



District Developments

Kansas MD 17-I

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Notes from the Editor

Send all club information to me, Bud Gillispie, on or before the 20th of each month; all late submissions will be included in the next month's newsletter.

I have taken on the newsletter as Lion Marcus Ashlock has assumed other responsibilities in the district and can no longer fill this responsibility. Thank you for your work, Lion Marcus.

Upcoming Events

April 4, 2009

Blue Rapids Pancake Day

April 11, 2009

Barnes Lions Easter Egg Hunt

April 18, 2009

Tescott Lions Variety Show

May 28-30, 2009

Kansas Lions Convention

Lion President Al Brandel will be our guest

July 6-10, 2009

International Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 17-19, 2009

Great Plains Leadership Forum - *Storm Lake Iowa*

September 24-26, 2009

USA/Canada Leadership Forum - *Memphis, Tennessee*

From the Governor's Desk . . .

I have previously written articles that share the importance of matching a Lion to the right position. A few changes on Cabinet positions have come about this past month. How can you know what you are good at doing, or are interested in, if you don't give different positions a try? DGE Bill is building his Cabinet and we need Lions willing to work the titles (job positions) they take on. Lions, we have important jobs to do, many people are depending upon us.

I realize the importance of family and that Lions are working full time jobs. I also realize that the majority of positions are held by Lions who love being a part of this service organization and want to do a good job. Some positions require more time than others. Think of how best you can serve. Believe me, we need you... really need each one of you to get things moving on a



smoother pathway. I see so much talent among the Lions in the clubs. Co-chairs or a group committee can work together on a Cabinet position. Additional Lions bring in other ideas, allows the new Lion to get involved and learn what the job is all about. By meeting on a regular basis you keep motivated to accomplish your goals. This can remove the stress of shouldering all of the responsibility. Space allowing I will list the positions.

I am in the process of writing Standard Operating Procedures for the district

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positions. My intentions were to have these job descriptions in your hands before you started this year, but gosh, I couldn't make it happen. I can't expect you to read my mind and everyone needs guidelines. Working with DGE Bill and VDGE Marilyn I believe we can add several new positions producing a much more effective district. Several of these

new positions can be accomplished sitting at your computer.

The Lions year is creeping by quickly? Those plans you wrote the first of the year need to be dusted off and reviewed. If you haven't worked on them you may just have the time and energy left to mark a few of these goals off your list before this year ends. Do you need help?

If you have a Lion friend/friends that will help you, let's work out a plan to achieve your goals. Above all else, I appreciate the work that you do each and every day. As your district governor I am here to look, listen and find ways to make our district the best it can be. Aren't you proud to be one of the 1.35 million Lions that make up Lions Clubs International?

*District Governor
Lion Thelma Brown*

News from the Vice-District Governor and DGE

As I write this article the weather is indicative of a great Spring and warm (HOT) Summer. Today (St. Pats day) is almost 80 and all the signs of spring are in the air.

I am trying to complete my cabinet for the upcoming year. It seems Lions Club International wants everything yesterday. The harder I try, the behinder I get.. (I know many of you know the feeling.) The middle of April, the 5 District Gov. elect travel to Wichita for three days of training. Then in July we have more training in Minneapolis prior to the International Convention. I never realized that there was so much for a Lion to know. LCI even sends a training manual to my wife

so she will know what wear when, and how to seat people properly at a head table. Next year WILL BE fun !!!!! Lion Bills club reminders---- Club elections of new officers needs to be done in April.

The clubs PU101 needs to be submitted prior to May 15 to Lions Club International

Lions are encouraged to sign up for the 7th Annual **Great Plains Leadership Forum** in Storm Lake Iowa the dates are July 17 - 19.

Did you know that in 2007 - 2008 the average Lions club donated 13,375 dollars to the community. That's 601 million dollars total. Those same Lions also provided an estimated 33 million volunteer service hours, or an average of 739 hours



per club. Lions are a "best kept" secret and we need to brag a little. Lions do have a proud history, so let's show it off.

Once again, if you or your club needs information or has advice for me, please ask, or let me know

*Vice District Gov./ DGE
Lion Bill Phillipi*

Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum

The Silent Auction raised over \$800.00 for Leadership. We ask for applicants to contact the chair (which is Marcus Ashlock) with a cc to the governor.. After attending the training, the applicants can receive a refund of \$75.00 each. FYI – John Lee and I have been working to see if we can afford to rent a van or small bus –“if” enough Lions are attending from our areas. It would be a really long trip unless they stopped overnight – of which we are working to coordinate a location and place to have the Lions stay at little expense. I personally have not even had time to pull up a map and check out the locations. I do think it is a good idea if it is affordable. We make it into a package deal – like when attending International Convention by bus.

*GPLLI Chair
Marcus Ashlock*

More news from the District Convention

Convention Highlights

If you were not in attendance at the convention Friday Fun Night you missed out on some great stuff.

How ya'all doin ya'all?
During the Friday Fun Night

our guest speaker from Loudon, Tennessee, **International Director Bill Watkins and wife, Nora** taught us a new slant on how to speak another form of English – the simple Tennessee version of saying hello. Now if you come from Tennessee you would not notice that you get to add the second ya'll if you are addressing more than one person/Lion. To think there are a few Lions from Kansas that feels PCC John and PDG Wanda Barnett speak a foreign language? I'd say we have a toss-up on who would win this contest?

The fun continued as we ate crispy fried chicken and side dishes of great food brought in by the Lions.

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers and Directors.

After the convention votes were tallied, the following Lions made acceptance speeches:

District Governor Elect – Lion Bill Phillipi - Marysville Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Marilyn Sorenson Scandia Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor Elect – no candidates to date

Sight Foundation Director PDG Doug McBlair

Band Foundation Director PDG Louis Johnson

Belleville Lions Club

At the Saturday evening banquet, District Governor Thelma Brown, along with International Director Bill Watkins, presented four deserving Lions with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation signed by International President Al Brandel. This award is the 4th highest award presented by Lions Clubs International and reflects the governor's appreciation for service above and beyond what is expected of your position and for helping to move this district into the future. Recipients of the awards and Our Everyday Heroes are:

Zone 1 Chair Lion Marvin Brobst – Hunter Lions Club

Zone 7 Chair Lion Sharon Kimmel – Minneapolis Lions Club

Zone 9 Chair Lion Bev Greenwood – Milford Lions Club

Zone Chair 11 Lion Sylvester Sauder – Wilsey Lions Club

Awards from Lions Clubs International were presented to IPDG's Gary Schneider (K5) and CC Tom Badger (K6) for their dedicated year of service as District Governor's to their respective district.

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Thanks to **Lion Jerry Sorenson** for going to the airport with me and for showing **ID Bill and Nora and the governor** a few sites in Concordia.

Thanks to **Lion Sandy McBlair** for sharing her time with Lion Nora Watkins. These two ladies immediately became friends and had a great time.

Concordia Lions Club is the best. What would we do without **Lions Nancy and Dallas Nading?** These Lions run a hospitality room like it was no work at all.

Club Elections

Club Officer elections are to be held no later than April 15. The club secretary is required, either by mail or by

personal delivery, to give notice to each member of the club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of election.

The **PU101** club officer form is ***extremely important***—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. ***The Final submission deadline is May 15.*** If you fail to return this form, your new officers will not be able to receive the information and materials they will need during the coming year.

Perfect Attendance Pins

It is time for the clubs to order the Perfect Attendance Pins for their club members. Each year the beautiful pin depicts the international

president's message. I believe you can order pins from the last 2 years in case you forgot about doing it last year. The pins run \$1.70 each.

Perfect attendance does not mean that you have to be in attendance at each club meeting. You have the opportunity to make up for missed meetings by working projects/fundraisers, attending board meetings and attending other Lions functions.

A Lion that is a regular member and fits into the above category deserves to receive the 100% attendance pin. Why not talk this over at your board of directors meeting. This pin might be the only recognition the Lion receives that year.

Are you scared

about your incoming officer team?

... then send them to leadership training.

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)

Who: Club & District Officers

What: Leadership Skills

When: July 17-19, 2009

Where: Storm Lake, IA (Buena Vista Univ.)

How: Register now with your full payment to reserve your place.

If you want to have a frightening great time and learn relevant leadership and club/personal management skills,

then contact Lion Marcus Ashlock, MD 17-1 GPLLI Chair,

for more information at ashlock@ksu.edu or call (785) 341-7573.

Scholarships and possible transportation are available!!

GPLLI Chair, Marcus Ashlock

The Roar From Within - Club News ...

Chapman Lions Club

The Chapman Lions and three members of Junction City Sunflower Lions, met with Zone Chair Bev Greenwood (Milford Lions) on March 16, 2009



The Chapman Lions Club has also made their presence known on the World Wide Web with a new website. You can find this site on the internet at the following internet address:

<http://www.cityofchapman.org/lionsclub/>

Junction City Sundowners Lions Club

Saturday, April 18

The Junction City Sundowners Lions will be holding a Scholarship Garage Sale on Saturday, April 18, at 324 N. Jefferson, Junction City, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. POC-Lion Phyllis (Sue) Todd at (785) 226-1832 or email at psuetodd@yahoo.com

Milford Lions Club

Milford Lions elect new officers: President: "MO" Greenwood, VP - Randy Brooks - Secretary - Michael Greenwalt - Treasurer - Dodie Greenwalt - Lion Tamer - Jim Price - Tail Twister - Bob Bork - Historian - Rod Pershing - Board Members - Ruby Bork, Joyce McRae - Membership Chair and Liaison to the District Governor - Bev Greenwood - Membership and Activity Committee - Donna May and Gary May.

Manhattan Lions Club



Past District Governor, Jim Tubach of the Manhattan Lions Club recently became a graduate of Kansas State University. Lion Jim was awarded his bachelor degree in social sciences. PDG Jim is a very young 80 year-old graduate. Congratulations Lion Jim..

Keats Lions Club



The 2nd annual Stride Walk for Diabetes Awareness was held Saturday, March 21 at the Manhattan Town Center Mall. Twenty five walkers paid the \$10 registration fee, which covered a pin and refreshments. With club and individual donations, approximately \$500 will be submitted for diabetes research. The walk was sponsored by Keats Lions Club, and co-sponsored by the Randolph Lions Club, Woodbine Lions Club, Manhattan Lions Club and Manhattan Sunflower Lions Club.

Washington Lions Club

The Washington Lions Club inducted one new member at Charter night, On March 17th Tony Miller was inducted as a project member. They also awarded the Outstanding Citizen award posthumously to Lion Phil Kingston at the same charter Night. Phil's wife, Sandra accepted the award.

Host Families Needed for Summer 2009

Host families are needed now for several weeks this summer. Participation as a Lions international youth exchangee and/or Lions international youth camper is often a life-changing experience. Traveling to another country, living with a host family, and experiencing another culture are milestone events.

Every Lions international youth exchangee must receive sponsorship from a Lions club. Lions often sponsor young people for participation in Lions International Youth Exchange Program. Lions international youth exchangees are between the ages of 15 and 21

Lions International Youth Exchange Program was officially adopted in 1961. The Lions International Youth Exchange Program is not conducted for tourism, education, or employment. Instead, it is a unique cultural learning opportunity.

Participants of the Lions International Youth Exchange Program must:

- be between the ages of 15 and 21;
- be sponsored by a Lions club;
- have a basic knowledge of the language of the host country;
- be suitable to represent their community, Lions club, and country;
- be willing to accept the customs of another culture.

Exchanges can occur in any of the countries in which Lions clubs exist. Travel arrangements for exchangees are made between the Lions youth exchange chairpersons in the sponsoring and hosting regions.

The costs of transportation (including actual fares, insurance, airport fees, customs duties, and layover or overnight fees) are the responsibility of the sponsoring Lions club. These costs may be paid by the club from district funds (if available), by the youth, his or her family, or by some combination of these sources.

Food and lodging expenses are the responsibility of the hosting Lions club. Exchangees are responsible for personal expenses (approximately US\$75 per week) such as phone calls home, souvenirs, etc.

Currently we have three students that want to come to Kansas. If you, or someone you know, can open their hearts and homes as a host family for one of these students, please let us know ASAP. You may contact your district YEC, or contact me directly. Peg Gilbert, YEC MD17 - 785-658-2283

Italy - **Federico Gregorio**, age 17, is from Ancona, Italy. For his hobbies he has listed Sports, actually the word was "all sports". He speaks both Italian and French, and says his knowledge of English is fair. His father is a doctor, and his mother is a musician. Federico's future plans are to study medicine and to become a doctor. Religion is listed as Catholic. (Desired date of exchange is July 10 to August 10)

Luca Bartolini, is 19 years old, and lives in Florence, Italy. His father is a bank clerk, his mother is a postal clerk, and he has a twin brother named Marco. Their religion is Catholic. Luca lists his hobbies as music and reading and plays the drums in his own band. Besides Italian, he speaks German and Spanish, and his knowledge of English is good. He is studying "Languages" in Florence at the present, and hopes to further his study of English in London in

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the near future. He enjoys traveling, and has been to the USA once, but has not participated in the Lions exchange program so looks forward to this exchange. (exchange date is not listed, so we would probably set July and early August, depending on the hosts schedules.)

Finland - **Johanna Tapaninen** is 16 years old, and lives in Oulu, a small town in the north of Finland. She lists music as her passion, and plays the piano, but has also studied violin. Other hobbies are photography, movies, and hanging out with her friends. She loves animals, and has a dog of her own. Her father is a metal worker, and her mother a hairdresser, and she has an older brother studying at the university. Johanna says she has always lived in the same place, so is looking forward to this exchange, to travel to a different country, and learn about our culture. Finnish is her native language, but she lists her knowledge of English as good, and has a basic knowledge of Swedish and French. (date of exchange not listed, but June to August would be open)

"Peace Begins With Me"
Speech by 2008-09 Grand Prize Winner Yennie Shyu
Lions Day with the United Nations
March 13, 2009

It's a great honor to receive this award from one of the largest organizations in the world, Lions Clubs International. However, I am here today not only to receive the prize but also to take the opportunity to express my desire to deliver a message of peace.

When I found out that the Milpitas Executive Lions Club had launched this Peace Poster Contest, I was so excited because I really wanted to draw something meaningful, directed to my generation and related to my daily life.

I am from the Silicon Valley, San Jose, California, a place of super-high technology, where computers, Ipods and abundant electronic gadgets are ordinary sights. Children and adults alike can be seen emailing, texting, researching, chatting and exchanging pictures through computers and mobile phones. Computers and blackberries are regular fixtures at schools, libraries and homes. This environment gave me the idea that if we can communicate so much using technology, why can't we send out messages of peace through the same medium? By doing so we can send more messages, reaching more people. That is why, in my poster, you will see children of different races and nationalities sending out messages of peace all over the world.

The problems we face today, like religious and political differences, destruction of nature, poverty, hunger and many others can be resolved through our collaborated effort to foster understanding, develop tolerance and create a sense of brotherhood among nations. Peace can begin with thoughts of harmony and can serve as a bridge or path to reach the hearts of everyone. Peace means taking care of ourselves, taking care of each other and taking care of the beautiful planet we live in. Peace must be the essence of our existence. My dearest wish is for all of us to live together in peace in this world.

I would like to thank Lions Clubs International and the United Nations for providing us, the youth, with the chance to express our thoughts about peace. I have learned a lot by participating in this contest. When I was creating this poster, I had the chance to talk to my family and friends about the meaning of peace and what we can do to promote it. I really hope that those children who see my poster will be inspired to help spread the spirit and let their "little fingers type big messages of peace."

My parents and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Milpitas Executive Lions Club, represented by their president, Joselito Abelardo, and their District 4-C6, represented by District Governor Marlene Duffin, for sponsoring me and accepting me as their contestant. My gratitude also goes to The International Association of Lions Clubs and its president, Al Brandel, and the United Nations for promoting the need and importance of the much needed peace in our lives.

Let the messages of peace fly around the world and may peace begin with you and me.

Thank you. Yennie Shyu

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STATE CONVENTION
WICHITA AIRPORT HILTON
2098 AIRPORT ROAD
PHONE 316.945.5272
www.wichitaairport.hilton.com
Lions rate \$91/night**

(If you wish to make your reservation online and to get the Lions rate, go to the above site, proceed with the reservation process. When you get to the dates and preferences page, go down to the Special Accounts section, then Group/Convention code and enter LION. It should give you the \$91.00 rate.)

KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

May 28—30, 2009

Thursday—DGE and spouses review meeting

Friday—State Council business meetings

Seminar—service learning opportunity

Friday night fun at the Late Show with David Lion-man

Saturday—Kansas Lions band concert

Afternoon convention session

Saturday night celebration banquet

SPECIAL GUESTS:

International President Al Brandel & Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy

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REGISTRATION FORM

KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION May 28-30, 2009

NAME _____ Club _____
NAME _____ Club _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____

Registration due by May 22, 2009

Registration fee, per person	_____ X	\$5.00	= \$ _____
Thursday night dinner	_____ X	\$12.50	= \$ _____
Friday lunch	_____ X	\$13.00	= \$ _____
Friday dinner	_____ X	\$15.00	= \$ _____
Saturday lunch	_____ X	\$13.00	= \$ _____
Saturday celebration banquet	_____ X	\$20.00	= \$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

Checks payable to Kansas Lions Convention
Mail to Pat Agnew, Kansas Lions Convention
231 South Tyler Road, Wichita, KS 67209
E-mail kansaslions@aol.com

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PHONE 316.945.5272
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Lions rate \$91/night

Reservations due May 14

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- WHAT:** Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.
- WHEN:** July 17-19, 2009 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 17th. Adjournment and checkout by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 17th is at 11:30 AM.
- WHERE:** Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.
- COST:** \$110 (US Funds) per attendee covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.
- WHO:** Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann. Each participating multiple district may select up to 25 applicants to attend.

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

A form of application is available. Included will be dynamic presenters from across North America, providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

See registration form on next page.

7th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Provided for the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Buena Vista University—Storm Lake, Iowa
July 17-19, 2009

Registration Form – One Form Per Attendee – Please type or print **LEGIBLY**

Name _____ | _____ | _____
Last First Initial Badge Name (If Different)

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ | _____ | _____
Street Number/PO Box City State Zip/PC

Phone(____) _____ | (____) _____ | _____
Home Business e-mail Address

Sub District No _____ Number of years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee of \$110.00 US must accompany this application. Make checks **payable in US funds to GPLLI** and mail to Rick Myers with this form. **Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT WITH THE APPLICATION.**

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Buena Vista University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$25.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 17th and check out must be completed by 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 19th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25.00 to registration fee).

_____ Diabetic Diet requested.

_____ Vegetarian Diet requested.

_____ Wheelchair Access required.

_____ Please list any other special requests.

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