

# Leading with compassion



FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Leading with  
compassion





Long time family friend Jayde Lerew and her husband Ty visited the Groton Lions Club during my District Governor's visit. It was great to see the wonderful things the Lions are doing in the Groton community.

Compassion motivates people to go out of their way to relieve the physical, mental, or emotional pains of others and themselves. Compassion is often regarded as being sensitive to the emotional aspects of the suffering of others.

Having compassion is why we serve and is what makes our Lion way of life rewarding and fulfilling. The theme of this year's Peace Poster Contest is "Leading with Compassion." By sponsoring a Peace Poster contest in your community, your club can encourage caring and kindness in our youth and make an impact on future society.

Contests can be sponsored through the school district, Boys and Girls Clubs, scouts, or church youth groups. Order your kits from Lions Clubs International now and get your posters to Maxine Johnson by the deadline.

Take time out and spend a weekend in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota while attending the annual South Dakota Lions State Convention. The convention will be held at the Ramkota Inn in Rapid City on Oct. 7-8. The agenda looks informative and fun, and there is time built in to see the sights.

Have you asked someone to be a Lion lately? It is easy to ask.

Spend some time making a list of the reasons you enjoy you Lions' life. Ask two people you see in the next week if they like to help others, want to make a difference in their community, and meet and get to know someone new.

If all Lions in District 5SE asked two Lions a week, by the end of the year just think how many new people you will have introduced to Lionism and possibly improved their quality of life. I have and will continue to send names to club membership chairpersons of potential Lions that I have identified in my life's journey.

Please follow up with these wonderful people and ask them to bring a friend when they visit your club. I may invite them to attend your club when I visit.

Continue to think outside the box and let's make being a Lion great again! Remember, together we can continue our legacy!

*Lion Robyn Tyler*

5SE District Governor



#### LEADERSHIP TEAM

Setting goals for  
2022-23



The 5SE Leadership Team met at the Dell Rapid Reformed Church on Aug. 6. It was DG Robyn Tyler's first full cabinet meeting.

### **Service projects**

One of the best ways to attract new members is to come up with new and exciting ways to serve the community.

They can align with the five global causes: diabetes, vision, hunger, the environment and childhood cancer, or help fill a need in the community.

With the addition of a Leo Club, the whole family can be involved. April 15-23 is the South Dakota Lions Week of Service. Each club should come up with one local project to either join or spearhead during this week.

### **Other highlights**

- In 2021-22, 38,000 kids screened statewide.
- A committee is working to shore up the District Bylaws to match the LCI codes.



DG Robyn Tyler presented PDG David Pigors with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.



PDG Dave Pigors presented DG Robyn Tyler with a stuffed lion wearing a collar full of charms engraved with the names of the district governors of the last 40 years.

DELL RAPIDS LIONS

No summer breaks  
for Dell Rapids  
Lions



Parents register their children for KidSight vision screenings conducted by Lions Chuck and Barb Littel.



Lion Marlowe Hovey adds a bag of garbage to the dumpster.

The Dell Rapids Lions Club has enjoyed a busy summer of service and fun, beginning with a presentation of \$1,200 to the Red Rock Trails project. The donation represented half of the net proceeds from the club's May 1 pancake breakfast, made possible by record-setting attendance and free-will donations.

"We are so grateful to everyone who came to enjoy our breakfast and donated so generously," said Lion Sue Hovey.

Trails Project Coordinator Linsey Duffy indicated the money would go toward extension of the trail west of the dam, set to begin this month.

During Quarry Days June 25-26, Lions did garbage cleanup in the city park, putting new bags in the barrels, hauling full bags to the dumpster, and picking up loose trash that escaped due to windy conditions. Lion Tom Earley arranged for the use of a South Dakota Lions Foundation KidSight van which he drove in the Quarry Days parade.

Teams of Lions worked at the van both days, providing KidSight vision screening to 100 children. Nine children were found to have vision problems and their parents were given documentation for follow-up with their eye care professional.

During warmer weather, the Dells Lions hold their meetings at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the city park. Recent program speakers included Will Boever who is blind and spoke about the freedom and independence he has gained through having a guide dog.



Brittany Moeller, director of the Dell Rapids Carnegie Public Library, explained new programs being offered and ideas for the future. In August, a potluck dinner and games will be enjoyed at the home of a club member.

*Lion Sue Hovey*

Dell Rapids Lions



BROOKINGS LIONS

Successful year for  
Brookings Lions



Spaghetti Supper Kitchen Crew Don Jacobson, Bob Smith, Tyler Miller, Jeff Morehouse and Paul Fixen.



Lions at Spaghetti Supper in March 2022: Bob Bell, Rich Howard, Bill Lind, Ron Gelderman, Kathy Grady, Leon Wrage, Pam Siverhus, Paul Fixen, Don Jacobson, Larry Osborne, Ron Seeley, Bob Smith, Jeff Morehouse, Tyler Miller, Roger Sandness, Clark Hanson, Ron Thaden, Dave Schingoethe and Tom Thaden.



New member Gregg Gass was inducted into the Brookings Lions Club on June 6. 2021-22 Club President Paul Fixen congratulated him on becoming a Brookings Lion. Sponsoring the Lion Gass was Rich Howard.



KidSight screeners Mike Sprenger and 2022-23 Club President Kathy Grady.



KidSight screening Mike Sprenger and Bentley.



Club members at the June 6 meeting: 2021-22 Club President Paul Fixen, 2022-23 Club President Kathy Grady, newest member Gregg Gass, Sally Damm Norby, Ron Gelderman, Rich Howard, Pam Siverhus, Ron Thaden, Dave Schingoethe, Kyle Gustafson, Eldena Hanson Russell, Bob Bell, Clark Hanson and Cindy Ostlie.



SDSU Ice Cream Booth workers Ron Gelderman, Eldena Hanson Russell and Steve Gylling.



2021-22 Club President Paul Fixen presented award of appreciation to Cindy Ostlie for her years of service to the Brookings Lions Club as Treasurer and Publicity Chair.

After a fundraising hiatus of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Brookings Lions Club came roaring back with two of its most successful fundraisers, a spaghetti supper and pie auction on March 26 and an SDSU Ice Cream booth at the Brookings Arts Festival in early July.

Brookings Lions depend on its fundraisers to support its many projects, especially in the areas of vision and youth and the club thanks the public for supporting the club and its causes.

Average donations from the Lions Club are \$10,000 yearly. Even when the pandemic made it impossible to hold its fundraisers, the club kept to its commitment to the Brookings community and Lions International causes thanks to the generosity of club members.

Organizations that Brookings Lions contribute to include the Boys and Girls Club, BATA, Brookings County Youth Mentoring, Christmas Cops & Kids, DARE, East Central CASA, Family Back 2 School, Brookings Food Pantry, GAP, Harvest Table, Habitat for Humanity, National History Day, and Ski for Light. In addition, Brookings Lions gives an annual scholarship to a Brookings High School Senior attending a SD public higher education school.

Lions have adopted a stretch of Highway 14 for Road Clean Up and distribute large print calendars to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Support is given to Leader Dog, Lions Clubs International Foundation (whose first grant in 1972 was to help victims of the Rapid City flood), Camp Gilbert (for youth learning to live with diabetes in SD), SD School for the Blind, SD Lions Foundation, and Dakota Lions Sight & Health.

Four times a year, the club honors Mickelson Middle School students as Good Citizens.

KidSight offers free screenings to children before they enter kindergarten to identify any vision problems using a specialized camera that takes photos of the eyes. In April 2022, 145 children were screened as part of kindergarten registration and 10 were referred for potential vision problems.

The inability to see properly can affect a student's success in school.

A big part of donations over the years has been financial assistance to provide glasses to qualified individuals. In the past 10 years, Brookings Lions has provided over \$24,000 in vision and hearing assistance. In 2006, Brookings Lions assisted with providing a prosthetic eye for an infant. Where there is a need, there is a Lion.

The new club year began July 1 and club officers are President Kathy Grady, First Vice President Kay Ruden, Second Vice President and Treasurer Lawrence Johnson, Third Vice President Mike Sprenger, Secretary Bob Bell and Directors Susy Giovannettone, Kyle Gustafson, Sally Damm Norby, and Ron Seeley. Tail Twisters are Dave Schingoethe, Craig Carson and Bob Smith. Chaplain is Clark Hanson, Safety Officer is Ron Thaden, and Lion Tamer is Pam Siverhus. Ron Seeley is in charge of the Vision Screenings and the Vision Assistance program. Eldena Hanson Russell is the Lions Club International Foundation Coordinator and Mitch Steinhoff, Lance Howard and Jeff Morehouse form the Membership Committee.

The club meets the first and third Mondays of each month (except July and August) at noon at Pizza Ranch. Anyone interested in joining Lions, which is the world's largest service organization, can contact any Lions member or come to a club meeting.

Our motto is We Serve!

*Lion Cindy Ostlie*

Brookings Lions Club

KIDSIGHT

Volunteers are  
needed at the  
South Dakota State  
Fair





## Volunteers Needed!

The State Fair is right around the corner! The SD Lions Foundation is currently trying to fill volunteer slots to work in the KIDSIGHT van providing free vision screenings for kids. This is a fun volunteer experience to do as a club!

There are two shifts per day: 8:30-1:30 and 1:30-6:30. We will be screening September 1-September 5th. 3-4 people are needed for each shift.

Some shifts have already been reserved so please call Leigh at the Foundation office if you are interested in helping and arranging a day/time: 605-338-0551.







## SD LIONS FOUNDATION

# South Dakota Lions Foundation seeks board members

The South Dakota Lions Foundation is governed by a board of directors consisting of 12 members elected by the membership of LCI Districts 5SW and 5SE (six from each district). Once elected, members serve a 3-year term with the option of running for one (1) additional term.

In addition to these 12 members, the Vice District Governors from each district hold 1-year seats with full voting benefits. The board may also appoint up to 10 additional members to 2-year positions. These positions are open to Lions and non-Lions.

Board member responsibilities:

- Have a thorough understanding of the SDLF history, mission, and current programs.
- Ensure effective planning, budgeting, and resource development.
- Enhance the public image of the SDLF and be a strong ambassador for the Foundation and its programs • Visit self-selected Lions Clubs on behalf of SDLF.
- Make a personal annual financial gift to the Foundation.
- Sell raffle tickets for annual fundraiser.

Board meetings are held in-person three times/year:

- Fall meeting: Held in conjunction with the State Convention, location varies.
- Winter meeting: Held in conjunction with Lions Day at the Capitol in Pierre.
- Spring/Summer meeting: Held in June in Sioux Falls or Chamberlain.

Meetings typically include a one-night hotel stay and a 3-4-hour meeting. Expenses are paid upon request.

### **Current openings**

The Foundation is currently seeking four Lions for board positions. Two individuals from District 5SW and two individuals from District 5SE will be elected to the board at the state convention in Rapid City on Oct. 8. Elected individuals will begin their service on the board January 1.

If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter of intent anytime prior to the election via US mail or e-mail to:

Jennifer Sigette, executive director

SD Lions Foundation  
3920 S. Western Avenue, Suite 2 Sioux Falls, SD 57105  
jennifer@sdlions.org  
or  
Lion Lee Klocke, president

## LEADER DOG

### A quote from Leader Dogs for the Blind



"All organizations hope to provide a lifelong, life-changing experience for their clients. At Leader Dog, this is not a hope, it is a reality. Leader Dog's clients have been empowered to overcome their blindness, have gone to college, embarked on new careers, and engaged in activities that they never thought would be possible. Leader Dog truly provides them a new life.

"At Leader Dog we know that blindness changes everything. For most people, the loss of sight is never part of their 'plan', leaving them unprepared when daily activities must be altered. But despite the uncertainty that comes with visual impairment, having the ability to travel independently provides our clients the opportunity to adapt and thrive."

Leader Dog does more than supply dogs. One of their programs is orientation and mobility training.

"Orientation and mobility training is learning how to use a white cane to effectively know where you are, where you want to go and the skills to get to your destination.

"Our O&M program provides individuals with the skills needed to travel safely using a white cane in a much shorter time frame than traditional O & M programs. The one-on-one instruction is tailored to each client's capabilities, allowing individual needs to be met. Our Orientation and Mobility Training is a one-week residential program."

To support the Leader Dog programs, mail checks to:  
Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115  
Submitted by Myron & Bonnie Fuerst, Leader Dog chair for 5SE

*Lions Myron & Bonnie Furst*

Leader Dog Chairs



BRITTON LIONS CLUB

Britton Harvest  
Days activities



The Britton Lions Club entered a float in the Britton Harvest Days Parade. The parade theme was "Decades." Our slogan on our float was "Lions Roaring for 10 Decades." Our President Lion Tom Farber is driving the golf cart and PDG Larry Buntrock is riding along.



The Britton Lions Club held its annual Pancake Breakfast at Harvest Days. We served pancakes, ham, orange juice and coffee from 8-11 a.m. to about 300 people.

*Lien Leri Buntrock*

Britton Lions Club

DISTRICT 5SE

Meet the  
Leadership Team



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

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SAVE THE DATE

Important  
meetings and  
events

South Dakota State Lions Convention; Oct. 7-8, Ramkota, Rapid City.  
2023 Spring Forum, April 1, Brookings.  
2023 MD 5 Convention, May 25-27, Spearfish.  
Lions International Convention; July 11-17, 2023, Boston.