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Kansas Lions always on ALERT to help others

On May 25, 2016, an F-4 tornado ripped through Dickinson County, causing devastating damages to some members of the Chapman community.

The Chapman Lions Club enlisted the help of the Kansas Lions Foundation to provide these families with some monetary assistance to recover and rebuild.

On June 20, 2016, the Chapman Lions Club met for their annual cookout/meeting. Three families in the Chapman area were each presented a \$500 check from the Kansas Lions Foundation. Harold Bray, president of the Chapman Lions Club, presented those checks to Deb Woods, Bob and Linda Roskins, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Castro. All three of these families had their homes damaged by the May 25 tornado to the extent that they were uninhabitable.

When presented their checks, each person expressed great appreciation for the help from the Lions organization.

*Ray Kruse, secretary
Chapman Lions Club*



ABOVE: Kansas Lions Foundation President PDG Dan Funke (right) helps stock the new ALERT trailer with donations made by Lions at State Convention. In addition to buckets and boxes, donations also included brooms (RIGHT).
Photos by Merle Laham

Eureka tornado

Kansas Lions stood ready to assist the Eureka community after it was struck by a tornado on July 7. However, the local Lions club indicated that the ALERT trailer's supplies would not serve this disaster. Lions 2nd Vice District Governor Patrick Laham and District N DG Marge Zakoura-Vaughan worked with the community as liaisons. The Eureka Lions were told about the KLAT grant and the willingness of Kansas Lions to assist in any way possible. Please keep this community in your thoughts as they recover.



2016-2017 Lions Calendar

July 22-24, 2016

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

August 12-14, 2016

First State Council Meeting,
McPherson

September 15-17, 2016

USA/Canada Forum, Omaha, Neb.

October 28-30, 2016

Second State Council Meeting,
McPherson

January 27-29, 2017

Mid-Winter Rally & Third State Council
Meeting, Manhattan

June 1-3, 2017

State Convention & Fourth State Council
Meeting, Wichita

June 30-July 4, 2017

100th Anniversary LCI Convention,
Chicago

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From the Council Chair –

Now it's on to a new role for Kansas Lions

As the 2015-2016 Lions year ends, 17-K will have a new District Governor, and I shall become a PDG (*Power Done Gone*, as I've heard it called by several PDGs).

I enjoyed my DG year immensely and will treasure the memories of all the great Lions in 17-K whom I have met over these three years of visitations. Each club is as unique as their members are individually. I thank all the clubs for their welcome, their hospitality, the food, and the ideas they have given to me to take back to my own club.

As this year ends, I also will be embracing my new "job" as State Council Chairperson. I have been learning about the things I am expected to do during my one-year term as the CC. It is an important job, and I ask for the support of all of you Kansas Lions in my execution of this position. I will do my best for our state's Lions.

I wish the newest District Governors – the Rev. Kerry Hookstra of K, Linda Leander of A, and Marge Zakoura-Vaughan of N – the very best in their terms in office. Being District Governor is one of the best ways I know to learn a great deal about Lionism and put all of that knowledge into practice.



I also wish the best year for the First and Second Vice District Governors, who are beginning their climb up the DG team ladder. It is truly a TEAM effort, and working together as

a team of three in each district should make them all stronger Lions and better equipped to serve when their turn as DG comes.

I wish the best also for a great year for ALL Kansas Lions – clubs and individuals. Keep in mind our motto and live by it – "We Serve!"

CC Fran Smith

A note from the Editor (aka why I love this job)

Putting together each issue of *The Kansas Lions News* means editing news and photographs from you and your clubs' events and meetings.

I just want to take a moment to thank you, Kansas Lions, because as I prepared this issue, your photographs and stories put a smile on my face over and over and over again.

It's clear as I look at your smiling faces – and the happy faces of those you are serving – how much you love your communities and your clubs. You love being Lions. It's clear you don't "serve" to get recognized (but thank you for agreeing to let someone take these wonderful photographs of you giving back to your hometowns and the people and places you love and care about).

In today's world, it's easy to get discouraged and wonder what each of us can possibly do to make things better. Then I start working on the Lions News, and I am reassured that every one of us is making life better in our world every single day because "We Serve." ROAR!

Nancy D. Borst

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District Conventions

District K

March 17-18, Hays
Guest: ID Melvyn Bray (Ginny),
New Jersey
District Website:
<http://lionswowinks.org>

District A

March 3-4, Topeka
Guest: ID Jerome Thompson, Alabama
District Website: kansaslions17a.org

District N

March 31-April 1, Location TBA
Guest: ID Howard Hudson (Lynn),
California
District Website: kansaslions17n.com

More details about **District Conventions** will appear in the next issue of *The Kansas Lions News*.

Two-time charter member marks 60 years' service

High Plains Lion Elmer Lawver was honored March 14 at the **Goodland Lions Club's** 60th Anniversary celebration. Lawver is one of two surviving charter members of the Goodland club (the other is Cecil Schneider, who also was honored).

When the club was organized in 1956, Lion Elmer was working for Southwestern Bell Telephone. He was approached one Sunday afternoon by the school principal, Eldon Carver. Carver explained that a group of local men were organizing a new service club for the Goodland community. Carver explained that Lions Clubs International is the largest service organization in the world with

a motto of "We Serve." The group supported communities and those in need while also working around the world, especially to help the visually impaired.

Lion Elmer liked what he heard and thought he could be a member of such service. He signed as a charter member and served in every office, including running for District Governor while he was in the Goodland club.

In 1973 his employment re-located him to Colby. The Colby Lions Club met each Wednesday at noon. Elmer and many others could not make a noon meeting. In 1976, a second Lions club was organized by those who wanted to

be part of a service club but needed a different meeting time. Elmer became one of 20 charter members of the **High Plains Lions Club**.

Over the past 40 years, he has served in every club position and also served as District Governor in 1996-97. As a Lion for more than half a century, he has seen many changes in the services clubs provide. The two biggest changes have been the expansion of services beyond sight and the inclusion of women as Lions. Clubs continue their motto "We Serve" but have now added, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion."

High Plains Lions are celebrating their 40th anniversary in September. Lion Elmer remains the go-to guy for club information and history. He serves as club chaplain and offers a "word of wisdom" and a prayer at each meeting.

He doesn't drive anymore but his faithful wife and caregiver, Donna, gets him to meetings. He has given much to both in 60 years and has a host of memories, souvenirs and friends.



PDG Elmer & Donna Lawver



Encouraging literacy

Milford Lions wanted a literacy box by the post office so people could exchange books. Lion Jim Price designed and built the Lending Library. It has been used by many members of the community. Contributed photo

High Plains Lions to mark 40 years

The **High Plains Lions Club, Colby**, will celebrate its 40th anniversary Sept. 24 at David Pabst's barn café, Colby. The evening will feature a western theme and a keg of root beer will be tapped for floats.

A social hour will begin at 4 p.m. with the program at 5 p.m. and "chow down" at 6 p.m. Cost will be \$15 per plate for a chicken fried steak dinner, cowboy potatoes, green beans, homemade cornbread, peach cobbler and homemade ice cream. Guest speaker will be immediate PDG Duane Willis.

Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Melinda Morton by Sept. 1 (785-462-7329 or 785-443-0507).

Project Clean-up

The **Auburn Lions Club** held a Project Clean-up over two evenings in May. Members picked up litter on Washington Street and spruced up the Auburn Cemetery for Memorial Day. **RIGHT:** Kevin Reese and Steve Billie work at the cemetery. **BELOW:** Laura Timmons, Ellen Castor and Michele Reese at work. Contributed photos



Let's PARTY!

Clubs mark anniversaries

The **St. Francis Lions Club's** 65th anniversary was celebrated on June 13. Several PDGs were present, representing the district over the years in its various forms (NW, K4, L and now K). There also were guests from several states, including members of the Idalia, Colo. Lions Club.

St. Francis President Bill Ehrman presided over the festivities, which featured an impressive review of the club's 65 years of service presented by the only remaining charter member, PDG Lampe. There also was the installation of the club's new officers, conducted by PDG Mike Baughn of Brewster Lions, who is also Zone Chair for this zone.

The **Overland Park Host Lions** will celebrate their 59th anniversary with a picnic in the park on Sunday, July 31. The picnic will be held in the shelter at Indian Creek Park, 10308 Marty.

Other clubs celebrating this summer include: **Goddard Lions**, 60 years; **Winfield Lions**, 95 years; **McCune Lions**, 70 years, and **Parsons Lions**, 85 (see photos on page 5).

Toot your horn and send anniversary information to *The Kansas Lions News*.

Three **Lansing Lions Club** members recently received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. This award honors Lions members who donate to the Lions Clubs International Foundation or those chosen for recognition by their club. Making the presentation is District Governor Carleen Rajala (second from left). Receiving their first award are Lions Loren Russell (left) and David Chartier (right). Lion Rick Dodson (second from right) is receiving his second Progressive MJF for making multiple donations to LCIF. Contributed photo





Parsons Lions: 85 years young

The **Parsons Lions Club** celebrated its 85th anniversary in May with an evening of fellowship, good food and member recognition. TOP LEFT: Club President Laura Stone-Bolinger and her husband, Verlyn Bolinger, welcome guests. TOP RIGHT: Lion Martin Mendicki receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from ID Bill Phillipi. Others being honored during the evening included PDG Don Cunningham and Lion David Winchell. LEFT: ID Phillipi and wife Vicki enjoy the festivities with a furry friend. Photos by Merle Laham

Benton 100x100

Lion Patrick Laham, Zone 7's Chair for District 17-N, visited the **Benton Lions Club** in May, where he awarded 100 X 100 pins to President Tim Fox and Lion Susanne Sellers. Lion Jim Sellers, pictured, accepted his wife's pin on her behalf. Towanda Club President Rich Herrmann also was in attendance. Photo by Merle Laham



Lions swing into action

An expression swing is being enjoyed by Marquette families, thanks to the efforts of the **Marquette Lions Club** (some members pictured here) and the entire community. Contributed photo



Marquette Lions spearhead successful effort to update town park

In late 2015, a Marquette Lion suggested that the club put down seed money to purchase an Expression Swing for the town park. (<http://www.gametime.com/product/Expression-Swing-5128/>)

Members thought it was a great idea and would help the many families in town while keeping the park current. Lion Jeremy Snapp worked on getting a quote and then went around asking for other donations. The total money needed was raised in less than a month.

However, over the holidays the club “dropped the ball,” according to Snapp. The company’s quote expired and the price increased. The city applied for a USC (US Communities) grant. The club voted to cover the leftover amount.

Today, the swing is installed and being used daily at the park. Snapp said the community really came forward and helped make this happen.

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Great Bend honors scholar

Alyssa Jean, a 2016 graduate of Great Bend High School, was chosen for a \$1,000 scholarship from the **Great Bend Evening Lions**. Pictured, left to right: Mike Long, Earl Cregger, Scott Solether, Roger Guthals, Secretary Don Sweeney, President Elwyn Maneth, Shelly Gotchall, Jean, Larry Holtrop and Don Gotchall. Photo by District K Second Vice District Governor Reland Cole

Augusta Peace Posters

Several members from the **Augusta Lions Club** presented art awards to students who entered the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. A total of 97 Augusta Middle School students entered the local contest. Graycen Elliott, Paige Harrington, and Kaden Rowland earned cash awards for their poster designs. Graycen's poster earned first place in the local contest and was exhibited in various locations in Kansas this year. Photo by Merle Laham



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History lesson

Halstead High School American History teacher T.J. Warsnak spoke to **Halstead Lions** in April about how he teaches and why history needs to be part of the curriculum. He teaches about why things happened the way they did and asks students to ponder if the same thing were to occur today, would the outcome be the same? He said American history needs to be taught with geography so high school students are able to see the big picture. He was accompanied by Joe Gerber, HHS principal.

Photo by Merle Laham

Local clubs R-O-A-R!

The **Bel Aire Lions Club** has adopted Isley Elementary School and supports its various activities. Kathy Stybr, Isley principal, and Para Educator and Book Fair Coordinator Rachel Porcaro recently presented the club a huge banner in appreciation for the service it has provided to the school. The banner will be hung at the school.

Lion Bob Mathews of the **Arkansas City Early Bird Lions Club** presented Police Chief Dan Ward two checks from the club at a recent meeting. One was for \$250 to go to the Mark McCaslin Recovery Fund. Mark is a captain in the police department and is currently receiving treatment for a rare neurological disorder known as Opsoclonus Myoclonus Syndrome, which affects as few as 1 in 10 million people. The other check was to Safe Homes of Cowley County in the amount of \$100. Chief Ward is very appreciative for what the Lions club does in the community. (www.EarlyBirdLionsClub.org)

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Towanda Lions support library

On May 2, the new Towanda Librarian Cole Everhart and library volunteer Shawna Mosier visited the **Towanda Lions Club**. Cole and Shawna shared the exciting summer reading program of “On Your Mark, Get Set, Read.” The Lions club plans to donate \$500 program. Pictured left to right: Everhart, Mosier and Towanda Lions Club President Rich Herrmann. Photo by Merle Laham

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Students get creative, raise funds to support sight projects

The Wyandotte Lions Club was contacted by two Piper High School seniors, Mikaela Papageorgiou and Drew Waters. The pair wanted to collect used eyeglasses for Lions as their senior project.

They were invited to a club meeting and given collection boxes. Lions shared their purpose with them and described the club’s river blindness project.

After they completed their projects, the students were invited back to a club meeting, where they presented 105 pairs of eyeglasses to the club.

They also presented checks totaling \$510 to combat river blindness. The students had purchased sunglasses online for 76 cents each, stamped with the phrase, “fight for sight” on the ear piece. They sold each pair for \$5 and gave the club the extra funds. Club members immediately voted to match their gift.

“We were very impressed with their efforts and abilities,” said President Donald Breiby.



Wyandotte Lions President Donald Breiby accepts donations from Piper High School seniors Mikaela Papageorgiou and Drew Waters, shown here sharing their senior project notebooks. Contributed photo

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Make plans now to attend 2017 LCI Convention

Registration info for Kansas Lions

The 100th Celebration of Lions Clubs International will take place at the 2017 International Convention in Chicago next year from June 30 to July 4. This will be a once in a lifetime event for Lions all over the world. Please make plans now to attend.

Here is some information for Kansas Lions regarding Chicago. The Kansas delegation is assigned to the Hyatt Regency Chicago hotel. It looks nice. It must be very large as the Governor Elects also will be assigned there. The room rate is \$156 for this hotel. Kansas will have only a select number of rooms set aside. It is important to get your convention registration in as soon as possible. Go to the LCI website (lionsclubs.org). Search for "2017 International Convention registration." Then click on "International Convention information" and then "Registration information."

The registration fee is \$130 until Jan. 13, 2017; \$180 from Jan. 14 – March 31, and \$200 after April 1. Early registration is important!

Here is the Host Committee Chair's message about this special convention and 100th celebration. Make plans now to be there!

*Linda McCormick
MD-17 Secretary*

Chicago beckons Lions for Centennial celebration

The stage is being set and the plans are being finalized for the Lions of the World to come to Chicago for the Centennial Convention in 2017. The Host Committee, along with Lions Clubs International, are preparing to welcome you in June 2017 for the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention.

The convention opens on Friday, June 30 and runs through Tuesday, July 4. Changes have been made in the use of the Chicago venues as well as the parade route since the last time the convention was in Chicago.

- All the plenary sessions, voting, exhibits, educational seminars and the International Show will be at one venue: McCormick Place, located on Chicago's lake front.

- The traditional Lions International Parade of Nations will march through the commercial district of Chicago on State Street on Saturday, July 1. Annually, Chicago only permits three parades on State Street and in 2017 our parade will be number four.

By coming to Chicago, you will be able to experience the city of the birth of our organization. You will have the opportunity to visit an exhibit in the Convention Hall that displays our history as well as the opportunity to visit our headquarters in Oak Brook.

Chicago by itself has a lot to offer for those who visit. We have our beautiful lake front where you can walk, along with a variety of museums and cultural centers, Navy Pier with its new Ferris wheel and of course the Magnificent Mile for your shopping experience.

As chairman of the Host committee, I can assure you that the Committee Members are preparing to make this convention one of the best in our Association's history. Our goal is to make the attendees feel as if they are home and enjoying a family reunion.

So, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary, let's take the time to renew our commitment to the motto "We Serve" and for the centennial "Where there's a need, there's a LION." This commitment will help us achieve our goals for our Centennial Celebration and carry us forward into our second 100 years of Service.

Lion PDG Robert C. Block



Here's how to help Kansas Leos get to Chicago

Kansas is blessed to have excellent Leo clubs. These talented youth dedicate many hours of service to their communities ... much like Lions!

Leos have set a goal to fill a bus to Chicago next June for the Lions International Convention. They need financial help from



Lions to make that goal a reality. Here's how your club can help.

Each Leo will have the following expenses:

- Bus fare: \$200;
- Meals: \$175;
- Hotel: \$425.

There will be other incidental expenses (backpack, registration, etc.), but these are the main items.

If you can sponsor a Leo in total, that is fantastic!

If you can cover the hotel expenses for one youth, great!

If you simply want to make a donation to help the Leos, wonderful!

Checks should be made payable to the Kansas Lions Foundation and sent to:

Cheryl Kerns
15710 S. Widmer
Olathe KS 66062.

Volunteers sought for MSU at Kansas State Fair

The Mobile Screening Unit returns to the 2016 Kansas State Fair Sept. 11-20. Can your club take a day or one shift at the Fair? Screenings will be offered for vision (adults and children), hearing, blood sugar and blood pressure.

Last year the screenings kept the unit busy, reaching about 263 people a day. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation will have the unit open the same hours as last year – 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

There will be three shifts each day. This will allow the volunteers to help and still have time to visit the Fair. Each person helping will receive a free pass to the State Fair for that day. Also, one car per volunteer group will receive a vendor parking permit, which allows parking inside the fairgrounds close to the MSU. State Fair administration also has reserved seven parking spaces just north of the North Sunflower Building. The MSU will be inside that building, which is air conditioned.

MSU shifts will be: 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (*The first 30 minutes is for training.*) Six volunteers are needed for all shifts except the 6-9 p.m. shift Sept. 20.

Volunteers' duties include helping



The Mobile Screening Unit reaches thousands of people during the Kansas State Fair. Volunteers are needed to make this project a success again this year. Contributed photo

outside the trailer to supply Lions and MSU information, which fulfills the State Fair requirement of having someone at a booth all hours Fair buildings are open to the public. This work is fun and rewarding.

To volunteer or get more information, contact Lion Ron Bretz: 316-283-1921 or 316-772-7740. You also may contact Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, 785-200-6132 or 620-921-0130.

Doctor honored with DeVorss Fellowship

Dr. Kendall Krug (left) is presented a Claude M. DeVorss Fellowship for his work on behalf of the KanLovKids Program. The presentation was made at a training for teachers of the visually impaired held April 28 in Topeka. Presenting the award on behalf of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation are PID Gene Vogel and Lion Sylvia Reinhardt. Contributed photo



2016 Kansas Lions State Convention snapshots



Clockwise from upper left: The Kansas City Dixieland Jazz Band entertains at Thursday's dinner. Incoming MD-17 Council members pose with PID Brian Sheehan and his wife, Lori (far right); Council members, L to R, CC Fran Smith, DG-K Kerry Hookstra, DG-A Linda Leander and DG-N Marge Zakoura-Vaughan. PDG Bill Kincaid, Augusta, prepares to attend the Saturday banquet. PID Sheehan takes a turn at directing the 2016 Kansas Lions Band in a rousing rendition of "Don't You Hear Those Lions Roar" at the Saturday concert at Baker University. Lions band trumpet players relax before the Saturday morning concert at Baker University. Photos by Nancy D. Borst and Merle Laham





The 2016 Kansas Lions State Band. Photo by Greg Alexander

Here's what students say about Kansas Lions Band

As I write this article I reflect back a few weeks ago, when 235 students arrived at Baker University to participate in the 2016 State Band camp. These students represented 116 high schools from the entire state and the largest group we have ever had at Baker University. The week was an awesome experience with the help of Dr. Frank Perez (Director of Bands at Baker), his instructional staff, and the Baker support personnel.

I could write about all the adventures and daily routines, but after seeing what "your" students posted on Facebook, I would rather just share their comments, which really reflect what Kansas Lions Band and your support truly means to them. Listed with each student's name and hometown is the club or other sponsoring entity.

Kaitlin Adams, Great Bend, Great Bend Noon Lions: "I would have to say this year's Lions Band was a success! I enjoy it every year and I never fail to meet new people! Thank you Hans and Shari for making all of this possible. After three years I'm sad to see it end next year!"

Blayne Folk, Holton, Holton Lions: "This year at Kansas Lions Band I had such a blast meeting new people, reuniting with old friends, and making memories that will last me a long

time. Thank you Kansas Lions for making this possible for me and so many other students to connect, make music, and do what we love to do. I can never repay in full how much it means for me to have gone to this camp this past week. Thank you again."

Lawson Hall, Valley Falls, Valley Falls Lions: "Can hardly wait for it! It's going to be a sad one though. But thank you for keeping Kansas Lions State Band an active event that these band kids love to attend. Keep up the good work Hans and Shari. Thank you for giving me the experience that I will remember for a lifetime!"

Makaela Nicholson, Osage City, Osage City Lions: "Every year I go to Lion Band camp, I never want to leave. Granted we do a lot of playing. Laugh out loud, but everybody

is just so amazing and geeky there. It feels like home. I just love that you can actually be who you are, instead of hiding your personality, because no one is going to judge you. No one knows you, yet by the end of the camp you know everybody; they become your family. I think that is just amazing! I love Lions Band!"

Gabby Reed, Minneapolis, Minneapolis Lions: "Last week from Tuesday to Saturday, I got to experience an amazing Kansas Lions

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Fifth year students Jessica Lytle and Gyluss Hutchens with Band Chairs Shari and Hans Neidhardt. Photo by Greg Alexander

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Band camp. I met amazing people and definitely look forward to seeing a bunch of them next year. I wish I would have gone all four years of high school, but I didn't want to be that one person, who never got to experience the music life with new friends. It was hard saying goodbye to such wonderful directors and people. Thank you so much for making this camp amazing and I can't wait for next year."

Gabriel Smith, Lansing, anonymous donation: "This

year's camp was everything I expected and then some. The music was great and all of the instructors that I worked with were fantastic. A super memorable and fun week. I have found a new sense of motivation that I've needed for quite some time now. Also a big shout out to my anonymous donor of my scholar-

ship, the Kansas Lions, Shari and Hans. I very much appreciate everything you all have done for us. I can't wait for my next and final year of Kansas Lions Band camp."

Eric Tinkler, Rose Hill, **Arkansas City Lions:** "This last year at Lions Band was absolutely amazing, played

some awesome music, met some awesome new friends, and just had a blast. Thank you everyone who helped make my last year at camp amazing."

Makayla Webster, Rose Hill, **Conway Springs Lions:** "So all week I've been at Baker University with the Kansas Lions Band. Lions Band is always a fantastic experience that I will never forget. There is nothing more that I'd rather do than make new friends, see old ones, but also make an impact on the lives of others. No one has any idea how music can impact a life, that is why I have a love for music, and so many others like me do so too. I aspire to help others with the sound of music, one note at a time!"

There were other posts as well; I just selected a few of them. Thank you, Kansas Lions, for coming through again and making the Kansas Lions Band program such a memorable and fulfilling experience for every student.

*Respectfully submitted,
PCC Hans & Lion Shari Neidhardt
Kansas Lions Band Committee
Co-Chairs*



This year's Lions Band staff, back row: Chris Dean, Erik Stone, Ginny Howell, Caleb Mollett, Evan Ricker; middle row: Nathan Stitcher, Aubrey Dunker, Faith McDaniel, Kay Stone, Elaine Badger, PDG Tom Badger; front row: Shari Neidhardt, Hans Neidhardt; not pictured: Nancy Houghton, Greggory Whisman, Goeffrey Whisman, Galen Whisman, Cammie Whisman and Lisa Allmond. Photo by Greg Alexander



Four year students: Braden Allmond, Dakotah Baumann, Briana Becker, Megan Benning, Steven Cortez, Dene Dryden, Gary Farmer, Courtney Ingram, Jazmine Klumpe, Sara Mort, Rhiannon Mullins, Lillian Oeding, Kendra Rodecap, Avery Rouse, Ryan Grant, and Eric Tinkler. Photo by Greg Alexander

State Convention awards, notes

Several Kansas Lions were honored with LCI awards at the State Convention. They were:

International Presidential Award, second highest award presented by LCI – PCC Michele Hufferd and PCC Helen LeBlanc. Hufferd was unable to attend and received her award later.

International Leadership Award, third highest LCI award – PCC Jess Larison, PDG Bill Kincaid, Sharon King and Indrid Phillips.

Arkansas Early Bird Lions member Tim Hays won the raffle of the 1930 Model A by the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Proceeds benefit KLSF.

Winners of the club newsletter contest: First, **Leawood Lions**; second, **Overland Park Host Lions**; third, **Ulysses Lions**; honorable mention, **Sunflower Lions (Topeka)**.

All amendments up for a vote at the convention were approved.



Presidential Award

Past Council Chairperson Michele Hufferd (left) received the Lions Clubs International Presidential Award, the second highest award available to active Lions members. She was unable to attend State Convention and received her award afterward from then DG Carleen Rajala. Among her activities are performing as an accomplished singer for Lions' events, LCIF Multiple District 17 Coordinator, Centennial Coordinator, organizer of an annual health fair for Miami County, and was instrumental in chartering a cyber Lions Club. Contributed photo

2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest Rules

- The 2016-2017 Environmental Photo Contest is open to LIONS and LEOS.
- All photos depicting a nature theme (such as plants, animals, weather phenomenon, etc.) are welcome.
- Photos should be original and unaltered.
- Photos should depict the local environment of the community the Lions or Leo club serves.
- Photos that include people will be disqualified.
- Photos should be printed on high-quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm.)
- All photographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.
- LIONS CLUBS and LEO CLUBS are invited to submit one photo each to the DISTRICT.
- LIONS DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to the MULTIPLE DISTRICT by Jan. 15, 2017.
- LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICTS select and submit one winning photo to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL by March 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL with a complete and signed official entry form (available on the LCI website). Multiple entries will not be accepted.
- Contest photos become the property of LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
- LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL will display MULTIPLE DISTRICT-level entries at the International Convention in Chicago. Registered convention attendees will vote for their favorite photos.
- The three photos receiving the most votes will win first, second and third prize. An award will be presented to the winning photographers and the photos will be featured on the LCI website.
- At all levels of the competition, photos will be judged impartially based on originality, artistic merit, and technical quality. E-mail contest questions to: programs@lionsclubs.org.

2015-16 Environmental Contest winners

Here is the final report for the 2015-16 Environmental Contest.

The photo winner is Chris Bauer, **Humboldt Lions Club**.

Points contest: First, **Milford**, 1,600 points; Second, **Baxter Springs**, 1,460 points, and **Humboldt**, 1,450 points; Third, **Burlington**, 1,020 points. (NOTE: Baxter Springs was inadvertently not recognized at State Convention due to a reporting error.)

Environmental participation recognition (each of these clubs turned in all quarterly reports): **Reading, Baxter Springs, Augusta, Eudora, Claflin, Great Bend Noon, Great Bend Evening, Smith Center.**

*Louise Greenberg
Environmental Chair*

First State Council Meeting Aug. 12-14, McPherson

Kansas Lions will hold its First State Council Meeting Aug. 12-14 at the Best Western Holiday Manor Motel in McPherson. All Lions are invited and welcome to attend and be part of the planning for the coming year.

To reserve a motel room, please call the Best Western at 620-241-5343 and ask for the Lions block and rate. Rooms must be reserved by July 29. Each room includes a free continental breakfast. The motel is located at 2211 E. Kansas Ave. (junction of I-35 & U.S. Highway 56).

Please complete and return the meal reservation form by Aug. 5 as indicated. Dinner on Friday begins at 6:30 p.m. Evening meals will be catered by the motel's restaurant, Montana Mike's. Saturday's dinner will be a buffet of pot roast and trimmings.

On arrival, please register at the Lions information table located in the Convention Center lobby to pick up meal tickets. Lions pins also will be available for purchase. District N, McPherson Lions and other area Lions will host a hospitality room. Come enjoy refreshments and fellowship Friday evening after dinner, throughout the day Saturday and Saturday evening from 8 to 10. Meeting rooms and the hospitality room are in the Holiday Center.

State committees and the three

Foundations will meet Saturday. The Past District Governors Club will host a devotional time and meeting at 8 a.m. Sunday, followed by the council meeting at 9 a.m. All activities and events

are open to all Lions. Be sure to meet the motel room and meal reservation deadlines if you plan to attend. See you in McPherson.

Meal Reservations

FIRST STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Return by August 5

_____ reservation(s) for Friday dinner @ \$17.00 each

_____ reservation(s) for Saturday dinner @ \$17.00 each

Prices include tax and gratuity; FREE breakfast if staying at Best Western

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Club _____

RETURN TO: Linda McCormick, State Secretary
231 South Tyler
Wichita, KS 67209
Phone: 316-773-2100
E-mail: KansasLions@aol.com

Please make checks payable to: KANSAS LIONS



Centennial shirts now available

Centennial shirts are *HERE!* All proceeds from the sale of the centennial shirts will be donated to LCIF. Celebrate Lions International and Kansas Lions Centennial with this special shirt. Shirts are \$25 for sizes S-XL; \$30 for sizes 2X-4X.

To order, please send your request by mail to: Michele Hufferd (MD Centennial and LCIF Chair) at 107 S. Julie Street, Louisburg, 66053. Please indicate number and sizes of shirts and your local club information. Make checks payable to Michele Hufferd. Contributed photo

Meet the 2016-17 District 17 Governors



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The Lions Clubs International Convention hosted members from around the world in Fukuoka, Japan. It brought a fitting conclusion to the year of service from International President Jitsuhiro Yamada and welcomed the 2016-2017 International President Bob Corlew. The theme for this Lions year is, "More Mountains to Climb" and comes from his fondness for the mountains in Tennessee, his home state.

The challenge to Kansas Lions for this first half of the Centennial Year of our association is rather simple. We are challenged to broaden our service to those around us through efforts with youth, with the hungry, with those in need of vision assistance, and the work we do to make our environment more livable. With the challenge to service comes the challenge to grow our membership. Each new member enables a club to serve approximately 50 people. As new folks come into your clubs you will find new energy and new ideas. Let the new kid on the block get involved with service to cement his or her commitment to Lions clubs.

Each of these challenges gives us a new mountain to climb. It takes each Lion involved up to heights we have

Linda Leander of Assaria, Kan. was elected District Governor at the District 17A Convention held in Topeka April 8-9, 2016.

District Governor Leander is retired from Saline County, Kansas. She has more than 37 years' experience in county government where she worked with the computer systems, payroll, accounts payable, budgets, voter registration, elections, and electronic voting equipment.

Linda is a member of the Assaria Lions Club, where she has been a Lion since 2007. She has held many offices in the association, including club president, zone chair, Second Vice District Governor, and First Vice District Governor.

In recognition of her service to the Lions Association, District Governor Leander has received many certificates and awards. Linda received the 2015 Outstanding Leadership award and was on then District Governor Beverly Greenwood's Team that received 3rd place in the North America award for Pride of Excellence 2014-2015.

District Governor Leander and her husband, Ken, are Melvin Jones Fellow recipients. Ken has been a Lions

Roar! Hello, Lions! This is such an exciting time to be a Lion! The 2016-2017 District Governor for Kansas Multiple District 17-N, Marge Zakoura-Vaughan, knows this as well as anyone.

Marge Zakoura-Vaughan has been a Lion for 21 years, and has held all club offices and numerous positions at district and state levels. More recently, she has served as the Second and First Vice District Governor for the Kansas 17-N District. Marge has been presented with several awards, is a Melvin Jones Fellow, a graduate of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and the advanced Lions Leadership Institute. She has served as the presenter for many different Lions events, including the Kansas Lions Leadership Round-Up.

Zakoura-Vaughan recently updated her Guiding Lions Certification and would like to encourage you to do so as well! She has been a delegate at five international conventions and participated in numerous state and area trainings. She recently returned from an international training for District Governors Elect in Fukuoka, Japan, prior to the convention. While at the convention, Marge officially became

District K

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not yet attained. The picture of mountain climbers working together to reach the summit of a peak is appropriate for a Lions club working together in service, in reaching new members, in making their club a force for good in their community. As we go forward together in the Centennial Year of Lions International, reaching the top of one peak after another is the example we want to set for people who see us doing and serving.

In the area of membership and the challenge to add to our clubs, comes the challenge to start a new club. Each District

Governor has that mountain to climb. With the help of established clubs and leaders who serve as Certified Guiding Lions, these new clubs can and will be started. Now is time to explore where a new Lions club could be birthed and a new peak conquered as we see “More Mountains to Climb.”

The pleasure of serving as the District Governor of MD 17-K is all mine. Meeting and getting to know Lions across the District and the state makes this an opportunity to grow as a Lion and as a person. Thank you, Lions, for this privilege. Let us go upward together as we find “More Mountains to Climb.”

District A

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member for around 40 years and is currently the District 17A Global Leadership Team Coordinator. Linda and Ken are members of the Assaria Lutheran Church and both have served on the church council. DG Linda and GLT Ken have a son, daughter, two grandsons, and six granddaughters.

The 17A Leadership team has the following goals for

2016-2017: Communicate International and District programs to all Lions members in District 17A, and plan and provide training opportunities for club officers.

It is important for District 17A to retain its membership and promote growth of members in order to be a successful Lions District and climb new mountains into the future of Lions.

District N

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the Kansas 17-N District Governor.

Marge Zakoura-Vaughan explains that community service is an important part of her life. “I feel very fortunate to have worked with many groups and for many causes that have enriched my life,” she said. She says that one of the proudest moments in her life is when she was presented with a city and county-designated “Marge Zakoura-Vaughan Week.”

Zakoura-Vaughan had a long and successful career in social services, despite sometimes joking that she received more awards than salary! She is the widow of Ray Vaughan, an accountant, and the mother of two adult children, Jeff Vaughan and Monica Vaughan.

Zakoura-Vaughan hopes that, in this centennial year, Kansas Lions can help more people than ever and challenge themselves and other Lions to grow and develop. “Just as you will rely on me, as a District Governor, I must rely on you to work toward our ultimate goals of growth

and achievement” she said.

District goals for the year include filling all officer and zone chair positions as well as providing training opportunities for these leaders. District 17-N also aims to add new leaders and members to the district and reduce the number of dropped members. Lions Clubs International encourages the addition of new clubs to every district, so District 17-N will be working toward the goal of adding a new club to the district.

Zakoura-Vaughan also hopes to encourage active and effective communication during Lions meetings and events. She believes that by encouraging participation and communication between Lions, clubs, Districts, States, and LCI as a whole, Lions clubs will continue to be an amazing way to help people all around the world.

Feel free to contact Marge Zakoura-Vaughan and other local Lions leaders with new input, innovations and ideas!

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Remember to like “Kansas Lions” on Facebook!

Used eyeglass work still going strong

On Wednesday, May 18, we journeyed to Arkansas City to pick up the processed used eyeglasses from the Winfield Correctional Facility. They are stored in Arkansas City because Winfield is very short on storage space. We received nine large shipper boxes (each box contains 400 processed pairs) plus 10 banana boxes of used glasses from the two **Arkansas City Lions Clubs**, and the Ponca City, Okla. Noon Lions Club. PDG Tim Hays of the Arkansas City Early Birds Club takes care of this for the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

We drove to Wichita and cleaned up all the boxes that had been dropped off in the storage room by the Wichita area Lions clubs. Those boxes have been sorted at my barn in Scranton.

I also met Lion Sylvia Reinhardt at Florence to receive the processed used glasses from the Ellsworth Correctional Facility. We received 27 of the small boxes that are all processed for use in South America, Guatemala & Honduras. These glasses are taken by the Mill Creek Community Church in Shawnee for the World Gospel Outreach Program. (these glasses are earmarked for this area of South America). This

group is in Honduras this summer distributing our Kansas processed glasses to the needy.

Lion Sylvia is working with Lion Delores Bodine, eyeglass chairperson for District K, to coordinate collection efforts for western Kansas. Lions Sylvia will transport them to Ellsworth Correctional Facility to be processed.

As of early June, we had 73 boxes of sorted glasses at my barn in Scranton. All of the colored (dark lens) glasses are boxed separately. We have several boxes of junk glasses boxed separately. I remove all packing materials, which requires tools inmates do not have. I have been in contact with the Indiana Lions and we plan to ship the next load in late summer.

I am very thankful to all Lions who have stepped forward to assist our efforts at the Winfield, Hutchinson and Ellsworth correctional facilities here in Multiple District 17. This is proof that teamwork does pay big dividends.

Respectfully Submitted,

Viola & PDG Bernard Lee

Eyeglass Collection Committee Chairs

Centennial Service Challenge continues for clubs

The Centennial Service Challenge is a club's guide to improvement of its situation, increasing membership, and developing leaders.

Lions Crew at Work community service projects are hands-on service projects for active Lions. In 2015-16, clubs were encouraged to create a centennial plan, induct at least three members and complete four service activities, one in each focus area.

Here are the steps for the next two years.

CELEBRATION 2016-17

- Complete a Community Legacy Project;
- Celebrate with your club!
- Induct at least 3 new members;
- Complete 4 service activities, one in each focus area.

DEDICATION 2017-18

- Align your club with the future direction of the Association unveiled at the Chicago Convention in 2017;
- Induct at least 3 new members;
- Complete 4 service activities, one in each focus area.

The goals for 2016-17 are a challenge for each club to accomplish. I sincerely expect each club to do its best to reach the celebration goals.

PDG Don Keihl

Global Membership Team

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USA/Canada Forum • Sept. 15-17, 2016 • Omaha, Nebraska

Theme: Leadership for Service

Register online: <http://lionsforum.org>

Let's bring back the awards for Multiple District with highest number of Lions attending and highest percentage of total Multiple District members attending!

Lions Clubs International Foundation raffle tickets available

Kansas Lions is holding a raffle to support the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Raffle tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through your District Coordinator or Multiple District Coordinator Michele Hufferd (make check payable to LCIF and send to PCC Hufferd at 107 S. Julie St., Louisburg, 66053).

Tickets also may be purchased at conventions or online at <https://www.raffleiver.com/app/raffle/4164-Lions-Clubs-International-Foundation-Ks-Chiefs-Autographed-Football>. The raffle will take place at the State Convention in June 2017.

First prize is an autographed football signed by the Kansas City Chiefs Ambassadors – including Jan Stenerud, Bill Maas, Mike Bell, Dave Lindstrom – and many more. These are authentic signatures and not stamps.

Second prize is a large utility tote that says, “I’m a Lion,” and third prize is a cinch sack that says, “I’m a Lion.” Any non-Lion winning second or third prizes may request the items without embroidery.

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Phone:		Third Prize: Lions Purple Cinch Sac	
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First Prize:
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Augusta scholarships

*Augusta Lion Chuck and DeAnn Korte's granddaughters, Montana Korte and her twin sister, Michaela Korte, of Bluestem High School in Leon, received scholarships from the **Augusta Lions Club** in May.*
Photo by Merle Laham

Next Kansas Lions News deadline:

Nov. 1, 2016