



17-I District Developments

Kansas Lions MD 17-I

October, 2011

From your District Governor

DG Marion's Musings

Roar if you are really a Lion!

This month's topic was mentioned by PDG Don King at the round robin discussion at the August Cabinet meeting. He and his wife, Sharon Teagarden-King had driven from Kansas to Seattle for the International Lions convention. Along the way, they were looking for Lions. They were disappointed in not seeing street signs or car license plates or dress that indicated Lions were in the area of their travels.

I, too, have noticed a similar issue when driving around to various Lions gatherings or fundraisers. Now, I don't believe in the old school that says we must all wear vests or identifying shirts at our club meetings. But I do think many Lions are missing an opportunity to let people know we are Lions when we go places, do community service, or have fundraisers.

If people see our branding of Lionism, many will be curious and ask us about Lions. Then we all have a good chance to give a short statement about our club and what we do in the community.

You can get Lions emblems, ball caps, and lots of other items in the Lions catalogue that your club secretary has. The Kansas Lions have purple Kansas Lions knit shirts available. I have a few of the free

front license plates left over from last year. Please contact me about the plates if you will actually put one on your car.

Let's all make a great effort to show our friends and neighbors our Lion brand!

Important Pediavision sight screener update

Thanks to the efforts of PDG Marilyn Sorenson at the recent USA/Canada Forum in Alaska, we will be making a very considerable savings in the price of the Pediavision sight screener. We are so very close to having all the funds needed to purchase the Pediavision. If you are an individual or a Lions Club that has not yet donated, please do so immediately.

Last year we asked each club to donate \$200 for the Pediavision. Many clubs gave more than once, and some clubs have yet to donate. Regardless of whether you have or have not donated, please send a check for any amount to our District Treasurer, Lion Bud Gillispie. His address: 1414 Givens Rd, Manhattan, KS 66503. Make the check payable to the Kansas Lions Foundation. Lion Bud is keeping track of donations, and he will forward your check to our account with the KLF.

Now that we are that close to actually getting the Pediavision unit, I need your help with a couple things. We need a district chair person for this unit. You would be responsible for getting the unit to scheduled sight screenings, whether you deliver, or people come to you to pick up the unit. Please let me know right away if you would be willing to do this.

Also, we need to train about 6 people on the unit when it arrives. We want to have several people that know how to use the unit for screenings in our district. The training will only take a short time for you to learn how to use the unit properly.

We are also planning on holding a special introductory screening at a place and time to be determined shortly. This special screening will give all volunteers a chance to actually use the unit as a group before you go to do your own screenings.

Again, please let me know if you are interested in becoming a Pediavision screener operator. The children of our district are waiting on you.

I Believe in Lions,

District Governor

Marion Schroll

785-410-6730

mschroll@twinvalley.net



From your District Governor.....continued

Mark your calendar for two very important upcoming events:

The next District Cabinet meeting will be held at the Riley Centre, 906 W. Walnut St, Riley on November 12 at 9:00 a.m. If you are a cabinet officer you need to be there. A lunch of soup or chili with a free will offering will be served by the Riley

Lions Club. We should be finished by 2 p.m. so that all can get home before dark.

The next District 17-I convention will be on March 3, 2012 only. We are having a one day only convention so that all can get a condensed version and be home in one day.



Riley Centre location

Have you read Helen Keller's speech to the Lions in 1925? This speech convinced Lions International to adopt sight problems as our mission:

1925 International Convention Cedar Point, Ohio, USA June 30, 1925

Dear Lions and Ladies:

I suppose you have heard the legend that represents opportunity as a capricious lady, who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on, never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait. You have to go out and grab 'em.

I am your opportunity. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you have to choose the one you love best. I hope you will adopt me. I am the youngest here, and what I offer you is full of splendid opportunities for service. The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind, and was called into existence by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and in importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our subject that has been reached so far. Its object is to make the lives of the blind more worthwhile everywhere by increasing their economic value and giving them the joy of normal activity. Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night; your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, "Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?" That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation is going to be to all the blind in this country if seeing people will give it the support it must have.

You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.

The opportunity I bring to you, Lions, is this: To foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind child untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?

I thank you.

Helen Keller



From your District Governorcontinued

Form for sight screenings and Mobile Screening Unit:

Thanks for PDG Terry Weldin for sending me this form that his district uses for all their sight screenings and for when the Mobile Screening Unit

visits at the request of a Lions club. This will allow the Sight chair for our District, PDG Marilyn Sorenson, to have an accurate tally of what our district did over the Lion year.

Please print out this form if your club has used the MSU since July 1 and mail or email this to PDG Marilyn Sorenson, 1040 Union RD, Scandia, KS 66966 or email: lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com

Date of Screening Report for Lions District 17-

I _____

Club providing the screening _____

Business or School where screening performed _____

Mobile Screening Unit or Pediavision (please circle one)

Screening Location/Address _____

Lions present at Screening Please sign below

Lion _____

Lion _____

Lion _____

Number Screened who were needing referral _____

Number Screened considered unreadable _____

Number Screened with no indicated problems _____

Total Screened _____

Ages 6 months thru 2 years _____ Ages 3 years thru 6 years _____

Ages 7 years to 18 years _____ Over Age 21 _____

Lion completing this report

Name _____ Date _____

Send to: PDG Marilyn Sorenson
1040 Union RD
Scandia, KS 66966

email: lionmarilyn@nckdirect.com



2nd Vice District Governor report

The Way I See It

Thoughts From Second Vice District Governor, Al Urich

This year during the Kansas State Fair, more than 1,800 people went through the Mobile Screening Unit, sponsored by the Lions of Kansas with support from the Kansas Blue Cross Foundation. This unit makes it possible for Kansas Lions to offer free screenings for vision, hearing, blood pressure, and blood sugar this year. On September 17 and 18 it

was my privilege to have the opportunity to work in the unit. Working together with other Kansas Lions and members of the medical community, including nursing students from Wichita State University was one of the most fun and rewarding experiences I've had as a Lion. Earlier in the week students from Newman University and Hutchinson Community College also assisted on the unit.

Clubs may book the Mobile Screening Unit by contacting Lion Ron Bretz in Newton. Around

20 dates have already been filled for 2012. To bring the unit to your area there is a cost of \$200 for the first day and \$100 for each additional day.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Zone 1 meeting in Mankato. Cudos to Zone Chair Kris Jones for an excellent zone meeting.

That's it for this month. Please keep me informed about special events in your clubs or zones. I look forward to visiting with many of you.

Leo's it's time to get ready for Sight Night.

Leo Clubs are gearing up for Sight Night. It's an annual Halloween event in which Leo trick-or-treaters canvass the neighborhoods for something besides candy. They collect used eyeglasses for people who need them in developing countries.

For more information, and to download Sight Night materials visit www.OneSight.org



*The
Leo
Corner*



Valley Heights Leos Isaac Medina, James Winkenwader and Jesse Medina enjoy a game of pool following their meeting and hot dog dinner at the Waterville teen center.



From International President Tam

Dear Fellow Lion *President*,

You know, there are only two people in Lions Clubs International they call 'president' - the international president and the club president. That's right. You and me.

The club is the most important part of our association, so my emphasis this year is on you - the club and its members.

During my travels this year, I've been taking every opportunity to meet with club presidents in **Presidents-meet-the-President** seminars and meetings. I want to hear from you, understand your club's needs, and learn from your experiences. If we cannot meet in person, I've created a special email address for you to contact me: pres2pres@lionsclubs.org. I've also given enough of my 2011-12 presidential pins to district governors so that each of you -- the Club Presidents -- can receive one from your district governor on my behalf. I wanted all club presidents to know that I consider you members of my own family.

My Story

I remember feeling excited and a bit anxious when I became a club president. I was this young guy, still starting out in life, taking over as president of a club that had been guided successfully by Lions who were at least twice my age. My mentor was the club's charter president who was 94-years-young when he wielded the gavel.

Friendship tied us together, having fun and enjoying our service made it a joy, not an obligation. It kept us coming back again and again.

For a successful year I encourage you to create a club atmosphere that fosters friendship and a sense of family, and incorporate fun with serving. The rest of it, from having meaningful meetings to running effective service projects, will take care of themselves.

My Club, My Family

It's simple but true: People join groups where they feel warmly welcomed, see other smiling faces, and are given a meaningful way to be involved.

It's easier than you think to create a family atmosphere in a club. Often it's simply a matter of doing the little things, like making sure new members are given an opportunity to bring new ideas and given a meaningful role in helping run a project.

I've created a guideline called My Club, My Family with some helpful tips and tools for creating a family atmosphere in a club. The rewards will be a stronger club that increases its community service and grows its membership. There's even a My Club, My Family pocket guideline for you and your fellow club officers to take to meetings and club events.

Share your success stories - as well as your challenges - on how you've created a family atmosphere. Join the conversation and post your thoughts on the LCI blog.

I BELIEVE

By now, you know my theme for 2011-12 is "I BELIEVE". If you truly believe you can do something to make a difference, you will do it.

When a massive earthquake in 2008 devastated Sichuan, China in my own country, despite the overwhelming chaos I believed I could do something to help - even if it meant helping just one victim. The Lions in my area believed they could help, too. And together with the support of LCIF and Lions worldwide, we went on to rebuild schools, clinics and even several entire villages. But nothing would have started, and nothing would have gotten done, had not we believed. So I'm calling on all Lions this year to BELIEVE. Believe we can accomplish whatever we set out to do.

I BELIEVE we can do it. But do you? Let's work together to transform I BELIEVE into the power of WE BELIEVE.

I believed we could plant 1 million trees this year, and we are off to a great start. Already nearly one thousand clubs have reported their actions, and we have planted over 700,000 trees. Be sure to report your club's tree planting efforts.

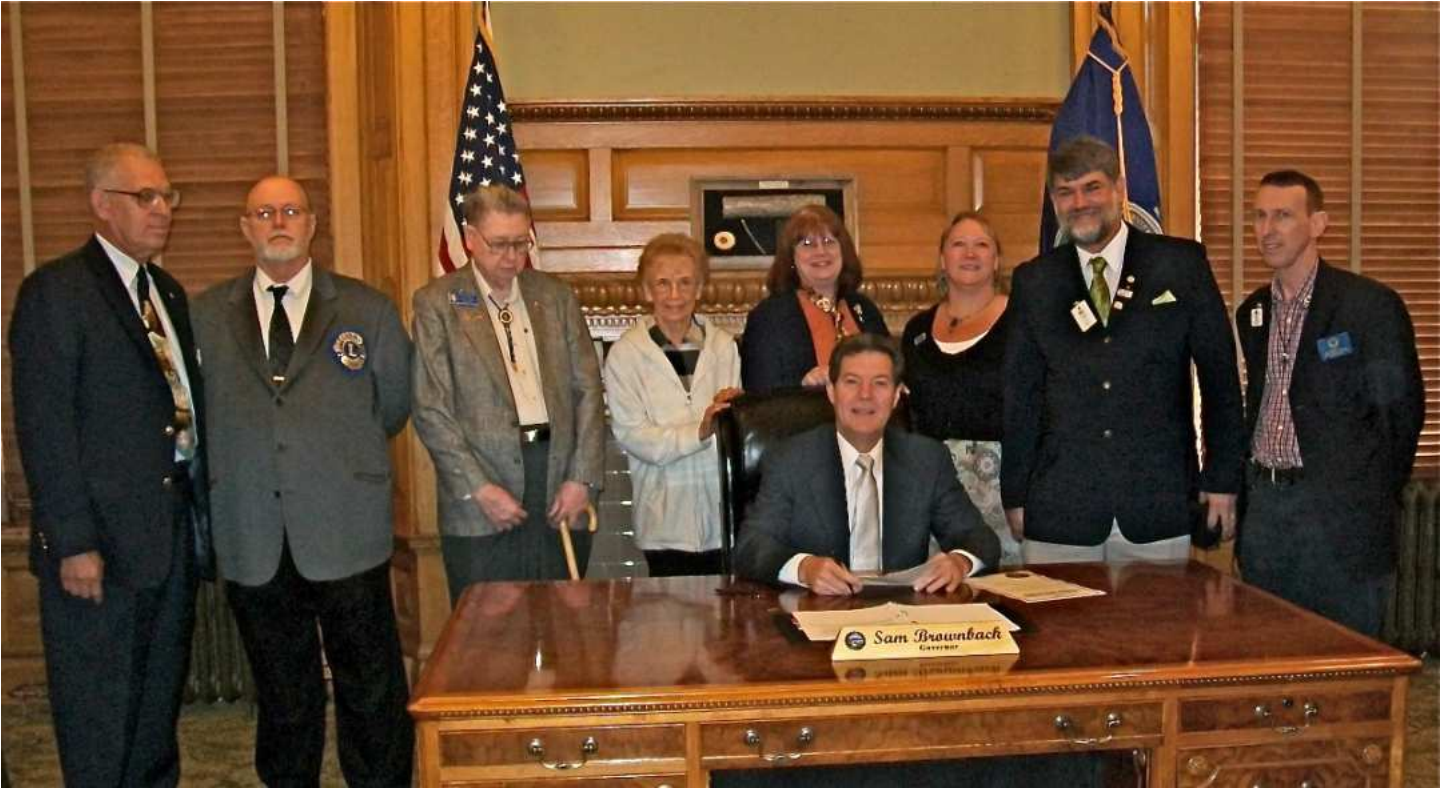
It's truly amazing what we can accomplish when we BELIEVE.

With warm regards from your friend and your newest member of the International family.

Wing-Kun Tam
International President



Governor Brownback Proclaims *Kansas Lions Sight Week!*



Governor Sam Brownback has proclaimed October 9-15, 2011, as ***Kansas Lions Sight Week***. The proclamation is in recognition of *Lions World Sight Day* Oct. 13 and *Lions White Cane Safety Day* Oct. 15.

A delegation of Kansas Lion leaders was on hand in the Governor's

Office on Sept. 22 to witness the historic event, acknowledging the outstanding work of Kansas Lions and the ***Kansas Lions Sight Foundation*** in providing support for the needs of the blind and visually impaired in Kansas.

The International Association of

Lions Clubs is the largest community service organization with 1.35 million members serving in 46,000 clubs in 206 countries of the world.

In Kansas there are 6,500 members in 310 Lions & Leos clubs, all dedicated to serving the needs of their hometown communities.

Peace Poster

Here's hoping several clubs are participating in the contest this year. And that beautiful posters are being created.

The deadline for ordering the peace poster kit is passed. Our next deadline is November 15th, when your club's winning poster must be in my hands. (The instructions do say to send it to the district Governor, but DG Schroll has asked that I handle the posters instead).

If you roll them picture side out when you put them in the mailing tube, they are much easier to lay flat for judging.

Send the posters to Peg Gilbert, 19 Ridge Rd., Sylvan Grove, KS 67481 by November 15th,.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have questions or concerns 785-658-5709

- October 15, 2011**
Manhattan Lions Pancake Feed
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Pottorf Hall in Cico Park Manhattan
- November 12, 2011**
17-I District Cabinet Meeting
Riley Center in Riley
- November 12, 2011**
Riley Soup Supper/Chili Feed
Riley Centre in Riley
Lunch for Cabinet Members
Dinner from 5:00 to 7:00
for others
- March 3, 2012**
District Convention
1st Lutheran Church - Manhattan



District Cabinet Meeting

Lions District 17-I Cabinet Meeting & Training

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Riley Centre, Riley KS

The second cabinet meeting for Lions District 17-I will be held at the Riley Centre, 906 W. Walnut, in Riley on Saturday, November 12. Registration will begin at 9:00 with coffee being served. The cabinet meeting will start at 9:30. Lunch will be served at noon by the Riley Lions Club with chili and soup. A free will offering will be taken for the meal. After lunch, a demonstration of the new Pediavision screener will be held until approximately 2:00.

Please let me know if you plan to attend, since we do need a quorum of cabinet officers in order to conduct business, plus we want plenty of soup. Perhaps by that time the weather may be a little cooler. Call me at 785 532-8611 or e-mail at kayg7@cox.net for reservations.

District Secretary
Lela Gillispie

District Cabinet Meeting Agenda

Lions District 17-I Cabinet Meeting & Training

Saturday, November 12, 2011

Riley Centre, Riley KS

9:00 am

9:30 – 12:00

Registration – Coffee

District Cabinet Meeting

Welcome - DG Marion Schroll

Pledge –

Singing of America –

Invocation –

Meeting Called to Order – DG Marion Schroll

Roll Call – District Secretary Lela Gillispie

Establish Protocol – PDG Thelma Brown

District Governor Remarks – DG Schroll

Minutes of the August 20 Cabinet Meeting - District Secretary Lela Gillispie

Treasurer's Report – District Treasurer Bud Gillispie

Unfinished Business

New Business

VDG Remarks – 1st VDG Bill Sanderson

2nd VDG Al Urich

Zone Chair Reports

Zone Coordinator – Beverly Greenwood

Zone 1 – Lion Kris Jones

Zone 2 – Lion Greg Askren

Zone 3 – Lion Norman Danielson

Zone 4 -

Zone 5 –

Zone 6 – Lion Robert Cowhick

Zone 7 – Lion Linda Leander

Zone 8 – Lion Mo Greenwood

Zone 9 – Lion Jerry Volkman



District Cabinet Meeting

Agenda (continued)

Committee Reports

Alert Program – PDG Daryl Stone
 Const. & By-Laws/Parliamentarian – PDG Thelma Brown
 & PDG Gregg Moser
 Credentials – PDG Tom Weatherd & Lion Lela Gillispie
 Diabetes Awareness/LEHP – 1st VDG Bill Sanderson
 District Convention – PDG Bill Stenfors, Lion Paula Peters,
 Lion K. Taylor, Lion Don Robertson
 Environmental – PDG Gregg Moser
 Eyeglass Collection – Lion Jerry Sorenson
 Historian – Lion Ann Baca
 Honorary Committee – PCC Tom Scanlan, PCC Bill Phillipi
 KL Band Foundation – PDG Gene Johnson & Lion Rick Johnson
 KLF – PDG Daryl Stone & PCC Bill Phillipi
 KLSF – Lion Jerry Sorenson (Candy Day), PDG Jim Tubach,
 & PDG Marilyn Sorenson
 K-I – PDG Tom Weatherd
 KSDS – Lion Deb Tegethoff
 LCIF – PDG Daryl Stone
 Leader Dog – Lion Vickie Phillipi
 Leo Clubs – Lion Sharon Teagarden-King
 Lions Quest – PDG Thelma Brown
 Newsletter/PR/Technology/Website – Lion Bud Gillispie
 Nominations Chair – Lion Leah Stone, Lion Delbert Armbrust
 Peace Poster – Lion Peg Gilbert
 Pin Sales – Lion Jerry Sorenson
 USA/Canada Forum – PDG Marilyn Sorenson
 Women's Membership – Lion Patsy Tubach
 Youth Outreach/Youth Exchange – Lion Peg Gilbert

Adjournment of Cabinet meeting - Lunch served by Riley Lions

1:00 – 2:00 pm

Demonstration of Pedivision machine

Youth Exchange

Our thanks go to ZC Kris and Rachel Jones, who hosted Yuka Ishibashi from Japan. Her exchange was in August, and we hope that several Lions in the district were able to meet her. From all reports, they seemed to be having a good time.

Japan needs the host family commitment for the exchanges for

summer 2012 very soon, so if you know someone that wants to host a Japanese student you need to let us know in time to fill out the paperwork before the end of November.

I do not yet have their applications, but we are looking for host families for two girls from Peru. They will be doing the exchange

from mid-January through the end of February.

Please contact me if you or someone you know could host a Peruvian student during that period of time.

*Peg Gilbert
 Youth Exchange Chair
 19 Ridge Rd
 Sylvan Grove, KS 67481*



PDG Club News

PDG Meeting – October 8, 2011

The upcoming Past District Governor's dinner and meeting will be:

October 8, 2011 – 6:30 PM

Sirloin Stockade meeting room

426 Goldenbelt Blvd. - Junction City, Kansas

Spouses are invited to attend the dinner and meeting.

Questions – Contact Thelma Brown – (785) 364-7560

PDG Club Report

On August 20, 2011, after the District Cabinet Meeting, PDG Club President and IPDG Marilyn Sorenson called the meeting to order.

Members present:

President Marilyn Sorenson

VP Daryl Stone

Sec./Treas. Thelma Brown

Jim Tubach

Gene Johnson

Ken Smith

Tom Weatherd

Bill Stenfors

Marvin Ledy

Bill Phillippi

Don King.

The Fundraising Committee, Marilyn Sorenson, Don King and Daryl Stone, discussed this years fundraising options with the members in attendance. A pre-paid Credit Card was approved by a unanimous vote. Daryl Stone graciously volunteered to make the tickets. The funds raised will help send our emerging Lion leaders to

GPLLI. A donation of \$5.00 was given by each PDG in attendance. If unable to attend meetings you may send your donation to PDG Thelma Brown (Sec./Treas.), 418 Comanche Dr, Holton, KS, 66436 – phone number (785) 364-7560. Each donation is appreciated.

PDG Club President and IPDG Marilyn Sorenson invites PDG's and their spouses to please come and enjoy the fellowship and business meeting on October 8th, 2011, Junction City Sirloin Stockade (426 Goldenbelt Blvd), 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned.

*PDG Thelma Brown
Secretary/Treasurer
MD17-I PDG Club*

Club News

Clifton Lions Club

The Clifton Lions Club has made a change in their meeting schedule. They will meet only one time per month which will be the second Monday of each month until further notice. The meeting on Dec. 26 will be moved.

Homer Naumann, Secretary

Junction City Sundowners

During the September 1st meeting of the Junction City Sundowners Lions Club held at the Peking Restaurant, five new members were inducted into the club by 1st Vice District Governor Bill Sanderson (left). New members are (from left) John Harris, Penny Harris, Beth Howell, Kathy Semanko, and Bill Semanko.

Members of the Junction City Sundowners Lions Club met August 27th to clean up the tree plantings on Alternate Highway 57 next to the National Guard Armory as part of their "protect the environment project." Taking part in the cleanup were (from left) Chuck Kiser, Carmen Kiser, Bill Semanko, Frank Catalo, Manny Pasquil, Ken Seabrook, and Kathy Semanko.

(photos by Kathy Semanko)





More...Club News

Barnard Lions Club



On his yearly visit to the Barnard Lions Club September 26, District Governor Marion Schroll congratulates sponsors and new members of Barnard Lions Club: (L-R) Kent Clark, sponsor; Monty Fuller, Jeff Wallace, and Nick Biggs, new members; and Joe Coover, sponsor.

Lions District 17-I District Governor Marion Schroll congratulates Melvin Hart on being a Lion for 58 years since the Barnard Lions Club was chartered in 1953.

WOODBINE LIONS CLUB

**PANCAKE DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011**

Beginning at 6:00 am to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: WOODBINE GYMNASIUM

MENU:

PANCAKES – SAUSAGE – EGGS – BISCUITS & GRAVY

SOUP – DRINKS

PIE SERVED AT 10:30A.M.

***DONATIONS TO BE USED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS
EYE CLASS COLLECTION BOX AVAILABLE***



Environmental Forum

2011-2012



District 17-I Environmental Contest

Kansas Lions Environmental Photo Contest ~ \$50.00 & Certificate. Winner judged at Mid-Winter Rally ~ Deadline 1 Jan 2012. Each club may submit one entry to district chairman in each category. Animal Life, Landscape, Plant Life Weather Phenomenon. Theme ~ Environmental Project of Lions (planting trees, etc). Winners notified by June 2012. No people except in Theme category, size 8x10, not mounted – framed. No writing photo – enclose information on separate paper with entry. **Kansas Lions 2011-2012 Environmental Program Reporting.** File quarterly reports to district chairman of club’s activities 15 Oct, 15 Jan, 15 Apr, 15 May.

Clubs may contact GreggAMoser@aol.com for tracking form

The following is the point system: *(Submitted quarterly)*

Lion Member _____ or Club Name _____

District _____ Quarter _____

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| <u>Tree planted</u> and nurtured, per tree (Million trees project) | 10 points | _____ |
| <u>Photo</u> submitted to Environmental Photo Contest, per photo | 10 points | _____ |
| <u>Eyeglasses</u> , prescription collection, per 10 pair | 20 points | _____ |
| <u>Cell phone</u> collection and delivery to district, per 5 phone | 20 points | _____ |
| <u>Hearing Aid</u> collection and delivery to district, per 5 aids | 20 points | _____ |
| <u>Start and maintain an Environmental program</u> (one time) <i>(trees, recycling, reusing, & reducing, clean-ups)</i> | 20 points | _____ |
| <u>Recycled materials</u> , 5 lbs. (not as a business but for Lions) | 10 points | _____ |
| Lion member <u>talk to a civic group</u> on Environmental issues | 20 points | _____ |
| Lion member <u>talk to a city council</u> on Environmental issues | 20 points/member | _____ |
| Have a <u>non-Lion help</u> with a project | 10 points | _____ |

Total Points (due quarterly) _____

Submit quarterly to your District Environmental Chairman. By Oct. 15 *for July, Aug. & Sept*; Jan. 15 *for Oct., Nov., Dec.*; April 15 *for Jan., Feb., March*; and May 15 *for April, May and estimated June*.

This form is set up for members to fill out, Submit to club, then club will need to compile member reports, Club reports should be submitted for quarterly reporting to the district chairperson, who then will submit them to the State Chairman. These points need to be reported quarterly to the District Chairperson, (District Governor if a District Chairperson is not in place) who will report to the State Environmental Chairperson, quarterly. This program started in 1972 by Lions Clubs International. As a multiple district we will follow the program as closely as possible. You may also visit the Lions website or have someone print it off for you. This point system is uniform throughout the state for proper application of awards. Reports must be made quarterly to your district chairperson. See new rules for the Photo contest regarding the 5 categories. State Award: To the top district club, \$50.00 + certificate for Environmental work. District Award: Option of each district.

Quarterly reports, due October 15, January 15; April 15, and final by May 15. Reports should be submitted to your District Environmental Chairman. State competition will be considered for the clubs that submit quarterly reports to the district chairman and/or District Governor.



Welcome to your Lions District 17-I District Newsletter

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