

Lions' Spirit 02-22-23



## Time to register for the Spring Celebration of Service



### DISTRICT 5SE GOALS

Still time to  
complete  
challenges

Greeting fellow Lions!

Winter continues and as I look forward to spring, I also realize my year as District Governor is more than half gone. In reviewing goals set for our district this year, I am humbly asking you to help in accomplishing them.

- Please be sure your secretary is entering service projects in MyLion. If they are not, please reach out to District Secretary Jennie Braaten or Administrator Joan Marlette for assistance.
- Please ask and encourage at least one new member. The district shows a loss of four members as of Feb. 1. Please reach out to members who are not attending club meetings and find out why. Encourage them to participate in activities and if they are not enjoying their Lion experience, find out why.
- Please consider donating to Lions Club International Foundation. PCC Tom Grimmond has organized a raffle again this year so please buy and sell tickets. This will count as a donation to LCIF. Clubs should consider making a donation and honoring a member with an Honor Roll certificate (\$100) or a Melvin Jones Fellow (\$1,000).
- Please be thinking about nominating club officers for next year. Officers for 2023-24 must be submitted in MyLion by May 1.
- Make plans now to attend the Spring Celebration of Service (Forum/District Convention) in Brookings on April 1. The program has a lot of information and is set up for travel to

and from the event on the same day. Please get registrations in by March 1, 2023 for the early rate of \$60.

Thank you for your commitment and service. You make a difference in the lives of others every day. I am proud to be a member of this "Pride." Keep up the great work!

*Leon Robyn Tyler*

5SE District Governor

## 5SE SPRING CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Register today



Have you registered for the Spring Celebration of Service yet?

The early registration deadline is approaching on March 1. Registration forms can be returned via email and the registration fee — \$60 — can be paid via Venmo. That fee increases to \$80 for the full day (meals included) after March 1.

Some highlights:

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

See the form below and click on image to get a printable version.

## 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](mailto: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 Chairman





REDFIELD LIONS CLUB

*Keep warm with  
service activities*



Redfield Lions participated in the Parade of Lights on Dec. 3. They had serving trays of glasses, stuffed dogs to represent Leader Dogs, food to represent Nutrition Mission, and tea bags and hot cocoa packets to show some of the ways We Serve. Brenda Stover was our Lion, Dane Sanger provided the pickup, and marchers were, from left, Joan Marlette, Lyn Flint, Carol Lund, Pres George Seiler, Shari Harr and Becky Leonard. The tea bags and hot cocoa packets were given to the observers along the parade route.



DG Robyn Tyler visited the Redfield Lions on Jan. 24. In addition to presenting her interesting program, DG Robyn inducted new member Donna Thomas, left. Donna's sponsor Laura Gabriel is in the center.



Redfield Lions that enjoyed DG Robyn's visit on Jan. 24. From left, Laura Gabriel, Alyce Schiferl, Joan Marlette, DG Robyn Tyler, President George Seiler, Carol Lund, Karon Boyd, Dane Sanger, Donna Thomas, and Shari Harr.

📷 by Lion Kendra Becker.

*Lion Joan Marlette*

Past District Governor



DELL RAPIDS LIONS

Donate to local  
food pantry



Following their monthly business/dinner meeting at Pizza Ranch Feb. 2, Dell Rapids Lions Club members reconvened at the Dell Rapids Community Food Pantry, The Storehouse, for a tour.

Storehouse executive director Carolyn Drew (pictured above, center) showed off the spacious facility and explained how the food is collected and distributed. At the conclusion of the tour, Lions Club President Tom Ludens thanked Drew for this important service to the community, and presented a donation of \$250 from the Lions.

*Lion Susan Hovey*  
Dell Rapids Lions



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

## Celebrating the service of women in Lions

Did you know that the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day in 1977?

For the past decades, I've seen this worldwide event about the global achievements performed by women from all over the world. Their stories were in newspapers after the event; celebrating their achievements in the business world, in politics, in sports and in science.

This year, I wanted to be part of a celebration focused on service to help others. So why not organize a celebration event about the achievements by women in the Lion Clubs of MD5?

International Women's Day is March 8, a day of work for many of our employed ladies. So another idea popped into my mind — why not reach out to some of the lady members in the clubs in our towns and include from our neighboring Lions Clubs to organize a lunch? Or create a gathering after work for a cup of coffee in a local place?

Here in Fargo, N.D., we have four regular Lions clubs and a college club. That is a total of more than 50 women; some who are current or past club officers. Factor in small towns within 50 miles of Fargo and suddenly there is a chance to invite at least 80 women, and a few men from these clubs, to an event in Fargo.

Forming a team of ladies to help with the event was easy. I sent out a mass email to 25 ladies; asking if they supported the idea to hold an International Women's Day event and if they would be able to assist in some way.

Lion Jane Pettinger was first to offer help; a dynamic lady from a different Fargo club. She joined in 1987, when the doors were opened for women to join as Lions members. She has held every club office during those early years; as a role model for many of us in North Dakota.

We decided on an inexpensive site; costing only \$75 for a non-profit service organization. It has seating for up to 120 people. Lion Jane created an invitation with RSVP. We will follow-up with phone calls to accumulate a number for the food at the event.

Starting at noon, as a one-hour luncheon; with various sandwiches, beverages, and doughnuts donated by local businesses. Then we will send out a press release to local media; to cover our event and showcase the various service projects in our region.

Past international Director Pat Vannett from Mandan Lions, over 200 miles west of Fargo; has accepted our invitation to give a short introduction and a THANK YOU for the services performed by our ladies in our communities as well as fundraising for Lions global causes. She was North Dakota's first woman in that leadership position during the term of our first international president Gudrun Yngvadottir from Iceland.

Canada will have the second female international president, Dr. Patti Hill from Edmonton, Alberta, rising to her position at the international convention in Boston this summer. Another item in celebrating women, right?

There is still time for any group of ladies in Lions clubs throughout South Dakota to organize their own version of celebration on March 8. It could be a house party with potluck or an evening meal at large restaurant's private dining area.

A club could purchase a cake to celebrate at a March meeting or maybe buy the lady members a meal at the club meeting to say, "thank you, ladies, for your service." Be sure to include a few of the men who cheered us on in service to our communities.

Whatever you do, please remember to celebrate all the accomplishments by women who are Lions. We are united in service to mankind on the global stage.

*Lion Crystal Duefer*

MD5 New Voices Coordinator

## 5SE DISTRICT GOALS

### LCI club excellence award



District 5SE has so many excellent Lions Clubs, yet only two received the Club Excellence Award in 2021-22.

Congratulations to the Brookings Lions Club and Sioux Falls Siouxrise Lions Club. All club presidents and secretaries are encouraged to apply for the club excellence award for the 2022-23 Lions year. Below are the criteria.

Most clubs do meet these criteria yearly but fail to apply for the award. Please review the criteria and encourage your club president to apply for the award by June 30, 2023.

The application and directions on how to apply will be sent to all club secretaries and presidents in March. Club Excellence Award Criteria involve membership, service and leadership activities and goals.

The criteria are:

- Membership: Maintained club membership count (closed the year with the same number of members as the start of the year or have a positive membership growth.)



- Service Contributed to LCIF: Started a new service project (Consider one of our Global Causes) List three service activities your club participated in that were reported in MyLion.
- Leadership and Organization: Club is in good standing (not in status quo or financial suspension; district dues paid and no unpaid balance with LCI greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more.)
- Reported club officers to LCI by the deadline.
- Key officers participate in club officer training.

My goal this year is to have a minimum of 15 clubs receive the Club Excellence Award from Lions Club International.

*Lion Robyn Tyler*

5SE District Governor



#### DELL RAPIDS LIONS CLUB

### Dell Rapids students have vision checked

Four members of the Dell Rapids Lions Club conducted KidSight vision screenings at St. Mary's Elementary School on February 7th. In two hours, 119 children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade had their eyesight checked with the KidSight camera. Only four received referrals for follow-up examination by an eye care specialist of their parents' choice.

"Parents should be grateful to St. Mary's school nurse Connie Fitzgerald," said Lion Tom Earley. "She initiates these screenings each year through the South Dakota Lions Foundation. Together, we're a team that helps make sure these kids are seeing their best in and out of school."

*Lion Susan Hovey*  
Dell Rapids Lions

## LCIF RAFFLE

# 2023 district raffle is underway



The intent is to get all the members of our District, District 5SE, to purchase a \$20 ticket by selling tickets at club meetings.

Campaign 100 is over but this year we are celebrating 20 years with Sight for Kids. A very popular cause locally and worldwide with more than 42 million children having been screened, and more than 600,000 referred for eyeglasses and other specialty treatments. Coupled with the awesome cash prizes, we should have a great year for LCIF.

If we can get every Lion in District 5SE to purchase a ticket, we would have 100% participation by individual Lions in our District. This is an excellent way to get individual Lions to participate without having to Login to LCI to make a donation or to mail in a donation. Just take a ticket for yourself and your missing Lions friends at club meetings, throw in \$20 for each ticket, fill out the ticket stub and give it to your Club Secretary.

If you want to buy tickets for family members, you can do that also. The club will get credit and if you sell more tickets than there are club members then the Club becomes a 100% Participation Club for Campaign 100. Each Club will get enough tickets for each member. If you need more tickets let me know. We need the ticket stubs and money back by April 14th.

Your Club will get credit for the money sent to LCIF for a future Melvin Jones!

Some Clubs might even have an expert raffle salesperson. That person or anyone can sell the tickets to the general public to generate the one ticket per club member. This raffle is legitimate and has been registered with the South Dakota Secretary of State's Office.

Let's have fun with this raffle and see how many tickets we can sell. It would be great to beat last years numbers.

Remember we have great prizes, CASH!!! If you send a check, please make the Check Payable to District 5SE Lions.

If you have any questions, please call me. If you would like a visit, I can come to your club also.

Thank you again!

*Lion Tom Grimmond*

District LCIF Coordinator





## LIONS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Pancakes in the  
rotunda











Lions from across South Dakota gathered in Pierre on Feb. 2 for the annual "Lions Day at the Capitol".

This year we had more Lions participate than ever before. Lions served pancakes, sausages, and orange juice to over 200 Legislators and state employees.

Our message to state leaders was simple, "we serve South Dakota!" We were able to share a lot with legislators about our KIDSIGHT program and all the other service projects we do.

After serving lunch in the rotunda we went to the Senate Chamber where State Sen. Jack Kolbeck, a member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions, introduced us and shared some facts on the senate floor about Lions, service, pancakes, and more.

Watch for news about next year's event and plan to join us for a fun day!

*Lion Jennifer Sigette*

South Dakota Lions Foundation



DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

Birthday in a box



# Birthday Cake Boxes for People in Need



You can make a cake with just cake mix & sprite, no eggs or oil needed!

[MrsHappyHomemaker.com](http://MrsHappyHomemaker.com)





Calling all Lions Clubs in District 5SE! We are embarking on a district wide service project to be assembled at the Spring Celebration of Service in Brookings on April 1.

Some families are unable to provide a birthday cake to children or loved ones to recognize their special day. All humans deserve to celebrate their birthday!

Lions can spread kindness by offering these individuals the means to recognize loved ones. Some examples of places these kits may be used include temporary housing like Ronald McDonald house, half-way houses for people who may rebuilding their lives, food pantries, hospice houses, assisted-living facilities and other areas where people may live and share kitchen and community living spaces, or be temporarily away from their homes.

Clubs are asked to donate the ingredients for the "Birthday in A Box". The goal is to collect enough ingredients (cake mix, soda, frosting, candles, decorations and the covered 9X13 pan) to assemble 50 items.

Local clubs should identify places within your community that may have a need for these items.

Convention attendees will assemble the kits. Instructions and handmade birthday cards will be added to the received ingredients. Clubs will then be asked to take as many kits as needed and distribute them within their community.

If this project goes over well within your community, local clubs can continue to provide and distribute the kits as needed. This is an example of the theme "Together we Can" make a bigger difference!

*Leon Robyn Tyler*

5SE District Governor



PROVIDING VISION

5SE Lions bring  
vision project to  
Mexico

The eye glasses that were collected by South Dakota Lions Club members from optometrists offices and/or individuals who no longer need them, are put to service for those that are need of them.

After being sanitized, the eye glasses strengths check, the strength indicated on paper and placed in the plastic bags, sorted, boxed and then they are then to Gomez Palacio, Mexico via El Paso, Texas.

The South Dakota Lions, working with the VOSH organization — VOSH believes in the freedom to see. VOSH's mission is to provide the gift of vision and quality eye health to people worldwide.

There were fifteen VOSH and South Dakota Lions members who went on the mission to Gomez Palacio, Mexico, between February 4-11. We provided 1,920 clients with prescription glasses that were collected in South Dakota.

Keep collecting the eye glasses from the optometrists office and from those individuals that no longer need their old glasses.

Assist in getting those glasses to the South Dakota Lions Office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

*Leon Dennis Bohmont*

2nd District Governor Elect

MD5

Lions  
International  
Youth Camp



# **MD5 LIONS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**

**JULY 16 -22, 2023**

**MEDORA, NORTH DAKOTA**

*Send us students ages 15-18*

*Camp cost includes all lodging and meals  
Low ropes, high ropes, zip line, mini golf  
tournament, Medora musical, hiking in  
Theodore Roosevelt National Park, water  
park, bon fires, horse back riding*

**Questions ???**

**CAMP COST \$400.**

**Please call**

**Lion PDG Judy Beaudry**

**701-220-4410 or 701-462-3433**





The Lions Youth camp committee is sending each Lions club in the Multiple District 5 — Saskatchewan, North Dakota, and South Dakota — a challenge to help us restart the Lions Youth Camp in MD5.

We had 3 years of no camp due to COVID, but now we have the opportunity to bring back the camp, starting the rotation back into District 5NW.

The Youth Camp committee is requesting each district in MD5 to send a camper ages 15-18 to attend the camp in Medora, N.D. The cost of the camp is \$400 per camper, whether it is a grandchild, niece/nephew or friend.

Discuss with your members, school counselor, churches, to see if they know of a teenager who is looking to spend a week with other young people in the Badlands of North Dakota.

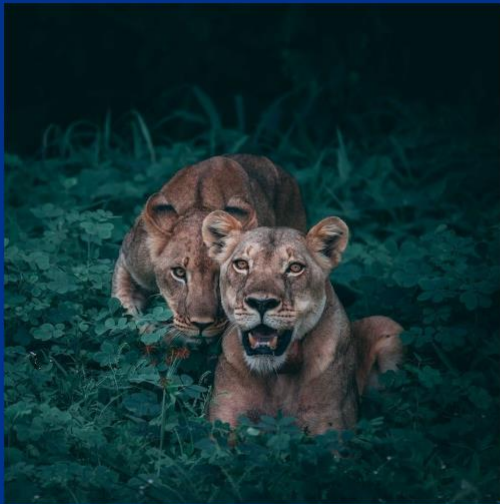
In the past the youth have experienced an awesome week with teens from other parts of the world but at this time we are only taking youth from our multiple district.

I have attended many camps and I can tell you the campers have a great time while learning about Lions clubs. They will have a great story to tell your club when they come home.

We are planning on 40-50 campers, so please help the camp, you will send a camper and we will send you a future Lion.

*Lion Judy Beaudry*

Lions Youth Camp Coordinator



DISTRICT 5SE

Meet the  
leadership team

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

- [Officers](#)
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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

[January Lion's Pride, Saskatchewan.](#)

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*Send your club  
news to:*

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