



17-I District Developments

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

April, 2011

From the Desk of your District Governor

I want to thank everyone that helped make our convention a success. I am sure everyone that attended learned something new this year. We managed to have a lot of fun along the way too. Congratulations to all who won awards, (I am sure Bud has pictures in this newsletter) thank you all for a job well done. Congratulations also go out to those Lions that were elected at the convention. PDG Daryl Stone will be serving as director of Kansas Lions Foundation, PDG Gene Johnson will serve on the Band Foundation and Lion Jerry Sorenson will be serving on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Marion Schroll, Riley will be your District Governor, Bill Sanderson, Salina 1st Vice District Governor & Al Urich, Belleville 2nd Vice District Governor. Thank you to all for the commitment to service to the Lions of MD 17-I.

The fundraising for the PediaVision Screener is inching along. We are about half way there! At the cabinet meeting in Concordia the Manhattan Lions Club challenged clubs to double their efforts in this area. The Manhattan Lions have given \$600 towards the screener. Send your checks made out to MD 17-I with PediaVision in the memo either to District Treasurer Virginia Hoover or me to be put in the special account for the screener. The sooner we have the money the sooner we can start screening children.

The elections of new club officers is just around the corner. Be sure to get those PU101's filed right away. Without correct information your club will not be getting information from International, state, or the district. Be sure to include email information for all officers. Don't leave your club out in the dark next year!

PDG Denny Smith the state PR Director has shared some tips for club secretaries that is included in this newsletter. I hope this will make filing easier for you.

I have scheduled the final Cabinet meeting of the year for April 30th in Abilene. There will be club officer & zone chair training in the morning followed by the cabinet meeting. Let's get those new officers off to a good start by getting them trained so they can do a great job next year.

Don't forget IP Scruggs has designated April as the month to plant trees to help the environment. Right now being out in the warm sunshine planting a tree sounds great to me.

See you all April 30th in Abilene at the cabinet meeting.

*Marilyn Sorenson
District Governor*

Leadership Report

Mark your calendar for **APRIL 30, 2011** and attend Officer Training at the Cabinet Meeting in Abilene. Please have representation from your club. Additional information on the schedule for the day can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Lions interested in learning the positions of President, Secretary and Zone Chair are encouraged to attend. It is important that our officers/Lions

have the opportunity to be better trained and more knowledgeable of our officer duties and Lions Clubs International.

Come prepared for a little fun, of getting to know other Lions and to interact with your group.

Trainers:

Presidents – Lion Ken Leander &
PDG Thelma Brown
Secretaries – DGE Marion Schroll

Zone Chairs – DG Marilyn Sorenson

Contact PDG Thelma Brown if you have any questions.

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*Leadership Co-Chairs
Lion Ken Leander
PDG Thelma Brown*



From your 1st Vice District Governor

I left out the 2 best things about my Barnes Lions Club visit last month: They gave me a check for \$200 for the Pediavision screener and inducted a new member. Way to go, Barnes!

Many clubs will be designating funds for the end of their year very soon. Please consider a healthy donation to our district Pediavision screener. Just make the check out to Lions District 17-I and send to our treasurer, Virginia Hoover, enclosing a note that it is for Pediavision. Suggested challenge minimum is \$200, although any amount is welcome. You can go to <http://youtube.com>, type in "Pediavision", and there are a few videos about the screener, one with Wyoming Lions telling about their vision screening. We have raised about \$4,500 so far toward our goal of \$11,000.

PU 101: Lion Secretary: Use this form to report the names and addresses of your newly elected club officers to International Headquarters. This form is extremely important—all communications your new officers receive during their year in office will be based on the information you provide here. Please PRINT the needed information on this

form and return it, immediately following your club elections in April. Final deadline is May 15. Secretaries, you may also file this by computer. Vicky's Secret tips for secretaries is elsewhere in this newsletter. 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.

Many clubs don't hold elections until their May meeting; that means the PU101 is submitted late or not at all. Please change your election meeting to April right away. Then you will have the results available for the PU101 form to get it submitted in a timely manner. Even if you have not had elections, you may already know who will be filling the positions, and you can send in the PU 101 even before the election night. Governor Marilyn, myself, and 1st VDG Bill will be calling club secretaries who are late in May. Please save yourself that phone call!

If Lions were to offer a leadership class over a weekend that you could attend for free, would you go? Would you like to sharpen your leadership skills for your church, school, family, 4-H, Boy or Girl Scouts?

The 2011 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be held July 22-24 at Doane College, Crete, Nebraska. We would like to see 5 people from this district attend. So far, only 1 person has signed up. The subject matter is leadership, taught by great Lion leaders, but the course is not taught as a Lion subject. Any Lion or Leo who is 18, but who has not yet served as a District Governor can go. Cost is \$125 which includes course materials, dorm room for sleeping, and 7 great meals. Your application must be received by the end of May or the cost goes to \$140.00. The best part is that you are reimbursed the \$125 fee by our district and the Past District Governors Club.

Crete is only 90 miles north of Waterville, so the drive is easy. This year and next year it will be held there. It will never be that close to you again! I've never met a Lion yet that didn't think it was the best weekend event they had ever attended. Forms are available online or from our district leaders.

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Technology is not a dirty word.

Elsewhere in this issue of the 17-I district newsletter, you will find a very good and educational piece called Vickie's secrets for club Secretaries.

That article will take you, step-by-step through the processes of filing the required reports to Lions International on-line.

Okay, I know to some of you that may be a bit on the scary side but hear me out if you would.

After you have read her article, yes I know it is long, consider the many advantages of filing on-line reports.

There are multitude of advantages of on-line reporting. In this short space, I will give you just a few of those advantages:

It conserves time, money and storage, for International, as compared to the space required by traditional paper based filing systems.

Huge savings in postage, and is easier to maintain.

It is fast and easier than the laborious manual paper based process.

Far more organized than paper based reporting systems, as it is easier to store all files neatly and retrieve them if needed.

Think about it and, perhaps go to the reporting site and take a look

Bud Gillispie
District Public Relations Chair



From your 2nd Vice District Governor

My report for the month of April, with the hope that spring will have sprung into spring weather.

I was able to get the traveling trophy to Chapman for having the largest percentage enrollment of new members for 2009-2010. They had a good meeting and were planning the city celebration for March 17th, which sounded like it would be a good, city wide, fun day.

Zone Chairpersons Daryl and Leah Stone held a zone meeting which Lucille and I had the pleasure of attending. Was nice to see all the Lion's from the different clubs and

also to hear what the clubs were doing for fund raiser or what they have planned for the upcoming month. The meal was very good.

On March 16th VDG Marilyn Sorenson, VDGE Marlon Schroll, 2nd VDGE Al Urich, Virginia Hoover, PDG Daryl Stone and I met in Minneapolis, KS to work on the upcoming budget for 2011/2012.

I attended the 17-I convention in Concordia, Ks on March 12th. How nice to have just a one day meeting and being completed. Of course we had the fun time on Friday night by

attending the Bob Hope Road Show at the Brown Grand Theater. If you didn't attend, you missed a very good show. A wonderful meal of fried Chicken and all the other good yummy food was held before the show at the First Christian Church of Concordia.

I have on my calendar to attend the Lion's meeting in Navarre, Ks on April 13. I haven't had the pleasure to visit their club and am really looking forward to this visit.

*VDG Bill Sanderson
2nd Vice District Governor*

Peace Poster

This may be the first time that our Peace Poster contest has featured a sister/brother team in the display of winning posters. We are proud to say that the poster created by our very own Angela Ybanez took 3rd place in the State Competition where she was awarded \$100 at Mid-Winter Rally. Angela was sponsored by the Junction City Sundowners Lions Club and was awarded \$50 for her 1st place in our district competition. Her brother Albert Ybanez was sponsored by the Milford Lions Club, and his poster was one of our district's runners-up.

Our other runner-up was the poster created by Cami Meierhans, sponsored by the Waterville Lions Club. Honorable mention awards went to Morgan Davenport, sponsored by the Ell-Saline Lions of Brookville, Mekenna Scott sponsored by the Miltonvale Lions Club, and to Mandy Yockers sponsored by the Solomon Lions Club. We want to congratulate all the club winners, and thank these young artist for sharing their talent. And thank you also to the sponsoring clubs.

For clubs that have not been able

to participate, I've had a suggestion given. If your school is too busy in the fall semester for our contest, consider ordering the Peace Poster kit right away, and ask if they would do the poster during this spring semester. It might mean the club would need to store their winning poster over the summer, but could result in more participation. And you would need to be very sure the child would meet the age requirements. At any rate, we do encourage every club in the district to participate next year.

*Peg Gilbert
17-I Peace poster Chair*





Environmental Forum

International Reactions to Japanese Nuclear Crisis

As U.S. lawmakers and energy experts urged federal regulators to delay decisions on reactor designs and new builds, Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chair Gregory Jaczko said there was no need for concern about U.S. nuclear power. In Germany, Chancellor Angela Merkel on Tuesday astonished the opposition and suspended an unpopular coalition decision made last fall to extend the lives of Germany's 17 nuclear power plants. Merkel also ordered seven nuclear plants that began operating before 1980 to shut down until at least June. Switzerland took similar measures.

In contrast, France—which relies on nuclear power for 80% of its electricity needs—signaled it would not pull the plug on its flagship nuclear industry. Italy, Russia, the Czech Republic—and even quake-afflicted Turkey—said they would stick to their energy policies.

China and India, where nuclear plans are the most ambitious, also said that the crisis wouldn't hamper new-build plans. While it was closely monitoring the situation at Daiichi, China—a country whose plans to secure its energy future include ramping up nuclear power capacity to at least 80 GW by 2020 and 400 GW by 2050 (from the current 10.2 GW)—said geological and other natural risks had been thoroughly assessed before deciding the location of 27 plants that are under construction. Officials also pledged to strengthen "evaluation of nuclear safety and monitoring of plants."

At a press conference on March 13, Srikumar Banerjee, chair of India's Atomic Energy Commission, said India, whose amplified nuclear power ambitions include spending an estimated \$150 billion to add dozens of new plants, would continue investing in nuclear power because it was essential for the "power-hungry country." Pointing out that 40% of its 1.2 billion population did not have regular access to power, Banerjee said his country's Department of Atomic Energy would review all safety systems, "particularly with a view to ensuring that they would be able to withstand the impact of large natural disasters such as tsunamis and earthquakes."

Major players in the nuclear sector, meanwhile, were unsure of what the Japanese nuclear crisis would mean for the market. GE Chair and CEO Jeffery Immelt told Indian network NDTV in New Delhi that it was essential "to let discovery take place, and let countries reach their own conclusions." Immelt, who defended his company's nuclear reactor designs, stressed that the company had an excellent track record for almost 50 years. At the same time, AREVA's CEO Anne Lauvergeon told television station France 2 that the quake-crippled nuclear power plants were proof that "low-cost nuclear reactors is not the future." Lauvergeon added that the firm's flagship Gen. III design, the EPR, would "not release radioactivity in the air even in the very unlikely event of a meltdown of the core."

Source: POWERnews

*PDG Greg Moser
Environmental Chair*

Youth Exchange

Laura Melioli, from Italy, will be hosted in District O, by Lynda Adwell. She plans to do her exchange in late June.

In our own district - Zone Chair Kris and Rachel Jones, from the Beloit Lions Club, are planning to host Yuka Ishibashi, age 16, from Japan during the month of August. We thank the Jones family for opening their hearts and home to participate in the exchange program.

Two more Japanese girls are also planning to do their exchanges in Kansas, and will be hosted by the Stockwells in District S.

Unfortunately due to the recent disaster in Japan, the arrangements for the Japanese exchanges are more than a little unstable. Communication is not good, and we just are not sure at this point of the reality of the Japanese/Kansas exchanges for this summer. Let us keep all three of these young ladies, and their families

in our thoughts and prayers.

A hearty thank you goes out to the host families participating this last winter !

Kent and Jonette Clark, from the Barnard Lions Club hosted Alvero Maquina from Lima, Peru for the first portion of his exchange this winter. The remainder of his time in the USA he spent with relatives in Idaho. We thank the Clarks for

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Youth Exchange - continued

for serving as hosts this winter, as well as last summer.

Our other exchange student from Peru this winter was Lorena Manchego, hosted by the Seversons from Dist. L.

Kalen Stockton is the only youth planning an exchange out of the country this year. She is sponsored by Topeka Sunflower in Dist. O and is making arrangements for the exchange in France this summer.

We've just received an application

from France for a young man wanting to do his exchange in Kansas during the entire month of July. At this point we do not have a host for him. We will need a commitment soon so he can make his flight arrangements. Jonathan Mareschal is 22, and lists guitar, racing cars, cross country running as his hobbies. He speaks French, Spanish and English.

I believe we also still need a host for our Japanese girl, Yuka Ishibashi, age 16, who will be coming In August. Although we do

not have an application yet, Finland has sent a request for a host family.

If you or someone you know would like to serve as a host family this summer, please contact us as soon as possible.

As always, I ask if you or someone you know, can host one of our exchange students please contact me.

*Peg Gilbert
State Youth Exchange Chair
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4th District Cabinet Meeting

The fourth and last 17-I cabinet meeting for the 2010-2011 Lion year will be held Saturday, April 30. This meeting will be held at Presbyterian Church, 1400 N. Cedar St. in Abilene KS.

This will be an excellent time for new club officers, new Zone Chairs, new committee members and new cabinet members to receive training and ask questions regarding duties for Lion Year 2011-2012.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and cinnamon rolls being available at a cost of \$4.00. Club officer and zone chair training will start at 9:00 am.

After the training, a lunch of reuben or bierock sandwiches with potato salad, dessert and drink will be served. The cost for lunch is \$7.00.

The cabinet meeting will begin after lunch with zone chair, committee and cabinet member reports, as well as comments by the newly elected officers.

The following officers were elected at the recent District Con-

vention and will be present at this cabinet meeting: DGE Marion Schroll, 1st VDGE Bill Sander-son and 2nd VDGE Al Urich.

Zone chairs and cabinet members, we must have a quorum in order to conduct business, so please put this information on your calendar and plan to attend the cabinet meeting.

It is also beneficial for the individuals planning the training sessions to know how many club officers plan to attend, so materials are available for all.

Please get registration information to District Secretary Lela Gillispie no later than April 27. The telephone number is 785 532-8611 or e-mail lkeg1@cox.net.

Please include in your message which type sandwich you prefer and if you want the coffee and cinnamon roll. Hope to see you all on April 30.

*Lela Gillispie
District Secretary*

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District & Club Administration:

Ext. #6819

Membership Division: Ext. #304

Basic Mentoring Guide -

Order # MTR-11 - Updated 5-2010

The Lion Magazine: Ext. #312

Public Relations: General Information/Request - Ext. #6764

Club Supplies Division:

General Information - Ext. #6921

IT Information Systems:

#1-630-468-6900

LCIF: General Information

Ext. #383

Legal: Information Ext. #360

Insurance: Certificate of Insurance
#1-800-316-6705

Youth Programs: Ext. #324



Filing International Reports on-line

On-Line Secretary Actions

Filing mmrs each month online

- a. <http://www.lionsclubs.org> and click on English
- b. click on "submit membership & activity reports-" (at bottom right)
- c. click on Lions Club Officer login
- d. Type in your membership & password code numbers- (enter)
- e. click on "membership" at the top--- choose the month-
- e. choose "Add," "Drop," or "No Membership Activity"

1. for "Add"... where it asks- "Prior Member?" click NO!, then submit Next page... fill out the info on the New Member with complete details. (data left out will haunt you later!) click on "sponsor" and complete the linkup... then click submit-
- Do this for each new member to be added!
2. for "Drop" ... click on "Drop a member" ... then scroll through the membership roster and click on the membership number (in blue) of the one to be dropped. Scroll through the reasons and highlight it... click "drop." -Do this for each member to be dropped!
3. "No Membership Activity" - if you have no new members nor drops for the month, click on this tab. Your report will immediately be recorded as "no change" for the month. (Voila! You're finished!)

Updating A Club Member's Data

- a. <http://www.lionsclubs.org>... click on "English-"
- b. Click on "Submit Membership & Activity Reports-"
- c. Type your membership & password numbers and hit (enter)
- d. Click on "Membership" at the top. Click on 'update a member's information-'
- f. Select the name of the member by clicking on his/her membership number.
- g. Make changes, additions, deletions...
- h. Click "Save Member".

Do that for each member to update... one at a time & save each!

"Family Units" for Dues Reduction.

With the Family Dues Amendment that is now in effect. Family Members: spouses and qualified relatives living in the same household, can have their

LCI dues reduced by 50%. Club Secretaries can do this on-line.

1. <http://www.lionsclubs.org> click on English
 2. click on "Submit Membership Reports"
 3. Type in your current code #s
 4. click on the Club menu
 5. click on Family Units
 6. click on new to create a new family unit
 7. Scroll thru your club membership and Select a "Head of Household" (probably the man?) and click on the circle in front of his name.
 8. Find the name of the 2nd person to be linked with the "Head of Household" and click on the square behind (her) name. (assuming it is a husband and wife family)
 9. After doing that... look directly to the right of their two names for choices that are highlighted in blue... "Relationship Verification" ..scroll thru and select Marriage License. (if a married couple)
 - "Address Verification Documentation"... scroll thru and select Drivers License.
 - "Family Relation". scroll through and select Spouse. *
 10. It continues- asking questions about the 2nd person in the Family Unit. -"Relationship Verification Documentation"... scroll and select marriage License. *
 - "Address Verification Documentation"... again, scroll and select Drivers License.
 11. Once that is all done... just scroll to the bottom of the page and click Save. That's it! In a few minutes you can check to see the new family is linked up by following #1-5 above and see that the family head is listed there.
 12. For "relatives" other than "married couples"... select the appropriate responses when scrolling through Relationship, Address, and Family Relations choices.
 13. For a complete Q & A on "Family Units," go to LCI- http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_mem_family_faq.shtml
- Club elections & PU-101 Forms**
Yes! It's that time again! Time for election of club officers... and time to report

your new club officers to LCI on the old PU-101 form! Let's talk about that... ! Occasionally someone will ask ... "What's a PU-101?" The simple answer is that it is the form for reporting of the New Club Officers For The Next Year. But it serves a much larger purpose... please keep reading.

Club Elections-Club elections should be completed by now, or by May 1. PU-101s are due to LCI by May 15 of every year. Not doing this by club secretaries will cause serious problems for our State Lions Officers in printing an accurate Club Directory. So it is very important to do so.

Here's how to submit PU-101 Forms

As soon as you have your list of new club officers...

1. Those Secretaries that still use paper reports... will have a PU-101 Form in their secretary package where you list the new Club President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Chairperson. Just fill it out and mail to LCI so it gets there before May 15. (Don't forget to also do your MMR-)
2. Those Secretaries who do reports On-Line... just go to "Club," then "Club Officers," then "Next Year" to report each club officer (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair) one at a time, and "submit" one at a time. Remember... May 15. (NOTE: for on-line use... it is no longer called a PU-101 Form... just Club Officers for the next club year.) (New)

Transferring a Member

Is the member coming into, or leaving your club? If leaving, the transaction will be a Drop and the Drop reason will be "transferred in good standing" or "not in good standing." If coming into your club, the transaction will be a transfer

How to transfer a member (part one)

1. login with your password
2. Click the "Membership" link
3. Click, Transfer a Member (from the vertical list of choices)
4. You only need to enter the member's ID number, if you have it. If not, enter the member's Last name.
5. Immediately click the "Search" button. If the search goes well it will list the

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Filing Reports on-line, *continued*

record. Proceed to step 6. If the search does not list, see part "B" below
 6. Click the member's ID number (in the color blue). The screen will display the member's basic information. Review it for accuracy and make updates where necessary.
 7. Click the confirm transfer button (located below the gray information area).

[final step]

Part B:

If the search did not list the member's record, check your search information for accuracy and try again. If the record still does not list, it could be that the member has been inactive for more than 12 months, in which case your transaction will be add a member (Prior Member, yes). Use the previously issued member I.D. number.

Important transfer notice: If the former club has not dropped the member as yet, your entry will appear as a pending transfer in your club's and the former club's MMR reports. This notifies the former club of the transfer. The transferring member will be added to your club's roster after the former club has dropped the member or 30 days after the transfer request, whichever comes first.

The Leo Corner



April is Leo Club Awareness Month Leo club members provide service to the community

April is Leo Awareness Month. Leo members thank everyone who contributed to this important organization and support their club's projects. You are truly helping Leo's make a difference in our community when you sponsor a Leo's Club. Plan a special event or project during the month with the Leos. April 22 is Earth Day and always a great time to do an environmental project like Highway Pick-up.

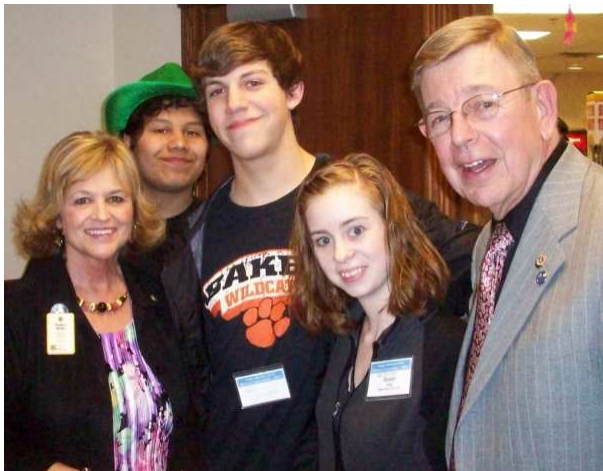
District 17-I has 3 Leo Clubs with 1 club forming. Our clubs include 2 active clubs of Minneapolis and Valley Heights, and the remote club of Concordia. We now have the Assaria Leo's being sponsored by the Assaria Lions Club forming and becoming quite active.

Please take time this month to consider forming a Leo Club. Susan and I will be glad to visit your club for a program anytime.

The Lions clubs sponsor approximately 5,800 Leo clubs in 140 countries. While helping others in their community, Leo's develop leadership skills and experience teamwork in action. Leo Club Officers Elections need to be done in April. Leo Clubs need to hold their elections anytime prior May 15th. The Leo Club Officers and membership (Leo-72 form) report needs sent to International Youth Department with copies to Leo District Chair Sharon Teagarden-King, your sponsoring Lions Club's records, and your own Leo club's records by May 15th, 2011. Only those I receive by this deadline will be included in the Kansas State Directory for 2011-2012. Be sure the Leo Club Advisor on the form is a Lion's Club member.

Check out the 17-I Leos facebook page.

Photo on the left: ID Jerry Smith, our International guest, poses with PDG Thelma Brown (left) and Leo co-chair, Susan King, along with two members of the district's newest Leo club in Assaria.





Club News

Woodbine Lions

Woodbine Lions will be having their **Spring Pancake Day** on April 9th, 2011.



Riley Lions Club

Riley city-wide garage sale beginning at 7 a.m.



then eat at the **Riley Lions Club** biscuit & gravy with sausages. April 16, 8-10 a.m. Riley Centre 908 W. Walnut

Waterville Lions

Waterville Lions **Pancake Feed** Saturday, April 9th 10am - 1pm Waterville Community Center Free Will Offering

Belleville Lions

April 16: **Belleville Lions Club Spring Banquet**



Republic County Jr/Sr High School Cafeteria

Esbon Lions Club

Six Esbon Lions with the help of three local county nurses hosted the Lions Vision Trailer at the Mankato Health fair on March 24.

Driver, Lion Dan Heershe & Local coordinator, Lion Ken Smith stand outside the trailer.



Shirley Varney checks Blood Pressure on Deanna Sweat as nurse Kris Kindler



Lion Dan Heershe works at the far end of trailer. Julie Mohlman does an eye check. Kris Kindler checks blood sugar for Deanna Sweat as Shirley looks on.



Upcoming Events

April 7, 2011

Zone8 zone meeting

April 9, 2011

Woodbine Pancake Day - Woodbine

April 9, 2011

Waterville Pancake Feed

April 16, 2011

Belleville Lions Spring Banquet

April 16, 2011

Riley City-wide Garage Sale and Riley Lions Biscuit and Gravy

April 16, 2011

Belleville Lions Spring Banquet

April 30, 2011

District Cabinet Mtg.- Abilene

June 2-4, 2011

State Convention Lawrence Guest Speaker IP Sid Scruggs

July 4-8, 2011

Lions International Convention Seattle, Washington

July 9-16, 2011

post convention Alaskan Cruise

July 22-24, 2011

Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum Doanes College, Crete Nebraska



Japan Tsunami Relief

My Dear Fellow Lions and Leos,

I am deeply humbled by the generous outpouring of support from Lions worldwide to my call last week to donate funds to the Foundation's Japan Relief Fund. Already, LCIF has received donations or commitments exceeding \$6 million, including \$3 million that the Lions of Japan are working to raise themselves during their own crisis. Again, it's so very humbling to see such compassion by the network of caring Lions and Leos world-wide. I thank all who have already donated from the bottom of my heart.

With the expected death toll now exceeding 18,000 and rising, the devastation is clearly greater than anyone could have imagined. And more than 400,000 people are still in shelters, in the cold, often going without a hot meal for days on end.

Now that the roads have re-opened, Lions from all over Japan are sending relief aid from every corner of the country -- 30 tons of rice is being sent from Sapporo, \$50,000 worth of baby formula from Hokkaido, and women's health products from the southern area of Shikoku - all through the Lions network in Japan. Within a day of the disaster, many courageous clubs distributed 20 tons of food, water and emergency supplies, despite great risks and challenges to themselves. Even our blue Lions relief tents are being delivered to give shelter for Lions volunteers and other relief workers in the hardest-hit areas.

To distribute the aid effectively, the Lions of Japan quickly set up four Lions relief aid warehouses in affected areas. Lions are coordinating relief aid distribution with local government officials and with the Japanese Red Cross. As a result, Lions are helping coordinate blood donation campaigns within Japan.

As you know, we have 31 Lions clubs in Sendai - the largest city affected by the quake - and nearly a club in every town up and down the coastline. Whether it's clothes and food today, or shelter next week, or a wheel chair the week after, Lions will be there to give dignity to those who have suffered such unimaginable pain and suffering.

While many of you have already generously donated, for which I am very thankful, please encourage your fellow Lions, Leos and friends to also donate. Please know that every donation will be put to careful use, and 100 percent will go to the cause. Also, donations received between March 11 and June 30, 2011 will be eligible for Melvin Jones Fellowships.

I am again humbled by your generosity to date. The Lions of Japan have always been there for the rest of us in times of need. So I am proud of you, and never prouder to be a Lion, when we come to their aid in the wake of this historic, awful tragedy.

With my cordial regards,

Eberhard J. Wirfs
Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation



Lions District 17-I

2011 District Convention Photos

Our 17-I district convention was held in Concordia. It began with the **Bob Hope Road Show** on Friday evening, March 11th. The show was a terrific performance and if you weren't there to enjoy it with us, you really missed out on some fun.

Saturday was a great educational opportunity with displays and presentations to help us be better Lions and our clubs to be better clubs.

International Director, Jerry Smith from Ohio was our international guest and his presentation provided

the motivation for the weekend and beyond into our homes and clubs.

We want to share some of the sights from the convention through the photos on these pages. We hope you enjoy them.





2011 District Convention Photos continued





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