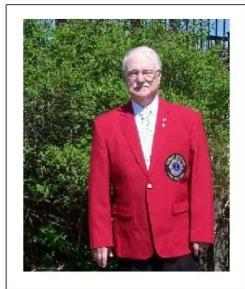




# 5-SW LIONS' PRIDE



Welcome 5 SW District  
Governor  
Lion Richard Waits!

What do you get with a long-time lion who's always at the top of the class? A new District Governor that's "accountable" to all 5-SW Lions members! District Governor Richard Waits, an EA and his wife Frances own and operate RF TAX SERVICES, a tax and bookkeeping firm in Rapid City.

Our new District Governor Richard began his official term on July 1, 2020. In this pandemic life altering year, our new DG has accepted the challenge of leading our District into the future.

District Governor Richard joined the Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club in October, 2007 and has attended many of the District's Fall Rally's, South Dakota State and MD 5 Conventions. He has served on the Rushmore Lions Club Board as President, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice President. He is currently serving as the Club Treasurer. He has also served on many of the club's committees to include being chairman for many of them throughout the years. DG Richard served on the South Dakota Lions Foundation Board of Directors from July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016. During his three-year term he served on the Executive Committee as Treasurer and Chairman of the Board's Finance and Investment Committees. DG Richard served as an Ex Officio of the Board of Directors of Dakota Lions Sight & Health in 2018 -2019. In the fall of 2015 DG Richard was asked to fill the vacant position of the District 5 SW Treasurer. He served in this position until June, 2019. DG Richard is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He has also served as the 5-SW Zone 5 Chairman and worked on many of the South Dakota State and MD5 conventions over the years.

Along with service to the Lions Organization, he also volunteers with the Knights of Columbus and American Legion organizations on many projects. As a member of the NAJA Shriners, he volunteers as a "DAD" transporting children to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Minneapolis. DG Richard served in both the US Navy and Army National Guard and after 31 years in various leadership positions he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel.

DG Richard and his wife Lion Frances have been married for 50 years this month and they have four children and fourteen grandchildren.



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Thoughts from the  
District Governor's  
Desk...



Fellow Lions,

I hope you and your family are well and safe. As we start working on our new year of "service" it will pose some challenges for ourselves, our fellow Lion members, and our community. "We Serve" is the presidential theme for this year and every year moving forward. In order to communicate that vision for our District this year, my personal expression of this theme is

"We look Toward the Future!".

It is based on our Lions logo. There are two lion images. One looks back to our rich history of service and the other looks forward to the many services we will be performing in the future. This pandemic is causing a "new norm" for us but, as Lions, we will adapt and find new and better ways to serve our fellow Lion members, our community, our country and the world, and, at the same time staying safe and healthy.

We Look Toward the Future! 🦁

### Rapid City Rushmore Lions Install Officers



The Rushmore Lions recently held a picnic at Storm Mountain Youth Camp where DG Richard Waits installed club officers.



Presentation of Melvin Jones pin with three diamonds to Rushmore Lions member James (Jim) Treloar by DG Richard Waits.



Presentation of a Melvin Jones pin with one diamond to Rusmore Lions member Richard (Dick) Tupper by DG Richard Waits.





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*In Memory...* District 5-SW recently mourned the loss of two past District Governors.

***We honor their memory and service***

**Dr. Kenneth K. Gifford, Jr.** (July 4, 1937 – July 4, 2020)

Dr. Ken “Doc” Gifford passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020 on his 83rd birthday at his home in Rapid City, SD.

Ken was born on July 4, 1937 in Huron, SD to Kenneth K. Gifford Sr. and Evelyn (Halbur) Gifford. He was the oldest of two siblings and grew up in Huron where he became an Eagle Scout and graduated from Huron High School in 1955. While in high school, he would date his future wife. He married Berniece “Bea” Knutson in 1958 and they spent nearly 62 years together.



Ken was the first of his generation to go to college and in 1959 he graduated from SDSU with a degree in Industrial Arts education. They moved to Sioux Falls where he started his education career at Whittier Jr. High School. They had two children together, Michael James and Chelaine Marie.

Ken’s passion for teaching led to the decision to pursue his Masters Degree during the summer months from Colorado State College in Greeley, CO. In 1970 he was one of two educators to be granted a sabbatical leave in order to earn his PhD. Ken was driven to make a difference in the lives of both his students and his fellow teachers. He took that energy and moved out of the classroom to become the Director of the SD Advisory Council on technical education.

No one loved the Black Hills more than Ken did. In 1971, he would make a purchase near Custer that would change all lives with the memories of hiking, campfires and hunting. In 1982, Ken and Bea moved to Rapid city where he worked at Rapid City Stevens High School and then he was offered the Director’s role at Western Dakota Tech. He applied all of his leadership, listening skills and teaching experience to build a totally new college campus and retired as its President and CEO.

Ken will be remembered by his students, his staff, his friends, the team at Association of General Contractors, his church family at Canyon Lake United Methodist Church and all of the community service he did as a member of Lions Club International. He loved to write and teach technical training for young apprentices, singing in the choir and running the SD Lions Foundation eye screening for children, not to mention being a Lions District Governor too.

Ken will be greatly missed by his wife Bea of Rapid City, son Mike (Jerene) of Afton, MN and daughter Chelaine (Wayne) of Rapid City. His grandchildren Erin Rempher (Travis), TJ Gifford (Susan), Jessica Williams (Sean), Kayleen Huber (Aaron) and Nichole Asscherick (Jacob). He was blessed with 7 great grandchildren: Kaisie, Haleigh, Aiden, Gavin, Ben, Alayna and Archie. He was preceded in death by his parents, Kenneth and Evelyn and his brother Dennis. Celebration of life services will be held at a future date.

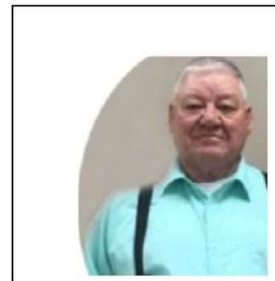


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### Charles Edwards (June 27, 1940 – July 4, 2020)

Charles “Chuck” Edwards, age 80 of Lemmon, SD passed away on Saturday, July 4, 2020 at the CHI St. Alexius in Bismarck, ND.

Charles Leroy Edwards was born on June 27, 1940 in Interior, SD to LeRoy and Ruth (Paris) Edwards. He was born a lifelong baseball fan and a die-hard LA Dodgers fan.



In December of 1965 he met Deanna Dykstra, the love of his life. They were united in marriage on July 23, 1966. To this union two daughters were added, JoDee and Tamara.

While raising a family he worked at Ben French Power Plant for Black Hills Power & Light. When not working he enjoyed spending time with family golfing, (shooting a hole in one) and bowling (rolling a 300).

Upon his retirement he packed his bride up and moved to Lemmon, SD. This allowed them to chase the grandkids around to all their events and activities.

Being a person who loved to be busy, he became active in many organizations including the Lemmon Lions club, the Gideons, Calvary Lutheran Church Council and the Lemmon City Council.

One of his greatest passions was his lay ministry. He loved to share and spread the word of the Lord.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 53 years, Deanna of Lemmon, SD. Two daughters, JoDee (Quinton) Borchert, Lemmon, SD and Tamara (Justin) Seidel, Shadehill, SD. Five grandchildren: Ty (Sharon) Seidel, Shadehill, SD; Shyanne Seidel, Blunt, SD; Raechael (Nick) Wiley, Onida, SD; Paige (Kevin) Sandgren, Hettinger, ND and Erin Jack, Dickinson, ND. Two great grandchildren: Lincoln Sandgren, Hettinger, ND and Ryle Seidel, Shadehill, SD. One sister, Caryl Solano, one brother Craig Edwards and numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Floyd, Jory and sister, Cheryl Shockley. A memorial has been established to the Calvary Lutheran Church in Lemmon, SD.

*It feels good to be needed... and you certainly are!*

Your help is needed to share news of your club projects, service and events while things have been s-l-o-w and sheltered for all of us. Please share club news and photos along with information.

Contact Colleen at: [forkel@valleytel.net](mailto:forkel@valleytel.net) or call 605-426-6987



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## Lions Gear up for 1st Annual 5-SE/5-SW Convention Scheduled in Rapid City, October 1 -3, 2020

Lions from across the state of South Dakota are invited to attend the first annual District 5SE & 5SW Convention scheduled to be held at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Rapid City the first weekend in October. Currently there are three plans being formalized for this year's convention which will take place during our pandemic year. The three plans are as follows:

**Convention Plan A:** Moving ahead nicely as we wait and watch similar events in western South Dakota. So far – so good! The full on-site convention is planned for 125 – 200 Lions.

For pre-convention activities, ten rooms are blocked and await reservations for the night of October 1st. Eighty hotel rooms are blocked and await reservations for October 2-3rd. The full schedule of events is complete. Many details are being finalized. While we attempt to remain flexible, complete updates are available as we seek to reflect, learn, plan, share and celebrate service to the communities we serve.

**Convention Plan B:** This plan keeps many South Dakota Lions live at the Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City with a core group of probably forty Lions. There would be about thirty Lions at an eastern location in or near Sioux Falls. In addition, there would be live streaming to about six satellite locations around the state. The basic content would be similar to Plan A with a definite increase in social distancing.

**Convention Plan C:** Plans are also being worked on for a Plan C which would cancel all of the core activities at the Best Western Ramkota in Rapid City. This plan would move ahead in a condensed period of time with ZOOM or GO TO MEETINGS which would be available to all South Dakota Lions where service is available. If we go to Plan C, there will be a "Test Conference" to assure clear communications on or about Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:30 p.m. and again at 6:30pm MDT.

The first priority during these troubled times must be to keep ourselves, families and communities healthy. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines will be closely followed along the way.

We hope to see you in October. All the best as we "Look toward the future"!

Yours truly,

Krishna Stroschine, DG 5-SE

Richard Waits, DG 5-SW

P.S. There are some rather *clever ideas floating* that IF in a worst-case scenario occurs and IF refunds would be warranted due to pandemic related issues, a percentage might be retained for the next state conventions OR possible a new Melvin Jones Award created within appropriate zones, etc.

**Let's all sign up for the convention today and cross any other bridges as we may need to. Please send your check to Lion Bev Drabek and call the Best Western Ramkota for room reservations soon.**

**THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 17 OF THIS ISSUE**





## A thought or Two...

*from Jennifer Sigette*

Executive Director, South Dakota Lions Foundation



### 2020 - A campaign & a pandemic

**A**s we all know, it's been a crazy year. Here at the South Dakota Lions Foundation much has changed and much has remained the same.

**L**ike a lot of businesses throughout the state, our office closed its doors in March. Fortunately, technology allowed us to work from home, with an occasional stop by the office to check the mail. It became clear to me, I could pretty easily do the "work" from home, but I desperately missed the daily interaction we are used to having with Lions dropping off glasses or stopping in to say hi!

**O**ur endowment campaign – "Vision 2020" was just kicking into high gear when the pandemic hit, which has been tough on us. As clubs struggle with membership and uncertainty about their future, the one way we can build a legacy of Lions service in South Dakota is through our Foundation. Our goal of raising \$2 million as an endowment is not an unrealistic one, but COVID-19 has made it difficult for all Lions to focus on this important goal.

**S**ince the Lions International Foundation (LCIF) began their fundraising for Campaign 100 it sometimes raises questions as to the difference between the two campaigns. While both are very worthy causes, LCIF donates funds to do important work all around the world while one hundred percent of the funds raised through the South Dakota Lions Foundation stay in our state.

**O**ur programs have had quite a shift as well this year. Because of the pandemic, many of our spring vision screenings were cancelled, so our numbers for the program dropped about 25%, from screening 40,000/year to 30,000/year. We are now in the process of reaching out to each individual school district to determine what their plans are for screening in the fall. Our work in this area is even more important now that kids may not be getting a regular screening. If your club is looking for a great service project, give us a call (605) 338-0551 to talk about how you can create an awareness campaign in your community followed up with screenings and exams.

**R**equests for eyeglasses and hearing aids have been higher than ever, and we hear tough stories every day about people who have lost their jobs or their hours have been reduced and they just can't afford vision/hearing services. We refer these cases to local clubs and we provide a grant program for the club if they choose to help the individuals. Hopefully your club received the information we sent about this in early July. We want to partner with clubs more than ever to assist any South Dakotan needing help with vision or hearing.

**I**f you would like to discuss anything about the South Dakota Lions Foundation or just catch up, please pick up the phone and call! The office is back open and I'd love to take your call and visit!

*South Dakota Lions Foundation - we serve South Dakota by providing the priceless gifts of vision, hearing, and hope.*



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*Cancer Bracelets Available ... Help make money for your club and support the South Dakota Lions Foundation*



Cancer bracelets in a variety of sizes and colors are available from the  
SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION IN SIOUX FALLS

- Multi bracelets - Representing all cancers
- Pink bracelets - Representing breast cancer
- Gold Bracelets - Representing childhood cancer

South Dakota Lions Clubs in Districts 5-SE & 5-SW can purchase cancer bracelets at a cost of \$6 each and sell for a profit, thus providing funds for your club!

**Contact the SD Lions Foundation today at  
605-338-0551 or email Jennifer at [jennifer@sdlions.org](mailto:jennifer@sdlions.org)**

*we serve South Dakota by providing the priceless gift of vision, hearing, and hope.*

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**5-SW DISTRICT LIONS PRIDE NEWSLETTER:** Lion Colleen Forkel of the Ipswich Lions Club is the new editor for the newsletter. The newsletter will be in an electronic format and emailed to all members in the district. The first edition will be sent out in mid-August. Please send your news items and pictures to Lion Colleen at [forkel@valleytel.net](mailto:forkel@valleytel.net). If you have questions, she can be contacted at 605-426-6987 or via email. Currently the newsletter is scheduled to publish every other month. If a member does not have an email address posted in their club's "MyLion" account, the club President should ensure they receive a printed copy of the newsletter or have them give their email address to the club secretary to be recorded in their club "MyLion" account.

### **Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines**

- September 1st - October Newsletter
- November 1st - December Newsletter



## Bits & Pieces



- This year's Camp Quality USA Youth Cancer Camp scheduled at Dakota Frontier Camp near Sturgis has been postponed. Youth are however participating in a virtual Cancer Camp and the camp hopes to back up and running "LIVE" in 2021
- Belle Fourche Lions served hot dogs, drinks & popcorn during an all car rally in Belle Fourche on June 20th raising a total of \$324 towards their various projects
- A Custer Lions member made masks for medical providers to assist during the Covid pandemic
- Custer Lions members volunteered their service to help with road clean up during the month of July
- A member of the Custer Lions Club recently volunteered with Food South Dakota at their food bank
- Ipswich Lions sponsored a Community Blood Drive at Fr. Borman Hall on June 29th helping to collect 39 units of blood
- Ipswich Lions Club members collected recycled prescription pill bottles which were washed, dried and sorted by size for reuse through Matthew Ministries to assist with the Doctors Without Borders and similar programs
- Lead/Deadwood Area Lions collected eyeglasses for recycling
- Lead/Deadwood Area Lions donated \$250 to the Lord's Cupboard in July

*Please submit items for Bits & Pieces to Colleen Forkel at [forkel@valleytel.net](mailto:forkel@valleytel.net)*





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## THE 5-SW LIONS RAFFLE IS COMING TO YOUR CLUB SOON!

### DISTRICT 5 SW LIONS RAFFLE

presented by **SCHEELS** in Support of "Campaign 100"

# \$20

per ticket

*Drawing to be held on Wednesday Nov. 4th 2020 at 6 PM the Post 22 American Legion Hall, Rapid City, SD 57701.*

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

**PRIZES Total Value: \$5,385.92**

1. Ruger American Vortex Rifle Package.....\$550	9. Trek Mens Martin Mountain bike \$549.99
2. Remington V3 Fieldsport Shotgun .....\$829.99	10. Trek Womens Marlin Mountain Bike.....\$549.99
3. SCHEELS Vortex Range Optics ...\$499.99	11. SCHEELS Gift Card to use towards PATAGONIA .....\$250.00
4. Yeti 65 Cooler .....\$349.99	12. SCHEELS Gift Card to use towards NIKE.....\$250.00
5. Hypervolt massager.....\$349.99	13. SCHEELS Gift Card to use towards Under Armour ...\$250.00
6. Callaway Maverick .....\$499.99	
7. Taylormade SIM .....\$549.99	
8. Oakley Flak 2.0 XL Sunglasses ...\$206.00	

*Every Lions Club in 5-SW will be receiving raffle tickets in the near future. The number of tickets for every club to sell will be one ticket per club member.*

*The prizes are excellent and there are a limited number of tickets, only 800 tickets total.*

*The goal: We are asking every Lion to please buy one \$20 ticket or sell one ticket. That is all! If all 800 tickets are sold, we will gross \$16,000 in sales for District 5-SW. Once the expenses of the prizes, printing and postage are subtracted, District 5-SW should net about \$10,000.00 for LCIF CAMPAIGN 100!*

*Here's the best news! Your club will receive LCIF credit toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship for every ticket bought or sold by your club members. Example: If your club has 40 members and all tickets are sold, your club will receive 70-75% of the \$800 in sales (\$500-\$600). This is a win – win!*

*Also, if you win a prize you can't use, you can choose to receive a gift card for the value of the prize, redeemable at any Scheels store.*

***This is a golden opportunity for all 5-SW Lions to have some fun, help your club and raise funds for LCIF Campaign – 100. Questions can be directed to PDG Doug Scheller in Rapid City at [douglas.scheller@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.scheller@gmail.com)***

***PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT!***



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### District 5-SW Cabinet

**Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG)** – PDG Linda Vollmer  
**Administrative Committees** – 1st Vice District Governor (1st VDG) – Lion Geraldine Ray  
**Administrator District 5SW** – Lion James Treloar  
**Cabinet Auditor** – Lion Rick Brady  
**Cabinet Secretary** – Lion John Sterkel  
**Cabinet Treasurer** – PCC Ken Wetz  
**Diabetes Awareness** – Lion Del Neumeister  
**District 5-SW Dakota Sight & Health Coordinator** – Lion Dave Jackson  
**District 5-SW Environmental Coordinator** – Lion Ken Miller  
**District 5-SW Lions Foundation Coordinator** – 1st VDG Geraldine Ray  
**District 5-SW Newsletter Editor** – Lion Colleen Forkel  
**Global Leadership Team (GLT) District Coordinator** – PDG Tim Brown  
**Global Membership Team (GMT) District Coordinator** – Lion Robert Lowery  
**Global Service Team (GST) District Coordinator** – Lion Frances Waits  
**LCIF Development** – PDG Doug Scheller  
**District 5-SW Leader Dog Coordinator** – Lion Marjorie Adams  
**Lions Opportunities for Youth & Leo Club Liason** – Lion Nathan Chicoine  
**Public Relations & Information** – Lion Sheri Sutton  
**State Convention Chairperson** – 2nd VDG Ron Bunnell  
**Service Committees** – 2nd VDG Ron Bunnell  
**Webmaster (Info Tech)** – PDG Ted Pukas  
**District 5-SW Women's Voice Coordinator** – PDG Julaine Arient-Rollman

### DISTRICT 5-SW REGION & ZONE CHAIRPERSONS

**District 5-SW Region Chairperson** – Lion James Treloar  
**Zone 1 Chairperson (Eureka, Ipswich, Selby)** – Lion Darrell Pfeifle  
**Zone 2 Chairperson (Lemmon, McLaughlin, Mobridge)** – Lion Jessica Brockel  
**Zone 3 Chairperson (Belle Fourche, Buffalo, Newell, Nisland)** – Lion Marjorie Adams  
**Zone 4 Chairperson (Lead/Deadwood, Piedmont Valley, Spearfish, Sturgis)** – Lion Ben Mahoney  
**Zone 5 Chairperson (Custer, Ellsworth, Hill City, Hot Springs, New Underwood, RC Downtown, RC Rushmore, RC Evening Star, RC Metro, Wall)** – Lion Arlene Moll  
**Zone 6 Chairperson (Chamberlain, Gregory, Murdo, Presho, White River)** – Lion Jan Endes  
**Zone 7 Chairperson (Faulkton, Miller, Onida, Pierre/Ft. Pierre)** – Lion Colin Keller



## What's Up Next?

- \* **September 1** – Deadline for information for next newsletter (October)
- \* **September 25 – 27** USA Canada Lions Virtual Leadership Experience
- \* **October 2 – 3** – First Annual District 5-SE & 5-SW State Convention – Best Western Ramkota Hotel, Rapid City
- \* **November 1** – Deadline for information for next newsletter (December)
- \* **November 5** – Saskatchewan Convention – Swift Current, Saskatchewan
- \* **November 6 -8** – Multi District 5 Council Meeting – Swift Current, Saskatchewan

*Please submit items for What's Up Next to Lion Colleen Forkel at [forkel@valleytel.net](mailto:forkel@valleytel.net)*



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**"Peace Through Service"** is the theme of the 2020-21 LCI Peace Poster Contest. This is the 33rd anniversary of the Peace Poster Contest. Lions clubs can sponsor the program in their community for children in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups. Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of November 15, are eligible to participate. Through the contest, students are encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Lions clubs may purchase a contest kit through the Club Supplies Sales Department. A kit must be purchased for each contest sponsored. The contest must be sponsored by a Lions club. Artwork must be no smaller than 13 inches by 20 inches (33 centimeters by 50 centimeters) and no larger than 20 inches by 24 inches (50 centimeters by 60 centimeters). Do not mat or frame artwork. Only one entry per student and each entry must be the work of only one student. All artwork must be the individual student's original creation. Duplications are not accepted.

All media are accepted. Note: Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with a fixative spray to prevent smearing. Do not laminate entries.

Three-dimensional entries will not be accepted. Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork in any way. The use of lettering or numbering on the front of the poster, in any language, is not allowed. All artist signatures or initials should be written on the back of the poster. Artwork should be done on a flexible material, so it can be rolled for shipping in a mailing tube. Do not fold poster.

Participants accept all responsibility for late, lost, misdirected or illegible entries. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for entries damaged, destroyed or lost during the judging process. Entries cannot be acknowledged or returned; they become property of Lions Clubs International upon receipt. Peace Poster Contest images cannot be used without written permission from Lions Clubs International.

In consideration for the opportunity to enter the Peace Poster Contest, participants agree to allow Lions Clubs International to use their names and photographs for promotional and publicity purposes. In addition, the international grand prize winner, two family members (one being a parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring club president or a club member (as designated by the sponsoring club president) are required to attend the special award ceremony at Lions' Day with the United Nations. An international grand-prize winner is not eligible to receive subsequent prizes in future Peace Poster contests sponsored by Lions Clubs International. By entering, participants agree to be bound by these rules and the decisions of the judges and Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International may cancel the contest without notice at any time. The contest is void where prohibited, taxed, or restricted by law.

### Judging

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme.

Posters advance through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international. At the international level, judges from the art, peace, youth, education and media communities select one grand prize winner and 23 merit award winners.





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### Awards

One international grand prize winner will receive a trip to a special award ceremony. There the winning artist will be presented with an engraved plaque and a cash prize of US \$5,000.

Each of the 23 merit award winners will receive a cash award of US \$500 and a certificate of achievement.

### Deadlines

Please note that the following dates are from those in the Peace Poster information from Lions Clubs International. MD 5 Council of Governors may set different dates depending on when their meeting is scheduled. Entries not meeting deadlines will be disqualified.

January 15, 2020 Kits go on sale from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

October 1, 2020 Deadline to purchase kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters.

October 15, 2020 Club needs to have one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the district governor.

**If there are any questions, please feel free to contact MD 5 LOFY Chairperson, PDG Tim Thueson.**



### Newell Lions Club Members Recognized by Lions International

Newell's Club President Lion Carol McCarthy (center) recently presented PCC Lion Ken Wetz (pictured left) with a certificate and recognition for sponsoring 15 new members into Lionism. Lion Kim Richards (right) received a 35-year membership pin. Lion Kim transferred to the Newell Lions Club several years ago and is the longest tenured Lion in the Newell Club.



## Diabetes

As we (Lions Clubs International and 5SW Lions) begin our 2020/2021 year it is my sincere prayer that all are healthy and at peace.

For (at least) the next year I will be sharing information which I pray will assist you in your lifestyle. What I will be attempting to share is information for everyone. So, please don't disregard this because the subject says diabetes. I have discovered that living with diabetes means seeking a "healthy" lifestyle. It is NOT a diabetic lifestyle (although there are some things someone without diabetes can "manipulate") it is about living a life that will help us ALL to live longer.

In the past I have shared information about sugar, A1C levels, exercise and stress, to name a few. I will most likely return to some of these as the year progresses as there are many things within those subjects.

Right now we are in the middle of the summer. We will be entering Autumn soon and then winter seems to show up soon after that. The seasons do indeed affect our sugar levels. More and less activity and foods that we consume change quite frequently due to season.

I'm going to talk about fruits and vegetables. Right now is the perfect time to experiment with new ones as many are in season. Fresh fruits and vegetables are excellent for our "battle" with diabetes. I want to mention here that frozen and canned fruits and vegetables are ways to enjoy them throughout the year.

One thing we must always do regardless of the food we are consuming is to know how it affects our sugar levels. They do affect some differently than others. So, check your blood regularly. Fruits are a special emphasis as they are sweet tasting but others as well as they contain "hidden" things such as starch, which will raise your levels as well.

With the desire to keep this short, as well as informational, I will end this. Let's talk again next month AND, I do accept feedback. Thank you for your time.

**Your 5SW Diabetes chair, Lion Del Neumeister.**

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### PROUD LION AWARD:

The criteria for this award is based on seven tasks a new Lion needs to complete to accomplish during his/her first full year of membership. Because the pandemic has limited some of the new Lions that joined in the fall of 2019 from being able to meet one or more of the tasks, the time limit of having them complete the tasks within their first full year of membership will be extended until 12/31/2020. The attending of a club, zone meeting or other district activity can be accomplished either as a "regular gathering" meeting or a "virtual" meeting.

### MyLion Account:

LCI has been very busy updating these accounts. Club secretary's will no longer need to email their club service activity or membership information to PDG Neil starting with the July reports. It is very important that they post the information in their club MyLion account each month. The District Global Action Team (GAT) will be reviewing this information for their reports to MD5 and LCI. If the reports are not posted by the end of the month, the Zone Chairperson for the club with the missing information will be contacting the club president to see what can be done to help with the reporting.





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### Custer Lions Participate in Parade

The Custer Lions recently participated in Custer's annual Gold Discovery Days Parade. Lion Kelly Miller announced the parade, Lions Carey and Fred Miller, Dusty and Edie Dustman, Doug and Lona Faaborg plus their grandchildren Emma and Jameson Montgomery participated in the Custer Lions float entry. *Photo: Emma and Jameson Montgomery and Fred Mills.*



### ***Newell Lions Recognize Graduating Senior John Jackson***

Newell Lions Club treasurer Marjorie Adams recently recognized Newell Leo Member John Jackson as their Community Service graduating High School Senior Honoree. John is a charter member of the Newell High School SALSA Leo Club since its organization in 2015. He has also served as club president and participated in all Leo Club activities. In addition, John has been a 4-H member for nine years, a member of the National Honor Society, the High School and Community bands and he helped the Lions Club at community fund raiser benefits. John plans to attend Mitchell Vo-Tech for Automation Controls/SCADA technician. His mother, Kim Ford and his grandparents, Donna & Ken Wetz are members of the Newell Lions Club. ***Congratulations Leo John from the Newell Lions Club!***





### Pierre School District Kindergarten Screening

The Pierre/Ft. Pierre Lions Club screened 172 children on August 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2020. Of the 172 children screened, 19 children were referred to see an eye care professional. Screeners were (left) Lion Gary Grittner and on the (right) Lion Gayle Merscheim. Not pictured is Lion Geraldine Ray.

Courtesy photo by Gayle Merscheim

### Zone Chairperson Training

Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator PDG Tim Brown and District Governor Richard Waits have scheduled a "Go-To-Meeting" on August 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (MDT) to provide zone chairpersons an opportunity to ask questions concerning their duties as Zone Chairs for the District. Any Lion member is free to log into the training meeting. Just contact your Zone Chairperson or PDG Tim and someone will be able to email you the link for the event.

### District 5-SW Annual Convention

The District 5-SW Annual Convention will be held on October 3rd in conjunction with the 2nd District Cabinet meeting. Nominations and elections will be held at that time per ARTICLE I of the District 5-SW By-Laws. We will be electing the positions of 5-SW District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor and 2nd Vice District Governor along with the candidates to serve on the SD Lions Foundation Board and Dakota Lions Sight and Health Board. Their terms will begin July 1, 2021.



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### **SD Lions 1st Annual District 5-SE & 5-SW Convention schedule:**

#### **Friday, October 2, 2020**

**8:00am – 6:30pm** – *Show us special ways your club serves others!*  
MD5-SE Lions clubs & MD5-SW Lions clubs

**9:00 am – 12:00 pm** – *Convention Registration*

**9:00am – 4:30 pm** – *Vendor Displays*

**12:00 pm** – *Noon Luncheon*

**2:15 – 3:30 & 3:45 – 5:00pm** – *Seminar Session 1 – Staying Healthy, taking care of your family and your Lions club during a worldwide global pandemic*

**2:15 – 3:30 & 3:45 – 5:00pm** – *Seminar Session 2 – Retaining and strengthening membership while building Lions clubs to better serve our communities throughout South Dakota*

**5:00pm** – *Evening dinner on your own. Enjoy!*

**6:00pm** – *Social with cash bar & entertainment (Chips & dip, tortilla chips & salsa, pretzels)*

**7:30pm** – *Evening program*

#### **Saturday, October 3, 2020**

**7:15 am – 8:00 am** – *South Dakota Lions committee meetings*

**8:00am – 9:00am** – *Sunrise buffet breakfast*

**8:00 – 4:30** – *Best practices MD5-SE & MD5-SW– “Show us what makes your club special to your members!”*

**8:00am – 4:30pm** -*Vendor displays*

**9:15am – 10:15am** – *Diabetes in South Dakota and the nations that share a common border*

**10:45 – 11:45am** – *State program and lunch*

**12:00pm – 12:30pm** – *South Dakota state youth exchange meeting*

**12:00pm – 1:15pm & 1:30pm – 2:45pm**– *The North American Membership Initiative (NAMI) – Looking at new tools to help with a variety of decision making including your clubs, businesses and communities*

**12:00pm– 1:15pm & 1:30pm – 2:45pm**– *A “road trip” with Lions Club International the LCI “Dashboard” information and feedback all along the Lions highway*

**12:30 – 1:30pm** – *Delegate certification*

**1:00pm – 1:30pm** – *Pin traders meeting & elections*

**1:00pm -1:30pm** – *Editorial board meeting*

**3:00pm -4:30pm** – *South Dakota Lions business meetings (Districts 5-SE & 5-SW)*

**4:40pm – 5:15pm** –*Memorial service*

**6:30pm** – *Banquet*



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## REGISTRATION FORM - SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS

### 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

#### 1ST ANNUAL DISTRICT 5-SE & 5-SW CONVENTION

Best Western Ramkota Hotel of Rapid City, SD

**October 2 - 3, 2020**

#### Hotel Accommodations:

Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 2111 North LaCrosse St, Rapid City, SD 57701 - (605) 353-8550. The room block has been extended and guaranteed until September 10, 2020 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.

**Fees:** Full individual registration includes all four events listed below plus name badge and a Lions International face mask.

# \_\_\_\_\_ Full Registration @\$108 per Lion member Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

# \_\_\_\_\_ Friday evening entertainment with hors d' oeuvres @ \$10 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Luncheon @ \$18 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Banquet \$35 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle or Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office Held in 2020-2021 \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ District Office Held: \_\_\_\_\_ Current/Past: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Contacts:

Please mail registration with payment in full to: **Lion Bev Drabek, Treasurer, 3526 Maddy Anne Ct., Rapid City, SD 57701**

Questions may be emailed to convention Co-Chairpersons: Lion Arlene Moll: [arly23@aol.com](mailto:arly23@aol.com)

or Lion Ron Bunnell: [ronbunnell2022@gmail.com](mailto:ronbunnell2022@gmail.com)

Please note: In this pandemic year, refunds may be considered in circumstances which become mandated and are beyond the control of the paid registrant. Per established Best Western Ramkota policy, face masks are required during all conference meetings.