



District Developments

Lions District 17-I

May 2010

From the Governor's Desk ...

April has been a quiet month for our district. I hope by now that all of our clubs have had their elections of new officers and have filed their PU 101 form. Many of the clubs, I have found, have elections, but fail to make a report. It is from these reports that International and our state know who club officers are and the time and place the club meets. If you have not already done so, PLEASE send your report in. It is also a time when you can add E-mail addresses to the roster. Additionally it is apparent that several clubs are not sending in their MMR reports monthly. Some have not even filed this year. Lets make an effort to get the April report to LCI in early May.

Lion Vickie and I were honored to be a guest of the Manhattan club on April 12. The guest speaker was Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson. The meal was great, and what a delightful place to hold the banquet. Following the meeting we were given a tour of the Purple Wave auction building and learned a lot about online bidding.

Also in April we were in Mankato to celebrate the new branch club that is being formed by the



Esbon club. This, I am sure, will be a welcome addition to the Mankato area. I hope that very soon they will be their own club.

I have been busy this past month working on next years state cabinet. I am nearly done and will send the information off this next week. We are also planning our trip to the International convention in Sidney Australia this summer. Some important dates to remember for district Lions are the State Convention in Olathe on June 3-5 and the USA/Canada Forum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in September. The Great Plains Leadership conference is rapidly approaching also. Registration forms are available online or you may contact any of the district officers for more information.

I hope as we finish out our Lion year that each club will continue to serve with a lions pride in their community, working to maintain their membership and perhaps even gaining a few members. For each new member we bring into our fold we have two more hands to provide service to our nation.

Once again it had been a pleasure to serve as your Governor. If you need any information or assistance I am only a phone call or click away.

*District Governor
Bill Phillip*

Upcoming Events

May 25, 2010

Chapman Lions Circus - Chapman

June 3-5, 2010

State Convention - Olathe

June 3-5, 2010

State Council Meeting - Olathe

June 5, 2010

Keats Annual Auction - Keats

Jun 28 - Jul 2, 2010

Lions International Convention
Sydney, Australia

September 10-19, 2010

Kansas State Fair - Hutchinson

Mobile Screening Unit

Volunteer help is needed

September 24-25, 2010

USA/Canada Forum - Milwaukee

From the District Governor-Elect

Is spring finally here? I hope so. If it is, I guess it is time for us to have a picnic to celebrate its arrival. Time is fast approaching for our final cabinet meeting of the year & club officer training. It will be held Saturday, June 12th in Manhattan at the 1st United Methodist Church at the corner of Poyntz & sixth Streets.

That signals the time for new officers to meet, get to know each other & participate in some great training to start their year of serving their club off on the right foot. The leadership team has put together great training for all club officers. I will be training all zone chairs. Even if you have served before please plan on attending this training. Things have changed in the past few years & I am sure you will want to be up on all the latest. We will have training in the morning; lunch will be on our own followed by our last cabinet meeting of the year in the afternoon & the district picnic.

Everyone is encouraged to stay for the cabinet meeting, or to explore Manhattan for a while on your own. Be sure to join everyone for the district picnic that will follow the cabinet meeting. We will be going to Anneberg Park Shelter #2 for a cookout. (A map showing the route from the church to the park will be available at the meeting). Please bring any side dish or dessert you would like.

The meat & drinks will be furnished. This will be a great time to get to know Lions from other clubs as well as the new cabinet members for next year. Of course spouses are always welcome and encouraged to attend, even if they are not Lions yet. Do you have prospective Leos in your family? Be sure to bring them too. Please make reservations with me for the training so we will know how much material to have on hand and for the picnic so we can plan for the meal.

Spring is the time of new growth & that is evident in Lions too. (Not talking about my waist line) New branch clubs are popping up as well as several new Leo clubs. Great work Lions! It is also the perfect time to recruit new members into your club. Ask prospective members to join you in your spring & summer projects. Explain to them just where the money you raise goes & then offer them the opportunity to join in the fun. One of the most heard answers to the question of why aren't you a Lion is I haven't been asked.

Have you reserved the Mobile Screening Unit for your fair this summer? I know several of you have. Be sure to get your request in, those dates go fast.

I am sure by now all of you have sent in your PU101 to report the new officers for your club. If not do it right now!

Be sure to get those applications into Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. (More information on the Institute is on the following page of this newsletter). This is one of the best leadership trainings you can attend & it is only a weekend. Scholarships are available.

Please send your reservations for the officer training (please specify what position) and the picnic no later than June 7th to me at 785-335-2247 or email lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com

*Yours in Lionism,
Marilyn Sorenson, DGE*

Make your reservations **NOW**

June 12, 2010

1st United Methodist Church
Sixth & Poyntz - Manhattan

Officer Training

9:00 a.m. registration

9:30 a.m. Training

Number attending _____

Training for

_____ position

Prizes for

early bird reservations

Cabinet meeting 1:30 p.m.

Picnic at Anneberg Park shelter

#2, Manhattan (meat & drink

provided please bring

side dish or dessert)

Number attending

Make reservations with

DGE Marilyn Sorenson

at 785-335-2247

or lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com
no later than June 7 to assure
the proper training information
& food!!!

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 16-18, 2010 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 16th. Adjournment and checkout by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 18, 2010. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 16th 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 communications skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

Kansas Lions State Band

It is again time to be planning on your entries to State Band. Applications (for state band only) must be submitted by May 7, 2010.

The band will perform at Baker University in Baldwin City. It will be under the direction of Ray James. Cost for state band only is \$225.00. That fee covers all expenses for the band member, including housing, food and special entertainment, but excluding souvenirs. International band sponsorship is \$3,950.00 (which also includes the state band cost).

The Kansas Lions Band is a wonderful opportunity for band students to receive specialized instruction that will aid them in their musical careers forever.

Copies of all band forms are available on the Kansas Lions website at <http://www.kansaslions.org>. All needed information is also posted at the state website. If you do not have web access, please ask for information from Lion Shari Neidhardt, State and International Band Committee Chair. She can be reached by phone at (620)752-3644. Your District officers should also have information on this program.

Chaperone volunteers are also needed to assist with the logistics and safety of the camp and our student band members. If you are interested in helping out in this way, contact Lion Shari at the above phone number or by e-mail at hsneidha@wheatstate.com.

An additional opportunity for the student is the Kansas Lions Jazz Band. If the student plays the sax, trumpet, trombone, piano, electric guitar, bass or drum set and would like to audition for this group, that should be noted on the bottom of the application form.



The Leo Corner

#1 The **Randolph Lions Club** has voted to sponsor a Leo Club. Leo Chairs Sharon Teagarden-King and Susan King have visited and guided the club towards this momentous decision. Pictured are top left to right Leo Chair Susan Kellogg King, Randolph President Bruce Zimmer, Lion Melissa McIntyre (who will act as Guiding Lion); bottom center is new Leo advisor Wes Hoerner who will be co-advisor with Dave Haeflee. The Washington Lions are in the process of planning a Leo Interest Kick Off Event to be announced later. Also in the news is Riley Lions Club nearing their vote towards sponsoring a Leo Club. Keep those efforts coming District I and let Sharon and Susan know what you are doing..



#2 The **Valley Heights Leos** again hosted the Victorian Day Ice Cream Parlor during Waterville's Victorian Day celebration.

Is your club registered as Non-Profit and Tax exempt?

If you are not sure whether your club is properly registered as non-profit and you need to find out. If you discover that the necessary filings and annual reports have not been made, you should contact the offices of the Kansas Secretary of State in Topeka to get that process started.

First you need to make sure your club is incorporated. If it is not, you should pursue articles of incorporation as soon as possible. In the event of mishaps connected with any of your club's projects or activities, you could be held liable for damages and/or injuries. Without corporate status, the individual Lions in your club could be held personally liable. Being incorporated is a good way to avoid such problems and protect your members.

PU 101 online problem????

Attention Secretaries, If you have problems while trying to complete your PU101 online, Lions International will assist you in getting it filed. They are not sure what is causing the problems with the online form but the problem could be in your firewall or in a popup blocker.

It is imperative that each club get their PU 101 filed before the final deadline of **May 15.**

If you are having this problem, you can contact Lions International Support staff by e-mail, at the e-mail address below. You can then expect a reply by phone within 24 hrs, or you can call 630-571-5466 extension 324 and get help.

E-mail: englishlanguage@lionsclubs.org

Subject: need help filling out PU101



Environmental Report

Research Hydrologist speaks to Holton Lions Club – April 13

Dr. Charles Perry ~ a research hydrologist from Lawrence ~ spoke to the Holton Lions Club on **Global Warming – Natural or Manmade** and on Floods and Droughts.

Dr. Perry began his scientific career as an Air Force weather forecaster during the Vietnam era and has since conducted a variety of research for 35 years. He has several published studies and his work is cited as a source in other papers.

One paper of interest is his Solar Output Model where he correlates historical events with past climate conditions – for example, during the Little Ice Age the river Thames in England was frozen solid and winter fairs were held on the ice. He has also researched how the Sun's heat is transported in ocean currents around the world. It takes approximately 34 years for the solar created ocean temperature anomalies to affect North America. The variations in solar activity are correlated with drought and floods in the Midwest.

He told us there are basically two camps when it comes to Global Warming – those who believe mankind is the cause of warming and those who believe both warming and cooling cycles are natural caused – he is in the later group.

Over the past 20 years our government has handed out roughly \$20 billion for climate research – however few funds have been granted to scientists who believe climate is caused by natural means.

His main area of research is on how our Sun influences our climate ~ he doesn't believe greenhouse gases are driving climate change.

One interesting graph Dr. Perry displayed was temperature and carbon dioxide data from ice cores which demonstrated how temperature increases appeared first then after a time lag of 800 years carbon dioxide began increasing. Yes – temperature increases occurred – then 800 years later increased carbon dioxide. These records are from 700,000 years of ice core data with at least seven full Ice Age “Glacial” and Warmer “Inter-glacial” cycles. We are currently experiencing an inter-glacial which began around 10,000 years ago.

Since “official” instrument records of temperature have only been around from 1895, historical or geological time scale temperatures are recovered using temperature proxies ~ one such proxy is ice cores. The ice becomes a “temperature time capsule”.

He told members environmental activists have recently begun promoting a new scare of ocean acidification – he said our ocean historically is alkaline and we should not be concerned. He also explained sunspots and how temperature follows solar activity cycle length better than carbon dioxide concentrations. Sunspots align with a 22 year cycle also corresponds to our 22 year Kansas drought cycle.

He strongly believes our Sun is the primary climate driver and told our members the book – “The Chilling Stars – A New Theory of Climate Change” by Dr. Svensmark, explains how sunspots relate to cloud formation.

Dr. Perry has also researched the Mississippi River Basin and how the Pacific Ocean climate system may have an effect on whether the central US experiences wet or dry conditions.

He also explained “Climategate” which surfaced last November when several e-mails and computer

Environmental Report Continued

code were posted on the Internet from a British Climate Agency. The “manmade climate” believers say the information was hacked and the “natural believers” say a whistleblower may have posted the information. Regardless the posted information is rather damning of a small clique of scientists who appear to have conspired to impose their opinions on the world while withholding dissenting opinions – they went so far as to get scientific editors removed for publishing research papers promoting natural climate causes and in some instances denied opposing papers from publication in scientific peer reviewed journals.

He also spoke on how official climate agencies in England, Australia, and even the United States have been massaging raw temperature data to promote a warming trend when no trend actually has been observed. The “keepers of the data” take the raw data and run it through special computer programs – to produce the “official temperature record”. In some instances the program transforms early century data making it much cooler and later century data making it hotter – the overall result appears much greater warning than actually occurred.

Another problem with the US weather station data was discovered when a US meteorologist began a physical inspection of each of the 2,600 weather stations – less than ten percent met the US government guidelines for proper weather observations. Over the years as stations located in rural settings were encroached by increased populations, or weather stations were relocated to airports, or manual temperature recording devices were swapped out with automatic systems distinct warming signals were recorded, but the warming was not caused by greenhouse gases. In some instances the automatic temperature sensors were within a few feet of air conditioner exhausts, or placed on or near concrete or asphalt surfaces which retained heat and artificially inflated the observed readings. At one airport the temperature sensor was placed directly in the path of aircraft engine exhaust.

One area of concern is Cap and Trade legislation being considered by the Senate – you may remember last summer the House passed a Cap and Trade bill. In reality – this will be an HUGE Energy Tax Bill – all forms of fossil fuel sources will be heavily taxed.

*Gregg Moser
District Environmental Chair*

Peace Poster

"Vision of Peace" is the theme for the 2010/2011 Peace Poster Contest. We're encouraging every club in the district to become involved in the contest this next year. It's a great way to promote peace in this old world of ours, and just one more way to become involved with the youth in your area. It isn't too early to order the Peace Poster Kit. The kit can be ordered by phone, on-line, or mailing in the order form to International.

*Peg Gilbert
Peace Poster Chair*



Youth Exchange

We are beginning to get down to the wire for finding a host for **Tuula Sonck**, from Finland. I am sure she's beginning to get concerned.

We do not yet have anything from Italy, but we may still receive applications, so we will be needing more hosts if we do receive more applications.

*Peg Gilbert
MD17 Youth Exchange Chair*

The Roar From Within - Club News ...

Manhattan Lions Host Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson

The members of Manhattan Lions Club were honored to have as their speaker, Governor Mark Parkinson, for the meeting on Monday, April 12. Governor Parkinson spoke about the Kansas economy, citing where cuts have been made to balance the budget for fiscal year 2010-2011. Since a huge percentage of the general fund budget goes to social services and education, K-12 and higher, the Governor said there are very few options left for cuts.

Lions members from Manhattan, Manhattan Sunflower, Keats, Randolph, Holton, Milford, Marysville, and Scranton, as well as guests from the area, were quite impressed by Governor Parkinson. Others in attendance were State Representative Tom Hawk; State Representative Sydney Carlin & her husband, John and State Senator Roger Reitz and wife Virginia. Manhattan Mayor Bob Strawn welcomed the group of over 90 people. DG Bill Phillipi inducted new member Ladonna Piper and shared facts about Lions Clubs and LCI and LCIF with the group.



Scandia Lions

The Scandia Lions Club takes on the job of keeping the ball field in Scandia and redoes the field each year at the change of seasons from Football to Baseball. Here are some pictures showing them in action.



Tescott Lions Present Doug Gabriel Show



PU 101

Club Secretaries:

One of the most important thing you will do this year is your club's PU101, or "Officer Reporting Form". This information is critical to many of us.

Please get it submitted to Lions International so we can access your new club officers to keep information current and for International to get those new officers the material they will need.

Your Editor & Webmaster

Club News... Continued

Chapman Lions to sponsor Circus



Chapman Lions Club is sponsoring the Culpepper and Merriweather Circus.

They will have two performances at 5:00 and 7:30 PM, Tuesday, May 25th at the Racing Car Museum grounds at the north side of Chapman. Ticket sales prior to the circus are Adults \$9.00 and Children 2-12 years \$6.00. At the gate, they will be \$3.00 higher. Chapman Lions Club will get a percentage cut of the sales. We certainly hope to make this a great fund raising event.

Any support you could give use would be greatly appreciated. Tickets can be purchased by mail through Bob Roskens, President, Box 564, Chapman, Ks, 67431; Chester Leach,



Secretary, 2654 Nicholson Road, Chapman, Ks, 67431; Lyle Barker, Treasurer, 2054 2400 Avenue, Chapman, Ks 67431, and Richard Sholtz, Circus Committee, Route 2, Chapman, Ks, 67431

Involved Local businesses are Londeen Hardware, Alida-Pearl Co-op, Chapman Gas Station, Jim Clark Chevrolet, West's Country Mart or any Chapman Lions member could help you out.

Keats Lions to hold Auction



The annual Keats Lions Club Auction will be held Saturday, June 5 beginning at 10:00 am. Consignment items may be brought in from 8:00 am – 9:30 am. No appliances, please. Some of the items that will be available are plant materials

from local nurseries. The sale will be held at Keats Park and lunch will be available .

If you have questions, please call:
Darrel Westervelt
785 485-2664

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin

_____ SUB-DISTRICT LION LIONESS LEO NON-MEMBER

Name _____
Last First Initial Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address _____
Street Number/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

Phone (____) _____ (____) _____ E-Mail _____
Residence Mobile Please print clearly

Proceedings Book Format Preference: *Print Copy* or *Data CD* or *None*

This is my First Time Attending a Forum

I was invited to the Forum by ... _____
(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

_____ Years in Lionism _____ Forums attended _____ Highest Office Held Past Present
Please check all that apply

Special Meals:

Diabetic Vegetarian Other

(Please include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

Hearing Challenged, Visually Challenged, Physically Challenged Specific needs:

*(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge,
i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access?)*

I would like to participate in the Lions Chorus I am a Pin Trader & will need a table for pin trading
(one table will be provided at no cost. Extra tables will be available at \$10 each)

Special Seminar Thursday, September 23, 2010 @ 2:30 PM ~
Opening Banquet - Thursday, September 23, 2010 @ 5:30 PM
Closing Banquet - Saturday, September 25, 2010 @ 6:00 PM

“A Beacon of Hope Through Leadership and Service”

Hotel reservations must be made through the Forum staff, rather than directly with hotels

State Convention

"Growing through service around the world"

Kansas State Lions Convention

June 3-5, 2010

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Number Price Amount
Registration _____ @ \$7.50 \$ _____
Dinner * Thursday-6:30 p.m. _____ tickets @\$17.00 \$ _____
Lunch Friday-12:00 noon _____ tickets @\$14.00 \$ _____
Dinner—*Down Under Night* Friday-6:30 p.m. _____ tickets @\$16.00 \$ _____
Lunch Saturday-12:30 p.m. _____ tickets @\$14.00 \$ _____
Dinner Saturday-6:30 p.m. _____ tickets @\$17.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

*The Thursday evening dinner will be at the Ironhorse Golf Club, 15400 Mission Road.
Golfers who have registered to play in the tournament will have their dinner included as part of their
registration fee and should not pay for dinner with this registration form.

List any special dietary needs

Lion(s), Leo(s), guest or Cub _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Lions/Leos Club _____ District L I O N S

(Circle one)

Mail reservations to: Lion Sylvia Bostick
29675 Spring Valley Road
Louisburg, KS 66053
vsbostick@yahoo.com
913-837-5255

Make checks payable to Kansas State Lions Convention

Final Date for Reservations - May 25, 2010

Make hotel reservations directly with the Olathe Holiday Inn: 913-829-4000



Sponsorship Opportunity

2010 State Lions Convention Booklet



The state convention booklet for 2010 will be both informative and commemorative, and a great way for individual Lions, Leos and Clubs to support the state convention.

Please check the appropriate box for the size ad you plan to sponsor.

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Full Page (3" x 8") | \$110 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Half Page (3" x 4") | \$ 55 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quarter Page (3" x 2") | \$ 30 |

Club name: _____

Individual name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please complete the form indicating your intent to submit an ad to:

Lion Cheryl Kerns
15710 Widner
Olathe, KS 66062
e-mail: ckems@bluevalleyK12.org

**Camera ready copy with your payment must be submitted to Lion Cheryl
no later than April 15, 2010.**

Make checks payable to Kansas State Lions Convention.

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

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please send to Lions International prior to May 15, 2010
- Local Club News
- ... and much more!



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