



5SW LIONS Pride

Meet the District Governor



District Governor Ron initially became “Lion Ron” in 1979 as a Charter Member of the Wright, Wyoming Lions Club. While at Wright, Ron would go on to become the Human Resources Manager of the largest surface coal mine in the world.

Ron was invited to join the Rapid City (Downtown) Lions Club in 2004. He has served as a Guiding Lion, Membership Chair, Club President, Zone Chairman, etc. He was recognized by International President Gudrun Yngvadottir during Lions Year 2018-2019 for his work as a Zone Chairman.

Ron is a Vietnam War Veteran honorably discharged from the US Air Force and SAC as a non-commissioned officer in 1968. He and his wife, Donna, were married in 1966 and raised two sons, Dale and Joe. They also have two grandsons.

Ron & Donna share a deep appreciation for life and extended annual road trips. Ron has been a teacher, a coach, a runner, home owners association leader, church member, collector car owner and life-time member of several veterans groups. He is also a Director on the Board of Dakota Lions Sight & Health.

In 2015, the 95 year old “Downtown” Lions Club increased membership by 30% during the year that Lion Ron served as president. He wants to work toward sharing that same leadership and hope with all of District 5SW. Ron believes that fellowship and sense of community set Lions apart.

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NOTICE!

There are new submission guidelines for the newsletter. See page 10 for more information!

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Just like we are all a little unique (or maybe even *a lot* unique) so is the way we serve. We are so diverse as Lions, and the people we serve are equally diverse. How I approach my service is based on what I saw my father do as a Lion and what my town needs from me today. How you approach service will be based on your background and what is needed in your community. And this is one of the many things I love about Lions. Having many ways in which we approach the world is a tremendous asset.

Lions have so many different special skills and attributes that make what we do special. And I absolutely love seeing how each and every one of you put your strengths to good

use—especially when it is in service of one of our global causes or the local causes you serve.

Whether it's using your carpentry know-how to build ramps for those in wheelchairs or putting your party-planning chops into high gear to put together the perfect fundraiser, your unique approach to service is the core of our strength as a global service organization.

When you're a Lion, you can really be *you*. Take it from me, someone who's always just a little bit outside of the box. Be your amazing selves, Lions, we're stronger for it.

Yours in Service, Brian Sheehan

CONVENTION NOTES

A small request, please join us on Friday and Saturday, October 7 & 8 as we build upon a Sense of Community! Two hundred statewide participants are expected. Some help is needed to meet them and show them around! Send your \$120 check for registration to Lion Bev Drabek, Treasurer, 3526 Maddy Anne Ct., Rapid City, SD 57701.

Thank you South Dakota Lions for moving Our Statewide Convention to the fall of the Year! The fall timeframe has been an incentive to put on a great convention! Take a very close look at this special agenda with outstanding topics and speakers. Thanks to Lion Robyn Tyler, District Governor of 5SE for all the great advice and support all the way through

this first one hundred days of working together for Lions and Service across the State.

My wife Donna and I drove Spearfish Canyon, Rough Lock Falls, Cheyenne Crossing, Rochford, Mystic, Hill City with the 1880 Train, Keystone and Rockerville this past weekend with the top down on our Chrysler Sebring. It looks like a beautiful fall and is gorgeous right now! Hope to talk to you about it in Rapid City on October 7 and 8!

Good day as we "Serve with People",
DG Ron Bunnell

LIONS COMING TOGETHER



If you've looked at the agenda for the statewide convention, you've noticed an activity called "Lions Coming Together", in which visiting Lions are matched with local Lions for a tour of a nearby tourism site for the afternoon. How did this come about?

DG Lion Ron explains:

This experiment is done in honor of Lion Ted Lawrence and his wife Gail who landed at the Rapid City Regional Airport about five years ago with no itinerary nor any expectations. They were just passing through with a three day lay-over. Ted called Lion Nathan Chicoine, then president of the Rapid City Downtown Club. Lion Nathan called Ron, wondering if he had the time and wondered if he might want to show these folks around a bit. "I will call them!"

That's all it took. Of all places, these folks were from Australia! I spent more than two full days with Ted & Gail, doing everything imaginable from breakfast at Mt. Rushmore to shopping at Walmart. They were thrilled and we became friends, remaining in contact to this day! Ted was with the Lions Club of Bassendean located near Perth on the western coast of the Continent of Australia. He had a long career as a merchant marine on the high seas. As a Lion he served in cabinet positions for District 201-W1 of Western Australia. He gave me one of his banners as we parted. I cherish the little banner as it hangs with pride and fond memories in my den.

From Lion Ted in Australia:

You were very kind with your description of our 3 day visit, to your extraordinary Patriotic City. What an outstanding credit it is for Rapid City, to fund, build & display a bronze statue, of each & every American President. You did not mention that we were so ignorant of the weather & Seasons of South Dakota, that we turned up in summer clothes with nothing warm, whatsoever to wear, until you rescued us & took us to Walmart.

Your generosity of time to us, Ron, gave us a 110% total in-depth tour from your own local knowledge, far in excess of what we might have expected via a commercial tour. This will live in our hearts & memories always!

We have toured the world extensively during the 20 years prior to Covid, and often have reached out to Local Lions Clubs wherever we might be. Quite honestly, we have been overwhelmed with the warmth of friendship & hospitality continually extended to us. We have had Lions from various countries visit us, and 2 of our kids toured USA extensively, and we're equally embraced by Lions, plus "farmed out" to their families throughout USA.

This is a facet of Lions that is totally underused and undervalued, Ron. Lions could & should be able to travel the world extensively, and embrace the available hospitality of the Family of Lions. This is truly going to the "University of Life" as well as saving extraordinary sums of money, that is always imposed on tourists in General. Yes, many Lions attend widespread Conventions, but, they rarely stay, and take advantage of the available Lions Hospitality. If I were 20 years younger, Ron, the development of this as a World Wide Project would be very high on my agenda.

CONVENTION NOTES

Sixty-nine Lions Clubs serving communities across South Dakota will rally in Rapid City on October 7 and 8 at the Ramkota Inn for their annual convention.

Among the highlights anticipated:

- Anniversary celebrations: In 2021, Downtown Lions Clubs in both Rapid City and Sioux Falls celebrated their 100 Years of Service to South Dakota last year. Residents of those communities originally chartered these Clubs in 1921.
- Major service work recognized in the field of eyesight: In 1923, Helen Keller addressed the International Lions Convention asking Lions to be “Knights of the Blind”. Lions from around the world heard that call. Lions have helped countless numbers of people with their vision needs. This past year alone, South Dakota Lions have collected and recycled over 60,000 pairs of eyeglasses. They have also provided over 40,000 free vision screenings for South Dakota children.
- A Grant Remembrance: Lions Clubs International’s Global Foundation is “Lions helping Lions to Serve the

World.” The very first grant of \$5,000 in 1972 was to assist with the recovery of flood victims in the Rapid City area and the South Dakota Black Hills. To this day, this flood remains one of the worst in US history, claiming 238 lives. The Mayor at the time of the Rapid City Flood was a 29-year-old Vietnam War Veteran by the name of Don Barnett. Former Mayor Barnett will be the Keynote Speaker at this year’s convention. He will also have a vendor table, meet and greet the public, and will have a supply of his book, Thorns and Roses - Rapid City 1971 - 1973, available for purchase.

For more information, visit the Lions District 5SW Website at <https://www.e-district.org/sites/5sw/>, our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/5SWLions/info> or your local Lions Clubs located in most cities or towns around the State. You can also contact District Governor Ron Bunnell at ronbunnell2022@gmail.com.

A sell-out year is expected.

REGISTRATION FORM

SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

101st ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONVENTION

RAMKOTA HOTEL of RAPID CITY SD

October 7 & 8, 2022

Name Last	First	Middle or Initial
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip code
E-mail Address		
Cell Phone Number	Residence Phone Number	
Club Name		
Club Office Held in 2022-2023		

Highest Current or Past District Office Held

Convention Contacts:

Please mail Registration with payment in

full to: Lion Bev Drabek, Treasurer, 3526

Maddy Anne Ct., Rapid City SD 57701.

Questions may be e-mailed to Convention

Co-Chairpersons: Lion Doug Scheller, PDG

douglas.scheller@gmail.com of the

Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club or to or

Lion Sherry Denke, trvIngrima@aol.com

Past President of the Rapid City Metro

Lions Club.

The pandemic is still lingering about.

Attendees will need to observe protocol as

recommended by Ramkota Hotel & Inns.

Name in Large Print on Name Badge

Spouse's/Guest's Name on Badge

This Year's Complete Agenda is available

lionronbunnell@gmail.com. Meet the 29

year old mayor of Rapid City during the cata-

strophic flood in 1972; run or walk the 5K;

National Award winning entertainment; recent

Past Int'l Director, Gary "Gus" Brown and

his wife, Lion Barb from Upstate New York.

It's an outstanding two days designed for

Renewal and Growth at a "price from 1972!"

Signature

Date



FEES: Full Individual Registration includes all four food servings plus Name Badges.

Regular Registration @ \$120 per Lion Member \$
 # Early Registration by 9/15/2022 @ \$100 per Lion Member \$

Additional individual meals may be purchased for each event. Costs are as follows:

Friday Evening Snacks with Entertainment @ \$20 ea. \$
 # Saturday Breakfast @ \$25 ea. \$
 # Saturday Luncheon @ \$40 ea. \$
 # Saturday Banquet @ \$60 ea. \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 2111 North

LaCrosse St., Rapid City, SD 57701,

605-343-8550. The room block has been

extended and guaranteed until September 10,

2022 at \$89.00 per night plus tax. Ask for the

Lions Convention room rate. Check-in after

3:00pm and check-out time is 11:00am.

SD LIONS - 101 ANNUAL STATEWIDE CONVENTION
(Agenda as published in Our Official Program 9/26/2022)

SECOND CENTURY of SERVICE

Rapid City Ramkota Inn - October 6-8, 2022

Friday Morning, October 7

(Sheridan Room held for staff)

7:30 - 8:30 1K and 5K "Downtown Rapid City" Mall Run/Walk

8:00 - 9:00 Guest Vendor Tables Set-Up & Welcome to the Public (Foyer)

8:00 - 11:30 Registration Table Set Up and Open - "Visit Rapid City" to assist with name lanyards, etc. (Foyer)

9:00-3:15 Eight Vendor Tables - Open and Welcome to the Public-At-Large

1. Mayor Don Barnett: "Thorns and Roses - Rapid City '71-'73

2. Visit Rapid City formerly a chamber of commerce role

3. New Spearfish Falls State Pin & History of the Falls

4. Touring the Black Hills Year Around

5. City of Presidents Walking Tour & Scavenger Hunt

6. Dakota Lions Sight & Health (DLS&H)

7. South Dakota Lions Foundation

8. Lions with Lions - Fellowship & Esprit de Corp

10:00 - 11:45 District 5SE Cabinet Meeting - Sylvan I Room

10:00 - 11:45 District 5SW Cabinet Meeting - Sylvan II Room

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch is On Your Own, OR Noon - 5:15 Lions Coming Together - Fellowship, Ice Breaker & Esprit de Corps
Enjoy A Unique Afternoon with an "Escorting Lion" for immediate transportation to desired local destinations.

See the Vendor Booth for Updates and Connections. For Advance arrangements or info, call 605-718-0356 or email ronbunnell2022@gmail.com Where and When do you want to go?

4:00 - 5:15 Past District Governor (PDG) Conference - Legion Rm I

Evening Entertainment

5:30 - 7:00 Bar Snacks & Cash Bar - Pactola Room

7:00 - 9:00 Entertainment: J.J. Kent (award winning country musician and spirit wind flute player) and ensemble

8:00 - 9:30 Hospitality Suite - Executive Lounge

Saturday, October 8th

7:00 - 1:00 Registration Table Open - Pactola Foyer

7:00 - 4:00 Vendor Tables & Open to the Public

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast & Awards sponsored by South Dakota Lions Foundation.

DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETINGS:

9:00 - 10:00 5SE District Mtg. - Sylvan Rm. I

9:00 - 10:00 5SW District Mtg. - Sylvan Rm. II

10:10 - 10:30 WELCOME & OPENING CEREMONIES - Sheridan Room

- Welcome and Introductions by the Master of Ceremonies, Tim Brown, PDG
- Notes about Protocol for the Convention by Past District Governor, Richard Waits
- Notice: Basic Rules, Standards and Health Consideration by Sergeant at Arms, Darryl Moll
- Posting of the Colors: Color guard by Scout Troop 88 from Piedmont Valley Lions Club
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of "America the Beautiful", Led by several PID's from MD5
- Invocation by Lion Deacon George W. Gladfelter
- Introduction of Guests and Dignitaries in the Audience
- Introduction of Vendors noting Public Access to this Area this year

10:45 - 11:15 - Lion Gary "Gus" Brown, Past International Director, New York state
Introductory Remarks

11:15 - 11:35 - Lion Robyn Tyler, District Governor, 5SE

Life as a District Governor; My first 100 Days! Expectations for 5SE

11:35 - 11:50 - Lion Ron D. Bunnell, District Governor, 5SW

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Saturday, October 8 (Continued)

11:50 - 12:00 - Rapid City Mayor, Steve Allender
Greetings & Proclamation

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch - Pactola Room

Growing & Serving in Western South Dakota - Pactola Room

12:45 - 12:50 Introduction of Key Ellsworth Development Principals by Lion Doug Scheller, PDG and Co-chairman of the 2022 Lions Convention

12:50 - 1:15 Commander of the 28 Operations Group, Ellsworth AFB, Colonel Derek C. Oakley

1:15 - 1:30 Ellsworth Development Authority Executive Director Scott Landguth

Breakout Sessions: Food for Thought

1:40 - 3:00 Breakout I - Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF) - Sylvan Rm. I
Constance Walter, Communication Director

1:40 - 3:00 Breakout II - National Volunteer Week, USA - Sylvan Rm. II
Lions Robyn Tyler and Ron Bunnell

3:00 - 3:15 Refreshment Break - Foyer *Sponsored by Dakota Lions Sight & Health, Sioux Falls, SD*

3:15 - 3:30 Address by MD5 Council Chair 2022-23, Lion Marianne Kramchysky - Sheridan Rm
Multi District Five includes all of the province of Saskatchewan, Canada as well as the states of North and South Dakota. Lion Marianne and husband Bernie join us from Rosthern, Saskatchewan.

3:30 - 4:30 The Honorable Don Barnett, Keynote and Q & A - Sheridan Rm
Rapid City Mayor, 1971 - 1975; Author, Thorns and Roses

4:30 - 4:40 Very First Lions Club International Foundation Disaster Relief Grant of \$5,000
Revisited

- Past Lion Erica Harvey, Grand Daughter of Past Lion Club President, Ep Hoyt

4:50 - 5:20 Memorial Service - Rapid City Lions Clubs

5:20 - 6:30 Social Hour - Cash Bar

6:00 - 6:25 Dinner and Desserts

6:30 - 6:40 Introduction of Guest Speaker by Patricia "Pat" Vannett, Past International Director from Bismarck, North Dakota.

6:40 - 7:30 Insight and Direction of Lions Clubs International by Past International Director, Gary "Gus" Brown, PID from Cape Vincent in the great state of New York!

7:30 - 7:40 New Voices Awards by Crystal Deuker, GMT - and Julaine Arient- Rollman, New Voices Chair

7:40 - 7:55 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony by South Dakota Lion's 5SE & 5SW Past District Governor's Association

7:55 - 8:00 Closing Ceremony and Retirement of the Colors

8:00 - 8:10 Conclusion and Results of the Silent Auction

8:10 - Live Auction Items From Around the State plus one year lease on "Caged Eyevan"

8:10 - 10:00 Hosted Hospitality Suite - Executive Lounge

Sponsored by the South Dakota Lion's Past 5SE & 5SW District Governor's Association



MD5 Lions

North Dakota - South Dakota - Saskatchewan



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

This year, the newsletter team is getting more organized! Please follow these new guidelines to ensure your contributions to the newsletter make it into coming issues!

1. All submissions should now be emailed to lions5swnewsletter@gmail.com
Information that has already been sent to Lion Kate's personal email address will not be included in coming issues unless resubmitted to this email address.
2. Please send files of images, do not send PDF's or websites with images embedded in them. These images must be extracted from those documents and often show up at a very poor resolution. Please send original files whenever available.
3. Please check all spelling of names and locations. Lion Kate will not change these spellings as sent.
4. Submissions will be edited for grammar, spelling, formatting, and content. Lion Kate has two English teachers for parents. It's second nature, no reflection on you!
5. Sometimes not everything fits in the available space we have. Articles may be shortened, some photos may not be used. We will do the best we can to put in as much content from as many clubs as possible.
6. Submission deadline is the 15th day of the month prior to the publication date. Proposed 2023 submission and publication deadlines: November 5, 2022 (DUE DATE: October 15, 2022); February 4, 2023 (DUE DATE: January 15, 2023); May 6 (DUE DATE: April 15, 2023)

DISTRIBUTION NOTES:

Beginning with the November newsletter, the newsletter will be sent to one contact person in each club, as well as posted to the 5SW website. Each club will need to designate a contact to receive the newsletter via email. That person is then responsible for distributing it to club members as desired. Please send your club's designated contact and email address to lions5swnewsletter@gmail.com ASAP so a mailing list can be created.

THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT