

It's state convention time Lion's



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Time for reassessment and revitalization

To revitalize is to restore something to life or give it new life or vigor. Revitalizing adds newness and strength, it increases excitement and improves outcomes.

All living things need to have a period of revitalization every now and then. Lions Clubs are made up of living beings and these clubs exist in communities that are alive and vital.

When was the last time your club held a new service project?

Added a new member, or had a social event just to celebrate your members and the service you provide to your community and the world?

Lions Clubs International (LCI) offers so many tools to help clubs re-evaluate their presence in the here and now. Most communities or towns have changed in the past 10-15 years by increasing or decreasing population, a different business climate, and or a difference in the current make up of youth to elderly.

Is your Lions club meeting the current needs of your community?

By completing a community assessment, your club may identify a need that can revitalize the passions of current members, and interest potential new members when asked to assist in new community projects or service. Your community assessment should include opinions from various groups in the community and should include persons from different ages, jobs, and stages of involvement within the community.

Some signs that your club may be in danger of burning out current members or presenting other threats to your legacy of service include fewer members attending meetings or planning sessions

for projects; not bringing in guests, visitors, or a new member in the past year; or increasing negativity around club meetings and events.

It is normal for all groups to have a time when they become "stale". The important action is to acknowledge this and decide to try and change it. Remember, judgment has no place in Lionism.

Recognition, accepting that the situation exists, and working together to revitalize your group is what is important.

The time is NOW for clubs and individual Lions to take note. In the past twenty years, our Multiple District has lost nearly 16,000 members. At this rate our Multiple District will not exist in the next 20 years.

[Club assessment information can be found here.](#)

Remember, together we can and will continue our legacy of service to southeastern South Dakota.

Lion Robyn Tyler

5SE District Governor

MD5

Calling for New
Voices





At the International Lion's Convention in Montreal, Global New Voices chair Nicole LePage from Quebec presented the Ambassador of New Voices awards to Canadians for Leadership, Service, and Membership. One U.S. citizen, MD5 New Voices coordinator Crystal Dueker, was introduced and recognized for New Voices in Marketing.

The Ambassador award is for promoting this LCI Initiative in Lions newsletters and LCI reports.

Hello South Dakota Lions!!

Some of you might remember me, Lion Crystal Dueker, the MD5 New Voices coordinator from Fargo when I visited your convention last October.

The fun and business of Lionism will be upon you soon, and it will great to see you all again October 7 & 8. In addition, the 2022-2023 New Voices nominees will be announced by DG Robin Tyler and DG Ron Bunnell in recognition of their nominees' accomplishments in Service, Membership, Leadership or Marketing.

There is another reason I will be attending your convention in Rapid City in October. This is the start of my fourth year in this leadership position, which has been an honor in itself.

The Council of Governors, with leadership from all six District Governors within South Dakota, North Dakota and Saskatchewan of MD5, have asked me to find a Lion who would be willing to dedicate some of their time to be my assistant for the rest of this 2022-2023 year.

They should also be willing to take over the reins on July 1, 2023.

If you want to discuss this topic before the South Dakota convention, please call me at 701-388-9676. Or please look for me at the convention so we can review the details of this rewarding position.

Leon Crystal Queker

MD5 New Voices Coordinator



DELL RAPIDS LIONS

*Serving up
pancakes and
bratwursts*



Light & Fluffy
Pancakes

Delicious
Bratwurst

Sunday, October 2nd

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at Dell Rapids St. Mary Hall

FREE-WILL DONATION!

*Proceeds from this fundraiser will be shared 50/50 between the
Dell Rapids Community Food Pantry — The Storehouse
and the Dell Rapids Lions Club.*

Lions will also
collect used
eyeglasses.



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Leon Sue Hovey
Dell Rapids Lions Club

LEADERDOG

20-year
anniversary of
Orientation &
Mobility Training



"Developing good orientation and mobility skills is the essential first step for someone who is blind. O&M skills allow people to get out of their home on their own to re-join their community, to find and keep gainful employment or return to school to reach their educational goals," said Erica Ihrke.

"When I went legally blind, the state sent me a cane and said, 'There you go,'" said David Kaylor. "In the United States, most O & M training is provided by government agencies and school systems. For adults, these agencies have vocational requirements designed for people to enter or return to the workforce. If the applicant does not plan on obtaining a job, they are ineligible for services. This leaves seniors, stay-at-home parents or people who are planning to retire without assistance. So, 20 years ago, Leader Dog filled this gap. After all, a majority of a person's life occurs outside of work."

If you know someone who could benefit from Orientation & Mobility training, you can call 888-777-5332 to get additional information about the program or the application process.

Oct. 15 is White Cane Safety Day.

Remember to support all the Leader Dog programs:

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115

Submitted by Myron & Bonnie Fuerst, Leader Dog Chairman for District 5SE

Myron & Bonnie Fuerst
Leader Dog Chairman



SIoux LAND LIONS

School supply
drive



Sioux Land Lions Club went out and bought school supplies to give to some of the schools in Sioux Falls.

Lion Jennie Braaten

Sioux Land Lions

BROWN COUNTY FAIR

*Area Lions eye
screen more than
300 children*



Lions from across northeast South Dakota performed more than 300 eye screenings over the course of four days during the Brown County Fair in Aberdeen.

Aberdeen Lions Club, Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club, Britton Lions Club and Redfield Lions Club provided free eye screenings complete with a pair of sunglasses.













Lion Sari Merriman

Aberdeen Lions Club



LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Seeking Candidates for 5SE 2022 elections

As a Lion in the state of South Dakota, you are a member of the Dakota Lions Sight and Health and the South Dakota Lions Foundation. Both of these organizations help to provide services in South Dakota and beyond.

As a Lion in good standing, you have an opportunity to serve on the boards to help set the course of actions that make the organization successful and impactful to community members. Both organizations are seeking candidates to fill board positions.

Dakota Lions Sight & Health

The Dakota Lions Sight & Health mission is "To help enable the restoration of the gifts of sight and health" and to be "a recognized, trusted, and compassionate organization, ensuring sufficient, safe, and quality tissue for transplant and research." You can find more details about DLSH at www.dakotasight.org.

The Dakota Lions Sight & Health Board of Directors is a group of volunteers from North Dakota and South Dakota that meet throughout the year to provide oversight and strategic initiatives for Dakota Lions Sight & Health. Most members are Lions who are nominated by their individual Lions Club and elected by the delegates at the Lions State Conventions in their respective state of South Dakota or North Dakota.

The procedure for joining the board is established in the DLSH By-Laws, but essentially you need to be a Lions Club member in good standing, have the support of your local Lions Club, submit a letter of interest at least 30 days prior to the state Lions Convention (in South Dakota Lions State Convention is scheduled for October 7-8 in Rapid City), and run for election at the convention.

Ideal candidates will have experience in finance, philanthropy, strategic planning or simply a willingness to serve for an organization that helps to restore sight and health to thousands every year. If you are interested and would like to place your name on the election ballot, please send your letter of interest to:

PCC Lion Marie Anne Ben, marie.ben@usd.edu or 16 East Bloomingdale Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 before Sept. 27.

South Dakota Lions Foundation

The South Dakota Lions Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports the charitable efforts of Lions Clubs and members throughout South Dakota to deliver programs and services for the visually and hearing impaired. The Foundation has been partnering with Lions to help people with their vision and hearing needs since 1964.

Because the SDLF is local, Lions can serve the unique needs of their communities. And because Lions are global, we can address challenges that go beyond borders with the eyeglass recycling program.

To learn more about SDLF, visit www.sdlions.org.

The South Dakota Lions Foundation is led by a board of directors elected at the annual South Dakota Lions State Convention. The board consists of six members from Lions District 5SW and six members from Lions District 5SE.

Members serve three-year terms and can be elected to serve two consecutive terms. In addition, ten members — Lions or non-Lions — can be appointed to two-year terms on the board.

To run for a board position, the Lion needs to be a Lions member in good standing, have the support of your local Lions Club, and submit a letter of interest prior to the state Lions Convention (in South Dakota Lions State Convention is scheduled for October 7-8 in Rapid City), and run for election at the convention.

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Become a District 5SE District Governor

District 5SE is seeking future district governors. In order to serve as a district governor, you must have served as your club president as well as a zone chairperson.

Leadership building experiences and support from past district governors and other district, multiple district and international leaders is available to help you hone your skills to serve as a district governor.

If you are interested and would like to place your name on the election ballot, please send your letter of interest to: PCC Lion Marie Anne Ben, marie.ben@usd.edu or 16 East Bloomingdale Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 before Sept. 27.

The 5SE Lion elected at the 2022 District 5SE fall meeting on October 7-8 at the convention in Rapid City will serve as district governor in 2025-2026. This Lion will become second vice district

governor (VDG) elect upon election verification for 2022-2023, will serve as 5SE second VDG 2023-2024, first VDG 2024-2025 and then past district governor in 2026-2027.

District governors beyond the 2026 year will be needed as well, so please consider when you would want to serve as a future district governor so our district can build a succession plan to assist those interested Lions leaders. Contact your district leadership team with questions about becoming a district governor.

Lion Marie Anne Ben

Past Council Chair

SIoux FALLS SIoux RISE

Sponsors low-
vision support
group







Members of the Sioux Rise Lions Club are facilitating a new support group at the Inn on Westport in Sioux Falls. The retirement community's Lifestyle Quality Coordinator had identified a need for assistance in residents experiencing changes in vision with aging and disease.

Twelve residents of the Inn attended the first meeting of the Supporting Low Vision through a New Lens group. Group members shared their frustrations regarding loss of vision and what topics they would like to learn more about.

The group will meet once each month and will have speakers to address such topics as low vision aids available and how to obtain them, dealing with social issues and feelings related to vision loss and ways to continue hobbies with less vision. Plans are also in the works to sponsor an outing to a park or museum, where Sioux Rise Lions accompany the group and provide assistance as needed.

Lion Robyn Tyler

5SE District Governor



PEACE POSTERS

‘Lead with
Compassion’ is the
2022-23 theme

"Lead with Compassion" is the Peace Poster 2022-2023 theme

One of the great things Lions International has for young people is the Lions Peace Poster Contest. The contest is open to young people ages 11 through 13 (by Nov. 15). This year's theme is "Lead with Compassion" so youngsters would be able to express their visions of the theme through artwork.

Young people can create posters to express what the theme means to them. These young artists are encouraged to use bright colors, animals, faces, symbols, flags and other items for the posters.

No numbers, names or letters are allowed on the posters. Each poster size is to be no larger than 20x24 inches.

Your Lions Club provides the Peace Poster kit to the school or youth group. Kits can be purchased by Oct. 1 through the LCI Store (www.LionsClubs.org) and then search for Peace Posters. Under Peace Posters, there is a link to order the kit.

Posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and the theme. Submitted posters are first judged at the club level. The club's winning poster moves on to district competition. The top district poster moves onto the multiple district contest to compete with the winners from each of the six MD5 districts.

The winner from the multiple district contest moves on to international competition. The top two posters from each MD5 district will also be featured in the 2023-2024 MD5 Lions Peace Poster calendar.

The MD5 Peace Poster calendar is available for a \$10 contribution that supports LCIF. Clubs often provide monetary awards for first, second and third place.

Small token awards, such as candy bars or Rice Krispies Treats, are usually given to everyone who participates. The 5SE district provides a \$50 prize.

The grand prize LCI Peace Poster winner at the international level gets \$5,000 and a trip to the United Nations. There are LCI 23 merit awards recipients receiving \$500 each.

Mail your club winning poster so it is delivered before Oct. 31 to Lion Maxine Johnson, 2111 North University Rd., Vermillion, SD 57069. Be sure that the poster is sent in a round tube (rolled, not folded).

Please contact Lion Maxine at mczap4166@gmail.com with questions. The 5SE posters will be judged Nov. 3 in Vermillion.

Lion Marie Anne Ben

Past Council Chair

GUIDING LION PROGRAM

Designed for new,
existing and clubs
rebuilding



The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established or rebuilding. Guiding Lions are assigned for a two-year term by the district governor in consultation with the sponsoring or established club president.

Guiding Lions are limited to serving no more than two new clubs at any point in time.

Guiding Lions assist a club to:

- Be successful in its first two years of operation
- Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Locate resources available to assist the club

To help revitalize clubs, start new clubs and increase understanding of Lionism, our district needs members interested in becoming Guiding Lions. Guiding Lions Training will be held at the SD State Lions Convention.

Training will be held from 2-5 p.m. Oct. 7 in Rapid City. Interested Lions should contact DG Robyn Tyler (lionrobyntyler@gmail.com) or PCC Marie Anne Ben (marie.ben@usd.edu) for more information.

WE NEED YOU!

Lion Robyn Tyler

5SE District Governor



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](#)
- [Committees](#)
- [Past District Governors](#)
- [Meeting minutes](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Important
meetings and
events



South Dakota State Lions Convention; Oct. 7-8, Ramkota, Rapid City.

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

2023 Spring Forum, April 1, Brookings.

- [More information coming soon!](#)

2023 MD5 Convention, May 25-27, Spearfish.

- [More information coming soon!](#)

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

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