



17-I District Developments

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

June, 2011

From your District Governor

WOW!! It's time for the June newsletter already. Where did this year go? It seems like just a few weeks ago that Jerry & I were getting ready to head to Australia for my DG training.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to meet all the wonderful and diverse Lions in this great district. No matter where my travels took me one thing was constant, Lions meeting the needs of their communities. This is done in as many different ways as there are needs. Thank you for your wonderful service.

The campaign for the Pedia-Vision screener is moving right along. We have a total of \$8,185.00 raised so far. At the meeting of the Sight Foundation on May 1st we found out there is an update to the unit. It makes it even more user friendly but, of course, there is a price change for these updates. We now need to raise \$10,500.00.

KLSF is going to purchase a Pedia-Vision screener for use on the Mobile Screening Unit. We are having the Kansas Lions Foundation estab-

lish an account for our district for the Pedia-Vision funds. They are a 501c-3. The money is held until we tell them we are ready to use it, they will then transfer the money back to us.

Please make your checks out to Kansas Lions Foundation and put MD 17-I in the memo. You can mail the checks to me or DGE Marion Schroll. Remember the quicker we raise the funds the quicker we can start screening in our district.

You may have wondered why I was attending the KLSF board meeting on the 1st of May. PDG Doug McBlair resigned from the board on April 30th due to health reasons. I want to thank PDG Doug for his many years of service to Lions and the Sight Foundation. I know we all wish him a speedy return to good health.

After much discussion at the Cabinet meeting it was decided that I would replace PDG Doug on the board. I was planning to run for the position next year when his term expired so I can continue my work with the Pedia-Vision and other projects. If you are interested in this

position please let me know, I will be happy to visit with you on all that is required of a KLSF board member.

If you haven't gotten your registration in for Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute it is not to late, you will just have to pay a little more. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity for training you will use in every walk of your life. Registration is on the website and on page 7 of this newsletter.

So far this year we have been very lucky and haven't had to call the Alert Team out for a major disaster in our district. Such is not the case for District 17-S. Thank you to all the Lions from District 17-I for all the help you have given in the recovery efforts in Reading.

I want to thank every one of you for making this a wonderful year for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Governor. I have been blessed with a wonderful cabinet, committees and fantastic Vice District Governors. Thank you all for your service.

*Marilyn Sorenson
District Governor*

From your District Governor-Elect

DGE Marion's Musings

Our District Alert Program and Disaster Relief

In the recent past, Lions International has credited our contributions to their foundation, LCIF, by our designating whether we wanted the contribution to go to Japanese

earthquake victims or southeastern US tornado victims. That is a great idea that allows Lions all over the world to help with massive disaster relief in large areas. Disaster



From your District Governor-Elect (continued)

relief is a large part of what Lions do to help people worldwide.

But what do Lions in Kansas and our district do when disaster strikes Reading, Kansas or any area in Kansas? There is a program in place called "ALERT". PDG Daryl Stone is both District 17-i and Kansas Lions chair for this committee. I'm sure he was packing his bags as soon as he got the news about the Reading tornado.

Daryl and other Kansas Lions have been some of the first folks on the scene at Greensburg and Chapman after their tornadoes and southeast Kansas after floods very recently.

I'm asking Daryl to give our district a report in this newsletter in a couple months after he has time to get back home and tell you about his latest experience. We will be telling how individual Lions or Lions Clubs can help our fellow Kansans.

In the meantime, I want to share some thoughts about disaster relief to help Lions.

I speak with experience from the June, 1966 tornado that hit Topeka, and from years of Topeka fire-

fighting, Red Cross disaster training, and personal disaster relief from a trip to Louisiana after hurricanes Katrina and Rita 6 years ago.

We hear of a disaster, and we want to help. I've seen well meaning individuals and companies gather up any and all items and bring them to disaster sites.

What they don't realize is that the major relief agencies, the Red Cross, Salvation Army, Lions, church disaster volunteers, all have plans in place to buy new goods, clothing, household items for victims.

Your truckload of used furniture and clothing may end up on a loading dock forever or never be used and have to be hauled to the dump.

So, please, please, do not bring items to a disaster scene. Instead, volunteer your time if you can.

There are always tasks to be done at a disaster. And this is the hard part for some of us: donate money to your favorite disaster relief, not goods.

We hope you will donate to district Lions disaster relief. Your money will be used by relief pros to

buy the items needed, not what we think might help. If money giving is a problem, and with the lousy recent economy, that might keep you from making a generous contribution, then consider raising funds by have a fundraising event by your club.

Make sure to publicize your event, and to let people know that funds are going to the Reading tornado relief, or whatever is the latest Kansas problem. Lions relief efforts have the highest rating of funds actually used for people in trouble with very, very, little for administration of the funds.

Calendar notes

The next District 17-i cabinet meeting will be August 20, 2011 at a place and time to be announced in the July newsletter.

Our next District 17-i convention will be March 3, 2012 in Manhattan at the 1st Lutheran church, 930 Poyntz Avenue. This will be a one day only convention.

Yours in Lionism,
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The Leo Corner

Leo Camp Out

The King's are planning a District Leo Camp Out in their backyard August 12th to August 13. Clubs with the nicest camp site will win the Leo traveling Lion (which is presented by Valley Heights). Leo Clubs; be planning your site and watch for further information.



Youth Exchange

At last report, Kalen Stockton, sponsored by the Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka, District O, was busy purchasing host family gifts, and making the final arrangements for her exchange with the Chanteclair family in Orleans, France this summer. I am sure that when she returns, she will be glad to share her experiences with the Lions of Kansas.

Our host families for this summer are already corresponding via e-mail with their exchange students. From Italy, *Laura Melioli* will be hosted in District O, by Lynda Adwell. She plans to do her exchange in late June.

ZC Kris and Rachel Jones, from the Hunter Lions Club in District I, are hosting *Yuka Ishibashi*, one of our three Japanese exchange students. And PCC Harry and Lorraine Stockwell, from the Augusta club in District S, are planning to host *Madoka Magasaka*, and *Mako Osaki*, the other two girls from Japan. The Japanese students come in August,

At this point, we do not know for sure that *Jonathan Mareschal*, will be doing his exchange in Kansas. The Jim Gableman family from the Lincoln club, in District I, have volunteered to host. But to date, we have not heard from Jonathan, nor the youth exchange chairs from France, so we are not certain this exchange is going to happen. He may have already been placed in another state.

We want to thank all the families who have volunteered to host this year. And as always, I ask if you or someone you know, can host one of our exchange students please contact me. Ideally, we would have several 'host families' with information on file, available to call when we have a student needing a host.

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Club News

Two additional District 17-I clubs have joined those who took heed to the call of Lions International President Sid Scruggs for clubs around the world to plant a tree on public property within their communities. Those two clubs are shown on the right.

Woodbine Lions



The Woodbine Lions club planted two Greenspire Linden trees in the Woodbine City Park on April 30, 2011. Pictured, left to right (gray shirt) Lions tail-twister Jerry Volkman, President Orville Kickhaefer and past president Ralph Fitzgerald.

Manhattan Lions



The Manhattan Lions Club planted this tree in the Northwest corner of Manhattan City Park. Participating Lions included Paul Fleener, Shirley Fleener, Don Robertson, K Taylor, Al Kiethly, PDG Jim Tubach, Patsy Tubach, and Margo Caley.



Zone 8 News

Zone 8 picnic, June 18, 6:30 PM - potluck, Milford Lions hosting at 1012 Sun Circle, Greenwood's yard.

Everyone invited to a fun evening, great food, and to learn about all the activities in Zone 8 (well not all).

A big thank you goes to excellent zone 8 hosts this year at Wakefield and the Junction City Sundowners.

Special guest: District Governor Marilyn Sorenson

Also, help is needed for the Kansas Screening Mobile Bus to be held at the Geary County Fair, July 19-21. Thanks to all those who helped last year.

Everyone is invited to visit zone 8 clubs which meet in the following locations and on the indicated dates.

Abilene Every Wed. noon---Community Center, 1020 NW 8th St.
Chapman 3rd Monday 6:30 PM Shamrock Inn, 114 E 4th
Enterprise 2nd & 4th Tuesday 6:30 PM Rachel's Café—Factory St.
Junction City Sundowners 1st Thursday
Milford 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM Potluck Milford City Bldg
Solomon 1st & 3rd Mondays 6:30 PM Methodist Church
Wakefield 4th Tuesday 7:00 PM Farm Museum, 606 Elm
Longford 2 & 4th Wednesdays 7:00 PM Coachlight Restaurant

Enterprise, Solomon, and Wakefield don't meet in the summer.

Zone 8 Lion Chair

Bev Greenwood

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A special thank you from the Volkman

Thank you to everyone who signed the "thinking of you " card that was sent to us from the District Cabinet Meeting. Our grandson, Justin will be having chemo treatments thru November and one surgery during that time..

We truly appreciate your concern and prayers.

Jerry and Sharon Volkman



Upcoming Events

June 2, 2011

Keats Lions Plant/Garden Sale

June 2-4, 2011

State Convention Lawrence

Guest Speaker IP Sid Scruggs

June 18, 2011

Zone 8 Potluck at Greenwoods.

July 4-8, 2011

Lions International Convention

Seattle, Washington

July 9-16, 2011

post convention Alaskan Cruise

July 22-24, 2011

GP Lions Leadership Forum

Doanes College, Crete Nebraska

September 22-24, 2011

USA/Canada Forum

Anchorage, Alaska



Some Interesting Facts about our organization

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. We have 1.35 million members in [more than 45,000 clubs](#) worldwide.

Lions are everywhere. We're active men and women in more than [206 countries and geographic areas](#).

Lions have a dynamic history. Founded in 1917, we are best known for fighting blindness – it's part of [our history](#) as well as our work today. But we also volunteer for many different kinds of community projects – including caring for the environment, feeding the hungry and aiding seniors and the disabled.

Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward their mission of providing vision for all. We have extended our commitment to sight conservation through countless local efforts and through our international SightFirst Program, which works to eradicate blindness.

Lions serve youth. Our community projects often [support local children and schools](#) through scholarships, recreation and mentoring. Internationally, we offer many programs, including the Peace Poster Contest, Youth Camps and Exchange and Lions Quest. And our Leo Program provides personal development through [youth volunteer opportunities](#). There are approximately 144,000 Leos and 5,700 Leo clubs in more than 140 countries worldwide.

Lions award grants. Since 1968, the [Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF) has awarded more than US\$700 million in grants to support Lions humanitarian projects around the world. Together, our Foundation and Lions are helping communities following natural disasters by providing for immediate needs such as food, water, clothing and medical supplies – and aiding in long-term reconstruction.

Lions are active. Our motto is "We Serve." Lions are part of a global service network, doing whatever is necessary to help our local communities.

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Membership Division: Ext. #304

Basic Mentoring Guide -

Order # MTR-11 - Updated 5-2010

The Lion Magazine: Ext. #312

Public Relations:

General Information/Request

Ext. #6764

Club Supplies Division:

General Information – Ext. #6921

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LCIF: General Information

Ext. #383

Legal: Information Ext. #360

Insurance: Certificate of Insurance

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Youth Programs: Ext. #324



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

What: Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.

When: July 22-24, 2011 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 22nd. Adjournment and checkout by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2011. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 22nd is at 11 :30 AM.

Where: Doane College, Crete, Nebraska

Cost: \$125 (US-Funds) per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2011 covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. After June 1, 2011 cost increases to \$140 per attendee. A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional \$25 per attendee. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann. Each participating multiple district may select up to 25 applicants to attend.

This important institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

Included will be dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

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PIN ORDER FORM

Please send me a GPLLI pin. My association with GPLLI is as follows
(Please check one):

- 1. Student _____, Year _____
- 2. Faculty _____, Year _____
- 3. Staff _____, Year _____
- 4. Board _____, Year _____

This is / is not my initial order (Please circle one)

_____ Enclosed is **US\$3.90** for my initial order; or, US\$4.15 for a replacement order, to cover the cost of the pin plus shipping.

_____ Attached is US\$1.65 for my initial pin; or, US\$2.50 for a replacement pin because shipping is not needed (I am picking up my pin at the Institute or other Lions event).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Lions District _____ Date _____

Make check or money order payable to GPLLI.

Mail order form and payment to:
PID Ernest Young
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Lansing, KS 66043-1432

Or, arrange to bring the form and payment to a GPLLI session
or other Lions venue.

Questions may be directed to PID Emie Young
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NOTE: One pin is authorized per affiliate.



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