

5^{SW} LIONS' PRIDE

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Club Activities

Murdo Lions Club



Christmas Candy for Kids marks an annual event for the Murdo Lions Club. Club members sacked Christmas candy on Dec. 7 and gave it out to Murdo Elementary students on December 15 at 8:00.

Five lucky kids drew an egg in their candy bags which was worth \$10 in Murdo Cash. One lucky youngster found an onion in the bag which translated to \$50 in Murdo Cash to be spent anywhere in the town. The Murdo Chamber of Commerce provided the cash and the Murdo Lions Club provided the labor.

Candy Anyone? Murdo Lions Club members Brian O'Reilly, Tim Hochhalter, Larry Ball, Dennis Moore, President Monty Anker, Doc Kinsley and Jim Butt gather at the local grocery store, Tuesday evening, December 7 to sack candy for elementary kids, grades K-6 to be given out on December 15. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)



New items. Lion Marcus Sanchez, President of the School of Mines Lions Club accepts the new bell and gavel from Lion Dick Waits of the Rushmore Lions Club on Nov. 19.. (Photo by Lion Gary Johnson)



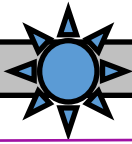
Big Wigs. District and club officers District Governor Chuck Edwards, 1st VDG Terry Peterson, Zone 3 Chair Carla Jobgen, 2nd VDG Tim Brown and President Ron Bunnell of the Downtown Lions Club gather to discuss mentoring new members at a meeting at the Lions Building in Rapid City on Nov. 17. (Photo by Lion Kyle Kruse)



Sweets. Lions Lillian Lane, Lorraine Hlanka, and Emil Hlanka of the Gregory Lions Club make cotton candy at the Roseland Country Care Center in Gregory this past summer. (Photo by Lion Mavis Klein)



Membership Ipswich Lions Club members Lester Forkel and Colleen Forkel receive 10 year membership certificates from District Governor Chuck Edwards. (Photo by Lion Sylvia Davis)



Winners. Piedmont Valley Lions Club announced the Peace Poster Contest winners. 6th grade winners, back: 1st-Carlie Schlosser, 2nd-Mickayla Kullbom, 3rd-Rose Miles. 5th grade winners, front: 1st-Cali Ewing, 2nd-Makenzi Kaski, 3rd- Tiana Williamson. All winners received a certificate, a cash prize and an art set from the Piedmont Valley Lions Club. (Photo by school staff)



Memorial. Custer Lions Club gathers at the Crazy Horse Memorial to help monitor the South Dakota Fallen Heroes traveling memorial in October. The memorial featured photos of 35 soldiers and airmen from South Dakota who died serving their country in Kuwait, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Lions Dave Thom, Patrick Lickteig, Edie and Dusty Dustman assisted with the showing of the memorial Oct. 8 through October 13. (Photo by Lion Dusty Dustman)

Make Diabetes Awareness a Priority

by ID Robert Littlefield

According to the World Health Organization, diabetes is a chronic disease that occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces.

Over time, diabetes can damage the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves. It increases the risk of heart disease and stroke. It can lead to foot ulcers, infection and sometimes limb amputation.

Lions clubs need to get involved to raise awareness by hosting Stride and diabetes screening events. Stride includes walking, dancing, cycling, and running. Clubs can sponsor these events.

In SSW Lion Linda Vollmer is the Diabetes chair. I encourage all Lions Clubs to consider adding a diabetes awareness project this year. Reach out to your community and find ways to provide information. For assistance with this, contact Linda at: lvollmer@sdplains.com or 605-490-0386.

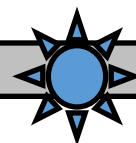


Sight Device. The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club and the SD Lions Foundation donated a clear view magnifier for the Rawlins Municipal Library on Nov. 20. Library staff members Pat Weeldreyer and Robin Schrupp accept the device from Lions Sarah Aker and Dave Kruger. (Photo by Lion Kevin Merscheim)

Club Visitation. On October 27, 1st Vice District Governor Terry Peterson visited the Rapid City Metro Lions Club as part of the District Governor's annual visitation. President Ken Bella of Metro greets 1st VDG Peterson at the beginning of the meeting. Peterson visited Metro with his wife, Sandie. (Photo by Lion Darryl Moll)



Ring-a-Ding. As they ring Christmas bells at the Westside Safeway in Rapid City, Lions Denis Dormann and PDG Gary Johnson of the Rushmore Lions Club look for donations from customers for the annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing event. Rushmore Lions worked all day on Saturday, November 28 to collect donations. (Photo by Lion Terry Peterson)



The District Governor

Happy New Year to all the Lions and their clubs in 5SW. This is my 6th monthly letter. I hope that this message finds all Lions happy and healthy and eager to get into the spirit of the season.

The SD State Lions Convention is coming on Jan. 29 and 30th at the AmericInn in Aberdeen. The registration form is on the back page of this issue. I am looking forward to seeing as many Lions as possible. For those who have not registered yet, please do so soon. It should be a grand time.

I just received the financial statement for the district and at this time we are in the red. Hopefully we can get back into the black when the dues statements are sent out in January. I ask that all clubs please pay your dues promptly.

I want to thank DG Elect Terry Peterson and 1st

VDG Elect Tim Brown for handling the visitations that I assigned them. I ask that for those clubs they will be visiting, that you welcome them as they bring my thoughts and goals for the year.

Again, I would like to remind all Lions and their clubs of my goals for the year. I would like to see a growth in the number of women as Lions. To make it even better, it would be great if every club in 5SW inducted at least one woman into their club. I do understand that there are clubs that do not include women and I do respect that. I would like to have some feedback on this issue. Drop me a line at my email address if you have thoughts on this: cedwards@sdplain.com.

We, as Lions, still need to support the SDLF and Eye and Tissue Bank. Also I would like to see all the Lions Clubs in 5SW donate a total of \$10,000 to LCIF and to also support the Leonardo fund.

A reminder of my last goal is a request for more Lions to become involved at their club, district and multiple district level.

My club visitations are going well. I still need to hear from some clubs about dates for a club visitation.

Until next month, may the Good Lord be with you.



Chuck Edwards

South Dakota Hall of Fame Nominees

◆ PDG Delmer Hofer

PDG Delmer Hofer was an educator for 40 years and served as a public school superintendent for the last 20 years. PDG Hofer and his wife Shirley are members of the Freeman Lions Club. In his 31 years as a Lion, Hofer has served as DG, region and zone chair, club president, secretary, board member and chair of various committees. In 2009 he received the International Presidents Medal for Leadership as a District Coordinator for Campaign Sight First II.

In Freeman, PDG Delmer serves on the board of trustees of the Freeman Regional Health Services. He has been the coordinator for several Elderhostel Programs and has volunteered in his community since his retirement.

PDG Delmer and his wife Shirley are Melvin Jones recipients and have two children and five grandchildren.

◆ Doctor Thomas White

Doctor Thomas White has been a member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club for 40 years. He has served on their Board of Directors for 7 years and held positions director through President. In 1980 Dr. Tom established the Mid-Central Eye Bank. Through his efforts, the Mid-Central Eye Bank became the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank in 1991.

Dr. Tom as served as Executive Director, recovery specialist and quality control officer for many years. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Sight and Service Foundation, now known as the SD Lions Foundation. He continues to serve as a Medical Director for the Eye & Tissue Bank

Dr. Tom received a Melvin Jones Fellowship. He and his wife Nancy have two children and three grandchildren

***Lead/Deadwood Lions club** acted as greeters, concessionaires, and ticket sellers for the production, "Crimes of the Heart" on Nov. 13 in Lead; participated in the Veteran's Day Salute at the Deadwood Mountain Grand where they served a free meal for Vets; donated \$150 to purchase toys for First Step, a local daycare center.

***Murdo Lions Club** donated \$500 to the Jones County Food Bank; served 40 people for Thanksgiving Dinner at the school; dug 60 holes for new trees next spring at the Murdo Golf Course.

***Ipswich Lions Club** coordinated a blood drive on Nov. 11 for 40 donors, provided infant see materials to OB/Birthplace unit of Avera St. Lukes Hospital in Aberdeen.

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***Newell Lions Club** donated \$100 to food pantry and brought food for the Christmas dinner to the pantry; went to the New Dawn Center for an ice cream/cookie social and sang Christmas Carols; sold tickets at 3 basketball games.

***Chamberlain Lion Club** recycled aluminum cans in November and earned \$162.

***Hill City Leo Club** members cleaned highways on Nov. 7 and the HC Lions Club assisted with the State Buffalo Auction raising \$730.

***Presho Medicine Creek Lions Club** will sell football books and host a school hoop shot contest this year.

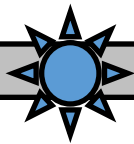
***Hot Springs Lions Club** hosted a blood drive on Nov. 12 for 60 donors; donated money for a Christmas party at the Boys/Girls Club and gave money to Meals on Wheels.

***Rushmore Lions Club** rang bells for the Salvation Army, helped cleanup the pumpkin patch, and did vision screening in Rapid City schools.

***Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club** donated a reader/magnifier to the Rawlins Library, read magazines and newspapers to tape for visually impaired, and paid for an exam and glasses for 1 individual.

***White River Lions Club** screened 20 kids at Norris School on Nov. 3 and 27 kids at the White River School on Nov. 18.

***Onida Wheatland Lions Club** gave out bags of popcorn during the "Twas-Night-Before-Christmas" celebration in Onida on Dec. 4.



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The Lions' Pride

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Aloha Lions!

2016 South Dakota State Lions Convention.....AmericInn Aberdeen January 29-30, 2016

Convention Registration:

First and Last Name _____ ()Lion () Campus Lion () Leo () Spouse
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Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____ Club Name _____ District _____

Fees: (Please fill in # of registrations/tickets) **Note:** Registration includes hors d'oeuvre on Friday evening, lunch and banquet on Saturday. Breakfast is provided by the hotel for guests registered at the .

	Before Jan. 1	On/After Jan. 1	
_____ Regular Member Registration	\$90.00	\$95.00	\$ _____
_____ Campus club Members/Leos	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$ _____
_____ Additional Saturday Night Banquet	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$ _____
_____ Additional Saturday Luncheon	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$ _____
Total Registration fees:			\$ _____

Make checks payable to: **SD State Lions Convention 2016**

Send registration to: **Lion Sharon Paranto, 2414 13th Ave. Aberdeen, SD 57401**

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms is being held at the AmericInn for the convention at a rate of \$99.90 plus tax per night. You must register by Dec. 28 in order to get the discounted rate. Be sure to mention that you are part of the convention when making the reservation. This rate includes a breakfast and free Wi-Fi, airport transportation, parking and an on site restaurant & bar.

Convention Co-Chairs: Lion Marje Kaiser, Marje.Kaiser@sdsbvi.northern.edu, 605-380-0112; Lion Sharon Paranto, Sharon.Paranto@northern.edu, 605-216-7814
(requests for refunds must be submitted in writing no later than 7 days after the conclusion of the convention)