



District Developments

Kansas MD 17-I

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Notes from the Editor

Send all club information to me, Bud Gillispie, on or before the 20th of each month; all late submissions will be included in the next month's newsletter.

I ask your involvement in your district newsletter. The content of this publication is, to a large extent, dependent on you submitting your material to me at....

Webmaster@lionsdistrict17-i.com

Upcoming Events

May 2, 2009

District Cabinet Meeting.

Abilene

May 28-30, 2009

Kansas Lions Convention

Lion President Al Brandel will be our guest

June 7, 2009

Keats Lions Auction

July 6-10, 2009

International Convention

Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 17-19, 2009

Great Plains Leadership

Forum - *Storm Lake Iowa*

September 24-26, 2009

USA/Canada Leadership

Forum - *Memphis, Tennessee*

From the Governor's Desk ...

Looking back on this year as your District Governor I know that I have fought for what was right and fair, that I have risked for that which mattered, and that I have given help to those who were in need; that I will have left this district a better place for what I've done. I will miss each of you, my friends, but it will soon be time to move on to new and different Lions positions knowing our district will be in the good hands of DGE Bill Phillip. Thank you all for a great Lions Year. DG Thelma

This year as your District Governor is going by way too quickly. I can only hope that, together, we have made someone's life a little easier, restored Sight to the people in our communities and in the world and impressed upon our children the need for peace within our nation. I believe that you and I are accomplishing all of the above.

By now your club should have held elections and **needs to submit your PU101** forms to International. Remember also that the MMR's are due **monthly even if your club is**



not meeting during the summer months. Is it possible to cut back the number of meetings per month and still meet regularly? Summer is a busy time in our lives but is also an extremely busy time in our Lions life.

I know that numerous clubs have started the Yellow Dot Program for Diabetes Awareness. This is an excellent program but does require some work preparing the details with the emergency crews in your hometown. This is a great opportunity to put an article in your local paper explaining the Yellow Dot Program to your community.

Mark **May 2nd** on your calendar to attend the last District Cabinet Meeting / Training in

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Abilene at the Presbyterian Church. Make plans to attend the State Convention in Wichita May 28-30 and meet International President Al Brandel and wife Dr. Maureen. Don't forget about The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July.

A governor cannot write an article without mentioning the need for bringing in new members to our clubs. Congratulations to the many clubs that have accomplished this goal for the year. At last viewing Manhattan Lions Club was in the lead with +9 members for

the year. Great job, Manhattan Lions Club.

DID YOU KNOW??
Did you know that a **Lion**, besides being a large mammal of the cat family, is also listed in the Webster's Dictionary as – a person of great importance or prestige? Do you think our Lions Clubs Organization was the meaning behind the people part of this description?

Has your club sent their LCIF donation to PDG Don King at Waterville? District I should always expect **100%** of our clubs to donate to our own Foundation. Your District Governor is asking \$20 per

club but any amount is acceptable. If you have not sent your donation to PDG Don, it is not too late to do so.

Keep up the good work Lions. Nothing worthwhile ever happens quickly and easily. You achieve only if you stay determined to meet your goals. Why don't we all go out and sponsor a new Lions or two before the year-end. Once you have brought in your first member it sets you on fire to continue doing so. Good Luck. You can all do this

Keep on achieving. I believe in you.

*District Governor
Lion Thelma Brown*

News from the Vice-District Governor and DGE

It has been said if you change your thoughts you can change the world. The only real impediment to Lions evolving and increasing our stature and numbers in our communities is ourselves.

We belong to the best public service organization in the world. One that has proven time and again, generation after generation, year after year, and country after country that Lions are of great value to the world. We Lions have the formula for success. Service to others is a magnificent, endeavor with great staying power. And, we have a lot of fun while serving the needs of others. It is time to evolve from our past, and look to the future.

Lions, be creative. Use your imagination. Dream up new

ways of holding meetings, attracting new members and doing service in your communities. Respond to your changing world and community with fresh ideas and innovative thinking. Be practical, but don't hesitate to experiment. No one likes change but we all relish success. Push aside those invisible barriers that we erect--that box that regulates our actions.

Think outside the box. Our community and the world needs us. Our service is indispensable. It's up to us to remain relevant.

Lion Vickie and I just returned from a great weekend in Wichita. The annual District Governor-elect training was held on April 17-18-and 19. The training was invaluable.



Included in the activities was the Grand Gala, hosted by District Gov. Bryce Day. Proceeds from the Gala went to Leader Dog. Those proceeds amounted to just over \$30,000. It just shows what one can do if they think outside the box, and try something new.

*Vice District Gov./ DGE
Lion Bill Phillipi*

Are you scared

about your incoming officer team?
... then send them to leadership training.
Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)

Who: Club & District Officers

What: Leadership Skills

When: July 17-19, 2009

Where: Storm Lake, IA (Buena Vista Univ.)

How: Register now with your full payment to reserve your place.

If you want to have a frightening great time and learn relevant leadership and club/personal management skills, then contact Lion Marcus Ashlock, MD 17-I GPLLI Chair, for more information at ashlock@ksu.edu or call (785) 341-7573. Scholarships and possible transportation are available!!

GPLLI Chair, Marcus Ashlock

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 17-19, 2009 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 17th. Adjournment and checkout by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 17th is at 11:30 AM.

WHERE: Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.

COST: \$110 (US Funds) per attendee covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. 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).

A form of application is available. Included will be dynamic presenters from across North America, 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.

7th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Provided for the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Buena Vista University—Storm Lake, Iowa
July 17-19, 2009

Registration Form – One Form Per Attendee – Please type or print **LEGIBLY**

Name _____ | _____ | _____ Badge Name (If Different) _____
Last First Initial

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ | _____ | _____ _____
Street Number/PO Box City State Zip/PC

Phone(____) _____ | (____) _____ | _____
Home Business e-mail Address

Sub District No _____ Number of years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee of \$110.00 US must accompany this application. Make checks **payable in US funds to GPLLI** and mail to Rick Myers with this form. **Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT WITH THE APPLICATION.**

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Buena Vista University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$25.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 17th and check out must be completed by 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 19th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25.00 to registration fee).

_____ Diabetic Diet requested.

_____ Vegetarian Diet requested.

_____ Wheelchair Access required.

_____ Please list any other special requests.

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to:

PID Gary Fry PO Box 606 Mitchellville, IA 50169 (515)967-4645 frvgj35@msn.com	PID Lloyd Hansen 312 17 th Ave. Brookings, SD 57006 (605) 692-2471 lh@brookings.net	PID Rick Myers 2790 Big Island Road Fremont, NE 68025 (402)721-3686 rmymers@MICROLNK.com
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PID Ernie Young 103 Ferncliff St. Lansing, KS 66043 evyoungks@aol.com	PID Randy Heitmann Box 340 Cambridge, NE 69022 byron@swnebr.net
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Lions Green Team projects for Earth Day

World Environment Day

Your Lions club can organize a Lions Green Team environment project for United Nations World Environment Day, Friday, June 5, 2009. Suggested Lions Green Team projects include:

Clean-up project

Remove debris from a roadway, nature trail, waterway, or public park. Remove graffiti from public places.

Tree planting project

Absorb carbon from the atmosphere by planting trees. If

every Lions club planted a tree, the planet would have 45,000 more trees.

Recycling project

Organize a community collection of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, computer parts, cellular telephones, inkjet cartridges, even rubber-soled gym shoes.

Education project

Sponsor a "Go Green Club" at a local school. Demonstrate use of rain barrels for water management. Organize a hybrid car

show.

Send news of your successful Lions Green Team project to: programs@lionsclubs.org

To learn more about Lions Green Team projects, attend these 92nd Annual Lions International Convention seminars: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, 3:15-4:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8
New Projects Attract New Members, 1-3 p.m., Thursday, July 9

Lions District 17-I Cabinet Meeting

May 2, 2009

Presbyterian Church
1400 N. Cedar – Abilene, KS

The final Cabinet meeting of the year is just around the corner!

There will be officer training for the new **Presidents & Secretaries** of the 2009-2010 year at 9:30 A.M. Zone chairs please notify your clubs of this training. There will also be the every popular round robin discussion for those not attending training.

The ladies of the church will be starting our day off with giant cinnamon rolls & coffee for \$2.50. Lunch will be chicken salad on rolls, potato salad, fruit cup, dessert & beverage for a cost of \$7.50.

When making your reserva-

tions if you want just breakfast or just lunch be sure to let me know. Unless you specify only one meal I will put you down for both. The cut off date for reservations is **Monday, April 27th**. Please bring your checks made out to MD17-I for the meals.

Following the final awards presentations of the year we will have our cabinet meeting. As you have read in previous announcements and the newsletter we will be voting on our 2nd Vice District Governor candidate Lion Marion Schroll from the Riley Lions Club. It is very important that all voting members of the cabinet

attend for this vote. Be sure to have plenty of copies of your reports to pass out.

We will wrap up the day with an ice cream social hosted by DG Thelma. Enter the basement of the church on the lower level on the west side.

Remember I need reservations by **April 27th**. You can phone me at 785-335-2247 or email me at ...

herrmanhouse@nckdirect.com

or lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com

*Yours in Lionism,
MD17-I Cabinet Secretary
Lion Marilyn Sorenson*

Lions MD17-I Cabinet Meeting & Training

Saturday May 2, 2009

Presbyterian Church – 1400 N. Cedar St.
Abilene, KS

- 9:00 a.m. Registration – Coffee & cinnamon rolls
- 9:30 – 11:30 Club Officer Training or Round Robin
- 11:45 Welcome DG Thelma Brown
Pledge - DGE Bill Phillip
Singing of America
Invocation – Lion Larry Coulson
LUNCH
Awards – DG Thelma Brown
- 1:30 Cabinet Meeting Called to Order DG Thelma Brown
Roll Call VDGE Marilyn Sorenson
Establish Protocol
District Governor Remarks – DG Thelma Brown
Minutes of the Feb. 21st meeting – VDGE Marilyn Sorenson
Treasurer's Report – Lion Virginia Hoover
Unfinished Business
New Business
 Elect 2nd VDG
DGE Remarks – DGE Bill Phillip
Zone Chair Reports
Committee Chair Reports
Adjourn to Ice Cream Social

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS

Diamond Pins Awarded for MEMBERSHIP!!

Clubs with membership growth for the year ending June 30, 2009, will receive diamond pins. International President Al Brandel announced the Club President's Diamond Challenge Awards in December.

A two-member net growth

merits a single diamond pin. A four-member net growth earns a two-diamond pin and so on with a 10 member net growth resulting in a 5-diamond pin.

In a letter to club presidents, Brandel wrote, "I want your club to be part of the **Club**

President's Diamond Challenge Award, to have a passion for inviting members, and for you as club president to guide your club toward miracles everyday."

Lion and DG Thelma

**KANSAS LIONS
STATE CONVENTION
WICHITA AIRPORT HILTON
2098 AIRPORT ROAD
PHONE 316.945.5272
www.wichitaairport.hilton.com
Lions rate \$91/night**

(If you wish to make your reservation online and to get the Lions rate, go to the above site, proceed with the reservation process. When you get to the dates and preferences page, go down to the Special Accounts section, then Group/Convention code and enter LION. It should give you the \$91.00 rate.)

KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

May 28—30, 2009

Thursday—DGE and spouses review meeting

Friday—State Council business meetings

Seminar—service learning opportunity

Friday night fun at the Late Show with David Lion-man

Saturday—Kansas Lions band concert

Afternoon convention session

Saturday night celebration banquet

SPECIAL GUESTS:

International President Al Brandel & Lion Dr. Maureen Murphy

LIONS SHARE

Bring your stuffed LION TOYS for the Greensburg Hospital

LIONS
SHARE

REGISTRATION FORM

KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION May 28-30, 2009

NAME _____ Club _____
NAME _____ Club _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
e-mail _____

Registration due by May 22, 2009

Registration fee, per person	_____ X	\$5.00	= \$ _____
Thursday night dinner	_____ X	\$12.50	= \$ _____
Friday lunch	_____ X	\$13.00	= \$ _____
Friday dinner	_____ X	\$15.00	= \$ _____
Saturday lunch	_____ X	\$13.00	= \$ _____
Saturday celebration banquet	_____ X	\$20.00	= \$ _____
TOTAL			\$ _____

Checks payable to Kansas Lions Convention
Mail to Pat Agnew, Kansas Lions Convention
231 South Tyler Road, Wichita, KS 67209
E-mail kansaslions@aol.com

WICHITA AIRPORT HILTON
2098 AIRPORT ROAD
PHONE 316.945.5272
www.wichitaairport.hilton.com
Lions rate \$91/night

Reservations due May 14

The Roar From Within - Club News ...

Manhattan Lions Club

The Manhattan Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11. While there was no official count on the number of children involved in the hunt, there were a total of 2,500 plastic, candy filled eggs given out by the Lions. The event was a huge success and garnered a front page story in the Sunday, April 12 Manhattan Mercury, complete with photographs of some of the happy kids. What great PR that was.



Lion Doris Nemes

has received her degree in Business Management from University of Phoenix (not on line except the last three courses because there were no other students). Graduation is May 30 in Overland Park's Convention Center.

Zone 3

Zone 3 attendees tour the new storm room at KSDS



Waterville Lions Club

Waterville Lions tour Waterville Public Library



Keats Lions Club

Keats Lions Club Consignment Fundraiser Auction
 Sunday June 7th
 Bring Consignments starting at 9:00 a.m.
 Sale to begin at 12:00 noon

Please let a member of the Keats Lions Club know if you would like to consign anything.

Milford Lions Club

Major Gary Lloyd of Ft Riley explaining to the Milford Lions Club that his unit from Ft Riley is ready and willing to assist the Milford Lions on any project they might have coming up in the next few weeks.

Esbon Lions Club



Mankato, KS held a community Health Fair on March 26, 2009. Esbon Lions with the help of the Health Fair committee arranged to have the Kansas Lions Screening bus at the Health fair. By 5:30 A.M. driver Ron Bretz was leading the volunteers in orientation. At 6:00 am the health fair opened. Local community volunteers as well as Esbon Lions were soon screening local residents. The registration table reported 50+ residents going through the screening process between 6:00 am and 10:00 am. Several in the community expressed how impressed they were by the Lions bus. Several Lions and volunteers were impressed with the orientation and the ease with which they were able to learn and do tests.

PDG Ken Smith



Please note Change in LCIF Wire Transfers

LCIF is thankful for the generosity of our many benefactors at the individual, club, district and multiple district levels that send donations to LCIF via Wire Transfer.

An important banking change has occurred. We are asking your assistance in distributing the information regarding this banking change to your fellow Lions.

Wire transfer donations should no longer be directed to

Northern Trust.

This bank account will no longer accept donations for LCIF via wire transfer in a couple of month. JP Morgan Chase is now processing the banking of payments sent via wire transfer for LCIF and LCI.

Donation payments and club administrative payments are directed to different accounts. It is important that donations are directed to the LCIF

account and not the LCI account. The link below provides specific information and account numbers for the LCIF wire transfers account only and should be used for donations. <http://lionsclubs.org/EN/lci-foundation/supporting-our-work/make-a-donation/lions-lcif-donatewire.php>

Questions regarding the change can be directed to lcif@lionsclubs.org.

The Leo Corner



Effective Leo Advisors need three things: Good listening skills. A good sense of humor eternal patience. Leo Advisors must challenge young people to think about their behavior and its consequences, and question their prejudices and assumptions. Even when activities appear to be purely recreational, a Leo Advisor will seek to draw out educational elements. Put another way, a Leo Advisor must have a plan of action, exceptional interpersonal skills, be able to get on with other people and under-

stand them, and communicate well at all levels.

Take for example one of our Valley Heights Leo rules: *If you do not show up and have not called the head advisor with a no show reason day prior an event or project you are charged \$0.50. This was put into effect for the following reasons:

- Teaching responsibility of participation
- The club's treasury can use the dough!
- Showing respect for your leaders and co-members.

Don't leave them in a ditch! Leo Advisors are not expected to be an expert on everything affecting young people, but they should have a good knowledge about the community in which they are working, and the circumstances of young people within it. They also need to keep abreast of policy developments and legislation at both national and local level. Mainly remember what LEO stands for: Leadership - Experience and Opportunity and use it.

Zone 3 Chair

LIONS QUEST



A Program of Lions
Clubs International
Foundation

Lions Quest or D.A.R.E.?

Here are four significant differences between Lions Quest and D.A.R.E. that might be helpful for Lions and schools to recognize:

Drug Awareness Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) is an information-based program that focuses on toxicology and pharmacology of illegal drugs, with some newly added bullying prevention lessons. Lions Quest is a broad-based life skills approach, an approach that is recognized by the World Health Organization, National Institute for Drug Abuse, and other experts, as more effective than simply sharing information about drugs. Life skills education teaches and reinforces the skills necessary for young people to apply their knowledge of drugs, resist negative peer pressure, set goals, and develop positive, healthy behaviors.

Due to its lack of evaluation outcomes, D.A.R.E. cannot be found on any of the recent lists

distributed by the United States Department of Education, the National Institute for Drug Abuse, or the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning. With a long history of research-based program development and rigorous evaluation outcomes, Lions Quest programs have been recognized by all three of the aforementioned groups.

A law enforcement officer facilitates D.A.R.E. instruction once per week, over an 8-week period in fifth or seventh grade. Lions Quest is integrated across the curriculum by a trained and certified classroom teacher, thereby taking advantage of the opportunity for the “teachable moment” that occurs in every classroom. This process also allows for the teacher to infuse and reinforce concepts throughout the school year ensuring that they become a natural way of life. (We do agree that a positive relationship can be established between officers in

the classroom and young people, one of the stronger points of the D.A.R.E. program.)

D.A.R.E. is funded through federal, state, and local taxes. This makes D.A.R.E. susceptible to local funding cuts, administration changes within the law enforcement agency, and/or change in priorities among law enforcement agencies in a given locale. Lions Quest programs are eligible for Safe and Drug Free Schools funds, as well as other federal funding related to youth development including character education and service-learning. Lions Quest is found on the approved programs list for many states’ tobacco settlement funding, opening this option for implementation of Lions Quest in the schools. In addition, Lions Quest provides local Lions clubs as community allies, often bringing both financial and important volunteer support, which is not available with D.A.R.E.

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

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- ... and much more!



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