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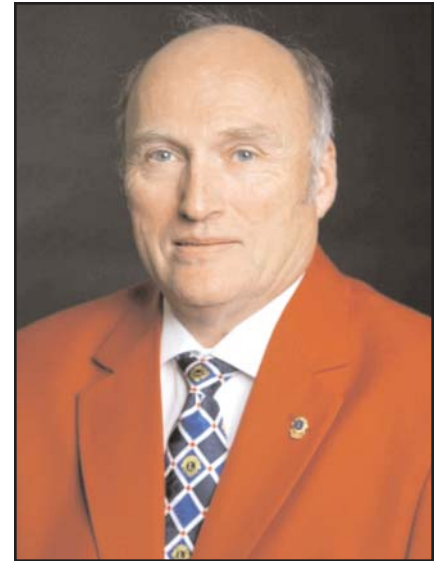
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MD5 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

2008-2009

Brian Tinker, Past District Governor

McClusky, ND



It has been an exciting, challenging, and enjoyable year serving as Council Chairperson of Multiple District 5 for the 2008-09 year.

The year began with a MERL Conference in conjunction with the first Council Meeting in Minot, ND. The MERL teams from all 9 districts were brought to the conference. The Council and Mentors for all nine districts also were in attendance and participated in the conference. PID Jack Isman volunteered his time and talents to come and help us facilitate the conference. The genesis of this conference was the perceived need to restructure how we handle MERL efforts within the MD and each district and to generate a whole new infrastructure. The conference was financed by the Multiple District, each district individually, and LCI Grant, and Corporate Sponsors. It was amazing to find out that after submitting the conference proposal to LCI that they sent our proposal to the Leadership Committee of the Board of Directors at the Bangkok convention.

The conference set both the tone and agenda for Multiple District 5's year. An entirely new infrastructure was established as part of the conference and its follow-up. This included a mentoring system. Because this was all a radical change and had never been done before, it began as an idea which needed to be proactively developed as the year progressed, challenges arose, and situations changed. This was a dynamic process.

One of my primary goals as Council Chair this year was to engender synergy among the council members and correspondingly among all Lions clubs within the Multiple. I was feeling really frustrated in this effort until Saturday morning of the March council meeting. As I called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone with a "good morning" I got a rousing "good morning" reply! The meeting then continued with one of the best discussions ever concerning the future of the MERL effort within MD5 including the successes and failures of the year to date. This was a seminal session for the future of the MERL efforts with MD5.

As background to this effort we had other very serious, resource consuming, and controversial business to attend too. A major initiative was the redistricting issue. This involved much discussion, planning, follow-up and resources during this year and will require more of the same next year if the plan is approved at the 2009 MD5 convention. A primary challenge this year was to not allow the redistricting issue to overshadow or impede the MERL efforts as well as the other ongoing general Multiple District administration.

It took an extraordinary effort my innumerable Lions on the Council, District Cabinets, District MERL teams, club officers and members, LCI staff, Lions from other districts and even countries to make this past year the success it was. I am not allotted sufficient space in the report to list them all but that does not diminish my thanks or recognition of their efforts and contribution to an 'awesome' year.

First, I must recognize PDG Joan Marlette without whom the MERL initiative this year would not have been as successful or as much fun as it was. Recently, with a sense of humor, she threatened "If you dump on me one more time...". Luckily the 'threat' remained unstated. But, she is right as I shamelessly and without apology used her talents to accomplish this year's goals. Some would have 'threatened much sooner' and/or just have quit. I hope someday to find some appropriate way of thanking her so I can get this burden of 'guilt' off my shoulders. Her and Gerald's friendship these past years have been joyful.

My gratitude to this year's District Governors, other Council members, and District Governors elect who were asked to commit more energy and resources to the various Council business and initiatives than was traditionally expected. They rose to the challenge. Our success would have been muted without their unremitting support.

A special thanks to the Past International Directors, Garnet Davis, Lloyd Hansen, and Bruce Schwartz who were called upon, this year especially, to share their skills and experience proactively with the Council.

Sometimes support comes from an unanticipated direction and in a unique format. My thanks to Lion Joe Andrew for his friendship this past year. He always went out of his way to provide me with humor and support whenever we were at a function together.

Allan and I both thank PCC Leo and Dell for their friendship this past year including accompanying us on social occasions. Special thanks to Dell for her assistance with hospitality this year. I have no idea how we would have done it all without her help.

PID Jack Isman, whom I met during training while I was a Vice-District Governor, was an inspiration and acquiesced to my personal request for his support with our MERL initiatives this year including being the primary facilitator for our MERL conference.

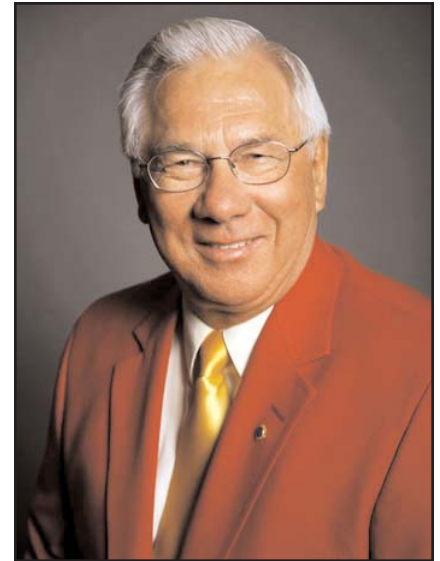
Finally, I can not thank the Holiday Inn Riverside in Minot, ND for their continuing support of MD5 Lions. They have for years provided us superb accommodations and service at veryyyy reasonable cost. It is hard to imagine what we would do without their continuing support.

I fully support our Council Chairperson Elect, Duane Zwinger as he leads and serves the Council Members and Multiple District 5 during a year of transition, challenges, excitement, and fun. I know he will continue to support and augment the MERL initiatives we have begun this past year.

Brian M. Tinker
Council Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5NE
2008-2009

Duane Zwinger, District Governor
Carrington, ND



This year as District Governor will be an experience that Mary Ann and I will cherish. We have made and met many new “Lions” friends, traveled to places we have never been before and done this to spread the word of Lionism. Our experience started with the International Convention in Thailand. We first had five glorious days at Pattaya for our District Governor’s training. Then we spent five more days in Bangkok for the actual convention. The highlight of which was the Parade of Nations. I would like to thank fellow District Governors for a great year. We really became a very close family.

GOALS FOR THE YEAR

As I started out my year as District Governor I had six goals that I wanted to work on. I presented these goals to each of the Lions Clubs as I made my visitations.

- 1) Membership: We must stop the declining membership of our district. I challenged each of the Lions Clubs to have a 5% net increase in membership. I also encouraged each Lions club to have a good Orientation program, as this will help in the retention of members. The best method of acquiring new members is to start new Lions clubs. We worked very hard on extension.
- 2) Projects: During my visits to each of the Lions clubs of 5NE I encouraged them to have a Signature Fund Raising Project and a Signature Service Project. I wanted each of the Lions Clubs to be known for something special. I also encouraged the Lions Clubs to publicize their activities.
- 3) Visitations: I encouraged each of the Lions Clubs of 5NE to do more visitations. I used a reporting form for the Lions Clubs to keep track of their visitations and to report them to myself. Awards will be given to the Lions Clubs with the most visitation points.
- 4) Leadership: I started out my year as District Governor by letting everyone know my theme for the year, “Step to the Plate in 2008.” This was the idea to get more individuals interested in the leadership roles for the Lions. I talked about the International Convention, USA/Canada Forum, Leadership Rally for the District, State Convention, etc. during my visitations to the Lions Clubs with the purpose of developing leaders.
- 5) Organizations: During my visits to the Lions Clubs of 5NE I encouraged each of them to make donations to four organizations. The organizations are the Service Dogs for America, Service Dogs for the Blind, North Dakota Lions Foundation and Eye Bank of North Dakota. We in 5NE have been a 100% district for a number of years and I wanted that pattern to continue.
- 6) Reports: I wanted the secretaries of 5NE to do a better job of doing their reports to LCI and myself. The reports to LCI were the MMR and to myself were the monthly activity report. These reports are necessary to see how the district is doing in regards to Lionism.

EXTENSION

We had a great year in regards to extension. A new Campus Lions Club was chartered at the University of Grand Forks on November 20, 2008. Another new Lions Club was Chartered at Mayville-Portland on May 9, 2009. A new Lions Club will probably be chartered in Casselton as you read this. The Campus Lions Club at North Dakota State University is well on the road to reality. A lot of credit for what happened this year goes to Katherine Tweed and Robert Littlefield and the host of volunteers that worked during our Extension Workshop on November 2-5. The Extension Workshop is a special project of Lions Clubs International.

EMERGENCY GRANTS

As reported by PDG John Dobbs last year, Northwood had a tornado rip through their town on August 27, 2007. LCIF came to the aid of the community immediately with a \$10,000 Emergency Grant. The Lions Clubs from all around started donating money to help on a major project. The decision was made to apply

for a Standard Grant from LCIF. We were awarded the Grant on March 13, 2008. The money was used to purchase a Bone Density Scanner for the Northwood Deaconess Health Center. Then as Spring started approaching, we had a problem in our District with flooding. Many of our towns were affected. Some of the towns were Fargo, Valley City, Jamestown, Kindred, LaMoure, Davenport, New Rockford, etc. Some were hit harder than others. We immediately applied for the \$10,000 Emergency Grant. Aid will go to help individuals in the communities of our District.

PLAN OF ACTION

We came up with a great “Plan of Action” for the next few years. This plan was the results of a MERLOW Conference in Minot. I would like to thank all members that helped with the plan. It will be worked on and improved each year, but this plan should be the working plan for many years for the district. The plan contains our goals for membership, extension, retention, leadership, orientation and women.

REDISTRICTING

The topic of redistricting has been a very tough issue this year. The three districts of North Dakota came up with a plan for redistricting. The plan was based on membership growth. If the growth was not accomplished, then the State would go two Districts. That is where we are at right now. The members of MD5 will vote on the plan at this very convention.

5NE NEWS & VIEWS

I am very proud of this newsletter. It was started by PDG Katherine Tweed and I used the idea to spread the word of Lionism to the Lions Clubs of 5NE. The 5NE News & Views comes out about the first of every month. I want to give a huge THANK YOU to Sarah Nathan for being the publisher of the newsletter. Sarah did a great job.

NORTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION

It is with much pleasure as we see the “corpus” grow so that grants can be given. The Foundation has a long way to go, but we are seeing strides of improvement.

AWARDS

Many Lions in 5NE are doing great things, some of them were honored this year by earning special awards from LCI. These special awards were as follows: International President’s Commendation- Gerald Sletmoe, Katherine Tweed, Robert Littlefield, Sarah Nathan, Pat Roundy, Doug Roundy and Kathy Lewin. Presidential Medal-Katherine Tweed. International Leadership Medal- John Dobbs. Extension Awards-Katherine Tweed (UND Campus Lions Club) and Rob Lein & Carla Lein (Mayville-Portland Lions Club).
Congratulations

CABINET

I want to thank all members of the cabinet for a job well done. I appreciate all of the hard work that all of you did in the work of Lionism. I want to especially thank Doug Roundy for his work as District Treasurer and to Pat Roundy for her work as District Secretary. A special thanks to Pat Roundy for work on the 5NE website. Great job.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2009-2010

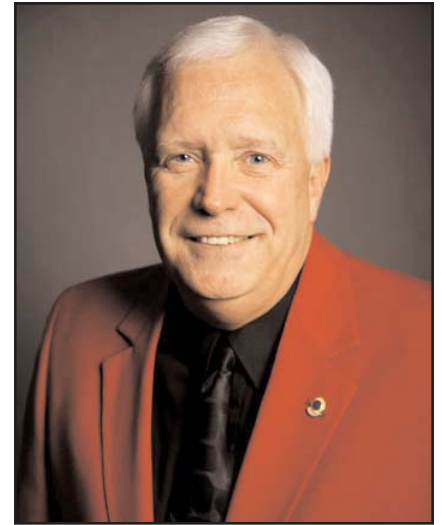
It is with much pleasure that I welcome Wayne Westlund as District Governor for 2009-2010. Wayne and Dorothy will serve the District very well. I have worked with Wayne on many projects this year and he has a very great feel for the work of the Lions. Wayne is a hardworking individual who has the support of his Lions Club and all of the Lions of 5NE. I look forward to assisting Wayne on his journey through his year as District Governor. Good Luck Wayne as District Governor of 5NE.

THANK YOU

I want to thank all the Lions of 5NE for allowing me to be your District Governor for 2008-2009. It truly was a pleasure to visit all of your Lions Clubs and share my thoughts regarding Lionism. I especially want to thank Mary Ann for being at my side all of the time. Her help and guidance was very important to me. She also was a great aid at times when the work seemed to be too overwhelming.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane Zwinger, District Governor, 5NE



“Miracles through Service” the theme of International President Al Brandel. I was truly moved by this theme and his notion that Lions are “Everyday Hero’s”. What a message for Lions throughout the world. A message that needed to be heard and one that fit with my goals for 5NC this year.

GOALS

This was the year of “Transfusion” in the District’s three year plan. Instilling a renewed sense of commitment, a renewed sense of purpose, and a renewed sense of service in the Lions of 5NC was my way of “transfusing” the District. The Lions Newsletter, the internet, my visitations were all used to promote the concept that Lions are indeed “Everyday Hero’s” performing simple acts of kindness and that those simple acts of kindness are a miracle for those people receiving those gifts. I reminded every Lion in every club of how important they are and what they have meant not only to the world, their country, and their district, but also to their local community. That without them, many of the projects and services they provide and the “Miracles” they create would cease to exist. Last but not least I thanked them for their time talents and the sacrifices they have made in order to provide service to others. Was I successful in “transfusing” the District with this message? Difficult to answer, but judging from the number of comments, the letters, notes and positive comments I received regarding this message I feel that to some degree I did achieve this goal.

MEMBERSHIP, EXTENSION AND RETENTION

This year each club in the District was challenged to end the year with a net gain of 1 member. To date we have 61 new members and 88 drops. 7 members have passed way. While not the numbers we were hoping for, the year is not yet over and there are several clubs who have added members that do not yet appear on the latest membership reports. So there is still hope. I am also happy to report on our extension efforts. We have been working on three new clubs in the District. 34 people in these three communities have signed on as charter members. At this time we do not have enough in any one community to charter a club but efforts are continuing and soon we will be celebrating the formation of a new club in 5NC. If not this Lions year then next year!

SOMETHING TO CHEER ABOUT!

For the tenth year in a row 5NC was recognized for its 100% participation of clubs in the District supporting Leader Dogs. This program has been chaired and promoted during that time by PID Bruce Schwartz. Thank you for your service and dedication to this wonderful cause and helping us all in our quest to create

“Miracles through Service”. Lion Terry Narum of the Minot Lions was recognized with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for his work with eye glass collections. This year marked the year that Lion Terry reached his goal of collecting, cleaning, and processing 1 pair of glasses equal to the population of North Dakota. This year we celebrated as Lion Terry reached his goal as he processed his 640,000th pair of glasses. That you Lion Terry for your dedication and devotion and being another example of Lions creating “Miracles through Service”.

OTHER TOPICS

This year 5NC hosted not 1 but 2 conventions. The 2008 ND State Convention and the 2009 MD5 Convention. The Lions clubs of Bismarck along with Lions clubs from zone 2-A made sure The State Convention ran like clock-work and the Lions clubs of Minot along with area clubs have worked hard to make this convention a success. The Lions of Bismarck and Minot are extremely active groups and their willingness to take on the commitment and responsibility of hosting events, such as these, on top of everything they do deserves a heartfelt and well deserved “Thank You” from every Lion who attended these conventions. Special thanks go out to PDG’s Brach and Marion Johnson for chairing the State Convention, and to Lion Deb Michels of the Minot Lions for leading the MD5 Convention. Fine examples of “Everyday Hero’s”.

THANK YOU

The opportunity to serve you as District Governor has been one of the most rewarding things I have ever done. Thank you to all the Lions of District 5NC. You amazed me, inspired me, and taught me what it means to be a Lion. Without your support and kindness it would not have been possible. You truly are examples of “Everyday Hero’s”. Last but not least I would like to thank Sandy Wurgler, my “spousal equivalent”. She drove when I was too tired; she covered for me at work, and listened to my rants and always there when I needed her. Thank you Sandy.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES RUFF

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you District Governor Elect James Ruff and his wife Lion Donna Ruff who will serve as District Governor for District 5NC. Lion James and Lion Donna spearheaded the extension efforts this year, and his work in securing and providing supplies to the community of Linton after their flood was an example to all of us. I look forward to working with DG – Elect James and pledge my support during the coming year. Good Luck!

Respectfully submitted,

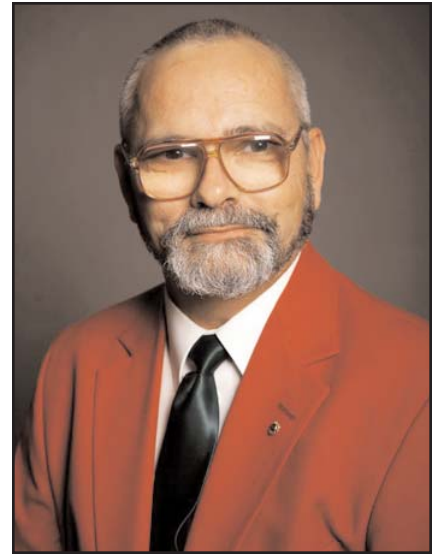
Craig Wollenburg, District Governor 5NC

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5NW

2008-2009

Pat Trotter, District Governor

Williston, ND



ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

While we have not had the growth I had hoped for, I believe the potential is there once the redistricting is complete.

MEMBERSHIP

With losing the Hettinger Lions club our district has had a significant drop in membership.

EXTENSION

This year our district held an extension workshop which had the potential of developing four new clubs. I believe that these clubs could still be put together with the right people.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Our district hosted the youth exchange camp in Medora, ND with outstanding success.

Our Leader Dog Chair PDG Jan Froemming is on track to get 100% club participation

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT

Our District Governor Elect is PDG Kevin Vannett. I hereby pledge to assist the DGE in any way that he asks.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Trotter, District Governor 5-NW

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5SE
2008-2009

Cindy Iversen, District Governor
Madison, South Dakota



When International President Al Brandel announced his theme in Bangkok at the International Convention last June I knew that it would be a great year. "Miracles Through Service, Lions As Everyday Heroes" was the inspiration for my year as District Governor. SE has certainly seen many miracles this year and we definitely have Everyday Heroes.

I would like to thank all the Lions and the clubs for the great hospitality and attendance during my visitations. You made me feel welcome and very much at home. It is unbelievable the services and projects the clubs do. Congratulations to each club on the great miracles that they provided for people this year.

My goal this year was to bring the message of the good things we do as Lions. Using the theme "Lions as Everyday Heroes" I ask each club to select a person or persons from their club that are Everyday Heroes in their club and presented them with a District Governor appreciation award. Presenting these certificates was one of the most thrilling and rewarding experiences during my club visitations.

The challenges were few this year but certainly influenced my perception of Lions. The presence of internal politics was a eye opener for me. Like most organizations I found out that Lions are no different in that some have an agenda of their own. The challenge to change yet keep the traditions was another uphill battle. I believe that if we are going to be a vital organization then we need to be open to doing things differently.

It was an honor to present the following awards this year. IPDG Joan Marlette received the 100% District Governor Award, Lion Shiloh Oorlog was presented the International President's Certificate of Appreciation and Lin Marj Kaiser received the International Presidential Medal. Roger Braaten was inducted into the SD Lions Hall of Fame. We have had four Proud Lion Awards and 5 Henry Baker Awards. Congratulations to these great Lions.

Your District Governor for 2009-10 is Tom Grimmond from Sioux Falls. Tom has been a member of the downtown SF Lions Club since 1995. Tom has been involved in many activities and served at the club level and district level. Tom works full time for Dougherty & Company LLC in Sioux Falls and also serves in the Army National Guard. Tom is married to Shannon and they have three children. Tom's philosophy is a simple one, lead from the front and when it gets tough, just suck it up, it will get better. I wish Tom all the best in the next year and will help in any way I can.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Iversen, District Governor 5SE

Ken Gifford, District Governor
Rapid City, SD



ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

It would appear that the goals which I had set early in the year will not be totally met. It has been rewarding to maintain a positive growth in membership throughout the first 9 months of my term, however I was hoping for a higher net growth. I will continue to stress the importance of membership growth during my remaining club visitations.

I was anticipating chartering at least one new club this year. We do have one location that we are working on but it is doubtful that it will be chartered until next year. It is my intent to conduct another extension workshop for our district as soon as we can make the necessary arrangements.

MEMBERSHIP

Last year PDG Joe Harris was successful in chartering two new clubs in our district. This resulted in a net membership growth of 58 for the year. It has been my intent and goal to build upon that growth and keep our district in the “black”. To date that has been accomplished.

Our successes in membership can be attributed to the efforts of my MERL team. These Lions have done an excellent job in all phases of MERL. It is imperative that this team be strong and committed to Lionism so that we can realize a net membership growth.

One area that I am very proud of is our state’s Proud Lion Award. This has proven to be an excellent process to get new Lions involved in their respective clubs and to assist in membership growth. The success of our Proud Lion Award has resulted in the MD5 developing an award now called Rookie Lion Award, in hopes that it will have the same positive effect throughout the multiple.

As requested from our GMT coordinator PID Gary Fry, we have developed a comprehensive three-year plan addressing the issue of membership. Included with the three-year plan is a detailed Leadership Development Proposal which when implemented will have a dramatic positive effect on membership growth within the district.

EXTENSION

Plans are in place to hold another extension workshop similar to the one last year. We are working with key people in the community to determine the best procedure to be used which will result in positive outcomes.

PROGRESS REPORT ON INVOLVEMENT

We (our district) have been involved in many successful programs this year. We will be hosting the MD5 Lions Summer Youth Camp and are currently finalizing details for the campers who will be arriving in July. The camp committee has done an outstanding job putting together a camp that will be rewarding for all campers. Many Black Hills area clubs are assisting by providing meals to the campers throughout the week.

Most of the district’s clubs participated in the Peace Poster Contest. One of our club’s entries received 2nd place in the multiple district finals.

To date I have presented a total of 7 Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards. This is an indication that our district is actively involved in LCIF and will continue to do so.

Several district clubs have conducted a Diabetes “walk-a-thon” to raise the awareness of diabetes and how to be aware of the symptoms. The Cabinet Diabetes Chairperson writes a monthly article for our district newsletter.

Our Leader Dog Chairperson has traveled to Michigan to visit Leader Dog and has distributed much information to district clubs. It is the goal to have 100% club participation this year.

Our district did an outstanding job as participants in the SightFirst II Campaign. For a relatively small (membership) district, we can take pride in the amount raised for this most worthy cause.

AWARDS EARNED BY SUB-DISTRICT OR MEMBER

Our past district governor received the 100% District Governor’s Award. Several district members have received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. There have also been several clubs receiving awards for their retention, membership growth, and recognition for celebrating years of service to their communities.

OTHER TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNOR

We conducted two very successful gatherings this year. In October we held our Fall Rally with 103 Lions in attendance. In February we hosted the annual State Lions Convention where we had 218 Lions representing 62 clubs from throughout the state of South Dakota.

The addition of the 2nd VDG will be a concept that will require much coordination and planning. I do believe it will provide the district with a more comprehensive leadership team if it is properly planned and implemented. This will be the responsibility of the DGE and his newly formed leadership team.

Bringing District 5SW up to LCI standards (35 clubs & 1,250 members) will continue to be a goal of our leadership team. We recognize it will take concentrated teamwork to accomplish this but we are confident it can be achieved within the next 3-4 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT

District Governor Elect Doug Scheller will become District Governor on July 1, 2009. DGE Doug has been a very active Lion since his induction 6 years ago. He is totally committed to the mission of Lionism and will represent our district well next year. During the past year, he has successfully completed his first phase of training during three 2-day sessions in Minot, ND.

It is going to be my pleasure to be on DGE Doug’s cabinet next year. We have worked very effectively as a team during this past year and I anticipate that will continue. It has been my intent to provide DGE Doug with information and data this year that will make his transition to DG smoother for him. This seems to have been a valuable process for him. I along with other PDG’s will make ourselves available whenever requested with the hope that our district will continue to grow throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Gifford, District Governor, 5SW

Gladi Andrew, District Governor
Bredenbury, Saskatchewan



This has truly been a most rewarding, enjoyable and memorable year. I am sincerely proud to be part of this service-minded organization. 2008-09 will certainly be a chapter in my book of fond memories.

Achievement of Goals:

My goal for this year was to encourage and draw to the attention of Club membership their tremendous contributions to their Community and the world Community. International President Brandel's theme "Miracles Through Service" was an inspiration to remind Lions that they are "Everyday Heroes" performing miracles in their Communities and throughout the world. In my travels this year, it is very apparent and evident what Lion/Lioness accomplish in their respective Communities.

Membership, Extension and Retention:

My goal for this year was to have a net gain of one member per Club. It was unfortunate that we were unable to "save" two Clubs who have disbanded. The contributions they have made to their Community is visible, they will be missed, however, to no avail. Thank you to the Region and Zone Chairs who have been doing their utmost to assist Clubs with membership, problems or queries.

We are continuing to lose members, however, the new members we are inducting are much younger than the general membership. I believe there is a slight turning of the tide, this is a positive. It will take time! During my visitation with the Lioness Clubs, I have presented the Conversion and Bridge Program. We will continue having the MERLOW Team involved and available for support and assistance.

Progress on Involvement of International & District Programs:

The Lions and Lioness of 5CA continue to support

- Lions Quest Program, Lion Wes Ulmer has held two Training Sessions in Saskatoon, with approximately 50 participants.
- No Child Without, Lion Lori-Anne Proznick has been pursuing this program.
- Youth Exchange, Lion Muriel Popp has done her utmost in placing and recruiting youth to the International Youth Camp and the Youth Exchange Program.
- Lions Foundation of Canada, financial donations continue to come in very well. 5CA has taken up the challenge to participate in the Purina "Walk for Dog Guides" Pleased to report we will have at least two walks.
- Cavalcade for Diabetes is supported very well by Clubs in the District.
- Environmental, Lion Harvey Bowers has put together a very informative brochure on recycling (aluminum and battery collection).
- Saskatchewan Lions Eye Bank is supported well. In 2008, there were 51 corneal donations, 40 sclera preserved, and 27 transplants performed.
- Saskatchewan Provincial Foundation, donations will be used to provide specialized equipment for the Pediatric Ophthalmology Unit at the proposed Saskatchewan Children's Hospital.

Awards Earned:

During my visitations, it was an honor to present Lions and Lioness my personal “Everyday Heroes, Certificate of Appreciation.” This was in recognition and appreciation of Lions and Lioness who give tirelessly in their Club and Community.

At our District Convention, in recognition of their outstanding work, it was a pleasure to present International President Brandel’s Commendation Certificates to: Lion Don Auchstaetter, (Wadena); Lion Trent Fieseler, (Langenburg); Lion Doug Madill, (Saskatoon Nutana); Lion Delmer Markosky, (MacNutt); and Lion Elmer Saworski, (Saskatoon Nutana).

Congratulations to Lion John Boersma (Saskatoon Nutana), recipient of the Int. Presidential Medal.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award: Lions Robert Swanston (Bulyea), Keith Harde (Canora), Charlton Smith (Esterhazy), Mervin Kendel and Walter Fieseler (Langenburg), PDG Bob McPherson (Naicim), Doug Lowe and Florence Aitken (Nipawin), Richard Purves (Rhein), Jack Hopper (Saskatoon Nutana), Dave Bloemmaert and Allan Konkin (Yorkton), and a Progressive Melvin Jones to DG Gladi Andrew (Bredenbury).

Congratulations to recipients of the Harry A. Neuman Diabetes Award, Lion Fred Draude (Naicim) and the Kenaston Lions Club.

Congratulations to Lion Ken Grazier and Lion Michael Liknaitzky (Yorkton), recipients of the Lions Foundation of Canada, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award.

Other Topics:

We held a successful two day Convention in Melfort, March 14 & 15/09. Thank you to the Melfort Lions Club for hosting. Our special guests were PID Lion Ken Schwols and Partner in Service Lion Karin from Loveland, Colorado; CC Lion Brian Tinker from McClusky, ND; SK Rep Lion Donelda Phillips, Regina, SK; and PCC Lion Leo Grossman, Carlyle, SK.

Introduction and Pledge of Support:

It is with pleasure, PDG Lion Joe and I, introduce DGE Lion Doug Madill and Partner In Service Lion Gerri, Saskatoon Nutana Lions Club, as District Governor for 2009-10. Lion Doug has many years of Lionistic experience and will do a great job as our leader. We wish you both all the very best, and offer you our help and support. I know our District will be as supportive of you as they were of us.

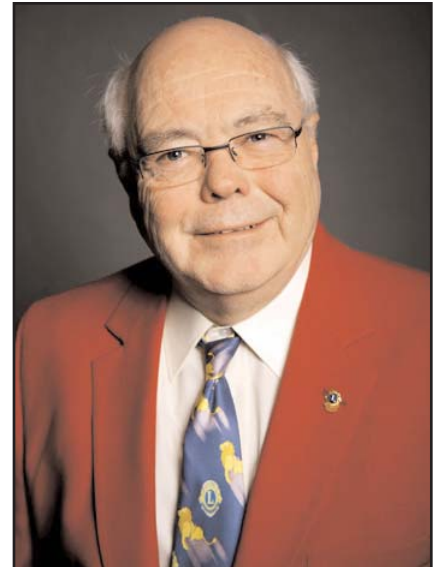
Thank You:

To Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer Lion Trent Fieseler and all the Cabinet Members, a sincere “Thank You” for your continued support, encouragement and contributions to our District. To all the Lions, Lioness, and Leos in District 5CA, PDG Lion Joe and I extend a heartfelt “Thank You” for your hospitality, fellowship, and commitment to being “Everyday Heroes”. We will cherish the friendships we have made! As Saskatchewan Representative for 2009-10, I look forward to working with the new Council of Governors. Best Wishes for the upcoming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Gladi Andrew, District Governor 5CA

Lorne Olver , District Governor
Kipling, Saskatchewan



ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS FOR THE YEAR

MEMBERSHIP

Current reports show that we are down by 12 members but I know that there are a few clubs that didn't get their new members reported in that period that should have been reported so I am confident that we should have a gain this year in membership.

EXTENSION

We have held an Extension Workshop and working on a new club at Balgonie but due to our extension chair having health problems it has slowed the progress at present but will be back at it soon, I hope. As for a second club it will have to carry over until the fall.

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

We have supported Lions Quest this year, contributed to Melvin Jones Fellowships, LCIF Legacy, Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowships, sponsoring youth exchange from and to our district, participate and donate to Cavalcade for Diabetes and support Dog Guides by hosting Purina Dog Walks.

AWARDS EARNED BY SUB-DISTRICT OR MEMBER

Presidential awards were given to three Lions at our fall conference in October, 2008. Approximately \$8000.00 will be spent on district awards before the year is concluded, which will be presented to deserving members of the district.

OTHER TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE

- I would like to see active MERL teams with more direct communication between MD and District
- Amalgamation of districts with active retention membership and extension

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT

District Governor Elect is Lion Al Cook of the Lakeside Club of Regina having been a member since Nov. 1989 holding many club and district offices, the most recent being Peace Poster Chair and Campus Club Chair. He is a very dedicated and knowledgeable Lion, enthusiastic about becoming District Governor of 5CE for 2009-2010.

I pledge to support Lion Al as District Governor this coming year in his goals and to help by passing on any information that I can to make his year just a little easier for him.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Lorne Olver, District Governor 5-CE

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5CN
2008-2009

Marie Boutin, District Governor
Battleford, Saskatchewan



International President Al Brandel 's theme this year is "Be An Everyday Hero". Visiting the Clubs and seeing what the Lions clubs do in their communities , for their communities makes them all Everyday Heroes.

I would like to thank all the Lions in District 5CN for their support in my year as your District Governor. Thank You for the privilege of meeting you and sharing this year with you. I shall forever cherish the friendships we have made.

My goal for the year 2008-2009 was to keep what we had, or try to. I knew I was in for a large loss at the beginning and was hoping we could increase membership to make up for the loss. We have increased membership , but not enough to cover our losses. I contacted each club prior to my visit and spoke on membership and retention prior to my visit.

Clubs in District 5CN participate in International Programs, and other programs such as Walk for Dog Guides, No Child Without, Peace Poster, Youth Exchange, District Youth Speak Off, Project Pride Canada Diabetes Awareness Education, Lions Foundation of Canada, Environment Issues, and Youth Exchange. There could be more.

Melvin Jones Awards have been awarded to several Lions in our District. At the District 5CN Convention in Feb, 2009, International Presidents Certificates of Appreciation were presented by I.D. Neil Spencer from Cocoa Beach, FL to PDG Wayne Mauthe, Lion Nick Laley, and Lion Gary Brooks for their outstanding achievement in the District. They are truly "Everyday Heroes."

A topic of great importance to me is we really need more involvement in Youth Exchange. We need more host families, more participation in youth in each of our areas. These are all new potential Lions and if we address this now we may see our clubs get more new Lions.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce District Governor Elect, Ron Ewles and his spouse Carol Ewles for the year 2009-2010. They are from Saskatoon. Ron has many years experience in Lionism. He will do an excellent job as our District Governor. I offer you my support and I know our District will support you. Thank You to the Council Chair, Brian Tinker, our Secretary Mike Brand whom we could not do without, ALL THE Past District Governors for their knowledge and kindness and our Mentor. I also want to take this opportunity to thank my Cabinet Secretary, Rose Mauthe and my Cabinet treasurer, Wayne Chophonis, for all their help.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Boutin, District Governor 5CN

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5CW
2008-2009
Garry Gilbertson, District Governor
Craig, Saskatchewan

No report filed.



MD5 LIONS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH REPORT
2008-2009

Maureen Meston-Pockett, Chairman

Regina, Saskatchewan

First of all I would like to thank the Council for giving me this opportunity to work at this level and in particular to get involved with the youth of our communities. I would also like to thank PDG Lion Tim Thueson for his help and for his years of involvement with the youth of MD5.

During this Lion's year I have concentrated on the Peace Poster Contest. The theme for the 2008-09 Peace Poster Contest was "PEACE BEGINS WITH ME". The posters were gathered at the November Council meeting and were taken back to Regina where a judging committee, made up of PDG Lion Donelda Phillips, three local artists, and myself, was formed. The winning poster was selected and I contacted CC Lion Brian, Council Secretary Mike and the DGs to advise them of the winner's name which was 12 year old Nicole Brockman, a grade 7 student of Rosthern High School, Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada. Nicole was sponsored by the Rosthern Lions Club in district 5CN. All of the posters were very good and the judges had a hard time selecting a winner. The successful poster was forwarded to Lions Clubs International on November 29, 2008 in time to meet the entry deadline of December 15, 2008. A press release was sent to each of the MD5 Lions newspapers as well as the DGs, CC Brian and S/T Mike. The remaining posters were returned to the respective DGs at the March 2009 council meeting.

The 2009 Peace Poster Contest is well underway with the theme being "The Power of Peace". Each of the MD5 District Governors were provided with a Peace Poster package at the August 2008 council meeting and the VDGs at the November 2008 council meeting. In addition a letter was sent on February 26, 2009 to the DGs reminding them to order their kits as soon as possible and asked them to remind their clubs about sending their posters to district in time for judging prior to the November 2009 MD5 Council meeting.

There have been a significant number of changes affecting the youth and Lions committees involving youth activities as indicated in the March 2008 International Board of Directors Meeting. Some of these changes include: the approval of two but distinct tracks for the Leo Club Program: one for Alpha Leos (age range 12-age of majority) and one for the Omega Leos (age of majority to the age deemed appropriate by the Lions multiple district), the adoption of the Lions Services for Children Worldwide symposium Program effective fiscal year 2008-2009, the approval of the extension of the district and multiple district Leo club chairperson term from one year to three years, assuming continuing fulfillment of responsibilities and the adoption of the change to Board Policy Manual that youth camp applications must be endorsed by the district and multiple district youth camp and exchange chairperson(s), where applicable.

These are just a few of the changes that are happening in our Lions organization and it shows that the programs are continually changing and it is up to each of us to try to keep abreast of these changes.

I am looking forward to the next two years in my capacity as LOFY chairperson and ask that if anyone has any ideas or suggestions on how we can improve any of the youth programs please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Maureen Meston-Pockett
LOFY Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT MD5 LIONS YOUTH EXCHANGE 2008-2009

PDG George Pretli, Chairman

Spiritwood, Saskatchewan

At the start of this Lions year 2008 – 2009 I had set a number of personal goals for the Multiple District 5 Youth Exchange Program and I am happy to report that a number of these goals have been reached. In addition we have a new MD5 Lions Youth Exchange pamphlet and it has been made available to all Districts. We have been sending them overseas to other Youth Exchange Chairmen showing them where MD5 is in North America as a number of them do not have any idea where we are located.

One goal was to have all the Districts in Multiple District 5 have at least one youth to attend the 2009 Lions Youth Camp and we have seven of the nine sub districts sending at least one youth to the Camp. As a result we have reached our goal of 20 plus MD5 youth attending the Camp along with 20 plus foreign youth attending. The 2009 Lions Youth Camp is full and looks like it will be a great success thanks to hard work of the Committee. The Camp will be reported on by the Camp Committee.

Looking at sending youth overseas. This was another goal and thanks to the Downtown Sioux Falls Lions Club, Fillmore Lions Club, and Estevan Lions Club we will be sending 10 youth overseas to a number of countries. (Brazil, Italy, Australia, Turkey, Romania, Switzerland, Mongolia, Ireland)

In respect to Hosting – Again as in past years we host youth during the winter months of December, January and February; in summer during the months of July, August and the beginning of September. We hosted 6 youth from Australia, 5 youth from Peru and 2 youth from Japan during our winter exchange. We will be hosting 2 youth from Italy and 4 from Japan this coming summer. These will be in addition to the 20 plus foreign students that will be attending our 2009 Lions Youth Camp in July.

As it has been in the past we are still having problems in obtaining suitable host families for the youth coming from overseas. Articles have been placed in the three newspapers in the Multiple District for the information of the membership and this has met with limited success. Our District Chairpersons have promoted the Youth Exchange Program and requested support in the area of "Hosting" and in many cases it fell on deaf ears. Our best support has been from non Lions who have heard of our Program and asked to take part in it. We continue with our efforts, however, we need and require the support of the Lions. In respect to our 2010 Lions Youth Camp that will be hosted by District 5CN in Saskatchewan. Plans are underway at the present time and the Committee is being put into place and the program will be also put into place. A preliminary budget has been established and some funding has been received from the Clubs in Districts 5CA and 5CN (which will be one District by 2010). More details will be forthcoming in the near future and all information in respect to the 2010 Lions Camp will be sent to the Lions Youth Programs Department and the MD5 Lions website.

Contact has been made with Districts 5NE and 5SE as they will be hosting the Lions Youth Camp in 2011 and 2012 requesting that they start their respective planning for the upcoming Camps.

