



# Fargo Lions News

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December 2010

Meetings held Monday Noons at the Fargo Radisson Hotel

FARGO LIONS PROGRAMS		
Dec 6	Doug Leier	ND Game and Fish Update
Dec 13	Errin Ginnam	Bat Project
Dec 20	Musical program	Holy Spirit 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
Dec 27	No Meeting	



**Fargo Lions Christmas Party:** Hilton Garden Inn on December 17, 2010. We will start at 5:30pm with cocktails in the in the Tulip Room and then move into the main center for dinner and entertainment at 6:30. The cost of the event is \$25/ person. The menu is awesome: mixed green salad with poached pear, sliced red onion, shave parmesan, candied pecans, and raspberry vinaigrette followed by a duet of filet mignon with cabernet demiglace and jumbo shrimp with lemon garlic butter sauce, cheddar chive mashed potatoes, and sautéed asparagus and topped off with a chocolate zabaglione and fresh berries.

And if that's not enough...live entertainment will be provided by the River Rats Dueling Piano show. It's an energetic, fun filled night with some special surprises just for the Fargo Lions Club! You can sign up at the Monday meetings or email Blake at: [forent@ideaone.net](mailto:forent@ideaone.net).

**PLEASE BRING YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SALVATION ARMY TO THE PARTY!**

**For Your Eyes Only:** Get ready for the party on Saturday, February 12, 2011. We are planning on continuing the "Elite" dinner before, which were are deciding between Monte's and the HoDo. The event will be at Northern Home Furniture and will include The Front Fenders! Stay tuned for additional details! Lion Jason Jaeger is the chair of this committee and is looking for helpers. Please volunteer!

**Visions Screenings** were held at Jefferson Elementary School on November 16. Thank you to Lion Jane Pettinger for organizing the clinic and to all Lions that participated.

**Monday Night Football** raffle ticket winners are being announced every Monday. When you deliver the checks to the winners you realize how much fun being the "seller" can be. Keep a list of the winners that show the most enthusiasm. They will be buyers next year and can also give testimonials if you need one.

**Membership:** New members are the lifeblood of our club. We have great meetings with exciting and interesting speakers. We enjoy fellowship and provide service to our community and we have a lot to share with new Lions. Why not ask someone to join in on the fun today.



The **Holiday of Lights Parade** was on November 23. We experienced some cold weather but the Fargo Lions were still out in force. Thank you to everyone who participated and especially to Lion Lyle Swor and Robert Littlefield for leading us in song after the parade. We also want to thank Lion Blake and the committee for the hot chili beverages following the parade. We needed a chance to thaw out.

**Club Visitations Update:** Lion Lyle Swor extends his thanks to the Lions that visited West Fargo and the Gateway Lions clubs. We have also had a visit to the new NDSU club so we should “shine” when we get to the State Lion’s convention. Lyle wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Community Grants Committee:** met on November 5th to review and discuss grant requests. Acting on the recommendations of the committee, the Fargo Lions Board of Directors approved the following grants: American Diabetes Association: \$1,000, HERO: \$500, ND Vision Services/School for the Blind: \$500 YWCA: \$500, Anne Carlson Center: \$500, ND Caring Foundation: \$400, Boy Scouts: \$250, Girl Scouts: \$250, Riding on Angel’s Wings: \$250, ND Veterans’ Cemetery Foundation: \$100, Michigan Leader Dogs: \$500.

A **Vision Trip** meeting will be held at 5:30 on Dec 7th at Granite City. Come if you are interested in traveling to Mexico (possibly Puerto Villarta) in October of 2011. Let Jane know if you are coming so she can reserve a table! [pettingercrew@cablone.net](mailto:pettingercrew@cablone.net)

## **FARGO LIONS GATHER FOOD AND CONTRIBUTE \$500 TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY**



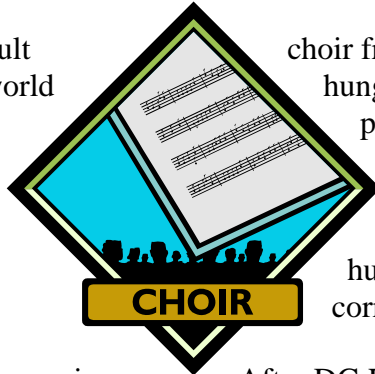
For six weeks--from November 15 to December 20--the Fargo Lions have been/will be gathering canned goods (or \$1 bills) at Monday meetings to help "feed the hungry" in the Fargo-Moorhead community. The project is part of a special LCI initiative to fight hunger during the holiday season. The club plans to give over 100 items and \$500 to the FM Food Pantry on December 20th. A special drawing to provide additional support for this service project will be held in conjunction with the Holiday Party on December 17th. Lions and guests can get a raffle ticket for every canned good they bring to the party. The drawing will be held and a great prize given to the winning Lion or guest. You are not limited to one food item!

For those Lions who have not been able to attend Monday meetings during the six weeks of the food drive, and who may want to participate in this worthy service project, donations are being received. Send your check, made payable to Fargo Lions Club Food Drive, to the Food Drive Committee Chair DG Robert Littlefield, 2212 South 17 Street, Moorhead, MN 56560 by Friday, December 17 so it can be included in the total amount donated to the Food Pantry on the 20th.

Lions are Loving Individuals Offering Needed Service and this is a service project in which 100% of the club membership can participate. Join in and help relieve hunger in our community during this holiday season.

## LIONS TO TEAM UP WITH LOCAL CHURCH CHOIR TO RAISE FUNDS TO FIGHT WORLD HUNGER; COMMITTEES FORMING IN DECEMBER

The Fargo Lions Club and the adult up in January to raise funds for world of seasonal music will be Fellowship Hall on Saturday, Church. The doors open with a performance at 6:00 p.m. The project supports a January world World Hunger Initiative and theme of "Feeding the Hungry."



choir from Elim Lutheran Church are teaming hunger relief. A dinner and choral program performed in dinner theatre style in January 15, 2011, at Elim Lutheran light social at 4:30, dinner at 5:00, and goal is to raise over \$1,000. This hunger initiative sponsored by Lutheran corresponds with the Lions International

The Fargo Lions role is to provide service.

After DG Robert Littlefield's presentation of the project to the Fargo Lions Board of Directors, Lions Karna Nelson and Luci Melby agreed to chair the Fargo Lions group that will complete the following service assignments:

1. Locate local vendors to donate the food for a spaghetti supper to feed approximately 150 people (salad, bread, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, dessert, sparkling cider) prior to Jan 15.
2. Bring all food and beverage items to Elim on January 15.
3. Coordinate a group of Lions (4-6) to prepare and cook the meal on January 15.
4. Coordinate a group of Lions (10-12) to serve and clean up on January 15.

Elim Lutheran Church is providing the space, tables, chairs, plates, glasses, utensils, kitchen, dishwasher, decorations, etc. The adult choir at Elim under DG Robert's direction is performing, "Winter's Grace: A Cantata for Christmas" by Joseph Martin. The program will feature readings, solos, and choir anthems. It's a wonderful assortment of music drawing from Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany.

Elim will be selling 125 tickets to the general public at \$20/ticket. Because the food will be donated, all proceeds will go to the project. The Elim Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) and project funds will be routed through the Foundation. The Fargo Lions Club will be advertised as a co-sponsor and donor and can report the project as an additional service effort this year to support the international initiatives of LCI President Sid Scruggs III. For more information, or to volunteer to participate on one of the service teams, contact Lions Luci or Karna.



Did you know: District Governor Robert Littlefield and District 5NE are one of only 299 Lions Clubs around the world to earn IP Sid Scruggs III "First Light Award" for positive growth membership in the first quarter of this Lions year. Congratulations DG Robert!

**Fargo Lions Board Meeting:** 11:00 am December 13, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room Radisson Hotel. You are all invited to attend.

	<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Invoker</b>
Dec 6	Mark Jensen	Mike Benson
Dec 13	Pat Brown	Mark Western
Dec 20	Katherine Tweed	Dick Schaefer
Dec 27	No meeting	No meeting