

5SW LIONS' PRIDE

5SW SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Julaine-Arient Rollman

First of all, THANK YOU for being a LION! Sable, my devoted guide dog and I, are honored and excited to be your District Governor team for 2014-15. To those who were encouraging and supportive, THANK YOU! Be assured you have a superb group of leaders from your clubs to serve as Cabinet officers, Region and Zone chairs and they are eager to take on the challenges requested by International President Joe Preston, MD5 Council Chair Ken Wetz, and District 5SW. I thank every officer in the Cabinet and in each club for accepting the challenges we

face this year, and together, I know we will make our District strong and "Strengthen the Pride."

This year I sought to collaborate with DG Dennis Van Ash of 5SE on a State wide directory and a State pin. This has been accomplished. The pin is of Mount Rushmore and is the final creation of Lion Pat Gustof. The pins are available to you for the price of \$3.00 each.

Each year, DG's set goals for membership, club development, retention and on-going programs. I, too, have set goals for our district. The most important goal I ask of you as a Lion is to have FUN at your meetings and activities. That may sound trite; however, if you have fun, people will want to stay in your club and join it.

I must tell you that our District has been in "transitional" status for years, and if we want to remain as District 5SW, we

need to turn this around. Everyone is responsible, and if each one just Asks One, it will make a significant difference for us to remain as District 5SW.

Over the years, I heard of projects accomplished by your clubs, and some have brought tears to my eyes. One example is of a 9 year old boy in Selby who was injured in a farming accident. The Selby Lions and Lioness Clubs helped raise \$30,000 to help this child. It is this type of thing that makes me PROUD to be a LION! After all, that is what we do-**We Serve**.

Although you are humble, every club needs to report their activities. For those of you who are reporting, GREAT; however, for those who are not, you need to 'Toot Your Horn,' and get these activities reported. A new cabinet position was created, District Administrator. Jessica Zacher will assist you, if needed, in reporting activities

and teach you how to report your own.

When I come to visit each of your clubs, not only will I have the pleasure to meet each and every one, but we will have the opportunity to discuss what you think is needed for the district. Please call and schedule your club visitation soon, and consider pairing up with another club. Keep in mind I cannot drive, so your assistance with my travels will be greatly appreciated.

President Preston's theme is to "Strengthen the Pride" and my theme is "The Knights of the Blind." Lions have done an awesome job; however until sight related conditions are ended, we have much work to do. Programs to help the blind include Leader Dog, Diabetes, Ski for Light, Reading-Braille, and services of the Lions Foundation and Eye & Tissue Bank. I challenge you to have the conviction to "Strengthen the Pride" and be "Knights of the Blind."

New Officers Lead District



Chuck Edwards-1st Vice District Governor, Lemmon Lions Club



Terry Peterson 2nd Vice District Governor, Rapid City-Rushmore Lions Club



Neil Vollmer-Secretary, Newell Lions Club



Orland Paulson-Treasurer, Rapid City Downtown Lions Club

(Apologies to the RC Metro Lions Club for being left off the list of clubs who assisted at the April CSVI Kids' Fair as noted in the June issue of the Lions' Pride.)

International Convention-Toronto, Canada-July



The Parade. MD5 Lions prepare to march in the convention parade in Toronto. New International Director Robert Littlefield and his wife Kathy of Fargo lead the way. (Photo by PDG Ken Wetz)

Red Jacket. 5SW District Governor Julaine Arient-Rollman appears at the International Convention with her service dog, Sable. (Photo by the 2014-15 District Governor class)



District Hosts Rushmore Bike Ride



(Top) **Instructions.** Going over the procedures, Addie Gramham-Kramer, the event planner from Sioux Falls(center) explains information to Lions Merlin Fauth and Bob Fischer.

Bike riding became the latest fundraiser for the 5SW district as they hosted the Rushmore Ride on June 28 at the Lions Building in Rapid City.

PDG Ken Gifford and PDG Doug Scheller organized the event which was resurrected from a similar event held several years ago.

Metro Lions sponsored the event for seven years and donated funds to the Diabetes Association. The Rapid Valley Lions, now defunct, held the event for two years and gave funds to Ski For Light.

This year's event provided funds for the SD Lions Foundation. \$8850 was given from local businesses and several Lions Clubs. Water was provided by Eagle Distributing while lunch and T-shirts were paid for from event funding.

43 Lions from several clubs in the Black Hills area worked the event which featured a bike ride from the Lions Building at the Central States Fairgrounds to Storybook Island and back. A luncheon was served at the conclusion of the event.

Scheels Sports donated a \$25.00 gift certificate to one of the participants.

"I appreciated all the sponsors and volunteers at this event. Without them we couldn't have done it," PDG Gifford said. "Next year we will promote a 100 mile century ride for the event."

(Bottom) **Lunchtime.** Volunteers and bike riding participants finish the event in the Lions Building with a sloppy joe lunch. (Photos by Lion Terry Peterson)

The Rushmore Cub Wins 2nd Newsletter Award

Newsletter achievement came to the forefront again in May at the MD5 convention in Watertown.

For the second consecutive year, the Rushmore Cub took home first place honors as the best newsletter in the Multiple District consisting of clubs in North Dakota, South Dakota and Saskatchewan.

The Rushmore Cub, published by Rushmore Lions Club President Terry Peterson, featured 17 regular issues, a 2013 yearbook edition and a "Year in Review" publication to finish the year in May and was published every two weeks from September to May.

"It has truly been fun to publish a club newsletter. My club members have been really helpful providing information and news items for the newsletter. Without their support, this publication wouldn't be successful," **Lion Terry Peterson** said.

Congrats! **Lion Terry Peterson** receives the Top Newsletter Award from **PDG Ken Gifford** at the Rushmore Lions picnic, July 2, at Storm Mountain Center near Rapid City. (Photo by Sandie Peterson)



Rapid City Hosts Fall Rally



Ramkota Convention Centre II in Rapid City will be the location of the annual 5SW Fall Rally, "Knights of the Blind," to be held on September 19-20.

Downtown and Rushmore Lions Clubs will host the rally which begins on Friday Sept 19 with meetings of the SD Lions Foundation, the SD Eye & Tissue Bank and the 5SW Cabinet.

On Saturday, Sept. 20, the rally begins at 8:00 AM with presentations by the Foundation, Eye & Tissue Bank, and Leader Dog. After the noon luncheon, the rally will hold four breakouts sessions from 1-3 PM. This will include a presentation from the Game, Fish & Parks, author Nancy Engler, the toastmasters, a diabetes session, and Ski for Light.

The rally concludes with an evening banquet and guest speaker International Director John Harper of Wyoming.

Pierre-Ft Pierre Lions Award Melvin Jones Fellowship

At the June 30 Awards Banquet, the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship award to long-time Lion Sam Tidball, former mayor of Ft. Pierre.

Lion Sam Tidball has been involved with many Lions Club projects such as the community banquet, annual Irish Stew Feed, Habitat for Humanity and other club fundraisers.

Special Award. Club President Kevin Merscheim, 1st Vice President Cindy Fredrich and District Governor Ken Wetz present Lion Sam Tidball with the Melvin Jones Fellowship. (Photo by Lion Gayle Merscheim)



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The Lions' Pride

The Lions' Pride will be published in ten issues for all members of the 5SW district. Every effort will be maintained for accuracy, however mistakes may occur. Our apologies go for any errors that may happen in publication. Submissions by any club or club members are welcomed and encouraged, but please limit them to 100 words. The deadline for publication in the "Lions' Pride" will be the 25th of each month. Submissions should be sent to the editor, Lion Terry Peterson. Send all photos and information to: tlp51649@aol.com

* Check out the district's website at www.Lions5sw.org/

Lion District 5SW Fall Rally 2014

Registration Information

"Knights of the Blind"

September 19-20, 2014

Hosted by the Downtown and Rushmore Lions Club

Ramkota Hotel, Convention Centre II

2111 N. Lacrosse St. Rapid City, SD 57701

605-343-8550

Name _____

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Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____

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Club Name _____

District _____

Registration Fees:

Registration before Sept. 1, 2014.....\$75.00 per person

Registration after Sept. 1, 2014.....\$85.00 per person

Friday night meal not included in registration fees.

Registration fees will include Saturday luncheon and Saturday evening banquet.

Total Registration fees enclosed.....\$ _____

Make Checks payable to **5SW Fall Rally**

Send this form and a check to: **Dick Waits, Treasurer, 423 Quincy St. Rapid City, SD 57701**

E-mail address: waitsrt0@gmail.com

Refund Policy: Full refund to all **Early** registrants who are unable to attend. Registrant must submit a letter to the Treasurer to obtain the refund.

Additional info is available from:

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