



# 17-I District Dispatch

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

January, 2012

## From your District Governor DG Marion's Musings

Welcome to the first digital-only edition of the district newsletter. Repeating what was said last month: All those who are on Lion Bud's e-mail list will receive a monthly link to the latest newsletter. Our aim is to save the district printing and mailing costs. We also want every member to get the newsletter. So, club secretaries, please make sure that you have a current list of e-mail addresses of your members so that you can forward the link to them. Clubs should also make arrangements right away for those without computers to receive the latest newsletter by printing off copies for those members.

In the past we were limited in space to 11 pages of printed material. Now with the e-mail version, space is not a problem. Please send Lion Bud pictures, Identifications and information on club members at fundraisers and community service projects as we want to showcase our Lions in action.

### Conventional Wisdom

We have two very important meetings coming up soon. The first is the Kansas Lions' Mid Winter Rally in Salina January 13-15. If you have never attended a state event, you need to attend this one. It promises to be one of the best we've had lately. Hopefully Lion Bud will have a copy of the registration form for you, as time is very short to register.

The second meeting is our District's annual convention on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012. A delegate form should be at the end of this newsletter for you to fill out and bring with you. We are going to have a short, but fun filled and informative meeting. Look for the form in this newsletter to register. The cost will be very, very reasonable.

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. The convention will be at the 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church in Manhattan at 930 Poyntz AV, downtown. 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. Hope to see you there

A special thanks to the convention committee of Paula Peters, K Taylor, Don Robertson, and PDG Bill Stenfors. Your help, planning, and ideas have been great.

### Lions Webinars

A webinar is a phone call or a computer log in to a seminar that has both a slide show (Power-point) and audio. LCI has started presenting these for members. Here is the link to the LCI web page listing them: <http://tinyurl.com/LCI-webinars>. These are for all members, but it is critical that club officers and cabinet members of our district sign up for these. There is one already completed on building clubs. That one is about an hour long, and you can listen by just clicking the link on



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that page. There are 3 others that will be presented. Please sign up for the time that fits you best in January. I recommend that you sign on using your computer, as that is free. If you do the phone registration, you will be charged long distance minutes on your cell phone or land line. Each seminar is about an hour.

At one of my club visits, a Lion asked me, "What can Lions Interna-

tional do for our club?" I explained that when disaster strikes, LCI is sending checks to help in a matter of hours after they know about it.

Last year, \$38 million was sent all over the globe for disaster relief and humanitarian relief. Locally, over the past few years, these towns and areas of Kansas and Missouri got quick and generous donations from the LCI Foundation: Chapman, Greensburg,

and Reading tomados; SE Kansas flooding; and Joplin, MO tornado. Kansas Lions received a great letter from a Lion in Reading, KS that tells how district, Kansas, and International Lions helped them. Look for it later in this newsletter

District Governor  
Marion Schroll  
785-410-6730

### Lions members are special people.

I have always known that since I started attending district and state meetings with my husband. International directors were always telling about the good works of Lions around the world. I know that the hope for world peace is only going to be achieved by fraternal organizations like Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, etc. People who are working to improve the living conditions of all nations. People interested in helping others. People not concerned about making money for themselves, but making money to help improve the health and lives of others.

It always made me feel special to hear the International Directors talk about improving eye sight in India, helping with river blindness in Africa. I was a part of an international club that was doing great things. My small donation to a great organization was important.

Then, on May 21, 2011, an F3 tornado hit the town where we live and we saw the wonderful Lions people in our state swing into action. Within 30 minutes of hearing of our disaster, Past District Governor, Terry Weldin was calling to see how we were and how could Lions help the city of Reading. We weren't much help as

## Thanks for being Lions

we were safely in Georgia attending a grandson's high school graduation.

We started home the next morning after viewing pictures of the destruction of our town on the local news station on the computer. It was strange to see pictures of buildings in your town destroyed and try to figure out whose home that picture was. We were so thankful that the death number was only and that it wasn't our close neighbors.

Of course, you feel bad because of feeling that way; also bad because you didn't really know the person who lost his life. After all, you have lived in Reading over 45 years and it is a small town.

Upon arriving home, we found a yard full of debris, a house with half a roof, sheds destroyed that contained our personal tools, garden equipment, wood supplies, a missing pet greeted us.

Shortly our Lions friends from all over the state were there with hugs, gladness that we were okay and offers to help. We are overwhelmed by everything that needs to be done. Our Lions friends soon had our house covered with plastic, windows covered to protect us and our belongings from the elements. Lions from Emporia were there with offers to stay at their

home until we could figure out what we were going to do. There were boxes to pack up your belongings, credit cards for gas and supplies from state lion members.

We are now seeing the love and care of Lions first hand. It was a humbling feeling and a very special feeling knowing that you are a part of a very special organization.

It didn't stop there, Lions came for days after that with towels, sheets, food, offers of help in rebuilding our town. Lions International sent that check for \$10,000 to help us out.

Marvin and Elfrieda Funk made numerous trips to spend that money according to Lions International rules to help residents of Reading with their recovery.

I knew that is the way that Lions honor their motto "we serve". When you are a part of the people being served, it gives you a new respect and feeling of admiration for the organization that you belong to.

Then Reading Lions Club started to receive checks to help with rebuilding Reading from clubs all over the state.

We still haven't figured out how to use these funds as FEMA is supposed to help the city of Reading re-build



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our city park and community building.

We are waiting to be sure that we use the money to help the people of Reading in the best way we can.

We will be sure to let you know how we use them. We can only, at this time, say thanks for all your help, prayers, hugs and caring. You helped to make this time easier for us. You went the extra mile with us

toward recovery.

P. S. Our cat came home okay.

Thanks so much.

Warren and Rosalie Voorhees  
Reading Lions Club

## District Fundraising Opportunity - Repeat from last issue

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% go-

ing 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 #**2515294** along with 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.

PDG Marilyn Sorenson  
785-335-2247

## First Vice District Governor

We are bringing 2011 to a close. I am wishing every Lion in the district of 17-I a very Merry Christmas, I know this is a little late, but, is always good to receive.

The new year of 2012 is very quickly coming upon us. We have a lot of work to do if we are to finish the Lion year with a growth in membership. Six months are gone, but when we look at the calendar we see we are starting a new calendar year of 2012. What better way to start a new year than to go find new members.

At the close of this Lions year we would have a net membership growth and a feeling of satisfaction for doing so. I know it is hard to approach some people and ask them to join this great organization. We are afraid of being turned down but when we do ask that prospective member, and are able to sign up, we are happy. Can we really say that we have searched for a new member? Maybe we need to get outside our comfort zone and ask someone who is a complete stranger and become their friend,

then ask them to join. It can't hurt to try?

We plan to see everyone at the Mid-Winter Rally and to have a good time. How about you? Don't forget the Mid-Winter Rally coming up this January 13-15, 2012 in Salina, Ks. Lion Lela Gillispie is awaiting your reservation if you haven't already sent it to her. Great if you have taken care of all your room needs and reservations.

First Vice District Governor  
Bill Sanderson



# Kids Can Succeed With Low Vision

for more information, contact:  
Todd Fleischer  
785-215-5251  
[todd@kansasoptometric.org](mailto:todd@kansasoptometric.org)

## *Eye doctors provide special services across Kansas*

Eleven eye doctors were honored during the Kansas Optometric Association's Fall Eyecare Conference today for participation in a program serving more than 1,000 Kansas students who remain enrolled in their home school districts despite severe vision impairment.

Doctors participating in the program, known as KanLovKids, provide early intervention through high school students with visual evaluations, specialized tests and other services and support.

"KanLovKids is about helping children attain and sustain independence even if they are legally blind," said R. Tracy Williams, optometrist and Director, Low Vision Service at Loyola University Chicago, who presented plaques during the KOA meeting at the Wichita Airport Hilton. "When glasses or surgery no longer will help, KanLovKids helps students learn to cope so they can succeed in school and in life."

KanLovKids – the Kansas Lions Statewide Low Vision Program – is an initiative of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, which includes members of all Lions clubs in Kansas, KOA, the Kansas State School for the Blind, and KC Blind All-Stars Foundation.

The Lions of Kansas (Multiple District 17) received the first-ever Lions Clubs International Foundation grant for low-vision services in the United States, according to Kendall Krug, a Hays, Kan., optometrist who presented a program on low-vision services during the conference and who was one of the 11 eye doctors honored.

The \$71,000, two-year grant supports not only service to students, but also training for optometrists, assistants, school personnel, early childhood educators and parents. In addition to service in doctors' offices statewide, low vision clinics are held in multiple locations statewide, often with assistance from Lions Club members.

KanLovKids helps students who have low vision or are legally blind, according to Anne Nielsen, a Lion and outreach director at the Kansas State School for the Blind.

"A good example is Melissa, a high-school senior who recently received her first low-vision evaluation even though she has had low vision since birth," Nielsen said. "The evaluation revealed a condition that had gone undetected for 18 years. The doctor was able to advise her on special aids and training so she can have an independent life after high school."

Unlike a standard eye exam, doctors delivering low-vision services use different evaluation equipment, different methods and special test charts scaled for those with only partial sight. The doctor may recommend specialty glasses, spectacle-mounted telescopes, special optical magnification devices, or tinted lenses, among other things. The doctor also may recommend special training, instruction in the use of special electronic or computer devices or referral to other professional services such as orientation and mobility.

"We are very grateful to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation for its support over the past five years and to the Lions Clubs International Foundation for its very generous grant recognizing our success serving Kansas children," Krug said. "The funds will enhance the KSSB's long-standing low vision program and help us reach even more students across the Sunflower State."

In addition to Krug, Kansas optometrists honored for KanLovKids participation were Joseph Maino, Kansas City; Shane Kannarr, Pittsburg; David Nelson, Topeka; Todd Zerger, Salina; William Park, Wichita; Dawn Williams, Garden City; Kristina Post, Wichita; Mark Wahlmeier, Colby; and Robert Hoch, Garden City. Also honored was Linda Lawrence, a Salina ophthalmologist.



# Kansas Children with Low Vision Benefit from Lions

Melissa, a senior in high school, participated in her first low vision evaluation, even though she has had low vision since birth. Her low vision evaluation found that she not only had decreased visual acuity, but also a field loss, which had gone undetected for 18 years. With this knowledge, she will now be able to obtain the low vision aids and training needed to prepare for an independent life after she graduates from high school.

The Lions of Kansas (Multiple District 17) were awarded a two-year low vision grant from the Lions Clubs International Foundation, which will benefit other students like Melissa. The first low vision grant awarded to the United States from Sight First funds, for \$71,000.00, will expand the low vision program already in existence at the Kansas State School for the Blind. The Kansas Lions Statewide Low Vision (KanLovKids) Program is a joint effort of the Kansas State School for the Blind, the Kansas Optometric Association, and the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (which includes, as its members, all Lions in the state of Kansas). Lion Beverly Nichols is the grant administrator, and Anne Nielsen, a Lion and Outreach Director at the Kansas State School for the Blind (KSSB), is the grant program chairperson.

The KanLovKids Program provides specialized vision care for children who have lost vision due to eye disease or injury, or from brain injury. For this population, vision is not correctable with ordinary eyeglasses. The program is only practiced with those who have lost vision in both eyes. The low vision specialist sees the child after everything else has been attempted with medical care, including surgery. It's not useful for those who are totally blind, but even among those with "legal blindness," over 90% can be helped with low vision care.

A low vision evaluation differs from ordinary eye examinations. It involves a detailed functional history, different evaluation equipment and methods, and test charts scaled for those with only partial sight. It involves a functional emphasis and often a multidisciplinary approach. A systematic process helps the low vision doctor determine the type and power of devices that might be helpful for a student's individual needs. Following a low vision evaluation, recommendations are made for managing the child's barriers to learning due to his/her visual impairment. These interventions may include: specialty glasses, telescopes (either hand held or spectacle mounted) various types and powers of optical magnification devices for near work, tinted lenses to help with glare experienced by many with eye disease, training techniques to maximize the vision that remains and training in the use of any recommended devices (e.g. the I-Pad, electronic or computer aided equipment that maximizes vision) and referral for care by other professional services, such as orientation and mobility.

## Press Release – November 2011 Eagle Newsletter Article

Besides evaluations, the grant also will provide specialized tests and aids for doctors participating in the KanLovKids Program. Assistive devices will be available for lease through a lending library located at the Kansas State School for the Blind. Training will be provided at a number of levels—for doctors, school personnel, early interventionists, and Lions—both on-site at specific locations and through web-based presentations. Lions will disseminate information in their respective communities to assist with low vision clinics that might be scheduled in a particular area.

The structure of KanLovKids Program is based on KSSB working with regional providers, who specialize in providing low vision services to children birth – 21 years of age, so that the child's educational team (teachers and service providers) can attend the evaluation and then implement recommendations in the student's home, school, or community. KanLovKids' goal continues to be providing such services, so that students may be successful in their academic endeavors and be ready for post-secondary school or vocational needs.

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## Eagle Newsletter Article - *continued*

### **The eleven participating doctors are located in ten locations:**

Joseph Maino, O.D., Kansas City, KS

Shane Kannarr, O.D., Pittsburg, KS

David Nelson, O.D., Topeka, KS

Linda Lawrence, MD-Ophthalmologist, Salina, KS

Todd Zerger, O.D., EyeCare Associates of Salina, Salina, KS

William Park, O.D., Wichita, KS

Kristina Post, O. D., Wichita, KS

Kendall Krug, O.D., Hays, KS

Mark Wahlmeier, O.D., Colby, KS

Robert Hoch, O.D., Garden City, KS

Dawn Williams, O.D., Garden City, KS

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) also donates \$10,000.00 per year to fund low vision evaluations for children/students in Kansas. The Lions motto, "We Serve" is reflected in these actions. Thank you for your continued support KLSF!

Including the students attending school at KSSB, there are over 669 students who are legally blind, and 403 students who have low vision in the state of Kansas. One-thousand seventy-two (1,072) students with visual impairments in kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, dispersed across Kansas, receive various types of service from KSSB, but remain enrolled in their home school districts.



## Relieving the Hunger



## The Leo Corner

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.

*Leo Chair  
Sharon Teagarden-King*

## Your District Newsletter

Your District 17-I newsletter has undergone some significant changes.

To begin with, we have moved into the electronic realm by using electronic means only as our method of delivery. As DG Marion has indicated, we hope you will take it upon yourself, or encourage another member of your club who has internet access to pull up and print the newsletter each month for those members in your club who do not have internet access. If you will print each issue in black and white, it will drastically cut the cost of doing this service for your members. All printers are different so I cannot tell you how to configure your printer to print in black and white. There should, however be an option to do so. When you hit the print button, you will likely get a popup. One of the things you should see on that popup is "properties" or some such icon. If you click on that and go to an "advanced", you should see an option that indicates either b/w or grayscale. That will be your way to get the black and while prints.

Secondly, as I have told you in past issues, going totally electronic eliminates the space limitations that were imposed on us due to mailing cost. A first class stamp allows you to mail an item that weighs one ounce or less.. If the newsletter had more than 12 pages it usually cost the district an additional 17 cents. You will note that as a result of not having to concern myself with postage costs, this issue of the newsletter contains 17 pages, rather than the usual 12 of the past. That will allow us to put more and larger pictures in the issues so please see that I get stories and pictures of your club's activities and take this opportunity to crow about your club a bit.

Finally, I have changed the name of the newsletter from 17-I District Developments to 17-I District Dispatch because of the speed of electronic delivery. I am not enamored with that name so perhaps after having the chance to think more about it, I will change that name next issue. Stay tuned. (I am open to suggestions).

*Your newsletter editor  
Lion Bud Gillispie*



# 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.

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

**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.



# THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-WINTER RALLY 2012

January 13-15, 2012 Salina, Kansas

**HEADQUARTERS:** Ramada Inn  
1616 West Crawford  
Salina, Kansas Phone: 785-823-1739

Come be a part of the Mid-Winter Rally January 13-15, 2012. There will be seminars, information, learning opportunities, food, fun, fellowship, and Lions activities.

**Reservations for rooms MUST be called in by December 30, 2011!!** Ramada is requiring this advance reservations., so **we are strongly encouraged to call in as soon as possible. Our block will be cancelled after that date.** When calling in for a room reservation, please ask for the **Lions block** and rate. It is \$65.00 After that date, rooms are on a first come basis and at the regular price. **Please request the Lions block as this assures Lions credit toward the banquet and meeting rooms.**

**ADVANCE MEAL RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL MEALS.**  
**Meal reservations due January 6, 2012.** Please see reservation form in this issue.

**IMPORTANT:** Please register with the Lions Information table to pick up tickets and at the International Convention table to vote on the 2012-2013 State pin and District set, all located across from restaurant. All tickets must be picked up by Saturday 4:00 p.m. If tickets are ordered, but not picked up and payment given, the Lions Club or Lion that ordered them will be billed for the reservations

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13.....**

1:30 p.m.	2011- 2012 First Vice District Governors and spouses	Lobby Boardroom
3:30 p.m.	Second Vice District Governors/spouses	Lobby Boardroom
6:30 p.m.	Dinner- and fun evening of entertainment	See registration form

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14.....**

Breakfast Buffet – FREE if staying at Ramada Inn.  
Special Seminars  
Interactive booths – Learn and receive one on one assistance and materials  
Lunch - Recognizing our Leos and Peace Poster Contest winners. See registration form  
**Special Speaker...**  
Banquet - 6:30 p.m. See registration form.....  
**Guest Speaker.....Judge Haynes Townsend, Past International Director, Georgia**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16.....** Third State Council Meeting – business and reports 9:00 a.m.  
Deluxe Breakfast Buffet – FREE if staying at Ramada Inn. Devotional/PDG Meeting – 8:15 a.m.

**HOSPITALITY ROOM.....** Hosted by District 17-I Friday and Saturday - Second Floor Deck Area  
**Hospitality Room closed during meal functions and during the Entertainment Friday night...go enjoy the fun!**

**MEAL RESERVATIONS:** Lela Gillispie, 1414 Givens Road, Manhattan, 66503, C-785-532-8611, e-mail: kayg7@cox.net. **DEADLINE JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>.** Make checks payable to **Mid-Winter Rally.**

**REPORTS...**All reports are to be typed or in writing. Please prepare 20 copies to be distributed for all Governors, Council Chairman, International Family, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Vice District Governors and Parliamentarian. **Each one is responsible for the cost of copies of your report. There will be no billing at the desk to any group, committee or Council member.**



# THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-WINTER RALLY 2012

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012**

Breakfast FREE with key or coupon from desk

8:15 a.m.	Devotional/speaker and PDG Meeting	Room B
9:00 a.m.	<b>State Council Business Session</b>	
	Call to Order	Michele Hufferd
	Group Singing "America"	Mel Greene
	Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Ralph Rodgers
	Invocation	Clint Vawter
	Introduction of 2011-2012 State Council	Michele Hufferd
	Introductions/Remarks Past International Family	Michele Hufferd
	Introduction of Vice District Governors 2011-12	Michele Hufferd
	Adoption of Agenda	Michele Hufferd
	Parliamentarian Report	Chris Bauer
	Approval of Minutes of Second State Council Meeting	Michele Hufferd
	2011-2012 District Governor Reports	District Governors
	Treasurer Report	Hans Neidhardt
	Audit	DeAnne Heersche
	Budget and Finance	Dan Funke
	Constitution and By-Laws and SOP's	Chris Bauer
	Environmental	Louise Greenberg
	International Convention 2012	Bill Phillip i
	GMT and GMT Programs	Bill Phillip i & Tom Badger
	K-I	Tom Weathered
	Lions LCIF Program	Tom Badger
	Lions Health Programs	Vern Failor
	Long Range Planning	Chris Bauer
	Mid-Winter Rally	Bill Phillip i
	Public Relations	Denny Smith
	State Convention 2012	Tom McClernon
	State and International Band	Hans Neidhardt
	State Office	Michele Hufferd
	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum 2013	Neal Nichols
	Kansas Lions Foundation	Craig Donecker
	Kansas Lions Band Foundation	Willie Tolle
	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	Gene Vogel
	Unfinished Business	Michele Hufferd
	New Business	Michele Hufferd
	Adjournment	



# Kansas Lions

## Mid Winter Rally

January 13-15, 2012

Ramada Inn

Salina, Kansas



### Registration and Meal Reservation Form

	Number		Amount
Registration ( <i>fee applies to all attendees except Leos</i> )	_____	@ \$6.00	\$_____
Friday Dinner - Chicken Florentine with Supreme Sauce	_____	@\$15.00	\$_____
Saturday Lunch - Tex-Mex Buffet	_____	@\$15.00	\$_____
Saturday Banquet - Stuffed Pork Chop	_____	@\$16.00	\$_____
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$_____</b>

*Gratuity included in all meal prices.*

*\*Free continental breakfast available each morning to those guests registered at the hotel*

*\*Please Make your check(s) payable to "Mid-Winter Rally"*

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions(s), Leo(s) guest or club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lions/Leo Club \_\_\_\_\_

District : **L I O N S** (*please circle one*)

**Mail Reservations to:** Lion Lela Gillispie  
1414 Givens Road ,Manhattan KS 66503  
(785) 532-8611 [kayg7@cox.net](mailto:kayg7@cox.net)

### Final Date for Reservations

**January 7, 2012**

**Room Reservation must be made to hotel prior to December 30**

Hotel Phone number for reservations is 1-785-823-1739



## THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-WINTER RALLY 2012



**Judge Hayes and Donna Townsend**

**Georgia Dignitaries Give Southern Flavor To Kansas Lions' *Mid-Winter Rally*.** The annual *Mid-Winter Rally* of Kansas Lions will take on a Southern flavor as we play host to Past International Director Haynes & Donna Townsend of Dalton, Georgia, January 13-15, 2012, at the Ramada Convention Center in Salina.

Past Director Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, an International President Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Past Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

# MID WINTER RALLY

## HOSPITALITY ROOM

District 17-I is in charge of the hospitality room at Mid Winter Rally. Zone Chair Linda Leander, with help from the Assaria Lions, has agreed to be in charge of the hospitality room. Donations of food, as well as monetary donations, are needed in order to have a comfortable and inviting place for conversation and interaction for the Lions across the state.

Send donations of money, with checks payable to Mid-Winter Rally and indicating the donation is for the Hospitality Room, to the following address:

Lela Gillispie  
1414 Givens Road  
Manhattan KS,

Please send your donations in advance of MWR, if possible. The room will be open from 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm Friday and possibly after the Friday night entertainment. It will reopen at 8:00 am Saturday until approximately 11:30 am. It will be closed during the lunch. After lunch it will be open until 6:00 pm, when it will close for the banquet. There are no plans to have it open Sunday.

Suggestions for food items are the following: veggie trays, cookies, chips, donuts or breads for Saturday morning, popcorn, meat and cheese trays and any other finger foods. Coffee and tea will be available in the room, but will be made by those hosting the room. If you are planning to attend and are able to help with the room for an hour either Friday afternoon or Saturday, please contact Linda Leander at [leanderl@hometelco.net](mailto:leanderl@hometelco.net) or 785 667-3415 and let her know when you can help. If you have any questions, please contact Linda or me (Lela) at 785 532-8611 or [kayg7@cox.net](mailto:kayg7@cox.net).

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Manhattan KS 66503  
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#### Kansas Lions

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

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### LCI Headquarters Contact Information

#### **Lions Clubs International**

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Oak Brook, Illinois 60521-8842  
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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  
Ext. #6764

#### **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

**Youth Programs:** Ext. #324

### Upcoming Events

#### **January 1, 2012**

Riley Lions Club  
Good Luck Dinner  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

#### **January 7, 2012 6:30 pm**

PDG Meeting  
Western Sizzlin'  
West Crawford  
Salina

#### **January 13-15, 2012**

Mid-Winter Rally  
Salina Ramada Inn

#### **March 3, 2012**

District Convention  
1st Lutheran Church - Manhattan



## THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-WINTER RALLY 2012

**Take advantage of a great opportunity to expand your knowledge about low vision evaluations and the collaborative project involving Kansas Lions, Kansas State School for the Blind, and the Kansas Optometric Association -with funding from LCIF.**

*KanLovKids*, the statewide low vision project which has received a SightFirst grant from LCIF, will hold a low vision clinic in Salina on Friday, January 13. This clinic has been scheduled on the day the MidWinter Rally begins so that Kansas Lions will have an opportunity to observe a low vision evaluation, which is quite different from a vision screening or atypical eye exam. We hope many of you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Two of the eleven eye care professionals who are participants in this program will be teaming for these evaluations. They are Dr. Linda Lawrence of Salina, and Dr. Joseph Maino, who provides low vision evaluations at Kansas State School for the Blind. The clinic will be at the following location:

Office of Dr. Linda Lawrence  
1410 E. Iron, Suite 6  
Salina, KS 67401

Evaluations have been scheduled for the following times: **8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.** Because the examination rooms are not large, no more than 2 observers can be accommodated at any one time. If you would like to sign up to observe at one of the time slots, please contact Beverly Nichols at [taxi-math@aol.com](mailto:taxi-math@aol.com) (913-642-7520). Lions close to the Salina area might want to sign up for a morning slot, while those of you driving in from a greater distance might want the afternoon. (Or, you might come in on Thursday night and be able to observe a morning evaluation.) If a time slot is already full Beverly will contact you to schedule an alternative time.

# DISTRICT 17-I CONVENTION:

## MARCH 3, 2012

### 1st Lutheran Church Manhattan

We are having our annual district convention one day only, March 3. You won't have to stay overnight, with motel bills for two nights and several food bills. We will start at 9:00 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.

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.

Director Spiess and his wife, Rita, also a Lion and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.



# 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 Meeting

District Cabinet Meeting

District Convention

Voting

3:30 pm Adjourn



ID Eugene M. Spiess



# Lions MD 17-I Convention

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

March 3, 2012

## Registration

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

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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Lela Gillispie  
1414 Givens Rd.  
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Cell (785)532-8611  
E-mail: [kayg7@cox.net](mailto:kayg7@cox.net)