



Fargo Lions News



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November 2007

Meetings held Monday Noons at the Fargo Radisson Hotel

FARGO LIONS PROGRAMS		
11/5	Dani	Fitness for Baby Boomers
11/12	Bruce Furness	NDD Water Project
11/19	Lion Pres Tod Dahle	Club Business meeting
11/26	Gretchen Everson	Minn-Dak Alzheimers Association

WDAY HONOR FLIGHT---On Nov. 2 the last Honor Flight for WWII Veterans departed Fargo. Once again members of the Fargo Lions provided assistance to the Veterans and their families as the prepared to depart. Than you Fargo Lions volunteers for your service.

The Excel Energy HOLIDAY LIGHTS PARADE and CAROLING EVENT is scheduled for ---Nov 20th. We have been asked to provide street security again this year. Sign up sheets and details will be available at Monday meetings prior to the event.

The Public Relations Committee is always on the prowl for Lions Club news and photos. Items can be of interest on at least four levels: Level I – The Fargo Lions Club Newsletter; Level II – The State Lions Newsletter; Level III – Lions Club International Magazine; Level IV – Fargo media. If you know of upcoming events you think would be newsworthy on one or more levels, please e-mail Pat Brown at RedHotHank@aol.com. Thanks!

SIGHT FIRST II EVENT-A BIG SUCCESS: The New Member Committee in conjunction with the Social Committee hosted an exciting wine tasting and silent auction event on October 23, 2007 to benefit SightFirst II. The event, held in the lobby of Alerus Financial from 5-7 PM was attended by approximately 50 Lions and their guests.

Vintner Cellars provided a variety of tasty wines for all to enjoy and Lion Blake Strehlow and his wife Kathy outfitted the event with lots of great food. Attendees had an opportunity to eat, drink and be merry while watching the silent auction item competition heat up. It was a fun event for all who attended! \$1,000 was raised between free will donations and auction items.

Lion Robert Littlefield collected pledges for SightFirst II at the event as well and reported collecting more than \$7,000 in pledges. Lion Cal Fercho and his lovely wife Doris contributed \$5,000 to the SightFirst II Campaign. We thank them for their generosity.

The New Member Committee (a.k.a. newbie minions) thanks all of the attendees, donors of auction items, Vintner Cellars, Lion Robert Littlefield, and Lion Blake and Kathie Strehlow for their help and donations.

The following were the auction items winners:

Texas roadhouse Gift Basket - \$65 - Jerry Nelson
Folding sports event chair - \$50 - Blake

Strehlow
Reduced price condo in Puerto Vallarta - \$100 - Ruth Hanson

Emerson therapeutic massage - \$100 - Katherine Tweed
 University of Kentucky pullover - \$30 - Mark Jensen
 NDSU autographed football - \$150 - Lance Moen
 BBQ set - \$50 - Cal Fercho
 Discovery Flight & t shirt - \$80 - Jeff Botnen

Breadsmith Gift Basket - \$110 - Steph Chimeziri
 Dinner for 4 by Roberto - \$130 - Tod Dahle
 Police ride along - \$80 - Carla Lein
 50 Christmas Newsletters - \$40 - Carla Lein
 Italian Dinner with wine and "hot tubing" - \$100 - Gary Hanson

OCTOBERFEST MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN IS OVER: The Oktoberfest Membership Campaign is over. We will be inducting three new members on Monday November 5th. Thank you for your help. Membership development is an ongoing process. Please continue to invite prospective members to visit our club all year long.

FARGO LIONS LITTER CONTROL will be held Saturday, November 3, 2007 @ 10:00 a.m. Please meet at the northwest corner of the intersection at South University Drive and 32nd Avenue South. Wear work clothes, sturdy shoes and **GLOVES**.

VISION FOR THE FUTURE: Lion Lawrence Zich is heading up the Vision for the Future letter project again this year. Attached is the sample letter he prepared for your use. More information will be available at meetings in November.

On Sunday evening, November 18, 2007, West Acres will open for a special community night of shopping, for customers who have purchased a \$5 ticket from participating organizations. West Acres will open from 6:00 pm- 9:00 pm specifically to host this event. The general public will be unable to enter West Acres without a ticket purchased from an organization like the Fargo Lions. All the tickets sold from our Lions Club that money stays in our organization. Please contact Charlotte Sandvik to receive your tickets; I will have those tickets available at each Lions meeting till the event. This is an easy fund raiser for our organization, so let's sell all 200 tickets. For more information contact Charlotte Sandvik [SandvikC@casscountynd.gov]

The **HOLIDAY HELPINGS FOOD DRIVE** will be held November 9th to the 11th. This project is supported by the Fargo Jaycees and Thrivent Financial to benefit the Great Plains Food Bank. This "stuff the truck" campaign will gather food at the local Hornbacher's stores for three days with the goal of filling a semi-truck with food for those in need. Thrivent is matching food item or cash donations for up to \$20,000. I know we have scheduled a lot of activities for November, but I see them as opportunities for more people to get involved. We will be wearing our Lions colors at the sites so we do get some good publicity for the effort. Lion Pres. Tod Dahle.

The Fargo Lions Board of Directors meeting is Monday November 12th beginning at 11:00. The meeting is open to all Fargo Lions members.

Date	Greeter	Invoker
11/5	Charlotte Sandvik	Katherine Tweed
11/12	Andy Knoll	Neil Jordheim
11/19	Luci Melby	Carla Lein
11/26	Joe Dobbs	John Dobbs