

5sw LIONS' PRIDE

5SW SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Julaine Arient-Rollman

Our state convention was a wonderful success! We had 130 registered and 149 for the banquet event. Sable and I thank Lion Brenda Fauth and Lion Arlene Moll for co-chairing the event and the many other dedicated Lions who helped make this event as awesome as it was!

Our keynote speaker, ID Esther LaMothe, was a wealth of information and an inspiration. We had our own MD5 ID Robert Littlefield and three PID's in attendance.

The Helen Keller Nationa-

Center was the most popular breakout session on Deaf-Blindness.

Love, Inc. Mt. Rushmore's Park Ranger, Ed Menard and others had great breakout sessions. Larry Lashley Trio was our entertainment for Friday night.

Our Hall of Fame recipient for 2015 was PDG Wanda Mitchell from the Hills City Lions Club. It is an honor to have this dedicated Lion from 5SW.

Presidential Awards of Appreciation Certificates were presented to Lions Robert Haskell and Gary Johnson due to their hard work in club development and membership recruitment.

Club Excellence Awards were presented to two club presidents meeting their club goals in 2013-2014: Lions Donna Wetz and the Newell Lions Club and Lion Dennis Schaar and the RC Downtown Lions Club.

Sable Awards went to Lions

Brenda Fauth, Arlene Moll, Rick Brady, Sheryl Logan, and Carla Jobgen for altruistic dedication to Lionism.

Peace Posters were displayed from 9 clubs who supported this program.

To date, 19 clubs have donated to Leader Dog. Please get your club to donate so we can meet the 100% club donation goal.

You did it! This DG set a goal that our District donates \$10,000 to LCIF, the "Strong Arm" of our organization. PDG Larry Burkhead reported at Saturday's business meeting that 5SW exceeded that goal. Thank you to all clubs who donated to LCIF.

Exciting News! An informational meeting was held at the SD School of Mines and Technology on Jan. 27 to develop a campus club. 55 students attended and 29 signed up to form a new Lions Club.

There is still plenty of work on projects for the Centennial Program: Vision, Youth, Hunger and Environment. Remember to Start One Club, to Ask One person to be a member and to Keep One member from leaving your club.

The cabinet voted to send out only one newsletter per household. The former website was disbanded for a free website on LCI. Galen Jones will forward the site info to you.

The 37th annual Lions Day with the UN is March 7.

Send a club member to the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. Let's have 100% of all clubs turn in the MMR and MMA report at least once this year.

Custer will have a meeting to develop a Leo Club. Elect new officers by April 15. Youth Camp will be held July 7-12 and we need your help. The MD5 convention is May 28-30.



Anniversary night. DG Julaine Arient-Rollman presents Sable awards to Sharon Martin, Mary Lou Paulsen, Brittany Williams, and Bev Drabek. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)

Evening Star Lions Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Hilton Garden Inn hosted the Evening Star Lions Club's 10th anniversary celebration on Jan. 8th.

28 members and guests joined the celebration led by Mistress of Ceremonies Sharon Martin.

Rushmore Lions sponsored the new club 10 years ago and seven Rushmore Lions members attended the gathering.

Charter members Bev Drabek, Mary Lou Paulsen, Marilyn Fischer, Bea Gifford and Brenda Fauth took part in the festivities with Bev and Marilyn providing historical background to the formation of the club.

DG Julaine, a member of Evening Star, presented Sable and Longevity awards.

New Apps. Piedmont Valley Lions Club President Burt LeCates presents Piedmont Elementary School student Mallory Williamson and her mother Miranda with a new I-Pad loaded with programs to help her with her homework. The I-Pad is designed to assist children who have sight impairments. The new I-Pad was obtained with assistance from the South Dakota Lions Foundation. (Photo by Lion Ted Pukas)



Zone Visit. Ila Davis, Zone 1 Chair from Ipswich visits with Faulkton Lions Club President Jim Wagner at the January 13 meeting of the Faulkton Lions Club. She gave the club information on Leader Dog. (Photo by Lion Linda Bartholomew)



3 Amigos. Longtime Lemmon Lions Club members Gordon Hersrud, Evie Evanson and Ernie Trogstad gather in 2011. These three Lions had 153 years of collective Lion membership and they all passed away at age 92. Hersrud passed in 2012, Evanson in 2013, and Trogstad in Jan. 2015. (Photo by Lion Jim Stock)



Presentation. District Diabetes coordinator Linda Vollmer of the Newell Lions Club talks about diabetes awareness at the Piedmont Valley Lions Club meeting in Jan. (Photo by Lion Ted Pukas)



Vision Day. Gathering at Canyon Lake Elementary in Rapid City on Jan. 9, vision screeners screened 80 kids. Workers include Carolyn Ness of Northern Plains, Gloria Collins, Lions Wendy and Keith Clanton of Piedmont Valley Lions Club, and Lions Scott Jensen and Terry Peterson of Rushmore Lions.

Editor's Note:

Due to the fact that some Lions are married or living with a partner, a new process will start for the newsletter. Beginning in February, the district newsletter will be distributed to Lions members at a 'one per household' copy.

If anyone still wants to receive a newsletter for each Lion member in their household, please contact me this month.

Lion Terry Peterson

2015 MD5 Convention Moves to Fargo, ND

“Lions Building Community” is the theme for the MD5 Convention in Fargo. Lions attending the MD5 convention this spring will focus on the theme: “Lions Building Community-Teamwork, Technology, and Transformation” when they gather in Fargo, ND on May 29-30, 2015.

The program will feature local motivational and educational leaders speaking on a range of topics related to developing and strengthening Lionism. Local community developer and activist, Greg Tehven, will keynote the convention with his presentation, “Ideas Worth Spreading to Change the World.”

Three breakout sessions will be repeated during the event,

including: Using teamwork to serve; Using technology to engage; and Transforming Lionism to create new opportunities for growth. Participants attending all three will be included in a drawing for one free night's lodging credit at Hilton Garden Inn.

For attendees arriving on Thursday, social activities are available, including: golfing as Osgood, the Maple River Winery tour, a local brewery tour, the Red River Zoo, and shopping at the West Acres Mall. Costs associated with activities (including transportation) are above the basic convention registration cost. On Thursday evening, the “Hawaiian Holiday” early bird social is planned for entertainment, food and beverages. The convention attendees will be going off site Friday evening for the friendship dinner at Bonanzaville, the memorial service, and entertainment.



Ipswich Lions Holds Christmas Party

Ipswich Lions Club held their annual Christmas party in December. This year, instead of exchanging gifts, each member contributed non-perishable food items to be give to the local food pantry.

The club also donated three \$50 food baskets to disadvantaged families in the Ipswich community area.

Holiday Event. Ipswich Lions gather for a Christmas celebration and show off their collection of food items for the local food pantry. (Photo by Lion Sylvia Davis)

BITS & PIECES

- **Presho-Medicine Creek Lions** sold Hoop Shoot sponsorships for \$10 each and raised \$1000.
- **Faulkton Lion Club** pledged \$2500 to Faulkton Area Foundation to provide financial support for charitable and non-profit purposes in the Faulkton area.
- **Rushmore Lions Club** videotaped activities of a blind person who is applying for a Leader Dog.
- **Hills City Lions Club** donated \$1956 for Christmas baskets.
- **Custer Lions** served lunch at the Custer Senior Center on Nov. 13 for all military veterans in Custer.
- **DG visit** to Metro, Piedmont Valley and Sturgis provided Sable Awards to Metro: Judy Cobb, Don Bella, Daryl Moll; Piedmont Valley: Pat Rice, Wendy Clanton, Kathi Pukas; Sturgis: Leanna Smith, Marv Nible, and Bill Baird.
- **Hot Springs Lion Club** assisted in a local blood drive and donated \$100 to the Boys and Girls Club of Hot Springs.
- **Abby Aberle** of Sturgis received an Honorable Mention in the MD5 peace poster contest.
- **Onida Wheatland Lions Club** gave out free bags of popcorn during Onida's "Twas-the-Night-Before-Christmas" celebration.
- **Belle Fourche Lions Club** did vision screening for 20 children in December.
- **Chamberlain Lions Club** went Christmas caroling to assisted living and long term care facilities in December.
- **Spearfish Lions Club** established a Coat Drive for kids on Jan. 2-3 and gathered 100 coats.
- **Custer Lions Club** annual hat & mitten collection with 7 hat/mitten sets, 27 hats, 12 mittens, 2 scarves, 8 gloves and \$60 donated to Custer schools.
- **Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club** paid for glasses and eye exams for 3 people.
- **Onida Wheatland Lions Club** provided \$163 to a family for a child's eye examination.

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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: t1p51649@aol.com

* Check out the district's new website at www.e-district.org/sites/5sw

2015 State Lions Convention Spotlight



Motivation. During the opening session, Quasi All-Haj talks to assembled Lions and visits with them about getting excited for their events and clubs. (All photos taken by PDG Ken Gifford)



The Hall. During Saturday evening's events, PDG Wanda Mitchell speaks during the Hall of Fame presentation. Mitchell of the Hills City Lions Club served two terms as 5SW District Governor in 2001 and 2011. She was elected to the 2015 State Lions Hall of Fame.



International Director. ID Esther LaMothe of Michigan presents awards following her keynote address at Saturday evening's Hall of Fame banquet at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City.