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MD5 COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

2009-2010

Lion Duane Zwinger

Carrington, ND



I first want to thank the Lions of MD5 for electing me to serve as Council Chairperson for the 2009-2010 Lions year. It truly was a rewarding and memorable experience as well as a challenge.

The first job I had was to organize the committees for the upcoming year. I want to thank the committees for the great work that they accomplished and a special thanks to the committee chairs for leading in such a professional manner. Thanks Lions Craig, Ken, Gladi and Dale for doing a superior job.

Mary Ann and I had the honor of attending our 2nd International Lions Convention, this one in Minneapolis. It was truly a great experience to witness the new DG's taking their pledge and officially becoming District Governors. Other highlights were to take part in the international "Parade of Nations" and to watch as new International President Eberhard J. Wirfs took over as our leader and spreading his theme "Move to Grow".

This year was met with three very important challenges as we went into a year of transition. I believe we took on these transition challenges and made some very positive growth. Even though we made progress, there definitely is some work left to do.

The first area of transition was dealing with our redistricting of MD5. This major reconstruction of going from 9 sub-districts to 6 sub-districts was approved by LCI. This came about after years of planning. I want to congratulate the Lions of MD5 on how smoothly this transition took place. Sure, there were a few stumbling blocks, but for the most part things went well. All new sub-districts will have in place their new Constitutions and By-Laws for the start of the 2010-2011 Lions year. The sub-districts will also have in place their new leadership team.

The second area of transition was the incorporating of 2nd Vice District Governors in MD5. This indeed did take some new planning and rethinking, as none of our sub-districts had ever had a 2nd VDG. They were included in the Council of Governors meetings and most important were included in the training for the VDG's. I want to thank Lion Leo Grossman for taking on the challenge this year as trainer of our VDG's under these new circumstances. We feel that having three Lions in this leadership role for each of the sub-districts will only make the sub-districts stronger.

The third area of transition was the use of mentors in our MERL team program. This program was introduced last year and we were to implement it this year. We made some strides in the development of the mentor program, but much work needs to be done. I want to thank the Lions that were chosen to be mentors this year and to use their expertise to help in MERL issues. The mentors are Lions Marvin Chambers, Gordon Ziegler, Brian Tinker and Cindy Iversen and a special thanks to Coordinator Garnet Davis.

One of the real pleasures that Mary Ann and I had this year was to travel to the various conventions/conferences of North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan. We attended the conference at Regina for 5SKS, the ND Convention in Mandan, the SD convention at Mitchell and the 5SKN conference in Saskatoon. It truly was a great experience and honor to represent the MD5 leadership at these events. We want to thank each of you for your great welcome and hospitality. The real joy was to see and meet all of the old friends and to become acquainted to new ones. Another highlight of these travels was to see all of the great things that you are doing for Lionism.

This year our International President Wirfs made a strong point that the Lions should be more visible. Let everyone know what the Lions of the world are doing. With this thought in mind we asked for and received a \$20,000 Public Relation Grant from LCI. With this money each of the 9 sub-districts were to use their portion of the grant and come up with a "Public Relations" plan. This "Public Relations" plan was to be used in some manner to make the general public more aware of what Lionism is all about. I am happy to report that each of the 9 DG's put together a working plan for their sub-district to help spread our motto "We Serve".

I want to thank the District Governors for your great efforts in the work of Lionism this year. It truly was a pleasure to work with each of you. May your efforts this year make a difference.

A special thanks to PID's Garnet Davis, Lloyd Hansen and Bruce Schwartz who were called upon many times during this year to lend their expertise and knowledge in the workings of the council.

A very special thanks to PCC Mike Brand who serves our MD very well as the secretary-treasurer of the council. Mike, I appreciated your help that you gave me this year in this position as Council Chairperson. Your advice and guidance was truly a great help. Thank you, Mary Ann for serving as hostess at all of the Council Spouse events and thank you Barb for all of your help.

At this time I want to congratulate Council Chairperson Elect, Tom Grimmond on his election to the position of Council Chairperson. I have much confidence that he will lead the Lions of MD5 and the Council of Governors with an efficient hand. A congratulations to the elected reps: North Dakota-Wayne Westlund, South Dakota-Doug Scheller and Saskatchewan-Ron Ewles. Lion Tom has a strong Council of Governors and they will carry out the plans and goals of the council very well. The Lions of MD5 are in very capable hands.

Respectfully Submitted

Lion Duane Zwinger, MD5 Council Chairperson

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR 5NE
2009-2010

Wayne Westlund, District Governor
Grand Forks, ND



This has been a year I will not soon forget. It is one full of many great memories-many of them good memories, many of them great memories. The few remaining memories I would define as disappointing memories rather than bad memories. The year started with the trip to Minneapolis to attend my first International Lions Convention where my wife Dorothy and I had the honor and privilege of meeting Lions from all around the world. Another highlight of the year has been my visitations to the wonderful Lions Clubs of 5NE. I maybe should not have been, but I have been absolutely astounded by the tremendous amount of work, time and effort that even the smallest of Clubs do to raise money to benefit their communities. I commend all Lions Clubs for not only what they do for their own communities but also for what they give to LCI and other efforts Lions support. I guess the biggest downside of the year was my surgery. While I am so thankful my condition was found (had it not been found when it was, I more than likely would not be here to write this report) when you lose three months out of the year, it makes a difficult job even more difficult. As a result some of my goals are not likely to be met.

GOALS FOR THE YEAR

As IPDG Duane Zwinger stated in his final report last year a action plan was drafted by IPDG Duane, DGE Robert Littlefield and myself which we hoped would be a 3 year plan which would lead to an increase in membership and stop the decline of membership which had been taking place for several years. That plan obviously worked as 5NE ended with a plus 44 in membership. 5NE was the only district located in Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Western Ontario, Minnesota and the Dakotas to have an increase in membership. Not being one to reinvent a successful wheel, I made no changes to an already successful plan. In fact I increased the goal to an increase of 60 new members for the year and 3 new clubs being formed. As of 3/31/10 that goal is no longer in sight as we are a minus 54 in membership.

MEMBERSHIP

It was my hope we could increase the membership in 5NE this year by 60 and add 3 new clubs. After the first 9 months of this year the 35 clubs in 5NE had added a very disappointing total of 40 new members. The only plus out of that total was that 20%(8) of those new members joined the club to which I belong-the South Forks Lions Club and 2 more will be added shortly. This was done due to the excellent job by our membership chair. During the month of April I received more good news from a membership standpoint when the UND Campus Club signed 19 new members. I am hopeful that the membership will improve before the year ends as many of the clubs I visited during the months of February and March stated they were in the process of having their membership drives this spring. With a little bit of luck I am hoping we can break even or have a slight gain for the year. My goal of 60 new members is no longer a possibility.

EXTENSION

Last summer IPDG Duane Zwinger scheduled an Extension Workshop for October 10 in Grand Forks with John and Wanda Barnett conducting the workshop. It was they who conducted the workshop in Fargo the previous year the led to the great success 5NE had in new clubs and membership. Unfortunately, in the later part of September it was discovered I needed immediate surgery. Upon learning of my need for surgery, IPDG Duane and I decided not to cancel the scheduled workshop. Because of my surgery I was unable to do the preliminary groundwork in Cavalier. The workshop was held as scheduled only 10 days after I was released from the hospital. Great work was done in Cavalier and it looked like we would have a new club

within a few months. However, there was a delay in getting a sponsoring club and guiding lions assigned. My health did not permit me to spend as much time as I would have liked. As a consequence we have not yet been able to obtain enough members to have a charter granted. We are now considering starting a branch club. Likewise in Fargo they are have trouble obtaining the necessary members for a charter and are considering a branch club.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Under the great leadership of our Youth Exchange Chair Katherine Tweed we are well under way to completing the needs of having another successful Youth Exchange this summer.

AWARDS

At our State Convention in Mandan CC Duane Zwinger was awarded the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2010-2011

It gives me great pleasure to welcome and introduce to you the District Governor for 2010-2011, Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy. I have had the opportunity to get to know and work with DGE Robert over the past 3 years. He has become not only a good friend but as 1st VDG he has been at my side whenever I needed help or advise. He has asked me to be a member of his cabinet for the coming year and I am honored to accept. I have met and known a lot of people in my lifetime, but I have met no one who is more organized than Robert. Expanded 5NE will be in good hands next year.

CABINET

I wish to take this opportunity to thank not only my cabinet but all the Lions in 5NE for allowing me to serve as your District Governor. And a special thank you to two people who have put countless hours in keeping me out of trouble and trying to teach me how to use a computer. Lion Katrina Wendel and Lion Tom Saddler, you two are the greatest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Westlund, District Governor 5NE

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5NC
2009-2010

James S. Ruff, District Governor

Lehr, ND



MOVE TO GROW:

“Move to grow” is the logo that our German born International President Eberhard J. Wirfs had chosen for his 2009-2010 theme. Attending the International Convention in Minneapolis, MN in July 2009 was very motivating. It was inspiring to see so many Lions members representing their country and also being proud, like I am, to be a Lion member. “Thank You, Lions for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Governor of District 5NC.”

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND:

In August of 2009 my wife and I were able to attend the school for the blind at Rochester, Michigan. We learned so many new options to raise money at the district level: 1.) Chairperson, Donna’s main goal is to have 100% participation from all clubs this year. This goal would become our 11th year in a row. 2.) A District raffle was promoted with sales of \$1.00 tickets sold at club visitations, public events, Lions members selling tickets. \$855.00 was raised in that effort. The drawing was held on April 14, 2010. Winners of the prizes were from Harvey 1st place, Bismarck 2nd place and Wishek 3rd place. 3.) Also the Pampered Chef Corporations donated \$313.29 to Leader Dogs when fund raising shows were held on their behalf. 4.) Individuals can also donate on behalf of their favorite club. 5.) Another effort tried was to use the ‘Feed a Dog a Day’ Cards at events.

GOALS:

At our MD5 MERL Conference at Minot in August 2009, we nine district governors were asked to share our list of priorities and action plans & goals. The top 5 most frequently discussed topics were: 1.) Establish new clubs. 2.) Increase membership, 3.) Develop Leadership, 4.) Close the back door by decreasing the number of dropped members. 5.) Use Zone/Region chairpersons/ MERL team to help struggling clubs.

FREDONIA LIONS:

My first challenge was in July, 2009 to save a 28 year old charter in my neighboring town of 51 people. The club opened their doors to women. Membership now stands at 16 with 8 women. The new president and his wife were recipients of my ‘Spark Plug’ award.

DISTRICT5NC CLUB SURVEY:

My September’s DG article for the ND LION was to be used as a communication tool to conduct an anonymous survey completed by Lions members, to help my goal of retention in our district. The survey was to find the troubled clubs and could be completed individually or as a club activity. All 1128 members (at that time) had the opportunity to participate, if they read their ND LION! With e-mail communication, I delegated my 42 presidents to put the project on their next agenda and with the help of the region/zone chairpersons, to encourage participation, collect & mail the surveys to me. Remember the purpose of the project was to help with retention. The results were quite disappointing. I received a total of 52 surveys scattered from 10 clubs. The participation was .0455%. I received 22 surveys from Region One. Region Two 19 and Region Three: 11. The members that responded came from active clubs that are not at risk!! At the end of March our membership was down to 1109. New members this fiscal year are 95 at this time and dropped members at 120. My goal was to have a plus of 65 members at the end of my term, but unfortunately that has not happened. I did have the privilege to induct new members: 16 at Fredonia, 7 at Gackle, 8 at Streeter, 4 at U of

Mary are some examples but the back door would not close. The loss of Bismarck/Mandan Ridin Lions club, a big loss at Strasburg membership, etc added to the roller coaster ride. At every club visitation, I would encourage communication if trouble in their club existed. I encouraged the club leaders to ask for help from trained Lions. The response was "we can take care of it." I also encouraged members to invite their spouses. The clubs of Braddock, Streeter, and Fredonia did invite women to join this year. Congratulations to your clubs. I will continue to promote membership growth for 5NC as two months remain at the time of this report. It is very encouraging to see a huge gain in membership growth worldwide of 30,000 plus, especially in China, India, and Africa. Overall the US might even see a plus by the end of June.

LILLI MANN:

A young North Dakota girl was in need of financial help to support the expenses for her trip to China for medical attention. All ND Lions clubs were asked to donate to the cause. I had the privilege of working with LCI personnel at headquarters and communicated by phone with a Chinese Lion member, Richard Chu to meet the Mann family at the airport and offer help wherever needed while they stayed in the country of China.

PEACE POSTER CONTEST:

There were more Lions club's in 5NC sponsoring the Peace Poster contest this year. The 'Power of Peace' was the theme offered to our 11, 12, 13 year old children this year. The 7 winners from these clubs: North Star, Napoleon, Gackle, Wishek, Fredonia, Lehr (two contests), competed at the 5NC District level. The one winner then went on to the Multiple District 5 level. A young lady's poster from Saskatchewan went on to NY to compete at the final round of competition.

'LIONS IN SIGHT':

Several events were held in the district which promoted 'Lions in Sight'. IP Wirfs has said that Lions are noted for their 'SIGHT' projects but they are not 'IN SIGHT' with the public. He challenged all clubs to "come out of your den". So I encouraged you to take pictures; write articles about your projects, put them in your paper as a Press Release. Promote, promote, promote. Let the public know who the Lions are. Wear your pin on your cap or T-shirts to promote questions. Invite potential members to help with a service project before you invite them to a meeting.

1.) DECEMBER 2009: The first event was held at the Bismarck Civic Center when surrounding Lions clubs were invited to attend a "Wizards Basketball" game. Tickets were offered at a reduced price to Lions members. This effort was sponsored by the Civic Center "Thanking the Lions Clubs for the service they provide to their communities." We all wore our vests and were recognized as a Lion member.

2.) JANUARY30, 2010: District 5NC applied for a \$1000.00 Public Relations Grant to promote LIONS IN SIGHT events. Region One of District 5NC had never promoted a region project in its 29 year history. A "Winter Arts in the Park" event was planned during the requested dates set by IP Wirfs in January in honor of our founder Melvin Jones birth month. Wishek Lions Club was the centrally located community to host the event. The whole purpose of the event was to invite and educate the public about our great organization. To show them each clubs favorite service project or fund raising event. Comments heard were: "We didn't know that women could join Lions"!

3.) JANUARY30, 2010: A Soup and Sandwich 'free will donation' fund raiser was planned also that day on behalf of the Haitian Earthquake Relief fund. More than 200 people attended. A total of \$3,345.16 was raised by Region One Lions Clubs

4.) FEBRUARY2010 Rugby Lions held a pancake and sausage brunch on behalf of the Haitian Earthquake Relief fund. \$2410.53 was raised. Two clubs in the district unable to put a fund raiser together on such short notice gave a donation. They were Harvey Lions = \$500.00 and Glenburn Lions= \$117.00. All donations were appreciated.

I, as DG, sent to LCIF a total of \$6472.69. I'm confident that other clubs sent their donations direct to LCIF.

5.) MAY7, 2010/ ND'S Arbor Day. Forty two bur oak trees will be planted in city or Lions Parks in communities in District 5NC. A\$20,000 public relations grant was applied for our multiple district. (MD5). Each of the nine districts received \$2222.22. 5NC's grant money was spent on the purchase of the trees, individual plaques for each club with 5NC history. A2x3 ad promoting the tree project was in the 18 weekly newspapers in central ND and 2 daily newspapers. The rest was spent on mileage and scrap book supplies.

LEADERSHIP RALLY:

The bargain for every Lion would be to attend Leadership Rally. Registration fee is \$10.00. The education you receive is priceless. On April 10th approximately 35 Lions attended the rally at the Lewis & Clark Interpretation Center at Washburn. Six Training sessions were on the schedule: President, Secretary, Treasure, Public Relations, Membership, and Orientation. Special speakers were PID John Rabideau from Churchville, NY. Lion Bernie Rabideau spoke on 'Women in Lions'. District 5NC District Secretary Carolyn Lean and Region Two Chairperson, Lion Terry Ness, received the International President Certificate.

EXTENSION:

The extension work to promote new clubs in the communities of Steele and Lincoln were put on the back burner due to busy schedules of the DG and the work of redistricting and training by the DGE. Communicating with interested Lions from Steele, invitations have gone out to join the neighboring Lions club in Tuttle. That is encouraging news. Hopefully a club branch will be in the future.

CLUB BRANCH

I am happy to report that the club branch in Rugby, the Northern Lights has become a reality with 16 members at this writing. This branch will have enough members to charter a club in the near future. So with the assistance of PDG Craig Wollenburg, we did gain one branch.

THANK YOU:

My club visitations were the highlight of the year. I want to extend a special "thank you" to all the clubs in District 5NC for the warm hospitality. My greatest "Thank you" goes to my personal secretary, my wife, Lion Donna Ruff, "Thank you for all your help." She was always ready to lighten my load when asked.

DGE:

With two new districts beginning July 1, 2010 I would like to wish DGE Bev Charles and her husband, Lion Dave, the best for a successful year as leaders of the new west district and DGE Robert Littlefield and his wife, Kathy, leaders of the new east district. Good luck in your efforts and challenges working in a bigger district. I will make myself available whenever requested with the hope that our great state will continue to grow throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by

DG James Ruff, District 5NC

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5NW

2009-2010

Kevin Vannett, District Governor

Mandan, ND



It's been a privilege to serve the Lions of District 5NW as your District Governor. I would also like to thank Lions Clubs International's Board of Directors for their appointment to serve as your 2009-2010 District Governor.

This year started out in a whirl wind and I do mean a whirl wind! A tornado hit Dickinson while VDG Pat and I were at the International Convention in Minneapolis. The city of Dickinson can be grateful to their three Lions Clubs and the outstanding work they did during this disaster. And in April we had a devastating ice/snow storm in the Flasher/New Salem areas downing power lines and poles leaving cities and rural families out of power for weeks.

CONVENTIONS

I would like to thank all the Lions Clubs in Mandan for a wonderful State Convention. Again we had another great Spring Rally, the 9th annual. I would like to thank all the wonderful presenters. This event would not be possible if it wasn't for all of the clubs support. There were 104 people representing 28 Lions Clubs present. Our rally provides more than officer training. It's a great place to learn about Lionism. I hope our speaker touched your hearts. We are Lions and "We Serve".

PEACE POSTER CONTEST

One of the most gratifying events this year was the Peace Poster Contest and seeing the district winner being rewarded for her beautiful poster. She and her family were so proud of her achievement. When she received her personal post cards with her Peace Poster, she was so proud, a smile from ear to ear. Catlin's Peace Poster was runner up in the Multiple District Contest.

NEW MEMBERS

I thank each Lion who sponsored a new member this year. And remind you not to forget that new member and the Rookie Lion Award. Also, it was an honor to have installed the new Lions members as Knight for the Blind at the spring rally.

EXTENSION

A special that you to 5NW's Extension Chair Lion Lewellyn Rustan and VDG Pat Vannett and the sponsoring club of New England for their work in the extension of a new Lions Club in South Heart. Charter night is set for June 26, 2010.

GRANTS

It was in July that we received a Disaster Grant for Dickinson of \$10,000. Also right after the first of the year MD5 received a \$20,000 Public Relations Grant from LCIF and District 5NW's share was around \$2200. We used this to put ads in all the local newspapers in the district. Also there will be membership posters and post cards available to each club in the district.

CLUB OF THE YEAR - MANDAN'S DACOTAH LIONS

This year's 5NW Club of the Year achievements include a positive membership growth of 6 new members; bringing 14 members to the spring rally; having an advisor to the Mandan High School Leo club; Zone projects; bringing 19 members to the State Convention; club visitations; providing rides for visually impaired to Camp Grassick; Peace Poster participation; Great Plains Leadership Institute participation; Scholarship awards; Strides Walk; burgers in the park; and a Haiti Relief project. I truly want to thank the Mandan Dacotah Lions Club for their dedication to serving the visually impaired throughout our district by providing scholarships to Camp Sioux, a Diabetic Camp for children and for starting a low vision program.

CHALLENGE

I believe we as Lions need to remember that Helen Keller asked Lions "To be Knight's of the Blind". So this year I asked that each of our clubs support our Lions projects such as the ND Lions Eye Bank, ND Lions Diabetic Ocular Research Center, Vision USA, Leader Dog for the Blind, Assistance Dogs @ Jud ND. As PID Gary Schokey asked us, "If you were arrested today for being a Lion, would there be enough evidence to convict you? Or would it be just circumstantial evidence? Are you doing the service that you can do?"

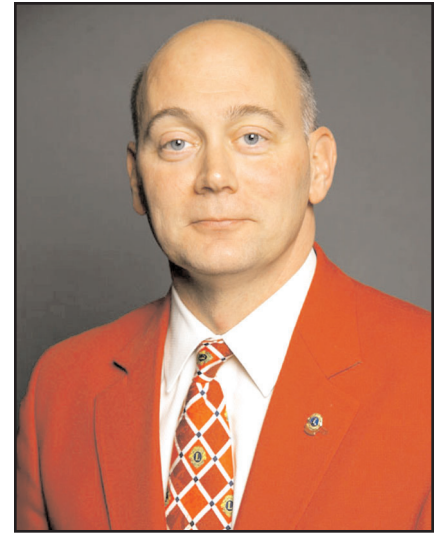
INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT

I would at this time introduce to you DGE Bev Charles. Lion Bev is from Bismarck and belongs to the Prairie Rose Lions Club. Her husband Dave belongs to the North Star Lions Club. I look forward to working with DGE Bev and giving her all of my support in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted

Kevin Vannett, District Governor 5NW

Thomas J. Grimmond, District Governor
Sioux Falls, SD



International President Eberhard Wirfs' theme this year was "Move to Grow." I adopted the theme for District 5SE and we have been moving to grow. I want to thank all the Lions of my District for a great year. The best part of being District Governor is going on visitations. Every visitation has been unique and worth every minute. I enjoy meeting people and getting to know them. As District Governor, I was able to do something I have always wanted to do and that is, go to all the lions and lioness clubs in the District. I did that. It was an excellent adventure. Thank you Lions for being so kind to me on my adventure.

ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

I set 2 goals for the year. The first goal was to encourage Lions to get to a convention especially the Lions State Convention. The State Convention was in Mitchell this year. The Mitchell Lions did an excellent job of putting on the State Convention. I hope it was the weather and economy and not my over encouragement that saw our State Convention numbers decrease by 30% this year. I hope next year or in 2012 when the convention is in Yankton we see some increases. Historically, we see 200 Lions a year at a state convention. The purpose behind my desire to increase the numbers at conventions is that conventions energize members to go out and do great things within their own clubs including increasing membership. My second goal was to address Retention in the District. We do a good job recruiting new members but our retention rate seemed high to me. Then I learned that on average over the last couple of years, we see 25 Lions pass away a year in the District. That is the equivalent of one new club a year. I stuck with my plan to discuss retention at each visitation and some of the key issues in trying to keep members. I think the numbers show that I achieved my retention goal for the year. I really hit the Proud Lion Award as a great retention tool. We have such a high retention rate if new lions complete the Proud Lion. I talked about it so much that long time lions would like to earn the Proud Lion. We are looking at developing an award similar to the Proud Lion for members with service greater than one year.

I also added Youth to my discussion when talking to clubs. I was surprised by how many clubs did not know about the opportunities available to youth on the international level and all the camps that are available worldwide. I think involving parents with kids that can take advantage of the youth programs is a great recruiting tool also.

MEMBERSHIP

We are down by 36 members from the "Club Health Assessment Report" sent out by Lions Clubs International (LCI). We have brought in more members than we have dropped for reasons other than death. That still means our overall numbers are decreasing as the -36 indicate but retention has improved which was one of my goals. I would like to pass onto future District Governors which I did not grasp at first was how the death of Lions, which is obviously an unpreventable event shows how old our membership is and even if we have 100% retention on dropped Lions we still lose the battle unless the new Lions we are bringing into clubs are younger Lions, Lions in their 30's and 40's.

One other observation on my visitation points to the fact that----- many clubs are shrinking in size. Future District Governors will have to figure out how to grow those clubs even though none of them have asked for

any help even after inquiries by the District. Once LCI gets the Club Excellence program up and running that might be a vehicle by which the problem can be attacked.

EXTENSION

Lion Paul Krugger the grandson of Lion Perry Pollard is employed at Augustana and is working on a campus club. They are very close to chartering but whether it happens this year or next I am sure Paul will get it done. Thank you ---Paul for your hard work.

I have not had an extension workshop this year yet. I think now that we have 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors and they are in-charge of the MERL team. They should schedule an Extension Workshop for October and April each year. Over the last 2 years, I have seen the benefits of extension workshops. They are not a cure-all but they do bring members into clubs. I will work at the District level to ensure we do a workshop at least once a year.

PROGRESS REPORT ON INVOLVEMENT OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

Many clubs are sending money in for the LCIF initiative to grow the LCIF endowment that IPDG Cindy Iversen is chairing. Lion Cindy has done a great job of pursuing this task. We will have 100% participation from clubs for Leader Dogs for the Blind. We will have 100% participation to LCIF for a Melvin Jones to the District Governor. Clubs in 5SE are still sending in their pledges for CSFII. We saw a number of Peace Posters throughout the District. The Peace Poster is an awesome program that I didn't fully grasp until it was too late. PDG Katherine French does a great job but the DG should play a larger role in getting more clubs involved. We also have very active Diabetes Awareness, Hearing & Speech, Leader Dog, Environmental, Leo and Youth Exchange committees at the District and club level.

AWARDS EARNED BY SUB-DISTRICT OR MEMBER

Two International President's "Certificates of Appreciation" were presented at the State Convention. One to Lion Ryan Jensen of the Mitchell Lions Club for his work on the State Convention and one to Lion Dr. Jeffery Sayler of the Sioux Falls Downtown Club for all his dedication and work for the Eye Glasses to the Needy Program in Sioux Falls. We have seen at least five Henry Baker Awards this year. The most notable was the one I presented at the State Convention to Andrew Gutormson from the Huron Eye Opener Club. He is a special Lion and a champion ticket salesman. We saw 2 Lions from 5SE inducted into the Hall of Fame, PDG Don Selberg and Lion Perry Pollard. They were very deserving and it was great to see Lion Perry, a WWII veteran inducted. We have also given out 4 Proud Lions.

OTHER TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNOR

I would like to thank my wife, Shannon who was a great help in securing my visitation schedule and just in her general support of me being gone on a nightly basis and on many weekends. My kids have stepped up to the plate also and helped mom when I was gone. Thank you.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT

Your District Governor for 2010-2011 is Lion Al Adrian from the Sioux Falls Siouxrise Lions Club. Lion Al has been a Lion for 24 years. He has been the secretary for the SDLF for the last 3 years. He has been on the District MERL team for the last 3 years also. He is retired from the SD Air Guard and currently runs Adrian Painting in Sioux Falls. He is married to Cindy and they have 2 grown children. I wish DGE Al all the best in the next year and will help in any way I can. Good Luck DGE Al!

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Grimmond, District Governor 5SE

Douglas A. Scheller, District Governor
Rapid City, SD



ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS FOR THE YEAR

One of the goals for 2009-10 was to establish 3 new clubs within 5-SW. This goal was met with new clubs chartered in Spearfish (Queen City Lions), Belle Fourche (Northern Lights Lions) and Rapid City (Western Dakota Tech Lions). An initial effort was made to start an additional campus club at National American University in Rapid City, however at the time, a campus advisor was unavailable. It is probable that upcoming changes at the University in the fall of 2010 will make this endeavor become a reality during the 2010-2011 Lions year. A second major goal was to recruit 30 new women Lions members by establishment of new clubs. We have more than doubled this number as presently, 65+ women have been recruited into 5-SW. Additionally we sought an overall increase in membership of 50 members in the district. Currently we stand at an increase of 74 (7.58%) over last year in spite of losing 18 members with the loss of the Kadoka Badlands Club. The number of Lions Clubs in 5-SW now stands at 38.

The 5-SW MERL team has also been active to help struggling clubs regain their momentum. Currently, plans are underway to assist 2 clubs with community barbeques and information nights. Each of these clubs hopes to build Lions Parks to improve their surroundings and attract new members.

INVOLVEMENT WITH CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS LOFY —

This year as in past years, our district had wide participation in the Peace Poster Contest. There are currently 4 active Leo clubs in 5-SW with another possibility (Edgemont) under consideration. Also, 5-SW had the privilege of hosting the International Youth Camp in the Black Hills in July, 2009. This camp was well organized, well attended, and capably led and a resounding success by all accounts.

LCIF—The tragic Earthquake in Haiti provided the impetus to raise funds for our beleaguered southern neighbors. We conducted several fundraisers under the banner of “Honey bees for Haiti” and collectively raised approximately \$5000. In addition efforts to increase funding LCIF’s endowment are underway under the capable leadership of PDG Ken Gifford.

DIABETES AWARENESS—Recently, several clubs in Zone 5 participated in a Health Fair to provide blood sugar testing and information regarding diabetes and other health concerns. Overall, all clubs in South Dakota are supporting the South Dakota Lions Foundations efforts to launch “Screening in a Better Way” as an alternative to the Mobile Screening Unit.

LEADER DOG—As District Governor, I personally emphasized the significance of Leader Dogs for the Blind during every club visit. Additionally, an extensive letter campaign was conducted by Leader Dog Chairman, Eldon Jensen to elucidate the importance of club contributions to this most valuable organization.

AWARDS—Presidential Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to PDG Neil Vollmer -Newell Lions, PDG Wanda Mitchell-Custer Lions, PDG Rich Drabek-Belle Fourche Lions, Lion Nancy Engler-Rapid City Evening Star Lions, PDG Galen Jones-Rapid City Rushmore Lions. Rookie Lion Awards—Lion Verlene Zacher-Rapid City Evening Star Lions, Lions Neil & Eileen Hodges- Sturgis Lions.

Proud Lion Awards—Lion Jessica Zacher & Lion Laurie Wilmott-Rapid City Evening Star Lions, Lion Anton Kaiser-Rapid City Rushmore Lions, Lions Neil & Eileen Hodges-Sturgis Lions.

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS

As District Governor of 5-SW it has been an honor and a privilege to associate with dedicated, compassionate people who want to serve their communities. As Abraham Lincoln once said “I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so his place is proud of him.” I am so glad that I was asked to become a Lion—what a great way to live!

It is also a great honor to introduce DGE Larry Burkhead who will officially become District Governor of 5-SW at the International Lions Convention in Sydney, Australia. DGE Larry has been a Lion for over 30 years and will be an exceptional leader. He has been of immeasurable help to me during my term and much of the success we have achieved can be attributed to his dedication and skillful leadership. I will give him a full measure of my support and I ask every Lion in 5-SW to do the same. DGE Larry is an extension minded Lion with several new clubs planned so—hold on to your hats & WATCH US GROW!

Respectfully submitted,

Lion Doug Scheller, District Governor, 5-SW

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT 5CA
2009-2010

Doug Madill, District Governor
Saskatoon, SK



Amalgamation with 5CN was the main focus for this year and was successful. Next year we will be the new district, 5SKN.

I was pleased to be District Governor this year I also obtained a better understanding of what Lionism means on a global scale. Traveling into the United States and attending conventions gave me a clearer picture what we do for humanity in the world. I especially enjoyed meeting with our- counterparts in North and South Dakota. Having our Multiple District 5 on both sides of the border makes us unique and co-operating with one another gives us all greater insight into how we can assist our communities. Having the companionship and support of Lion Gerri to assist in my role of District Governor also helped.

Our goals for the year, one being, one new member for each club, did not pan out for several reasons. With amalgamation, the new district 5 SKN will need a lot of planning to make our large district work. We will be going to 73 Lions clubs and it is estimates that 1/3 of them have less than 15 members. It is hard to maintain a healthy club if the same members are responsible for all the different projects. Clubs need 'more hands' to serve our communities.

Immediate Past District Governor, Gladi Andrew, previously mentioned approximately 1/3 of our clubs are in communities of less than 500 people. We are going to have to come up with some imaginative thinking to keep some of these clubs viable. In the Lions Year 2008-2009 in the former districts, we gained 135 new members but dropped over 259 members for one reason or another. To January 31st this year our combined districts now total 1,602. We added 62 members but so far lost 64 which is an accomplishment to only be down 2 members in comparison to other years.

Lions International is now sending out a Club Health Assessment and it is quite informative. It lists our Lions Clubs stating total membership, members added, members dropped, membership 1 year ago, number of clubs reporting to international monthly, overdue accounts and club officers who do not e-mail addresses. Now think about this - with Information Technology being so important only two clubs out of 37 have reported e-mail addresses for the four key officers of their clubs. Six clubs out of 37 show that none of their officers have an active e-mail address. How can we solve this problem? Input and ideas are necessary. The new cabinet will need ideas.

Our VDG Richard Hildebrand gave a session at our Officer Training on the 24th April 2010 on the correlation of club projects vs. club health. The conclusion is the Lions Clubs that had several service projects are, in most cases, a strong club. We were also pleased to have Immediate Past International Director, (IPID) Dr. Patti Hill come to our Officer Training. Lion Patti is a member of the Global Membership Team and responsible for Western Canada. In addition, we had members from other parts of the Province who in some cases were members of the Merlow team. Lion Patti addressed us all and explained the Club Excellence Process that can be taken off the Internet. Lion Patti left us with several ideas on how we can build stronger clubs and increase membership.

Though there are many deserving Lions I was pleased that Lions Harvey Bowers and Wes Ulmer received Presidents Certificates from Lions International. I could not have done without Lion Harvey as Secretary Treasurer who kept me going in a straight line.

Lion Wes was dedicated to Lions Quest and provided leadership and input for the 5CA/5CN Convention. Another highlight was being able to present PDG Lion John Boersma with a "Brian Stevenson Award" from LFC. Lion John has the ability in seeing the total picture and one can depend on his sound judgment. He was chosen by Lions International to be on the US/Canada Forum executive and by his acceptance we know that Lionism is important to Lion John.

As one of my choices of charities, I picked the Lions Wilderness Camp. It is in need of a pontoon boat to assist people in wheel chairs to travel safely on a Lake in Northern Saskatchewan. The goal has almost been reached, and it is hoped the pontoon boat will be in use this summer. Our district Sight & Service Fund has assisted Lions Clubs that requested assistance from the fund for this service project.

This year it was decided to combine Lions Officer Training and our final Cabinet meeting. This was done as Lions time is precious. Many positive comments have since been received and it took us approx. 1 1/2 hours to hold a cabinet meeting. I gratefully thank all Lions members for the support I received this year and for all Lions that served on cabinet.

It was an honour to be able to turn the 5CA gavel over to Lion VDGE Doug Reid. He will be the first DG for 5SKN, our new District. I know he has many new ideas and it will be up to all of us to assist him where we will be of the most value.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lion Doug Madill, District Governor 5CA



ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

ACTION PLAN:

At least one new club before the end of June and for the first time in many years, a positive growth in members. I asked all clubs to bring in one or two new members including female members. We have had only one new club in the last 20 years; that being Katepwa when I was Extension Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP:

My goal here was not fully achieved. Many clubs brought in new members but at least a third did not and four clubs still refuse to bring in female members. We are presently showing a -30. However with two new clubs we will have a positive membership growth for the first time in many years. I inducted a number of members and many of those were younger members. Many of those inducted will not appear on the club assessment as of yet but at the end of the year we will show a big improvement.

EXTENSION:

I am very pleased to announce we have TWO new clubs: Grenfell Lions and Moose Mountain Lions. Both clubs have 25 - 30 members and by Charter Night in June, I anticipate at least 10 more members in each club. We are not finished yet. We hope to have a club started in Balgonie before the end of June. Members who worked hard on Extension: PDG Lion Lorne Olver; PDG Elden Gibson; Zone CH Lion Murray Linner; PCC and Extension Chair Lion Marvin Chambers and PCC Lion Leo Grossman. They all deserve a medal.

EYEGLOSS COLLECTION:

In April we had 16 members from several clubs take part in packing eye- glasses. We had a total of over "30,000" eyeglasses and pairs of lenses. They are shipped to World Vision in Calgary and then forwarded to Third World Countries.

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT:

I am very pleased to announce the incoming District Governor for 5SKS is Lion Robert Hill from Maryfield, SK. Rob will be a very good District Governor. With redistricting, there will be many changes. Rob plans to make a lot of changes in procedures and the way we run a district. This is absolutely necessary. With a district twice the size and approximately 1900 members, it will require many changes. The first year is a challenging year. Perhaps some of the changes will need to be modified after the first year; however, I feel Rob is up to the challenge. At our last meeting in Moose Jaw, DG Gordon Waldron and I presented Rob with the Gavel as THE INCOMING DISTRICT GOVERNOR.

YOUR PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO HIM:

I have known Robert Hill and we have been good friends for many years. I pledge to give him my full support and assist him in any way I can help.

Respectfully submitted

Allan G. Cook, District Governor 5CE

Ron Ewles, District Governor
Saskatoon, SK



ACHIEVEMENT OF YOUR GOALS FOR THE YEAR

In District 5CN, we are very close to achieving our Membership Growth Goal for the year. The last few months will tell the final story. One of our goals was to have an outstanding District Convention, and this was achieved with `Flying Colours`. International Director Doc Myers from Alaska was a tremendous hit with everyone. We got the new District 5SKN off to a good start, with candidates for almost every elected office, including our new DGE Doug Reid, and VDGE`s Ken Grummett and Don Miller.

MEMBERSHIP

We are right on target for new member growth, with 63 new members so far this year. Dropped members are down from previous years, and are ahead of target.

EXTENSION

So far, we have not been able to get any new clubs started in District 5CN.

PROGRESS REPORT ON INVOLVEMENT OF CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

(Lions Opportunity for Youth Program. LCIF, Diabetes Education, Leader Dog, Guide Dog, LFC, etc.)
We have had a most successful year with our Opportunities for Youth projects, including a record number of Peace Poster entries (including the MD5 winner), and excellent participation in our District 5CN Public Speaking competition.

District 5CN has also had a very active Youth Exchange program this year, hosting young people from many countries. As well, we are hosting the MD5 Youth Exchange Camp this July at Shekinah.

Our District has been very supportive of the Lions Foundation of Canada, which operates our Canadian Dog Guide Training School, with over \$15,000 of donations so far. As well, several clubs on the district are running a Purina Walk for Dog Guides during the month of May, and these walk-a-thon will probably raise at least double the above amount.

Many clubs in the district will be supporting our annual ``Cavalcade for Diabetes``, where we hope to raise more than \$50,000 province-wide, for Diabetes Research.

AWARDS EARNED BY SUB-DISTRICT LIONS MEMBERS

International President`s Certificate of Appreciation presented to Lion Tom Armstrong, Lion Cheryl Morgan, and Lion Elizabeth Flodell.

**OTHER TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNOR
HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR.**

On April 24th, I attended a "Grand Opening" of a new community hall in Bruno Saskatchewan. The Lions of Bruno have provided the major thrust for the development of this hall, and the entire community got behind them.

I was invited to the opening ceremony to INDUCT NINETEEN (THAT'S 19) NEW MEMBERS!!!!

INTRODUCTION OF THE GOVERNOR ELECT

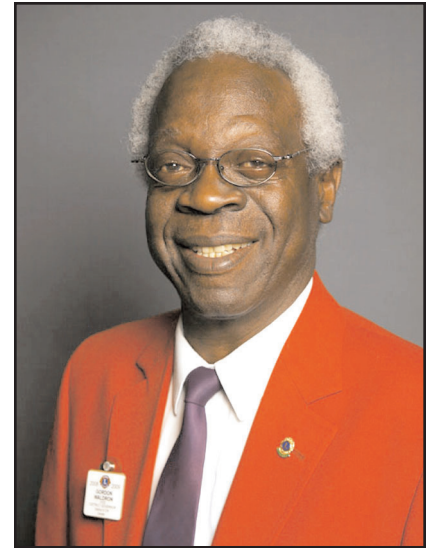
District Governor Elect Doug Reid, from Battleford, Saskatchewan, has been a Lion for 20 years, serving in most club executive positions, as well as several years on the District 5CN cabinet. Lion Doug's primary focus on cabinet was with the Lions Quest program, which he successfully introduced into many schools throughout the district. Lion Doug is a retired teacher and principal, who has worked since his retirement as a Justice of the Peace and a Crop-Hail Insurance Adjuster. He and his wife, Lion Audrey, have 2 sons, and 4 grandchildren. Doug is active working as a North Central Saskatchewan Council Member for the Red Cross, as well as many other community causes. Doug has received much recognition during his years as a Lion, including a Melvin Jones Fellowship and a Judge Brian Stevenson.

YOUR PLEDGE OF SUPPORT TO HIM:

I have already committed to serve on DGE Doug Reid's Cabinet, as the Chair of the Long-Range Planning Committee. Doug is dedicated to a successful year in organizing our great new District 5SKN, and I am prepared to back him 100%.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Ewles, District Governor 5CN



ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS FOR THE YEAR:

The goals for the Lionistic year have not been achieved since thirty seven new members have been added instead of forty; the goal of one new Club has not been realized as organizational meetings are still in the planning stage, albeit a Sponsoring Club has been identified and the town of Kindersley, Saskatchewan, is to be the location of the first new Club. Other locations to be targeted are Korobert, Maple Creek and Fox Valley.

MEMBERSHIP:

We have lost three Clubs; Chaplin, Gravelbourg Prairie Pride and Pennant, some of the members from these plan to transfer to other Clubs such as Herbert, Gravelbourg, and Swift Current respectively.

EXTENSION:

An Extension Workshop was held in Kindersley on February 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2010 with the express intention of starting a Club there. Participants were from Burstal, Cabri, Leader and Swift Current Lions Clubs in Saskatchewan and Medicine Hat in Alberta. About seventy- five individuals and business personnel were contacted and are enthusiastic in forming a Club there; the necessary plans are in place and we should have a Club in Kindersley soon.

LIONS FOUNDATION OF CANADA/LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION:

A letter was mailed to all Clubs with a request for support for LFC/LCIF, it is an annual letter in support for District 5CW which helps LFC to continue their work with the Dog Guide Program; also, LCIF can continue helping those with Sight issues, assisting Countries suffering from natural disasters, humanitarian initiatives, such as diabetes treatment/prevention or Lions Quest programs.

YOUTH EXCHANGE:

5CW will have four International youths hosted by families in July, 2010, Gravelbourg and Harris Lions Clubs are the sponsoring Clubs. These youths are from Finland, Italy, Japan, Spain and Switzerland.

DOG GUIDE:

5CW (Swift Current) has contributed and has obtained one Guide Dog. Clubs are coming together in groups and pooling their resources so as to obtain Guide Dogs because there are times when it can be prohibitive for one Club to achieve such a purchase.

AWARDS EARNED BY SUB-DISTRICT LIONS MEMBERS:

Consideration is being made for the following Awards: Environment, International Relations, District Lions ALERT, District Hearing, Diabetes, Opportunities for Youth and Lions Services for Children.

TOPICS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE GOVERNOR:

Training of Cabinet and Club Officers: Whenever Cabinet and Club officer Training is planned - usually at a central location - the attendance is usually very poor although such Training is planned well in advance and everyone concerned has timely notice. It is rather frustrating to have presenters in place for Officer Training, a Hall reserved and meals catered and only about twelve out of a possible sixty Officers turn up. The time will come when such Training will be done at Zone level with no forewarning.

NO CHILD WITHOUT:

Is a Medic Alert Project. It is a unique opportunity to serve local children and families. "We Serve." It gives the opportunity to help children who are the most vulnerable in our society. It ensures that each child who needs it will have support. The Lions' emblem appears on all information materials and identification bracelet/necklace. A one-time fee will support the school you choose to support. You may pay in installments or a lump sum. The fee is determined by 5% of the school's population times \$100.

I take this opportunity to introduce the District Governor Elect Rob Hill of the Maryfield Lions Club of the new District 5 Saskatchewan South, other than being a good Lion, he has held several positions in his community and beyond, he was also Mayor of his town. He is a man of ability. District Governor Rob Hill has my unfettered support.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Waldron, District Governor 5 CW

MD 5 LIONS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH (LOFY)
CHAIRPERSON REPORT 2009-2010
Maureen Meston-Pockett, Chairman
Regina, SK



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During this Lion's year I have once again concentrated on the Peace Poster Contest. The theme for the 2009-10 Peace Poster Contest was "The Power of Peace". The posters were gathered at the November 2009 Council meeting and were taken back to Regina where a judging committee, made up of local artists, and myself, was formed. The winning poster was selected and I contacted CC Lion Duane Zwinger, Council Secretary Mike Brand and the DGs to advise them of the winner's name which was Ruti Korolski, Age 13, Saltcoats School, Saltcoats, Saskatchewan, Canada. Ruti was sponsored by the Bredenbury Lions Club in district 5CA. All of the posters were wonderful and the judges had a hard time selecting a winner. The successful poster was forwarded to Lions Clubs International on November 28, 2009 in time to meet the entry deadline of December 15, 2009. A press release was sent to each of the MD5 Lions newspapers as well as to the DGs, CC Duane and S/T Mike. The remaining posters were returned to the respective DGs at the March 2010 council meeting.

The 2010 Peace Poster Contest is well underway with the theme being "Vision of Peace". A letter was sent on February 27, 2010 to the District Governors 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 2010 MD5 Council meeting.

I requested a report from each of the Districts in MD 5 detailing the many youth programs each of them was involved in. I received a limited response, but those who did respond indicated that youth activities are alive and well in all of our Districts. Some of the programs identified by those Districts include: Lions Speak Off, Lions Project Pride, No Child Without, Speed Skating Club, "Sled Dog" Track Meet, Lions Quest, Lions Band, Teddy Bear Toss, Child Car Seat Clinics, Air Cadets, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Cultural Participation, Free Swim, Child Identification Clinics, and of course the Peace Poster Contest.

A new youth contest has been initiated by Lions Clubs International. The program titled "Global Youth Music Competition" got off to a very late start with very little notice being given. As far as I can tell the only MD 5 entrant from is District 5 CE, she is Danielle Sametz, age 22 of Regina. (Can be seen on You Tube under "Lions Club Competition") Indications are that Danielle placed third in her quest to represent Canada. Congratulations Danielle. Fellow Lions we have a full year to advertise and encourage more of our young people to consider participating for the 2011 competition. One winner from each Constitutional Area gets an all expense paid trip to perform at the International Convention. The competition is open to participants who are less than 25 years of age. In addition there is a \$10,000 first prize, \$7000 second prize and \$3000 third prize at the international level. The full details of the contest can be found on the International web-site.

I am looking forward to the rest of my term 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 2009-2010

PDG George Pretli, Chairman

Spiritwood, SK



The 2009 – 2010 Youth Exchange year started with a Youth Exchange Committee meeting of our District Youth Exchange Chairpersons meeting in Minot, North Dakota in August. The meeting was very productive with the result that we now have a means to recognize those Lions who have contributed so much to the Lions Youth Exchange Program over the years. Lions can be recognized with a “MD 5 Lions Youth Exchange Award”. The criteria for the Award can be found on our MD5 Lions website and if there is a Lion worthy of the Award, all that has to be done is the Lion’s name is to be forwarded to the (your) respective District Youth Exchange Chairman and it will be acted on.

Our 2009 Lions Youth Camp “Paha Sapa” Black Hills, Deadwood, South Dakota, was a great success under the leadership of PDG Lions Neil Vollmer and Ted Pukas and their Team of Lions. The youth attending enjoyed themselves and a number of friendships, for life, were formed. The Lions of District SW shone in their hospitality towards the Camp attendees and showed what Lions are all about. Our Lions Youth Exchange year started off with the hosting of youth from Australia, Japan and Peru. From all reports received the youth were great as usual and the Host Families enjoyed their stays. Unfortunately, we had to turn away three youth from Peru as we were unable to locate sufficient Host Families.

We are in full swing with our Youth Exchange Program at this time and we will be hosting three Youth from Japan on “Family Stay Only” this summer in addition to the youth attending our 2010 Lions Youth Camp. In respect to the 2010 Lions Youth Camp, the Youth Camp will be held at the “Shekinah Retreat Centre” from July 5th to 11th, 2010 and is being hosted by District 5SKN. We have 43 youth registered and they will be representing 16 countries from throughout the world. All the foreign youth have been placed with Host Families and they will start arriving in June, 2010. The schedule of events have been planned for the youth and will include: canoeing, a wagon trek, swimming, tubing, horse-back riding, monster truck show and race, zip-lining, wall-climbing, touring historic sites and cultural centres and ample free time for the youth to get to know each other and develop lifelong friendships.

We are also in the process of sending a number of youth overseas on the summer exchange program. Presently we are sending youth to Australia, Ireland, Italy and Poland. This is a once in a lifetime experience for our youth and we highly recommend that you take a look at this if you have a youth interested in being involved in a Youth Exchange Program.

We are starting to plan our upcoming winter exchanges as we have received inquiries as to how many youth we will accept. As in the past we will be looking for Host Families for these youth and if you want to become involved in one of the best programs Lions have, please contact your nearest Lions District Youth Exchange Chairperson and volunteer your name and time.