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VIBORG AREA LIONS BUSY AT CHRISTMAS

On Dec. 8th at 6 pm, the Viborg Area Lions met at the Creamery for a fun filled night. We did a very small business meeting then turned the event over to some fun things.



First off, Lion Tom Silverthorn presented to Savannah Westrom a certificate for her winning 5SE Peace Essay Contest. She was sponsored by the Viborg Area Lions Club. Her winning essay now is at Lions International to be judged worldwide. We wish her the best of luck. We had a wonderful meal provided by the Creamery, all you can eat salad bar, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, roast beef and broasted chicken. All of this with a beautiful table settings. Thanks for all the work, Mike and Jean. One project we introduced this year was to adopt a family for Christmas. We had one of a single mom with 2 girls of elementary age. We got them some gifts and a certificate for mom. Also in the wings, we put together a meal of turkey, ham, corn, potato, sweet potatoes, marshmallows, gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, buns, cherry pie and pumpkin pie (cool whip too). It was delivered to her the next day. Lion Meredith had also made a sugar cookie Christmas tree to be auctioned off. With the highest bid was Lion Ted and he in turn gave it to the family. To end the evening, Mike Dahms was appointed to pick out the most festive person in our group. That person was Lion Lois, who won two tickets to the Lund Theater. We would like to thank all that helped out with our projects and for the fun time we had. May this coming year bring more "We Serve" back.

VOLGA LIONS SHOW SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY

The Volga Lions Club gave back to the Volga community this month by donating to local schools' angel tree funds. The angel tree program uses its donations to provide items for less fortunate children within the school system during the holiday season. Volga Lions Club treasurer, Lyle Bjorklund, presented Volga Christian School a check for \$50 and Sioux Valley School a check for \$500 to be used towards the angel tree program. The Volga branch also donated to the Brookings Historical Society to help with the renovation of the Hauxhurst House located in Volga.



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WATERTOWN & MAGIC MILE LIONS HOLD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

This is the first year that the two Lions Clubs in Watertown have gone together in the Magic Mile Clubs Christmas tree sales annual fundraiser. The Magic Mile Lions Club is getting smaller and older and the Watertown's Lions Club offered their help in the tree sales this year. The profits will be split between the two clubs by the amount of hours each club works in the fundraiser. It also helps the two club's members work closely together in a project that will benefit the Watertown community.



BRITTON LIONS LEND A HAND TO LOCAL FOOD PANTRY

The Britton Lions Club collected food items at their Christmas Party to be given to the Marshall County Food pantry.



CUSTER LIONS TRAVEL OVERSEAS

Custer Lions club members, Dusty and Edie Dustman and their traveling companion "Buffy" the buffalo recently returned from a six week vacation to Australia. While there, they saw evidence of Lions Club activities throughout the country. There are several projects that Australian Lions Clubs are working on. Many are local in nature but helping to rebuild and replant the coastal areas devastated by Cyclone Yasi last year is one of the biggest. When the Dustmans were in the center of Australia, they visited with the Coober Pery, Lions Club President, the Vice-President, and one of the club members as they were preparing for their monthly fund raiser "Trash and Treasures" which features items from local individuals and businesses in a flea market setting. While visiting Handorf, a quaint German town about an hour northwest of Adelaide, with friends from Adelaide Dusty and Edie visited Alec Johnston Park, build and maintained by the Handorf Lions Club and dedicated to the first club president, as well as a "Wall of Fame" dedicated to members of the Handorf Lions Club (past and present).



LEAD-DEADWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB BUSY YEAR WITH PROJECTS

2011 was busy year for the L/D Area Lion's Club. The club recently held a food drive for the local food pantry. In addition to collecting canned goods the club also donated \$317 in cash donations. They participated in Deadwood's 1st Holiday Parade of Lights in December by creating a lighted parade entry. A walking Lion in costume was the focal point of the entry with other Lion's walking along and distributing candy canes to bystanders. The club has networked with the Deadwood Chamber of Commerce and helps with many special events in town such as Wild Bill Days, Kool Deadwood Nites, Deadwood JAM, Kidweird Halloween event, and with new Main Street Holiday decorating theme. In March the club hosted their 1st St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner which was a big success for the club! During the Oktoberfest event the club had German breads and hats as a fundraiser to help add to the festivities of the day! Several local individuals were provided assistance in purchasing eye glasses and hearing aids. Membership recruitment has been a priority and the club was successful in adding several new members this past year. If you travel to Deadwood in the near future, please stop by and say hi to the local club members!



STURGIS LIONS SUPPORT VETS

The Sturgis Lions Club and the Sturgis Veterans Club joined together to sell 9-11 remembrance caps. The money raised was donated to the Veterans Club to purchase a new television. There are still has more caps to sell. Pictured: Manager Joanne Jaeger, and Lion Pres. Ed Mullinex.



STURGIS LIONS HONOR FALLEN FIRE FIGHTER

Sturgis Lions Club donates fifty dollars to the Sturgis Volunteer Fire Department. The donation was made on behalf of Tom Monahan. Tom will be greatly missed by the Sturgis Lion's Club. Tom was always there to help the Lion's Club with their many projects. Pictured are Lion President Ed Mullinex and Fire Chief Ron Koan. (*Who are the Hall of Fame Recipients?*)

VOLGA CHRISTMAS FESTIVIES

The Volga Lions Club Met at the community center for their Christmas Party. Members decorated the room with decorations and we had a meal catered by the Valley Restaurant. We sang Christmas Carols and shared our Holiday traditions. The members donated food items for the Brookings Food Pantry. And also elected to make a monetary donation to the Domestic Abuse Shelter in Brookings. Pictured is President Brett Woolworth with assistant manager of the Food Pantry, Megan McGee, with the donations from the Lions Club.



BROOKINGS LIONS DONATE TO BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Brookings Noon Lions Club members presented a check for \$500.00 to the Brookings Boys and Girls Club. Pictured are Emily Carruth, Director of Development, Lions Bob Bell and Ron Thaden, Kaycee Headrick, Program Director, Lion President Pam Siv-erhus, and Lions Cindy Ostlie and Leon Wrage.



CUSTER LIONS COLLECT WINTER GEAR

At their Christmas party, the Custer Lions Club celebrated the season and brought the gloves, mittens, scarves and hats they had been collecting for needy children in the Custer area. The warm items will be delivered to Custer Elementary School shortly after Christmas break.



NEWELL LIONS RECEIVE MELVIN JONES'

Three Newell Lions were recently recognized by their Club, they were awarded Melvin Jones Fellowships. Pictured l to r: DG Wanda Mitchell, Lions Eleanor Milberg, Veron McCarthy, Rita Wiegand and Club President Marjorie Adams.



NEWELL HOST DISTRICT GOVERNOR

DG Wanda Mitchell attended the Newell Lions Clubs annual Christmas Supper. 20 Lions and spouses heard DG Wanda's encouragement to continue serving the Community where help is needed. Everyone enjoyed the home cooked traditional Christmas dinner.

LENNOX LIONS GIVE CHRISTMAS CHEER

The Lennox Lions prepared 25 Christmas Cheer bags for their annual delivery to shut-ins, elderly, or needy families. Each Lion helped deliver the bags after their annual Christmas party. Pictured are: Lions Sandie De Vries, Ron Beck and Rhoda Strasser.



BUFFALO LIONS CLUB SUPPORT MEDICAL CLINIC

Bill & Verona Vroman of Buffalo, SD donated a cow to raise funds for the local Medical Clinic. Four quarters of beef were to be given to four winners. The Buffalo Lions Club was asked to sell tickets as a service project. The Vroman's received a plaque from Lion Sharon Tilus with the winner's names listed.





Governor Wanda's newsletter

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**"I DO NOT WANT THE PEACE WHICH
PASSETH UNDERSTANDING; I
WANT THE UNDERSTANDING
WHICH BRINGETH PEACE"
- HELEN KELLER**

GREETINGS: To all the Lions, Lionesses and Leo's in District 5SW, I trust that all of you had a Blessed Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

NEW MEMBERS: Congratulations to the new members of the branch club in Martin; Nate Eisenmenger, Julio Medeiros, Doug O'Bryan, Mathew Rolfe and Carol Taters. It is a pleasure to welcome you to the world of Lions International and District 5SW. We have had a total of 35 new members inducted since the 1st of July.

STATE CONVENTION: District 5SE's Zone 8 has worked very hard to provide the Lions of South Dakota with an interesting and educational State Convention on January 27 & 28. For those of you on the cabinet, we will have a meeting on Friday the 27th at 2PM Please bring your club banner for the opening ceremony on Saturday morning. I encourage everyone to get their convention registration in to Lion Marie Ann Ben, 16 E. Bloomingdale St. Vermillion, SD 57069. The block of motel rooms, being held for Lions, will be released on January 15th. It will be a great time to greet old friends and meet new Lions.

EXTENSION WORKSHOP: District 5SW will be conducting an Extension Workshop on Feb. 16th and 17th in Winner at the Holiday Inn Express. This is a great opportunity for the Lions in our District to help our District grow by learning key strategies to charter Lions Clubs and to participate in the steps to the formation of a new club. For further information contact our Extension Chairman Lion Dick Sheets at the following numbers: 605-341-5136 and cell 605-390-3458.

BY THE NUMBERS: LCIF grants more than 2 million dollars each year to help local Lions provide both immediate and long term help for communities affected by natural disasters. I encourage you to go to the web site: www.lionsclubs.org and look at the site 'by the numbers' and see what we are doing around the world. **WHEN IT COMES TO MEETING CHALLENGES, OUR RESPONSE IS SIMPLE, WE SERVE.** It unites Lions around the world.

Serving with you in Lions, Wanda Mitchell, District Governor

"Believe" me this is 2012! The holidays are past and most of us are getting all the trimmings down before any snow. We have been blessed with such nice weather that we almost forget that we soon will see snow and have difficult driving conditions. The good thing is winter weather should be shorter this year as we are through December. I am sure we have made resolutions to do better in our diets and health. As District Governor, it is time to do a resolution for Lions in District 5 SE. Have you asked someone to join Lions in the past six months? If you did, are you helping that person learn what Lions is all about? Do you yourself know what Lions is about? Maybe you need to do an evaluation of yourself about what you are doing to make your club stronger.

Lions do "Believe" in serving their communities and people who are more in need than they are. Maybe we can do just a little bit more to serve. I suggest that if you have ever wanted to serve on the District 5 SE Cabinet now is the time to let our District Governor-Elect Janell Beck know what you are interested in doing. Training is a great part of being a good Lion. We have the new Global Membership and Leadership Team. We are always looking for new ideas on Retention, Membership, and Leadership. New blood in a district is great. Some of us have served for years and seem to run out of new ideas.

On January 27 & 28, 2012, Zone 8 will be putting on the SD Lions State Convention. This is District 5 SE's turn to host the state convention. On Friday, the 27 at 2 PM both District 5 SE & District 5 SW will have their cabinet meetings. Zone 8 has asked that they be the only one's doing a raffle that weekend. If you have raffle tickets for the SD Lions Foundation, please get them back to the Foundation before the convention. There will be a "Parade of Club Banners" at the opening ceremony. Bring your Club Banner, stand, and pole ready for display that day. Make sure all of your club's properties are marked with your club name so you can retrieve them later in the day. At noon, there has been a question of how we are doing the "Parade of Green". Each District Governor will have appointed two people to tabulate the money. In the evening, the totals for the Parade of Green will be announced. Between 12:30 and 1:30,

SD Lions Eye and Tissue Bank and the SD Lions Foundation will each have a half hour for their annual address to the Lions. Our International Director Marvin Chambers from our own MD 5 will address the group on Saturday Evening. ID Marvin is from Fillmore, Sask. I encourage each and everyone who plans to attend to get registered for the convention. Your registration goes to Lion Marie Ann Ben, 16 E. Bloomingdale St., Vermillion, SD 57069. Be sure to make your hotel reservations (Best Western/ Kelly Inn or Super 8) because there is a SD State Debate Contest in Yankton that weekend and rooms will be scarce. On January 15 the block of rooms will be released. There is a special rate for Lions so be sure to mention that you are with the Lions Club Convention.

You will be missed at the Convention if you do not come. This is a time for renewal of old acquaintances as well as meeting new people. We look forward to seeing many SD Lions there. Need a registration go to the Oct., Nov. or Dec. Lion or www.5selions.org.

THE MISSION OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION:

"Partnering with Lions, Lioness and Leo clubs to assure a legacy of vision and hearing related services for South Dakota citizens."

MD5 Lions – "Pride of the Heartland"

MD5 Lions 2012 Convention Registration Form

June 1st & 2nd 2012 • Ramkota Inn • 800 South 3rd Street • Bismarck ND 58504

Name _____
(Last, First)
____ Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1st, 2012?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

What Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

Name _____
(Last, First)
____ Lion ____ Lioness ____ Leo ____ Guest

What is the highest office in Lions you will have held by June 1st, 2012?

Do you have any special dietary or physical needs?

Is this your first MD5 Convention? Circle Yes or No.

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REGISTRATION FEES:

BEFORE JANUARY 15, 2012 \$100.00

Before April 15, 2012 \$125.00

Before May 15, 2012 \$140.00

At Convention (Walk-In) \$150.00

Additional charge: PDG/Senior Counselor Awards

Brunch; \$16.00/person; everyone welcome

_____ brunches @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

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Please Make Checks Payable to:

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c/o Lion James Bumann

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Bismarck, ND 58504

E-mail: papajim20@gmail.com

REFUND POLICY: Refunds of convention fees shall be requested from the Lions MD5 2012 Convention Committee Treasurer, Lion James Bumann, 1103 Jefferson Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58504, until May 30, 2012. After that date, requests should be made to MD5 Secretary/Treasurer PCC Mike Brand, 340 7th Avenue NW, Valley City, ND 58072. No refunds will be granted 60 or more days after the conclusion of the convention. Questions should be directed to the MD5 Convention Co-Chairs, Lion David Charles at: dcharles@bepec.com or (701) 202-6426 or PDG Bev Charles at: dcharlesbev@bis.midco.net or (701) 202-6427.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Convention Location – Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND 58504. For reservations call 701- 258-7700. **The room block is guaranteed until April 30th 2012** at \$84.00 per night, plus 9% tax. Ask for Lion's Convention room rate. Check-In Time: 3:00 p.m. - Check-Out Time 11:00 a.m.

RV Accommodations: If you plan to bring an RV, Bismarck KOA (701-222-2662) and Prairie Breeze RV Park (701-224-8215), at Menoken, 10 miles east of Bismarck, will be available.

TEA LIONS "ROAR" IN THE NEW YEAR

Tea Lions Pancake/French Toast Breakfast and Health Fair will be at the Tea Community Center in Tea SD from 8-11am on Saturday January 21, 2012. Adults can enjoy the "rooaarring" Lions feast for \$6 and children 12 and under for \$4. Please bring your old glasses, hearing aids and old batteries to help others. We Serve and We Rap, Too. Check us out on the Lions Club International Web site as well on U-tube "Rockin' the Vest" Please check it out and let us know what you think what your favorite part of the video is. "Rockin' the Vest" on u-tube. See ya "ROAR" there.

AND THE WINNER IS:

The winner of the December PDGA's Puzzler is Lion Bob Thue of the Yankton Lions. Lion Bob won \$10 when his name was drawn from among all the correct entries. He discovered the Puzzler question on Page 1, "What is the recipe submitted & by who?" Answer: Page 2, "Baked Salmon Dijon, by Diabetes Chair Robyn Tyler".

YOU COULD BE THE NEXT WINNER! Find this month's Puzzler, answer it and submit your entry to: SDLF Puzzler, 800 N. West Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57104; or email to: sdlionsnews@sdlions.org.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION

(To be voted upon at the annual meeting held Saturday, January 28, 2012)

1. The Bylaws have been amended to be consistent with the sample bylaws for foundations published by Lions Clubs International.

2. Specific changes are as follows:

a. The number needed for a quorum to conduct an annual or special meeting of the members of the Foundation is changed from 60 members to 30 members. This change is occasioned by the drop in the number of members within the state and the decline in those attending the annual convention.

b. The time for notice of an annual or special meeting of the members is changed from 30 days to 20 days. The Board believes this change will allow for greater flexibility in handling business with the members.

c. An alternative form of notice of an annual or special meeting of the members is provided for by mailing the notice to the secretaries of each club. The Board believes this change will allow for greater flexibility in handling business with the members.

d. The mission statement is being removed from the Bylaws. This change is in line with the sample bylaws from Lions Clubs International and the Board believes the mission statement does not need to be re-stated in the bylaws.

e. In order to run for the Board of Directors of the Foundation the member's club endorsement shall now be in writing and submitted along with the letter of intent to run for the Board. The Board believes this change will result in each club who has a member running for the Board to have a stake in the outcome of the election which in turn will result in greater attendance at the meetings.

f. The written endorsement and the letter of intent to run for the Board of Directors must be received by the President or Executive Director of the Foundation at least 10 days before the election. This requirement will allow the Board sufficient time to verify the information as to each candidate and to place such person's name on the written ballot.

g. Vacancies on the Board of Directors will now be filled by the Board in accordance with procedures to be established by the Board. This change is consistent with the sample bylaws published by Lions Clubs International and consistent with state law. In the past the District Governor for the District in which the vacancy occurred would appoint the member to the Board.

**LIONS HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES**

The South Dakota Lions Past District Governors Association is pleased to announce that two members of our South Dakota Lions family are being inducted into the Lions Hall of Fame at the convention in Yankton, SD on Jan 28 at the evening banquet. Lion PDG Dr. James Gordon Harris, member of Sioux Fall Downtown Lions Club and Lion Marlin Flint, member of the Redfield Lions Club will be the inductees.

Marlin Flint was born in Redfield on June 9, 1928. He graduated from Redfield High School in 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1946-48. He attended Dakota Wesleyan University from 1948 to 1950 when he was called back into the Marines to serve from 1950-52.

He married Elsie May Tays in 1950 and they had five children. He ran a family Appliance Business in Redfield from 1952 until 1993. His wife passed away in 1994. He remarried in 1996 to Lynn Munce Flint.

He has been very active in his community, church and fraternal activities. He is a charter member of the Redfield Lions Club (1958). He served as secretary from 1958 to 1964, Vice President in 1965 and President in 1966. He earned 100% Secretary Awards for each year he served as Secretary. He was a 100% President.

He has served on all standing committees and served as chairman of most of these. He has served on many fund raising activities of the club and chairman for the Redfield Snow Queen Contest and Up with People to name a couple. Other Lions recognition includes being a Melvin Jones Fellow, presented with Senior Builders Key (requires sponsoring at least 15 new members), has attended numerous State Lions Conventions as well as two MD5 Conventions. He currently has 42 years of perfect attendance.

Lion Gordon has been associated Lions Clubs for 39 years, originally becoming a Lion in 1972 in the Philippines and currently is member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club. He has been very active in Lions activities including, serving as District Governor in 2003-04, attending numerous state, multi-district and international conventions including serving as committee chairman for several of these conventions. He received an extension award for his work with the Northern State University Lions Club and Viborg Lions Club. He and his wife, Joyce have hosted several international students as part of the Multi-District 5 Youth Exchange Camp which is held in South Dakota every three years. He has served in all the local club offices in the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club as well as serving on the District and State level. He served on the District 5SE Cabinet for twenty three years and support the activities of the South Dakota Lions Foundation and the South Dakota Lions Eye and Tissue Bank, both headquartered in Sioux Falls. Gordon is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a 100% President of his Sioux Falls Club and has 28 years of perfect attendance to his credit.

J. Gordon Harris was born on Nov 1, 1940 in Bunkie, Louisiana and calls Fort Worth, Tx his home town, currently living and working in Sioux Falls, SD. He and his wife, Joyce Behm Harris, have a daughter, Jami Harris Knight. His professional background and accomplishments is extensive. From his Professional Biography information is the following: Professor of Old Testament, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of Doctoral Studies Sioux Falls Seminary (Ret. 2006), Chaplain (Col) SDARNG (Ret 2000), Interim Pastorates. He is currently serving an Interim Pastorate at Parkston, SD.

Submitted by Galen Jones, Secretary
South Dakota Past District Governors Association

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**SD LIONS STATE CONVENTION
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
BEST WESTERN KELLY INN, YANKTON SD
(Tentative Agenda as of 1/6/2012)**

Friday, January 27th

2 pm—4 pm 5SE & 5SW Cabinet Meetings
4 pm—9 pm Registration/Item exhibits/ticket sales
5 pm—7 pm PDG ONLY—Dinner at JoDean's (pay own meal)
7 pm—9 pm Evening Entertainment:
FAB-U-LESS by Bon Homme Lions, &
Academy of Dance Children's Troupe Performance

Saturday, January 28th

6:30 am—5 pm Registration/item exhibits/ticket sales
7 am—8 am Breakfast Buffet
8 am—8:30 am Opening Ceremonies/Parade of Banners
8:30 am—9:15 am Keynote Speaker: Gloria Schaefer
9:15 am—9:30 am Move to District Meeting; ticket sales
9:30 am—10:15 am District 5SW & 5SE meetings
10:15 am—10:30 am Break sponsored by SDLETB, ticket sales
10:30 am—11:15 am SD Lions Joint Meeting
11:15 am—11:30 am Stretch! Ticket sales
11:30 am—1:30 pm Breaking Bread & Lunch, Tailtwisting,
Guest Speaker: Bernie Hunhoff, SD Magazine
Parade of Green
SDLETB Report & SDFL Report
Stretch! Ticket sales
1:30 pm—1:45 pm Marty O'Connor, Investigative Reporter
1:45 pm—2:45 pm Break sponsored by SDLETB, ticket sales
2:45 pm—3:15 pm Council Chairperson, Dr. Robert Littlefield
3:15 pm—4:00 pm Door prizes, ticket announcements
4:00 pm—4:30 pm Free time!
4:30 pm—5:30 pm Celebration of Life & 5SE Choir,
Dinner (Dressy casual/business attire under vests)
5:30 pm—9:00 pm Hall of Fame Awards
5SE Choir
District Governor's Awards
Final raffle item distribution
International Director
Closing

The South Dakota Lions Convention is coming up soon at the Best Western Kelly Inn, Yankton. Be sure to send in your registration form along with payment and to make hotel reservations (605-665-2906). Mention you want a room for the Lions Club State Convention on Friday, January 27th & 28th. See the tentative agenda above for planned activities.

SDLF ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to bring your tickets to the Convention. We want to be sure everyone has a chance to win some extra cash—8 cash prizes!

"8" CASH PRIZES!!!

SPRING GALA

Look for the Spring Gala in the mail, we are hoping to raise \$7,000. The funds raised for this program will support the used eyeglass collection program. By the way, this year so far you have collected 27,469 eyeglasses. These eyeglasses will go to help individuals in Mexico to see more clearly; for some to see better in a very long time. With your generous support and contributions we can continue this program like our Mission and Vision state "...to help people with hearing and vision needs..."

SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE UPDATE

Since July, 2011 we have completed:
1 Prosthetic Eye
15 Hearing Aid grants
1 Cataract Surgery
1 Vision Therapy
1 Bioptic Lens
1 Laser Treatment
1 Glaucoma drops
3 Cataract surgeries have been paid in full through negotiations by MJ. These 3 surgeries were of no cost to Lions Clubs or Foundation. MJ's effort to negotiate prices has helped to reduce the costs of numerous Specific Assistance Grants we do each and every year. We need you to outreach in your community for those in need of hearing/vision.

South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank Nominations Announced

Four South Dakota Lions representing both 5SW and 5SE have completed the application process to have their names on the ballot to be elected to serve on the South Dakota Lions Eye & Tissue Bank (SDLETB) Board of Directors beginning July 1, 2012 (fiscal year) for three year terms.

5SE Nominations

Lion Karl Koball - Lion Karl has been a member of the Sioux Falls Downtown Lions Club since 2004. He is a funeral director for Miller Funeral Home in Sioux Falls. It is his desire to bring a funeral director's perspective to the SDLETB board as well as being able to convey concerns and issues that families may encounter at the time of a loved one's death.

Lion Don Hennies - Lion Don is a member of the Downtown Lions Club since 1973. He currently serves on the SDLETB Board of Directors. His SDLETB service includes being an active building committee member, serving on the fundraising committee, and has held the office of Secretary of the Board. Don owns and operates his own home inspection business in Sioux Falls, SD.

5SW Nominations

Lion Rob Gusinsky - Lion Rob is a member of the Rapid City Downtown Lions Club. He recently became a Lions member and was a speaker at the SDLETB Donor and Recipient Luncheon held in Rapid City, SD. Rob's presentation was on behalf of recipients. He has a unique perspective being a cornea recipient. Rob is an attorney in Rapid City.

Lion Dave Jackson - Lion Dave is currently serving as President of the SDLETB Board of Directors. He is a 10 year member of the Rapid City Rushmore Lions Club. Dave also served as Club president. Dave has been in the auto collision repair industry for 31 years and for the past 12 years has owned and operated an independent collision repair company.

Board Members are selected by Lions from across the state. The election will take place at the Annual Lions Meeting in Yankton, SD at the end of January 2012. Your vote counts! We invite all Lions to stop by the SDLETB welcome table during convention or visit us at our hospitality suite open house on Friday evening. Details about nominees and our hospitality open house will be available at the SDLETB welcome table.



RESTORING SIGHT & SOUND

Your magazine subscription will help!

THE SOUTH DAKOTA LIONS FOUNDATION continues to assist the vision and hearing impaired of our state. We achieve this mission through such programs as matching assistance grants, over-the-ear hearing aids, eyeglass and hearing aid recycling and screening services.

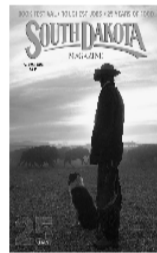
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**MD-5 Committee Chairperson Positions Open:
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The MD5 Council of Governors would like to inform all Lions of Multiple District 5 that there are **Two-** (2) committee chairperson Positions becoming available as of June 30th, 2012. The term of these positions will be from July 1st, 2012 to June 30th, 2015.

If you have an interest in any of the above positions and would like a job description and application, please contact the Council of Governors Secretary-Treasurer:
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Deadline for all applications will be March 1st, 2012

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May31-June 2, 2012 Bismarck, ND
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July 5-9, 2013, Hamburg, Germany
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