



District Developments

Kansas MD 17-I

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Notes from the Editor

There is quite a bit of information in this issue, such as convention deadlines and calls for assistance; please read it carefully.

The newsletter deadline will be the 20th. Send all club information to me, Lion Marcus Ashlock, ashlock@ksu.edu, on or before this date; all late submissions will be included in the next month's newsletter.

Upcoming Events

February

- 8 Zone 9 - second zone meeting
- 20-21 District Convention
- 22 Keats Soup Supper & Cake Walk
- 28 Barnes Lasagna Supper

March

- 3 Waterville Pancake feed
- 14 Barnes St. Patrick's Pancake Feed
- 21 Salina Sunflower Ham & Bean Feed
- 21 Annual Stride-Walk for Diabetes

April

- 4 Blue Rapids Pancake Day
- 11 Barnes Easter Egg Hunt
- 18 Tescott Variety Show

From the Governor's Desk...

"Oh When The Lions/Leos Go Marching In"...to the District I Convention on February 20 & 21....

With this thought in mind, how can your spirit not get uplifted and ready to attend the convention? Think of this song as I write some random thoughts about the convention...

Guest Speaker International Director Bill Watkins, FREE stuff, Friday night fried chicken, performance by Pastor Lion Dennis (Holton Lions Club) that will have you laughing, singing and maybe even dancing around the room.

Saturday will be busy, but you can march into the hospitality room (hosted by the Concordia Lions Club) and visit with friends. Thank you, Concordia Lions - you do a super great job!!

- A presentation of Lions newly adopted "Yellow Dot" Program by Lions Vern Failor and Lion Elaine Badger
- Leos, Lions and guests to participate in a Round Robin Discussion with ID Bill, PIP Dr. Bill Wunder, PID Ernie Young Jr., our own Special MERL Team
- Celebration of Life Service in memory of our deceased Lions
- Display room for the Committee Chairs and Leos (want to be judged for best display?)



Ribbons or cash (District Governor's choice :->) for top 3 winners... Did you know that approximately 80% of how we learn is visual? Share your information for others to see, read and learn.

- Good food and entertainment
- Posting of the Colors at the evening banquet – always special!
- Several Awards will be presented at the evening banquet...
- Guest Speaker ID Bill Watkins
- More – but Marcus won't let me have any more space! :->)

Please come have fun with the Lions, bring a guest/prospective member and get to know other Lions and share Lionism. We are never too old or too smart or know it all – honest. You will love it once you get there. I will be looking forward to seeing Lions from all clubs in our district.

See you Concordia!!!!
DG Thelma

Convention Hospitality Room

There will be a hospitality room available at the District Convention with goodies & drinks. All clubs are reminded to either bring something for the hospitality room or make a donation to cover the expenses.

Please let District Secretary Marilyn Sorenson know at least **one week in advance of the convention** if you will be bringing food or sending a donation.

Donations may be mailed to Lions District 17-I Secretary Marilyn Sorenson – 1040 Union Rd. Scandia 66966.

(As always the hospitality room will be closed during all meals.)

17-I District Convention Hotels

Concordia

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

2175 Lincoln South Hwy 81
Concordia, KS 66901
(877) 863-4780
(785) 243- 2700
(785) 243-1255 - Fax
www.hiexpress.com

Super 8 Concordia

1320 Lincoln South Hwy 81
Concordia, KS 66901
(785) 243- 4200
(304) 647-3188 - Fax
www.super8.com

Econo Lodge Concordia

89 Lincoln South Hwy 81
Concordia, KS 66901
(785) 243- 4545
www.econolodge.com

Belleville

Super 8 Belleville

1410 28th Street
Concordia, KS 66901
(785) 527-2112
www.super8.com

**Mark your
calendars the
Feburary
newsletter
deadline is the
20th.**

News from the Vice-District Governor ...

As I write this, January is ending, it's cold outside – but no snow, we have a new moon, February is nearly here AND, our District Convention is just 22 days away. I hope many of you are planning to attend as we have a great weekend in Concordia planned.

ID Bill Watkins will be our guest speaker. ID Bill spent some military time at Forbes Field in Topeka. Also on the agenda will be info on the yellow dot program, the district peace poster award and the district convention meeting and election of officers.

Vickie and I just returned from Mid-Winter Rally in Salina; the Guest speaker was PID Steve Sherer of

Ohio. I hope that all who attended came away with a renewed sense of Lionism. Friendship, fellowship, fun and food; we had it all at “the race” in Salina.

Our State Convention in Wichita is quickly approaching; our guest speaker will be International President AL BRANDEL. Please make your plans now to be in Wichita on May 28 - 30. If possible, think about bringing a “new lion” to this important Kansas event. Many times, I think that people may want to come, they are just afraid to ask, or don't know what they will do or say to themselves: “I won't know anyone there.”

As we talk conventions, our Inter-



national Convention is July 6 - 10 in Minneapolis (that's Minnesota folks, not Kansas.) Mark your calendar now and plan to attend. Plans are underway to take at least one bus, possibly more, loaded with Kansas Lions to the convention. For a look at the early agenda, click over to the Lions International web site. Make no mistake; Minneapolis will be an exciting celebration. The great BEACH BOYS will entertain us, and former Secretary of State COLIN POWELL will give the keynote address. This will be a party you don't want to miss.

So, be the best LION you can be. Attend as many club meetings and conventions that you can. It will be the experience of a lifetime and it will improve your life as a lion.

See you in Concordia!!

Lion Bill Phillippi
17-I VDG

Come prepared for the Convention's Leadership Silent Auction

What: Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser

When: At the District Convention

Who: All clubs bring an item for the auction or, if not attending, send with another club

Why: All proceeds go to fund scholarships for leadership training costs

Please contact Lions Bill or Lucille Sanderson at 785-823-2156 or email: blsanderson@cox.net

17-I District Convention Official Call

As Lions District Governor, I issue this Official District Convention Call for all Lions Club Officers and Members of the new MD 17-I to come to our first DISTRICT CONVENTION in Concordia, February 20-21, 2009.



The theme for this year's District Convention, Heart for Service, will replicate the message to be presented by our International Director at the evening banquet. Your attendance is needed at the District I Convention!!

All year we have promoted the dates of February 20 and 21st so I hope you have not scheduled events for these dates. It takes all Lions to run a district and to be a part of the convention.

Lions, you will be voting for your incoming District Governor, 1st & 2nd Vice District Governors, Sight Foundation Director and Band Foundation Director.

International Director Bill Watkins, Tennessee, and his wife, Nora, will be our special guests for the weekend. International Director Bill has a heart of gold and continually strives to make this a better world. Lion Bill's message at the banquet is titled "Heart for Service". I believe this title describes our International Director quite well.

Besides holding many positions in our organization and receiving many awards for his service, Lion Bill has written some 50 poems about Lionism; some of which have been published at the Club, District, State and International level. Lion Bills' poems encourage Lions to be better citizens, remind them of their heritage and praise their leadership and devotion. Additionally, over the past 10 years Lion Bill has written 4 plays about Lionism.

You will be reading more about International Director Bill's leadership positions in the next few weeks. I am sure you won't want to miss meeting this wonderfully, kind Lion.

The convention will hold special seminars, meals, awards will be presented and new friendships will bond. I have appreciated your support throughout the year and look forward to meeting more club members and bringing motivation and encouragement to your clubs.

What a wonderful world we live in and how wonderful for me to be able to share your part of it.

DG Thelma

2009 Kansas MD 17-I District Convention Registration Information



Kansas Lions MD 17-I
District Convention
February 20 & 21, 2009
Cloud County Community College
Concordia, KS



MEAL RESERVATIONS:

FRIDAY NIGHT: Meat, table service & drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. Cost \$5.00

SATURDAY LUNCH: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Chicken Noodle Soup, Full Sandwich Bar, Ambrosia Salad, Coffee or Tea. Cost \$10.00

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET: Roast Beef or Roast Pork, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Italian Pasta Salad, Roll, Cheesecake, Coffee or Tea. Cost \$15.00

Name _____ Club _____

Name _____ Club _____
Address _____ Phone _____ email _____

Convention Registration _____	@ \$3.00 _____
Friday night _____	@ \$5.00 _____
Saturday Lunch _____	@ \$10.00 _____
Saturday Banquet _____	@ \$15.00 _____

Total Due \$ _____

Banquet - Two choices Roast Beef _____ or Roast Pork _____ (Please check one)

Make checks payable to Lions MD 17-I

Deadline for meal reservations is Monday, February 9, 2009.

Mail reservations to District Secretary Marilyn Sorenson – 1040 Union Rd. Scandia, KS 66966 call 785-335-2247 or email lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com

Make your room reservations at the Holiday Inn Express by calling 785-243-2700. Ask for the Lions Club District 17-I Convention rate of \$89.00. Breakfast Bar free if staying at Holiday Inn. Deadline for special room rate is **January 20, 2009 No exceptions.**

About the Convention Speaker

William B. Watkins, Sr. from Loudon, Tennessee, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 90th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, July 2-6, 2007.

Lion Bill was born and raised in Loudon, Tennessee and after 20 years as a combat decorated flying officer in the USAF plus 15 years as a college business professor he returned to Loudon to retire. Lion Bill joined the Loudon Lions Club in January 1986. He served in various offices and on various committees at the Club level. He has been an ardent supporter of lionism in his community, by word, deed and money.

Throughout his years in lionism Lion Bill has served as a Club delegate to District, State, and International Conventions. He kept the Club informed on the issues to be voted on and voted the wishes of his Club. Today, Lion Bill still provides wise council to young lions, his ready hands for club projects, and a positive attitude about lionism.

As Club President of the Loudon Lions Club, Lion Bill was an enthusiastic leader who encouraged his club to serve its community. Lion Bill also began service as a local Coordinator in the world wide Sight First Campaign and made a personal financial commitment to the project.

Lion Bill has and is still serving in various district offices including District Governor of Lions District 12N in 1995-96. While District Governor Lion Bill was involved in creating the District 12N Lions Walk of The Blind fund-raising events, which has raised to date over \$250,000 for various District projects.

Since 1996, Lion Bill has been serving on various MD-12 Committees, some specifically mentioned below. Lion Bill served Four times on the Host Committee for the Tennessee Lions State Convention in Gatlinburg, TN. He helped in the planning, implementation, and wrap up of 3 Conventions.

While a member of the Council of Governors of MD-12 Lion Bill was involved in the creation of the Operation Kidsight concept and the feasibility of raising \$4 million for that purpose.

Lion Bill served as Chairman MD-12 International Convention Committee which was responsible for the planning, coordination and carrying out of the hospitality needs for the Tennessee Lions at the International Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1997.

Lion Bill still serves on the board of the East Tennessee Lions Eye Bank a district project, and was Board President in 1998-99. Lion Bill served for years as a 12N rep-



representative on the MD-12 Research and Long Range Planning Committee. In 1996-1998 serving as the Project Chairman he compiled and wrote the first MD-12 Policy manual which is still in use today.

Lion Bill served as 12N and MD-12 Contest and Awards Chairman for several years. Lion Bill served as the 12N and MD-12 Constitution and By-Laws Chairman. Thru his efforts the format and style of these documents have been revised.

Lion Bill has served as a board member since its formation, on the fund raising entity of MD-12, Tennessee Lions Charities. He also served as a Regional Coordinator visiting over a dozen clubs and encouraging their involvement in funding Operation Kidsight.

Lion Bill recently served on the Building Committee of TLC, assisting in the preparation of the new Lions State Office Building on Fes-

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slers Lane in Nashville for lionistic use.

Lion Bill served 3 years as a volunteer chauffeur at the Bell South Senior Classic in Nashville. During those 3 years this Golf event raised \$100,000 for Tennessee Lions Charities.

Lion Bill was involved in the long process of forming a new Lions Club at Tellico Village. He was the Charter Night speaker in December 1999, and was the Guiding Lion for this Club.

Lion Bill has written over 50 poems about Lions and lionism. Some of them have been published at the Club, District, State and International level. They encourage Lions to be better citizens, remind them of their heritage and praise their leadership and devotion.

Over the past 10 years Lion Bill has written 4 plays about lionism as well as written and taught many seminars on leadership to the 12N and MD-12 Lions. Lion Bill served as MD-12 Leadership Chair 2003-06 and was directly responsible for training the VDG elects each January at the MD-12 Training School. Lion Bill has been a Board member of Lion Volunteer Blind Industries and will serve as Board President in 2009-2010.

Lion Bill is a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and the recipient of various medals, awards and certificates from LCI in recognition of his long and valued service to lionism. Which include 6 International Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, A Guiding Lion Award, A Lions Leadership Medal, and two International President's Medals.

Lion Bill is an active member of the Loudon United Methodist Church and has served as their Church Treasurer for the past three years, as well as a Sunday School Teacher and member of the Church Choir.

He and his wife Nora live in Loudon, Tennessee where they are active in various veterans and civic clubs. Lion Bill is a Past District Commander and Life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a Past District Commander and Life member of The American Legion, a Life member of the Disabled American Veterans

Lion Bill and Nora are the proud parents of 3 children, and 8 grandchildren.

Let's all give a warm 17-I welcome to Lion Bill and his wife Nora!!

Friday Night Potluck Food & Fun!!

Where: at the Kansas Lions MD 17-I 2008-09 District Convention at the Cloud County Community College in Concordia, KS

When: Friday, February 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

What: District is providing fried chicken (mmm good), drinks and table service. You bring your favorite dish or dessert.

Entertainment by the "One and Only" Lion Pastor Dennis Matthews of the Holton Lions Club. Come prepared to join in song, to hear jokes and to crack-up with laughter!!! A night you won't want to miss. Dinner at 6:30 but come early and visit.



MD 17-I District Convention Voting Delegate Form



Lions District 17-I District Convention
February 20-21, 2009

VOTING DELEGATE FORM

Authorized Lion Delegates

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

Authorized Lion Alternate Delegates

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| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |

All 17-I PDG's have a vote, independent of club delegate quotas.

The above listed Lions are hereby authorized as delegates & eligible to vote at the 17-I District Convention, February 20-21, 2009.

Delegate Authorization:

The _____ Lions Club of _____, Kansas

Club Secretary or President _____ (signature)

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention ... or it may be mailed to District 17-I Credentials Chair Lion Marilyn Sorenson, 1040 Union Rd. Scandia, KS 66966 not less than one (1) week prior to the District Convention.

Clubs are entitled to one voting and one alternate delegate for every 10 club members, or major part thereof. Therefore: A club with 14 or less members is entitled to one voting delegate. 15-24 members 2 delegates, 25-34 = 3, 35-44 = 4, 45-54 = 5, 55-64 = 6, 65-74 = 7, 75-84 = 8, 85-94 = 9 etc.

Lions MD 17-I Convention Agenda February 20-21, 2009 Concordia, KS

All events held at Cloud County Community College

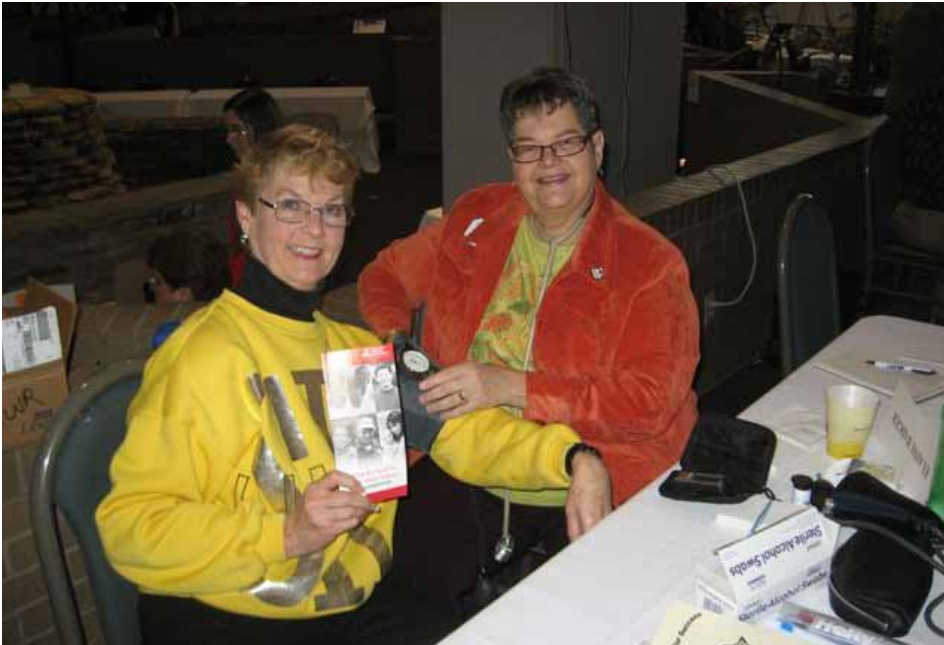
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2009

- 5:30 P.M. Registration opens
6:30 Food & Fun – Potluck – bring a side dish or dessert.
Fried Chicken, drinks & table service provided
7:30 District Governor Thelma Brown – Introductions
International Director William Watkins & wife, Nora
Entertainment – Pastor Lion Dennis Mathews – Holton Lions Club

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2009

- 7:30 A.M. Set-up time for Silent Auction & Displays
8:00 Registration Opens
Silent Auction Opens
8:30 – 9:30 Organization of the first District I PDG Club
9:30 Welcome – DG Thelma Brown
9:45-10:15 Yellow Dot Program Lions Vern Failor & Elaine Badger
10:15-11:15 Special Round Robin Session – “In this World of Lionism”
ID Bill Watkins, PIP Bill Wunder, District MERL Team
11:15-11:30 Break
11:30-Noon Necrology Service – Celebration of Life
11:45 A.M. Hospitality Room Closes
Noon - 1:30 Lunch
Short Speech by ID Bill Watkins
District Peace Poster award by Lion Peggy Gilbert
1:30 P.M. Hospitality Room Opens
1:45 – 3:00 District Cabinet Meeting
3:00 – 3:15 Break
3:15 – 4:15 District Convention Called to Order
Election of Officers, Foundation Members & Voting on Constitutional
Amendments
4:15-4:30 Break (Votes are counted)
4:30 Silent Auction ends
District Convention reconvenes to announce winners
5:15 Hospitality Room closes
6:00 Social
Registration open for Banquet tickets
6:30 Convention Banquet Begins

The Roar From Within - Club News ...



Lions Bev Greenwood and Elaine Badger at the blood pressure check table at Mid-Winter Rally.

Zones 4 & 9 Second Zone Meeting

When: Sunday Feb. 8; 2-4p
Where: Abilene Community
Center
1020 NW 8th

Save the date on your calendar and plan to attend.

RSVP by February 6 to:
Lion Bev Greenwood
bgreenwood@twinvalley.net
or call (785) 762-2121

Treats will be served.



Abilene Lions Induct Members

The Abilene Lions Club welcomed three new members into the club at their meeting December 17.

They following new members were:

Nikki Phillips sponsored by Elisha Jamison; Steve Maddy sponsored by Lease Duckwall; Angie Hoerner sponsored by President Kristy Engle; and Zone 9 chair Bev Greenwood presided over the induction ceremony (*left*).

More Club News ...



Shown in the photograph are: back row, Lions Aaron Von-Feldt, Mark Fowler, and Club President and sponsor Lion Chuck Marr. In the front row, Lions Paula Peters and her sponsor Lion Pamela Van Horn and Lions Jarred Anderes and his sponsor Lion Dale Fjell.

Manhattan Sunflower Lions Induct Members

The Manhattan Sunflower Lions Club is comprised of individuals willing to contribute to their local and world communities and they are on the move. This early rising pride of Lions has welcomed four new members in the past two months. Shown in the photograph



Keats Lions Club Soup Supper & Cake Walk

When: Sunday Feb. 22; 5-7p
Where: Keats Methodist
Church

This is the annual fundraiser in support of the Kansas Specialty Dog Service (KSDS) in Washington. All area Lions are invited to attend for an enjoyable evening of food and fellowship for a very worthy cause.

Welcome to the February 2009 issue of your Kansas Lions MD 17-I Newsletter!

In this Issue:

- An important message from the DG, see page 1.
- Thoughts from the VDG.
- 17-I Convention information.
- More information about the convention speaker.
- Convention Agenda.
- ... and much more!



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