

DISTRICT 5NE CABINET MEETING

May 9th, 2009

Mayville, ND at Paula's Lounge and Steakhouse

11 Main Street, Mayville, ND

1. Call to Order:

- District Governor Duane called the meeting to order at 1pm with 19 cabinet members present.
- Lion Rob Lein was appointed tail twister.

2. **Introductions:**

- All Lions introduced themselves as there were several visitors present including VDG Wayne's incoming treasurer, Lion Tom Saddler.

3. **District Governor Report:**

- ❖ DG Duane thanked all the cabinet members for the wonderful job they did this year.
- ❖ Visitations are almost completed and will be done before his year is over.
- ❖ DG Duane commented on his goals for this years and how they have been progressing.
 - Membership was my **number one goal** for the year. We have continued to lose members in 5NE and several clubs have dissolved. But several clubs did add members to their clubs and they will be recognized. UND campus added 25 new members and tonight Mayville-Portland will add 29 members tonight at their charter night. Two clubs disbanding. One is Lakota which has disbanded already and the second is West Fargo Lions are going to disband. 983 members as of July 1008 and as of May 9th, 2009. The West Fargo Lions club, Kathy Lewin, has won the district environmental Photo Contest and won the multi-district and will be voted on at the International Convention in Minneapolis. Kathy also does a newsletter every month for her local club. Kathy's newsletter was submitted to the multi-district for competition. Duane reminded cabinet members to get their "Rookie of the Year" awards finished and sent into to MD5. We have 112 new lions in our district this year.
 - Orientation and Retention: This is the best way to gain new members.
 - Visitations: Visitations need to be started up again as it was a fun way to learn what each club is doing and share ideas.

- o Signature Project: Each club should have a signature project as far as fundraising and a signature Service project. "Step to the Plate in 2008" was my motto this year.
- o Attending Leadership workshops or State or International conventions etc.
- o Become involved with organizations like LCIF. Eyebank, Leader dogs or Service Dogs.
- o Reports: I have encouraged all clubs to send in their reports this year to LCI and district reports.

4. Motion to Suspend the Voting Rules: Salli moved and Katherine seconded, approved.

5. Approval for minutes from January 3, 2009. Dennis moved we approve the secretary minutes which were sent e-mail and Rob seconded it, approved.

6. Additions to the Agenda:

- a. Randy: Randy the dog will be making visitations with \$5.00 a day being charged for each day Randy stays in the club. It will require 3 members of the club with Randy to make a visitation and leave him with that club. All funds raised will be given to "Service Dogs for America at Jud, ND.
- b. Vending Machine: Lion Lyle reported that there are people making calls wanting to place candy vending machines with the Lions name on them in area businesses. 7 to 10 years ago, these same people placed machines and they were not being serviced at that time leading to complaints from business places that the candy was melted in the machine. DG Duane will speak to LCI about this request.
- c. 2nd VDG: (nothing at this time)
- d. Merlow:

7. District Financial Report:

Lion Dennis moved we approve the financial Report and Lion Al seconded. Doug reported all our dues are paid both by district and international. Approved.

After discussion about campus club dues, Lion Salli made the motion that campus clubs do not pay dues to our district, (this is paid by the district) seconded by Lion Dennis. Approved.

8. Unfinished Business:

- a. Leadership Rally: The leadership rally is May 28th in Fargo, starting at 4pm. Let Lion Robert know if you can attend.

- b. Redistricting of ND Lions Clubs: This will be voted on at MD5. 1 vote for every 10 members of your club. You must be a credentialed voter as signed by your club president to be a voting delegate.
- c. Extension of Lions Clubs: Casselton in August and NDSU are being worked on and very close to being extended. VDG Wayne has plans to contact and extend 3 clubs in the Northern area.
- d. Standard Grant – Northwood: This grant was presented today before the start of this Cabinet meeting.
- e. MERLOW “Action Plan”: (see attachment 1)

9. **New Business:**

- a. Charter Night - Mayville-Portland – May 9th. This will take place today after the cabinet meeting with 29 new members.
- b. Conference, Conventions, etc
 - MD5 Convention is in Minot (June 4-6)
 - International Convention – Minneapolis (July 6-10)
 - GPLLI – Storm Lake, Iowa (July 17-19)
 - USA/Canada Forum – Memphis (September 24-26)
 - State Convention – Mandan (October 30-31)
- c. Emergency Grant – 5NE. 5NE has been awarded a \$10,000.00 emergency grant to use for flood assistance in our district. DG Duane has been in contact with most district Lion clubs and has been taking names of people who qualify. DG Duane is working on how to divide this. He is looking at Jamestown, Valley City, Davenport and LaMoure and Lisbon.
- d. Awards (membership gain, visitations and club secretary)

10. **Reports**

A. **MERLOW:**

- 1. Membership – Steve Johnson. Passed out “Best Practice” information for membership along with the following attachments:
 - Attachment 2. LIONS CLUBS VISITATION CONTEST
 - Attachment 3. Membership Blitz.
- 2. Extension & Orientation - Rick Swenson (**needs a new chairman**) **No report**
Retention – Joe Dobbs - No Report

3. Leadership – Robert Littlefield (**needs a new chairman**)

- Lion Robert that the leadership rally is May 28th in Fargo, starting at 4pm. (registration is 3-4pm. Let Lion Robert know if you can attend. It is still called the “Leadership Express” and the format remains the same as when it was originally planned. Lion John Dobbs moved the District purchase “Helen Keller pins” seconded by Dennis for Lion Robert to give to the Emerging Leaders at the Leadership Rally in Fargo. Approved.
- VDG Wayne and Lion Robert are extending an invitation to the eastern part of the central district (for the merle team) that will be part of 5NE to have a joint appointment as part of the new district plan.

4. Women – Carla Lein: I have been a guiding lion for Mayville-Portland at this time and I am working to develop a plan for women in 5NE.

B. Zone Chairs:

1. A-1 Leon Comeau: (attachment 4)
2. A-2 Joe Kraft – (no report)
3. A-3 Dennis Nathan (no report)
4. B-1 Mel Olson (no report)
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. (See Attachment 5) Katherine handed out gifts from youth exchange participants.
- 2) Convention- Al Kahlbaugh/ Del Hager: Lion Al reported his committee has met several times and they are working on the budget for the convention. Headquarters is in the Alerus Center.
- 3) Diabetes Awareness/Eyebank – Bruce Furness (no report)
- 4) Environmental – Rob Lein: Rob has contacted all the clubs to encourage them to join the “Green Team” and send Rob a list of what their club is doing to “Go Green” (attachment 6)
- 5) Hearing & Speech work with the Deaf – Al Kahlbaugh: Lion Al has No Report)
- 6) Honorary Committee – Lyle Swor: (No Report)

- 7) Information Technology – Pat Roundy: Pat reported the 5NE website was DOWN for 3 day's while she and Lion Brian Tinker changed it over to a new hosting company. The move went without a hitch and the cost for a year should be about \$15.00. Pat is going to revamp the website to have one page for district pictures only and take all the pics off of the actual club website. Pat is getting the new clubs added and removing the clubs who have disbanded.
- 8) ND Lions Foundation & LCIF – John Dobbs: Lion John will now be on the board for the ND Lions Foundation. Lion John encouraged each club to send “something” each year to the ND Lions Foundation” Lion John has not done much with LCIF this year as we are just coming off of the campaign SightFirst II.
- 9) Leader Dogs/Service Dogs – Salli Lou Anderson: (See attachment 7)
- 10) Liberty Day – Dennis Anderson (See attachment 8)
- 11) Long Range Planning – Al Kahlbaugh/Katherine Tweed/John Dobbs: The incoming candidates are in place for 2009-2010. The question was raised as to where the constitution for our district is. Also a memoriam of understanding was discussed. A new long range planning team member will be needed as Lion Al is going of the board.
- 12) Peace Poster Contest – Cliff Vining - Lion Cliff was upset about the way the “Peace Poster Contest” was run last year. He is hoping for a better year this year. He is encouraging all clubs to participate this year and to order a kit and contact art teachers in the schools to make our program a part of their curriculum.
- 13) Pins – Arlo Anderson - Lion Arlo reported he has the new Multiple District pin, the Virgil Hill State pin and the Helen Keller pin for 2009-2010. Arlo will furnish some of our older pins to take to State Convention in Minneapolis.
- 14) Public Relations – Sarah Nathan - DG Duane again praised the efforts of Sarah for her outstanding work with her “News & Views” publication. Sarah will continue this publication next year for Wayne.
- 15) Sight Conservation & Blind – Dennis Anderson (Attachment 8)

11. District Appreciation Awards:

- 100 % District Governor awarded to PDG John Dobbs
- Extension Award awarded to Katherine Tweed
- International Presidents Commendation Award to: Doug & Pat Roundy; Sarah Nathan and Robert Littlefield.

12. Passing of the Gavel: DG Duane presented the gavel to VDG Wayne Westlund.

13. Concluding Remarks by DG Duane Zwinger; Duane thanked everyone for their hard work this year.

14. Announcements: Tail twister money from today's meeting was donated to the Mayville Portland Lions club for their charter night.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Roundy, 5NE Secretary.

(Attachment 1) DISTRICT 5NE ACTION PLAN FOR 20082009

(Revision 2) DG Duane

DISTRICT 5NE ACTION PLAN FOR 20082009

(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 1012

Lions living in proximity to target areas will be created to assist with the identification of potential members.

Contacts will be made with 1012 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 2025 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 followup

to Club Presidents to identify 12

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 followup

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 57 to plan the leadership rally.

Subcommittees

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.

Subcommittees

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) Steve Johnson

**LIONS CLUBS VISITATION CONTEST
JULY 1 through JUNE30**

CLUB _____ **DISTRICT** _____

GOAL: To Encourage Fellowship, Sharing **of Ideas and Camaraderie Between all Lions.**

GUIDELINES:

1. A minimum of three Lions is necessary to have an official club visitation.
2. A club may visit another club only once during each contest.
3. An official visit is made by attending a regular meeting, a charter night or a club anniversary celebration.
4. All visits must be listed on the activities report.

PROCEDURE:

1. Count three points per club visited and one point for each Lion on each visit.
2. List date, club visited and number of Lions attending.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CLUB VISITED</u>	<u>NUMBER OF LIONS</u>
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____

TOTAL POINTS

Send report to District Governor by July 25.

President

Date

(Attachment 3) Membership Blitz (Steve Johnson)

The 4-Step Process
The 4-Week or 4-Meeting Membership Blitz

Week 1 (Step 1)

- Briefly explain the 4-Step Process to members
- Members create lists of prospective new members
- Collect the lists from members

Week 2 (Step 2)

- Present the consolidated list of names to the club
- Create teams to contact the people on the prospective new members list
- Contact prospects and invite them to a meeting on the 4th week
 - o Several Lions should make contact with each prospect
 - o Contacts should be face to face for greatest effectiveness

Week 3 (Step 3)

- Teams report the results of their contacts
- Generate list of those prospects attending the next meeting
- Make nametags for the guests

Week 4 (Step 4)

- Make this meeting “special”
 - o Offer to pick up prospect and bring to the meeting
- Guest speaker(s) should talk about the importance of the club to the community
- Emphasis also on the fun of Lionism
- Invite prospects to join the club

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Notes:

1. Time is of the essence. Complete the process as quickly as possible.
2. Clubs meeting less frequently can combine some weekly activities to shorten the process.
3. If a prospect cannot commit to attending a meeting or joining immediately, follow up at a later date

Attachment 4 (Leon Comeau)

Lions District 5NE, Zone 1A Meeting 2-12-09

Members Present: Zone Chairman ~ Leon Comeau, 5NE Vice District Governor Wayne Westlund, South Forks Lion Secretary Charlie Zick, Grand Forks Lion Secretary Cecil Schimke and Red River Lion Secretary Katrina Wendel

A. Introduction: During the introductions Zone 1A Chairman Lion Leon Comeau passed out copies of letters that will be referred to later on in these minutes.

1. Lion Leon would like every club President and Secretary to have a copy of these letters.
2. Letter from District Governor Duane Zwinger
Lions will be redistricting to 2 districts in ND ~ East and West
The state will most likely be divided down the middle when redistricting takes place.

B. Clubs report:

1. **Grand Forks Lions** are lining up officers for their elections.

Upcoming events in April are the "Learning Fair" at Purpur/Gambouchi Arenas. Grand Forks lions sell concessions, such as popcorn and hamburgers, at this event. The "Learning Fair" has taken the place of the pancake breakfast that used to be held with boy scouts.

Their budget for those from their club attending conventions was also discussed.

2. **South Forks Lions** just finished up with their basketball shoot-out, which was a success.

3 or 4 people is on the 2010 state convention committee; they are Del Hagar (co-chair), Rex Huss and Tracy Wicken. The meeting will be Thursday Feb. 18.
Finished with our basketball shoot-out.

3. **Red River Lions** do not have much in events coming up for the spring of 2009.

There are a few members who are also on the 2010 state convention committee, as well.

It was reported that Christmas in the Park, along with the other two established clubs in Grand Forks was a success; however, the number of vehicles was slightly down from previous years.

Also lining up the election for officers for the 2009-2010 term.

The club will be visited by Grand Forks Lions on Monday March 9th.

4. **Emerado/Arvilla Lions** ~ Not present

It was reported that the club now meets the 3rd Thursday for the month instead of the 4th Thursday; their meeting time is at 6 p.m.

5. **UND Campus Lions** ~ Not present

C. The election of officers needs to be completed by March 27 in order to send them to leadership school (in Valley City April 4th).

The leadership school is very beneficial, especially to new officers.

Lion Leon reminded the members present that some members will not volunteer for these posts unless they are asked. Remember to ask those who might not seem as active since many members will serve as an officer or in some other capacity; but they are just waiting to be asked to do so.

D. Membership and retention is big concern of Duane Zwinger's and the Lions organization as a whole.

1. New members need to be active in a project or as an officer (so put them to work).
2. Recruit/recruit/recruit!

One idea for new membership is a "Chart for Points": earn points for the chart by bringing new members into the club, those with the most points in a certain time frame would receive an incentive (maybe \$50).

There are ideas for new clubs in the works. Some potentials are Grafton, Park River, and Pembina. A new club in Mayville is the new goal and it is looking promising for it to start soon.

3. Add strength to clubs by recruiting younger people.

E. Club Visitations: It seems that not as many club visitations are being conducted as in the past. It is supposed to be a fun part of the organization.

1. Don't forget to record the visitations on your monthly reports.
2. Remember to record everything...including volunteer hours for organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, Saint Vincent de Paul, the Soup Kitchen, cleaning out ditches, bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas, etc.

F. The upcoming State Convention in Mandan was discussed.

1. The Early bird sign-up is due by Feb. 15th the discount is registration for \$25 per person; however, there is still a discount if one signs up between Feb. 16th and October 15th. The convention is now \$40 per person and will change to \$50 per person at the door.

2. Meals are again optional.

G. Advertising/Marketing:

1. Steve Johnson is in charge of advertising/marketing and has made a packet of ideas available to all.

2. Please bring these ideas to the board and brainstorm for ideas to promote Lionism.

H. For the good of Lionism

1. Reminder that July 6-10 is the International Convention in Minneapolis. The University Radisson, one of the hotels that has a reservation block is \$129 per night with shuttle access in-between the events.

2. Please keep in mind the Youth Exchange Program. Katherine Tweed does a remarkable job in finding sponsoring homes for these youngsters.

3. Lion Patricia Roundy, webmaster for the district, reports in a letter that the 5NE website has been abandoned for now due to problems with the server. The link can be viewed and is located at:

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

4. The district did pass a resolution asking each club to keep in mind a sponsorship through a gift of money to the State Historic Society.

I. Next Meeting: March 26

Speedway Restaurant in Grand Forks, ND

6:00 p.m. (optional- on your own) for supper

7:00 p.m. (a must) for meeting

Minutes respectfully submitted by Lion Katrina Wendel, Red River Lions Club.

(Attachment 5) (Katherine)

District 5NE Cabinet Report from Katherine

May 9, 2009

Youth Exchange

District 5NE will host four youth this summer. Three will attend the Paha Sapa Lions Summer Youth Camp July 5-11 in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Youth are:

Mariangela Barracchia from Barletta, Italy. She is doing a homestay only with the Fargo Lions Club as her host.

The other three are boys. Michele Seccia is also from Barletta Italy and is staying with the Lion Dan Hoeger family in Horace, N.D. The Hoegers' daughter, Juanita, will be attending camp, sponsored by the Horace Lions. Tammi Hoeger will drive youth to camp.

Joost Dijkstra is from Hippolytushoef, The Netherlands. He is staying with the Paul Van Ness family in Sykeston, N.D.

The third boy is Amadeusz Gorski from Siekierki Wielkie, Poland. At this writing we still need a host home for him. Please consider anyone you know who might be able to host him.

We have one camper, sponsored by the Oakes Lions Club, who may not be able to attend camp. We may have one opening and need to fill it soon.

I will be unable to provide transportation to camp. We will have two or three campers who need transportation. If you might be able to help, please contact me.

Campus Club

Thanks to the hard work of Guiding Lion Steve Johnson, the University of North Dakota Campus Club is doing well. They elected officers for next year. Lion Steve has great confidence in the new officers being able to move the club forward. Thank you Lion Steve.

Work continues on formation of a campus club at North Dakota State University. The flood waylaid plans for this spring but I have every confidence we will have a vital club on the NDSU campus before the end of the calendar year. Thank you to VDGE Robert Littlefield for his work.

Leo Club

The Red River Leo Club provided leadership for "Fill the Dome" with food for food pantries and food banks. They have done numerous other projects throughout the year. Lion Lori Scheel of the Fargo Lions Club continues in her leadership role. Thank you Lion Lori.

We would like to start other Leo Clubs in our district. Please contact me if you have ideas for schools where a youth service club might flourish.

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Katherine Tweed

District 5NE chairperson of Youth Exchange, Campus Clubs and Leo Club

(Attachment 6) **Rob Lein**

Hello, friends:

I have two favors to ask, if you don't mind.

First, as the environmental chairman for District 5NE, I ask that you please send me any information about what your club is doing in helping the environment. Is your club doing anything to help keep your

community clean? Are you planting trees? Are you sponsoring any recycling projects? Have you joined the Lions International Green Team? Please let me know anything you are doing.

Also, if you haven't joined the Lions International Green Team, I encourage you to do so. Here is the link to the Green Team Web site:

Lions Green Team

Second, as one of the guiding Lions for the new Mayville-Portland Lions Club, I ask that you contact me with information as to what gift your club is giving to the May-Port Lions. I will be the emcee at the charter night banquet, to be held May 9, and I want to give your club the proper credit.

Please e-mail this information by Friday, May 8, or please call me at 701-293-7291. If I'm gone, please leave the information with my wife, Lion Carla, or please leave a message for me.

Thank you very much,
Lion Rob Lein

(Attachment 7) Salli Lou

Cabinet Report for May 2009 Service Dogs – Chair Salli Lou Anderson

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND –

Founded by 3 Lions Club members in 1939 Leader Dogs for the Blind provided dog guides to people who are blind and visually impaired. Each year over 270 students attend the 30-day residential training program to be paired with a dog guide. They also provide orientation and mobility training, Trekker training and seminars for orientation and mobility professionals. Leader Dog is recognized as a “Best in America” Charity by the Independent Charities of America.

This year I tried to save expense by communicating and asking for donations via email only. The response was not as successful and to date we only have about 1/3 of the clubs that have contributed. I may call clubs closer to the end of the Lions year if no donation is made.

SERVICE DOGS FOR AMERICA (GREAT PLAINS ASSISTANCE DOGS)

This skilled facility trains service dogs for people with disabilities. They do NOT train guide dogs for the blind. An assistance dog is a dog that is trained and placed to work with an individual with one or multiple physical disabilities. They also train dogs to respond and alert for seizures. The focus of the program is the physically challenged individual...the assistance dog, the tool. We are so very fortunate to have this facility in our district and we ask you to support Great Plains both financially and physically. There is a new program that is working very well; it is the inmate-training program. We have dogs in training at the Jamestown correctional facility. The inmates work with them and will teach them their basic skills. It's win/win situation, we have less expense and training and it helps the inmates learn responsibility. There are always volunteer opportunities at Great Plains and workday was held last weekend, May 2nd.

Respectfully submitted
Chair Lion Salli Lou Anderson

Attachment 8 (Dennis Anderson)

Cabinet Report
May 9, 2009 Mayville ND
Lion Dennis Anderson

LIBERTY DAY

I still have booklets of the Constitution available for Lions to distribute to classrooms if they wish.

SIGHT CONSERVATION & WORK WITH THE BLIND

I encourage all clubs to contribute to Vision USA via the Lions Foundation of ND. Also, clubs continue to work on the local level with eye exams and providing glasses to those in need. Most clubs work through a local optometrist who will cooperate with them on pricing. Other clubs do service work with the blind such as Bowling for the Blind and referring visually impaired people to Leader Dogs for the Blind and the ND School for the Visually Impaired. Our ND Lions Eye Bank continues to be a very viable organization and its cornea transplant program has great success. They are always a good source for information and club programs.

Our district clubs continue to be diligent in the Recycle for Sight program and get used eyeglasses to either the Eye Bank or Minot.

Respectfully submitted,
Lion Dennis R. Anderson