

# Henry Baker Fellowship NOMINATION FORM

Recipient's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lion     Lioness     Leo

Member of \_\_\_\_\_ Club

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

(Name of club if award is being presented by a club)

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Recipient's Designation:**  
 SD Lions Eye Bank  
 SD Lions Foundation  
 Split 50/50: SDLEB and SDLF

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Make copies of this blank nomination form for future use.

- Include a check in the amount of \$300.00.
- Make check payable to S.D. Past District Governors Assoc.
- Include a brief narrative about the recipient: personal information, service history, reason for the nomination.
- Send nomination form, check and narrative to:  
S.D. Past Dist. Governors Assoc.

PDG Neil Vollmer  
 PO Box 33  
 Newell, SD 57760

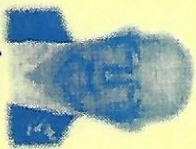
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The  
**Henry Baker**  
 Fellowship  
*A Legacy of Service*  
 Service  
 In South Dakota

# The Henry Baker

## Story



Lion Henry Baker found joy in helping others. Though he could neither read nor write and spent much of his life institutionalized at the South Dakota Developmental Center in Redfield, Henry is remembered for what he gave to others.

Fondly known as Redfield's "handyman," Henry earned money by mowing lawns, raking leaves, shoveling snow, painting houses and fences, running errands, and doing janitorial work. He lived alone and kept an immaculate apartment. His friend Lion Dean Haynes, a Redfield banker, helped Henry manage his affairs.

As a 25-year member of the Redfield Lions Club, Henry earned the respect of the community for his good deeds, his friendliness and his enthusiasm. On the occasion of his 70th birthday, the City of Redfield proclaimed it "Henry Baker Day." His club honored him as Lion of the Year in 1987-88 and named the club's aluminum can site the Henry Baker Can Bank.

## His Legacy

Henry died February 4, 1998. He was 76. Despite his meager lifestyle, Henry amassed an estate of \$167,927.52. The money was distributed according to his wishes. The South Dakota Lions Foundation, Redfield United Church of Christ, and Redfield High School Alumni Association each received \$41,981.88; the Redfield Hospital Trust Foundation and Redfield Carnegie Library Trust Fund each received \$20,990.94.

At the South Dakota Lions State Convention in Spearfish in February 1999, the South Dakota Lions Foundation Board of Directors announced the establishment of the Henry Baker Permanent Endowment Fund. Proceeds from the endowment are used to fund the South Dakota State Braille and Talking Books Library Summer Reading Program for blind and visually-impaired children. The program gives these children the fun of participation as well as prizes and recognition of their efforts.

This is Henry's legacy of service to others.

# Henry Baker Fellowship

At the South Dakota Past District Governors Association meeting in Sioux Falls in July 2004, discussion centered on the creation of a special new award.

The Association knew that clubs were looking for another way to recognize hardworking members of their community who were dedicated to service to others – those who always volunteered for a committee, who worked at club projects, who didn't miss a club meeting if they could help it.

Past District Governors Don Bradley, Gerald Marlette and Eldon "Red" Beukelman volunteered to serve on the committee and to work on a solution.

Their recommendation is the Henry Baker Fellowship which was ready for presentation for the first time at the 2005 Fall Rally, Fall Forum and State Lions Convention. Each Henry Baker Fellow will be individually recognized and will receive a distinctive lapel pin and certificate.

Lion, Lioness and Leo clubs as well as individuals may nominate whomever they wish. The criteria for awarding this special recognition is very simple: SERVICE. Each club/individual decides whom to honor and for what reasons. Clubs/individuals can name multiple Henry Baker Fellows each year.

The nomination process is simple also. The nomination form (on the back side of this brochure) requests basic information, to be accompanied by a brief narrative on the nominee's history of service. This information will be used during the presentation of the award by the District Governor and will be kept on file by the PDG Association.

A \$300.00 contribution shall accompany each nomination. Upon presentation of the award, each recipient may designate whether his/her \$300.00 contribution goes to the South Dakota Lions Eye Bank or the South Dakota Lions Foundation.

*Henry Baker Fellows...*

*Sharing a Legacy of Service*

*Legacy - a gift of property, especially personal property, as money, by will; bequest; anything handed down from the past.*

**Many share Henry Baker's legacy of service to others.**

**Now they can share a financial legacy... providing vital support to the work and missions of the S.D. Lions Eye Bank and S.D. Lions Foundation.**

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