



# 17-I District Dispatch

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

February, 2012

## From your District Governor DG Marion's Musings

### CONVENTIONAL WISDOM PART 2

Some of the following is a repeat of last month's convention news. I wanted everyone to see this as they may not have seen it last month. Our District's annual convention is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

It will be held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church, 930 Poyntz Avenue, in Manhattan. There is a map of the church parking lot later in this newsletter. Please park on the north (rear) of the church, or across 10<sup>th</sup> Street in the west parking lot. The entry to the convention is at the rear of the building. A delegate form should be at the end of this newsletter for you to fill out. Have your club secretary sign, and bring it with you. There is also a registration form to fill out and send to our Secretary Lela Gillispie.

By just having a one day meeting, the only expense for most of you will be the travel and a very modest \$5.00 registration fee and the great lunch by Ricky's of Hanover will only be \$10.00. If you have ever eaten at their restaurant, you will know the food is great and plentiful. So, for just \$15.00 and gas, you can get all the District Lion news in one day. We will have an address by International Director, Gene Spiess from South Carolina. There will be several different breakout sessions in 2 sessions so that everyone can

learn about our international Director Spiess' ideas to grow Lions, the Plusoptix vision screener, the Great Plains Lions Leadership conference in Crete, Nebraska, the Kansas Specialty Dog Service, and Lions leadership and recruiting members' ideas. Our annual convention follows the great lunch and news from our International Director. We will be electing officers for the coming Lions year and voting on whether to accept the proposal for the \$2.00 per member district dues increase. We will do all that mentioned above and be done by 3:30 p.m. We are having a one day only convention to make it easy on your wallet and short on your time for everyone. Donations from district clubs of money or food items are needed for the hospitality room. Please send a check from your club to Lion Bud Gillispie with a note that it is for the hospitality room at our convention. Make the checks payable to District 17-I. You may also include your donation with your registration fees when you register. There is a spot for that on the registration form.

This convention weekend in March is also high school basketball state tournament time. I suggest that if you need to book a room to attend our convention, that you consider coming in Friday afternoon or evening on March 2, checking into a motel, then driving home after our meeting is finished on March 3. I have checked with several motels, and the

Saturday night stay on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March is about a 50% surcharge because of the basketball tournament.

There are some lower priced motels, about 5 minutes away from our meeting site: Super 8, 785-537-8468 Motel 6, 785-537-1022, Best Western, 785-537-8300

A limited amount of tables will be available for those that want to use them for information and fundraising. Because we don't want to distract from other events, please do not plan on using electricity or audio/video. If you would like to have a table, please contact PDG Bill Stenfors at: [bstenfors@hotmail.com](mailto:bstenfors@hotmail.com)

District Governor  
Marion Schroll  
785-410-6730

### Convention location



930 Poyntz Avenue in Manhattan



# MD17-I

## Important District Fundraising Opportunity



**FIRST AID KITS – 40%-50% Profit**  
**REFER-A-FRIEND PROGRAM**  
**Referral Group: MD 17-I Lion's**  
**Refer-a-friend #2515294**

At the Cabinet meeting on November 12<sup>th</sup> the cabinet voted to sponsor a district wide fundraiser. All clubs in District 17-I can utilize this great way to raise money for their projects by selling first aid kits. There is no risk or upfront money required. There are no minimums or shipping fees. These handy, compact, go anywhere zip bags come in a wide variety ranging from auto, home, sports, outdoor, gardening, golf, handyman, ow-wee, kitchen & even one for pets. They sell for \$10.

The club keeps 40% with 5% going to the district. You

don't even have to keep books, the company will do that for you. To sign up you need to register with Ultimate Fundraising using the district's refer-a-friend number **2515294**.

This is a great fundraiser. This is a product everyone can use & would love getting as a gift. It can also be used as a service project if your club wants to purchase the kits and give them to local shelters etc.

To get started all you have to do is contact Ultimate Fundraising at 888-489-8122 and tell Pat the district (MD17-I)

your club name, contact person, address, phone, email, when you want to hold your fundraiser and how many are in your club. They will send you all the information you need along with a sample of the Right response kit.

You can contact your zone chair or me if you have any further questions. I hope your club will take the opportunity to benefit from this great project.

*District Fundraising Chair  
 PDG Marilyn Sorenson  
 785-335-2247*



## First Vice District Governor

Lucille and I had a great time at the Mid-Winter Rally. I am sure a lot of you had the same feeling.

The First Vice District Governor's elect received training at our last council meeting and again this time.

Each time I have received training has helped me in learning what the Governors job is, and what all is entailed in that job.

I am getting geared up to start my year as your District Governor. I have several positions filled and am working toward the others. Gov-

ernor Marion has done a good job in his year. I am hoping that I can do just as well. I am working on my goals and will need each club and each Lion member to help me obtain those goals. We can do that by working together as one big happy family.

We had the pleasure of hearing and watching the M & M Sisters, from Smith Center, on Friday evening. Those of you who missed this probably missed your chance at stardom. These sisters didn't stand on a stage, but got out into the audience and picked on several of our

Kansas Lions and spouses. We had a great and entertaining time. Thanks to Louise Greenburg of Smith Center for the awesome program.

Those of us planning to attend the Lions Clubs International 95th Annual Convention in Busan, Korea, are busy getting everything in order so we can go, then we will get back to the good old USA to carry on in our newly assigned positions

*First Vice District  
Bill Sanderson*

## Kansas Lions Band Foundation

Thanks to those who brought items and theme baskets to the Band Foundation Auction at MWR. Also thanks to those who bid and purchased the wonderful selection of items.

The Lions Band apps have been sent out, so now it is time to contact your Band Directors to select those who want to join the 200 some musicians for the State Lions Band in Wichita from June 5-9. The deadline for applications is May 15th and the

cost is \$225.00 per student, the same as in the past. There will not be an International Band to Korea this year

If your club does not have funds to send a student, send in the app anyway noting on the app, and we will find funds for them. The band will be staying either at Friends U. or Newman. The concert will be Sat. morning June 9th at the beautiful Central Community Church on W. Maple. in Wichita.

Clubs, please consider per-capita

donations, so the Foundation can help with the Band and our other projects. Send them to PDG Gene Hawkey, Treas. 1309 W. Broadway, Newton, KS. 67114.

The new Foundation pins are out. They are green and depict a french horn on them and are very attractive, at only \$3.00.

Thank you for your continued support of K.L.B.F. Inc

*PDG Gene Johnson,  
Director, Dist. I, K.L.B.F. Inc*

## Peace Poster

"Children Know Peace" was the theme for this year's contest. Our District I winner was Jacey Fowler sponsored by the Miltonvale Lions Club. Her poster was sent to the state competition and was one of the Honorable Mention award winners. She will be presented a \$50 cash award with her certificate from the state contest. The 1st place winner was Ahna Valdez, Overland Park Host Lions, Dist. O, the 2nd place winner was Raeleann Weigel, Hays Lions, Dist. L, the 3rd place was Emily Winger, Wichita East/Southeast Lions, Dist. N, and Beth-

any Powls, Westphalia Lions, Dist S, won the other honorable mention award.

Just winning a District 1st place award is a major accomplishment, and we want to again congratulate Jacey and the Miltonvale Lions Club! We will display all of our club winning posters at our District Convention in March, with Jacey's poster in it's starring role.

We encourage every club in the district to participate in the Peace Poster contest this next year.

The kits for 2012/2013 are already

available through Lions International Club Supplies. (My club is ordering the kit right away. In our school, the proper age group for the contest did not have art classes during the fall semester, but the art teacher is perfectly willing to use this as an assignment during the 4th quarter art class). Sometimes we just need to think outside the box. And the Peace Poster program is a wonderful way to become involved with the youth of your community.

*Peg Gilbert  
Peace Poster Chair*



# Youth Exchange



We're sending a big thank you to our host families for this last year, with the hope that their experiences were great ones, and just the beginning of a lifetime friendship ! Probably the most difficult part of being a host family is taking that young person to the airport to say goodbye, knowing you may never see them again. Our Lions youth exchange program is only 6 weeks long, but that is long enough to form a lasting bond ! And now that we have the magic of e-mail, those goodbye's don't seem quite so permanent.

Speaking from experience, we are facebook friends with our 1984 Australian exchange and her family. We have visited them, and they have

visited us several times. Alison's teenage daughter is now doing trick riding, and has performed in Australia, the USA and Canada. **Pinky Trick Riding Promo 2012** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) Perhaps this summer we might be lucky enough to see Mikayla (Pinky) perform, and of course get to see her mom who usually travels with her. It's a small world via the Youth Exchange program !

Unfortunately, we don't often have our own youth going on an exchange out of the country. But I have been informed that one of our own Lincoln High School students is working toward an exchange in Peru either this summer or next. As soon as we have her official application, we will be requesting a host family in Peru.

And I want to thank *Kalen Stockton*, sponsored by the Topeka Sunflower Lions, who did her exchange in France last summer. I was not able to attend Mid-Winter Rally due to family illness, so missed this completely. But from all reports, Kalen did an excellent presentation at both the KLF meeting and the Youth Luncheon. She is a great ambas-

the Youth Exchange Program.

## Requests for Hosts - Summer 2012

We need hosts for *Finland*, for *Italy*, and for *France*. We don't yet have the applications for the students from France and Italy, but I just received the application from Finland.

*Hanna Taipalus* is 17 years old, from Lehtimaki, a small town in western Finland. She has a twin sister, a 19 year old brother, and a 16 year old sister. Her mother is a teacher, and her father is a car dealer. Hanna likes swimming, dancing, running, soccer, and baseball. Music is also listed as a hobby, and she is in a small band, playing the bass. She loves travel and learning about other cultures. This will be her first exchange experience, and she's quite anxious to begin correspondence with her host family.

Please let me know if you, or someone you know, would be willing to open your hearts and homes to one of our exchanges from Finland, France or Italy.

*Peg Gilbert, YE Chair*  
*PegGilbert@hotmail.com*  
*or 785-658-5709*

# 2nd VDG Report

## The Way I See it

This Lions year is half over. Mid-Winter Rally has come and gone, and it was a good one. Thanks to all the District 17-I Lions who helped in any way with the hospitality room. Thanks to all who attended. And now, it's on to our District Convention.

The 17-I District Convention is one of the most important meetings

we have during the year. This year it will be held in Manhattan on Saturday, March 3, at First Lutheran Church. Your clubs have voice and vote at the convention. Please review our District constitution and by-laws to determine the exact number of delegates your club will have. Secretaries, please provide the proper credentials form for your convention delegates. We need to hear from every club. Your convention par-

ticipation is important to our District team.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their tremendous support for me this year. I plan to have my name placed in nomination at the convention for First Vice District Governor. I will really appreciate your support. See you in Manhattan on March 3.

*2nd Vice District Governor*  
*Al Ulrich*



## Club News

### Waterville Lions



In the early morning hours of January 20, **Waterville Lion Steve Medina**, husband of *Lion Mary*, and father of *Leos Jesse, Isaac, Inez, and Kaly* died in a workplace accident at the Landoll Corporation in Marysville where he was employed as a fabricator.

### Tescott Lions



#### Pancake Day

Saturday, February 4th  
7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Tescott Lion's Building

Menu includes  
Pancakes and Sausage  
Chili and Dessert  
*By Donation Only*

### Salina Sunflower Lions

#### Ham and Bean Feed

Menu includes  
Ham, Beans and  
cornbread  
*We also will serve Pizza*

March 17,  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

4-H Building  
in Kenwood Park

Tickets are \$6.00 if  
purchased in advance  
or \$7.00 at the door

### Keats Lions



#### Soup Supper & Cake Walk

Sunday February 12  
Serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Keats Methodist Church  
This is our annual fundraiser  
in support of KSDS.  
All area Lion are invited to attend  
for an enjoyable evening  
of food and fellowship  
for a very worthy cause.

### Manhattan Lions



#### Biscuit and Gravy Feed

January 28, 2012  
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

College Avenue  
Methodist Church

Adults \$4.00  
Children (12 & under) \$2.00

### LCI Headquarters Contact Information

**Lions Clubs International**  
300 22<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Oak Brook, Illinois 60521-8842  
Phone: #1-630-571-5466  
Fax: #1-630-571-8890  
<http://www.lionsclubs.org>

**District & Club Admin.:** Ext. #6819  
**Basic Mentoring Guide -**  
Order# MTR-11 - Updated 5-2010  
**The Lion Magazine:** Ext. #312  
**Public Relations:**  
General Information/Request

**Club Supplies Division:**  
General Information – Ext. #6921  
**IT Information Systems:**  
#1-630-468-6900  
**Membership Division:**  
Ext. #304  
**LCIF:** General Information  
Ext. #383  
**Legal: Information**  
Ext. #360  
**Insurance:** Certificate  
of Insurance #1-800-316-6705



# Mobile Screening Unit

*Sample newspaper article*

## KANSAS LIONS CLUBS FREE MOBILE SCREENING UNIT COMING TO TOWN

Kansas Lions have purchased a Vision Screener to use for children from six months through pre-school age and older. This screener looks into the eyes through the pupils and sees problems before they become apparent to the parents or doctor. Since young children do not know how they should be seeing, their sight can be quite blurry or irregular, forcing them to cope in other ways and fooling the parents into thinking their children see normally. The Vision Screener detects serious eye diseases and problems that then can be treated by ophthalmologists who specialize in such eye diseases and problems. It does not require much in the way of the infant's or child's cooperation - all he or she needs to do is look at the Vision Screener.

Many eye problems and serious, sight-robbing diseases begin in infancy or early childhood. While it is estimated that approximately 5% to 10% of all children experience sight-robbing vision problems, just 14% of U.S. children six and younger see an eye doctor for testing. By the time they are four years of age, it can already be too late to stop or reverse the damage eye diseases are doing.

The Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit, offering **FREE sight, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes testing**, will be in \_\_\_\_\_, Kansas, on \_\_\_\_\_. Hours are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

At the \_\_\_\_\_ screening on \_\_\_\_\_ Street, a Vision Screener will be used to test children from about six months of age to preschool age and older. The other vision screeners will test school-age children and adults.

Everyone in \_\_\_\_\_ is invited to come for the FREE screenings in the MSU. All anyone needs to do is show up while the MSU is open, register, and come inside for the different screenings. *Spanish language translators will be there to help those who have limited English.*\* Results of testing will be given to each person who is tested, and those results can be taken to the appropriate medical professional.

### State and District Contact Information

#### District Administration

District Governor, Marion Schroll  
Cell - 785-410-6730  
[mschroll@twinvalley.net](mailto:mschroll@twinvalley.net)

#### District Newsletter & Website

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Manhattan KS 66503  
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Website [lionsdistrict17-I.com](http://lionsdistrict17-I.com)

#### Kansas Lions

Linda McCormick, State Secretary  
231 South Tyler, Wichita KS 67209  
316-773-2100

E-Mail [kansaslions@aol.com](mailto:kansaslions@aol.com)  
website [kansaslions.org/](http://kansaslions.org/)

#### State Newsletter

Editor, Lion Nancy Borst  
316-773-2100  
[nbdesk@cox.net](mailto:nbdesk@cox.net)



# *The Leo Corner*

## **Relieving the Hunger**

Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. During December and January, we invite you to join Leos and Lions around the world to help alleviate hunger during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger." Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community - by helping those who don't have enough to eat. Sponsor a community food drive to replenish a local food pantry, volunteer to deliver prepared meals to elderly citizens or organize a feeding program at a local school to provide healthy, nutritious meals.

## **District Convention March 3rd**

**Calling all Leos** to attend the District Convention in Manhattan. Luncheon will be paid for those registered by February 20th from District Leo Fund. After February 20th your luncheon is your expense. **So register on time!** Following the luncheon we will do a service project at the Sunset Zoo under Zoo Director Brian's direction. It will be a **Spring Cleaning at the Zoo!** He encourages you to tour the zoo after our tasks are done. Following the Sunset Zoo Service project we will go bowling.

Please let Sharon know your attendees for District Convention.

If you have seniors in your club be sure to ask for scholarship forms and I'll mail them to you.

## *On Memoriam*

The Valley Heights Leos lost Lion Steve Medina, 35 years old, Asst. Leo Advisor, Friday morning, January 20, 2012 after an industrial accident at Landolls where he was employed. Our hearts go out to his family Mary (a lion also) and Leos Jesse, Isaac, Inez and Janelle.

*Leo Chair  
Sharon Teagarden-King*



# Important changes to our District Constitution

## **MD17- I, Proposed Constitution Amendment**

### **Background Information:**

1. Lions Clubs International Standard Form District Constitution and By-Laws (LCI Publication LA-4) approved July 2011 at the Lions Clubs International Annual Convention.
  2. Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws, District MD17-I, March 2011
- MD17-I is in need of additional revenue to defray administrative expenses. Recommended by the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, a proposed \$2.00 increase to our annual district dues is being requested. Current dues are \$6.00 annually per member. The proposed dues increase is \$8.00 annually per member. Certified delegates will vote on the proposed amendment at the annual district convention.

## **MD 17-I Constitution**

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**

##### **SECTION 1. PROPOSED Constitution Amendment:**

### **ARTICLE V**

#### **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FUND**

To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund per capita dues of \$6.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the district. It shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$3.00 per member by September 10th of each year to cover the semiannual period from July 1 to December 31; and \$3.00 per club member by March 10th of each year, to cover the semi-annual period from January 1 to June 30, with the billings of the same to be based upon the membership of each club as reported by Lions Clubs International as July 1 and January 1, respectively. Said dues shall be so paid to the cabinet treasurer by each club, except newly chartered and re-organized clubs, which shall collect and pay said per capita dues on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said per capita dues shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval of the district governor. Disbursement there from shall be by check drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and district governor.

**SECTION 1.** To provide revenue to defray the administrative expenses of the district, an annual district administrative fund per capita dues of \$8.00 is hereby levied upon each member of each club in the district. It shall be collected and paid in advance by each club in two (2) semi-annual payments as follows: \$4.00 per member by September 10th of each year to cover the semiannual period from July 1 to December 31; and \$4.00 per club member by March 10th of each year, to cover the semi-annual period from January 1 to June 30, with the billings of the same to be based upon the membership of each club as reported by Lions Clubs International as July 1 and January 1, respectively. Said dues shall be so paid to the cabinet treasurer by each club, except newly chartered and re-organized clubs, which shall collect and pay said per capita dues on a pro-rata basis from the first day of the second month following the date of their organization or reorganization, as the case may be. Said per capita dues shall be disbursed only for administrative expenses of the district and only upon approval of the district governor. Disbursement there from shall be by check drawn and signed by the cabinet treasurer and district governor.

November 22, 2011

*MD17-I Constitution and By-Laws Co-Chairs:  
PDG Thelma Brown  
PDG Gregg Moser*



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# CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

To qualify the club must further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet each requirement noted below during the fiscal year.

Club Number Club Name Date 2011-2012 Club Presidents' Name Member Number Zone

**CLUB IN GOOD STANDING** – International per capita taxes and new member entrance fees are paid in full and there is no outstanding balance of US\$50 or more that is ninety (90) days or more past due.

**SERVICE** – The club has conducted at least three service projects. Please briefly describe the service activities that were conducted:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRIBUTION** — The club has made a contribution to LCIF.

**MEMBERSHIP** – The club achieved a net growth in membership (including branch club members when applicable) or sponsored a new club. The new members attended an orientation and were properly inducted into the Lions club.

Net Growth in Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of sponsored club: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMUNICATION** – The club has publicized the club's service activities to the public through local media and effectively communicated activities to club members.

Please explain briefly how the club service activities were publicized through newspaper articles, public service announcements or other forms of local media.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – All officer positions were filled in accordance with the constitution and bylaws by qualified Lions, a majority of the club officers participated in a leadership training program at the zone, district, multiple district or international level and the club was represented at zone meetings.

**CLUB DEVELOPMENT** – The club has hosted regular and meaningful club meetings and submitted the Monthly Membership Report, the Service Activity Report, and the Club Officer Report (PU-101) in a timely manner.

Date 2011-2012 District Governor's Signature\* District Member No.

\* In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional zone or region chairpersons should sign the completed form. The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2012. Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club shall be considered only if received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the fiscal year, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters. The award will be mailed to the 2012-2013 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2012-2013 club president.



**2011-12  
Kansas Lions**

**SCRAPBOOK / YEARBOOK CONTEST**

**I.** Scrapbooks / Yearbooks will be judged at Lions State Convention June 8-10, 2012.

**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, 2011.  
All editing work must be completed by local club members.
2. **Scrapbooks / yearbooks must be submitted to the State Public Relations Booth/Table by 6:00 PM, Friday, June 8, 2012.**  
*(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 by the end of the Convention.

**V. EVALUATION 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.

## Upcoming Events

**January 28, 2012 Manhattan Lions Club - Biscuit & Gravy Feed**

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. College Avenue Methodist Church

**February 4, 2012 Tescott Lions - Pancake Day**

Tescott Lions Building - 7:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**February 12, 2012 - Keats Lions Soup Supper and Cake Walk**

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Keats Methodist Church

**March 3, 2012 - Lions District 17-I Convention**

Manhattan - 1st Lutheran Church

**March 17, 2012 Salina Sunflower Lions - Ham & Bean**

11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 4-H Building - Kenwood Park

**April 14, 2012 Tescott Lions - Show Night**

Tescott High School North Gym

**June 8-10, 2012 Kansas Lions Convention**

Wichita

**June 22-26, 2012 Lions International Convention**

Busan, Korea



## Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally Wrap-up



Mid Winter Rally was held at the Ramada Inn in Salina, January 13 – 15, 2012. International Guests were PID Judge Haynes Townsend and his wife, Lion Donna from Dalton, Georgia.

The Hospitality Room was hosted by Lions Ken and Linda Leander and other Lions from the Assaria Lions Club. Since the theme of MWR was Patriotism, the hospitality room was decorated with shadow boxes depicting individuals of service: military, fire and police. This was done by the teens who hope to charter the Assaria Leo club, with the donation of items from Hobby Lobby. Food and money donations came from clubs in District 17-I, as well as several other clubs in the state. PDG Thelma Brown decorated the registration table and banquet rooms beautifully with Patriotic decorations.

As club members gathered for Friday night dinner, we were happy to welcome U.S. Senator Lion Jerry Moran who spoke briefly regarding the endorsement of a coin commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions in 2017. Entertainment for the evening was the M & M Sisters from Smith Center. During and after the meal they entertained with jokes, laughter and songs of patriotism.

Saturday morning meetings were held for the Foundations and Committees. PDG Terry Weldin led a session with the various vision screening systems. Later PDG Chris Bauer held a session on information on the LCI website with other computer information available for those interested. At the same time PCC Tom Badger and PCC Bill Phillipi informed others about the new GLT and GMT programs.

The Mobile Screening Unit was set up outside the convention doors for all interested in hearing and vision screening, blood pressure and blood sugar testing. Nursing students from Kansas Wesleyan University manned the screening unit from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, in addition to Dan Heersche and other volunteers.

Luncheon was a Tex-Mex buffet honoring Peace Poster Winner and Leo Club members. Blue Valley Leos entertained with a skit. Other Leos in attendance were from Minneapolis, Waterville (Valley Center Leos) and Mulvane. Kalen Stockton from Topeka presented a show with pictures from her trip to France last summer. She was sponsored by the Topeka Sunflower Club. First Timers were recognized. Ahna Valdez from Overland Park was recognized as the winner of the Kansas Peace Poster contest and her poster will be submitted to International Lions. Her family and art teacher were also in attendance. She was recognized by Lion Jean Gleichsner from Hays, since State Peace Poster Chair Peggy Gilbert was unable to attend.

A special seminar was held with our International Guest, PID Judge Haynes Townsend speaking on the relevance of the Lion Club in our communities. Questions were asked as to how and whether we and our projects make a difference in the community. The seminar was well attended with a great deal of interest in his comments.

The Band Foundation Auction and Silent Auction followed with energetic and enthusiastic bidding, especially for homemade items.

Dinner was served after pictures and introductions of the International family. After the meal, PDG Craig Donecker presented PDG Terry Weldin and PDG Chris Bauer with Bill and Dorothy Wunder Fellowship pins.

CC Michele Hufferd sang “Georgia on My Mind” in honor of our International guests. PID Judge Haynes Townsend then presented an inspiring and inspirational message to the group. Closing was the singing of “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” PCC Tom Badger then announced that we would be honoring PID Ed and State Secretary Linda McCormick on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which will take place on January 20. After comments, they were presented with a crystal vase, roses and a basket of cards from well-wishers. A beautiful cake made by Lion Wanda Weldin was served, along with punch. We wish them many more anniversary celebrations.

Sunday morning a PDG meeting and devotions were held, followed by the State Council Business Session with reports from all Foundations and Committees.

*Chairman PCC Bill Phillipi, Lion Lela Gillispie, Lion Bud Gillispie*



# Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally Wrap-up





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# DISTRICT 17-I CONVENTION:

## MARCH 3, 2012

### 1st Lutheran Church Manhattan

We are having our annual district Convention. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and we will be done with convention events by 3:30 that afternoon. We will have a great program, a good lunch, and a visit by Lions International Director, Gene Spiess, from South Carolina.



Eugene M. Spiess, from Moore, South Carolina. Director Spiess is a retired college administrator and instructor. A member of the Spartanburg Lions Club since 1981, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, committee chair and district governor. He also served as a board member of the South Carolina Lions Charitable Services, group coordinator for Campaign SightFirst II and has presented at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, two International President's Leadership Medals and a Guiding Lion Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Spiess is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including being honored with the Spiess Scholarship by Ivy Tech Community College. He also received the Sagamore of Wabash from the Governor of Indiana.

### Lions 17-I District Convention March 3, 2012 Manhattan First Lutheran Church

#### 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.



# Lions MD 17-I Convention

## Agenda

8:00 am Registration Opens

9:00 am Welcome

9:15 am International Director, Eugene Spiess

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Breakout Session...

Choose from the following:

International Director

KSDS

Lionism/Membership

PlusOptix

Great Plains Leadership Conference

11:15 am Breakout Session... Repeat of above

12:00 pm Lunch (Catered)

1:00 pm Necrology Service

1:30 pm District Cabinet Meeting

District Convention

Voting

3:30 pm Adjourn



# Lions MD 17-I Convention

Manhattan, KS  
1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church  
930 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan

March 3, 2012

## Registration

		Number	Total
<b>Registration Fee</b>	\$ 5.00	X _____	\$ _____
<i>(applies to all attendees, except Leos)</i>			
<b>Saturday Lunch</b>	\$ 10.00	X _____	\$ _____
		<b>Total</b>	\$ _____
<b>Hospitality Room donation</b>			\$ _____

Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration fee waved for Leos*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline February 24, 2012**

**Send Registration to**

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