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Start planning for spring



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Checking in on district goals

Happy New Year! As 2023 begins, it is hard to believe this Lions year is half over. It is time to focus on meeting our goals for 2023 Lions Year.

I was disappointed to see the membership numbers fall with the coming of the new year. I encourage all Lions to focus on sharing your love for Lions and service with others in your family, church, work setting and community.

ASK at least ONE person to be a Lion this month!

This winter has started off like a Lion; let's try to keep the motivation and excitement going by doing fun things at our meetings (i.e. chili cook off among members, game or craft night, dress in your favorite beach attire, etc.)

Maybe try a Zoom meeting for those clubs that have members that migrate to warmer climates in the winter; or just to make it more comfortable on a cold day allowing members to meet by their fireplaces or in their pajamas!

It is important for Lions to attend district and multiple district meetings to keep motivated, meet new friends/renew old friendships and bring home new and fresh ideas.

Please plan to attend the District 5SE Spring Celebration of Service on April 1 in Brookings. This event will have motivational speakers, food, information on membership extension and retention, food, allow you to participate in evaluating the current status of our District.

It will also offer training for officers and Lions in regards to how we fit in with the Lions internationally and did I mention there will be food. The event is planned to allow travel to and from the event in the same day, and registrations fees are reasonable and include all programs and two meals.

If you have never attended a district forum or convention, please fill up a car and head to Brookings, you will NOT be disappointed!

Lion Rebyn Tyler
5SE District Governor

5SE SPRING FORUM

Set for April 1 in
Brookings



Greetings from the Lions clubs of Zone 4 (Brookings, Brookings Early Bird, Colton, Dell Rapids and Madison)!

I am the Chair of Zone 4, which is hosting the 2023 Spring Forum. We are excited to invite you and your other club members to the forum which will be held at the Mickelson Middle School in Brookings on Saturday, April 1.

The registration form and agenda can be found above, as well as on the district website. The District Leadership Team will meet Friday evening, March 31, at the Pizza Ranch in Brookings.

Note that registration costs increase significantly after March 1 as a firm attendance count is needed for catering purposes. Early registration greatly helps the planning process so please register as early as possible.

This year you may either register conventionally by mailing the completed form and check or digitally by emailing the scanned form and using Venmo for payment.

Also note that room blocks have been reserved at the two Brookings hotels indicated in the registration form. The blocks will be released on March 1.

Several other activities are occurring in Brookings on the weekend of the Forum so it would be wise to also make your room reservations early.

The planning committee believes we have built an amazing program that will both inspire you to set new goals and enable you to meet them.

Some highlights:

1. Keynote address and Q&A by Lions International Director John Youney from Skowhegan, Maine.
2. Motivational presentation by award-winning speaker and author, V.J. Smith
3. Participation in guiding our district's future via a SWOT analysis led by DG Robin Tyler and VDG LeeAnn Haisch
4. Opportunity to learn about cooperating with other service clubs, creating service projects, how clubs can use social media, creative membership strategies, and much more.

We've got a full Lions agenda, but hope you have some time before or after the meeting to explore the many things to see and do in Brookings, such as:

- The South Dakota Art Museum and experience the collection of Harvey Dunn originals and Marghab Linens. You'll want to come back after June 10 to see Dakota Modern: The Art of Oscar Howe which runs this summer and includes the largest collection of Howe's art work.
- There's plenty to discover at the South Dakota Agriculture Heritage Museum. Besides exploring the history of our rural way of life, the museum offers hands on projects and rotating exhibits. Check the calendar closer to the conference for the latest news and happenings.
- Spring is a beautiful time to visit McCrory Gardens. With over 25 acres of formal display gardens and 45 acres of arboretum, there's an abundance of things to see and pathways to explore.
- For those looking for a little adventure, check out the key at the SDSU Alumni Center and climb the Campanile or stretch your legs with an invigorating walk through Dakota Nature Park.
- Brookings also has your feed and beverage needs covered! Ready for a coffee fix in the morning? Choco Latte is just a couple blocks from the Brookings Inn. For a real treat, try a homemade granola bar or one of their scones.
- Cottonwood Bistro is just a short drive away and you'll find Kool Beans downtown. For those of you looking for tried and true flavors, Brookings also has a few Starbucks and Scooters.
- And if you want to satisfy your appetite, The Pheasant Restaurant on Main Street, Nicks Hamburgers and Craft are Brookings originals that can't be beat.
- The Visit Brookings website has itineraries and ideas of things to do and places to eat. Check out more information at visitbrookingsd.com.

We are looking forward to seeing you on April 1 for a very special "Spring Celebration of Service"!

Click on the image below to get a printable version of the form.

Lions 5SE Spring Forum 2023

Friday, March 31, Cabinet Meeting at Pizza Ranch, 1815 6th St., Brookings, SD
Saturday, April 1, Forum and Meals at Mickelson Middle School, 1801 12th St., Brookings, SD
Registration starts at 8 am with Forum program at 9 am.

Registration Form

Name _____ Lions position (or spouse) _____

Name _____ Lions Position (or spouse) _____

Address _____

Home Club _____ Club City, State _____

Your Best Phone Contact _____ Email _____

Is this your first Lions Forum? ____ Your highest Lions Office held _____

Registration fees:

	Before March 1	After March 1
Full (Breaks, Lunch, Banquet)	\$60/person	\$80/person
Banquet & Keynote Only	\$40/person	\$50/person

Mail registration forms and payment in full to:

Lion Lawrence Johnson, 1123 Squire Ct, Brookings, SD 57006

Make checks out to: "Lions Spring Forum 2023"

OR

Email registration forms to:

lpjohnso@gmail.com

and Venmo payment in full to: @Lawrence-Johnson-234

Lodging Available for March 31 and April 1 at (Block name is District 5 Lions):

Quality Inn Brookings-University, \$129+tax/night

514 Sunrise Ridge Rd, Brookings, SD 57006

Phone: (605) 692-9566

Comfort Suites University, \$149+tax/night

929 25th Ave, Brookings, SD 57006

Phone: (605) 937-5867

These blocks of rooms will be released on **March 1, 2023**

Lion Paul Fixen
5SE Zone 4 Chair



LEADER DOG

Offers a big thank
you!

Greetings District 5SE,

You and your clubs are the unsung heroes in your community. Lions Clubs and Leader Dog serve local communities across North America as volunteer puppy raisers, ambassadors, fundraisers and leaders. Thank you for another year of dedicated service to others.

You are also a vital part of our team at Leader Dogs for the Blind. We want to celebrate your good work for those who are blind, visually impaired and DeafBlind. The following 2-minute video is a sincere THANK YOU for your work!

Please share with your clubs and members.



Lions Beth, Kathleen and Mike

The Lions Team at Leader Dog

ZONE 7

Served in the 'Food To You' program



There were 22, zone seven Lions Club members that served at "Food To You" Dec. 8 by packaging and distributing food to 72 adults, 68 children and 35 seniors totaling 175 individuals or 63 families.

The location for "Food To You" rotates each week between four or five churches that are closest to the areas that are experiencing the highest need in Sioux Falls.

The Lions Members pictured below are from Harrisburg, Sioux Falls Downtown, Sioux Rise, Siouxland, and Sioux Empire Lions Clubs.





Lion Jackie Cerkowniak
Sioux Empire Lions



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Applications are accepted January through April each year!

To learn more about the scholarship, see if you qualify, and to apply:

- Scan the QR Code on this flyer
- Visit us online at dakotasight.org/scholarship



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SIoux RISE LIONS

Have a busy December



Siouxrise Lions participated in several service projects in December. Starting the month with hosting the Salvation Army Angel Tree at the Empire Mall; they also celebrated with a Christmas Party and participated in the "Food to You" Mobile food pantry the same week.

The second week in December they donated large face playing cards to the Inn on Westport and held a Christmas party for the Supporting Low Vision through A New Lens support group. To complete the month, hygiene kits were assembled for the homeless community with Journey for Hope.





Volunteers & Donors
Please take a picture with the
Angel Tree
and post it on our social media pages
to encourage others to
volunteer & give

Facebook: The Salvation Army Sioux Falls
Instagram: @salusfd
Twitter: @salusfd

Thank you so much for giving others a chance to experience





Lion Rebyn Tyler
5SE District Governor



TAKE ON PIERRE

Lions Day at the
Capitol

Lions Day at the Capitol!

Thursday, February 2, 2023



Join Lions Club members from across South Dakota for lunch in the Capitol Rotunda. Greet state leaders and share the service work from your area. Wear your vests, bring your banners—lets show off our Lion Pride!

11:00 am — arrive at the Capitol Rotunda to mingle with state leaders and help serve lunch

2:00 pm— plan to attend the opening of the day's session in either the house or senate chamber as Lions's Day in South Dakota is announced

For more information call the SD Lions Foundation: 605-338-0551 or visit www.sdlions.org

This event is sponsored by:



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Lion Jennifer Sigette

South Dakota Lions Foundation

NEW CLUB

Lions returning to Hartford in 2023?



Several Lions from Zone 6, 7 and 8 have been working to be visible in Hartford over the past few months.

Lions have participated in local events to increase the community's awareness of what Lions are and how they can benefit Hartford's community. Lions attended the opening of the Hartford Dog Park in October and distributed home made dog toys.

They participated in the trunk or treat at West Central Middle School for Halloween. They finished up the calendar year doing children's eye screenings at the Christmas carnival where they screened 31 children and found 2 needing referral.

Lions then "lit up" themselves and the Foundation van to participate in the Home Town Christmas Parade of Lights on Dec. 4. In January, a group will canvas businesses in town with plans for an information event to be held in February or March.

If you know anyone in the Hartford area that may want to be a Lion or you want to help in anyway please contact District Governor Robyn, Jackie Cerkowniak, or Meredith Clark.









Lion Rebyn Tyler
5SE District Governor



YANKTON LIONS CLUB

Peace Poster Contest winner

Isabel Gurney was honored at the Yankton Middle School assembly for winning the Yankton Lions Club Peace Poster Contest.

Her poster also won the District 5SE contest, and the Multiple District 5 contest, and is now being considered at Lions International. Her poster will also be featured on a Multiple District 5 calendar for the 2023-24 Lions year.

The presentation was made by Yankton Lions Peace Poster Chairman Neil Bowes. Along with Dakota Lincoln is the Yankton middle school art teacher.



Neil Bowes
Yankton Lions Club

ABERDEEN LIONS

District governor visit



District Gov. Robyn Tyler visited the Aberdeen Lions Club on Oct. 26. The club celebrated the occasion with cake.

- Lion Ward Schumacher was presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.
- Lion Mark Malchow presented a donation from the club.
- Lions Sari and Rich Merriman were honored for their years of service.
- Lion Phyllis Donat was inducted into the Aberdeen Lioness Lions club.







Lion Katherine Grandstrand
Aberdeen Lions Club



HARRISBURG LIONS

#TogetherWeCan

Great visit with the Harrisburg Lions. #TogetherWeCan



Lion Robyn Tyler
5SE District Governor

GO GREEN

District 5SE
Environmental
Program



I am urging each Lions Club to undertake projects such as community clean-ups, recycling and tree planting.

I would like to challenge each Lions Club in District 5SE to participate in a "Lions Environmental Photo Contest."

My second challenge would be to establish a "Green Team" within their club which would conduct a community-wide clean-up project, either by themselves, with Leo Clubs or in conjunction with their city governments.

My third challenge would be to start an aluminum can recycling project for your club if you have not already done so. This project can be a significant source of income and involvement for Leo and club members.

It will give your club more visibility in the community.

District 5SE has an environmental award. Details will be given later.

Lion Jerry Voss

Past District Governor



PALACE CITY LIONS

Winter weather doesn't stop DG visit

Only in South Dakota would a Lion travel in a winter weather advisory to visit a Lions Club!

It was worth the drive to Mitchell where I was welcomed by the Palace City Lions with a great meal.

I was honored to induct three new members and award some membership longevity awards!







Lion Rebyn Tyler
5SE District Governor

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Key takeaways from Saturday's meeting



The District Leadership Team met over Zoom on Saturday morning.

A few key items that were discussed that have not yet been detailed in this newsletter:

- Lion Darlis LaBahn of the Vermillion Lions has been appointed second Vice District Governor.
- The 2023 state convention is set for Sept. 29-30 in Sioux Falls. The majority of the convention will take place on Saturday, Sept. 30. More information will be made available at a later date.
- Work is being done to bring the 2026 MD5 convention to Aberdeen. Zone 1 clubs, Aberdeen, Aberdeen Lioness, Britton, Eden, Groton and Warner-Stratford will serve as hosts.
- Clubs are challenged to participate in a week of service April 15-21. Clubs can get creative with their service. Expect more information in the coming weeks.

Lion Katherine Grandstrand
District 5SE Newsletter Editor



DISTRICT 5SE

Meet the leadership team

Wonder who's on the 2022-23 District Leadership Team? Click the links to find out:

- [Officers](#)
- [Zone Chairs](#)
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SAVE THE DATE

Important meetings and events



2023 Spring Forum, April 1, Brookings.

- [Find the registration forms here.](#)

2023 MD5 Convention, May 25-27, Spearfish.

- [Find the registration forms here.](#)

Lions International Convention; July 11-17, 2023, Boston.

- [Find the registration forms here.](#)

South Dakota State Lions Convention; Sept. 29-30, Sioux Falls.

- More information coming soon.



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News from around
the multi-district

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Submissions for the next issue due Feb. 10.