

5SW LIONS' PRIDE

5SW SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Julaine-Arient Rollman

Sadie and I hope you and your Pride are enjoying your summer, having much "FUN" planning your service activities for the year and asking friends, family and associates to join your clubs so we have more helping hands. We need to Strengthen the Pride!

President Preston is asking for 100 million acts of service through 4 major programs for the next 4 years. Our Lions 100th year anniversary will be in 2017. The Centennial Challenge programs are: Vision, Hunger, Youth, and Environ-

ment. I ask each club to do an activity of service in each program. When Helen Keller asked you to be Knights of the Blind in 1925, you accepted the challenge and you have had a positive impact and enhanced the lives of so many, including myself. Where There is A Need, There Is A Lion!

One of my goals is to have 100% of 5SW Clubs donate to Leader Dogs this year. Your donation, no matter the size, helps a person who is blind or deaf-blind to be independent. Without Sable, crossing the streets would be a challenge for me because I cannot hear the quiet cars. Thanks to Lions-yes, that is you, I am independent. I use myself as an example because you can see how you impact the lives of so many in such a positive way, even though you never know all their stories.

Another goal is to have 5SW clubs donate \$10,000 to LCIF.

This money is used for projects such as River Blindness, eradicating measles and disaster relief. Our district was the first to receive a grant from LCIF for the flood of '72. Honor one of your many worthy members with a Melvin Jones Fellowship award.

Did you realize with every \$300 you donate to the SD Lions Foundation or the SD Eye and Tissue Bank, you could honor one of your members with the Henry Baker Award? Do so next time.

I look forward to meeting each of you at our Fall Rally on Sept. 19th and 20th at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City. We will have fun, some exciting speakers, entertainment, food and conduct the district business. Your voice and vote is needed to elect District, SD Lions Foundation and SD Eye and Tissue Bank officers.

We are seeking donations for the Fall Rally. Funds raised

will be used for Lions' Projects in 5SW. Consider donating a themed basket or other item from your club. PDG Vollmer will be the auctioneer.

We need a club in District 5SW to step up and host the 2015 Fall Rally. 1st VDG Chuck Edwards, from Lemmon will be the DG next year and will be delighted to work with you.

Growth and leadership is important if we are going to keep our district as 5SW in our future. If you have been a club president and a zone chair, consider running for 2nd VDG in 2015-16. I know we have many talented Lions. Our district needs you.

Guiding Lions training is scheduled for 9/6/14 at 10 AM at the Lions Building in Rapid City. District and club officers should plan on attending.

Call to schedule your club visitation so you get the date you want.

Leader Dog Announces Kennel Campaign

By PID Bruce Schwartz

Leader Dogs for the Blind has announced a capital fund raising drive as part of its 75th anniversary. The growth of the organization since 1939 along with the deteriorating conditions of the kennel portion of the complex have made it necessary to redesign and expand the operation in a major way.

The total amount of the expansion needs is \$14.5 million, some of which has already been raised. Leader Dog is asking Lions of the U.S. and Canada to raise \$3 million of that total.

The campaign formally began on July 1 and will end next June 30. During this one year effort Lions Clubs and individuals will be asked to make one-time donations or pledges. Donations may be made in lump sum or spread over a 3-5 year period.

The fund raising drive is organized in much the same manner as the successful 2005-08 Campaign Sight First II. Bruce Schwartz has accepted the roll of Regional Coordinator for North and South Dakota. Donna Wetz of Newell is District Coordinator for District 5SW.

All Lions clubs in North and South Dakota will be approached about contributing to this important cause. The 2014-15 district governors along with the various coordinators will be contacting clubs and individuals throughout the year to provide information and suggest donation levels.

Our goal for North and South Dakota is "Beat Everybody's Pants Off." There are 25 regions around North America and our Region 19 has as its goal to be the best per capita producer of them all.

District Governor Arient-Rollman Holds First Cabinet Meeting



Reporting. District Secretary Neil Vollmer gives his report with new DG Julaine Arient-Rollman standing by at the first cabinet meeting on Aug. 2. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)

August 2 marked the first meeting of the cabinet for new district governor Julaine Arient-Rollman. 25 cabinet members attended the opening business meeting at the American Legion Post 22 in Rapid City.

1st VDG Chuck Edwards and 2nd VDG Terry Peterson presented reports from various district committees. New District Treasurer Orland Paulson spoke on the new budget.

DG Arient-Rollman presented her goals and visions for the district in the coming year along with her experiences at the International Convention in Toronto.

Lion Dennis Schaar talked about the upcoming Fall Rally; CC Ken Wetz spoke about the Lions Youth Camp coming next summer in the Black Hills.

PID John Daum of Spearfish talked about his role as the GLT coordinator for the year.

MD5 awards went to Newell Lions as the Club of Year, Rushmore Lions for Newsletter of the Year, and Belle Fourche Lions for Website of the Year.



Hill City Lions Serve Biker Breakfast

Hills City Lions club members served a pancake breakfast to bikers and other citizens for eight mornings during the annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally in early August.

The breakfast is the biggest annual fundraiser for the Hills City Lions Club. Money raised from the breakfast is used each year to fund scholarships for the Hill City Leo Club members.

Flapijacks. Lion Terry Treman and Lion Skip Tillisch handle pancake flipping at the Biker Breakfast during Rally week. (photo by Bobbi Tracy)



Left: Newell Lions Ken and Donna Wetz along with Max and Suzanne Wetz of Bismarck attend the Wishard, ND Lions Golf Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 9. (photo by Lion Mike Blazer)

Right: At the MD5 meeting in Minot, ND on Aug. 16, PDG Ken Wetz, 2nd VDG Terry Peterson, and DG Julaine Arient-Rollman sing "The 12 Days of Christmas" at the convention banquet. (Photo by 2nd VDG Mark Koller of New England, ND.)





Piedmont Valley Lions Enter Parade

Each year the 4th of July parade in Piedmont gets larger as it did in 2014 when the population of the city grew from 500 to approximately 5000.

The Piedmont Valley Lions Club entered a float in the 100 entry parade using the theme, "Cruising with Lions."

Parade Day. Piedmont Valley Lions drive their float down the route to the enjoyment of the crowd gathered for the annual 4th of July parade. (Photo by Rita Fischer)

North Dakota Lions Host Annual Lions Youth Camp



Medora, ND held the annual Lions Youth Camp at the Badlands, Ministry campsite from July 20-26, 2013.

The camp hosted 44 students, ages 15-20, from 11 countries including Brazil, Canada, Italy, Germany, France, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia, the U.S. and Mongolia.

Lions clubs from Bismarck/Mandan, New England, and South Heart served suppers for the campers. Mac and Judy (1VDG 5NW) Beaudry of Washburn, ND served as co-camp directors.

The Whole Bunch. Campers from the Lions Youth Camp gather for a group photo. Two campers from Newell, Josef Jackson and Millie Hanson, represented 5SW at the camp. During the full week, campers enjoyed a wide variety of activities.

Campers filled their week with horseback riding, swimming, a rope confidence course, stage coach rides, miniature golf, the Medora Musical, shopping, volleyball, basketball, and soccer. In addition, on

Tuesday, the group made floats for bible school children who also were in attendance at the camp that week. Next year the camp will be held in the Black Hills. (photo by PDG Mike Blazek)

BITS & PIECES

- **Custer** Lions Club served pancakes during Gold Discovery Days -360 meals, grossing \$2200.
- **Lead-Deadwood** Lions Club donated \$450 to a family of four who lost all their possessions in a fire.
- **Spearfish** Lions Club helped vendors set up the Festival in the Park and also hosted an Invitational Golf Tournament in July.
- **Buffalo** Lions Club hosted a community wide Bingo game.
- **Rapid City Downtown** Lions Club delivered 2000 pairs of glasses to the Lions Foundation in Sioux Falls.
- **Murdo** Lions Club split wood for the Murdo Lions Club Business Appreciation/4-H BBQ pit.
- **Pierre-Ft. Pierre** Lions Club read magazines, newspapers and other periodicals for a taping for the blind.
- 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.
- **Onida** Wheat Land Lions Club donated \$600 to the Rural Healthcare Clinic to help buy a new EKG machine for the local clinic.
- **Congrats** to the **RC Metro** Lions Club for accepting the challenge of the Club Excellence Process.
- **WANTED:** A club is needed to sponsor the 2015 Fall Rally.
- **WANTED:** A Lion to run for 2nd VDG for 2015.

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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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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.

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