



5SW LIONS Pride

Fall 2021



HAPPY FALL, I know it is fall because I emptied my rain gauge and stored it for the winter!

Do you remember when you first became a Lion? Not when you joined Lions, but when an experience really made you realize what LIONISM is?

My second 'LIONISM' event occurred in mid-September. An optometrist in Pierre had contacted the SD Lions Foundation and requested use of a camera. Director Jennifer contacted me. I store a Foundation camera, and she asked if I would meet with the doctor and his staff for training. Yes!

The meeting was interesting, as I trained him and his technician. We used each of them as the individual being screened. The doctor was very impressed with how accurate the results were. I offered to come back and assist, if necessary, when the patient arrived.

The patient is a middle-aged man, who has been in a wheelchair the majority of his life. At this time, he does not sit, but reclines in the wheelchair. As I listened to the conversation in the waiting room, I realized I knew him as he participated in an event called 'Fishing Has No Boundaries' which I chaired for many years. A friendship reborn.

His name was called and we both went into the doctor's office, I realized why the camera was needed. Because he can't sit up, the instruments in the office would not allow a reading to be made of his eyes. I was asked to complete not 1 but 3 different screenings of his eyes. I began to focus the camera straddling the bottom of the wheelchair and moving forward. Success! Several minutes later a 2nd screening was completed, and after a brief resting of his eyes, the 3rd screening completed. No. 1 and no. 3 were similar, no. 2 was very different as was the angle of camera.

After looking at the results and numbers, the doctor told the patient he now had a very good idea of what was needed so he once again could see well.

A pure look of joy! I understood again – WE SERVE!

Think back to your first experience of LIONISM. Now, go out and invite others to join your club so they can have that special experience.

—District Governor Geraldine Ray

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Help get the word out!!
Send in the details of your Club's upcoming events, and they will be featured in upcoming issues!

Share your great ideas and learn from other clubs!

Don't forget to submit photos and write ups to the editor at katekosior@gmail.com with "Lions Newsletter Articles" in the subject line.

WANTED: Pictures of your club officers in particular!

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Int'l President Alexander

Your commitment to the health and safety of your community makes a real difference in people's lives, especially in our efforts to fight Diabetes. You are the advocates, educators, and leaders. And for many, your intervention is the

first step toward preventing Type 2 diabetes and getting back on the path toward a healthier lifestyle.

Diabetes affects nearly 10% of the world's adult population—and half of those currently living with the disease are undiagnosed. That's where Lions can be the difference. Let's all work together to raise awareness and educate our friends and neighbors so we can keep families healthy and communities strong.

November 14 is National Diabetes Awareness Day.

MEET THE WEBMASTER



Hello! I'm PDG Ted Pukas and I've been serving as the 5SW Website Manager for the last 8 years. It's easy to find our website on the internet by either searching for '5SW Lions' on your browser or entering the address <http://e-district.org/sites/5sw>

When you find the website bookmark it and use it as a source of local Lions information or as a portal to multiple Lions web pages.

There are links to LCI, LCIF, all District websites in MD5, SD Lions Foundation, Dakota Sight and Health, and Leader Dogs. If you enjoy surfing the web, the website offers you a door to 'Everything Lions'.

You have an invitation to post upcoming club events and fund raisers in the calendar section. You can read every District newsletter from 2014 to the most current edition. You can request posting of a photo of one of your club's projects to the gallery section. You can keep informed of the District business by reviewing minutes of Cabinet meetings. Requests to

post to the website can be emailed to me at tbp57718@gmail.com.

Keeping informed and in touch through use of the 5SW website can strengthen our clubs and be an avenue towards fulfilling our motto... *We Serve*.



WE SERVE

Social distancing and various protocols make performing service a challenge that can be overcome by some creativity.

Cleaning roadsides and sidewalk boulevards and park areas and

nature trails pose little or no problem and give us an opportunity to get out into the fresh air with our fellow Lions. Playing bingo at a senior living facility is a bit more of a challenge but masks and sanitizer can help. Sing alongs in the halls and cafeterias give those dear souls new faces to see – even if we are a bit off key—laugh and bring joy. Serving meaningfully may sound over simplified but we all know we can do good. Donate books to libraries – even those little streetside ones that say bring one take one. Volunteer to read at a local day care. Give those caregivers a break and make it fun for the young ones and bring your acting talents.

I have seen wonderful projects taking gift bags with personal care items and a note to share with nursing homes and others. Provide cookies and bars to a local blood drive. If you are unable to give blood find someone in your neighborhood who can. Take care of their little ones if needed and make a meal for them and their family to rejuvenate them.

Let people know your club is available in these ways. Have your club do a trunk or treat in your neighborhood or help a group that already is doing one in a local church parking lot and put a note in each child's bag with Lion's information especially if you are planning a vision screening. Our local college has a food pantry in the student union building, other places may have the same opportunity. If you take items to share, label each with the Lions logo and maybe a note of encouragement. Perhaps a snack bag could be shared at a local middle or high school. Food is a great opening to share encouragement. There are clubs that provide free meals and desserts.

With all of these opportunities fulfilled be sure to report them to Lions Clubs International (LCI)!

There are donors who give with matching gifts. Foundations and individuals give to groups that help others. These donors don't know how much we share and serve if we don't report. LCI can not say we have given so much time and treasure to so many people if the clubs do not share what they have done. Please take the extra moments to make LIONS visible. If you need help let us know. We have people who want to help you. WE ALL SERVE - each in our best way.

Rapid City



Talking to local families, the Lions left to right are George Gladfelter (l); Kyle Krause (ctr), current club president; and Dennis Scaar

100 Years in Rapid City!

This past Sunday, September 19, the Community was invited to celebrate with the Rapid City Lions Club as they approach 100 Years of Service in the Rapid City Area. To cap-off this first Century of Service, the community was invited to join Lion members for free hotdogs, popcorn and a beverage at Main Street Square from 11:00AM until 6:00PM.

One of two South Dakota Lions' Kid Sight Vans were also present. Lions performed free vision screening for children as they do for children at schools throughout South Dakota throughout the school year. All those present also enjoyed a free concert performed by the Abbey Roads Band at 4:00pm. All proceeds of this event will go to the benefit of Youth and Family Services.

The Rapid City Lions Club was founded in 1921, just four years after Lions Clubs International was created in the Chicago, Illinois area. Today, LCI is represented by more than 1.4 million Lion members world-wide in 230 countries. Early on, Gutsom Borglund actually announced the carving of Lincoln's head at Mt. Rushmore at a club meeting at the Alex Johnson Hotel in 1923.

The first LCI Foundation Grant ever written was for the tragic Rapid City Flood in 1972. The Club Charter was signed and validated on November 21, 1921 with 61 original members. Planning is underway to have a commemorative dinner at the Canyon Lake Activities Center on Saturday, November 20, 2021. This will be a semi-formal event catered by Old West Dutch Oven Catering and fully funded through tickets purchased by attendees.

— Lion Ron Bunnell, cell (605) 415-8239

Alive and Healing: 100 Years of Rapid City Downtown Lions A Celebration!

One hundred years ago, on November 22, 1921, The Lions Club of Rapid City was officially chartered by the International Association of Lions Clubs. Fifty-two original members signed the charter in 1921.

On Saturday, November 20, 2021, our club will celebrate 100 years of continuous service. The agenda includes the following highlights:

- Gather with old friends and explore some of our club's wonderful history
- Recognize and review our club's original charter—to be a videotaped live skit
- Sample a few club songs from the 60th anniversary song book (with live piano music!)
- Take a glimpse into the future of Lions Club International
- Guest speaker Lion Pat Vannett, who recently served on the International Board of Directors (2017-2019)
- Special honors for several local Lions

The event will be held at the Canyon Lake Activity Center, 2900 Canyon Lake Drive, Rapid City, SD. Recommended attire is a suit and tie for the gents and evening finery for the ladies. (Note: Lions vests are always acceptable, and a great option!) There will be a live band, Midnight Sun, performing at a public event next door at Viking Hall, beginning at 8:00PM. Several free tickets are available. Food will be provided by Old West Dutch Oven Catering.

Tickets are \$45 for a single, and \$35 for an additional spouse or guest. You can send your check or payment no later than November 11 to Rapid City Downtown Lions Club, c/o 100th Anniversary Celebration, PO Box 1423, Rapid City SD 57709.

Pierre/ Ft. Pierre



The Pierre-Ft. Pierre Lions partnered with the Stanley County School Board to serve pancakes to students on the first day of school on Monday, August 23, 2021. The Lions Club members mixed batter, cooked the pancakes and served hungry students and parents. Turnout was very good with school staff, students, and many families enjoying a quick breakfast before heading off to classes. The pancake breakfast was started in 2011 to get the community together and kick off a new school year.

Sturgis



Sturgis Lions were able to have their annual Sturgis Rally parking lot this year. A great fund raiser and this year we had help from Lead/Deadwood, Newell and Piedmont Lions as we also had a chance to man a photo tower on main. This picture shows our photo tower view of Main street.



Three South Dakota Lions were among the 2021 nominees for the 2021 Spirit of Dakota Award recently presented in Huron. The Spirit of Dakota Award Society annually honors one woman whose leadership qualities, courage, strength of character, and community commitment illustrate the best of South Dakota womanhood. The women nominated for this award are role models who promote the social, civic, cultural and/or educational advancement of others.

Nominated were (L-R): Marileen Tilberg of the Onida Wheatland Lions, Sandra Larson of the Box Elder Lions, and Angela Ehlers of the Presho Medicine Creek Lions.

Ehlers was named as the 2021 Spirit of Dakota Award recipient.

THE CAMPAIGN 100 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE IS BACK!

**A TURNKEY FUNDRAISER IS COMING TO YOUR CLUB
SOON!**

**RAFFLE TICKETS TO ARRIVE AT YOUR CLUB BY NOV 1st
CLUBS WILL RECEIVE 2 TICKETS FOR EACH CLUB MEM-
BER**

TICKETS ARE \$20 EACH

EACH MEMBER IS ASKED TO: BUY 1 TICKET & SELL 1 TICKET

**DON'T LIKE TO SELL TICKETS-THEN BUY 2, THEY
ARE ONLY \$40 & YOU CAN WIN!**

Or

**DON'T LIKE TO BUY TICKETS—THEN SELL 2, THE
PRIZES ARE GREAT & EASY TO SELL!**

***(Gift cards are issued for the value of each prize & may be used for
alternate merchandise)***

**A \$20 TICKET SALE YIELDS A \$10 CLUB DONATION TO
LCIF**

For more tickets contact PDG Doug Scheller 605-415-3595, douglas.scheller@gmail.com

EXAMPLE: This year's ticket—more *great* prizes!

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Name _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____

DISTRICT 5 SW LIONS RAFFLE

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

Drawing to
be held on
Wednesday,
January 12,
2022 at 7:00pm
Mountain Time,
at the Post
22 American
Legion Hall,
Rapid City,
SD 57701.

NEED NOT BE
PRESENT TO WIN.

PRIZES Total Value: \$5,004.93

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| 1. Franchi Affinity Automatic Shotgun \$749.99 | 6. Callaway Epic Speed Driver . . . \$529.99 |
| 2. Savage Apex HP 6.5 Creedmore rifle \$579.99 | 7. Louisiana 100 Black Label Pellet Grill \$999.99 |
| 3. Scheels Outfitter Heritage one fishing rod \$399.99 | 8. Scheels Gift Card NorthFace . . . \$220 |
| 4. Vortex Range Optic Binoculars \$499.99 | 9. Scheels Gift Card Carhartt . . . \$200 |
| 5. Big Frig 70qt cooler \$424.99 | 10. Scheels Gift Card Under Armour \$200 |
| | 11. Scheels Gift Card Nike \$200 |

\$20
per ticket



Winners will receive a Scheels gift card for the value of the prize and may be used on other Scheels merchandise should they choose.

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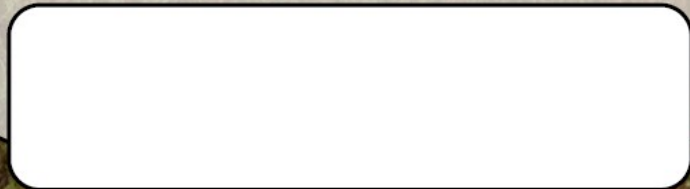
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BUFFALO HUNT RAFFLE

Support the work of Lions Clubs by purchasing a raffle ticket to harvest a trophy bull bison. Winner receives: guided hunt, processing, room/food/drink at Timber Lake Elk Hunting Ranch. Taxidermy available.

Drawing will be held January 1, 2022 at 1:00 PM CST. Drawing live on Facebook, need not be present to win. Winner arranges date of hunt Fall 2022.

Tickets: \$100—only 500 tickets will be sold!
Call your local Lions member today for tickets:



“When one door of happiness closes, another opens;
but often we look so long at the closed door that we
do not see the one which has been opened for us.”

—Helen Keller



HELLO LIONS OF DISTRICT 5SW:

District Governor Geraldine Ray's theme for the year is "Vision leads to Success". What a wonderful statement that makes for Lions and our future, and words to live by personally! Putting a different slant on the word 'Vision'... what a perfect statement for the Leader Dogs for the Blind campaign for the Lions District this year. We know how important our sight/vision is to all of our daily activities; imagine our daily routine without vision. Without vision some people feel trapped in a world of darkness and despair.

The mission statement for Leader Dogs for the Blind is: Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Leader Dogs for the Blind is 100% philanthropically funded. It relies on clubs like ours to help provide the support that makes it possible to give blind or visually impaired people training on orientation and mobility, and guide dog training absolutely free!

My goal as District Chairman for Leader Dogs for the Blind, as usual is 100% Club participation. There are some fun and interesting things that a club can do to raise funds as well as raising awareness in a community about Leader Dogs for the Blind. Some clubs have done a Dining in the Dark; eating with blindfolds. There is also a coin collection canister marked 'Pennies for Puppies', that can be placed in stores or at ballgame concession areas. Some clubs could sponsor a 50/50 bingo at ballgames, or ask each member to donate \$.25 at each meeting and send the proceeds to Leader Dog at the end of the year...or even just \$.25 each at just one meeting would work. There is also a program called Light Up Leader Dog during the holiday season. For a donation of \$10.00 a luminary will be placed in honor of the supporter on Dec. 11, 2021 on the Leader Dog Campus. *This contribution needs to be made by Nov.10.* If this is something that you are interested in, please send the contribution to me and I will forward it on so that your club will be credited for a District contribution. How about a 5K run? The possibilities are endless. Have fun with it!

There are also possibilities for individuals to contribute to this worthwhile organization. They have a great gift shop on line. Just visit LeaderDog.org, and go to the Gift shop tab. Or make personal contributions. **Please send donations to me: Donna Wetz, Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairman, PO Box 204, Newell, SD 57760.** I will forward them on to Leader Dog so that your club and District 5SW gets credit for the contribution.

Thank you for your generous support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Be creative and have fun spreading the word about Leader Dog. Let's "Make Everyone Unstoppable!"

Lion Donna Wetz, District 5SW Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairman