

5SW LIONS' PRIDE

5SW SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



Julaine Arient-Rollman

Sable and I hope the Holiday Season is all that you expected, shared with loved ones and friends, and that the New Year is filled with joy, kindness and love.

The State Convention is Jan. 22-24 at the Ramkota Convention Center in Rapid City. ID Esther LaMothe of Jackson, Michigan will be the keynote speaker. She is a retired school administrator, has been a Lion since 1995, is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and a professional golfer.

If you are running for a Board

of Directors position for SDFL or SDLE&TB, be sure you are in good standing with LCI and MD5, received an endorsement from your club and have a letter of intent to the Board President 30 days prior to the state Convention.

Remember to bring used eye glasses (protected) and used hearing aids to the Convention where boxes for them will be at the SDFL booth.

The World Wide Week of Service is Jan. 10-16. Each Lions Club is asked to host a project in your community involving Environment, Hunger, Vision or Youth for the Centennial Challenge. This should be listed on your club activity report.

It is hoped all clubs will be represented at the State Convention. I plan on awarding two clubs in 5SW with the 2013-14 Club Excellence Awards.

Congratulations to Lion Gordon Quam on his Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest honor from

LCI. It was an honor to present this to him on Nov. 18.

Congratulations to Lion Bobbi Tracy and Lion John Crane who were honored with the Henry Baker Awards at the DG Club visitation on Dec. 15.

Did you take a photo for the Lions Environment Photo Contest? If so, submit it to me prior to the convention so it can be judged and send on to MD5.

The 5SW Club of the Year Award is still in progress and requires clubs to submit their membership and activity reports. Convention attendance awards points and gives you a vote on important issues.

PID John Daum will provide Leadership Training at the State Convention. Zone chairs are asked to have three meetings in their zones and submit reports to the Region Chair and Cabinet officers.

Instead of reinstating the Community Pride Lions Club,

it made better sense to develop a new club with 22 new members. This is great potential for developing a Campus Lions Club at SDSM& T and at BHSU. Zone Chair Tim Brown and CC Ken Wetz went to canvas Whitewood to develop a club there. There are many wonderful Lions trying to help 5SW grow.

Our district needs your help to grow. I am asking Lions to help with these clubs and with others who are struggling to grow membership. Contact Lions Bob Haskell, John Daum, Tim Brown, Dennis Schaar, Larry Burkhead, Gary Johnson, Doug Scheller and myself if you want to help. We need a few more good Lions.

Clubs need to nominate their 2014-15 officers and vote them into office in March so the info is ready for the directory and LCI.

Sable and I are honored to be your DG this year and we are proud to have such a Pride of Lions in our district as YOU!



Parade Lion. Ipswich Lions Club enters a float in the Ipswich Homecoming Parade on Oct. 3. Lion Larry Stafford pulled the float whose signs were made by Lion Deanne Hoyle. (Photo by Lion Dianne Stafford)



Proud Winner. Leota Quam and Gordon Quam of the Piedmont Valley Lions Club hold Gordon's Melvin Jones Award presented by District Governor Julaine Arient-Rollman at her club visitation in November. (Photo by Lion Ted Pukas)



Old Time Celebration. Long-time Lemmon Lions Club members celebrated their birthdays on Dec. 16 at the Lemmon Lions Club meeting. Gene Hoffman, age 87 and Don Merriman, age 92 enjoyed ice cream and cake. (Photo by Lion Jim Stock)



The Drive. Ipswich Lions Club sponsored a local blood drive in November. Lions who assisted include Larry Stafford-Coordinator, Ila Davis, Sylvia Davis, and Dianne Stafford.



Onion Award. The late Lion Kenneth Vollmer of the Murdo Lions Club started a tradition of giving \$50 to one lucky student in Murdo. On Dec. 16, Avery Fortner, won the onion worth \$50 at the Murdo School Christmas Program. (Photo by Lion Tim Hochhalter)



The View. Lion Carol McCarthy and Lion Linda Vollmer prepare Newell High School students for vision screening. Lions Ken and Donna Wetz screened 88 students. (Photo by Neil Vollmer)

Wanda Mitchell—Lions 2015 Hall of Fame Recipient

Wanda joined the Hill City Lions Club in July of 1996. She was active in the Hill City Lions serving as President twice and on the club's Board of Directors for three years. She was privileged to attend the Lions Leadership Institute at Oak Brook, IL – the Lions Clubs International Headquarters – in 1997 and 1998.

At the State Convention in Sioux Falls in January 2000 Wanda was elected as the VDG for District 5 SW. She served as the District Governor in 2001 – 2002. On the Multiple-District 5 Council of Governors she served as the District Representative for South Dakota and then the MD5 membership Chairperson.

Wanda has been active on the District 5 SW Cabinet since 1997 serving in many different positions. She served a second term as District Governor in the Lions year 2011 – 2012. The following year she again served South Dakota's representative on the Council of Governors.



Wanda served on the Board of Directors for both the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank and the South Dakota Lions Foundation. Wanda received a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International and District 5SW. She has received two Founder's Growth Awards from the South Dakota Eye and Tissue Bank. She is extremely proud to be a recipient of four diamond progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships.

Wanda Mitchell was born in a small town in SD. She was raised on a farm until age 10 when she moved to Sioux Falls and she graduated from Washington High School.

Wanda began her career as a nurse in the VA Hospital in Denver, then in Boston and retired from the VA Hospital in Hot Springs.

Wanda served on the Board of Trustees for Custer County Museum and the Board of Directors for the Custer County Hospital and Clinic. Wanda has one daughter (Lisa), two grandsons and five great grandchildren.

Congratulations to Wanda Mitchell, 2015 Lions Hall of Fame!



DG Visit. District Governor Julaine Arient-Rollman visits the Buffalo Lions Club and presents a Sable award to Sharon Tilus. Assembled Lions include President Gary Johnson, Treasurer Tim Rue, Ken Rollman, DG Julaine, Mary Lou Paulsen, Orland Paulsen, and Secretary Sharon Tilus.



Parade time. Custer Lions Club builds a float for the annual Christmas Parade in Custer. (Photo by Lion Lona Faaborg)

State Convention Program Jan 23-24

Friday Jan. 23

- * **District 5SW Cabinet meeting** is scheduled for 2:00 on Friday Jan. 23.
- * **Larry Lashley Trio** will provide entertainment on Friday night.

Saturday Jan. 24

- * **6:30** Breakfast
- * **8:00** Opening and Motivational Speaker
- * **9:00** District & Cabinet Meetings
- * **10:30** Joint Business Meetings

- * **11:30** Luncheon
- * **1:00** Presentation to Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club
- * **1:00** Youth Speech Contest
- * **1:30** Speakers: Helen Keller Assoc., Leader Dog, Love, INC, LCI
- * **2:30** Speakers: Helen Keller Assoc., Leadership, Centennial Challenge, Herb Gardening
- * **6:30** Hall of Fame Banquet:
 - Hall of Fame Presentation
 - Awards Presentation
 - MD5 CC Chair
 - Keynote Address: ID Esther LaMothe

BE A LEADER CLUB

The **KENNEL REDESIGN PROJECT** being conducted by Leader Dogs for the Blind is moving along pretty well. Leader Dog needs to raise \$14.5 million to make major upgrades and renovations to the kennel facility and they have asked the Lions of North America to help by raising \$3 million toward that goal. As of December 1, about one-third has been pledged by North American Lions.

North and South Dakota has been designated as Sector 20 for this effort with **Bruce Schwartz** as coordinator. **Donna Wetz** holds that position in 5SW. Please contact your coordinators to arrange for a presentation to your club about the Kennel Redesign Project and how your club can get involved.

A gift of \$5000 or more may be paid over a five-year period. Gifts under \$5000 may be satisfied over three years. Gifts (or pledges) may be paid in a lump sum or any pre-arranged manner. The folks at Leader Dog say that “We will work with you on pay-

ment options that work best for you. We will not turn down money.”

One of the primary incentives or gifting levels is the Leader Club. To become a **Leader Club** requires a minimum pledge of \$7500 which may be paid over five years. Clubs that are unable to work toward Leader Club status are encouraged to contribute an amount that “fits their pocketbook.” Pledges in sector 20 have ranged from \$50 to \$10,000.

As of Dec. 15, six section 20 clubs have become **Leader Clubs**. They include: **South Forks** Lions Club of Grand Forks with \$8460, **Bismarck** Lions Club with \$10,000, **Elgin** Lions Club with \$7500, **Palace City** Lions Club of Mitchell with \$7500, **Magic City** Lions Club of Minot with \$7500, and **Capital City** Lions Club of Bismarck with \$10,000.

The primary **Leader Club** goal for sector 20 is to have 15 **Leader Clubs**. A large number of clubs have indicated that they are planning to pledge to the Kennel Redesign Project effort at Leader dog. There will be information and materials available at the State Convention in Rapid City.



Zone Day. Lion Del Neumeister, Zone 2 Chair of Belle Fourche, 2nd from the left in the front row, conducts the Zone 2 meeting in November in Newell. Club members in attendance included Lions from Belle Fourche Northern Lights, Newell and Belle Fourche. (Photo by the café waitress, Joni)



Club Honorees. At her Nov. 13 club visit to the Belle Fourche Lions Club, District Governor Julaine Arient-Rollman gives Sable awards to Ron Ensz and Bob Schnaible. Also Brian Kline received an award. (Photo by Larry Miller)



Turkey Day. Lemmon Lions Club holds its annual Turkey Jamboree fundraiser in November as Lemmon Lions Club President Peter Butterfield presides over the event. Lemmon Lions gave away 100 Butterball Turkeys and raised over \$5000. Lemmon Lions Club has held this annual event every year since 1935 when it began after the club's 5th year. (Photo by Lion Jim Stock)



Awards Night. District Governor Julaine Arient-Rollman presents Sable awards to Metro Lions Don Bella, Judy Cobb, and Darryl Moll on Nov. 18. (Photo by Lion Lisa Bella)



Rushmore Night. District Governor Julaine presents awards Dec. 3 to Rushmore Lions Harold Loffelmacher-20 yrs., Bill Carey-10 yrs., Roger Neal-15 yrs., Ron Hill-30 yrs., Gary Johnson and Scott Jensen-Sable Awards. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)

Editor's Note:

This Special Issue, 6 pages in length, is the result of efforts by many Lions who have submitted photos and information during the fall and early winter months.

It is intended as a One-Time only Issue. Thanks go out to all Lions Clubs who have contributed to the Special January 2015 issue! Happy New Year to All!

Lion Terry Peterson



Meal Time. Eureka Lions and some non-club members served over 90 people at the Thanksgiving meal at the Eureka Senior Center. Some meals were delivered and leftovers were given to needy people. (Photo by Connie Jung)



Induction. DG Julaine conducts new member induction at Newell for new members Melanie Williamson, Connie Miller, Barb Paulson, Sheila & Frank Miller, Hazel Heil, and Frances Meyers. (Photo by Neil Volmer)

BITS & PIECES

- **MD5** has a VDG trainer position open as of 6-30-15. If interested contact Mike Brand: vc1ion@msn.com
- **Great Plains** Lions Leadership Institute will be held in Jamestown, ND July 24-26 for any Lion who has not served at District Governor. Contact: t.smarsh@att.net
- **Pierre-Ft. Pierre** Lions Club announces the passing of long time Lions club member Sam Tidball on Nov. 18.
- **Wall Lions** Club reorganized the club on Dec. 1 with new members added and new officers elected. New officers include President Gordy Kraut, Vice President Eric Brunneman, Secretary Wendy Brunneman, and Treasurer Cindy Weaver.
- **Hills City** Lions Club prepared Christmas baskets for local disadvantaged families in December.
- **Lead-Deadwood** Lions Club volunteered for the Deadwood Kidweird Halloween event. Lions worked in the Haunted House, registered all participants, and helped with the costume contest.
- **Ipswich** Lions Club donated three \$50 food baskets to disadvantaged families in December and prepared Infant See Materials for the OB ward at Avera St. Luke's Hospital in Aberdeen.
- **Hot Springs** Lions Club donated 30 turkeys to the local food bank and did Christmas Caroling at Seven Sisters Nursing Home.
- **Buffalo** Lions Club announces the passing of Lions Club member Ronald Cornella.
- **Spearfish** Lions Club has donated \$6000 for construction of batting cages for the Spearfish Youth Baseball league and will build 2 little libraries at the Ray Fidler Lions Park.
- **Rushmore** Lions rang bells for Salvation Army and took in over \$600 on Nov. 29.
- **Downtown** Lions Club promoted the districts' vision calendar raffle in November.
- **DG Julaine** Arient-Rollman was named as a "Gold Paw Achiever" for positive membership growth in the 5SW district.
- **Piedmont** Valley Lions assisted in vision screening and bussed tables at Pizza Ranch. The club also wrapped gifts for disadvantaged families in the Piedmont area and collected 300 books to be placed in the food baskets that were distributed to local families.
- **Newell** Lions Club attended the High School Leadership Day and donated \$50 to the local food pantry.
- **Rushmore** Lions announces the passing of long time member Rudy Rudel on December 30.
- **Rapid City Metro** Lions bought Christmas gifts and a Christmas Dinner for a local family.
- **Two SD** Lions Foundation positions are open to be filled by Jan. 24. If interested, contact marie.ben@usd.edu by Jan. 4.
- **Murdo** Lions Club served 66 people for its Thanksgiving Dinner.
- **Ipswich** Lions Club donated \$500 to the Ipswich Schools towards the sound system in their new theatre and also hosted a blood drive on Nov. 12.
- **Chamberlain** Lions Club donated 160 pairs of eyeglasses to the district.
- **White River** Lions Club operated a booth at the White River High School FCCLA Health Fair and donated \$200 to an individual who lost his house in a fire.
- **RC Metro** Lions sold coupon books for a local business and raised \$690.
- **Rapid City** Downtown Lions Club rang bells for the Salvation Army during the December Christmas season.
- **Lion Ray** Erikson served as Santa Claus at the Murdo School Christmas Program. Murdo Lions sacked 226 bags of peanuts and candy to present to the Murdo School kids on December 16.
- **White River** Lions Club sponsored a Santa Claus Day at the Mellette County Historical Museum and sacked 160 bags of candy for children who attended the special event.

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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/

"Strengthen the Pride"

Lions State Convention, January 22-24, 2015

Best Western Ramkota Convention Center, Rapid City, SD

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Registration Fees:

Registration before December 31, 2014.....	\$85.00 per person	\$ _____
Registration after January 1, 2015.....	\$90.00 per person	\$ _____
Saturday night banquet only.....	\$35.00 per person	\$ _____

Checks payable to: **2015 Lions State Convention**

Send registration to: Lion Orland Paulsen, 1100 Duffer Dr., Rapid City, SD 57702

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