

# 5SW LIONS' PRIDE

## 5SW SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

### THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



**Julaine Arient-Rollman**

**S**adie and I enjoyed meeting each of you in attendance at the Fall Rally. The event was successful. We had much FUN, good speakers and skits, awesome entertainment and an opportunity to build wonderful relationships with our Lion family. A huge Thank You is extended to the Rushmore and Downtown Lions Clubs for hosting the Fall Rally, and the same Thank You to those Lions Clubs who donated baskets for the oral auction. Neil Vollmer did a great job in helping 5SW raise money for the SDLF and Leader Dog. The Tail Twisting funds went to the SDLE&TB..

Congratulations to Donna Wetz and George Brown on receiving the Presidential Awards. They are well deserved. Congratulations to the clubs in the district who received awards for MD5.

Just to keep you informed, the District Governor, the Global Membership and the Global Leadership Teams are working hard to develop campus clubs, bring back a suspended club and revitalize other clubs in 5SW. If you would like to be a part of this process, or you think your club needs assistance with retention and new membership, contact us.

Director MJ Knobe of the SDLF talked about using Assistance Grants for your projects. I have written several for eye surgeries and hearing aids and this saves your club's money because it is a \$2.00 match for every \$1.00 from your club. This is a great resource, easy to do and clubs can go together on

the same project.

Do you know what White Cane Safety Day is? In 1921, James Briggs, a photographer from England became blind and painted his cane white so people would see it. In 1930, Lion George Bonham of Peoria, IL added the red band near the tip of the cane as a reflector to identify a blind person when walking. On 7/6/63, the National Federation of the Blind called upon the governors of all 50 states to proclaim White Cane Safety Day. On 10/6/64, a joint resolution of Congress, HR753 became law. President Johnson commended blind people for their spirit of independence and proclaimed Oct. 15 of each year as White Cane Safety Day. Now, this includes the use of guide dogs. There is a White Cane Law in every state giving blind people legal status in traffic. Lions have a tradition of celebrating the White Cane Law through fund raising, local media and driver's

Education, Supplies for White Cane Day can be obtained through LCI's Health and Children's Services Dept.

World Diabetes Day is a global awareness campaign and is held on Nov. 14 of each year. Diabetes is so prevalent on the U.S. that Lions decided it was significant enough to have a Diabetic Chair on each Cabinet team. There are many projects your club can do. An example would be to send a child to a Diabetic camp. It would qualify for one of the 100 million Acts of Kindness that Lions President Joe Preston is asking of all Lions prior to our 100th Anniversary in Chicago in 2017.

Remember, have FUN and "Strengthen your Pride." Because you are a Lion, You Do Make a Difference! Thank you for being a Lion.

Respectfully, DG Julaine Arient-Rollman



**Table Talk.** Lions Dennis Schaar, Ron Bunnell, and Ken Miller man the Lion's table at the School of Mines on Thursday, August 28 to promote a new club on the campus of the School of Mines. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)

### Downtown Lions Hosts School of Mines Club Recruitment

**O**n August 28, 2014, four Rapid City Lions greeted students in the quad at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.

The task at hand was the hope to start a campus club at the School of Mines.

Downtown Lions Dennis Schaar, Ron Bunnell, Ken Miller and Terry Peterson of Rushmore Lions visited with students and explained the idea of Lionism. Coupled with free pizza, sodas and an interesting presentation, 27 School of Mines students showed interest in forming a campus club.

"I was very impressed with the sign up of college students that morning," **Lion Dennis Schaar** of Downtown Lions said.

### Rapid City Lions Clubs Sell Concessions at Central States Fair



Four Rapid City Lions Clubs banded together to hold their annual concession fundraiser at the Central States Fair in Rapid City from Aug. 15 to Aug. 23.

Metro Lions, Downtown Lions, Evening Star Lions, and Rushmore Lions worked 614 hours during the week and took in \$15,810 from concession sales.

Concessions consisted of barbeques, hot dogs, polish sausage, nachos, walking tacos, pretzels, ice cream, soda, slushies, water and Gatorade.

The weather cooperated for a pleasant week and sales soared. "We took in more money this year than any of the past six years," **Lion Ron Hill**, Fair Manager said.

After expenses, the clubs split the \$5751 profit based upon the number of hours each club worked.

**Ready for Business.** Looking for customers, Sheryl Logan of Evening Star Lions, Brittany Williams of Evening Star Lions, and Myron Longden of Metro Lions await the Thursday August 20 afternoon rush. (Photo by **Lion Terry Peterson**)

### Piedmont Valley Lions Supports Schools

As the population of Piedmont Valley grows, the number of needy students in the Piedmont Valley Elementary is also expanding.

This fall the Piedmont Valley Lions Club donated \$600 of supplies to the school children.

**School Daze.** Piedmont Lions Club members Leota Quam, Ethan Dschaak, Ted Pukas and Kathi Pukas gather up the supplies for the school year in Piedmont. Lion Ethan Dschaak is the Piedmont Valley Elementary School Principal. (Photo by **Kelli Wilson**, Piedmont Valley School secretary)



### Rushmore Lions Attend Park Dedication

Numerous pancake breakfasts from the Rushmore Lions club helped the Black Hills Works build their new outdoor park and picnic area.

On Sept. 12 the Black Hills Works formally dedicated their facility and thanked all the contributors including the Rushmore Lions Club.

"This new area will enable our clients to experience the outdoors and take in more fresh air," **Brad Saathoff**, CEO of the Black Hills Works said.

**Dedicated Lions.** Rushmore Lions Terry Peterson, Scott Jensen, Gary Johnson, Ken Gifford, Bob Audette, and Dick Tupper gather at the ceremonies on Sept. 12. (Photo by **Jim Scull of Scull Construction**)



## District Holds Fall Rally in Rapid City

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Gathering at the Ramkota Inn on Sept. 19 & 20, 80 Lions attended the annual Fall Rally. The Rally began on Friday with the SD Lions Foundation and 5SW Cabinet meetings. Friday evening featured a meal and entertainment by the Hill City Slickers.

Saturday's event included speakers for the SD Eye & Tissue Bank, the SD Lions Foundation, Leader Dog and Diabetes Awareness. After a noon luncheon, Lions joined breakout sessions on Public Speaking, Ski for Light, and "More than Presidents." Zone chairs also met with PID John Daum to discuss their assignments.

The evening concluded with the banquet featuring PID John Harper of Wyoming and CC Ken Wetz of Newell.

**Registration.** Downtown Lions Ron Bunnell and Dean Reichert visit with Lion Ila Davis of Ipswich. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson) More photos for the Fall Rally will be included in Nov.

## Ipswich Lions Club Prepares New Sign



The Ipswich Lions Club purchased and installed a new sign for the Ipswich High School athletic complex.

The Lions serve concessions at all home football games and all track meets at this complex.

**Installers.** Ipswich Lions Jerry Brooks, Doug Roggow and Larry Stafford stand on a forklift to install the new sign for the athletic complex. (Loader photo by Lion Nancy Roggow; sign photo by Lion Sylvia Davis)



## BITS & PIECES

- **Lead-Deadwood Lions Club** cleaned the Deadwood streets after Kool Deadwood Nights and escorted a temporarily impaired visitor at a hotel.
- **Piedmont Valley Lions Club** purchased and constructed picnic tables and benches for the Piedmont Park and paid the cost of an eye exam for a homeless man.
- **Murdo Lions Club** removed 850 lbs of meat from the Pit and served food at a local fundraiser on Aug. 8.
- **White River Lions Club** sponsored the Frontier Days Parade, organized it and had a float in the parade honoring the SD 125th anniversary.
- **LCI** will be sponsoring the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute at Oak Brook, ILL in Oct. Cost is \$95. This is for Lions who have not yet been club president. If you are interested, contact DG Julaine Arient-Rollman.
- **Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club** read newspapers and magazines on tape for the blind and helped an individual get an eye exam and glasses.
- **Custer Lions Club** will be celebrating their 70th anniversary with a dinner on Oct. 23 at Crazy Horse Memorial. All are welcome.
- **CC Ken Wetz** has asked all 5SW Lions Clubs to submit a donation to the Leonardo fund.
- **New Underwood Lions** will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at 5:30 on October 11 at the New Underwood Community Center.
- **Lion Tim Brown** of Sturgis Lions has been chosen as 2nd VDG Elect.
- **Newell Lions** won Club of the Year at the Fall Rally in Rapid City.

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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](mailto:tlp51649@aol.com)

\* Check out the district's website at [www.Lions5sw.org/](http://www.Lions5sw.org/)

## LEADER DOG KENNEL PROJECT OFF AND RUNNING

By PID Bruce Schwartz

The "Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Redesign Project" is off to a good start. Leader Dogs for the Blind has asked the Lions of North America to raise \$3 million to help with the redesigning, restructuring, expanding and upgrading of its kennel facility at the Leader Dog campus in Rochester Hills, MI. One only needs to know that in 1990, 20 leader dogs were placed with clients as opposed to 123 in 2013 to understand the need for expansion and facility upgrades.

ND and SD make up Sector 19, one of the 25 sectors in North America and our goal in Sector 19 is to be the top fund raising sector for this one year project. We want to "Beat Everybody's Pants Off!" To make this happen, all of the Lions clubs and Lions in ND and SD will have to step up to the plate and contribute in a big way to the project. Contact your Leader Dog district coordinators for instructions on how to contribute. In 5SW contact Donna Wetz at 605-490-0567.

Several clubs and individuals have made contributions so far. They include: 1. **NDSU Campus Club**—\$2000; 2. **Washburn ND Lions Club**—\$1000; 3. **Bismarck Lions Club**—\$10,000; 4. **Bismarck Prairie Rose Lions Club**—\$500; 5. **Custer SD Lions Club**—\$50; 6. **Groton SD Lions Club**—\$250 for a brick; 6. **Lemmon SD Lions Club**—\$750. This totals \$14,550.

Clubs are encouraged to contribute at the **Leader Club** level. Leader Club status requires a minimum gift of \$7500. Gifts of \$5000 and over may be paid over a five year period while gifts under \$5000 may be paid over a three year period.

Individual Lions and non Lions can purchase a personalized brick that would be placed on the outdoor plaza at the Leader Dog campus. 4" X 8" bricks are \$250 and 8" X 8" bricks are \$500.

The one-year Kennel Redesign Project initiative will end next June 30. Because of the project's short time span, I am asking all clubs in North and South Dakota to make this Leader Dogs for the Blind project their number one fund raising activity for the 2014-2015 Lions year.

The mission of the Leader Dogs for the Blind is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through Leader Dogs, highly efficient client instruction and innovative services.

Make plans now to generously gift the **Leader Dogs for the Blind Kennel Project**.