women and young members in clubs from across District 5NE will be recognized at the luncheon. Over 50 Lions—women and young members—were nominated by their club presidents for this recognition. Planning committee members include: Mary Carter, Steve Johnson, Carla Lein, VDGE Robert Littlefield, Dennis Nathan, Mel Olson, Katherine Tweed, DGE Wayne Westlund, & DG Duane Zwinger.

The cost per person is \$10 (which includes the noon luncheon). Registration deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009. While this date may seem like a long way off, put the date on your calendars now so your club's new officers and new members are at the rally.

Registration materials are being sent to every club president and are available on-line (District Website).

This rally will be of great interest to every Lion and Lions Club in District 5NE! For more information, contact VDGE Robert Littlefield at R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu or 218-790-4346.

* District 5NE Leadership Rally

%Robert Littlefield

Box 6050

Fargo, ND 58108-6050

January 5, 2009

Dear Club President and Secretary:

The District 5NE Lions Leadership and Club Rally is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2009, at the Eagles Club in Valley City. District Governor Duane Zwinger and the entire cabinet strongly

encourage you and your club to be represented at this important meeting of Lions from District 5NE. A schedule of events and a club registration form accompany this letter for your use.

Registration deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009. I know it seems like a long way to March, but put the date on your calendar now so your club's new officers and new members are at the rally. Our district goal is to have 100 people at the rally—that means 3-4 from your club!

You will soon be electing your new officers for 2009-2010. You will want to be sure to have your President and Secretary present at the rally. In addition, we will be recognizing outstanding women and young members from your club. A special invitation will be sent under a separate mailing to these individuals. We are planning a great rally this year. There will be an orientation session that new members will find informative and helpful. Veteran members will also benefit from this orientation. In addition, we will be getting on the Leadership Express for six great programs on the following topics: Recognition, Making Meetings Meaningful, Time Management, Mentoring, Managing Change, and Team Building.

This year, we will have the pleasure of welcoming International Director Bill Watkins from Tennessee as our guest. ID Watkins will participate in the orientation activities, give the keynote address at the luncheon, and be available to meet with presidents and club secretaries. Let's do our best to have a great turnout of Lions from 5NE to the rally to demonstrate our commitment to Lionism and our part of the great state of North Dakota.

The cost per person is \$10 (which includes the noon luncheon).

We hope this rally will be of great interest to you and your club! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Yours in Lionism,

Lion Robert Littlefield
District 5NE Leadership Chair
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District 5NE Lions Leadership and Club Rally
Saturday, April 4, 2009
Valley City Eagles Club
All Aboard the "Lions Leadership Express!"

Tentative format for Leadership Rally

- 8:30-9:30 a.m. Registration (Main Lobby of the Eagles Club)
- 9:30-10:20 a.m. Opening Activity (Orientation to Lionism at the Zone, District, MD,
&
International levels)
- 10:30-11:50 a.m. Leadership Express Track #1 (Recognition for members, Making
meetings
meaningful, Team Building)
- 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. Lunch and Keynote Address by ID Bill Watkins
Special Recognition for Emerging Women & Young Lion Leaders
- 1:00-2:20 p.m. Leadership Express Track #2 (Management, Mentoring, Managing
Change)
- 1:00-2:20 p.m. Incoming Presidents and Secretaries Conference with DG and DGE
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

Who will benefit:

2009-2010 Presidents and Club Secretaries
New Lions Club members
Veteran Lions Club leaders

Female Lions Club members
Younger Lions Club members
Potential New Lions Club members

Every member counts in District 5NE! Look beyond your club and help build a strong foundation for Lionism in the future! Don't miss the Leadership and Club Rally on April 4, 2009!

District 5NE Lions Leadership and Club Rally
Saturday, April 4, 2009
Valley City Eagles Club

Club Registration Form Deadline: Friday, March 27, 2009

Name of Club _____

2009-10 Club President _____

2009-10 Club Secretary _____

President Telephone _____ Email _____

List the names of club officers and members registered for the 2009 Leadership and Club Rally

Names List Club Office for 2009-10

Registration fee: # attending x \$10/person

_____ x \$10 = \$_____

Please send registration fee with form (if possible) *or Email registration with the promise to bring the check on April 4th.*

Send this form and registration fee to: Robert Littlefield, Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108-6050
or Email to: R.Littlefield@ndsu.edu and put your check in the mail or bring on April 5th. Deadline for registration: Friday, March 27, 2007!

(Attachment 3)



Lions Zone B-1 Report

By Mel Olson, Zone Chair

Lions Zone B-1 held the second zone meeting of the year on Thursday, December 4th, 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 prior to the meeting date.

The December meeting was better attended than the fall meeting with representation from four of the clubs in the zone. An interesting and informative discussion was held concerning the topics listed on the agenda. A major portion of the meeting was; however, focused on how we maintain and expand Lions' Club membership. Past District Governor, John Dobbs, attended the meeting and provided numerous, beneficial insights into the membership issue.

My plans for visiting all the clubs in the zone listed below did not entirely materialize; therefore, I am updating my plans and expect to visit all clubs by the end of May.

Below is my anticipated visitation schedule:

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

Respectfully submitted:

Mel Olson, Zone Chair

(Attachment 4)

From: Lion Katherine Tweed,
Youth Exchange, Leo Club, Campus Club chairperson

Date: Jan. 3, 2009

Camp dates for the MD5 2009 summer camp are July 5-11. The camp will be held in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Campers will arrive Sunday afternoon and depart Saturday morning.

We will be using two dormitories at the site. Kitchen facilities are on site. The District 5SW camp committee is planning a wonderful camp, using many of the scenic attractions of the Black Hills for both education and fun. It will be a great camp.

Our District is responsible for hosting at least two campers and sending at least two campers. The campers we host will also be hosted with a family for three weeks, usually following the camp. Please look in your communities **now** to identify youth who might benefit from this international experience. Last summer our district hosted five boys with families in Sykeston, Horace and Fargo. I have host and camp registration forms available.

I will be at the Lions International Convention in Minneapolis July 6-10 and unavailable to help with transportation or be a camp counselor. We must plan ahead so that the needs of the youth are met.

Five girls are being hosted in our district for the winter season.

- The Valley City Lions Club is the host club for Megumi Tamika from Japan. She is staying with Doug and Val Anderson in Valley City. This is the second time the Andersons have hosted for us. Megumi is in Valley City right now.
- The Oakes Lions Club is the host club for Giovana Villaizan from Peru. Her host family will be club president Gordy and his wife, Deb, Van De Venter of Oakes.
- The Kindred Lions Club is the host club for Claudia Chirinos from Peru. Her host family will be club secretary Rick and his wife, Traci, Anderson of Kindred. The Peruvian girls arrive Jan. 16 and depart Feb. 28 from Hector Airport.
- The Fargo Lions Club is the host club for Jordyn Baker from Australia. Her host family is Lion Lance and his wife, Ruth, Bergstrom of Horace.
- The Bowman Lions Club is the host club for Alison Eddie from Australia. Her host family is in Bowman. Thank you to Dist. 5NW YE Chairperson Chuck Whitney for finding a host family. He arranged the stop off point in Bismarck so that I didn't have to drive the entire way to Bowman. We will likely do a similar relay to bring Alison back to Hector Airport. The Australian girls arrived Dec. 6 and depart Jan. 14.
- Thank you to the clubs and the host families.

The Red River Leo Club has been busy, participating in Pack the Dome for food and various other activities. Thank you to Lion Lori Scheel for being their adviser.

The University of North Dakota Campus Club was launched Nov. 20, 2008, by Dist. Gov. Duane Zwinger, PID Bruce Schwartz and President Owen Graupe of the South Forks Lions Club, the sponsoring club. Lion Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lions Club is serving as the club's Guiding Lion. Thank you to all!

Action continues on formation of a club at North Dakota State University. Lion Robert Littlefield is the mover on that club. I am committed to helping club formation at NDSU as well.

History made in District 5NE

The University of North Dakota Campus Lions Club was chartered Thursday, Nov. 20, a day that welcomed 28 new Lions into service.

Among the special guests and speakers were PID Bruce Schwartz and Lion Steve Windish and his family from the Bismarck Lions Club; Lion President Owen Graupe from the sponsoring South Forks Lions Club; Guiding Lion and emcee Steve Johnson of the Grand Forks Lions Club; PDGs John Dobbs and Al Kahlbaugh, and Lion Salli Lou Anderson, representing the Emerado-Arville Lions Club. Many Lions from the Grand Forks, Zone A1, area attended.

Dist. Gov. Duane Zwinger first installed the 28 members and then the officers:

Lion Stephanie Windish, president

Lion Emily Lorenz, vice president

Lion Vanessa Watson, secretary

Lion Patrick Nagel, treasurer

Lion Kelli Atkinson, membership chairperson

DG Zwinger welcomed the club into the largest service organization in the world and informed the group of the opportunities Lions have for them, but most important, encouraged them to build their club into a club of service to the campus and community.

PID Schwartz spoke about the uniqueness of being charter Lions. Some members of the new club were charter members of the St. Mary's Leo Club in Bismarck. He also issued his personal Ten Challenges to the new members.

Lion President Windish received PID Schwartz's personal banner for the UND Lions Club and was inducted into the Order of the Sparkplug by PDG Katherine Tweed.

The new club received a number of cash gifts and best wishes from other clubs in the District.

The club has been a two-year project with Lions Windish and Dist. 5NE Campus Club chairperson PDG Tweed working through the process. The North Dakota University System has

specific requirements for campus organizations. Once those criteria were met, the club formed.

Each new member has been challenged to bring in new members, to be club and community builders, and to remember the most important thing for all Lions, service and fulfilling our mission.

(Attachment 5)

Cabinet Report – Patricia Roundy

Information Technology

January 17, 2009

I have kept the website up to date with information that is sent me. 1564 visits have been made to the site as of today... Wednesday, January 14th, 2009. West Fargo Lions have been really good about sending me information and sending me their monthly newsletter.

<http://www.lionsof5ne.org/Westfargolions.htm>

The ND Lions website is no longer working. (The domain name has not been renewed) 5NC Lions are in the process of setting up their own website at <http://www.5nclions.org/> and only a few links are working. 5NW has NO website at all.

In the past, it was easy to go to the ND Lion's website and click on 5NE. At this time, the only way to go to 5NE is to actually know the website address <http://www.lionsof5ne.org/>. MD5 does not have a link to 5NE at this time either as they are also building a new website.

<http://www.md5lions.org/index.html>

Patricia Roundy

Information Technology

(Attachment 6)

ND Lions Foundation & LCIF

Foundation and LCIF from John Dobbs January 3, 2009 meeting

I communicated by email and mail to all the Club Presidents regarding ND Lions Foundation and LCIF, in early October. I have, since then, attended three Zone Meetings, Zones B-1 with Mel Olson, A-3 with Dennis Nathan and B-3 with Fred Gackle. I have two more scheduled, A-2 with Joe Kraft and B-2 with Gerald Sletmoe. I'm still waiting for a date for A-1 with Leon Comeau.

(Attachment 7)

Leader Dogs for the Blind

Cabinet report for Jan 3, 2009

Salli Lou Anderson

Our district continues to be a good supporter of Leader Dogs for the Blind. During state convention at the Parade of Green we collected over \$3000 for Leader Dogs. Things are going well there: they are the 1st dog guide school to integrate a talking GPS navigational tool into dog guide classes for people who are visually impaired. They are revolutionizing the art of dog guide training with this state-of-the art technology. The devise is an audible one that gives step-by-step directions to notify the user of upcoming streets and landmarks. The greatly reduces the anxiety and apprehension of travel in a new environment. This is a perfect match of technology with dog guide use. I thank you for all your past support of Leader Dog and ask that every club make a contribution. Even a small donation is appreciated and helps us to reach our goal of 100% club participation.

Great Plains Assistance Dogs Foundation
Also known as Service Dogs of America

Things are going well at Great Plains. We have received some great publicity recently in the area papers and radio. The puppy raising raising program at the prison in Jamestown is working very well. There are 3 inmates assigned to each dog and work on the basic commands of sit, down, stay, come.

As with all charitable organizations, the economy has affected the income of Great Plains and meeting the budget requirements is a real challenge. We do thank all the clubs who donated during the Parade of Green at state convention. In addition to monetary gifts, in-kind gifts are always welcome along with elbow grease. The next cabinet meeting and volunteer workday at Jud are scheduled for May 2, 2009. Plan to bring some club members with you for a wonderful experience.

(Attachment 8)

Sight Conservation and working with the Blind
Dennis Anderson Chair – Jan 3, 2009

Eye Glass collection continues as most of the area clubs and local business are aware that the Lions will make good use of them and know to get them to me.

Encourage clubs to give to Vision USA in the amount of \$3 per member.

Encourage clubs to purchase eye exams and glasses to the needy and young in their own communities as the need arises.

Liberty Day

Delivered books to schools that wanted them. Still have some books left.