



The Kansas Lions News

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State Convention rolls into Lawrence in June



PID Brian Sheehan

3 things to do before 2016 State Convention

1) Book your room.

Deadline to reserve rooms at Lawrence Hotel & Convention Center is May 20 – Call the hotel at 785-841-7077.

2) Reserve your meals.

Deadline is May 27 (convention registration form is on page 6).

3) Save your seat.

Bus transportation available to Lions Band concerts Friday night and Saturday morning at Baker University – sign up on registration form.

You won't want to miss the 95th Kansas Lions State Convention in Lawrence, June 2-4. Past International Director Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lori, from Bird Island, Minn. will be our guests. PID Brian will entertain and motivate in unique ways. He is one of the very best speakers we could have for this event.

The Kansas City Dixieland Jazz Band will kick off convention festivities after dinner on Thursday evening. This group features music from the "Dixieland Era" of a century ago along with contemporary favorites. They play with an upbeat, toe-tapping flair.

David Beatty, head football coach at the University of Kansas, will be the featured speaker at lunch on Friday. The luncheon is hosted by the MD-17 PDG Club. A Friday evening buffet dinner will precede a trip just 20 miles down the road to Baker University, where ensembles from the Kansas Lions State Band will perform. An ice cream social, sponsored by the Kansas Lions Band Foundation, will give Lions an opportunity to visit with band students.

Lions will make the same trip to Baldwin City on Saturday morning for the concert provided by the entire Kansas Lions State Band. This performance is always a highlight of the state convention. Then it's back to Lawrence for lunch, where Lions will be entertained by Mike Corrigan with BAC Horn Doctor Company of Kansas City. In addition to being an entertaining speaker, Mike is a very talented creator of custom-made instruments commissioned by musicians such as Wynton Marsalis.

Throughout the day on Friday and Saturday there will be meetings of the various Foundations, along with informative seminars on membership with PID Brian and Leader Dogs

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2015-2016 Lions Calendar

June 2-4, 2016

Fourth State Council Meeting & State Convention, Lawrence

June 24-28, 2016

Lions Clubs International Convention Fukuoka, Japan

July 22-24, 2016

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Mount Marty College Yankton, S. D.

Sept. 15-17, 2016

USA/Canada Forum, Omaha

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From the Council Chair –

Lions Day at the U.N. draws record turnout

By CC Beverly Greenwood

The 38th Annual Lions Day at the United Nations was held March 12 in New York City. Lion “MO” and I were two of the 750 participants from 36 countries, the largest group ever. More than 400 Lions were turned away as there was not space for them.

Past International President Al Brandal of New York was the chair for the event. He reiterated that they are trying to find more accommodations for members next year. LCI President Jitsuhiro Yamada welcomed us.

Mo and I took a guided tour of the UN on Friday (I was there in college, but it was on Mo’s bucket list). The UN reception was Friday afternoon. We had a nice visit with PID Mike and Lion Linda Molenda. They sent their regards to their Kansas friends. They are enjoying their Kansas magazine subscription. They will retire professionally in December. PIP Joe Preston,

1st Vice President Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne, also sent greetings. Mo and Bob shared acquaintances in Tennessee.



For the meeting Saturday, we were ushered to the front row, next to 2nd VP Naresh Aggarwal and his wife, Navita, of India. It was a perfect opportunity to get to know them.

In 1945, Lion leaders were invited to help develop the non-governmental charter for the UN. Melvin Jones helped as a consultant.

For 70 years Lions have established many partnerships with goals to work together to strengthen our commitment to serving those in need. Former President (and Lion) Jimmy Carter and the Carter Center worked with the Sight First Campaign to raise \$1.43 million. He credits being a Lion tail-twister as part of his journey to becoming President. In the past, Kansas Lion Bill Wunder, who served as Lions Clubs International President, presented President Carter with the Humanitarian Award. Carter also has won a No-

bel Peace Prize for his humanitarian service. Other Lions UN partnerships include financially helping Pfizer distribute more than 500 million doses of vaccine in Ethiopia through a \$48 million gift from LCIF.

Lions’ commitment to health for all and especially our traditional concern for the well-being of young people make it imperative that we continue to act. Through the “One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative,” Lions have joined a worldwide collaborative effort of the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Foundation, UNICEF, American Red Cross and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

This year an agreement was signed by LCI and the UN to “Promote Gender Equity.” Even though women are 66 percent of the workforce, 23 percent earn less money than men, and two-thirds of women worldwide are illiterate. For example, Liberian women must stay inside and men make the decisions.

An excellent panel of five women and one man presented various sides to gender inequity. The moderator was Nilofar Bahhtiar, the first female Lion International Director from Pakistan (1999). Everyone in her community was against her father sending her to the United States for her education, but he knew that was her best opportunity.

The Peace Poster winner from China and essay winner from South Africa were each presented checks for \$5,000. They shared their peace messages. (Be sure to order next year’s Peace Poster kit from LCI – the theme is “In Celebration of Peace” and the contest is for children ages 11-13.)

An even bigger and better Lions Day at the United Nations is being planned for next March.

For more information, contact me or Lion Mo at: bgreenwood@igroup.kscoxmail.com, or read about LDUN online.

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Used eyeglasses literally impact the world

Dear Fellow Lions,

I write this on Jan. 23 after sorting the used eyeglasses that we picked at the Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan on Jan. 16. We ended this sorting adventure with 33 banana boxes of sorted glasses. The 33 boxes contained 370 pairs each (on average). That pencils out to be 12,210 pairs.

All of the colored (dark lens) glasses must be separated from the regular glasses, as most of those are sent to countries in the hotter regions of the world (close to the Equator). All packing material has to be removed from the boxes that I ship to Indiana, as this is a disposal problem for them at the prison.

I also have to dispose of five large barrels of packing material and empty glasses cases. Our trash collection company here in Scranton is a member of the Carbondale Lions Club, and so far he has been very good natured about the larger trash shipments from my barn here in Scranton.

Respectfully In Lionism,
Viola & PDG Bernard Lee
Kansas Eyeglass Collection Chair



PDG Bernard Lee recently provided 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Mill Creek Community Church in Shawnee. The church is affiliated with World Gospel Outreach and will be going to Honduras to provide eyeglasses to needy people. The mother and sons pictured above received eyeglasses during the 2015 Honduras trip. All are wearing very high corrections for astigmatism and the mother is wearing a prescription of more than minue 15.00, which is an extreme power. –Contributed photo



Left to right, District 17N Diabetes Awareness Chair Patrick Laham, PDG Thomas Slattery of Indianapolis, Ind., and PDG Bernard Lee, Kansas Lions Eyeglass Collection Chair, load 124 cases containing 45,000 pairs of glasses headed for classification. The eyeglasses were picked up in February at Lee's eyeglass collection center (aka his barn) in Scranton. –Contributed photo

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Please send your news to Nancy either via e-mail or snail mail. Send original photos – do not downsize them.

Let Nancy know if you have questions.

Your club, your way!

Customizing your club meeting

Are your club's meetings all that they can be?

It is easy to recruit new members when you invite them to meetings that are welcoming and enjoyable. Positive and engaging meetings encourage involvement, facilitate communication and give members something to look forward to. But how do you design a meeting that appeals to members and prospective members who want to make a difference in their community, but have little time to commit? And how do you create a club atmosphere that is positive and inviting?

You have a choice ... your club has the freedom to structure club meetings in a way that best meets your members' needs. While many clubs value the traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation, it is good to know that most traditions are optional and members can choose to change the elements, frequency and structure of their meetings to make the meeting more inviting or use new forms of technology to keep members connected and manage club business.

Access this meeting guide at: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/DA-YCYW.pdf> and use it as a tool to improve meeting attendance.

This guide includes a number of options to consider and tips to encourage attendance and involvement. You will also find a quick survey that you can give to your club members to gain their input.

Use this guide to help assess meeting structure, level of formality and other elements and reinvent your meetings based on your members' personal preferences!

And, if you find the term "meeting" unfriendly or boring, consider a new term like "gathering" or "club event" to bring energy and enthusiasm back to your club!

Lion PDG Don Keihl
17K Global Membership Team

Images from Mid-Winter Rally



PCC DeAnne Heersche (second from right) receives a hug from her MD-17 Leo co-chair Cheryl Kerns after Kerns gave Heersche a quilt made from Leo T-shirts during the Saturday luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally. Helping hold the quilt is PDG Dan Funke. —Photo by Nancy D. Borst



International Director Robert Littlefield (right) was the special guest at Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan. ID Littlefield tries to induct a new Lions member wherever he travels to visit Lions. In Kansas, that new member was Meredith Johanning of the Lawrence Noon Lions Club. Joining as her sponsor for the induction is PID Ed McCormick. —Photo by Nancy D. Borst

– More MWR photos on page 20 –

Your support critical for Lions Band

"Lost time is never found again."
 – Benjamin Franklin

Since the second State Council meeting, Lion Shari and I have been very busy, preparing for the 2016 Kansas Lions State Band camp, attending the Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) Spring Workshop and working on the 2017 International Band trip to Chicago.

There are lots of moving parts; at times it seems as if we are meeting each other coming and going. The purpose of this particular article is three fold. The first is to address the financial support of this year's band students going to Baker University, and secondly, to seek donations to cover part of the cost of the new band uniforms that were purchased last year. The final topic relates to the possibility of a 2017 Kansas Lions International Marching Band.

Kansas has more than 400 public and more than 60 private high schools. This large pool of locations to draw our band students from allows us to continually have a band of more than 200 musicians. If every Kansas Lions Club sponsored just one student, we would have nearly 250 in attendance. Several of our clubs sponsor multiple students, which is just amazing.

However, on the downside, we have many clubs that do not sponsor any students. As the applications continue to arrive, we are seeing several that need financial sponsorship. Our problem is finding Lions clubs willing to cover the cost of them attending the camp. We have been very fortunate over the last several years to be able to keep our costs reasonable. The fee (\$250) covers four nights lodging, 11 meals, fees paid to the band director and assistant band instructors, camp shirts, administrative items, plus other costs associated to running the camp. Compared to other band camps, the Kansas Lions Band camp is by far one of the least expensive.

Lion Shari will be contacting clubs that have not yet sponsored a student. Remember, these are our Kansas band students that need your help. Even if

they are not from your local area, please don't hesitate to help.

For those Lions who attended the 2015 State Band concert, you were the first to see the new uniforms worn by the band students. Comments from those in attendance and the students themselves relate just how amazing the new uniforms look.

In early 2015, 300 new uniforms were ordered from Fruhauf at a cost of nearly \$100,000. The purchase was made a reality in part to the generosity of the Kansas Lions Band Foundation. Not only did they donate \$30,000 outright, they also fronted almost another \$37,000, allowing us to make the full purchase of uniforms. Several individual Lions and clubs have made donations that have allowed us to repay one third of the extra funds that were fronted. Additional donations would help allow us to repay the remaining "up front" funds back to the Foundation. A special banner patch has been designed and will be presented to any individual or club that donates (or has already donated).

By the time you read this issue of *The Kansas Lions News*, we will be just more than one year away from the 100th anniversary of Lions International and the 2017 International Convention. The final topic of this article is taking a Kansas Lions International Band to Chicago. We have been in discussion with our travel agency, trying to make it possible for Kansas to have a band at the convention. Estimated cost per student

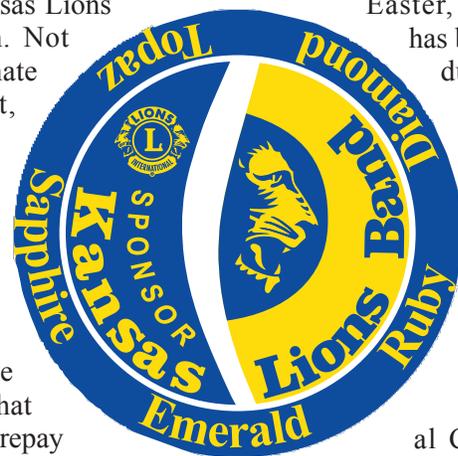
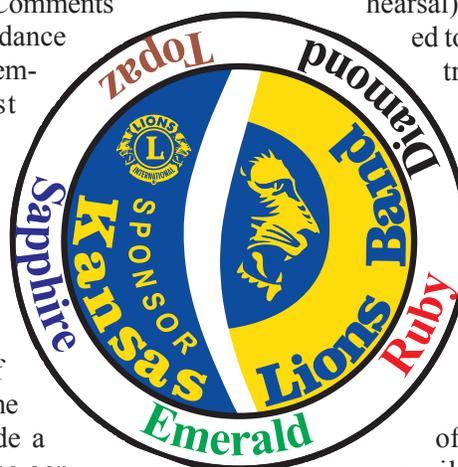
to attend the State Band camp and the International Marching Band is \$1,250. The fee would cover State Band camp at Friends University (including the 2 1/2 days added on for International Band rehearsal) and the expenses related to the International Band trip (bus transportation, hotel, meals and admission/sightseeing fees). This price is before any donation by the Kansas Lions Band Foundation.

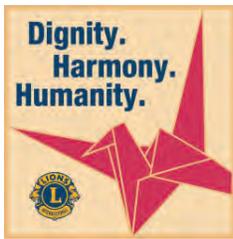
Thanks to PDG Don Kiehl, a letter seeking club and private donations to help offset the total cost was mailed in January. As of Easter, \$4,475 in donations has been received. In 2007, during the last International Convention in Chicago, Kansas was represented by 78 band students. Given the location and reasonable cost to take a band to Chicago, we are hoping to take at least 60-80 students.

The 2017 International Convention is special for two reasons: it will be the Lions 100th anniversary and we will have an outgoing International Director. "Specific earmarked" donations and offsets from the Band Foundation will help lower the overall cost for clubs supporting their International Band students next year.

With everyone's help, Kansas Lions can make the 2017 trip to Chicago a reality. In closing, consider this final quote. *"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."* – Albert Schweitzer

Respectfully submitted,
 PCC Hans and Shari Neidhardt
 Kansas Lions Band Committee





KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Lawrence Hotel & Convention Center - Lawrence, KS June 2 – 4, 2016

Registration form

Name _____

Spouse _____

Club _____ District 17 K A N (Please circle district)

Street Address _____ City, State and Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Events (check number attending for each meal, sub-total for each item and total for all events)

Registration (\$10.00 registration fee required of all attendees) () x \$10.00 \$ _____

Thursday Night Dinner () x \$18.00 \$ _____
Entertainment: Kansas City Dixieland Jazz Band

Friday Lunch () x \$15.00 \$ _____
Speaker: KU Football Coach David Beaty

Friday Dinner () x \$18.00 \$ _____
Entertainment: Kansas Lion Jazz Band and Ensemble at Baker University

• Bus to and from Baker University for Friday night () x \$ 5.00 \$ _____

• Bus to and from Baker University for Saturday morning concert () x \$ 5.00 \$ _____

Saturday Lunch () x \$15.00 \$ _____
Speaker: Mike Corrigan of BAC Horn Doctor

Saturday Dinner () x \$17.00 \$ _____
Keynote Speaker: PID Brian Sheehan

Total registration \$ _____

Dietary Restrictions and special needs _____

Make checks payable to: **Kansas Lions State Convention**

Mail registration forms and remittance to: Lion Lela Gillispie, 1414 Givens Road, Manhattan KS 66503

E-mail: kayg7@cox.net Phone 785 532-8611

Final date for Meal Reservations is May 27, 2016

Make hotel reservations directly with the Lawrence Hotel & Convention Center: **785 841-7077**
(formerly Holiday Inn)

\$89.00 Special Room Rate good until May 20, 2016

Buses must be reserved by May 27, along with registration, in order to have this service available. Money will be refunded to those who paid for buses if the numbers are not enough to merit this service.



Don't miss PID Brian Sheehan, convention keynote speaker

Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minn., was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 94th International Convention in 2011. PID Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company.

A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including council chairperson, long range planning chairperson, membership chairperson, retention chairperson, women's initiative chairperson and the MD convention chairperson. He has also served as the chairperson of the Headquarter Operation & Finance Committee, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Seminars chairperson, Lions University coordinator, DGE group leader, GMT liaison and board appointee to several committees

including Constitutions and Bylaws, LCIF Executive, LCI Executive, USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and the Centennial Action committees.

He has been a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. He currently serves as the GLT area leader and is a member of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Planning Committee.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, six International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award, four International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good

Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to Lions activities, PID Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award. Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two daughters.

State Convention

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with J. Burnett. The annual MD-17 business meeting will take place on Saturday afternoon and will include votes on changes to the multiple district by-laws and constitution (details and voting delegate form in this issue). PID Brian's presentation on Saturday evening will culminate the weekend's activities. Awards will be given to select Kansas Lions in recognition of outstanding efforts in Lions' work.

The convention will be held in the completely remodeled Lawrence Hotel and Convention Center (formerly the Lawrence Holiday Inn), 200 McDonald Drive. The hotel is located just south of Kansas Turnpike exit 202.

On Friday evening and again on Saturday morning, arrangements have been made for two buses to transport Lions between the Convention Center and Baker University at a nominal cost. Additional information is on the registration form. If demand exceeds the space available, orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Likewise, if demand is not sufficient to warrant bus transportation, monies included with registration will be refunded.

How can you help with convention?

Place an ad in the program book

An advertisement in the program book is a great way to welcome guests or to advertise your club. Ads can be for a full page (\$100; 3.5x10 inches), half page (\$50; 3.5x4.75 inches) or quarter page (\$25; 3.5x2.25 inches). Limited budget? You can have an individual sponsorship for as little as \$15. All ad content, with payment, must go to Becky Funke by May 10 (9 Argon, Goddard 67052; rfunke3@cox.net).

Create a theme basket to be auctioned

The creativity of Kansas Lions never ceases to amaze! The theme basket auction is one of the convention highlights. Choose a theme of your choice and include a list of items in the basket along with an estimated total value. All proceeds will go toward sending the Kansas Lions International Band to Chicago in 2017. Baskets will be available to pick up after the afternoon session on Saturday (bidding will stop at 3 p.m.). Winners and totals donated will be announced at the Saturday banquet. Questions? Contact Margy Sundstrom (940-390-7430; Margaret1226@gmail.com).

Help stock the hospitality room

Lions enjoy sitting and visiting while enjoying a cup of coffee or cold drink, along with goodies from the hospitality room. Those goodies don't just magically appear – they are contributed by Lions and clubs. Let Heather Lanigan know what you can provide – cash donations also accepted. Contact her at: thelanigans@gmail.com.

Promote your cause with an exhibit

A display in the exhibit area is a great way to share what your organization does. Reserve your exhibit space by using the form printed in this issue or by contacting Bob Jernigan (jernigan165@yahoo.com).

State Convention highlights

Thursday night: KC Dixieland Band

The band formed in fall 2008. In addition to music from the Dixieland Era, the band also plays modern favorite with an upbeat, toe-tapping flair. Each member comes to the band with a unique, non-musical professional background (dentist, psychiatrist, physician, locomotive engineer, business manager, technician, entrepreneur, to name a few) but they share a common goal: bring the joy of Dixieland style music to audiences of all ages.

Friday lunch: KU Football Coach David Beatty

Heading into his second season as head coach, David Beatty is working hard to rebuild the Jayhawk football program. Do his plans have a relationship with Kansas Lions? Come and find out!

Friday evening: Ensemble/Jazz Concert

After dinner, join Lions for the short drive to Baldwin City and Baker University to hear the Kansas Lions Band jazz band

and ensembles perform. End the day with an ice cream social while visiting with band students.

Saturday morning: Kansas Lions Band concert

The always sensational Kansas Lions Band will be in concert at Baker University. Don't miss this perennial favorite of state convention.

Saturday lunch: BAC Horn Doctor

Mike Corrigan with BAC Horn Doctor Company of Kansas City is an entertaining speaker and a talented creator of custom-made instruments commissioned by musicians such as Wynton Marsalis.

Saturday evening: Banquet

PID Brian Sheehan will share a keynote message sure to inspire at the banquet, which also will include various awards and provide a fitting conclusion to the convention.

R - O - A - R! Local Lions 'serve'



Police thank Lions club

Sgt. Jason Legleiter with the Fraternal Order of Police of the Arkansas City Police Department (left) spoke to the **Arkansas City Early Birds Lions Club** in February and was appreciative of all the time and money spent by the club to help the safety department and the city, including but not limited to money for a family in need to buy groceries, the DARE Club, fireworks, holiday baskets and "Shop with a Cop." The last event allows officers to take youth holiday shopping. Lion Mary Mort initially took the step for the club to work with police to help those in the community who are struggling. The Lions appreciate this opportunity to be of help and expect this relationship to continue.

-Contributed photo

District A news

Four District 17-A Lions attended the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute in March at Denver. They are Vania Castro (**Leawood Lions Club**), Wendy Drush (**Miami County Traveling Lions Club**), and Margy and Mike Sundstrom (**Overland Park Host Lions**).

The institute focuses on building the skills of Lions members in preparation for leadership opportunities at the club level.

Club milestones

Welcome to the **Galena Branch Lions Club**, which was chartered April 2. Lion Doug Gatewood recently presented a Builder's Pin by PCC Jess Larison for his work building the branch club.

Congratulations to the **Washington Lions Club**, which celebrated its 86th anniversary in March, and to the **Parsons Lions Club**, which celebrates its 85th anniversary in May.

Exhibitors / Vendors Table Request Form

Kansas Lions State Convention – MD 17

Friday – Saturday June 3-4, 2016

Name of Exhibitor / Vendor _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Ph: _____ E-Mail _____

_____ **Electricity Requested** (Please Check if needed)

_____ **Not for Profit or Lions Programs / Foundations and Pin Collectors**
(Please indicate if more than one table is needed)

_____ **For Profit Companies**

Special Requests: _____

Exhibitor's Hours: Suggested Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Friday and 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM Saturday. (Most Lions will be off site at the Band Concert, from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM Saturday) Exhibit area will be ready for exhibitors to set up after 3:00 p.m. Thursday.

Area Description: One table (8' by 30") that is skirted / covered and two chairs. Electricity is limited; first come first served for electrical outlets.

Mail to: Lion Bob Jernigan
PO Box 165
Lecompton, KS 66050
Jernigan165@yahoo.com

Deadline: May 25, 2016



Sight Foundation to consider by-laws updates

The following proposed by-law changes, from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation By-Law Committee, will be up for a vote at the 2016 State Convention in Lawrence. They are submitted by PDG Don Cunningham, Chair.

Article II, Mission Statement

Currently reads:

The KLSF is committed to aid the blind and visually impaired to preserving eyesight through the purchase of equipment and the support of eye programs.

Suggested changes:

The KLSF is committed to identifying vision problems and aiding the blind and visually impaired.

Article VI Section 2

Sentence 2 currently reads:

One director from each Sub-District will be designated Candy Day / Kansas Lions For Sight Chairpersons

Suggested changes (eliminate "Candy Day"):

One Director from each of the Sub-Districts will be designated Kansas Lions for Sight Chairperson.

Last sentence Section 2 currently reads:

The State Chairman of The Used Eyeglasses collection shall be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors.

Suggested changes:

The Chairperson for Used Eyeglasses collection will be a non-voting member of the Board of Directors unless he or she was elected as one of the 6 KLSF directors of the Sub-District.

Article VII Section 6, sentence 1

Currently reads:

The Candy Day/Kansas Lions For Sight Committee shall be responsible for the promotion and administration of the Kansas Lions Fund Raising Day for Sight Conservation Activities on a statewide basis.

Suggested change (delete the words "Candy Day"):

The Kansas Lions For Sight Committee shall be responsible for the promotion and administration of the Kansas Lions Fund raising Day for Sight Conservation Activities on a statewide basis.

MD-17 to vote on constitutional amendments at convention

Amendment # 1

ARTICLE IV State Council

AMENDMENT: Delete strikethrough word.

SECTION 1. There shall be a State Council composed of the duly elected District Governors in the State and one ~~im-~~mediate Past District Governor. Any Kansas Lion serving or who has served as President or Director of the International Association shall serve as an advisor to the State Council as non-voting members.

ARTICLE V State Council

AMENDMENT: Delete all of ARTICLE V, Section 2 and add the following:

Section 2. The Council Chairperson shall call a meeting of the State Council and all District Governors-Elect for the purpose of nominating and electing, for the succeeding year, a Council Chairperson as provided in ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1 and a Council Vice-Chairperson from the District Governors-Elect.

Any District Governor or Past District Governor seeking election to the office of Council Chairperson shall file in writing their desire along with credentials required by Lions Clubs International Constitution and By-Laws and the MD-17 Constitution and By-laws with the Council Chairperson at least thirty (30) days prior to the State Officer Election Meeting.

MD-17 Requirements include:

1. Have served Kansas Lions by serving on a state committee and/or as a foundation director all of the previous three

(3) years **Or** A current District Governor.

2. Have not previously served as a council chairperson.

At the State Officer Election Meeting, the Council Chairperson will place into nominations all qualified letters of intent received. If none, then nominations along with required credentials will be accepted from the floor. Each State Council member and Governor-Elect shall have one vote in the election of each said Council Officers at the State Council Officer Election Meeting.

Amendment # 2

ARTICLE IV State Council

AMENDMENT: Delete strikethrough words and add words in **bold**.

SECTION 4. Special meetings of the State Council may be called by the Council Chairperson or at the request of ~~three (3) or more members of the State Council~~ **the majority of the sitting governors**. Such call or request shall state the date, time, place and purpose of said meeting and shall be in writing and forwarded to each State Council member by certified mail, at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting, or by waiver of notification in writing.

Amendment # 3

ARTICLE IV State Council

AMENDMENT: Delete strikethrough words and add words in **bold**.

See **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS** on page 15

Screening Unit, Lions Kidsight have different purposes

It has come to the attention of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation that the Lions of Kansas have lost the purpose of the KLSF Mobile Screening Unit (MSU). The KLSF has two different programs for Lions clubs to use. One of these programs should not substitute for the other. Please read on!

We Lions seem to forget that we have a **jewel** in Kansas (the MSU) that is not being used to its fullest potential. The MSU was designed to screen mostly adults for blood pressure, blood sugar, hearing and vision. The goals of the KLSF and MSU were to help Lions clubs in local communities provide health screenings in their communities for adults. This is not happening at the present time. Where has this

goal gone and what can Lions do to return to this goal?

Blood pressure and blood sugar levels are vital to the health and well-being of all citizens in all communities. High blood pressure will cause a variety of health issues and most people with it do not know they have it. High blood sugar is a sure sign that a person may have the first stages of diabetes, which can be a life threatening illness if not caught in its early stages.

Hearing the spoken word is vital to everyone. Without hearing, most people do not function well. Most of the hearing screenings done by Lions can identify a problem that needs to be addressed soon and can make a dif-

ference in their everyday life.

Vision screening for adults is far different than the same screening for children. Most adults have already seen an eye doctor and have far different conditions than that of children. Visual acuity (20/20, 20/40 etc.) plus peripheral vision (seeing in the outer edges of your vision pattern) are all an adult needs. Most adults know they are having a vision problem as they have had better vision in the past and just need to be reminded to go to their eye care professional for help to have better vision.

These goals are far different than vision screening for children. Although they are similar the two are far different programs and the MSU should not be substituted for the Kansas Children's Vision Screening Program or the Children's Vision Screening program should not be a substitute for the MSU.

In the Children's Vision Screening Program, we look for vision problems a child may have, such as near- and far-sightedness, astigmatism, gaze, unequal pupil size, etc. Most of these children do not know they can have better vision as their vision is good as it has ever been and they have no basis for comparison. The Lions Kid-Sight USA organization's goal is to see that every child under the age of 6 has a vision screening in the United States. The Lions clubs in Kansas are trying to find all of the children with a vision problem in this age group.

Here in Kansas statistics show that an average of 10 percent of the children screened under the age of 6 years old have a vision problem. Statistics also show that if a child can get help with their vision problem before age 7, they will have better vision for the rest of their lives. What better gift can a Lions club give a child than good vision!

As I said earlier these two programs are similar but different and one should not be a substitute for the other. Please look at your local Lions clubs goals and use the correct program to fit your community's needs.

If you need more information or would like a program on health screening, please contact one of the KLSF directors: Lion Ron Bretz, Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, Lion Dan Heersche or Lion Vern Failor. Their contact information can be found in the Kansas Lions Directory.

*Lion Vern Failor
Chairman, MSU Committee
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MD-17 Peace Poster Contest winner Kristen Kuhl is pictured here with her winning poster, District K Governor Fran Smith and her parents, Stephen and Sara Kuhl. Kristen's poster went on to win a Merit Award from LCI. –Contributed photo

2015-16 Peace Poster Contest: 'Share Peace'

Three district-winning posters were submitted to MD-17 for the state level 2015-16 Peace Poster Contest.

Hansini Perera, a Fort Hays State University graduate student completing on a Master of Fine Art degree, served as judge. The following winners were selected:

First Place – Kristen Kuhl (age 11), sponsored by the **Hays Lions Club**, District K.

Student's quote on peace: "You can wish for peace, but only hard work can get you there."

Second Place – Karly Mullins (age 12), sponsored by the **Parsons Lions Club**, District N.

Student's quote on peace: "Join hands for peace."

Third Place – Charlotte Baker (age 11), sponsored by the **Parsons Lions Club**, District N.



District A Peace Poster Contest winner Charlotte Baker was all smiles after receiving her third place state award at Mid-Winter Rally. –Photo by Nancy D. Borst

Peace Poster

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12), sponsored by the **Leawood Lions Club**, District A.

Student's quote on peace: "Sharing peace will allow growth to improve the world."

Each entrant received a framed certificate and a monetary award (\$150, \$125 and \$100) at Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan on Jan. 16. The winning poster advanced to international competition.

Approximately 400,000 children from 65 countries participated in this year's 28th Annual Peace Poster Contest. The posters were judged at club, district and multiple district levels before reaching the international level, at which point they had been narrowed down to 129 posters.

LCI Merit Award

Based on creativity, originality and portrayal of the theme, "Share Peace," the state of Kansas entry was chosen as one of 23 merit award winners. Kristen Kuhl received \$500 and a certificate of merit.

*Jean Gleischner
MD-17 Peace Poster Chair*



MD-17 second place Peace Poster Contest winner Karly Mullins is pictured here with District N Governor Dwayne Willis at Mid-Winter Rally. —Photo by Nancy D. Borst

Club challenges all Lions to support new Honor Flights

Lion Scott Helmke of the **Wichita Northwest Lions Club** made a motion and resolution that were passed at a club board meeting recently that include a call to all Kansas Lions.

The action called for club funds to be used to sponsor a blind veteran on a Kansas Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. Helmke also asked that the club petition the MD-17 Council Chair and District Governors to challenge all Kansas Lions clubs to sponsor one blind veteran on a Kansas Honor Flight, in the event such a trip is provided.

The club hosted guest speaker David Blanding, who gave a presentation about the honor flights and the possibility of extending them to include blind veterans. If you are not familiar with the Kansas Honor Flight, their website is: <http://www.kansashonorflight.org>

The basic mission is to send Kansas veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit the war memorials that were built in their honor. The veteran must have served during WW II, the Korean conflict or the Vietnam War (the website states the exact dates). The cost to the veteran is nothing, but every veteran must be accompanied by a guardian and the cost for that person is \$700 (includes airfare, food, lodging and ground transportation to all war memorials and other points of interest).

The Honor Flight organization is always looking for volunteers prior to departing flights for a send off and then a hero's welcome home for the return flights.

R – O – A – R! Local Lions ‘serve’

On Feb. 22, the **Hillsboro Lions Club** celebrated Valentine’s Day. The Boy Scout troop sponsored by the club was in attendance and their leaders provided a delicious meal. Lions Marvin and Elfrieda Funk were awarded a wall hanging that says “two ole’ Lions live here.” Larry Funk, club president, had purchased the wall hanging at Kansas Lions State Band Auction at Mid-Winter Rally.

PDG Lion Verden Harms presented the Hillsboro Lions Club with a memorial check from the family of Lion Bob Hein to be used toward the club’s youth programs. Lions Patrick Laham and PDG Bill Kincaid presented their program for Diabetes Awareness and LCIF. Many people won door prizes of Spun Honey and Valentine’s candy provided by Lion Sue Funk.



Hillsboro Lion Larry Funk presents a Lions sign to fellow Lions Marvin and Elfrieda Funk. The sign was purchased at the annual Lions Band Auction at Mid-Winter Rally. –Contributed photo

The **Bel Aire Lions Club** held its annual Taste of Italy Dinner in November. A dinner of handmade meatballs, original tomato sauce, and pasta was served with chances to purchase items from the Silent Auction. Generous local businesses and organizations donated advertisements for the placemats as well as the items for the Silent Auction.

Guests for the Taste of Italy Dinner were entertained by Leah Rosales. Leah is sponsored by the Bel Aire Lions Club and was honored by participating in a student national

orchestra in Nashville, Tenn. recently. She is a student of Wichita Northeast Traditional Magnet High School.

The club also sponsored the Mobile Screening Unit during the Bel Aire City Fall Festival in October and presented a check for \$1,643 to the city of Bel Aire to cover the purchase of an automatic defibrillator device for the city’s swimming pool. Funds came from the Club’s fireworks stand sales in July.



Children’s vitamin project

Children’s vitamins collected by Kansas Lions have arrived in Guatemala. Lions did a great job either in collection or by providing funds to purchase vitamins. The final total was 134 bottles. Bonner Springs Walgreens manager Cameron Clurman gave Lions a great deal on the purchase. He is pictured here with Lion Margy Sundstrom. –Contributed photo

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SECTION 8. BUSINESS TRANSACTED BY MAIL. Multiple District 17 Council of Governors may transact business by mail (including letters, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, or cable), provided that no such action shall be effective until approved in writing by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire number of the members of the council of governors. Such action may be initiated by the Council Chairperson or ~~any three (3) members of said council.~~ **a majority of the sitting governors.**

Amendment # 4

ARTICLE VII State Convention

AMENDMENT: Delete all of Section 2 and replace with the following.

SECTION 2. The annual convention of this multiple district shall be held at a place selected by the state secretary with assistance from the council chairperson and the state band committee.

Amendment # 5

ARTICLE II International Officer Nominations

AMENDMENT: Add word in **bold** in Section 1. Delete all of current Section 2 and replace with new Section 2 and 3.

SECTION 1. In order to be endorsed as a candidate for the office of International Director or **Third** Vice-President, a Lion must meet the following requirements of Lions Clubs International: (1) Be an active member in good standing of a Lions Club in good standing; (2) Have completed or be completing a full term as District Governor of a full District of this Association; (3) Any candidate seeking endorsement at the Multiple District Convention must first have secured the endorsement of his/her sub-district; (4) Secure the endorsement of a Convention of the District and Multiple District by a majority affirmative vote. Each such endorsement shall be valid only for the two (2) successive International Conventions following said endorsement

~~SECTION 2. If one or more candidates meet the requirements for the office of International Director and/or International Vice President, each may request Multiple District endorsement at an Annual State Convention or a Special State Convention. Request(s) for endorsement must be submitted in writing to the Council Chairperson and to the State Secretary, Kansas Lions State Office, not later than ninety (90)30 days prior to the Convention at which the candidate desires the endorsement request to be considered. If endorsement is requested to be considered at a Special State Convention, such Convention shall be held in conjunction with the next scheduled Mid-Winter Rally. The procedure for endorsement shall be as follows:~~

~~(a) The certified delegates, present in person, shall determine by a majority affirmative vote of the votes cast,~~

~~whether Multiple District 17 shall endorse a candidate(s) for the office of International Director and/or International Vice President.~~

~~(b) If such endorsement(s) is approved, and if there are candidates requesting endorsement for both offices of International Director and International Vice President, the certified delegates, present in person, shall then determine by a majority affirmative vote of the votes cast which office is to be sought.~~

~~(c) If more than one candidate requests the endorsement for the same office, the certified delegates, present in person, shall determine by a majority affirmative vote of the votes cast, which candidate is to be endorsed. If on the first ballot no candidate receives a majority affirmative vote, a second ballot shall be taken on the two candidates who received the greatest number of votes on the first ballot. In case of a tie vote, the balloting shall continue until one candidate is endorsed.~~

~~Delegates shall be determined as provided in Article VII, Sections 7 and 8 of the Multiple District 17 Constitution. A written notice shall be mailed at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual State Convention or the Special State Convention at which an endorsement(s) request is to be considered, to all State Council members and to the President and Secretary of each Lions Club in Multiple District 17. The notice shall contain the name of the candidate(s) and the office(s) for which endorsement(s) has been requested.~~

SECTION 2. The endorsement procedure is subject to the provisions of the International Constitution and By-Laws, any member of a Lions club in Multiple District 17 seeking endorsement at a convention of the multiple district as a candidate for the office of International Director or Third Vice-President shall:

(a) Deliver (by mail or in person) written notice of intention to seek such endorsement to the Multiple District 17 Council Secretary no less than 45 days prior to the convening date of the convention (annual or special) at which such question of endorsement is to be voted upon. If endorsement is requested to be considered at a Special State Convention, such Convention shall be held in conjunction with the next scheduled Mid-Winter Rally. Written notice of the Special Convention setting forth the time, place and purpose thereof, shall be provided to each club in the Multiple District by the Multiple District Council Secretary, no less than 30 days prior to the convening date of the Special Convention.

(b) Deliver with said notice of intention evidence of fulfillment of the qualifications for such office set forth in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

SECTION 3. Delegates shall be determined as provided in Article VII, Sections 7 and 8 of the Multiple District 17

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Constitution. The vote on the question of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot, unless there shall be only one nominee seeking the same, in which event a voice vote may be taken. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed (elected) as the candidate of the

Multiple District 17 Convention. In the event of a tie vote, or failure of one nominee to receive the required majority, on any ballot, balloting shall continue with respect to the two nominees only who received the largest number of votes on the previous ballot until one receives the required majority of the votes cast.

DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM – 2016 MD 17 STATE CONVENTION

Club Name _____ Lion _____

This certifies that the above named person is a duly elected

Delegate Alternate

To the 2016 MD-17 Lions State Convention at Lawrence, KS on June 4, 2016

And said Lion is in good standing with their club. The Club President or Secretary attests to this appointment.

President or Secretary Signature

Delegate/Alternate Signature

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the State Convention. Per Lions Clubs International and MD-17 Constitutions and By-laws, all Clubs, in good standing with the Association, MD-17 and their District, shall be entitled to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of their membership on May 1. All present Governors, Past District Governors, Past International Officers and International Officers shall be entitled to full delegate privileges, independent of club delegates.

*****PLEASE HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION*****

Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Kansas Lions were well represented at the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute held in Chicago Nov. 13-16, 2015.

Attending were Paul Drush, District A Zone 7 Chair; Debra Weaverling, District A 2nd Vice District Governor; Indra Phillips, District N 2nd Vice District Governor, and Patrick Laham, District N Diabetes Awareness Chair and Zone 7 Chair. Lions Drush and Laham also took the tour of Lions Club International Headquarters in Oak Brook, Ill. The pair are pictured here at International President Dr. Yamada's desk. Notice the curtain in the background is made with Origami cranes.

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PDG Day launches foundation to help others

It was difficult to find a dry eye in the house.

The Wellington Area Chamber Coffee meeting is a tradition where friends and local business leaders get together over hot coffee and glazed doughnuts every Thursday at 10 a.m. sharp. It's a unique social club that promotes happenings in and around the county. A guest speaker usually talks about their organization, fundraiser or cause.

In late January, PDG Bryce Day held the microphone in front of a packed crowd. He gave the solemn crowd an update on his cancer – pancreatic cancer. But Day isn't requesting funds for treatment.

He is seeking support for others in need, even after he's gone. Day created the Bryce Day Memorial Foundation – a fund to help Sumner County families cover expenses for their loved ones' funeral.

If you know Bryce, he knows how to captivate a crowd. He's worked as the owner of Day Funeral Home for nearly four decades, beginning his career in high school. That chilly day, he warms up the crowd by telling about his fight. The crowd laughs and cries, but the overwhelming feeling is hope.

With a little help from his friends, the foundation is coming together. Lions club Member Tytus Cornejo is one of those who is contributing. Day sold him the funeral home a couple of years ago.

"When he wants something done, he will do whatever it takes to make it happen," said Cornejo, who has worked across the desk from Day for years. "It has been a privilege watching this foundation take shape and develop into something that will serve this town today, tomorrow, and into the future."

Another friend agrees...

"Bryce is such a thoughtful, caring and courageous man, it makes me happy and proud to know him, and to know his legacy will live on in the Wellington area in this very special way," said Betty Zeka, a board member on the foundation and fellow Lions club member.

"When I heard about the Bryce Day Memorial Foundation ... I was intrigued, excited and happy – not only for Bryce – but for the community. I've known Bryce for many years. When he asked if I would be interested in serving on the foundation, I was very honored and happy to do so."

There's one thing about the Lions club. They stick together and protect their den. Day has served as the Lions Noon Club president in the past, and the current Lions group wasn't going to let him forget it.

Unbeknownst to Day, as he was finishing up his heartfelt speech, Lions club members were asked to join Day in front of the crowd. As Lions

President Karen Murray presents the \$5,000 cardboard check, Day's trademark, dimpled smile lights up the room again.

Cornejo reflects on what makes Bryce, well, Bryce.

"This foundation represents Bryce perfectly: serving others in a time of loss. It's easy to tell the grieving, 'I'm here for you,' but it is much more rewarding to do something for them."

Fellow Lions: If you have the funds to help this cause, please do so at: www.brycedaymemorialfoundation.com.

Prayers for Bryce Day are always free.

–Contributed by Wellington Lions Club member Bill Loop

To learn more about the Bryce Day Memorial Foundation, visit:
www.brycedaymemorialfoundation.com

Lions Clubs International Foundation raffle tickets available

Kansas MD-17 LCIF coordinators are selling raffle tickets to help support LCIF. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be held at the 2017 State Convention.

First place is an NFL football signed by the Chiefs Ambassadors. Second place is an "I'm a Lion" utility tote, and third place is an "I'm a Lion" cinch sac.

Tickets can be purchased from the district coordinators, at conventions, or by sending checks made payable to LCIF to PCC Michele Hufferd at 107 S. Julie Street, Louisburg, KS. 66053.

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Presidential Debate

With presidential politics dominating the headlines, the Kingman Rotary Club invited the Kingman Lions Club to a “debate” between the two club presidents. The result was a friendly forum of sharing what each service club does to serve the community. In this context, everyone was a winner! Pictured here, left to right, are Rotary President Courtney Hardgrave, Rotary members Nancy Hageman and Jon Wollen, and Kingman Lions Club President Jane Van Rheen.

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LCI Membership Initiative 2015-2018

Lions Clubs International has a three-tiered approach to membership during this Centennial period from 2015-2018. The approach is directed at each Lion, each club and each district. In a nutshell:

- Each Lion has the opportunity to serve hands-on four times per year.
- Each club ends the year with membership growth of +1.
- Each district charters a new club of 20+ members in one new community annually.

Each of the incoming district governors has established goals that focus both on membership growth and chartering a new club. The membership growth is dependent on growth at the local club level. That growth, in turn, depends on the opportunity for Lions to be actively engaged and so excited about their membership in the local club that they actively recruit their friends and neighbors.

In Kansas MD-17, we have added 368 new members through March 31. Fewer than half of the clubs across the state added a new member, and losses (476) exceeded the new members added. Those clubs retaining or adding new members are active Lions clubs while,

generally, many less active clubs are losing members. While there is always an exception to this statement, the Global Membership Team is convinced that new community service projects – and the opportunity to serve hands-on four times per year – will improve a club’s retention of members and the recruitment of new members.

Lions Clubs International’s Centennial Service Challenge provides each Lions Club the opportunity to add a community service activity that will challenge its current members and provide the spark to add new members.

Join the Challenge and Make a Difference – Your club can earn special Centennial recognition and make a difference in your community by participating in the Centennial Service Challenge Campaigns throughout the year. You decide when to serve and which projects are right for your club! Use the new project to recruit new members

Engaging Our Youth – Host service projects that help youth in your community, or inspire the next generation of volunteers by inviting Leos or local youth to serve on a project with you.

Sharing the Vision – Give the gift

of sight by planning projects that help children or neighbors who are blind or living with low vision. Take advantage of the new SPOT screeners around the state!

Relieving the Hunger – Build stronger families and communities by organizing a food drive or service projects to help feed the hungry.

Protecting Our Environment – Plan projects that protect and improve the environment to make your community a better place for everyone.

Start Planning Your Centennial Legacy Project Today. There are three levels of Legacy projects described by LCI. The level your club chooses depends on the resources available to your club. However, each club has more than two years to plan and implement a Legacy project.

Visit the Centennial website at **Lions100.org** to learn how your club can join the celebration. Then start planning a new Centennial Service Project and a Centennial Legacy Project today. Your club’s current members will be excited and potential members will be eager to join Lions as these projects become reality.

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Mid-Winter Rally memories

Clockwise from upper left: IDs Bill Phillipi (left) and Robert Littlefield (right) flank MD-17 Council members DG Fran Smith (K), DG Carleen Rajala (A), CC Bev Greenwood and DG Dwayne Willis (N). Lions Mike Sundstrom and DG Carleen Rajala enjoy a skit about a "Not So Famous Performance of Peacocks in the Land of Penguins." Members of the Blue Valley West Leo Club are honored at the Saturday banquet as a club of excellence winner.

-Photos by Merle Laham and Nancy D. Borst