

5SW LIONS' PRIDE

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South Dakota Lions State Convention

The Lions held their 2019 5SW/5SE State Convention in Spearfish on January 18 & 19, with all events taking place at the Northern Hills Holiday Inn.

Photos by LaQuita Shockley



Lions Ken & Donna Wetz,
Newell Lions, SD
Lions Hall of Fame Inductees



Lions International Director
Nick Xinopolous



PID Bruce Beck, 5SE PDE John Emmett, 5SE DG Marie Anne Ben,
International Director Nick Xinopolous from Indiana, 5SWVDG
Richard Waits, 5SW DG Bea Gifford, MD5 CC Keith Zeuschel
from No. Dak. and 5SW DGE Linda Vollmer



Newest members honored
ID Nick Xinopolous, Lion Roxy Hilgenberg
(Ipswich Lion), Autumn Swedin (Custer
Lion) and DG Bea Gifford



Longest active member
ID Nick Xinopolous,
PDG Robert Haskell (Rapid
City), 5SW DG Bea Gifford



Dignitaries: PID Robert Drabek & Spouse Lion Beverly Drabek,
Rapid City, ID Nick Xinopolous & Spouse Lion Gretchen Xinopolous,
PID John Daum, Spearfish, Spouse Julie Schwartz & PID Bruce
Schwartz, Bismarck and PID Bruce Beck, Minnesota



Sturgis Lions celebrated their 75th
Anniversary, serving cake in the lobby,
with the basket auction
in the foreground

International Director Nick Xinopolous and District Governor Bea Gifford present South Dakota Lions members with the International President's Certificate of Appreciation



Lion James Treloar, Rapid City



PID John Daum, Spearfish



Lion LaQuita Shockley, Lemmon



Club Activities



Secretary Del Neumeister joined Lion President Zupan (at left) during a November 2018 meeting of the Belle Fourche Lions Club, showing off the recently received plaque recognizing their club for having the "best website" in multiple-district 5. MD-5 includes North Dakota, South Dakota, and the Canadian province of Saskatchewan. Sites are judged for quality of content and design.

Photo by Larry Miller



Lion Linda Vollmer delivered baby caps to the Rapid City Regional Nursery Unit recently. Newell Lions Club Members have been knitting caps for some time now. The make several different sizes to accommodate preemie babies, also.

photo by Neil Vollmer



\$50 Kenny Vollmer Memorial Union Winner-Citori Edwards Following the elementary Christmas concert, Santa handed out goody bags, sponsored by the Murdo Lions Club. 5 \$10 winners were awarded, and one \$50 award.



Lion PDG Tim Brown ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. Seven Sturgis Lions and one cub (grandchild) worked 32 hours to support the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign.

Photo by Lion Marv Nible



Photo taken January 10 of Bev Drabek, who received an award for 40 years in Lionism & Sheila Paulus for her recruiting new members during the 100th Anniversary



Buffalo Officers installed--Lion Neil Vollmer installed the Buffalo Lions Club Officers in August. Pictured are Lion Neil with Lion Sharon Tilus, Sec., Lion Gary Johnson, Pres., Lion Delbert Blume, Treas., and Lion Robert Johnson, VP.

Photo by Linda Vollmer



Zonta Club Donation Non-LCIF Donations Donated \$1,000 to Spearfish Zonta Club to help fund the Marc Mero Anti-Bully and Suicide Prevention presentation to the area schools.

Photo by James Mortenson



Lion Jolene Hanson, Piedmont Valley Lions Peace Poster chairperson, with Stagebarn Middle School 6th grade contest winners. Each winner was presented with a cash award and art kit at the school assembly held on December 18, 2018.

Photo by Lion Ted Pukas

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



Ipswich Lions Club members provided popcorn for the holiday movies at the Ipswich Public School. Pictured are Lions Lester & Colleen Forkel, and Larry & Dianne Stafford. Not pictured is Lion Deanne Hoyle.



Faulkton Area Lions made their annual donation of \$500.00 worth of groceries to the Tri-County Food Pantry in Redfield which also serves Faulkton. The groceries were delivered by Faulkton Area Lions Virgene Wagner, President and Jim Wagner, Vice President



Lion Neil Vollmer of the Newell Club and Lion Tad Brewer from the Spearfish Club took home the trophy for the small cornhole tournament that was held the night prior to the State Convention. If they can win, the possibilities are endless! Spearfish Lions Club held their Cornhole Tournament on February 2nd.

News from the District Governor

Fellow Lions of District 5SW:

The S.D. State Lions Convention was successfully held in Spearfish, SD. A big THANK YOU goes out to PID John Daum and his team from the Spearfish Lions Club. Despite the weather we welcomed fellow Lions from all across the state. We celebrated with great informational sessions, superb entertainment, great food, and a variety of other activities.



At our business meeting on Saturday morning, the Lions of 5SW voted to move forward with the proposal to change the date of the Annual State Lions Convention to the fall, thus eliminating our Fall Rally, which will then be moved to the spring. That one day Rally (name to be determined) will emphasize leadership and officer training, in addition to informational sessions and fellowship. Details will be presented at our upcoming Fall Rally in Mobridge, on October 4-5.

Membership, membership, membership. It's always on our mind. Our district has seen a dramatic decline in the last 7 months. We need everyone's help and it is as easy as merely asking a friend, acquaintance, or family member if they would like to join other Lion member volunteers making their community a better place to live. I also hope we will all do our best to promote Lionism among females. Currently we only have a 26% female representation in our clubs. Let's get it up to 50%.

I am half way through my responsibility to visit each of our district clubs. I will soon be contacting those remaining clubs to schedule a visitation. If I have not been at your club yet, I encourage you to call me at 415-5550 or lionbea@midco.net to set a visitation date. I eagerly look forward to seeing all of our clubs and say Thank You for all your hard work and commitment to Lions.

Dates to Remember:

- ◆ Lions Leadership Institute – Mahnomon, MN - March 28-31, 2019
- ◆ MD5 Convention – Prince Albert, Sask. – May, 23-25, 2019
- ◆ International Lions Convention – Milan, Italy - July 5-9, 2019
- ◆ USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Spokane, WA - September 19-21, 2019
- ◆ 2019 Fall Rally – Mobridge, SD - Oct. 4-5, 2019
- ◆ 2019 State Convention – Watertown, SD - TBA

Remember, **IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LION !!!**

**Lion Bea Gifford, District Governor
District 5SW**

Other fun at the State Convention....



We Serve

Newell Lions Members, Troy Hewson & Elaine Hewson, receiving Centennial Membership pins for sponsoring new Lions last year. Newell Lions Club Vice President presented the pins.

International Director Lion Nicholas Xinpoulos and his wife Gretchen enjoy a few steps on the dance floor as the Potter Family plays at the convention

Lion Neil Vollmer helps raise money for the Eyeven Auction for the SD Lions Foundation





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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 or texted to Neil at **605-490-0386**.

Remembering Our Fellow Lions

A memorial service was held at the Lions South Dakota State Convention on Saturday, January 19, to honor and remember all of our fellow Lions who we have lost this past year.

The list of District 5SW Lions who passed away in the last year were: Barbara Billotto, Eureka; Donald Kaul, Eureka; Emil Hlavka, Gregory; Chales Yuill, Newell; Terry Peterson, Rapid City; Darrell Halse, Spearfish; Don Sipe, Spearfish; Julie Brandis, White River.



Lion Ken Gifford places a memorial marker on the map to indicate the hometown of each of the 5SW Lions we have lost in 2018



This is part of the Hill City Lions Club, who prepared and delivered Christmas baskets. 90 Families in the Hill City and Keystone Area were treated. Lions pictured are Ken Raga, Carl Jefferson, Terry Treinen and Ron Rossknecht.

Photo by Justin Stephens

In memory of Carl Jefferson...he will be dearly missed.
We may all remember Carl doing what he liked,
and that was giving back to the community.