



Fargo Lions News



Serving the needs of our community since 1921

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Meetings held Monday Noons at the Fargo Radisson Hotel

FARGO LIONS PROGRAMS		
Jan 8	Tim Miles	Bison Basketball
Jan 15	Dave Pattengale	Red Cross in FM
Jan 22	Mike Hardy	2007 Economic Forecast
Jan 29	Chad Johnson	FM Jets Hockey

“New Member Drive! Share the Fun of Fargo Lions! Great Prizes!”

JUST ONE LION: If you bring a potential Lion to a meeting in January or February you will receive a gift ...AND...through March...for every prospective member you bring to a meeting your name will be entered in a drawing for a grand prize to be given away at our first meeting in April. **The more prospects you bring, the more entries you get!**

Our club established a goal of 25 new members this year. We have 5 great new people in our club--- Jason Jaeger, Pat Brown, Deanna Sellnow, Carol Cwiak and Jeff Botnen. Let’s get at least 20 prospects visiting our club in the next 3 months! Easy to do if each Lion brings a guest!

MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION: We will be inducting two new members of the Fargo Lions on Monday, January 8. Fargo Lions own District Governor Katherine Tweed will conduct the ceremony.

The 3rd Annual **Lions Take the Cake Auction** is scheduled for Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the Downtown Radisson Hotel in Fargo. The auction begins at 2:00 p.m. All Fargo Lions are asked to "save the date" because there will be much to do and many hands needed! At the first meeting in January, the "Buy a Bidder" activity will be reviewed and every Lion is asked to secure one bidder for the auction. Contact Lion Robert or Lion Sarah if you have any questions about this project.

FARGO LIONS RAISE MONEY FOR SALVATION ARMY: The Fargo Lions donated \$1,170.15 directly to the red kettle and the Board of Directors contributed an addition \$500.00 of funds for a total of \$1,670.15. Thank you Fargo Lions for caring.

First Vice President Lion Tod Dahle has this message to share with the Fargo Lions:

I am proud of how the Fargo Lions helped the Salvation Army. Each time I passed a Salvation Army kettle these past few weeks I thought of my fellow Lions. In my line of work I regularly see what the Salvation Army does for our community, so it has always had a special place in my heart. I have watched them help people whose house has burned. I have watched them support emergency personnel in times of crisis in all sorts of weather. I have watched them comfort those who have had to evacuate their home under stressful situations while we work to bring things back under control. Each of you who took your turn at the kettle can be proud. (and those of us who couldn’t this year can be proud of you.) I think it is great that our Lions club could fill three full days to help such a worthwhile charity. What better way to demonstrate our motto “We Serve.”

Lion Lyle Swor shares his story:

If you watch TV you may have seen an ad for the ND Long Distance phone Service featuring a young boy calling his grandmother to tell a joke.....this is our great grandson. I enjoy watching this 7 year old perform. If you see him remember that Lyle is so proud and eager to watch his future. He is curious and seeks information. On Christmas day at Swor's house, he overheard a conversation I was having with my son and son-in-law about the Lions vision program. I was talking about Lions work with the eye bank and corneas. Soon, my great grandson looked at me and said, "What are Lions and what do they do?" What an opening for a Lion. (Maybe we should promote a club for those younger than "LEOS".) Happy NEW YEAR!

The Social Committee doesn't have a report for January. Maybe the Tail Twister or some of his friends have some social ideas to share????

Fargo Lions Christmas Party: The Fargo Lions Christmas Party was held on December 7th. We were treated to treats and beverages before attending the comedy production of "Wintertime" at Theatre B. We want to extend a special thank you to the social committee for making the arrangements for a fun filled holiday celebration.

Lion Sarah Nathan says,

"I'd like to invite all members to learn more about our club by joining the board for its regular monthly meeting. It's a great way to know more about what's happening in the Club and to learn about leadership opportunities in the Club." The Fargo Lions Board of Directors meeting is Monday Jan 8th beginning at 11:00. The meeting is open to all Fargo Lions members.

The following article was provided by Lion President Mel Olson

FARGO RESIDENT RECEIVES LEADER DOG

Leader Dogs for the Blind (Rochester, Michigan) has approved providing a leader dog for a Fargo resident. David Reierson's application has been approved and he will be attending training classes in Rochester March 11th through March 30.

The Fargo Lions Board of Directors has voted to contribute up to \$200 toward Mr. Reierson's travel expenses. Other Lions clubs in the area have also been contacted regarding providing assistance with travel arrangements.

This is another example of how your membership in the Fargo Lions' Club contributes to the well-being of individuals in the community. (We Serve!)