



District Developments

Kansas MD 17-I

February, 2010

From the Governor's Desk ...

Mid winter rally has just concluded and our 17 - I convention is right around the corner. If you had a good time at MWR, just wait to see what's in store for Lions on Feb 12 - 13 in Junction City. This years convention promises to be

Upcoming Events

January 31, 2010

Keats Lions Soup Supper

February 12 - 13, 2010

District Convention, Junction City
Marriott Convention Center

February 23, 2010

Zone 7 Meeting—Salina

March 13, 2010

Brookville Lions Pancake Feed

March 20, 2010

Salina Sunflower Ham & Beans

April 10, 2010

Woodbine Lions Pancake Day

June 3-5, 2010

State Convention - Olathe

June 3-5, 2010

State Council Meeting - Olathe

Jun 28 - Jul 2, 2010

Lions International Convention
Sydney, Australia

September 10-19, 2010

Kansas State Fair

Mobile Screening Unit

September 24-25, 2010

USA/Canada Forum

Milwaukee, Wisconsin



among the best ever. The planning committee has put together an **outstanding** program that should provide education and excitement for all. And did I mention that we will also be having great fun, food, and fellowship.

Get your reservation in and mark your calendar for Feb 12 - 13, Junction City Marriott, Lions district 17 - I district meeting and convention. Guests, International Director Debra Wasserman and husband Steve will both educate and excite us with what is happening in Lionism. Many thanks for all the hard work put in by the committee.

As we enter the last part of our

year, let us not forget who we are. Lions are providing service to many around the world, in sight, diabetic awareness, and humanitarian missions. Currently the Haiti disaster is on the radar screen. As individuals and as clubs, please contribute to this very worthy cause with your prayers and financial assistance. It is never too late to challenge ourselves to obtain new members for our clubs. Remember it is International President Wirfs program that inspires us to MOVE TO GROW. With each new member we have two more hands to serve our community and our great nation. Lions helping others and always remembering our motto "we serve".

In conclusion, let us work together to serve others, and in doing so become more active and productive Lions. It is an honor to serve as your District Governor this year. Please let me know how I can be of assistance to you and/or your club.

*Yours in Lionism,
Bill Phillip
District Governor*

From the 1st Vice District Governor

The fabulous Mid Winter Rally is behind us. That can only mean one thing. Convention is upon us! It is looking to be a great convention this year. The committee has planned some great fun new activities. I am sure you will all be there. The clubs need to be sure and make their delegate selections and get the delegate forms ready. Remember the delegate must be a member for 1 year + 1 day to be eligible to vote. The district elections are your opportunity to really make your voice heard. It would really speed things up if you could get a list of your delegates to Secretary Gina so she can verify them before the meeting. You can just email her a list of the names and have the delegates bring the form with them to the convention.

We are very fortunate that a great Lion has stepped up to take on the duties of 2nd Vice District Governor next year. Lion Bill Sanderson, current Zone 7 chair, has agreed to run

for this position. Thank you Bill I know you will do a great job.

Don't forget to bring your packages of new underwear for the Leo's Project Undercover. Lets fill their bin to overflowing for the needy.

One of the most anticipated events is the silent auction. I am sure you have been gathering your baskets or handcrafted items for this worthy cause. All the money goes into the leadership fund for scholarships to Lions & Leos. The bidding always gets fast & furious near the end so be sure that you secure those items you just can't be without. With Valentines Day that weekend I am sure there will be many inspired treasures to bid on. This is especially helpful to those that have forgotten a gift for their honey. Good way to stay out of the doghouse!

How has the response been to the wonderful posters you all received to promote what

Lions are all about? I am sure there are many in your communities that had no idea all the wonderful things we do. This is a great opportunity not only to raise awareness but also to bring more interested members into your club. State PR Chair Denny Smith has done a wonderful job in getting the PR grant to provide all the clubs in the state with these great tools. Be sure to use them to good advantage.

See you at the convention.

*Lion Marilyn Sorenson
1st Vice District Governor*

Food for Thought

"A person struggles. You help. A door needs to be opened. You open it. A piece of trash is in your path. You pick it up and throw it away. A child needs some extra attention. You give it. A job needs to be completed. You do it. "One more act of kindness a week will add 52 moments of inspiration to your year. Push it to two a week and you add more than 100. Imagine the possibilities.

*"Sam Parker and Mac Anderson
212: The Extra Degree*

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Kansas Lions Mobile Sight Unit

Lion Volunteers needed at State Fair



Kansas Lions,

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation will have the new Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) at the Kansas State Fair this fall in Hutchinson, from Friday through Sunday, Sept. 10-19, 2010. We are requesting the assistance of volunteer Kansas Lions Clubs to staff the MSU during the Fair.

We anticipate scheduling the Booth for the MSU will be from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM for day one... from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM on all other days, except the final day of the fair when it will be open from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Actual screenings within the MSU will be from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM each day.

The State Fair Board requires vendors and booths to be staffed during the hours scheduled. When the unit is open for screenings **we will need volunteer Lions members to do the screenings inside the MSU, and to be outside at a table to do paperwork and to answer questions. We request that a club (or several clubs) volunteer to cover an entire day.** Free gate passes are given to those serving.

One nursing school has already offered to do some screenings. I will contact additional schools of nursing when we are assured the space at the fair. Dr. Sutphin, Chairman of the KU Department of Ophthalmology, has offered possible student help on weekends, and Kansas BC/BS Foundation has offered to help with signs and brochures. Lion Ron Bretz has offered his assistance to coordinate this project. Hutchinson Lions Clubs have assisted with an educational booth for the past two years.

This is an excellent opportunity for service to the entire state of Kansas and increased visibility for Kansas Lions to the general public. Please call me at 785-650-0661, or e-mail me sylvia@hlebs.org to let me know when you can help.

*Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, RN
Heartland Lions Eye Banks
KLSF Director 17-L*



I'd like to thank all those Lions that served as host families this last year. And those that helped with recruitment, transportation, and in general support for the host families.

Our winter exchange began with Australia. Thank you to all the people that responded to our emergency request. PDG Wally & Carol Severson, and Ariel from the Gem Lions club in district L hosted Kate McFayden for 3 weeks, then she went to Kentucky for the remainder of the exchange.

Our Peruvian exchanges are due to arrive January 19th, and will be here until February 27th. Martin Briceno will be hosted by two families, the Brantons, and the Andereggs, both families from the Garnett Lions Club, in district S.

Megumi Nishimura will be hosted by Kenton & Debra Eckels and daughter Krista, from the Scott City Lions Club in district L.

We hope as many Lions as possible will make the effort to meet these kids, and get involved in the exchange.

We've found the most successful exchanges are those which involve the whole club or entire community.

Host Families Needed - We will soon need to line up host families for this summer's students from Italy, Finland and Japan. At this point, we've had a couple volunteers, and sent out some host family applications, but have no actual commitments. So, if you know someone who would like to host, please contact your District YEC, or contact me directly.

Lion Peg Gilbert

Peace Poster

We would encourage every club in the state to get involved with the peace poster project next year. It is such a good way to get involved with the youth in your community and to promote peace in this world of ours. This is world wide contest, with the winner of the International competition being awarded \$2500, and a trip to the United Nations. But just winning the district contest is a pretty big honor, and I want to congratulate all five of our district winners.

Dist. L- Madelyn Norris – sponsored by the Hays Lions Club

Dist. I- Davis Thomas - sponsored by the Waterville Lions Club

Dist. O – Kate Albrecht - sponsored by the Lawrence Noon Lions Club

Dist. N – Madysn Mitchell – sponsored by the

Dist. S – Trent McDaniel – sponsored by the Westphalia Lions Club

This year's winning poster was created by **Davis Thomas, from District I.** Congratulations Davis! He was awarded \$150 at the state level, and a copy of his poster was displayed at Mid-Winter Rally. The original was sent on to Lions International, and he has our best wishes in the International contest.



Wichita Airport Lions Club

The two runner-ups were **Kate Albrecht, from District O,** and **Madysn Mitchell, from District N.** They each received a \$100 award. Our other two district winners were awarded \$50 each.

The judging was very difficult. We have five very talented budding artists, and want to thank them all for sharing their talents. Their styles were vastly different, but it was obvious that much thought went into creating the posters, both in the art work and the statements on Peace. Congratulations to all participants. Their parents, and sponsoring clubs should be so proud.

*Lion Peg Gilbert,
MD 17 Peace Poster Chair*

The Leo Corner



Calling District -i Leos District 17-I Convention

FRIDAY, February 12

5pm...Go out for fast food

6:45...Catch bus to theater (Just \$10 for Leos).....Faith County

There's stiff competition at the Faith County Fair. There's an inspirin' poetry readin' by Faye McFaye, Mildred's ceramic depiction of The Last Supper, Ruthann's divinity (and rum) cake, Naomi's chic hair stylin' and Violet's appliqueed toilet seat covers! And being spring, luuuuuuvv is in the air!! This comedy will have you falling out of your seat!

Pool Side if time allows when returning back to hotel

Saturday, February 13



9:30-10:00 Registration
10:00 - 11:00 KSDS Puppy
Raiser Larry Braddy
11:00-11:30 Leo Club Projects
11:45 Banquet Lunch
Youth Recognition

1:00 - 2:00pm Open Door/Project Undercover
2:15pm.- 3:00pm Lion Safari
Identify what candy bar the lion ate by
checking his poop!
3:00-4:00 UNO/Prizes



**Susan and Sharon
look forward to a
fun time with all the
Leos of 17-I!
Please COME!**

One member from each club
please be prepared to speak what
your club has been doing this year
at the luncheon!

Notify Sharon with numbers
attending! 785-363-2236

Don't forget to bring new undergarments for the Leo's Undercover project.

**2009 - 2010
Kansas Lions
SCRAPBOOK / YEARBOOK CONTEST**

Scrapbooks / Yearbooks will be judged at Lions State Convention June 3-5, 2010.

II. There is One Open Class for Scrapbooks / Yearbooks..

III. Cash Awards of \$75-- \$50-- \$35-- \$20 awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th place.

IV. GENERAL RULES-

1. All entries must be from this current club year, beginning July 1, 2009.

All work must be completed by local club members.

2. Scrapbooks / yearbooks must be submitted to the State Public Relations Booth by 6:00 PM, Friday, June 4, 2010.

(Advance Notification Of Intent To Enter would be appreciated.)

3. Winners will be announced and awards given at the Saturday Banquet.

4. Scrapbooks/Yearbooks must be picked up at the end of the Convention.

V. JUDGING CRITERIA-

1. Layout, Design, Neatness, Overall Visual Appeal.

2. Promotional Efforts--- local newspaper clippings, club newsletter articles, posters, flyers, club brochures, etc.

3. Photos (with captions) illustrating club events, achievements, etc.

4. Reports of Service Projects, Social Events, etc.

5. Reports of Special Events, Special Awards, Special Recognitions of the club and club members.

*Denny D. Smith, PDG
State Public Relations Chmn.*

LCIF

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the official charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. Through funding from LCIF, Lions are able to help others, both in their local community and around the world.

Donations from LCIF provide grant-based funding to financially assist Lions districts with projects that are too large for Lions to finance on their own. Foundation initiatives range from blindness prevention to youth development to emergency aid.

Since LCIF was founded in 1968, it has awarded more than 9,000 grants, totaling more than \$640 million. Every dollar donated to LCIF supports an LCIF project; all administrative cost are paid for through interest earned on the investment of the funds, allowing LCIF to make the remarkable impact on the world for which it is known. Lions truly aid the world through their humanitarian efforts. As the District Coordinator I will help to develop a new LCIF Plan within the district. I will help to educate Lions about the mission and the success of LCIF and its importance to Lions Clubs International. I am also encouraging the Lions of the District to support all aspects of LCIF with fundraising.

Since 2000, Kansas Lions have received approximately \$375,441.00 in grants from LCIF. Since July 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009 the Kansas Lions have donated \$83,151.720.

*PDG Daryl Stone
LCIF District Coordinator*

The Roar From Within - Club News ...

Barnard Lions



The Barnard Lions Club presented scholarships at their January 11 meeting to these Barnard area students: (L to R) Analena Simmons, daughter of Steve and Alice Simmons; Taylor Wolting, son of John Wolting; Kayla Houghton, daughter of Doug and Nancy Houghton; Evan Wolting, son of John Wolting; and Alex Jensen, son of Wesley and Nancy Jensen. Paige Wallace, daughter of Max and

Tammy Wallace, also received a scholarship but was unable to attend. Each student received \$500 for college expenses.



Barnard Lions Club President Janet Dowlin welcomes Jason Coover as a new member. His father, Joe Coover served as his sponsor. Jason's grandfather, Harlan Coover, was a charter member of the Barnard Lions Club.

Zone 7 Meeting

February 23-6:30 p.m. at 1st Christian Church,
2727 E. Crawford, Salina
RSVP by Feb. 16 to Bill Sanderson at (785)823-2156 or e-mail to bsanderson@cox.net

Tescott Lions Music Show

April 17, 2010
Doug Gabriel Show from Branson, Mo.
2-Shows 2:00 & 7:00
3-Meals 12:30-4:15-5:00
Call---785-577-5135
for more info

Club Newsletter Merit Awards - 2010

The State Public Relations & Media Committee announced the Club Newsletter Merit Award Ratings at the Mid-Winter Rally Banquet on Saturday,

January 17, 2010. Printed certificates were awarded to a special group of dedicated club newsletter editors.

No longer a "contest" between clubs, the Club Newsletter Merit Awards are now determined by careful evaluation by a team of the five District Newsletter Editors using established criteria for appraisals. Three Merit Ratings were awarded: Standard, Excellent & Superior Ratings. Nine Clubs

submitted newsletters for evaluation. They were Liberal, Brewster, Norton, Hays, Ulysses, Smith Center, Manhattan, Topeka, and Overland Park Host.

A **Standard Rating** was awarded to Editor Fred Juene-mann of the Brewster Lions Club (17-L).

Excellent Ratings were awarded to Editor Dwayne McGinnis of Smith Center Lions Club (17-L); Editor Phil Menninger of Topeka Lions Club (17-O); Editor Fran Smith of the Ulysses Lions Club (17-L); Editor Cathy Harper of the Liberal Lions Club (17-L); and Editor Kristine Posson-Knapp

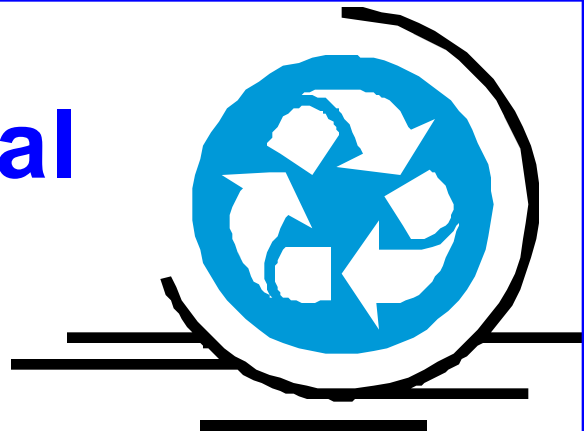
of the Norton Lions Club (17-L).

Superior Ratings were awarded to Editor Jean Gleichsner of the Hays Lions Club (17-L); **Editor Lela Gillispie of the Manhattan Lions Club (17-D)**; and Editor PDG Neal Nichols of the Overland Park Host Lions Club (17-O).

Hopefully more clubs who are producing club newsletters for their members will choose to submit their publications for Merit Evaluation Ratings in the future.

*Denny Smith, PDG
State PR & Media Chmn.*

Environmental Report



US Weather Bureau Report

The Arctic Ocean is warming up, icebergs are growing scarcer and in some places the seals are finding the water too hot, according to a report to the Commerce Department yesterday from Consul Ifft, at Bergen, Norway. Reports from fishermen, seal hunters and explorers, he declared, all point to a radical change in climate conditions and hitherto unheard-of temperatures in the Arctic zone. Exploration expeditions report that scarcely any ice has been met with as far north as 81 degrees 29 minutes. Soundings to a depth of 3,100 meters showed the Gulf Stream still very warm. Great masses of ice have been replaced by moraines of earth and stones, the report continued, while at many points well known glaciers have entirely disappeared. Very few seals and no white fish are found in the eastern Arctic, while vast shoals of herring and smelts, which have never before ventured so far north, are being encountered in the old seal fishing grounds.

Perhaps our recent climate

isn't as warm or as unprecedented as we have been led to believe. If you review media reports over our last 100 years, you will see many instances of warming and cooling periods. Our climate appears to transition from warm to cool conditions around thirty year cycles based on solar and ocean cycles.

Climategate Scandal Hits US

Last week an hour-long special broadcast on KUSI-TV in San Diego – John Coleman revealed new research of how the National Climatic Data Center has been involved in manipulating observed temperature data to promote a warming agenda. One method used is to make early temperatures colder than they really were – so in effect later year temperatures appear to be warmer. Sometimes data is changed so much that data which show no trend at all is suddenly showing warming. Many stations reporting rural and cooler weather are ignored – with an effect of driving up the overall average temperature.

View report at: <http://icecap.us/images/uploads/NOAAroleinclimategate.pdf>

View the complete broadcast at: <http://www.kusi.com/weather/colemanscorner/81583352.html>

Why is Climategate important? It has brought to light an important issue – if temperature data have been manipulated to show exaggerated warming – when there is none – then United Nations IPCC reports using this faulty data as justification for restrictive emission reduction policies and regulations must be discarded. Proposed cap and trade schemes will destroy wealth and misdirect resources. Over the last 20 years the US government has spent \$32 billion on climate research and \$36 billion on development of climate-related technologies. There is not a single piece of evidence that man-made carbon dioxide has a significant effect on the global climate.

SOURCE: The Week That Was www.SEPP.org

Gregg A. Moser

District Environmental Chair

The Mid-Winter Rally

As co-chairs of the MWR, we want to thank all who participated in the weekend activities. Those outside the committee who participated include: Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, who was involved in setting up the screening taking place at the Mobile Sight Unit, VDG Michele Hufferd who coordinated the Karaoke Friday night, and Lions Ann & Mike Baca who hosted the hospitality room all weekend.

Others helped out at the registration desk and answered the call whenever needed.

Thank you also to all Lions and clubs who either furnished food, money or workers for the hospitality room. A lot of new acquaintances were made as a result of this room. Thank you all for helping make this a successful Mid Winter Rally.

*Co-Chairs
PDG Daryl and Lion Leah Stone
Lions Bud and Lela Gillispie*



Three honored guests are shown at the Saturday evening banquet. From left to right, Kansas Secretary of State, Ron Thornburgh, U.S. Congress-



MWR co-chair, Lela Gillispie had the honor of introducing Secretary of State Thornburgh.



Lion Elaine Badger received an award from ID Smarsh for her work on diabetes.



District Governor, Bill Phillipi displays the new District Governor magnetic sign that all DGs were given at the MWR. They were designed by the State PR Committee to go on the side of their cars.



17-I District Governor and Vice Council Chair, Bill Phillipi served as Master of Ceremonies for the Mid-Winter Rally.



Lion Lela Gillispie received an award of excellence from State PR Chair, Denny Smith.

Another Food for Thought

"We may not be able to do any great thing, but if each of us will do something, however small it may be, a good deal will be accomplished."

~D.L. Moody



**17-I District
Convention
February 12-13, 2010
Junction City
Marriott Hotel
and Convention
Center**

In the past two newsletters you have had information about the upcoming 17-I district convention which will be held in Junction City Friday and Saturday, February 12 & 13. This promises to be an exciting convention, beginning with the Friday night events of dinner, a presentation of "Faith County" at the J.C. Opera House and an "afterglow" of goodies and drinks.

ID Debra Wasserman and her husband Steve from Minnesota will be our special

guest for the weekend and we are excited about their visit. Both will make comments during the weekend and ID Debra will be the featured speaker at our noon banquet on Saturday. Peace Poster Winners will be honored at the banquet

Leos are excited about coming to JC and have fun activities planned, such as "Project Undercover ." They are asking for gifts of NEW underwear for those in need. The next time you are in your favorite department store, pick up a package of underwear,

either women's or men's, and bring them to the convention for distribution by the Leos. Money is also accepted.

The annual Silent Auction will take place Saturday. If you are crafty, knit an afghan or make a decorative shelf, bake your favorite cheesecake with the recipe or put together a basket of goodies. All items are welcome. The bidding can get a little crazy and it makes the auction fun.

The Registration form was in the last two issues of the district newsletter. The deadline for tickets for Faith County has passed, but please make your plans for this wonderful, exciting weekend and entertain your favorite Valentine in addition to having a couple of days with your Lion friends. It is not too late for meal reservations. That deadline is February 3.

The Convention Committee is needing Lions and Clubs to step up and bring food for the hospitality room and/or to make cash donations with which to buy food items.

**Lions 17-I District Convention
February 12-13, 2010
Delegate Form**

Lions Club _____
Lion _____ **delegate/alternate**

Please circle delegate or alternate above

Delegate Authorization:

The _____ Lions Club of _____, Kansas

Club Secretary or President _____ **(signature)**

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention. Clubs are entitled to one voting and one alternate delegate for every 10 club members, or major part thereof

All 17-I PDGs have a vote, independent of club delegates



AGENDA

FRIDAY

3:30 P.M.
5:00 P.M.
6:25 P.M.
7:00 P.M.
7:30 P.M.
After the theater

SATURDAY

7:30 A.M.
8:00 A.M.

9:00 A.M.
9:20 A.M.
9:25 A.M.
10:20 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.
11:45 A.M.
1:45 P.M.
2:00 P.M.
2:00 P.M.
2:10 P.M.
2:30 P.M.
2:30 P.M.

3:45 P.M.
3:50 P.M.
3.50 P.M.
4:00 P.M.

FEBRUARY 12, 2010

Registration opens
Dinner
Begin loading bus for Opera House
Opera Reception
Presentation of "Faith County"
Hospitality - "Afterglow" at the Marriott Courtyard

FEBRUARY 13, 2010

Set-up time for Silent Auction & Displays
Registration Opens
Silent Auction Opens & Hospitality Room Opens
Welcome - DG Bill Phillipi & Terry Heldstab - Mayor of Junction City
PIP Bill Wunder
International Director Debra Wasserman & husband, Lion Steve
Break - Check out the Silent Auction
KSDS Presentation
Interactive Lionism
Break - Time to enter your bids on Silent Auction - Hospitality Room closes
Lunch - ID Debra Wasserman
Necrology Service
Hospitality Room Opens
Break—May be your last chance at the Silent Auction
District Cabinet Meeting
Adjourn Cabinet Meeting
District Convention Called to Order
Election of DG, 1st VDG, 2nd VDG and Foundation Members
Break (Votes are counted)
Announcement of election results - Hospitality Room closes
Silent Auction closed
District Convention adjourns

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

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