

5 SW LIONS' PRIDE

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Club Activities

Miller Lions Club



Dunkin Donuts. Miller Lions Club members hold a community fundraiser in November to raise money for their community Park. The club raised \$1200 for the park as they sold 142 dozen donuts. (Photo by Lion Laine Warkenthien)



Xmas food. Miller Lions also deliver 40 food baskets to area families on December 19th. Lions club members collected food from business and private donations. (Photo by Lion Laine Warkenthien)



Custer Lions Club joins Parade

On December 5, the Custer Lions Club lit the night with their annual entry in the Custer Christmas Parade.

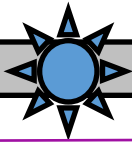
Club members transformed their Gold Discovery Day Parade summer float to a Christmas float at President Bruce Doughty's barn where 11 club members got together for food and fellowship. (Photo by Lion Dusty Dustman)



Speaker. Lion Bruce Schwartz of Bismarck Lions Club, Multiple District Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairperson, talks to the Ipswich Lions Club members during their November meeting. Schwartz gave club members information about the Leader Dog program and the Kennel redesign project. (Photo by Lion Sylvia Davis)



Winner. MD5 Peace Poster Chair Maureen Meston-Pockett holds the 2015 Peace Poster Contest winner. Shayna Taylor, an 8th grader at North Battleford, Saskatchewan, earned the prize for the annual contest. (Photo by Lion Rick Pockett)



New Year Brings New Lions Opportunities

We are at the mid term of the year's activities. We can stop and review the work we have done and think about what we have left to accomplish.

Our Centennial Service project continues as all Lions are asked to participate in one project involving vision, hunger, youth and environment. Club secretaries should report these activities so that we can see what we are doing.

As we approach our 100th anniversary as a service organization, Lions will experience changes. We will notice change in our procedures and practices as we become more open to different groups and individuals seeking to become part of Lions.

Millions of people have joined Lions to make the world a better place.

—Lion Robert Littlefield, International Director



Raffle Prize. Arlene and Art Marty present the quilt that they won in December from the Evening Star Lions Club. Club members sold raffle tickets in Rapid City during the fall and picked the winners of the contest on December 9 at the Christmas Party they attending jointly with the Rushmore Lions Club. Yvonne Wohlhueter won 2nd prize in the contest, \$100 in cash. (Photo by Lion Bev Drabek)



Ice Cream Newell Lions Club members host an ice cream social at the New Dawn Center on December 29. Lions Ken Wetz, Chuck and Betty Bruner assisted with the social.

Club members also sold tickets at the West River Basketball Classic at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center in Rapid City. Lions Dick Mettler, Dave Zwetzig and Ken Wetz sold tickets at the event. (Photo by Lion Donna Wetz)



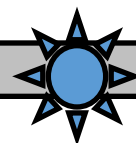
Christmas Cheer. Lead-Deadwood Lions Club President Ben Mahoney presents the Lord's Cupboard Director Sharon Narem with a donation of \$250 in December. Club members also sponsored 3 area families by providing gifts and food for Christmas. (Photo by Lion Sharon Martinisko)



Christmas Time. White River Lions assist with Santa Claus Day at the Mellette County Historical Museum on December 12 in White River. Santa Claus and the Lions club members visited with over 100 area children during the event. Santa Claus also visited with residents of the White River Healthcare Center. (Photo by Lion Jan Endes)



Christmas Treat. Lion Pat Corbin of the Rushmore Lions Club introduces Stephanie Crow who brought cookies for the club after receiving a \$1200 donation to buy a special chair for her daughter, Savannah, who suffers from cerebral palsy and vision problems. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)



The District Governor

Well, the year is going by fast. It seems like it was just a couple of months ago that it started. The club visitations are going well. I have three clubs scheduled for February and one for March. I still have three or four more clubs to schedule.

I attended the South Dakota State Lions Convention in Aberdeen on the last weekend of January. There was a great turnout with about 158 Lions attending the event.

At the cabinet meeting, we discussed the future of this newsletter. The decision to continue the newsletter with 7 issues a year, which means one every six weeks, was approved by those in attendance. It should save the district about \$4000 a year. This newsletter is also shown on the 5SW district web site and can be printed out and distributed if necessary.

Again I would like to stress the importance of supporting Leader Dog and their restoration project, LCIF (internationally and District 5SW), the Leonardo Fund, SDF, the Dakota Sight & Health Bank (eye and tissue bank) and any other Lion supported fund.

Please remember my goal of one new woman member be installed as a Lion in all Lions Clubs within the district.

Upcoming events for all Lions include:

>MD5 Council of Governors on March 18-19 in Minot, North Dakota.

>MD5 Convention on May 26-28 in Regina, Sask., Canada.

>Lions International Convention, June 24-28 in Fukuoka, Japan.

>Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute on July 22-24 at Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota.

>USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum on September 15-17 in Omaha, Nebraska.

Until next month, may the Good Lord bless and keep you.



Chuck Edwards

Special Announcements

1. Clubs in need of new member orientation should contact Lion Michael Reade at:
mikereade79@gmail.com
2. All Clubs are reminded to begin the election process for new club officers.

Elections must be completed by April 15 and reported to the Region Chair Galen Jones for inclusion in the new directory.

3. Elections at the State Convention: SD Lions Foundation, Brittany Tomich-Evening Star Lions & Terry Peterson-Rushmore Lions, SD Lions Eye & Tissue Bank-Kevin Martin-Rushmore Lions.

Beginning in February, the Lions Pride newsletter will be published every 6 weeks rather than each month.

***Hills City Lions Club** prepared food baskets for 220 people, paid for an eye exam and glasses for 1 individual.

***Downtown Lions Club** rang bells for the Salvation Army; donated \$1000 to Sky for Light, and helped prepare backpacks for needy children.

***Murdo Lions Club** sacked 242 bags of nuts and candy for 200 kids, K-6th grade and presented them on Dec. 17; gave out two \$500 scholarships; sold tickets at basketball games.

***Spearfish Lions Club** accepted donations of coats in lieu of admissions to basketball games.

***Buffalo Lions Club** sold tickets at games, held bingo night and a blood drive.

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***Belle Fourche Lions Club** screened 60 middle school and preschool kids.

***Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club** read newspapers and magazines to tape for the blind & collected glasses.

***Rushmore Lions Club** collected glasses, and gathered 164 lbs. of food for the food bank at their Christmas party.

***Presho Medicine Creek Lions Club** sold concessions at basketball games, sold sponsorships for hoop shoots, and donated \$500 to a family with expenses from a premature birth.

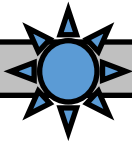
***Gregory Lions Club** donated \$1000 to the local food bank.

***Hot Springs Lions Club** donated \$50 to the Western Senior Meals program, assisted with hanging Christmas in the Hills lights in Hot Springs, collected funds for their mint program and refilled it, and donated \$50 to the Boys & Girls Club.

***Lead-Deadwood Lions Club** delivered gifts and food to three families, and hung lighted garland on Deadwood's Main Street.

***Custer Lions Club** collected annual winter gear clothing for elementary students, donated \$300 to the YMCA, donated \$250 to The Storehouse, donated \$200 to the Senior Meals program, donated \$200 to the Custer Ministerial Alliance.

*The theme for the 2016-17 **Peace Poster** contest is: "A Celebration of Peace." Encourage your communities' youth, ages 11-13 to enter the contest. Visit the LCI website and the Club Supplies Store for the newest Peace Poster Kit.



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The Lions' Pride

The Lions' Pride will be published in nine issues, every six weeks 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 28th of each month. Submissions should be sent to the editor, Lion Terry Peterson. Send all photos and information to:

DISTRICT WEBSITE: E-DISTRICT.ORG/SITES/5SW

State Lions Convention Aberdeen, SD January 28-29 2016



Convention Highlights International Director Bill Phillipi of Kansas presents Lion Larry Burkhead of Rapid City Metro Lions Club, a Presidential Appreciation Certificate from DG Chuck Edwards. **(Left)** >Lion Geraldine Ray of the Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions Club, Co-Chair of next year's state convention in Pierre, reads an invitation to all Lions. **(Right)** >ID Bill Phillipi presents PCC Ken Wetz of the Newell Lions Club with a Presidential Appreciation Certificate. **(Bottom Left)** **(Photos by Lion Terry Peterson)**



Leadership 2nd VDG Tim Brown, 1st VDG Terry Peterson, ID Bill Phillipi, Lion Vicki Phillipi, and DG Chuck Edwards gather at the end of the Saturday evening banquet. **(Photo by Lion Donna Wetz)**

