



Fargo Lions News



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March 2008

Meetings held Monday Noons at the Fargo Radisson Hotel

FARGO LIONS PROGRAMS		
3/3	Lion President Tod Dahle	Business Meeting
3/10	Oak Grove Choir	Holiday Songs*
3/17	Robert Littlefield	Lions Speech Contest *
3/24	Chad Mannie	Burdick Job Corp Program*
3/24	Karla Isom, Public Relations Director	Dakota Boys Ranch*

The "TAKE THE CAKE AUCTION" was held on Sunday, February 10, 2007. The project was a great success with proceeds exceeding our \$5,000.00 budget. A final report will be given to the club when all the numbers are in. Thank you to Lion Robert and the committee for a job well done.

MARCH MADNESS! We are in the middle of a big race to recruit 16 new Lions. Prizes are being issued and you can be the winner. Just bring a prospective member as a guest, introduce him/her to the Tail Twister (don't forget this step) and you will be in the drawing. You can only become a Fargo Lion by invitation. Please do your part to invite some great new Lions to our club so they can enjoy the benefits of serving their community.

HONOR FLIGHT: The Fargo Lions assisted Honor Flight in raising money at the FargoDome on Saturday March 1st. 70 WWII Veterans are still on the list to fly to Washington and see the WWII Memorial that was built in their honor. Thank you Paula Klein for coordinating this effort and thanks to all the Fargo Lions that worked 2-hour shifts at the Boat Show. Raffle tickets are still available for \$10 if you didn't get one.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE: The Fargo Lions will be Marshalls at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Fargo on Saturday March 15th. Volunteers will gather at the Historic Ford Building at 505 Broadway between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m. The parade starts at 1:00.

SOCIAL EVENT FOLLOWING: Join the Fargo Lions immediately after the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 for a bit of Irish stew and a lot of Blarney! Gather at the Historic Ford Building, 505 Broadway, at the mezzanine level conference room at 2:00 p.m. This event is free and open to Lions, spouses, significant others and prospective new members!

Calling all Lions!! Come out and join us at the new monthly Lions social at Grazies Italian Grill. The first social was held on February 21st and a good time was had by all in attendance. The next gathering will be **March 20 followed by, April 17, and May 15** from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Come out relax and enjoy some fellowship!

YOUTH EXCHANGE: Each District in Multiple District 5 has two openings in summer Youth Exchange Camp. Our District 5NE has had no applicants so far for the camp. We should have our applicants set up this month. If you know of any youth who are 15-17 years old and who would benefit from an international experience right here in North Dakota, please contact Lion Katherine Tweed.

This year's camp is the Badlands Adventure Youth Exchange Camp. The Camp will be held June 29th-July 5th, 2008 at the Badlands Ministry Bible Camp located near Medora. It will bring together 20 youth from MD5 and 20 youth from other countries.

The foreign students will stay an additional three weeks (prior to and after) with host families from South Dakota, North Dakota and Saskatchewan.

Camp Coordinator Lion Chuck Whitney is asking Lions and their Clubs for a little assistance. Many Lions camps have no fee. Our camp fee is \$250.00 (US) which covers only about 40% of the cost of the Camp. If we all help a little, this international project will be a big success.

Contributions can be sent to: Lions Badlands Adventure 2008 Youth Camp, c/o Lion Chuck Whitney, Box 176 - 205 First Ave SW, Bowman, ND 58623-0176

We need approximately 20 host families from MD-5 to welcome international youth. The family hosting will be for three weeks, excluding the camp dates. Last year's youth came from Denmark, Turkey, Italy, Austria, Israel, Finland, Tunisia, Belgium, Brazil, Hungary, Peru, Mongolia, Poland and Romania. All will be anxious to learn about our culture, our people, and how we live, work and play. Host families agree to furnish lodging and food in the home during the three-week stay.

If you are interested in hosting – and I can tell you from personal experience that this is wonderful – please contact me immediately by phone, 235.2115, or e-mail, ktweed@cablone.net.

Nominating Committee Submits Slate of Officers

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2008-09: The first reading of the nominating committee's slate of officers was held Monday, March 3, 2008 and will be read again on March 10 and March 17, with the actual election being held on March 24. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of each of the readings.

The proposed slate of officers submitted by the nominating committee includes:

President	Mona Tedford
Past President	Tod Dahle
President Elect	Paula Klein
Treasurer	Jason Jaeger
VP Membership	Mark Hanson
VP Finance	Blake Strehlow
Community Service Director	Larry Zich
Secretary	Pat Brown
Two Year Director	Mike Gallagher
One Year Director	Bob Ames
Tail Twister	Carol Cwiak/Kurt Jankowski
Lion Tamer	Carla Lien

The Fargo Lions Board of Directors meeting is Monday March 11th beginning at 11:00. The meeting is open to all Fargo Lions members.

	Greeter	Invocator
3/3	Brenda Messerschmidt	John Dobbs
3/10	Andy Knoll	Jack Hanson
3/17	Mark Western	Blake Strehlow
3/24	Karna Nelson	Robert Littlefield
3/24	Larry Zich	Mona Tedford