

# Lions' Spirit

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## Setting goals this autumn



### SETTING GOALS

## Planning the rest of the Lions Year

As I write this September newsletter, I am keenly aware of how quickly the first quarter of the Lions year has gone. It takes me a bit by surprise and sounds an alarm of action in my mind.

I have so many things I want to accomplish; so many goals I have set for myself both personally and as district governor; so many clubs in the district I have yet to visit. And just as panic begins to set in, the words of International Director Lion Joanne Ogden ring clear – "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time."

She is right. Focusing my energy on a couple areas at a time will help ensure a thorough plan and success.

How about you and your club? Have you found your focus yet? Where will your energy be spent? Are you following a plan for service and growth?

Lions Clubs International has plans like Achieving Club Excellence and Global Membership Approach for Clubs. There are also ideas and plans for so many service project ideas: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) is your resource.

Using the search button (magnifying glass), you can find countless ideas to help focus your energy. Perhaps you would like to have monthly service projects that coincide with LCI's monthly focus:

- October: Vision Awareness, Lions Membership Growth, Leo Membership Growth.
- November: Diabetes Awareness - World Diabetes Day is Nov. 14.
- January: Hunger Awareness, Melvin Jones Birthday is Jan. 13.
- February: Childhood Cancer Awareness.
- March: Lions Day at the United Nations.
- April: Environmental Awareness, Family and Friends Month, Leo Club Awareness.

Let's find our focus and eat one bite at a time. Don't forget to SHARE your projects with fellow Lions by submitting newsletter articles and creating posts on your club's Facebook page.

Then start following the Facebook pages of other clubs and [South Dakota Lions - District 5SE](#). Visibility on social media is an important key for attracting new members.

Best Wishes to all of you as we begin the second quarter of the Lions year.

*Leon LeelAnn Haisch*  
5SE District Governor

ABERDEEN AREA LIONS

Screen eyes at the  
Brown County Fair



The Aberdeen Lions Club, Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club and Britton Lions Club performed eye screenings for 312 children at the Brown County Fair.































*Lion Sari Merriman*  
Aberdeen Lions Club





## TULARE LIONS CLUB

### Getting ready for a school year of eye screening

With school back in session we are preparing to do eye screening in this area. Tulare Lions will be working with the Redfield Lions to screen Hitchcock Tulare Students and the Tulare area Day Cares. Tulare

Lions also continue to collect and process aluminum cans in an effort to keep them from ending up in the local landfills. We donate the can tabs to the Redfield Shriners to help raise funds for Children's Cancer research.

*Lion Barbara Stephens*  
Tulare Lions Club

## BRITTON LIONS CLUB

Serving the  
community







District project "Birthday in a Box" The Britton Lions Club assembled 20 "Birthday in a Box" kits at their September meeting.

Ten were delivered to the Backpack Program at the Britton Hecla School and 10 were presented to the Marshall County Food Pantry to be given to children on their birthdays.





Lion Judy Ewings presenting Marie Marlow, director of the Marshall County Food Pantry, our guest speaker at our September meeting, with a certificate of appreciation for speaking.

We collected food items for the pantry and presented them to her along with our yearly donation to the pantry.





President Norm Mack presenting DG Lee Ann Haisch a thank you gift for visiting our club.

*Lion Leri Buntrock*

Britton Lions Club





## CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

# Questions welcome

Lions District 5SE functions within the rules, policies and procedures found in the constitution and bylaws and the standard operating procedures. These are publications that you may not read often but they can provide the answer to questions, provide history and possibly keep us on the path to having an effective organization.

Lions International has developed a standard constitution and bylaws for districts and clubs. We should check with Lions International to see if our documents are up to date.

The district constitution and bylaws and standard operating procedures documents are available on the [5selions.org](http://5selions.org) website. Do you have questions about committees, membership categories, voting procedures, elections or many other items.....the constitution and bylaws and the standard operating procedures may provide some answers and help prevent confusion and conflict.

Our district governor appoints a constitution and bylaws committee each year and that committee is also called upon to work with maintaining the standard operating procedures. And...our committee has been doing that with the assistance of the cabinet.

*Lions Robert Bell and Raymond Schley*  
Constitution & Bylaws Committee



## ALCESTER LIONS

# Help with book fair



Lions John and Christi Wegh of the Alcester Lions Club presented the annual donation for elementary students to receive books and they volunteered at the Alcester-Hudson School District Book Fair in September.

*Lion Rebekah Cotton*

Alcester Lions Secretary



5SE HONORS

## The Henry Baker Fellowship Award

Lions around the world have a reputation for being leaders in service in their communities. That leadership comes in many different forms in our clubs.

At times, it's a Lion who is a gifted communicator whose words inspire us all to do more than we thought possible. Or, it may be a Lion whose logical, organized, approach to challenges and opportunities just makes so much sense that we cannot help but follow the path forward being offered.

In still other cases, it's a Lion who simply leads by example; who is consistently present at club activities and projects; who is always one of the first to volunteer; who is one of the first to arrive and the last to leave a service activity; who constantly finds a way to show appreciation for what other Lions are contributing; who humbly demonstrates that "We Serve".

The Henry Baker Fellowship Award was developed to recognize this latter style of service leadership. Lion Henry Baker found joy in helping others. Though he could neither read nor write and spent much of his life institutionalized at the South Dakota Development Center in Redfield, Henry is remembered for what he gave to others.

As a 25-year member of the Redfield Lions Club, he earned the respect of the community for his good deeds, his friendliness and his enthusiasm. The South Dakota Past District Governors Association in 2004 created the Henry Baker Fellowship Award to recognize hard-working members of their community who were dedicated to service to others.

A \$300 contribution accompanies the award which the recipient may designate for either South Dakota Sight and Health or for the South Dakota Lions Foundation. Clubs or individuals can name multiple Henry Baker Fellows each year. A \$300 contribution must accompany each nomination.

One of our service roles as Lions can, I think, be viewed as serving each other as fellow Lions. In so doing, we contribute collectively to the effectiveness of our club in all service activities.

So, how many potential Henry Baker Fellows are in your club? For additional information on the Henry Baker story and the nomination form and procedure, go to the 5SE District website (<https://www.5selions.org/>) and open the "Forms-Docs" folder.

*Lion Paul Fixsen*

5SE Zone 4 Chair



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## Celebrates back to school



The Aberdeen Lions Club and the Aberdeen Lioness Lions Club celebrated back-to-school at the South Dakota School for the Blind and Visually Impaired with a picnic on a beautiful September evening.















*Lion Sari Merriman*

Aberdeen 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](#)
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- [Past District Governors](#)
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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 coming soon!](#)

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

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



## IN THE NEWS

Information from  
around the multi-  
district

[August Lions Pride from Saskatchewan](#)

## SUBMISSIONS WANTED

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