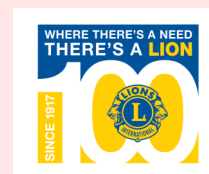




Lions Pride

D I S T R I C T 5 S W



Speeches. DG Tim Brown meets with the District 5SW Speech contest winners on March 27, Jennifer Albright of Newell-1st place, and Kai Banke of Newell in 3rd. Not pictured: Griffin Smith of Spearfish, 2nd place. (Photo by PDG Terry Peterson)



Gifts. Evening Star Lions help with the Salvation Army Toy Distribution on Dec. 14. DGE Bea Gifford shows the different types of toys that were presented to needy children for Christmas. (Photo by Lion Sheila Paulus)



Fundraising Donation. Piedmont Valley Lions donate \$1038 to the Piedmont Ambulance Service from funds raised from their semi-annual breakfast and from bussing tables at the Pizza Ranch. The donation will be used to purchase an onboard ambulance tablet to speed up information transfer and enhance patient care. (Photo by ambulance personnel)



Celebration. Downtown Lions Club gathers for the club's 96th birthday with balloons, birthday cake, expanded food service at Murphy's and several interesting presentations to match the event. (Photo by Lion Ron Bunnell)

The District Governor

As my year serving as 5SW District Governor is coming to an end in two months and this will be my last newsletter, I would like to share information I included in my annual report to MD5. It truly has been a privilege to serve as DG for our Lions 100 year centennial. Visiting the 33 clubs in the district has given me an appreciation of how each club makes an impact through service work and projects. Every Lion should be proud of the legacy projects that reflect a strong Lions future.

One of the district goals this year was to improve communication to clubs using our zone chairs. 5SW's 7 zone chairs all stepped up to help clubs look for new service projects and promote our centennial year. Membership in the district has also been a focus. I am confident that by our Lions June 30 year end date, 5SW will show a growth in members. Zone chairs did a great job reminding clubs of motivating Lions to encourage adding new members from their communities. I estimate our year end district membership to be around 810 strong. We continue the need to find communities in our district to add new clubs and build Lionism.

The leadership of 5SW gives our district a bright future. DGE Lion Bea Gifford and her upcoming cabinet have the knowledge and experience to motivate our clubs. Our other two district governors elect, Lion Linda Vollmer and Lion Richard Waits have also shown their strong leadership to serve.

Please look forward to district new officer training that will be offered in several locations during April and May. A lot of Lions information will be shared so bring as many Lions as possible, not just your new officers. The other big event for 5SW Lions will be the MD5 Convention in Bismarck this May 18-19. Registration form on the back of this newsletter. It's a Great Time to be a Lion!

Attention! Multiple District Global Service Team Coordinator. The position is open for the 2018-19 year. This position calls for work with the GLT, GMT and GAT to support community service projects. Contact DG Tim Brown by May 14 if interested. Include your Lions history, and how you envision the GST will help the district.



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ITS & PIECES

Lions Club Activities

***Wall** Lions Club helped stock the shelves of the Food Pantry in preparation of the local Christmas baskets; held a bake sale at Wall Drug on Good Friday.

***Gregory** Lions Club donated \$1000 to District 5SW towards purchase of a new Spot camera; assisted with vision screenings at schools in Gregory County and also daycare centers.

***Murdo** Lions Club took tickets at basketball games; held Bingo night in Murdo.

***Evening Star** Lions Club assisted with cookie sales training for Girl Scouts; held its annual bake sale at Regional Hospital.

***Hot Springs** Lions Club assisted with a blood drive; collected 205 pairs of glasses; screened 86 elementary kids; had a booth at the Fall River Hospitality Heathy Heart Week.

***Newell** Lions club sold tickets at basketball games; hosted a blood drive.

***Buffalo** Lions Club held Bingo games; took tickets at girls basketball games.

***Eureka** Lions Club provided \$500 for 2 scholarships; donated \$108 to a WalMart optometrist to help a person.

***Belle Fourche** Lions Club collected aluminum cans; held vision screening at a local health fair; presented 4 awards at the Belle Fourche Middle School Science Fair.

***Presho** Medicine Creek Lions Club sold tickets as basketball games; donated \$\$ for 2 vision exams and glasses; donated \$100 to the food pantry; had a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

***Piedmont Valley** Lions Club donated \$200 for Ski for Light; helped with vision screening in Rapid City area schools; held its semi-annual breakfast on March 17; conducted a diabetes screening.

***Custer** Lions Club donated hats and gloves to Custer Elementary; donated \$100 to Prairie Hills Transit; helped the Leo Club collect supplies for the local animal shelter.

***Onida Wheatland** Lions Club donated \$250 to help pay for a kidney transplant surgery.

***Hills City** Lions club sold Lions mints.

***Ipswich** Lions Club served concessions at basketball games.

***Rushmore** Lions Club worked security at the Homebuilders Home Show in March; assisted with vision screening at the Home Show; donated \$500 to Make A Wish Foundation, worked at the Home Builders Parade of Homes.

MD5 Convention

Radisson Hotel, May 17-19

Thursday's events include a walking tour of downtown Bismarck and free tours of the Heritage Center. Lions will serve 500 homeless people in downtown Bismarck.

Friday's events include the luncheon with Sister Thomas Welder, the Red Jacket luncheon, the memorial service and other fun things.

Saturday includes business sessions, a tour of the Sanford Healthy Dialysis Center and the banquet featuring ID Tom Gordon.



Cap Time. Custer Lions Club donates 38 knitted caps for cancer patients and 45 caps for newborns at Regional Hospital in Rapid City. Providing the caps are Lion Edie Dustman, Caitlin Varga, Beth Draeger, and Lion Dusty Dustman.



Tape it shut. Feeding American becomes the scene for Rushmore Lions as Lion Kevin Kloster seals up a package of food for distribution. 11 Lions bagged oranges, potatoes and other food items. (Photo by PDG Terry Peterson)

The Kids are Coming!

District 5SE will be holding the MD5 Lions Youth Camp at Augustana College, July 15-21.

Please assist with this by providing funds and send them to SD Lions Foundation, 3920 S. Western Ave. Ste 2, Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Also hosts for campers are needed. Contact PDG Judy Beaudry at 701-220-4410 if you wish to be a student host. Also chaperones are needed for the six days of camp. Contact Jody Bymers, 605-496-2009 if you can help. Campers are also needed at \$400 per kid, ages 16—20. Contact PDG Judy for more info.



Pets. Custer Wild Leos present pet food and other supplies to the Battle Mountain Humane Society. Gathered for the presentation include Lion Doug Faaborg, Leos Jack Hubbard, Isiah Griffin, Reese Smith, Lions Edie Dustman, Dusty Dustman, Lona Faaborg, and Bruce Doughty.



Club Visit. On April 2, District Governor Tim Brown visits the Murdo Lions Club and talks about the vision screening across district 5SW. He also presented the Centennial Service Patch to the Murdo Lions Club for 2017. (Photo by Lion Brian O'Reilly)



Screeners SD Lions Foundation screeners, front: Lion Norm Denke of Metro Lions and Lion Jim Treloar of Rushmore Lions; back: Lions Sherry Denke of Metro, Arlene Moll of Metro and Terry Peterson of Rushmore screened kids at Vandenberg Elementary in Box Elder on April 17. (Photo by Leta Eberhard, School Secretary)

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Lions of MD 5 Convention

May 17-19, 2018 Radisson Hotel, 605 East Broadway Ave., Bismarck, North Dakota

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Lion ___ Lioness ___ Leo ___
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Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell _____
Email _____
Lions Club _____ District _____
Registration by March 1, 2018 \$135/person _____
Registration by May 1, 2018 \$145/person _____
Registration on day of convention \$160/person _____
Golf Tournament-Thursdays \$55/person _____
Total _____

Mail registration form to **2018 MD5 Convention, c/o Mandan Lions Club, PO Box 422, Mandan, ND 58554**

All checks payable to **2018 MD5 Convention**. Pay with Credit Card:
Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____
CVS Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Lodging Accommodations:

Radisson Hotel, 605 East Broadway Ave, Bismarck, ND . 701-255-6000. The room rate is guaranteed until May 1, 2018 at **\$109 per night plus taxes**. Ask for Lions' Convention rate. **Refund Policy:** Refunds of convention fees shall be requested through Lion Brandie Lang, PO Box 422, Mandan, ND until June 30, 2018. After that date, contact MD5 Treasurer Kevin Vannett, 1101 Sunset Dr., Mandan, ND 58554. No refunds will be granted 60 days or more after the convention.

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Service Project Day Thursday

Cook and Serve "The Banquet" for the homeless and lonely. We will prepare and serve an evening meal for 500 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

30 Volunteers needed. If interested in helping indicate below:

Name _____
Name _____