

Happy New Year!

Lions' Spirit
12-29 2022



LEADERDOG

General Leader Dog Etiquette



There are some basic guidelines for someone who encounters a person with a guide dog. Greet the person with a Hi or Hello, so you do not startle the person.

When approaching a person with a Leader Dog, approach him/her on the right because the dog is usually on the left. Never startle the person by grabbing his/her arm.

- A Leader Dog is a working dog and should not be petted or called without their handler's permission. A Leader Dog is on duty when in harness even when sitting or lying down.
- Avoid making eye contact with a working dog; even something as simple as eye contact is a form of attention and may distract the dog.
- Do not take hold of the Leader Dog or its harness without permission. Often, if a person who is blind needs assistance, he or she will ask for it. If it appears the person needs help, ask first before acting.
- When providing directions to a person who is using a Leader Dog, speak to the person, not the dog. Do not use hand signals such as pointing or broad statements like "it's over there." Be sure to use detailed, easy-to-follow indicators like, "Go north two blocks, then east," or "Turn left and go two blocks."
- Do not offer food to a Leader Dog whether on or off duty as the dog follows a veterinarian-prescribed diet. They will also be distracted and not be focused on their duty.

Lions Myron & Bonnie Fuerst
District 5SE Leader Dog co-chairs



YANKTON LIONS CLUB

Hall of Trees



Yankton Lions tree at the Hall of Trees. Trees displayed at Mead Cultural Education Center in Yankton.

There are 60 trees decorated on display this year. Our decorations around the tree skirt identify the projects we support.

Please come and enjoy a great holiday event, now through Dec. 30. Sunday to Saturday noon to 4 p.m., Wednesdays noon to 8 p.m.

Free hot cocoa and coffee daily.

Also large Lego exhibit by the Yankton Community Library Lego Club.

Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children are free.

Lion Neil Bowes

Yankton Lions Club

ACTION

**Determines
positive or negative
impact**



Action — those we take and those we don't —determine the positive or negative impact we make.

As the holiday season approaches and we take Action to rekindle friendships and reunite with family I wonder if we are doing the same with our Lions family all year long.

Let me share a story of Lion Linda. Linda, a club membership chairperson, noticed that Lion John had not been to a club meeting or service project for several months.

She even heard, through other members, that John would probably drop his membership. Linda has two choices: No Action OR Action.

Let's see what the potential outcomes of each are.

No Action was taken

Lion John did just what the club members thought he would do — dropped his membership. Two other members dropped, as well, because they also felt the club was not engaging them as members. Disengagement is contagious.

Action was taken

Linda called John to let him know he was missed and invite him to a service project at a local animal shelter. John thanked her for the call and said he would be there. He renewed his membership and encouraged a friend to do the same.

Does your club have a designated Lion, Membership Chairperson, assigned to make sure that all your members feel engaged and welcomed?

I hope that all the Lions Clubs in Multiple District 5 will act NOW to make sure you elect a very positive person as your Membership Chairperson to ensure that every Lion feels welcome and that their voice is heard.

Action makes a difference!

Blessings to each of you during this Holiday Season, in Service with all you Lions of MD5.

Lion Pat Vannett

Past International Director



ABERDEEN CLUBS

Celebrate the
holidays at the
SDSBVI

The Aberdeen Lions Club and Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club celebrated the holidays at the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired on Dec. 6.

There was pizza, caroling and BINGO!









Lion Katherine Grandstrand
Aberdeen Lions Club

NEW VOICES

Submissions wanted!



Holiday Greetings District SE Lions from your New Voices Chair, Crystal Beckman!

I am passionate about promoting the initiatives that our New Voices Campaign promotes! We seek to promote gender parity and diversity while increasing the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association.

DG Robyn Tyler has asked me to serve in this role and I am looking forward to helping YOU celebrate the outstanding Lions in our District!

This initiative is focused at the district level to recognize the dynamic and innovative contributions of our members in the following four categories:

- Membership
- Service
- Marketing
- Leadership

By recognizing members in each of these categories, we hope to attract new dynamic members, share new ideas and encourage members to seek leadership.

Please assist us by recommending candidates for recognition. Send your recommendations along with a short narrative supporting their contributions and area of recognition to DG Robyn Tyler or New Voices Chair Crystal Beckman via email.

- crystaldee68@gmail.com
- lionrobyntyler@gmail.com

Thank you—for Together We Serve!

Lion Crystal Beckman

5SE New Voices Chairwoman



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



2023 Spring Forum, April 1, Brookings.

- [More information coming soon!](#)

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.](#)

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Send your club
news to:

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Submissions for the January issue due Jan. 10.

