



The *Kansas Lions News*

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International President is special guest at MWR

It's time to plan your Lions winter getaway! Mid-Winter Rally 2017 will return to Manhattan at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 530 Richards Drive. Lions will recall that this is a great facility with excellent meeting space. The 2017 Rally will be Jan. 27-29, which is a bit later than usual so be sure to make note of the date.

Headlining the weekend will be our honored guests, International President Bob Corlew and his wife, Dianne. Kansas Lions are proud that he has chosen to attend the Rally and plans are for an entertaining event, celebrating 100 years of Lions. Chancellor Corlew and Dianne are from Milton, Tenn. and his theme is "New Mountains to Climb."

Many magical things are happening during this Centennial year. In January, the magic comes to Kansas for any new Lion who has yet to be installed. IP Corlew will install new Lions at the Saturday banquet. If you know a prospective Lion, now is the time to ask that person to join you in the great adventure of service that is Lionism. Then bring this new Lion with you to Manhattan and let the International President start his or her Lions life in style!

Also in honor of the Centennial, Kansas Lions have chosen to celebrate with a **FREE** Saturday night banquet (with a paid registration fee of \$10). Yes, there is such a thing as a free dinner! Be sure to complete the meal reservation form on page 3 and return it by Jan. 20 to claim this free meal and save your seat for what promises to be an unforgettable evening.

This will be one of the least expen-

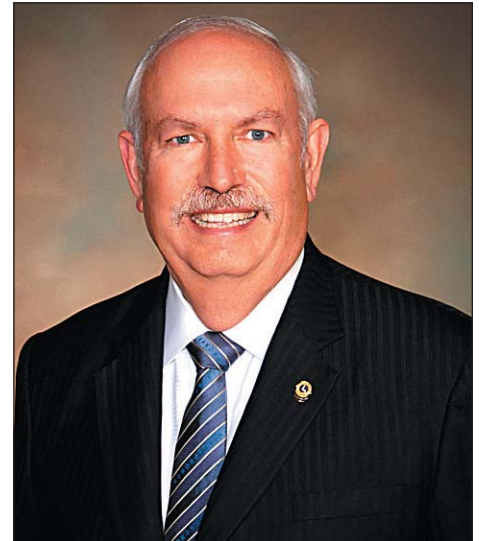
sive MWRs for many years. Kansas Lions, this is our chance to truly rally as we embrace the Centennial of this amazing organization. Don't miss this opportunity for Lions fellowship and the bonus of getting to meet and greet our International President and his wife. Let's pack the house Saturday night and honor IP Corlew and Dianne.

The room cost at Four Points by Sheraton is \$84 per night. The deadline for room reservations is Jan. 9. To reserve a room, call the Sheraton

at 785-539-5311 and ask for the Lions block.

Rooms include a free breakfast buffet.

The MWR Committee is putting the finishing touches in place for the weekend. The Friday night entertainment will be delightful. Two seminars will be held Saturday morning and IP Corlew will host a discussion in the afternoon. The Saturday luncheon, honoring Leos and Peace Poster winners, will include the perennial favorite Mexican buffet.



*International President
Bob Corlew*

The noon speaker is still being determined and will be announced soon.

Remember and plan for the annual Band Auction on Saturday afternoon. All fundraising is critical this year as we work hard to return our award-winning International Band to the LCI Convention parade. The auction is a great opportunity to make unique purchases and help out the Band Foundation in one fell swoop.

See **MID-WINTER RALLY** on Page 2

International President Corlew will install new Lions at the Mid-Winter Rally Saturday banquet!

Please invite new, not-yet-installed Lions to join you in Manhattan for this special opportunity! Send new member's name, club name & sponsor's name by Jan. 20 to kansaslions@aol.com.

Room reservation deadline: Jan. 9
Meal reservation deadline: Jan. 20

Turn the page for more MWR information and the reservation form (on Page 3).



Mid-Winter Rally *continued*

Donated items that sell well include new and handcrafted items, food (jellies, pies, bread, fudge, honey) and wood crafts.

Everyone enjoys the good-natured bidding, which has been known to drive the price of a pint of jelly to \$70! So dig out your favorite recipe – you might be amazed to see how much some are willing to pay for it. All money raised goes into the Band Foundation's general fund.

Also returning this year is the "Pig in a Poke" raffle, which provides chances to win a half a hog. *See more information on page 8.*

The Third State Council Meeting begins at 9 a.m. Sunday morning following a devotional and meeting of the Past District Governors Club at 8 a.m. All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend this business meeting and hear the plans for the rest of the year and the future.

The **Manhattan Lions Club** and other clubs in the area are in charge of the hospitality room and will do a great job of keeping you well fed. Individuals and clubs are invited to donate food and/or money to the hospitality room. Information on what is being donated ahead of time helps the club determine what needs to be purchased, so please let Lela Gillispie know how you can help (*her contact information is below; her address is on the MWR reservation form on page 3*). Checks should be made out to Kansas Lions with a note that the money is to be used for the hospitality room.

Mid-Winter Rally questions? Please contact any of the following: Linda McCormick, 316-619-7140 or KansasLions@aol.com; Lela and Bud Gillispie, MWR chairs, 785-532-8611 or kayg7@cox.net; DG Linda Leander, 785-819-4834 or leanderl@hometelco.net.

MWR Saturday seminars

Panel: Encouraging Tomorrow's Leaders

International President Chancellor Bob Corlew, International Director Bill Phillipi and Past International Director Ed McCormick will hold a panel discussion on how current Governors, Past District Governors, multiple and district chairs, and interested Lions can recognize, encourage and motivate Lions to serve above the club level. The panel will be moderated by State Global Leadership Chair Craig Donecker and State Assistant Global Leadership Chair Dan Funke as part of the continued effort of district and state leaders to identify and encourage our leaders of tomorrow.

Seminar: Human Trafficking is Alive in Kansas

Deb Klutz is senior pastor of the Westview Community Church in Manhattan, and founder/Executive Director of The Homestead in Manhattan. The Homestead is a faith-based transitional home for women 18 and older who have exited the sex industry and are ready for a new career path. Women are not required to share any religious beliefs; but they need to understand the nature of the program offered and be open to allowing God to work in their lives. The Homestead has been operating since 2012 and so far has impacted 33 women. Two new outreach efforts have been started recently – Homestead Plus is for Homestead women who have guardianship of their children, and a monthly outreach to local strip clubs, offering love and grace to women working in those clubs. Think human trafficking isn't happening in Kansas? Klutz will share facts that will surprise and bother you. Find out what is going on around you.

Introducing IP Bob Corlew

Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew and his wife, Lion Dianne, will be the special guests of Kansas Lions at the 2017 Mid-Winter Rally Jan. 27-29 in Manhattan. Chancellor Bob Corlew, from Milton, Tenn., was elected to serve as president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 99th International

Convention held in Fukuoka, Japan in June 2016.

President Corlew is retired as chancellor for the State of Tennessee and a professor of law.

A member of the Murfreesboro Noon Lions Club since 1978, he has held many offices within the association, including charter club president, zone chairperson, district governor, cabinet secretary and council chairperson.

He has been instrumental in the chartering of a number of new clubs. Most recently, he worked to charter a new club comprised of lawyers and judges, which gained more than 75 members during its first year.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including the Leadership

Award, the Builder Key Award, three International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a Vanguard of the Melvin Jones Memorial, a Progressive Lindsey-Jennings Fellow and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, President Corlew has been active in the Boy Scouts of America, the Jaycees and the American Red Cross. He has also served as a councilman in Milton and was a major in the U.S. Army Reserve.

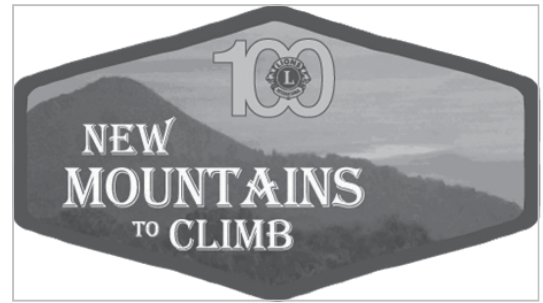
President Corlew and Dianne, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have five children and five grandchildren.

*More MWR info
on pages
8 & 9*

Kansas Lions Mid Winter Rally

January 27-29, 2017

Manhattan, Kansas



Registration and Meal Reservation Form

| | Number | | Amount |
|---|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Registration (<i>fee applies to all attendees except Leos</i>) | _____ | @\$10.00 | \$ _____ |
| Friday Dinner - Pot Roast | _____ | @\$18.00 | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Lunch - Mexican Buffet | _____ | @\$16.00 | \$ _____ |
| Saturday Banquet - BBQ Beef Brisket | _____ | free with paid registration fee | |
| <i><u>Celebrating 100 years of Lions with this free banquet</u></i> | | | |
| <i>Gratuuity included in all meal prices.</i> | | Total | \$ _____ |

*Free continental breakfast available each morning to those guests registered at the hotel
*Please Make your check(s) payable to "**Kansas Lions**"

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Lions(s) Leo(s) guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Lions or/Leo Club _____

District : **K A N** (*please circle one*)

**In celebrating 100 years of Lions, the Saturday banquet
will be free to members with paid registration**

Mail Reservations to: Lion Lela Gillispie
1414 Givens Road
Manhattan KS 66503
(785) 532-8611
kayg7@cox.net

**Final Date for Meal Reservations
January 20, 2017**

**Room reservations must be made before January 9, 2017
Four Points by Sheraton phone number is 1-785-539-5311
Room rate \$ 84.00 per night**



PID David Stoufer among presenters at Spring Roundup

PID David Stoufer of Washington, Iowa and his wife, PDG Rachel Nicola, will be two of the four presenters at the 2017 Kansas Leadership Roundup, which will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 at the Best Western Hotel and Convention Center in McPherson. The roundup is a free leadership event sponsored by Kansas Lions and the three Districts in the state.

PID Dave, a pastor who works in multi-media design and production, has been a member of the Washington Lions Club since 1991 and also is a member of the Kalona Lioness Club. Past Director Stoufer has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, vice district governor and district governor. Additionally, he has served as district LCIF chair, public relations chair, convention planning committee chair, MERL Team chair and membership chair. He has previously served as secretary and trustee for the Iowa Lions Foundation. PID Stoufer is currently the chair on the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute.

The free Kansas Lions Spring Round-Up event includes a noon luncheon and will feature four great presentations by Stoufer and Nicola as well as Kansas Lions Jennifer Miller and 1st VDG Deb and Ron Weaverling. The roundup will begin and end with inspirational opening and closing sessions presented by PIDs Stoufer and Ed McCormick.

Registration is from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. with the closing session completed by 4:30 p.m.



*PDG Rachel Nicola and
PID David Stoufer*



PID Ed McCormick

The sessions include:

1. How to increase your club's presence through communication technology & social media.
2. How to involve all generations in your club.
3. Becoming more diverse.
4. Looking at your club from the inside out.

A block of rooms has been reserved at \$62.99 + tax. Reservations must be made one week in advance. Each district in the state is providing special incentives for travel and one district is helping with room costs. Please see the registration form on the opposite page for exact details and conditions.

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***Please try home telephones first if
you need to call Council members.***

2016-17 Calendar

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*

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, Wichita
Guest: ID Howard Hudson (Lynn),
California
District Website: kansaslions17n.com*

***Read more about District
Conventions on page 16
in this issue.***



Kansas Lions Leadership Round-Up!



Comprehensive Leadership Seminars for All Lions

Saturday, March 25, 2017 - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Best Western Conference Center, McPherson, KS.

Pre-Register by March 15, 2017 to qualify for Free Meal and Programs

- Opening Session (PID Dave Stoufer)
- How to increase your club's presence through communication technology & social media (Lion Jennifer Miller)
- How to involve all generations in your club (PID Dave Stoufer)
- Becoming more diverse (VDG Deb & Ron Weaverling)
- Looking at your club from the inside out. (PDG Rachel Nicola)
- Closing Session (PID Ed McCormick)

Special Incentives from each Kansas Lions District

District K (Western Kansas)

Travel 150 miles or more (*one-way*) will be offered FREE motel room for Friday evening, March 24. *Double occupancy with dual queen beds.*

2. Free Saturday Morning Breakfast

Mileage Stipends-

1. Drive 150 miles (*one way*) to attend will be offered a \$10 mileage stipend.

2. Drive 250 miles (*one way*) will be offered \$20 mileage stipend.

District A (Northeast Kansas)

Participants who drive 150 miles (round trip) per vehicle will be offered a \$20 mileage stipend. We encourage you to carpool.

District N (Southeast Kansas)

Participants who drive 150 miles (round trip) per vehicle will be offered a \$20 mileage stipend. We encourage you to carpool.

Districts are paying for part of your meal and the MD17 Global Leadership Team is paying for the rest.

You must be registered by March 15, 2017 to receive Special Incentives

Registration Form - Kansas Lions Leadership Round-Up

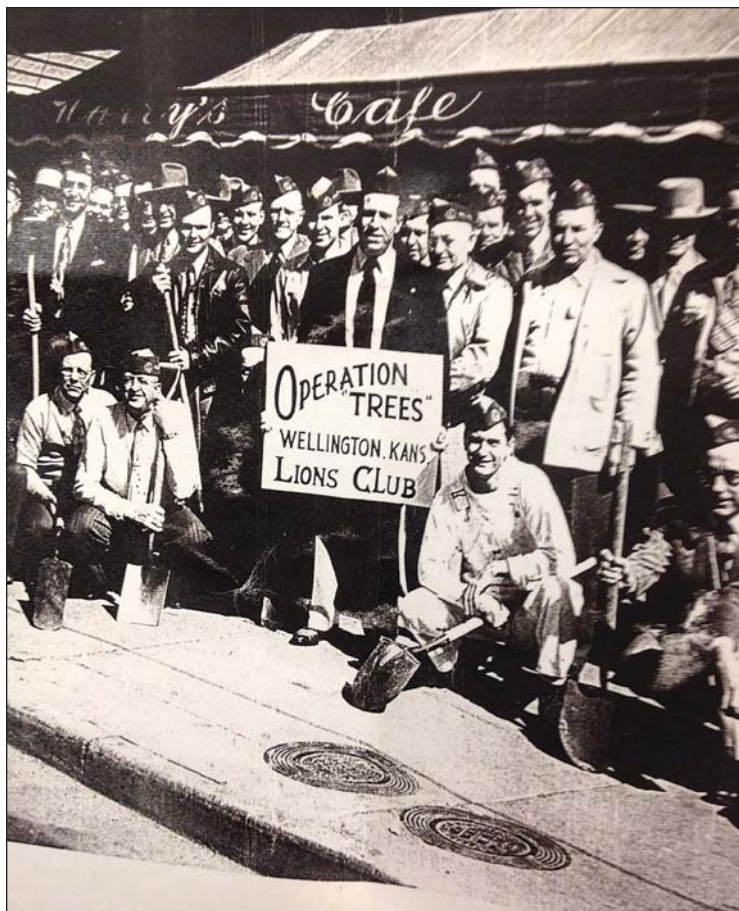
Name _____ Club _____ Dist. _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



You can e-mail this information to Lion Craig Donecker at littlegiant@greatbend.com or mail it to him at 3109 28th Street, Great Bend, KS 67530. **Notice: Any Lion who registers and does not attend the leadership conference will have their club charged \$17.00 unless they find a replacement.**

Registrations due no later than March 15.



Raymond Schalk is holding the sign and was president of the **Wellington Lions Club** when this was taken. He is the only club member still living of the 75 Lions that year. Contributed photos



Wellington Lion honored

Lion Raymond Schalk of the **Wellington Lions Club** was awarded his 70 Year Chevron Nov. 2 by 17-N 2nd Vice District Governor Patrick Laham. Raymond's wife, Jane, is a charter member of the Wellington Rise and Shine Breakfast Lions Club that disbanded several years ago. The couple is pictured above with Mayor Lion Shelly Hansel, who interviewed them for a television broadcast.

Lion Raymond is a Past District Governor. He joined Lions on Nov. 1, 1946. He is a 55-gallon blood donor to the American Red Cross. After retiring, he became director of the Wellington Senior Center. He also will receive the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



THE KANSAS LIONS FOUNDATION

is Proud to Present

Two Beautiful Lion Items For Sale

To Support Kansas Lions Youth Programs in MD 17



Concrete Lions are approximately 19" tall by 8" wide by 15" deep and weigh approximately 80 pounds for outside or inside use. Made right here in Kansas. You can paint them or leave them natural.

Cost: 1 Lion \$60.00 Set of 2 \$110.00

On your order please indicate left or right paw up when facing you.



**Lion Coins
Only 30 cast**

Lions coins are approximately 1.5" diameter and weigh close to 2 troy ounces of .999 Silver

Cost: 1 coin - \$75.00

Order by filling out this form and sending it to Lion John Scovill, PO Box 73, Humboldt, 66748, H-620- 228- 0860

Name _____ Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

_____ Lion (Right or left paw facing you (Circle) \$60 or # _____ Lion Set(s) at \$110 # _____ Lion Coins at \$75 ea

Make checks payable to Kansas Lions Foundation

Or buy a set of raffle tickets from any Kansas Lions Foundation Director. Six tickets for \$5.00

One Silver Lion's Coin and two separated Lions will be given away at State Convention

Hays Lions win \$5,000 grant for vision screening

The **Hays Lions Club** has received a \$5,000 grant from Heartland Community Foundation to fund vision screening for children and adults and to help provide eyeglasses for those in financial need.

Hays Lions, established in 1924, serve Ellis County and the surrounding area. In 1925, Helen Keller addressed the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged Lions to become “knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness.” Since then, Lions have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired. Lions give sight. By conducting vision screenings, equipping hospitals and clinics, distributing medicine and raising awareness of eye disease, Lions work toward the goal of providing vision for all.

Through the support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), Lions have helped provide more than 153 million treatments for river blindness and 72 million doses of a sight-saving trachoma medication through the SightFirst program alongside our partners. Lions and LCIF have also helped provide vision screenings for more than 19 million children through the Sight for Kids partnership program.

The Heartland Community Foundation grant will be used to provide eyeglasses for children and adults who are unable to afford them. Lions club members will disseminate edu-

cational material and conduct informational sessions about vision problems and the importance of early detection. Lions also will provide free vision screening for all daycare and pre-schools in the area. To arrange a screening call Jim Huenergarde at 785-650-7338.

“Ninety-five percent of vision issues can be corrected if caught prior to age 6!” says Huenergarde, Hays Lions Vision Chairman and Club President.

Heartland Community Foundation builds stronger communities and improves the quality of life for all residents of our region. Each year, the foundation distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars through grants and scholarships, helping thousands of donors achieve their philanthropic goals and helping many nonprofits carry on their good work. The Foundation is an affiliate of the Greater Salina Community Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity.

Hays Lions are accepting donations to expand the vision screening and vision education programs to better educate the community about the importance of early detection. The goal is to have no one go without glasses because they are unable to afford them.

For more information on Hays Lions or on how you can support its community efforts, please visit www.e-club-house.org/sites/haysks/, the club’s Facebook page or call Huenergarde.

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PDG Bauer completes degree from USA/Canada Forum Lions University

*Lions Clubs International President Bob Corlew presented PDG Chris Bauer, **Humboldt Lions Club**, a Degree of Bachelors from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum’s Lions University. The presentation was made Sept. 17 at the USA/Canada Forum in Omaha. Bauer is the first Lion from Kansas to earn this degree. The Bachelors program consists of completing 10 required courses and six elective classes through webinars and online instruction. Recipients also are required to attend a USA/Canada Forum. Contributed photo*



"PIG OUT" for the BAND RAFFLE

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Event
Mid-Winter Rally – January 27 - 29, 2017
4 Points by Sheraton Convention Center
Manhattan, Kansas

500 Tickets Available

\$ 5.00 per ticket

2 chances to win ½ of a hog



Drawing on Saturday Afternoon – January 28
LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT BOB CORLEW
Master Hog Facilitator

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT 2017 KANSAS LIONS STATE and INTERNATIONAL BAND

Note: Tickets Available from Kansas Lions Band Foundation Members

Hog Donated by PCC Bev Greenwood and RC "Mo" Greenwood, Milford Lions Club

Processing by Alta Vista Locker, LLC, Alta Vista, Kansas

NOTE: Each ½ Hog will be processed to winner's specifications by Alta Vista Locker, LLC.

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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.

**THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND
MID-WINTER RALLY 2016
January 27-29, 2017
Manhattan, Kansas**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

2:00 p.m. 2016- 2017 First Vice District
Governors and spouses

6:30 p.m. Dinner and entertainment

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Breakfast Buffet – FREE if staying at hotel

7:30 a.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation

8 a.m. Kansas Lions Sight Foundation
Budget & Finance
Leos

9 a.m. Environmental Committee
State & International Band

10 a.m. Kansas Lions Foundation
Constitution & By-Laws

11 a.m. Public Relations
Long Range Planning

Special Seminars

10-11 a.m. Panel: Encouraging
Tomorrow's Leaders
*IP Corlew, ID Bill Phillipi,
PID Ed McCormick*

11-11:40 a.m. Seminar:
Human Trafficking is Alive
in Kansas – *Deb Klutzz*

All day: Interactive booths – Learn and
receive one-on-one assistance and
materials

Noon-1:30 p.m. Hosted by KLF
Lunch - Recognizing our Leos
and Peace Poster Contest
winners

2-3:15 p.m. Discussion with
IP Corlew and wife, Dianne

3:15 p.m. K-I Committee

3:30 p.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation
Auction

6:30 p.m. Banquet
(Free meal with paid registration)

Guest Speaker:
Bob Corlew,
International President

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

Breakfast Buffet – FREE if staying at hotel

8:00 a.m. Devotional/PDG Meeting
9:00 a.m. Third State Council Meeting
– business and reports

HOSPITALITY ROOM

Hosted by District A and Manhattan Lions
Clubs Friday and Saturday – *closed
during meal functions and Friday night
entertainment*

Exhibitors / Vendors Table Request Form

Mid-Winter Rally 2017

Four Points by Sheraton - Manhattan

January 27-29, 2017

Name of Exhibitor / Vendor _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Ph: _____ E-Mail _____

_____ Electricity Requested (Please Check if needed)

_____ Not for Profit of 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: 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday.

Area Description: One 8' table and two chairs. Electricity is Limited. First come, first served.

Mail to: State Secretary Linda McCormick, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, 67209 or e-mail:
KansasLions@aol.com by January 9, 2017.

MUST HAVE TABLE(S) RESERVED IN ADVANCE

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 **January 15, 2017**.
- Multiple Districts select and submit one winning photo to LCI by March 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted to LCI 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, which reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.
- LCI 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize and an award will be presented to these photographers. 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.

Register now for 2017 LCI Centennial Convention in Chicago

Be part of history and register today for the 100th Lions Clubs International Convention to be held in Chicago from June 30 to July 4, 2017. Celebrate your pride in being a Lion with thousands of members from around the globe for fun, fellowship and more!

January 13 is the deadline to lock-in the best five-day centennial registration fee of \$130 and to guarantee your hotel reservation at specially discounted Lions rates. These hotel rates are available only to Lions convention attendees and are sure to sell out quickly.

McCormick Place Convention Center will be the hub of activity where the plenary sessions, International Show, Lions exhibit hall, voting, seminars and more will take place – all within one convenient venue. March down Chicago's famous State Street in the Lions International Parade of Nations. Make plans to tour the International Headquarters Office, visit Melvin Jones' gravesite and see Chicago's architectural gems on one of the special Lions convention tours.

Please check the website, www.lions100.lionsclubs.org, for more information on special events going on through 2017.

Kansas Lions at LCI Convention

There was insufficient interest among Kansas Lions to charter a bus to Chicago. However, many Lions are planning to travel via Amtrak train. Senior citizens should request that special rate, which is better than the Lions rate. Here is the code for the Lions rate: X97C-959. Most choosing to travel by train are departing June 29 and returning July 5.

There will be ten \$50 stipends available to those attend-

ing the 2017 International Convention to help with travel expenses. The stipends will be paid after attendance at the Convention is verified. More information coming soon.

The Kansas Lions Delegation will be at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Chicago for the Centennial Convention.

Please get your reservations in early as there are only 25 rooms reserved for Kansas at \$156 a night until Jan. 13. (Remember, there will be about 30,000 people at the convention.)

PCC Beverly Greenwood is helping coordinate the train trip. Please contact her for more information (bgreenwood@igroup.kscoxmail.com). The following people have indicated interest in traveling via the train: Gary and Mary Adkins, 17-A DG Linda and Ken Leander, PCC Helen LeBlanc, PCC Chris and Carol Bauer, Reland Cole, PDG Sheryl and Larry Brenn, PDG David and Diane

Hentges, PCC Bill and Sherry Kincaid, Margy and Mike Sundstrom, Vania Castro, Daniel Martinez, John and Kim Havens, Bev and "Mo" Greenwood and CC Fran and PDG Denny Smith.

Parade plans

Kansas plans to march along with its outstanding Lions Band. Two new Wizard of Oz characters have been added for the parade: the Lion, complete with costume, by PCC Bill Kincaid and the Tinman by Lion Paul Drush or PCC Jess Larison. PCC Michele Hufferd will be Dorothy and Margy Sundstrom will be the Scarecrow. Mike Sundstrom will portray the Wizard of Oz. Anyone else who would like to be an Oz character with your costume should contact PCC Bev Greenwood. It's a fun year to celebrate!!



Overland Park Lions now 'twinning' with Canadian club

Overland Park Host Lions Mike and Margy Sundstrom went to the Emerging Lions Leadership Institute (ELLI) in Denver last February. Lion Margy was later contacted by Lion Bill Bruhm of the Bridgewater & Area Lions Club in Bridgewater, Nova Scotia, Canada, who suggested that OPHLC unite with his club in "Twinning."

Lions Mike and Margy presented the Twinning proposal to the OPHLC Board of Directors in August. The International Club Twinning program promotes LCI's Third Purpose: To cre-

ate and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. Through Twinning, Lions have the opportunity to formalize their friendships with clubs in other countries, learn about different cultures, exchange experiences and ideas about what it means to be a Lion, and add an international dimension to their service mission.

Club Twinning is a voluntary and mutual agreement between two clubs and can involve as much exchange and interaction as the two clubs desire. Club twinning is an excellent opportunity for

Lions to extend their service mission beyond their national borders.

Twinned clubs are encouraged to seek opportunities to serve together when possible. With the help of social media and virtual communication tools, clubs can plan joint activities, report results, and share photos and stories with fellow Lions.

Want to learn more about Bridgewater & Area Lions? Their web site is <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/bridgewater/contact.php>. The club also has a Facebook page.

Local clubs embrace holidays by stepping up with food, funds



Left: **Goddard Lion** Dane Baxa and another volunteer sort food for Goddard's Mitten Tree project. Right: Goddard Lion David Curtis helps sort canned food for the project's Thanksgiving boxes. Contributed photos



Darrel Harbaugh, **Coffeyville Lions Club** president, gives a check to Dawn Lanning of Lanning's Downtown Grill to support a community Thanksgiving dinner offered by the restaurant. Contributed photo

The **Goddard Lions** are a vital part of the community's Mitten Tree project. The project will serve 113 families this year.

Volunteers distributed 230+ boxes of food (two per family, along with a turkey and fresh vegetables (potatoes, celery, carrots) the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Approximately 17 volunteers helped with the Thanksgiving distribution. A total of 85 volunteers sorted and boxed food (from Lions, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Goddard United Methodist Church, National Honor Society from both Goddard and Eisenhower high schools, volunteers from Explorer Elementary, Discovery and Challenger Intermediate schools, and Goddard and Eisenhower middle schools).

This total community effort will collect Christmas gifts and provide food boxes for each family again at Christmas.

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The **Coffeyville Lions Club** once again donated \$500 toward a community Thanksgiving dinner offered annually by Lanning's Downtown Grill in Coffeyville.

The meal is offered free of charge to residents in the Coffeyville area and approximately 250 people are served each year by the event. In addition to the donation, several Coffeyville Lions Club members volunteer by serving meals and drinks.

*Submitted by Chuck Reed
Secretary, Coffeyville Lions Club*

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Students visit Augusta Lions

Two youth groups were represented at the Aug. 23 **Augusta Lions Club** meeting.

Gabe Wasson of Douglass was the first guest. The club sponsored his participation in the American Legion's Boys State in Manhattan this summer with 400 other boys, where they learned about government. While at Boys State, Gabe was one of the County Commissioners of Marshall County, which won the Best County Contest. Gabe became the leader of his group. During free time, the boys played Ultimate Frisbee and had a 5K run (Gabe laughed and said it was just called 5K). He is a senior at Douglass High School. This year's Augusta Lions Club president, Dianne Buggeln, was one of Gabe's elementary teachers.

PCC Harry Stockwell, the Lions Youth Exchange Program Chair for the State of Kansas, is a member of the Augusta Lion Club. He arranged for three Japanese girls visiting America as part of the Lions Youth Exchange to attend with their host families. The girls told Lions why they wanted to visit America, shared about some of their hobbies, gave a small overview of what



*Lions Youth Exchange students and their hosts visiting the **Augusta Lions Club**, from left to right: Abby Bryan with Ami Kobayoshi; Kako Inakura standing in front of David and Kay Williams, and Koharu Yamasoka behind Lions Harry and Lorraine Stockwell. Photo by Merle Laham*

they have been doing while in America and gave the club small banners from Japan.

The Stockwells hosted Koharu Yamaoka. She spent the summer and before she left, she learned about Lionism and attended the State Council Meeting in McPherson. PCC Bev and

Mo Greenwood presented her a Kansas Lions shirt.

There will be more exchange students coming in January and again next summer. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, contact Lion Harry Stockwell, harrylorraine@dishmail.net, or your district coordinator.

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Communities working together to succeed

The Kensington Community Store was in desperate need of upgrading its outdated computer system. The **Kensington Lions Club** met at its monthly meeting, and decided to help the only grocery store.

The Lions decided to give \$3,000 from their funds with the Smith County Foundation and also wrote a grant for the additional \$4,000 from the foundation that was needed to purchase the upgraded computer system.

With the help of the Smith County Foundation and the Kensington Lions Club, the Kensington Community Store was able to keep its doors open and continue to serve the area residents.

Kensington Lions are always striving to make the best better!

Robin Billings

Kensington Lions club member



*Kensington Community Store board members Bob Westbrook and Bonnie Slavic and store employee Tracy Stein receive a \$7,000 check from Lion Robin Billings and the **Kensington Lions Club**. Contributed photo*

Garden City Noon Lions celebrate 85 years of service



Members of the **Garden City Noon Lions Club** welcomed special guests recently as they celebrated 85 years of community service to a growing population in southwest Kansas. Front row left to right: PDG Don Keihl (Goodland); 17-K DG Kerry Hookstra (Downs); CC Fran Smith (Ulysses); PDG Bill Fairchild (Ft. Larned); PDG Linda Looney (Pratt). Second row left to right: Garden City Lions Keith Collins, Jerry Bitter and President Chad Turner; Janis Fairchild (Ft. Larned); PDG Sheryl Brenn (Colby); PDG Ed Gallaway. Third row left to right: Garden City Lions Shawna Deal, Dick Fankhauser, unidentified member; Caroleta Herl (Colby); GC Lions Sean Collins, Denise Pass and Bob Minter. Fourth row left to right: GC Lions John Wheeler, Tom Walker, Dena Satler, Secretary Shelby Hanneman and Alan Schlesinger. Photo by PDG Denny Smith

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Basehor Lions team with school to build disc golf course

Editor's note: This article first appeared in the Leavenworth Times.

By Beth Kornegay

It's a luxury few other schools can tout, but Basehor-Linwood Middle School is now the proud home of a nine-hole disc golf course.

The course was made possible through a grant from the Basehor Lions Club.

BLMS physical education and health teacher Scot Russell applied for a grant for the disc golf course three years ago. He didn't receive that grant, but decided to give it another try last November.

His intent was to install three baskets per year for three years. When Doug Bittel of the Basehor Lions Club saw the request, he made a commitment to Russell to install the entire course with funds from the local Lions club. No school district funds were utilized

for the project.

Russell explained why he was so adamant about getting the disc golf course installed at BLMS.

"I am just overwhelmed and excited that someone else saw the vision I had for our community and school," he said. "It is an alternative, non-traditional sport for our students and community members to enjoy. They can come to the school and enjoy some family fun. Plus, it's a great opportunity for exercise."

BLMS has 80 acres of school property and the disc golf course is spread out with the average hole distance of approximately 300 feet. There is plenty of variety on the course and the complexity will continue to evolve as the trees mature.

While the grant from the Lions club allowed the baskets and posts to be purchased, the actual installation

required help from many people. Russell worked before and after school to start the installation process and last weekend, members of the Basehor Lions Club, BLMS students as well as some of the BLMS staff volunteered their Saturday to help assemble and install the course.

"We wanted to give the kids some ownership in getting the course set up," said Russell. "There couldn't have been a better way to start my weekend off. I was a little concerned at first, but we had a great turnout."

Russell was so pleased with the grant and the finished project that he wanted to send a special thank you to the Lions club.

"You have provided a unique opportunity for our students, staff and community," he said.

Help wanted: Lions International Band revival

No one ever knows how successful a new concept will be. I would venture to say that none of us were around when our founder, Melvin Jones, first tossed around the idea about Lions serving the world or the impact we would make in the first 100 years of existence.

In just a few short months, Lions from every corner of world will meet in Chicago to celebrate 100 years of Lionism. I believe it is safe to say none of us will be here to see the conclusion of the second 100 years of Lionism. Kansas Lions have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be part of the celebration either in person, through representation, or hopefully both.

Lion Shari and I have been promoting for a long time the need for Kansas Lions to have an International Band lead the Kansas parade contingent. Over the 14 years that we have been your Band Committee Co-Chairs, our opportunities to have a band participate in the convention have been far too few. We have only taken three bands to the International Convention over those years. Reasons for not having a band range from cost to location to not enough time available for students, etc. Ironically, our last Kansas Lions International Band (78 students) went to Chicago in 2007. With your help, we can once again have a band lead Kansas Lions in the parade.

With a cost of \$1,000 per student, the committee hopes to entice students, with your financial assistance. During the Second State Council Meeting, your Kansas Lions Band Foundation voted to provide a \$400 stipend to the first 60 students that sign up to be part of the International Band. That would reduce each student's cost to \$600 (plus the \$250 cost to attend the required State Band camp).

Because we are required to pay installments to our travel agency starting at the first of the year, an April 20, 2017 application deadline has been set for International Band

students. This will allow us to recoup any funds paid during the installments.

The planned International Band trip itinerary will keep the students busy while in Chicago. It will include two performances (marching in the parade and playing at the Lincoln Park Zoo). Now is the time for Kansas Lions to make contact with their local high schools and connect with the band students.

The 2017 International Convention will be one for the record books. Not only will we celebrate our 100th anniversary, but this also will be the finale event of ID Bill Phillipi's two years of service on the LCI Board of Directors.

It has been a long time since sending a band to the International Convention was this economical. Please help "Your Band" make participating in the 2017 Convention a reality. Application and medical release forms are available on the MD-17 website (kansaslions.org). Your clubs, all high school band directors, and last year's eligible students will receive an informational flyer soon.

Lions do a wonderful job of meeting the needs of others. Please let sending an International Band to Chicago be part one of those needs. In closing, I leave you with

a special quote by a President we all can remember.

"Aeschylus and Plato are remembered today long after the triumphs of Imperial Athens are gone. Dante outlived the ambitions of thirteenth century Florence. Goethe stands serenely above the politics of Germany, and I am certain that after the dust of centuries has passed over cities, we too will be remembered not for victories or defeats in battle or in politics, but for our contribution to the human spirit."— John F. Kennedy

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PCC Hans and Shari Neidhardt

Kansas Lions Band Committee Co-Chairs

3 things to know about Lions International Band trip to Chicago

**1) First 60 students get
\$400 stipend – making
final cost only \$600;**

**2) Deadline to sign up is
April 20, 2017;**

**3) All Lions are needed
to make the trip happen!**

Band Foundation welcomes donations for trip

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation is asking for donations to support sending an International Band to the Lions Clubs International Convention June 30-July 4, 2017 at Chicago. The convention celebrates 100 years of Lionism and Kansas' own International Director Bill Phillipi is completing his term at this convention.

The KLBF goal is to celebrate the Centennial as well as salute Director

Bill with a Kansas International Band. We, the Band Foundation, will appreciate any donation that you make. Make checks payable to the Kansas Lions Band Foundation and indicate for International Band. Please mail donation to PDG Gene Hawkey, KLBF Treasurer, 1309 W Broadway, Newton, KS 67114.

*PDG Lion Don Keihl
KLBF Director 17-K*



Editorial

Lions International Band about much more than marching & music

I am writing to appeal to my fellow Lions to support a project near and dear to my heart: sending a Kansas Lions International Band to compete at the Lions Clubs International Convention in 2017 in Chicago.

Back in the day, I participated in Lions Band four times and every year included a trip to the LCI Convention. It was a given that Kansas would stride down the street during the convention parade, where we not only represented the Sunflower State – we consistently also were one of the best of the best among bands competing.

My first LCI Convention band trip was to San Francisco in 1973. We stayed at a downtown hotel and practiced in the hotel's outdoor parking lot, which drew a lot of curious stares every day. For meals, we were given a daily stipend, told to stay in groups, and sent out into the city to find food. Remember, we're

talking about San Francisco. In 1973.

The 1973 Kansas Band was asked to participate in the convention's opening flag ceremony. So here are these Kansas kids, some of whom were on their first trip away from home and had just experienced their first airplane ride, about to deliver one of the most important early moments of a convention with people from around the world watching.

I still remember carrying the flag for Botswana, a country I'd never heard of before. Because the United States was the host nation, our flag was last. I can still see Pete, one of our tuba players, walking down the aisle with the American flag. The flags were on six-foot wooden poles and Pete carried that flagpole in one hand with his arm extended straight and unbending, not wavering even for one moment throughout the entire ceremony, a goosebump memory.

The parade route took us down a

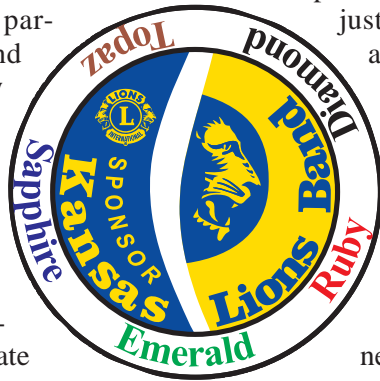
significant hill as we approached the judging area. The directors selected "Bugler's Dream" (heard often during the Olympics). The brass players stepped into "double ranks" and with their horns raised extra high, we got everyone's attention. More goosebumps.

I could regale you with three more Lions International Band trips' worth of memories, from Dallas to Honolulu to New Orleans. The point is this: as I look back at all I've done in my life, these Kansas Lions International Band experiences stand out.

Lions, I believe today's band students are just as eager to make memories while experiencing the thrill of representing their state on an international stage. We owe a new generation this opportunity.

We must do everything in our power to send a Kansas Lions International Band to Chicago in 2017. Because it's about much more than marching & music. It's about pride. It's about competing. It's about doing something bigger than yourself. It's about making memories that last a lifetime.

–Nancy D. Borst



New program will recognize, honor local newsletters

Kansas Lions has a new way to honor Lions club newsletter editors. The Club Newsletter Merit Recognition Program will strive to honor all club editors, who tirelessly strive to keep club members informed and motivated to serve in the various projects and activities of the club.

The program is not a contest. It is a recognition and merit program to acknowledge all club editors who produce a newsletter (for Lions – Leos – joint community) during all or the major part of the Lions club year.

The Public Relations & Media Committee members will nominate local club editors throughout all districts for recognition awards to be given at the State Convention. All evaluations and

considerations will be done by members of the committee. Print copies of club newsletters will be displayed for public viewing at the PR & Media Committee booth at State Convention.

All editors will be invited to attend the convention to receive award certificates. Certificates for those unable to attend will be presented to their District Governors for later presentation.

PR & Media Committee members may choose to give an Advance Award of Merit to one or more editors who have displayed superior work in producing their club newsletters. The Advance Award of Merit will be a Journalism/Editor Medal.

The PR & Media Committee wants to acknowledge the input and contributions

by former member (now deceased) Scott Cranfield of District N.

PDG Denny D. Smith
PR & Media Chair

PR & Media Committee Members

17-K: PDG Smith
17-A: Michele Reese, Art Hadley
17-N: PDG John Gedraitis, PDG Chris Bauer
Advisors: PDG Neal Nichols, PDG Dwayne Willis

Pancake Day coming

The Hesston Lions Club will hold its Pancake Day on Jan. 28 from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is the club's major fundraiser for the year.

District A Convention includes melodrama, pound auction

District A Lions: Mark your calendar now for our District Convention March 3 & 4, 2017 at the Ramada Downtown, 420 SE 6th in Topeka.

On Friday night, we will visit the **Robinson Lions Club** for the 50th anniversary of their melodrama. This will be a "Lions Night at the Melodrama" and will be full of fun. If you have never been to the melodrama, you don't know what you have missed. More information will be forthcoming.

On Saturday, a Melvin Jones Breakfast will start the day's activities. This is a great chance for a Lions club or individual to have an International Director (our special guest, ID Jerome Thompson) present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to a Lions club member or a special person. There will be seminars and speakers during the morning. The Youth Luncheon will honor our Peace Poster winners and youth programs. We will have a special speaker or entertainment.

Also on Saturday, International Director Jerome Thompson will lead a special seminar, followed by the District business and convention sessions. This will be followed by a memorial service. The Past District Governors also will have a "pound auction" as a fundraiser.

The Dinner Banquet will be the highlight of the convention by celebrating 100 Years of Lionism with our speaker, International Director Thompson, who is an attorney from

Moulton, Ala. He has been a member of the Moulton Lions Club since 1989 and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

ID Thompson was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 98th International Convention held in Honolulu, Hawaii in 2015.

He has held many offices within the association, including club secretary, club treasurer, club membership chairperson, district governor, district public relations & Lions information chairperson, district GMT coordinator and multiple district GMT coordinator.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Thompson has received numerous awards, including the Membership Key Award, three Leadership Awards, two Extension Awards and four International President's Awards.

Director Thompson also is active in professional and community organizations, including President of the Lawrence County Alabama Bar Association and member of the Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce. He has two sons.

District A Lions: Make your plans now to attend! Come for "Good Food, Great Fun, and Outstanding Fellowship." Registration information will be coming soon in district communications. Or contact DG Linda Leander (*her contact information is on page 4*).



ID Jerome Thompson

District K meets March 17-18 in Hays

The District K Convention will be March 17-18, 2017 in Hays. More information is forthcoming.

Special guest will be International Director Melvyn K. Bray, from Whiting, N.J. He is a retired bank vice president and regional manager and a member of the Toms River Lions Club. He has held many offices in the association, including district LCIF chairperson, multiple district GMT coordinator and region chairperson. He is the executive director for The Lions Eye Research Foundation of New Jersey.

ID Bray, a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, has received numerous awards, including the Senior Builder Key Award and three International President's Awards. He is active in the Sight & Handicapped Foundation of Ocean County and the New Jersey Camp for Blind Children. He and his wife, Lion Ginny, also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandsons.



ID Melvyn Bray

District N: March 31-April 1 in Wichita

The District N Convention will be March 31-April 1, 2017 at the Best Western Airport Hotel in Wichita. More information is forthcoming.

Special guest will be International Director Howard Hudson, from Santa Barbara, Calif. He is a certified public accountant and a member of the Santa Barbara Host Lions Club. He has held many offices in the association, including district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer and multiple district extension chairperson.

He has received numerous awards, including the Lions Canine Companions for Independence Life Membership and Fellowship, the Senior Builder Key Award and two International President's Awards. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He is active in Bugles Across America, Front Porch Communities & Services and Surgical Eye Expeditions International. He and his wife, Lion Lynn, also a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons and two grandsons.



ID Howard Hudson

for the first shirt and \$1 for each additional shirt, along with address. Shirts will be shipped to the club if ordering more than one. Questions? Contact Michele at mbostick2001@yahoo.com. or 913-219-3818.



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Nomination Form

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Submit completed form to: Michele Hufferd, 107 S. Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053,
no later than December 31, 2016.

R – O – A – R! Local Lions 'serve'

The **Lawrence Noon Lions Club** has had a busy fall. With collection boxes for used eyeglasses at several locations around town, more than 1,322 pairs of glasses were sorted. In addition, more than 50 preschoolers were screened for early detection of eye diseases through the Kansas Kidsight program.

As part of the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Health Fair on Sept. 24, Lions club members provided vision screening for 63 adults. On Oct. 1, a little more than \$1,000 was raised through a pancake feed. Twenty-two people came out to Trivia Night at Conroy's Pub that same week, adding another \$150 to the project fund of the club. Finally, on Oct. 8, Lions repainted the Lions Shelter House at Broken Arrow Park in Lawrence.

Lawrence Noon Lions Club meets the first and third Tuesdays at noon at Conroy's Pub, Lawrence. You may e-mail lawrencenoonlion@aol.com and be sure to "like" our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/lawrencenoonlions>.



New members of the **Lawrence Noon Lions Club** are: Jack Taylor, transfer from Liberal Lions, Dan Skinner, Beth McKenzie, and Gary and Ara Carbonneau (and their service dog Gracie). Contributed photo

The **Arkansas City Lions Club** once again helped at the D.A.R.E. Camp, which was held in August at Camp Horizon east of the city. The D.A.R.E. program has been going on in Arkansas City since the 1990s and the Lions have

helped for 11 years. Lions assisting were President Luke Schmidt, Secretary Paula Plush, Treasurer Ken Gilmore, and Lions Bonnie Gilmore, Charles Kinzie and Jim Trenary.

The first years the club helped the camp consisted of preparing lunch for the campers and leaders on one day of the week-long camp (the Early Bird Lions Club served a meal on another day). For the last two years, the club has provided breakfast.

The average number of campers this year was 74, plus 10-15 leaders/trainers. This year's training was excellent and went into great depth about what law enforcement and fire departments have to deal with and the training/tools used. Campers even participated in a mock funeral and trial.

—Submitted by Lion Paula Plush
Secretary

Benton Lions held a Community Picnic to celebrate their town and enlist new members.

The **Walton Lions Club** held a vision screening for children, using the Pediavision screener, at the town's Rural Life Festival Oct. 1.



The **Auburn Lions Club** teamed up with the Auburn Elementary School PTO to host a float in the 2016 Auburn Fair focusing on literacy. The school's theme this year is PIRATE (Positive Individuals Respect & Achieve Together Everyday) and the float signage read "Pirates that Read, Succeed!" The float also included the school and LCI Centennial logos. Contributed photo

Milford Lions surprise member with Melvin Jones Fellow

The **Milford Lion Club** presented Lion Randy Brooks with a Melvin Jones Fellow. He received his honor at a Zone 11 meeting at Milford Lake.

A Melvin Jones Fellow is presented

to Lions who have demonstrated service to others. A \$1,000 donation was made to the LCI Foundation in Brooks' name. The donation is used for global projects, especially measles eradication and vision.

Brooks has been an active Milford Lion for more than 20 years. He has been club treasurer for seven years. He was club president before he accepted a civil service job in Iraq. His other service includes chairing "Adopt a Highway" and many fundraising projects.

Milford's signature project has been purchasing

and placing veteran markers on graves at the Milford Cemetery. Randy has continued placing markers and flags on graves with his Boy Scouts. He has been a Boy Scout leader for more than 20 years. Recently, he helped establish a "Venture Crew." The crew has shared its projects with the Lions and helped with "Adopt A Highway." In return, donations have been made to their projects.

Randy's passion is helping youth. He picks up recycled cans from seven areas and donated more than \$750 to youth projects in Milford this past year. In addition to Scouting and Venture Crew, is continuously working at his church and with the church's youth group.

Lion Randy recently sponsored his wife, Peppy, as a new Lion in the club. He is employed full time at Fort Riley, where he is involved with the "Big Red One." Lion Randy is deserving of the Melvin Jones Fellow because he follows the Lions motto, "We Serve."



Lion Sgt. Randy Brooks (Ret) helps clean up in Milford after a storm. Contributed photo

Nearly 4,000 screened at Kansas State Fair

Lions International President Bob Corlew's theme, "New Mountains to Climb," was exhibited by the Kansas Lions at the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation's (KLSF) 2016 Kansas State Fair Screening Service Project.

The KLSF was able to provide the traditional adult vision, hearing, blood pressure, blood sugar screenings and children's vision screenings. With two additional booths, two additional service providers were added: Saving Sight (the Lions Eye Bank for most of Kansas) and "Cares" Canine Assistance Rehabilitation Education Services (service dogs).

A total number of 3,920 individuals were screened:

- ♦535 for field of vision – 69 referred for professional evaluation;
- ♦389 for visual acuity – 188 referred for professional evaluation;
- ♦1,152 for hearing – 343 referred for professional evaluation,
- ♦1,492 for blood pressure – 164 referred for medical evaluation;
- ♦1,376 for blood sugar – 183 referred for medical evaluation,
- ♦1,329 for children's vision – 222 referred for professional

evaluation.

At this year's screenings, there was one individual with a blood sugar of 510. Another who came to the screening to have his blood sugar checked was unable to walk out of the booth before being assisted by the fair's EMS services.

This project would not be a success without Kansas Lions

and nursing instructors and students from Newman University, Hutchinson Community College practical nursing department and registered nursing program, and the Salina Technical College medical assistant program. It takes approximately 10 to 12 volunteers per shift, two shifts per day for 10 days. Four medi-

cal professionals or students supervised by a licensed professional must be present each shift to provide blood pressure and blood sugar checks.

The Sight Foundation sincerely thanks all who assisted with this Lions Service Project. The 2016 Kansas State Fair Team included Lions Dan Heersche and Sylvia Reinhardt. Lion Ron Bretz will be sorely missed from this team.

*Lion Vern Failor
MSU Chairman*

Due to the passing of Lion Ron Bretz, long-time friend and scheduler for the Sight Foundation's MSU, the MSU scheduling will be handled by the operator/driver Lion Dan Heersche. Please contact Lion Dan at 316-777-4060 (H), 316-249-7524 (C) or e mail him at dheersche@cox.net.

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District A honors, clockwise from upper left: PID Ed McCormick presents a 20 Year Chevron to PCC Michele Hufferd; Lion and Kansas Sen. Jerry Moran presents a 40 Year Chevron to Lion George Melster as DG Linda Leander looks on; Lion Ken Leander was honored with the 2015-16 Leadership Development of Merit award; Moran presents a 15 Year Chevron to Lion John Wright.



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