

Convention

Deadwood, May 17-20

See details and registration form on the back page for the Multiple District 5 Convention.

We're on the Web:

E-District.org/sites/5SW



Parade. During the Christmas Parade in Custer, the Custer Lions Club shows their one horse open sleigh float featuring a lit deer and Santa. (Photo by Lion Dusty Dustman)



Lions' Pride

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The State Lions Convention



The Gov. Opening speaker SD Governor Dennis Dugaard talks about this family life and living with two parents who were both deaf. The Governor talked during the beginning of the Convention. Lion Colin Keeler (right) served as the MC for the opening ceremonies. (Photo by Lion Ron Bunnell)



The ID. Keynote speaker International Director Melvyn Bray from New Jersey addresses the gathered Lions during the Saturday evening banquet at the AmericInn in Ft. Pierre on Saturday evening, Jan. 28. (Photo by DG Terry Peterson)



Honors. ID Melvyn Bray presents Lion Linda Vollmer of the Newell Lions Club with SD Lions Hall of Fame award as Lion Joan Marlette, President of the Past District Governors Assoc., assists. (Photo by DG Terry Peterson)



Trash Bags. Newell Lions Club cleans up road ditches last fall as part of their environment project. The crew includes Lions Sabrina Hammon with her 2 granddaughters, Scott Wince, Steve Schoenfish, Veron McCarthy, Donna Wetz, Sheila Smith and Neil Vollmer.



Tuesday Night. Visiting Metro Lions Club on Nov. 22, DG Terry Peterson and 1stVDG Tim Brown present Darryl and Arlene Moll with DG Presidential Service awards and the club Lion to President Don Schuldt. (Photo by Lion Ken Bello)



Award. Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club President Jason Simmons, center, and Sponsor Lion Gayle Merscheim, right, present Lion Sandra Russell, left, with the Proud Lion award on November 30. (Photo by Lion Kevin Merscheim)



Holiday Inn. 2nd VDG Bea Gifford and PDG Ken Gifford visit President Todd Otterberg of the Spearfish Lions Club to ask them to host the 2019 State Lions Convention.



Eureka Visiting the Eureka Lions Club on Dec. 4, DG Terry Peterson and his wife Lion Sandie Peterson present Lion Stan Pfeifle with the Club Lion and Lion Barry Lapp with the DG Presidential Service Award. (Photo by Ronda Lapp)



Pre Xmas. DG Terry Peterson presents DG Presidential Service awards to Lions Sanford Hrabec and Kermit Swenson with Chamberlain Lions Club President Bruce Cozine holding the club Lion. DG Terry visited the club at Charley's on November 28. (Photo by Wilma Shaffer)



Melvin Jones. Murdo Lions Club President Dennis Moore, center, stands with the newest Melvin Jones Fellows, Lion David Geisler with 53 years of Lions service and Lion C.K. Kinsley with 47 years of Lions Service at their Christmas meeting, on December 15 in Murdo. (Photo by Lion Tim Hochhalter)



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Centennial Year

Our 100th year is upon us. It is truly an extraordinary event. Please take some time this year to celebrate our 100 year anniversary in your club or in your community. Have a party for your community, your school kids, your community leaders or if nothing else, take some time to celebrate the 100th birthday of Lions with a birthday party at your club, complete with cake and all the party fixings.

Leonardo Fund

Donations have been coming in and we are nearly at our goal. I asked all of you to contribute \$50 or \$100 to the Leonardo fund with will provide a Melvin Jones Fellowship of \$1000 that will go to Lions Clubs International Foundation. If we go past our \$1000 goal, the remaining donations will be used to help fund next year's Melvin Jones Fellowship.

State Convention

The State Convention in Ft. Pierre was a huge success, in large part due to the efforts of the Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club who did much work to organize and present the event. We had good speakers, good food, good fellowship and a chance to visit with our Lions' friends from across the state. Next year the convention moves to Huron as 5SE will host the event.

Foundation Office

The SD Lions Foundation office is now open in Rapid City. The office is located at 3618 Canyon Lake Drive with office hours, Monday-Friday 9:00AM to 1:00PM. You can call the office manager, Pinky Horner, at 605-593-4047 if you are heading for the office, located in the back northwest corner of the U shaped building. Bring your used eye glass collections to the office any time.

Elections

I am reminding all clubs that the time to elect new officers is coming fast. Once you have selected your officers, please report them to Galen Jones at gjones@rushmore.com to be included in the new directory.

This and That

South Dakota Lions Foundation is looking for hearing aids. If you have some drop them off at the Rapid City office. **Club** secretaries please remember to report your centennial challenge activities to LCI each month to get your club patch for this year. **Next** year's Fall Rally will be held in Sturgis and Newell with events at the Holiday Inn Express in Sturgis and at the senior citizen's center in Newell. **The** School of Mines Lions Club is still in need of donations to help with their dues problem. If you would like to help, send checks to Dick Waits, Dist. Sec.

Celebration! Lion Pete Swinson of the Presho Medicine Creek Lions Club celebrates his 100th birthday on December 3, 2016 in Presho. Lion Swinson is a charter member of the Presho Medicine Creek Lions Club.

(Photo by Lion Roger Beinlich)



Vision Screening. Belle Fourche Lions Club screened 230 kids on December 13 from the Belle Fourche Middle School and the South Park Elementary School. Lion Larry Haivala from Belle, PDG Ken Gifford from Rushmore Lions Club, and PDG Rich Drabek from Belle conducted the screening along with Belle President Joyce Drabek. (Photo by Lion Joyce Drabek)

***Custer** Lions Club donated 42 caps for premature babies to the Neo Natal Intensive Care Unit at RC Regional Hospital in December.

***Lead/Deadwood** Lions Club delivered food to community members, presented Christmas presents and Christmas dinner to 3 families; donated \$150 to purchase Christmas gifts for the First Stop Child-care in Deadwood and Sturgis.

***Onida Wheatland** Lions Club donated \$100 to Dakota Lions Sight & Health; gave away bags of popcorn to kids during Onida's "Twas-Night-Before Christmas" celebration on December 2.

***Downtown** Lions Club worked at the Absolute Country Christmas event on Dec. 18.

***Buffalo** Lions Club sold tickets for girls basketball games.

***Ipswich** Lions club donated 150 bags of popcorn to elementary and middle school kids for their Christmas party on Dec. 22; donated three \$50 gift certificates to needy families; served concessions at Ipswich High School basketball games; provided Infant See materials to the OB unit of St. Lukes' Hospital in Aberdeen.

***Piedmont Valley** Lions Club wrapped gifts, food baskets and delivered them to needy families; bussed tables at the Pizza Ranch; assisted with vision screening at numerous schools in the Rapid City area.

***Eureka** Lions Club purchased 10 \$50 gift cards to be given to needy families during the Christmas holidays.

***Murdo** Lions Club received \$3200 for the All-School Reunion event; donated \$500 to the Jones County Food Bank; sacked 225 bags of candy for K-6th graders Christmas program; gave out 2 \$500 scholarships; sold tickets at basketball games.

***McLaughlin** Lions Club donated \$15 per club member to the McLaughlin food bank and also donated \$500 to the Kicking Cancer fund.

***Chamberlain** Lions Club sang Christmas carols at the Long Term Care Facility.

***Presho Medicine Creek** Lions Club sold tickets at basketball games and sponsored a Hoop Shoot event.

***Keep an eye on and a helping hand** available to elderly friends and neighbors during winter weather.

***Newell** Lions Club brought food items for donation to their annual Christmas party; sold tickets at basketball games.



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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 5 CONVENTION, MAY 17-20, 2017,

THE LODGE AT DEADWOOD, 100 PINE CREST LANE, DEADWOOD, SD

MD5 2017 Registration Form

1. Name _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____
2. Name _____
Lion _____ Lioness _____ Leo _____ Guest _____
Address: _____
City: _____
Prov/State _____ PC/Zip _____
Res. Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____
Dist: _____ Club _____

Make check payable to: **2017MD5 Convention**

Make registration Form and Check to: **PDG Ken Gifford, 4726 Steamboat Circle, Rapid City, SD 57702**

Registration Fees

Before May 1, 2017 _____ @\$145.00= _____

At Convention _____ @\$160.00= _____

A La Carte Meals

Thursday Evening ice breaker _____ @\$20.00= _____

Friday AM Breakfast _____ @\$10.00= _____

Sr. Counselor Lunch _____ @\$18.00= _____

Saturday AM Breakfast _____ @\$16.00= _____

Red Jacket Lunch _____ @\$22.00= _____

Governor's Banquet _____ @\$30.00= _____

Bus Tour _____ @\$10.00= _____

Spouse Tour _____ @\$15.00= _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Hotel Accommodations: Convention location-The Lodge at Deadwood. Reservation Phone: 605-584-4800. The room block is guaranteed until April 28 at \$109 per night, plus tax. Ask for the Lions' Convention room rate. Check in time is 3:00 PM. **RV Trailer Court:** RV spots are available at the Elkhorn Ridge RV Park. Daily rates are \$50 including full hookups. Reservations at 605-722-1800. **Refund Policy:** Refund of convention fees shall be requested from PDG Ken Gifford, 4726 Steamboat Circle, Rapid City, SD 57702 until June 30, 2017. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Treasurer Kevin Vannett, 1101 Sunset Dr., Mandan, ND 58554. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention. Questions may be directed to PDG Ken Gifford at 605-342-5799.