

# 5SW LIONS' PRIDE

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## Club Activities



The Pierre/Fort Pierre Lions Club elected club officers for the 2020 fiscal year. Lion Gary Grittner administered the Oath of Office to each officer.

Pictured are Larry Cass (Trail Twister & Lion Tamer), Dave Kruger (Board Member), Mary Giddings (Board Member), Kevin Merscheim (Membership Chairman), Gary Watzel (Treasurer), Gayle Merscheim (Secretary), and Geraldine Ray (President).

Not pictured are Colin Keeler (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President) and Jason Simmons (Board Member).

*Picture taken by Connie Grittner*



The Faulkton Area Lions Club presented its 2019 Community Service Award to Beverly King of Faulkton on May 24th at the Lions annual award dinner with many family, friends and work colleagues present.

King contributes countless hours in promoting the arts through the Faulkton Area Arts Council, has been a constant supporter of the Faulkton School wrestling program for many years and planned fundraising dances for the music boosters.

She also helps her community as a member of the Development Corporation giving of her time and business knowledge. Lions President Virgene Wagner, left, presented the award to King.



Sturgis Club Pres. Maurice Dragoo dons the Lion suit, for their club's entry in the History Day parade in Sturgis on June 15.



Ipswich Trail Days Parade was held Sat., June 8th in Ipswich with the Ipswich Lions Club driving the KIDSIGHT Van from Sioux Falls through the parade. It was announced during the parade route that the Ipswich club will be doing KIDSIGHT screening the 2nd week in September in the Ipswich School and local Hutterite Colonies.



Onida Wheatland Lions Club surprised their Club Member Lion Brian Ring with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Brian's spouse pinned the MJF pin onto his lapel. DGE Lion Linda Vollmer made the presentation.



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**2019 NPEF Lions Picnic**

Piedmont Valley Lions Club was honored on June 6 by Northern Plains Eye Foundation (NPEF) as the 2019 Children's Vision Screening Initiative (CVSI) Club of the Year for giving 229 hours over the past 12 months to support the CVSI free children's vision screening program. Piedmont Valley Lions representatives are photographed receiving their award from NPEF Board Chair, Dr. Ryan Scarborough.



DGE Lion Linda Vollmer receives an MD5 Award Plaque on behalf of the Newell Lions Club. The Plaque recognizes the Club who accumulated the most miles traveled by Club Members to the MD5 Lions Convention in Prince Albert, SASK. Newell won the large Club category (26 or more Members).

The Pierre-Fort Pierre Lions Club from District 5SW presented bronze Lions to members Larry Nelson and Gary Watzel for their fifty (50) years of membership and service each to the community on June 24, 2019.

Larry Nelson and Gary Watzel have been involved with many Lions Club projects such as the Sight and Service which provides eye glasses to the needy, Sandbox project, annual Irish Stew Feed, the Banquet and many other fundraisers.

The award was presented by Lion President Geraldine Ray.

*Picture taken by Lion Gayle Mersheim*



Sturgis Lion Lisa Urbaniak attempting to turn Smokey Bear into a Lion. This is at the Sturgis Fire Department Open House held on May 20. The Sturgis Lions were invited to have a recruiting table there and it was manned by Lions Tim Brown, Lisa Urbaniak, and Marv Nible.



Onida Wheatland Lions Club inducted 2 new Members recently-- Laura Clark Rowe and Robert Lowe. Their sponsor, Michael Owens, presents them with their Club Pin. DGE Lion Linda Vollmer conducted a candle light ceremony for them.







Onida Wheatland Lions did it all on May 4th: Install new Officers, Awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship and installed 2 New Members. DGE Lion Linda Vollmer did the presentations.



Hill City Lions hosted their Free Youth Fishing Derby recently. 28 youngsters participated.

Custer Lions Club and their Leo Club participated in A Family Services Night at Custer Elementary School by serving food. In addition, they packed meals for Hunger relief in Africa.

Murdo Lions Club hosted DG Lion Bea and Lion Ken Gifford at their May Meeting.

Belle Fourche Lions Club did their environmental project by picking up the trash in a road ditch.

Chamberlain Lions Club presented a \$500 Scholarship to a graduating Chamberlain Senior.

Ipswich Lions Club sold concessions at 3 local Track Meets in May.

Buffalo Lions Club held their monthly Bingo Night.

Piedmont Lions Club hosted Lion Ashley Burkhead who made a presentation on Backpacks for Kids.

Rushmore Lions Club manned a booth at the Walk for Wishes Event, a fundraiser for the local Make a Wish Foundation.

Newell Lions Club conducted a Pancake Supper fundraiser for a local lady in need of a kidney transplant. Funds raised will help with travel expenses.

Lemmon Lions Club has kicked off the summer's Burgers in the Park in June, which is held every Tuesday in Lemmon's park throughout the summer months.

## News from the District Governor

HOWDEE fellow Lions and Lionesses,

I am excited to be your District Governor. Let's rock and roll. We have a long road to go. We all need to work together to make the load lighter. Let us take the time to talk to prospective Lions. Do not overlook your church members, business owners, fellow workers, friends, neighbors, family, etc. Remember how you became a LION; somebody ASKED YOU!! Lions currently do lots of good things for your community but just think what a few more hands could accomplish.



Neil and I are looking forward to the International Convention in Milan. But we will be back for the first Cabinet meeting on July 27th. We are planning on visiting the Dakota Frontier Camp by Bear Butte. Every One is welcome. This is where we will be holding a Cancer Camp for Children on July 7-11. We will be having a brunch, a tour of the facilities followed by the cabinet meeting about 12:30.

The Fall Rally will be held in Mobridge on October 4th and 5th. We will be having a different agenda. There WILL NOT be a cabinet meeting on the 4th. We will still have a fun night. I am excited to announce that we will be having a DINING IN THE DARK DINNER on Friday Night. This will be a fund raiser for Leader Dog. Come and support them. WE will also have some entertainment.

On Saturday we will have a joint Cabinet/Business meeting. Some things to look forward to are a motivational speaker and his dog from leader dog, a presentation on the history of Mobridge, a session on orientation, a session on putting backpacks together for cancer children and a Q and A (question and answer) with the guest ID (International Director). I will be asking each club to contribute to the backpacks. A list will be emailed with the needed items. Ashley Burkhead has been working hard on this project and I want to thank her.

This year I am going to stress orientation. I believe this is the glue needed to retain members. Donna Wetz will be my Orientation Chair and she will be talking about a successful orientation for your club.

We are looking for a Vice District Governor Elect, who will be the District Governor for the 2022-2023 year. If you are interested or know of anybody that would be eligible, please let me know. I know there is someone out there, so let me know.

Club visits are coming up. If your club has a special time that you would like to invite the Governor to visit, please let me know. I have 2 scheduled for far. When I visit your club I will be asking you, in advance, for a list of prospective members that we can invite to the club meeting. Let's think hard on this and increase our membership.

Peace Posters kits are available. Please order your kit now. This is a wonderful way to involve our children and to introduce our Lions organization.

Have a good summer.

**Lion Linda Vollmer, District Governor  
District 5SW**



Lion Tim Brown (right) with Sturgis Lions Club awards two \$500 scholarships to Sturgis seniors

**Be sure to visit our District 5-SW  
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<http://e-district.org/sites/5sw/>**



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Submissions by any club or club members are welcomed and encouraged, but please limit them to 100 words. Submissions should be sent to Lion Neil Vollmer, by email at [lvollmer@sdplains.com](mailto:lvollmer@sdplains.com) or texted to Neil at **605-490-0386**.

## District 5SW Lions 2019 Fall Rally - October 4-5 - Mobridge, SD

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion \_\_\_\_\_ Lioness \_\_\_\_\_ Leo \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions Club: \_\_\_\_\_

		# Attending	Total
Registration Before Sept. 1, 2019	\$75/person	_____	_____
Registration After Sept. 1, 2019	\$100/person	_____	_____
*Additional Event: DINING IN THE DARK - Friday Evening	\$25/person	_____	_____
Registration Total Due:			_____

Make Checks Payable to MOBRIDGE LIONS CLUB  
Send Registration to: Mobridge Lions Club  
PO Box 942  
Mobridge, SD 57601

**\*\* Hotel Room Block available thru September 1<sup>st</sup>\*\***  
Call Wrangler Inn for reservations - 1-888-884-36451  
MUST mention "Lions Club Rate" for special discounted room rates

### Friday, October 4th:

5:00 PM - Registration at Wrangler Inn  
5:00 - 6:30 PM - Social Hour  
6:30 PM - Dining in the Dark benefiting Leader Dog Program  
(Must register for event - See Fee above)  
8:00 PM - Special Entertainment

### Saturday, October 5th

Breakfast on your own  
9:00 AM - Rally Begins @ Wrangler Inn Conference Center  
Lunch provided  
1:00 - 4:30 PM - Rally Continues @ Wrangler Inn Conference Center  
5:00 PM - Social Hour  
6:00 PM - Governor's Banquet honoring International Director  
\* Silent Auction items during the rally  
\* Live Auction