

Lions, are you ready for the new Lions year?



NEW LIONS YEAR

*Treat the new year
like a new year of
school*

The end of summer always brings with it a bit of anticipation and excitement. My years in education, at this time of year, would find me deep in classroom preparation, staff orientation, and coaching strategies.

I knew that soon I would get to meet the students, staff, and athletes, and that everyone would be refreshed from summer break. All would be excited to see what the new school year would bring — new teachers, new students, new subjects, new activities, new friends!

They each knew that the start of a school year brought a chance to "reinvent" themselves, develop new personal goals, and let go of things that no longer worked for them. My fellow Lions, we are also at the start of our "new school year."

We should be excited about the new opportunities for serving we find in our communities. We should look forward to meeting new Lion friends through new club members and shared service activities.

We should boldly "reinvent" those parts of our club activities and meetings that no longer work for us. We should envision what we hope to be as a club, create goals to make that vision a reality, and develop plans to meet those goals by the end of the Lion "school year."

As District Governor of 5SE, I too have goals to attain by the end of this Lion year. Attaining these goals cannot be achieved without the help of every Lion in this district. No Lions club member, no service project, no contribution is insignificant. When I visit your clubs, ask me about the goals.

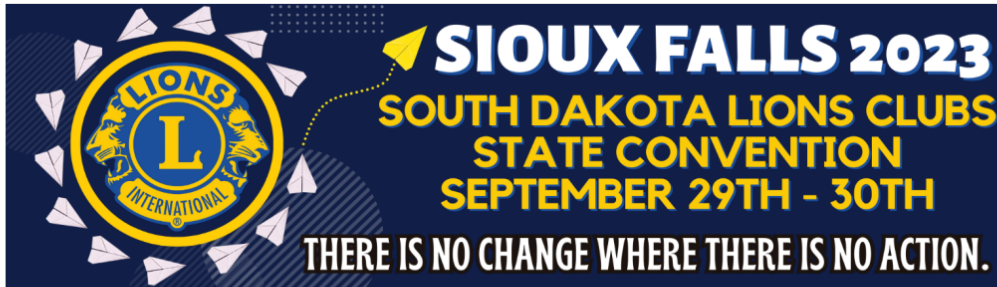
International President Patti Hill has chosen the theme "Changing the World" for her Lion year as IP. Each of us has the ability to make small changes in the world. Together — through planning and action — we can do so much more to change our world for the better. Let's start this year stronger than ever.

Let's stay motivated and focused on service throughout the year. And let's finish strong and proud!

It is my sincere hope to meet each of you throughout my year as District Governor. Working alongside me is a team of dedicated, knowledgeable, and motivated cabinet members and zone chairpersons who would like nothing more than to assist you in creating club visions and plans, developing membership and leadership strategies, planning service projects, and marketing your clubs through various means.

WE SERVE!

Lion LeeAnn Haisch
5SE District Governor



2023 REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ (CHECK ONE): LION LIONESSE GUEST

TITLE: _____ CLUB: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIET/ACCOMMODATION NEEDS: _____

Are you a voting delegate for your club? YES NO

NAME: _____ (CHECK ONE): LION LIONESSE GUEST

TITLE: _____ CLUB: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIET/ACCOMMODATION NEEDS: _____

	# OF GUESTS	TOTAL
REGISTRATION FEE PER INDIVIDUAL: \$50- Before Sept. 15 th \$75- On/After Sept. 15 th	_____	\$ _____
SATURDAY LIGHT BREAKFAST	_____	NO CHARGE
<small>*Reminder: Hotel guests have free continental breakfast provided to them.</small>		
SATURDAY LUNCHEON	_____	NO CHARGE
SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET	_____	NO CHARGE

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SD LIONS CONVENTION
SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO: PAUL HAISCH
 P.O. BOX 722
 ALCESTER, SD 57001

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms is being held under the Lions Convention.
PLEASE RESERVE YOUR OWN HOTEL ROOMS. Room rate is guaranteed \$110/night for Double Queen if booked by August 28, 2023. *For reservations, call the Best Western PLUS Ramkota Hotel: 605-336-0650.

For Registrar Use Only:

Name: _____ Date: _____ Amount: _____ Check # _____

HURON EYE OPENER

Donate flag to
parks & rec



Huron Eye Opener Lion's Club presented Chad Schroeder of Parks & Rec with a new flag to replace the tattered & worn flag on the Izaak Waton Island.

Lion Lee Klocke

Huron Eye Opener Lions



DELL RAPIDS LIONS

Quarry Days keeps Lions busy

Dell Rapids Lions Club members used a South Dakota Lions Foundation KidSight van and equipment to perform vision screenings for 99 children during Quarry Days, June 23-25. Nine children received reports for their parents to follow up with a vision care professional of their choice.

Lions also worked "trash duty" in the City Park on the same days, emptying full trash barrels, inserting fresh bags, and picking up miscellaneous litter.

This year, the club added a new activity when it established a Citizen of the Year Award to honor someone who "serves the Dell Rapids community, contributes to social progress and the creation of happiness, and is an inspiration for others."

Nominations were solicited from the public, and a committee selected the winner. Norene Frederickson was recognized for her leadership and volunteerism with the Dell Rapids Museum, Senior Citizens Center, and Garden Club. Carolyn Drew, who nominated her, called Norene an "unsung hero" who never sought praise or recognition for her involvement.

Norene threw out the first pitch at Friday night's baseball game between two local amateur teams. Saturday was designated "Norene Frederickson Day" by the City, and she was honored as the marshal of the Quarry Days parade. Prior to the musical entertainment and fireworks on Sunday evening, Norene was introduced to the crowd and presented with her award.



At the June 20th City Council meeting, Mayor Tom Earley, also a Dells Lion, presented Norene with the proclamation, naming June 24th Norene Frederickson Day in Dell Rapids.



Lion Sue Hovey

Dell Rapids Lions

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Lead by example





"Lead by Example" is PDG Lion Jerry Voss' theme when it comes to getting things done, and he does just that as the District 5SE Environment Chairperson.

Jerry is a long-time member of the Arbor Day Foundation and uses the trees and shrubs he receives as gifts to organizations and individuals who want to plant for the future. He says the environment and climate should be a concern to all of us, and Lions can help address these concerns through service projects.

Environmental Service Projects can be as simple as cleaning ditches or as large as planting a community pollinator garden. We are only limited by our imagination. Lions leave legacies, and one of those legacies can be a better environment.

Lion Jerry Voss

District Environment Chairperson



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Changing the world

I believe that the power to make the world a better place is in our hands. Our impact is what makes being a Lion so special.

Every small act of service creates a personal impact, and the collective impact of our kindness can change the world forever. That's why "Changing the World" is my message to Lions and to the world.

Changing the World begins with us. It begins when we change the lives of the people we serve and find ourselves changed as well.

It grows when we change our communities by bringing them to the table and inviting them to become the change they wish to see. It multiplies when we show the world that real change is truly possible and that Lions are Changing the World—one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Serving as your international president is an incredible honor. You and I, together, can make a difference. Let's be bold and lead the way forward to a better future and a world of change.

Leon Dr. Patti Hill

International President

ALCESTER LIONS CLUB

Run the Lions
Den at the Union
County
Fairgrounds





What goes together better than the county fair and food! The Alcester Lions Club has a tradition of serving food from the Lions Den on the Union County Fairgrounds the first week of August every year.

Serving root beer floats, hot dogs, taverns, chili dogs, and brats, but most famously PIE is a big hit for the fairgoers. Lions and community members join together to donate pies and provide the help at the Lions Den.

All the members enjoy the camaraderie of working together as well as seeing faces, old and new, come to the window to order. Many hands make light work and we always have a roaring good time.

Lion LeAnn Haisch
5SE District Governor



LEADER DOG

Bringing light and
hope to those in
darkness

The Lions partnered with Leader Dogs for the Blind over 80 years ago. Our motto: "In Every Leader Dog Lies the Heart of a Lion" still reflects our motivation today for giving unwavering financial support to this important program.

Grateful to many supporters, the Leader Dogs Program is 100% funded through philanthropy and donations. Qualified applicants receive in-residence training on the use of the white cane for orientation and mobility and/or are matched with a trained guide dog.

Thousands of blind and visually impaired received services at no cost thanks to the generosity of Lions clubs and our corporate partners. Leader Dogs for the Blind positively impacts the lives of people who have lost their vision.

Imagine the trauma of losing your vision by accident or disease. Imagine how your daily life will change, how your career will be affected and the loss of independence and mobility.

Thankfully, with great relief, knowing that thousands of Lions clubs, doctors, trainers, and volunteers are working feverishly to help you adapt and thrive. Thank you District 5-SE Lions!!! ... In 2022-23 you supported Leader Dogs with an amazing \$12,770 in donations.

Your hard work and sacrifice made a huge difference in the lives of many. Collaboration with our fellow MD-5 clubs achieved even higher levels of giving, totaling over \$48,400.

Most clubs already have Leader Dogs as an annual budget entry; others may be considering it. Perhaps you will consider a 5-10% increase of current giving to help meet rising program costs. Again, thanks for your tireless fundraising for this life-changing program.

Your club makes a huge impact in the community. Keep serving! You are unstoppable.

For additional information see <https://www.leaderdog.org/>.

Lion Terry Delay

5SE Leader Dog

DELL RAPIDS LIONS

Celebrates new members



The Dell Rapids Lions Club inducted its newest member, Carmen Rogen, during the club's July meeting in the city park. Following the ceremony, she was greeted with a hand shake by each Lion in attendance, a club tradition.

Carmen is no stranger to Lions, having been a member of a Leo youth club when she was younger.

At the same meeting, new officers were installed for the 2023-24 Lions fiscal year: Robert Wiarda, Pres.; Darrold Williams, 1st VP; Tom Earley, 2nd VP; Tom Ludens, 3rd VP; Sue Hovey, Sec'y.; Peg Nelson, Treas.; Christine Snyder, Membership Chr.; Tom Earley, Tail Twister; Connie Earley, Lion Tamer; Tom Ludens, Immediate Past Pres. & Lions Intn'l. Foundation Coord.; Darrold and Dianne Williams, Board Directors & Program Chrs.



Lion Dean Hammer welcomes new club member Carmen Rogen and her son Augustus.

Lion Sue Hovey
Dell Rapids Lions



BRITTON LIONS CLUB

Kick off the new
Lions year



Lion Tom Farber receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship award from President Norm Mack and Secretary Lori Buntrock



Lion Tom Farber presenting a certificate of appreciation to Ruthie Mockley who was our guest speaker at our meeting. She reported on her week at Camp Gilbert that she attended. We helped sponsor her week at camp.



Lions Pancake breakfast at Britton Harvest Days celebration.



Britton Lions Club members Deb College, Corrine Zorn and Deb Mack serving Sno-Cones at Britton Harvest Days celebration.

Lion Lori Buntrock
Britton Lions Club

DISTRICT 5SE

East River Service
Award



We are looking to give out some awards, but not just any awards we are looking to give out the 5SE East River Service Award. This is a Zone award that will be drawn quarterly. In honor of our current District Governor's background in education, the award will won based on points collected by the following:

- Any education related service project (must be reported on MyLCI, your Zone Chair and sent in to myself) - 1 point.
- Any service project shared on social media (must reported to myself) - 1 point.
- Any service project shared in local media (must reported to myself) - 2 points.
- Completing Quarterly Sponsored Project (must be reported on MyLCI, your Zone Chair and sent in to myself) - 3 points.

Quarter One Sponsored Project

Back to School Supplies

Donate, collect or fundraise for school supplies for community students. If you need ideas of who or where to help, The Help Line has put together a list of items needed for different areas and where to drop off.

[Find the list by clicking here.](#)

Completing this project will count for 3 points with chances to get extra points towards the East River Service Award (3 points for completing and reporting the project, 1 point for sharing on social media, 2 points for sharing in local media (newspaper) for a total of 6 points).

Reach out if you have any questions!



**East River Service
Competition**

2023 5SE ZONE COMPETITION

Help your Zone claim the East River Service Award by reporting your activities and sharing what you have done.

- We will have a drawing every quarter to pick a winner.
- Stay tuned for Quarthey Sponsored Activities

BACK TO SCHOOL

**Donate and Make a
Difference Today!**



Lion Krisha Ashby
PDG 5SE, 5SE GST



DARE TO DREAM

**2023 Peace Poster
contest**

Grab your art supplies, bring your imagination and take the opportunity to participate in the International Peace Poster Contest 2023, "Dare to Dream".

Help inspire the youth of our communities, ages eleven to thirteen years old, to share their idea of peace and what it means to them, through visual media. Consider the the impact we can have by encouraging creativity.

Nurturing a passion for art builds strong relationships in our communities that provide a solid foundation for growth. The effect flows outward, from connecting on an individual level, to fostering better relationships in our towns, cities, states, regions, countries and our world.

Beauty elevates the soul and transforms our world. Art provides a deeper connection that transcends language barriers.

Help unleash the creative potential in your community by sponsoring a local Lions Peace Poster Contest. The kits are available for purchase from the Lions Club website until Oct. 1.

All contest rules and regulations are also on the Lions Club website. For District 5SE, the deadline to turn in the winning local level peace posters is Oct. 15.

Please notify your district governor of your club's involvement. This year, join us as we "Dare to Dream".



LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PEACE

POSTER

lionsclubs.org/peaceposter

#peaceposter

Lion Rebekah Colton

District 5SE Peace Poster Chairperson

ZONE 7 LIONS

Promote service and gain members



Members of the Sioux Falls Lions Clubs participated in community events this summer to increase visibility of Lions service and membership opportunities. Sioux Falls area Lions screened eyes and provided information and balloons to individuals attending the city's Festival of Cultures in June.

They also screened eyes and were present at the Union Gospel Mission for a event encouraging neighborhood co-operation. Several children's eyes were screened, and some new members were gained from these events.

Lions from Zone 7 participated in a membership event which offered a bouncy house, food trucks, vision screening, carnival games and fun for families. The event was held in the South Dakota Lions Foundation parking lot on June 26.

Several people stopped by and were informed about the Lion lifestyle and what services Lions provide to the community. This event helped participating Lions identify new groups on which to focus recruitment and service efforts.





Lion Robyn Tyler

Immediate Past District Governor



BRITTON LIONS CLUB

Providing service
throughout



The Britton Lions Club registers donors at the LifeServe Community Blood Drive, from left, Deb College, Helen Nice and Corrine Zorn.



The Britton Lions Club assisted the Aberdeen Lions Club with Vision Screening at the Brown County Fair, from left, Larry Buntrock, Helen Nice, Lori Buntrock and Judy Ewings.



We have a flower planter on main street in memory of a former Lion member, Bernard Buisker. This year we planted purple and gold flowers for the Lions.

Lion Lori Buntrock
Britton Lions Club

DISTRICT 5SE

Meet the leadership team



Wonder who's on the 2023-24 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 South Dakota State Lions Convention; Sept. 29-30, Sioux Falls.

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

2024 MD5 Convention: May 16-18, Minot, N.D.

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

2024 District 5SE Spring Forum; April 5, Freeman.

- [More information is coming soon!](#)

2024 Lions International Convention; June 21-25, Melbourne.

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

SUBMISSIONS WANTED

Send your club
news to:

5seenews@gmail.com



