



Fargo Lions News



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Meetings held Monday Noons at the Fargo Radisson Hotel

FARGO LIONS PROGRAMS		
3/2	Maureen Kelly Jonason	Historical and Cultural Society of Clay County (HCS)
3/9		
3/16		
3/23	Speech Contest	Coordinated by Lion Robert Littlefield
3/30	Tod Dahle	Discussion on FBI training

"For Your Eyes Only" Event--Huge Success: The transformation of the original "Take the Cake" auction to the new "For Your Eyes Only" event that was held Sunday, Feb 8th and was a huge success. Approximately 200 people enjoyed an evening of dinner, desert and decadence in the heart of downtown Fargo. Although final numbers are not all in yet, we estimate that over \$10,000 was raised for our Project Fund from this event! A Special Thanks to some key committee chairs who made the event possible, they include Lion's: Gary Hanson, Neil Jordheim, Karna Nelson, Jane Pettinger, Connie Koehmstedt, Deb Reynolds and Joe Dobbs. These committee chairs did an excellent job and had great committee members that helped them as well! Thank you to all who made "For Your Eyes Only" a night to remember! Your committee chairs-- Lion Paula Klein and Lion Robert Littlefield

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: We are quickly approaching the time when new officers will be elected for the coming year. If you have an interest in becoming an officer or taking a leadership position, please contact Lion Robert Littlefield or Lion Mona Tedford.

Lion Robert invites all new Lions to attend new member orientation on April 4 in Valley City. This is an excellent way to learn more about Lionism both in Fargo and around the world. For more information contact Lion Robert Littlefield.

From Lion Larry Zich: The Fargo Lions will be working on street patrol for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on Saturday March 14th. The parade starts at 3:00 pm, the Lions will gather at 2:15 on the corner of NP and Broadway. The Lions will provide crowd control as we have done in the past. Joe Dobbs and the social committee will be planning some sort of celebration after the parade. Thanks, Larry.

MEMBERSHIP: "Do you know anyone who lives or works near downtown Fargo? How about someone who works in the vision industry, or has a family member with a sight-related challenge? Or someone who likes to meet people? Maybe an acquaintance or co-worker who is service-oriented? How about a young professional?" If you answered YES to any of these questions, simply invite that person to visit our club in the next month. On April 20 we will celebrate Worldwide Lions Induction Day, when we will join with other clubs throughout the world to induct new members all in the same week. Bring a guest! Let's see how many new members we can induct on April 20!" Lion Pres Mona.

Bob Ames reports: The Board of Directors, acting on a recommendation of the Lions Community Grants Committee authorized a grant of \$500 to ND Vision Services/School for the Blind in support of the third annual Family Event to be held on April 30 – May 1, 2009 in Fargo. The event includes a performance by actor, singer, entertainer, author, and producer Tom Sullivan, who himself is blind.

The event will also feature Games-to-Go and other activities. Event organizers are also looking for volunteer help. Contact Julie M. Anderson at 446-4417 (AM) or 446-3344 (PM) if you are interested in helping.

The Lions Community Grants Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, March 5, at 12:00 noon at the VIP Room in Block 6 to discuss grant requests.

Lion Robert wants to remind us that the Annual Speech Contest is scheduled for March 23. He will be looking for judges before the meeting.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL CAMP NEWS RELEASE: Youth who want to have an international experience in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota need to register soon. Host families who want to enjoy a three-week opportunity with a young person should be thinking about it now. We need to process applications.

March 31 is the deadline for camp applications for our Multiple District 5 camp, this year in District 5SW, July 5-11 (including arrival day and departure day).

At this time we have two potential youth from our District – one from Oakes and one from West Fargo. The camp fee is usually paid at least in part by the sponsoring club.

We also need host families for youth coming from other countries. The camp hosts 20 youth, ages 15-17, from our Multiple and 20 from overseas. The countries that have sent in applications or made inquiries so far are: Austria, French West Indies, Finland, Germany, Brazil, Italy, Mongolia, Peru, Russia and Turkey.

Please contact Lion Katherine Tweed for further information at 701.235.2115 or ktweed@cableone.net.

Lions Board Meeting to be held at 10:45 a.m., March 9th at the Radisson 4th Floor Board Room. All Fargo Lions are welcome to attend.

	Greeter	Invoker
3/2	Mark Jensen	Blake Strehlow
3/9	Mel Olson	Tod Dahle
3/16	Mike Benson	Neil Jordheim
3/23	Joe Dobbs	Dave Rogness
3/30	Larry Odegaard	(this could be you)