



17-I District Developments

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

May, 2011

From the Desk of your District Governor

I hope you have all had a wonderful Easter. I learned something new from my daughter-in-law this Easter. Anything eaten on a weekend doesn't count if you are on a diet! I wish she had explained this to me long ago. Bring on those chocolate bunnies!

Be sure to get those PU 101's turned in right away if you haven't already done so. This is vital. Without this information next years officers will not be getting the information they need to do their jobs. Speaking of next years' officers have you turned in your reservations for the officer training coming up on April 30th? Please do so today. If

you are thinking of taking an officers position in the future this is a good way of finding out just what the job requires.

If you are donating to the Pedia-Vision Screener please make the check out to MD 17-I and put Pedia-Vision on the memo line. The check may be sent to District Treasurer Virginia Hoover or to me.

Be sure to get your State Convention registration in before the May 25th deadline. It is going to be a very informative convention with great speakers as well as our own International President Sid Scruggs III and his wife Judy.

The deadline for getting in your reservations for Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute to be held in Crete, NE July 22-24 is fast approaching. May 31st is the deadline before the price goes up. Don't forget there are scholarships available from the District as well as the PDG club. This is another excellent opportunity for any Lion to gain wonderful leadership training.

I will see you in Abilene on the 30th of April for our last cabinet meeting of the year.

*Marilyn Sorenson
District Governor*

From your District Governor-Elect

Goal: Better Understanding Our District Committees

Sometimes members wonder "where does our district dues go". How do I or my club projects get the benefit from these district monies? If you have not looked at the district directory, you may not be aware of all the committees that have been established over the years. Our district is always looking for people to serve on these committees and for members to serve as committee chairs. In the coming months, as you read here about these committees, please feel free to contact the committee chair and volunteer to help him or her.

Here are the district committees:

Alert Program; Constitution & By-Laws/Parliamentarian; Credentials, Diabetes Awareness/LEHP; District Convention; Environmental; Eye-glass Collection; Historian; Honorary; Kansas Lions Band Foundation; Kansas Lions Foundation; Kansas Lions Sight Foundation; K-i Understanding; Kansas Specialty Dog Service, Lions Clubs International Foundation; Leader Dog; Leo Clubs & Youth Opportunities; Global Lions Membership Team; Global Lions Leadership Team; Newsletter/Website/Technology; Nominations; Peace Poster Contest; Pin Sales; Public Relations; Quest; USA/Canada Forum; and lastly, Youth Outreach / Youth Exchange.

We all need to understand what these committees are, what they do, what they mean to us as clubs and members, and how we might use their talents or offer our help to them. I will be asking each committee chair to write an article for this district newsletter in the coming year. Each article should be about one page in length. Pictures of you or your committee in action are encouraged with your article. There are 27 committees listed above, so there will be 2 or more committee articles per month starting with the July newsletter.

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From your District Governor-Elect....Continued

Goal: Getting this newsletter to every Lion member in our district.

In the recent past, this newsletter has been sent to every club President and Secretary by postal mail. They were supposed to relay the contents and important items to clubs at the monthly meeting. Recently, our newsletter editor, Lion Bud Gillespie, has been sending these monthly issues by email to anyone who requested them. This last year about 75 people still got the latest issue by postal mail, with about 300 folks getting the email version. It costs our district (your district dues) about \$1,200 per year to print, stamp, and postal mail. It costs our district

nothing, except Lion Bud's time, for the email edition. It is my intention to have this newsletter distributed by email only by January 1, 2012.

District L in Western Kansas started sending their newsletter, only by email, about a year ago. We feel that your district dues could be better spent on other important projects. We know that there are a few folks who can only get the newsletter by postal mail. Efforts will be made to make sure that everyone gets a copy. However, I'd bet that every person getting the paper copy belongs to a Lions club. Very likely, someone in that club uses a computer and has web access. That Lion could print

a paper copy for those that need it.

This newsletter should be read by all members, not just the club President and Secretary. In the coming weeks, I'm asking all club secretaries to find out which club members have an email address and get those to Lion Bud at webmaster@lionsdistrict17-i.com. Club secretaries should also find out who has to have a printed copy and either print them or find a member to print them.

*District Governor-elect
Marion Schroll
785-410-6730 cell or
mschroll@twinvalley.net*

Youth Exchange



Jonathan Mareschal, age 22 is from France, and wants to do his exchange in Kansas this summer. At this point we still do not have a host family for him. He would like to do his exchange during the month of July. We need a commitment soon, in order for him to make flight arrangements. (It may already be too late....so contact me ASAP if you could host)

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 our own District I, are hosting Yuka Ishibashi, one of our three Japanese exchange students. And PCC Harry and Lorraine Stockwell, from District S, are planning to host the other two Japanese girls. The Japanese students come in August, but unfortunately due to the recent disaster in Japan, the arrangements for exchanges are just a little unstable. We will keep all three of these girls and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

A hearty thank you goes out to our host families that participated this last winter !

Kent and Jonette Clark, in District I, hosted Alvero Maquina from Lima, Peru for the first portion of his exchange. The remainder of his time in the USA he spent with relatives in Idaho. PDG Wally and Carol Severson and Ariel from District L, served as hosts for Lorena Manchego from Lima, Peru.

Kalen Stockton, sponsored by the Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka, will be doing an exchange with the Chanteclair family in Orleans, France this summer. We want to thank the Kansas Lions Foundation for voting \$200 in assistance for Kalen's exchange. Her grandfather, Lion Mike Gammage is serving as her travel agent, they have been making travel arrangements and shopping for host family gifts even as we speak. Kalen has been corresponding with her hosts via e-mail. They have two daughters, one just older and one just younger than she. It should be a wonderful experience for Kalen, and I'm sure she will be returning with reports to share.

As always, I ask if you or someone you know, can host one of our exchange students please contact me.

*Peg Gilbert
YEC MD17
785-658-5709*



Kansas Lions State Convention
 Holiday Inn – Lawrence, KS
 June 2-4, 2011
Registration Form

Name: _____ Title Lion PDG PCC Guest Leo
 Spouse: _____ Title Lion PDG PCC Guest Leo
 Club: _____ (Please circle one) District 17 L I O N S
 Street Address: _____ City, State & Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Events (check events you wish to attend, number attending, sub-total for each item and total for all events):

- Registration** (\$8.00 registration fee required of all attendees and vendors)..... () x \$8.00 \$ _____
 - Thursday Night Dinner** – Mom’s Comfort Food – Classic Pot Roast Dinner with dessert () x \$15.00\$ _____
Entertainment: Magic of Kansas – Entertainment sure to please!
 - Friday Lunch** – Large Cobb Salad and fruit cup with dessert() x \$11.00\$ _____
Entertainment: “Sound Masters” – Award Winning Youth Group - Atchison, KS
 - Friday Dinner** – Celebrating Our Past, Our Present & Looking to Our Future –
 BBQ Beef Ribs, Grilled Chicken Breast Buffet..... () x \$17.00 \$ _____
Keynote: Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Karen Taylor-Good “Making a Difference...a song at a time!” A smash hit at the USA/Canada Forum.
 - Round trip bus ride** - Baker University for the Kansas Lions Band Program() x \$10.00).\$ _____
 (50 seats available on a first come, first serve basis – Parking at Baker is limited)
 - Saturday Lunch** – Smoked Turkey Breast Sandwich, potatoes salad with dessert() x \$11.00\$ _____
Keynote Speaker: “Sissy” Georges – First Legally-Blind Barrel Racer to Ever Compete in the World Championship NBHA World Championship.
 - Saturday Dinner** - Elegant Entree’ – Sautéed Chicken *Fran Coin* with dessert() x \$15.00 \$ _____
Keynote Speaker: International President Sid L. Scruggs III - with special entertainment
- Total \$ _____**

If this is your first state convention, check here

Name of who encouraged your attendance: Lion _____

First timers will be entered into a special drawing. Grand prize will be a notebook PC or two (2) Video Phones. First-timers will also be eligible for one of five (5) \$50 Visa Gift Cards. First-timer sponsors will be entered into a special drawing for one of five (5) \$25 gift cards.

Make checks payable to - Kansas Lions State Convention

Mail registration forms and remittance to: Lion Gary Adkins, 9615 SW Auburn Road, Wakarusa, KS 66546

Telephone (785) 256-7274 E-mail gdadkins@sbcglobal.net

Final Date for Meal Reservations May 25, 2011

*Make hotel reservations directly with the Holiday Inn & Convention Center 785-841-7077
 \$89 Special Room Rate good until May 15, 2011*



Advertising Opportunity

2011 State Lions Convention Booklet



The State Convention Booklet for 2011 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. All ads are Black and White

Full Page (3" x 8") \$100

Half Page (3" x 4") \$ 50

Quarter Page (3" x 2") \$ 25

----- Advertising Insertion Order -----

Company or Club Name: _____

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Yes, place my ad in the 2011 Lions State Convention Booklet
- I am including the artwork/design with this form.
- I am e-mailing the artwork/design to: mcwerner@bbwi.net

Lion Mary Werner
4490 Meade Road
Cummings, KS 66016

Make checks payable to: Kansas Lions State Convention

Please provide original camera-ready art with your payment, which must be submitted to Mary Werner
no later than April 15, 2010.

Any questions, call Lion Mary at 913-367-5053.



Combined Zone Meeting for Zones 3 & 4

A combined zone meeting for the clubs in zones 3 and 4 was held Thursday evening, March 24 in the Fellowship Hall at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Waterville. Clubs represented were: Barnes, Marysville, Washington, Waterville, Leonardville, Manhattan, Manhattan Sunflower and Riley.

Zone 3 chair Norman Danielson and Zone 4 chair Lela Gillispie led the meeting with reports by Webmaster/PR Chair Bud Gillispie, CC/IPDG Bill Phillipi, 2nd VDGE Al

Urich, DGE Marion Schroll and DG Marilyn Sorenson and comments from all club members.

It was interesting to note that this zone meeting, which was to be held on January 27, was snowed out. It was tentatively rescheduled for February 24 which was also a very snowy day. During and after the meeting on March 24, we had thunder, hail pellets, sleet and snow before we all arrived home safely.

*Norman Danielson – Zone 3
Lela Gillispie – Zone 4*



4th District Cabinet Meeting

The fourth and last 17-I cabinet meeting for the 2010-2011 Lion year will be held Saturday, April 30. This meeting will be held at Presbyterian Church, 1400 N. Cedar St. in Abilene KS.

This will be an excellent time for new club officers, new Zone Chairs, new committee members and new cabinet members to receive training and ask questions regarding duties for Lion Year 2011-2012.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., with coffee and cinnamon rolls being available at a cost of \$4.00. Club officer and zone chair training will start at 9:00 am.

After the training, a lunch of reuben or bierock sandwiches with potato salad, dessert and drink will be served. The cost for lunch is \$7.00.

The cabinet meeting will begin after lunch with zone chair, committee and cabinet member reports, as well as comments by the newly elected officers.

The following officers were elected at the recent District Convention and

will be present at this cabinet meeting: DGE Marion Schroll, 1st VDGE Bill Sanderson and 2nd VDGE Al Urich.

Zone chairs and cabinet members, we must have a quorum in order to conduct business, so please put this information on your calendar and plan to attend the cabinet meeting.

It is also beneficial for the individuals planning the training sessions to know how many club officers plan to attend, so materials are available for all.

Please get registration information to District Secretary Lela Gillispie **no later than April 27.**

The phone no. is 785 532-8611 or you can e-mail lkegl@cox.net.

Please include in your message which type sandwich you prefer and if you want the coffee and cinnamon roll. Hope to see you all on April 30.

*Lela Gillispie
District Secretary*

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District & Club Administration:
Ext. #6819

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

IT Information Systems:
#1-630-468-6900

LCIF: General Information
Ext. #383

Legal: Information Ext. #360

Insurance: Certificate of Insurance
#1-800-316-6705

Youth Programs: Ext. #324



District 17-I Leo Scholarship winner

Congratulations to the District 17-i Leo Scholarship winner Kayla McNary of Waterville. (See photo) She is the daughter of Chris and Kay McNary

She has been a Valley Heights Leo for 6 years. She is serving as president this year at the same time her father, Chris is serving as Waterville Lion president.

“Participating in all this volunteer work has helped me look at the big picture and think not only about myself, she commented, but also those around me, in particular those less fortunate.”

After graduation from Valley Heights Kaly plans on attending Cloud County Community College to major in Criminal Justice before continuing to Washburn to obtain her Associate Degree in Applied Science.

Her main goal for the future is to attend the Police Academy after graduation in order to become a law enforcement officer..

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 presenting with Valley Heights). Clubs: Be planning your site and watch for information coming out later.

Leo Officer Training

There will be Leo Officer training for new Leo Officers and advisors at the first cabinet meeting planned by DGE Marion. Date to be announced.



Zone 8 Meeting

Zone 8 held a Zone Meeting, hosted by the Junction City Sundowners Lions Club, on April 07, 2011. They wanted to share some of their good times with us. Take a look at these happy folks.





Pedia-Vision Update

Our district is moving steadily toward the purchase of a Pedia-Vision machine for use within our district.

The PlusOptix vision screener is a useful tool to detect amblyopia risk factors in pediatric populations. The study shows that the referral criteria can be modified to improve specificity and positive predictive values of the device without reducing sensitivity in this study group. The PlusOptix vision screener is an accurate, fast, user-friendly and portable way to detect amblyopia risk factors. Because the software automatically evaluates the refractive error and

ocular alignment and then gives a simple referral grade, the PlusOptix screener may offer a reasonable way of providing large-scale vision screenings at significantly reduced costs.

The question has been asked “why is our district the only district that is trying to purchase one of these screeners”?

The answer to that question might surprise those Lions who have posed that question. The fact is that our district is the only district in the state that has not already purchased a screener. The fact is that some of the districts have purchased several

Pedia-Vision units.

At this writing, our district has been given a total of a bit over \$5,000.00 toward the purchase price of \$9,000.00. That still leaves us \$4,000.00 short of the purchase price.

If your club has not already made a significant donation toward that purchase, now is the time to do so. If you as a Lion would be interested in donating as well, that donation will be much appreciated by your district and those sight deprived youngsters within our district.

*Editor
Bud Gillispie*

Giving Veterans and Their Families a Chance to Heal

For many veterans returning home from combat, reconnecting with their families is a challenge. It takes time and understanding to readjust after living apart – often for more than a year – and for many veterans’ families, there is no help.

The Lions Step In

Lions in Minnesota saw a need to help veterans and their families so they worked with Minnesota’s Veteran’s Affairs Department to establish Project New Hope. Through this Lions-funded project, veterans and their families attend retreats free-of-charge and receive time and counseling to reconnect and grow together. Lions at the camp work hands-on; organizing the retreats, cooking and cleaning, and providing daycare and counseling around the clock. Open to all combat veterans, the Lions are currently working to take the program nationwide.

Receiving Help Leads to Helping Others

After being hit by three roadside bombs during his tour in Iraq, SSG (ret) Mike Mills had burns on 35 percent of his body. Mike and his wife came to one of Project New Hope’s first retreats and received help.

“When you’re in the military, you’re told to suck up and drive on. If you accept help, you’re weak. And if you go for help, you’re going to be passed over for promotion and that’s not true. ... We need the help,” said Mike.

Mike and his wife are now Lions and members of the project’s advisory panel.

After donating their time at these retreats, many counselors from the Veterans Administration also became Lions. All of the counselors are veterans, including one active duty major who is on the project’s board of directors. She recently became a Lion as well.

Fast Facts

To date, 150 veterans and their families have been helped by these retreats. Retreats have been attended by single veterans, couples and families as large as eight. Leisure activities at the retreats include hiking, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, archery, sledding, fishing, ice fishing, arts and crafts, and more. It takes approximately 10 to 15 Lions to plan and execute each retreat.



Club News

Abilene Lions

The Abilene Lions Club helped operate the Eisenhower Marathon in Abilene on April 9, 2011. They handed out water to the runners as they came across the finish line and assisted them in other ways as needed by the runners. Several runners in the marathon collapsed and were taken care of by Marie Coulson, wife of Lion Larry, who is a registered nurse. They report the event had a total of 794 participants



Pictured are: (L to R) Kenneth Collins, Paul Martin, Larry Coulson, Theresa Foster, Kristy Engle, Sherry Hooper, and Ann Strunk.

Beloit Area Lions

The Beloit Area Night Lions Club will be holding their Homecoming Breakfast on May 28, serving from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The event will take place at the Beloit V.F.W. Building in Beloit.

The menu will consist of: Eggs, Sausage, hash browns, Biscuits and Gravy, Juice and Coffee.

This fund-raising project will go to their club's community service work and will be freewill donations.

Junction City Sundowners Lions



On Saturday April 9th the club planted a tree at North Park, Junction City in the children's area. This was in response to IP Sid Scrogg's "Plant A Tree Project in April."

The club is sponsoring Rachel Gooldy, a junior at Junction City

High School, to the State Lions' Band Camp, at Baker University, from May 31 to June 4.

Provided eye exams for 3 adults in need and eye glasses for 2 of them.

We referred these individuals to Dr Raymond Schmidt, who gives us

Pictured are from (1 to r) Lions Frank Catalo, Chuck Kiser, Evelyn Roper, Carmen Kiser, Big Lion Ken Seabrook, Manny Pasquil, and Freddie Hayes.

Keats Lions

The Keats Lions Club will be conducting their annual Plant/Garden sale on Thursday, June 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Keats Park. Lunch will be available. Auctioneer services are being donated by Auctioneer Vern Gannon.

If you have questions, please contact Darrell and Lea Westervelt (dwestervelt@kansas.net).

Manhattan Lions

The Manhattan Lions Club held their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 23 in Manhattan City Park.

While we did not get a good count on the total number of children that took part in the hunt, our estimate of that number would be in the area of 250 to 300 kids.

The club always receives a lot of "thank yous" for the hunt. The club was also fortunate to have a photo from the hunt gracing the front page of Sundays Manhattan Mercury.



Upcoming Events

April 30, 2011

District Cabinet Mtg.- Abilene

May 28, 2011

Beloit Lions Homecoming Breakfast

June 2, 2011

Keats Lions Plant/Garden Sale

June 2-4, 2011

State Convention Lawrence

Guest Speaker IP Sid Scroggs

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



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.

For additional information or for answers to questions please contact any of the following:

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Greetings Lions

We have more good news today: The pin supplier delivered the GPLLI pins last week. I was away since last Thursday at a District convention in Canada, so I did not know of the delivery until I returned last night. The delivery was much earlier than expected and will allow us to begin distributing pins immediately, pending receipt of the padded envelopes that I ordered.

The following are some things that I hope you will consider in your interface with prior associates (graduates, staff, faculty, & board of directors):

1. The attached pin order form is needed with each order and will be used to support accounting, as well as a tool to verify prior GPLLI association. One pin is authorized per associate and the only pin provided free of cost is for the GPLLI keynote speaker.

2. Checks or money orders should be forwarded with the order form as payment. I have no way to process credit cards and cash should not be mailed.

3. Anyone who orders a pin and does not get a response within 3 weeks should contact me (preferably using the e-mail address listed on the order form).

4. Please provide a copy of the order form to your MD and DGs for entry in their newsletters. An email, with order form, should also be sent to those who responded to our survey indicating an interest in the pin

5. Contact me with any inquiries at the earliest possible opportunity.

Curriculum Coordinator: Please inform the incoming faculty that they will be able to purchase a pin at the July 22-24, 2011 session if they are interested

Thank you,

PID Ernie Young

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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
103 Femcliff Street
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 Ernie Young at eyoungks@aol.com, or 913-727-2082.



Bringing the Freedom of Mobility to Children



From Lions Clubs International website:
<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/our-impact/lions-in-action/moving-forward.php>

A child's first wobbly steps or first tentative bike ride are precious moments cherished by parents. But not every family experiences these delightful milestones. For scores of disabled children, they can merely watch while their siblings and neighbors enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood.

The Lions Step In

Lions in Australia recognized that many children with mobility-impairing diseases miss out on many parts of development. Not only do they lose the physical sensation of walking, but many children miss the social opportunities other children gain by playing with classmates, riding bikes with their friends and taking walks with their siblings. Through Lions' fundraising efforts and diligent partnerships, the Lions of Australia are providing innovative technology to children in need. The devices, called Hart Walkers and Freedom Wheels, allow children who lack mobility the opportunity to walk and ride a bike.

"With the Australian Lions Children's Mobility Foundation, what we do is we try to provide an overall mobility system for kids with cerebral palsy," said Elvio Munzone, the District Governor of the Sydney Lions. "Lions from all over Sydney provide the funds to provide these walkers so these children have freedom and they can walk with pride."

Hard Work Pays Off

Children throughout Australia now have a chance to savor their mobility.

"The Lions club has helped my son who has spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy to be an active participant in day to day life in that he's able to up and run around with his peers," said mom Cindy Shaw. "When Adam's in his Hart Walker, he feels very strong and that he can do anything."

But the children aren't the only ones who benefit from this ambitious project. Second Vice District Governor Elect Steve Coleman said each child who receives these specialized devices is a powerful reminder of the We Serve motto. "It brings such great rewards for me to show photos of the boys on the bikes to the other Lions so they can see the difference they have made," Coleman said.

Fast Facts

The Hart Walker that allows disabled children to walk upright is composed of more than 1,000 moving parts. During a five-year period, each Hart Walker device costs about \$12,000 in Australian currency. Each Freedom Wheels bike is customized to the child's size and abilities.



Welcome to your Lions District 17-I District Newsletter

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- Youth Exchange news
- Club News
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- ... and much more!



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