



# The Kansas Lions News

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## Four honored as MD-17 Centennial Lions, Leo

The Centennial Lion and Leo awards were guaranteed to have suspense right up to the announcement of the winners at the Saturday banquet at State Convention June 3 in Wichita. But the awards added a dash of extra drama just to be sure.

All Kansas Lions were asked to nominate any Lion who they felt deserved to be a Centennial Lion. Centennial MD Chair PCC Michele Hufferd said once all of the nominations were in, they were reviewed and voted on by the DG team, GMT/GLT team, and the Centennial coordinators in each district. The task was to honor one Lion from each of the three districts and one Leo for the multiple district.

District K Lions had another idea. When the votes were counted, that district had a tie. So those two finalists were sent back to be voted on again. Even after a second round of voting, the tie remained. Hufferd said years of service were finally used to break the tie. One Lion was the Centennial Lion and the other received the "Lionism Award."

Hufferd said these recipients should be congratulated. "They are all truly deserving of this award," she said. Go to page 5 to start reading the information about each



International Director Bill Philippi (left) and ID Lewis Quinn (right) congratulate District A Centennial Lion Vern Failor, with Centennial Chair PCC Michele Hufferd. Photo by PDG Denny Smith

winner as it was shared at the convention.

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## MD-17 marks 20+ year low in dropped members

Kansas Lions have made a tremendous leap in decreasing the number of Lions dropped with the lowest number in 20 plus years, according to Lions State Secretary Linda McCormick. Even though the overall drop in membership for MD-17 was 106 Lions this year, a great effort by CC Linda Leander and her team led to a four member net increase in District 17A (northeast Kansas). District K (western Kansas) and District N (south central and southeastern Kansas) had the lowest net decreases in 20 years, with 53 and 57 members, respectfully.

Since 2003, MD-17 has seen its membership drop an average of about 250 members a year. "The efforts of our Global Membership and Leadership teams at the District and State levels and stressing of service to our members have made a huge impact on our numbers," McCormick said.

GLT State Chair PCC Beverly Nichols put a great deal of time and effort into membership and sponsor recognition the past three years and it has shown in the numbers, as Kansas Lions have continued to decrease our membership losses each year. Also, Nichols started the new 2017-18 Lions year off by being instrumental in organizing the newest club in the state, the **Tonganoxie Lions Club**, which was chartered in July 2017.

According to Nichols, membership retention and recruitment are important, but the only way for Kansas Lions to increase membership in the state is through strong, engaging and visible service projects and forming new clubs. Kansas Lions – it is critical to focus on extension by forming new clubs to provide service in all of our communities in Kansas. Growth will allow the legacy of "We Serve" to thrive.

### By the numbers

Kansas Lions membership has dropped by 3,692 since July 2003.

2003:	168
2004:	291
2005:	181
2006:	334
2007:	157
2008:	269
2009:	317
2010:	223
2011:	278
2012:	333
2013:	335
2014:	265
2015:	221
2016:	214
2017:	106

Total 2003-2017: 3,692

From the Council Chair –

## Planning our encore to 100 years of service

It is my pleasure to serve as the upcoming council chair for MD17 alongside Secretary Linda McCormick, Treasurer Hans Neidhardt, and all of the committees. My peers elected me in April 2017 to follow the leadership of CC Fran Smith from District K. The state is fortunate to have so many good leaders that are taking Lions into the future of Lionism in 2017-2018.

The future of Lions is up to us. The 100 years of Lions has been exciting, but the upcoming year will be even more exciting with the new Lions app for your mobile device.

A new club officer position was created for this next year, "LCIF Club Coordinator." This position is defined on the LCI website with a PowerPoint presentation ([www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)).



CC Linda Leander

What is GST? What is GAT? The Global Service Team (GST) will be chaired by outgoing ID Bill Phillipi and the Global Action Team (GAT) will be chaired by CC Linda Leander. We will find out more information concerning these new positions June 30-July 4, 2017 at the International Convention in Chicago, Ill.

We had a great State Convention, co-chaired by PDG Dan and Lion Becky Funke. International Director Lewis and Lion Gayle Quinn provided many exciting Lions news updates in Wichita.

Lion Ken and I were fortu-

nate to have lunch with an interesting lady, Lion Nancy Borst. Nancy and Becky Funke do such a wonderful job planning and preparing *The Kansas Lions News* for us. Please remember to submit photos and articles to Nancy

Borst at [ndbdesk@cox.net](mailto:ndbdesk@cox.net). Lions Nancy and Becky, I thank you for your work with KLN.

Also, the Lions State band, PCC Hans and Lion Shari Neidhardt, gave us another wonderful Lions concert at the Central Community Church in Wichita. Ken and I look forward to hearing the band at the International Convention in Chicago! Hans and Shari, I give you my gratitude and your Lions team for your work with the band students.

My husband, Lion Ken, and I look to the future of Lions with our great Kansas team of Lion supporters.

If you have any questions, please email me (address below).

"We Serve."

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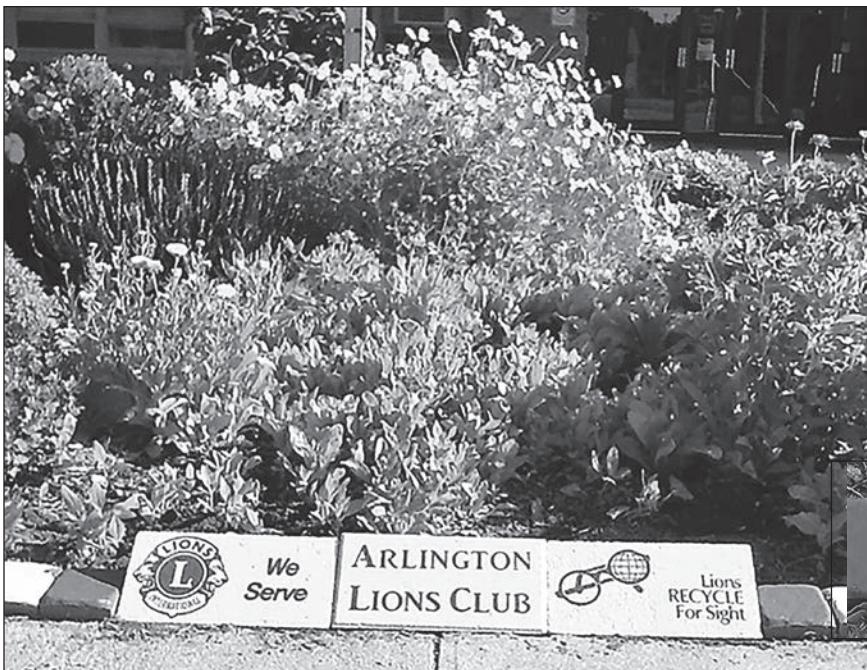
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### Augusta Peace Poster winners

Local winners in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest from Augusta Middle School were recognized at an awards assembly in May. The Peace Poster contest was sponsored by the **Augusta Lions Club**. Pictured at left are first place winner Gracie Perez and second place winner Raven Holland with Augusta Lions Patrick Laham, Lorraine Stockwell, Bill Buggeln, Bill Kincaid, Harry Stockwell, Dianna Buggeln and Sherry Kincaid. Perez received \$30 and a certificate and Holland received \$20 and a certificate. At right is third place winner Raegan Pirtle, who received a \$10 prize and certificate. Pictured with her are Johnna Smith, AMS art teacher who worked hard to encourage students to get involved in this project; Lorraine Stockwell, club Peace Poster chair, and Matthew Ward, AMS principal. Since 1990, 4 million children have participated in the annual contest.

Photos contributed by Lorraine Stockwell



## Lions club garden update

*The Arlington Lions Club updated its community garden in June. The signage is tilted and uses the Lions logo and motto so that anyone driving by can easily identify the beautification project with the Lions club. Club member names were added to some of the stones and the project even raised funds when a family offered to make a donation for special painting on some of the stones (below).*

Photos by Karen Buser

## Lions continue strong support for eyeglass collections

On May 24, 2017, we drove to the Winfield Correctional Facility to pick up the nine cases of finished glasses they had on hand. Each of these shipper cases contains 400 pairs of glasses (3,600 pairs total).

We drove on into Wichita to the State Office storage room and cleaned up all the glasses that have been dropped off there. After sorting, we had 1,850 pairs of useable glasses (four banana boxes full). We also had one banana box full of colored dark glasses.

At the end of May, we had 25 large shipper boxes of glasses available for "Mission Trips" by qualified groups of volunteers.

On our way to the State Convention in Wichita June 1, we drove to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility to clean up the finished glasses they had on hand, awaiting shipment to our storage facility in Scranton. We got nine large shipper cartons (500 pairs each –

4,500 pairs). We took them to the State Office storage room to unload them into storage, as our trailer was FULL. We attended the Saturday session of the State Convention and collected many glasses that day. On June 3, we also went to the State Office storage facility to receive 8,000 pairs of glasses from the Leawood Lions Club before the Kansas Lions Band concert, and our trailer was FULL AGAIN. After sorting was finished June 6, we had 15 banana boxes full (5,900 pairs) of good useable glasses. We sorted four banana boxes of good useable

dark colored glasses (1,000 pairs).

We returned to the State storage facility June 17 to pick up the next load of the glasses after State Convention. We covered 352 miles on that trip. We stayed two nights in Wichita in order to keep the glasses all cleaned and up to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility. Currently we have 38 banana boxes of sorted glasses and 28 large shipper boxes (prison finished glasses) in our Scranton inventory.

"THANK YOU" to all of the Lions who took the time and effort to bring in their used eyeglasses to us for collection. We certainly have a need for them. We look forward to a great year in 2017-2018.

*Respectfully in Lionism,  
PDG Bernard and Viola Lee*



### Used cell phones also needed

*Operation Pioneer Spirit collects cell phones and chargers to benefit military service personnel via Cell Phones for Soldiers. The phones are sold to a recycling partner affiliated with Cell Phones for Soldiers. Money from the sales is used to purchase calling cards and other communication tools for active duty military personnel and veterans.*

*For more information on collecting cell phones, contact PDG Tim Hays, Arkansas City Lions ([LionTimHays@cox.net](mailto:LionTimHays@cox.net)).*

# State Leo Co-Chair hands reins to next generation

Thank you Lions of Kansas. Many years ago, I became the State Leo Chair. My children were much younger then and I did not believe I could devote enough time to the job to live up to my own expectations. Tonja Wienck somewhat willingly took over the responsibility and did a great job. I still managed to help her with the logistics for a couple of trips to the International convention, but I mostly concentrated my efforts within my own Leo Club and my own Lions' district.

Then Tonja moved away. At that time, PCC DeAnne Heersche agreed to partner with me and we have been your State Leo Co-Chairs for a number of years. We have continued to take Leos to international conventions and have provided training and service opportunities every year at Mid-Winter Rally.

During this time, I had continued to be a Leo Advisor and the District Leo Chair. I also served a two-year term on the Lions Club International Leo Advisory Panel. I have presented at the international convention and a few USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums on Leo clubs. I am currently serving as one of the Regional Coordinators for the first USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forum in New York in August. Suffice it to say, I remain passionate about the Leos and what they represent within Lionism.

Throughout my term as State Leo Co-Chair, there have been many individual Lions and quite a few Lions clubs that

I could always count on for support – moral support, service support, and/or financial support. Thank you for that support. Many of you know my heart will always be with the Leos. However, I firmly believe that within each organization, committee, and board, it is our responsibility to continue to develop new leaders. We must give others the chance to grow and develop their leadership skills. They may make mistakes, but that is how we learn. Sometimes the best way to do this is to step down and allow them the chance to do the job.

I felt it was time for fresh ideas and my son, Lion Matt Kerns, has agreed to step in as my replacement. Matt was a Leo for four years in high school and became a Lion at 18 years old when he graduated. Matt is employed by Kansas State University and is currently a member of the **Manhattan Lions Club**. He knows he can count on DeAnne and me if he should have any questions and I know I can count on you to help him in this new role.

Thank you for your support of Leos. Thank you for your support for me. A special, public thank you to DeAnne Heersche for your patience, tenacity, calm, and laughter...you are a special friend and it has been my honor to work with you. Finally, thank you to my parents who encouraged me to follow my passion and gave me an incredible example of Lionism to try to emulate. I love you both.

Yours in service,  
Lion Cheryl Kerns

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## Calendar

Aug. 12-14

*First State Council Meeting,  
McPherson*

Oct. 27-29

*Second State Council Meeting,  
McPherson*

Jan. 26-28, 2018

*Mid-Winter Rally/  
Third State Council Meeting,  
Manhattan*

May 31-June 2, 2018

*State Convention/  
Fourth State Council Meeting, Wichita*

### District Conventions

District K

*March 16-17, 2018, Hays*

District A

*April 20-21, 2018, Fort Leavenworth*

District N

*March 2-3, 2018, Wichita*

# Centennial Lions, Leo

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## District N: PDG Marvin C. Funk, Hillsboro Lions

The District 17-N Centennial Lion has served for 39 years as a Lion. He has served as club president numerous times and on various club committees. He has been a liaison for his club to Cub Scouts and the Leos. He has also served District N as treasurer multiple times, has been a zone and regional membership chair, and has served on various committees, including diabetes, extension and service dogs.

This Lion has served the State as District Governor, treasurer, various committee chairs and as a member of the Lions and Band foundations. This Lion has a passion for service. He has worked tirelessly to organize new clubs and was instrumental in helping women become part of this organization.

He has received multiple International Presidents' Certificates of Appreciation and received the "Ambassador of Good Will" award from Past International President Bill Wunder.

The District 17-N Centennial Lion is presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship to PDG Marvin Funk of the Hillsboro Lions Club.

## District A: Vern Failor, Topeka Sunflower Lions

The District 17-A Centennial Lion has served Lions for more than 45 years. As a member of two different clubs, he was able to bring his excitement about Lions to different communities. He has served in almost every office of his club, and has served as president three times. This Lion has



*International Directors Lewis Quinn and Bill Philippi with District N Centennial Lion PDG Marvin Funk and Centennial Chair PCC Michele Hufferd. Photo by PDG Denny Smith*

45 years of perfect attendance!

In District 17-A he has served as zone chairman and convention co-chairman, has served on various committees, and has served as a director on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. This Lion has served the state as a chairman for multiple programs. He has received two Presidential citations and various other awards. He is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

He is not only actively serving in Lions, but actively serves in his church and has organized and directed many mission trips.

The District 17-A Centennial Lion is presented with a progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship to Vern Failor of the Topeka Lions Club.

## Centennial Leo: Matthew Kerns, Manhattan Lions Club

The Centennial Leo has a true heart of service, and has been involved in service even prior to becoming a Leo. He comes from a family that has been involved in service for many years. He is a quiet leader – listening to other's ideas, evaluating what will work well for high school youth, and then motivating others to follow his lead. He leads by example. He has participated in service projects with Habitat for Humanity, Salvation Army, Relay for Life, Safe Home, Harvesters and Wayside Waifs, to name just a few.

After high school, this Leo became a Lion and continued his service throughout his college years in the Louisburg Lions Club. While pursuing his master's degree, he transferred his membership to the Miami County Traveling Lions Club. He has now settled down and has joined the local Manhattan Lions Club.



*Matthew Kerns (left) was named Centennial Leo for MD-17. He is shown here with IDs Bill Philippi and Lewis Quinn and Centennial Chair PCC Michele Hufferd. Photo by PDG Denny Smith*

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# Many Lions receive awards at 2017 State Convention

## International President's Certificate of Appreciation – for performing significant service to Lionism; 4th highest LCI award

J. Alan Feist, Downs Lions Club  
17-K 2nd VDG Reland Cole, Great Bend Lions Club  
PDG Dan Funke, Goddard Lions Club

## International Leadership Award – for demonstrating significant leadership contributions; 3rd highest LCI award

Margy Sundstrom, Shawnee Lions Club  
Mo Greenwood, Milford Lions Club  
DG Deb Weaverling, Leavenworth Lions Club  
PCC Beverly Greenwood, Milford Lions Club  
PDG LuRay Watts (posthumous), Wichita Northwest Lions Club

## Presidential Award – as determined by the International President; 2nd highest LCI award

PDG Don Kiehl, Goodland Lions Club  
PDG Neal Nichols, Overland Park Host Lions Club

## Melvin Jones Fellow

Becky Funke, Goddard Lions Club, presented by her club

## New member

Diane Smith was inducted as a new member of the Tonganoxie Lions Club. Her sponsor is Lion Christy McGee.

## Newsletter Merit Awards – for exemplary work in producing club newsletter

Michele Reese, Auburn Lions  
Fred Jueneman, Brewster Lions  
Tom Willy & Ken Habiger, Leawood Lions  
PDG Neal Nichols, Overland Park Host Lions  
PCC Fran Smith, Ulysses Lions Club

## Newsletter Lifetime Achievement Awards (posthumous):

PDG LuRay Watts,  
Wichita Northwest  
Phil Menninger, Topeka



Members of the Wichita Northwest Lions Club accept an International Leadership Award given posthumously to PDG LuRay Watts, who was a member of the club. Presenting the award at State Convention are International Directors Bill Philippi (pictured) and Lewis Quinn. Photo by PDG Denny Smith



PDG Don Kiehl of the Goodland Lions Club was all smiles after being honored with a Presidential Award during the State Convention banquet June 3 in Wichita.  
Photo by Reland Cole



Michele Reese of the Auburn Lions Club was one of those honored with a Newsletter Merit Award and medal during the Saturday luncheon at State Convention June 3 in Wichita.  
Photo by Reland Cole

# Journalist shares her enthusiasm for Kansas

*By Nancy D. Borst  
Editor, The Kansas Lions News*

If you are ever down on Kansas, just spend some time with Sierra Scott. Scott, a veteran journalist, has made it her mission to be one of the Sunflower State's biggest cheerleaders and she shared her enthusiasm with Lions at the State Convention luncheon June 3 in Wichita.

Day-to-day news as reported by the cable and television networks and print media is "a very slanted view of reality, set up to scare you," she told Lions. She has spent more than 30 years in the news industry and admits it showed her a negative view of the world.

Scott prefers to be upbeat, especially about her state. As proof, look no further than "It's ALL Good with Sierra Scott," a former television program she co-hosted, and her current show "Positively Kansas!," which airs on public television (check local listings). Her efforts to report positive news during her time working at a mainstream television station were "shot down every time," she said, hence her search for another platform.

"We need to step up and show young children that doing good is a good thing," she said, "and be a role model for that."

She shared Kansas trivia that revealed the state is the birthplace to major companies such as Coleman, Freddy's, Dean & DeLuca, York, Mentholatum and Cessna. Wichita is considered an advanced industry hotspot and the General

Aviation Manufacturers Association says it leads the nation in aerospace manufacturing.

It also has produced homegrown entrepreneurs, such as the College Hill teen who founded the most famous Harry Potter website, which he sold and became a multi-millionaire.

And Kansans enjoy a high quality of life compared to other areas of the country. Trav-



*Journalist Sierra Scott is pictured here with Lions Reland Cole and VDG Patrick Laham. Photo contributed by Reland Cole*

el website Trivago says Wichita is the least congested city. Forbes named Wichita the number one location for first-time homebuyers. The cost-of-living index ranks fourth best, and the area also is considered among the best to raise a family. The Andover zip code is considered the happiest in the nation, she said.

Scott told Lions something they already know – Kansans like to help others, with the state boasting the third highest volunteer rate and third highest number of charity volunteers among states. It is also considered the 17th best state in which to retire.

Scott's career also has taken her to countries where life is hard. Before departing on a trip to Darfur, she was convinced she would die there and made out her will. Instead, she found a country of generous people. One family invited her into their mud-and-sticks home and offered her the only food on the table, a single banana. Because of custom, Scott realized, "Now I have to eat this banana in front of eight people who probably are not going to eat that day." A young girl gave her a necklace, the girl's only possession.

"What I learned is we are more the same than different," she said. "There is more that unites us."

She turned her three-week stay in Darfur into a one-hour documentary that was screened in Toronto, Canada.

Her work also has taken her to the Philippines and Cuba. On a visit to Haiti, she was amazed at how happy the people were despite being so poor, so she asked why. The answer she got from a Haitian: "My family ate today, no one is sick and I have family who love me."

"I want people to see the world is not what it is portrayed to be," Scott said. "The average person all wants the same thing."

In closing, she thanked Lions for their humanitarian service and said, "What you are doing makes a difference."



*Sierra Scott*

## Kansas Lions Band renders outstanding concert – again

As always, our Kansas band students never let us down. The Friday night ensembles and Jazz band performance at State Convention, coupled with the full band concert on Saturday, were the outcome of lots of hard work by 219 outstanding high school musicians.

State band was comprised of 135 ladies and 84 gents, representing 97 different schools. On Saturday, we were able to recognize Dr. John Taylor, in his sixth year leading the band. Dr. Taylor was presented with his “band uniform” mounted in a display case. Friends University and Dr. Taylor have always been outstanding hosts. We look forward to returning to Friends in 2018.

Prior to the Saturday concert, we also recognized our three-year (25), four-year (24), and five-year (3) returnees. Briana Becker (from Hartford and sponsored by **Neosho Rapids Lions**), Jazmine Klumpe (from Olpe and sponsored by **Lenexa Lions**), and Sara Mort (from Arkansas City and sponsored by the **Arkansas City Early Bird Lions**) are now formally part of the “Fifth Year Students Hall of Fame,” making a total of 17 students who have achieved this recognition.

The challenge this year was to be able to take a band to Chicago for the International Convention. This task was



*PCC Hans and Shari Neidhardt with fifth year students Briana Becker, Jazmine Klumpe and Sara Mort. Contributed photo*

somewhat an uphill battle, but in the end, we had a sufficient number of students to take to Chicago for the Lions International Centennial Convention. Forty-six students represented the Kansas Lions. Under the direction of Christopher Dean, assisted by Evan Ricker and Erik Cooke-Stone, the band, although small, worked hard prior to the start of the State Band camp. It has been 10 years since Kansas has been able to get a band to the International Convention. Dressed in the brand-new uniforms, our band turned some heads in the parade. While in Chicago, the band had the opportunity to visit some of the local sights and performed at the Lincoln Park Zoo.

As the Band Committee gears up for the First State Council Meeting in August, the work to prepare for the 2018 band camp is well under way. Thank you, Kansas Lions, for sponsoring the students and being so supportive of this great program.

In closing, I want to leave you with one of the comments we got from a student survey: “I am very grateful to the Lions that have paid for my opportunities these last four years. I cannot wait to use what I have gained, to go on and make them proud. Thank you.”

*Respectfully,  
PCC Hans & Lion Shari  
Band Committee Co-Chairs*



*The Kansas Lions Band performs in concert on Saturday, June 3 in Wichita. Photo by Nancy D. Borst*

**More Convention coverage  
on pages 10-13 & 18**

## Goddard Lions' annual fundraiser a sizzling success

The most successful annual fundraiser for the **Goddard Lions Club** packs a punch – and a boom. The club operates a fireworks stand for the July 4 holiday and their efforts have literally raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the community.

But this year's project hit an unexpected bump. The club found out almost at the last minute that the longtime and well-known location for the stand would not be available. The club scrambled to find a suitable site that still put them on bustling US-54 highway but other fireworks stands already had most of the prime locations and the stand had to be set up on commercial property.

Luckily, the club was able to find a location just one block from the old site, and lots of signage was used to be sure loyal customers knew where to find the Lions stand. PDG Dan Funke said the club got a lot of support from the local Chamber of Commerce when it was searching for a new location. The fireworks stand finally landed at D&P Auto and Two Brothers Auto Sales.

The club's tent has become popular with the public because the money raised goes back into the community and because Lions is exempt from sales tax, which saves revelers a lot of money.

This was the club's 20th year selling fireworks. In 2016, the club reached \$100,000 in sales for the first time. The project relies on its members to run the stand, as well as a network of volunteers, including local Boy Scouts and the Goddard High School color guard. Many Lions members made working in the stand a family affair. A total of 1,800 volunteer hours were given over two weeks.

While running the fireworks stand, the club also is a co-sponsor and helps staff the community's Fourth of July Celebration, which includes a professional fireworks



*Goddard Lions Club volunteers sell fireworks to raise funds for projects.*  
Photo by Nancy D. Borst

show, games, live music, free hot dogs, watermelon and ice cream. This year's celebration was on July 1 at the local ball complex.

Funds raised this year were down slightly, probably from the move to a new location. But the club still sold fireworks totaling \$93,382. And, even better, it gained seven new members as a direct result of the fireworks stand.

This money allows the club to do many things for the community, including paying for 25 eye exams and screening 4,000 students in the past year, and helping the community's holiday program. Funds from the fireworks stand enabled the club to purchase a vision screener several years ago.

The club, which celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2016, also gave money to the recent wildfire relief effort.

*Nancy D. Borst, Goddard Lions member*

## Wichita club uses shoes to help pay for service dog

**Wichita Northwest Lions Club's** secretary, Lion Sandra Childs, was contacted recently by a friend at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in East Wichita about a project to obtain a service dog for a young boy with diabetes. It was decided to collect shoes for an existing program that sends the shoes to Africa. A benefactor offered to donate funds for each pair of shoes collected, with the funds then to be used to help purchase the needed service dog.

Sandra brought this information up at a club meeting and it was decided to assist with this effort. Members were asked to bring serviceable shoes of any kind to the May 18 meeting. About 60 pairs were donated then. President Scott

Helmke remembered the Ascension Lutheran Choir was having its year-end picnic and contacted the choir director, who put out a similar request in the picnic reminder. Another 50 pairs of shoes were acquired. Other club members later contributed more, along with 16 pairs from PDG Luray Watts' estate.

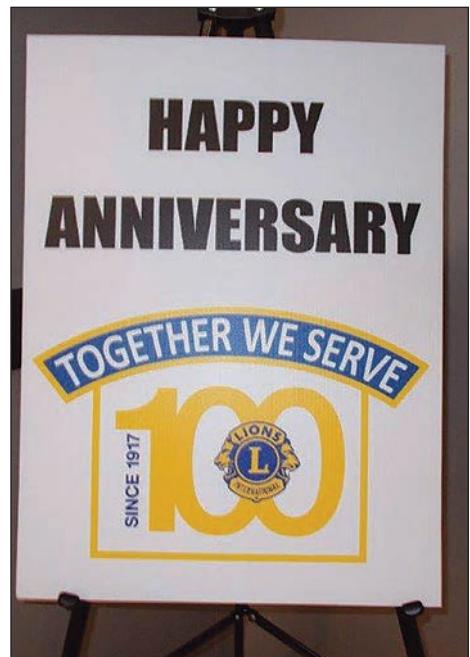
The afternoon of May 28, 172 pairs of shoes for the African shoeless were delivered to Holy Cross Lutheran Church, resulting in matching dollars for the purchase of a diabetes service dog for a young boy in Wichita – a great outcome from a little effort! WE SERVE!

*From Wichita Northwest Lions President Scott Helmke*



## P-A-R-T-Y

*Outgoing International Director Bill Philippi and wife Vicki were feted at the Saturday luncheon, which included cake and ice cream sundaes. Photos by Nancy D. Borst and Reland Cole*



## International Directors answer questions in ‘town hall’ session

International Directors Lewis Quinn and Bill Philippi gave Kansas Lions an update on changes coming soon to LCI during the Saturday business meeting at State Convention June 3 in Wichita.

The pair said half of the LCI board meetings are in the United States and half are held abroad. The board consists of 34 directors, four executive officers and other appointees and staff. Each meeting also includes 12 soundproof translator booths so language is not a barrier.



ID Lewis Quinn

The pair said they like to hold “town hall” style meetings and opened the floor to questions from Lions. Here are some of those questions and answers.

*Q. Will youth cancers become an emphasis for LCI?*

A. LCI is adding a diabetes initiative and there is an emphasis on looking forward and planning.

*Q. The new member fee has gone from \$25 to \$35 – what*

*is the additional money going for?*

A. New members will receive an electronic new member kit and will be tracked for three years to help the organization understand their interests so the organization can better serve them.

*Q. What is the most exciting project you’ve ever seen?*

A. ID Philippi said there is an eye bank in Wisconsin that is conducting research with fruit flies, which hopefully will lead to being able to generate eyes. Fruit fly DNA is a close match to human DNA. Gayle Quinn added that fruit flies can generate quickly.

LCI is involved in such “big” projects by giving grants, Philippi said. He also mentioned whole blood mobile hospitals at work in Alaska.

ID Quinn said there is a fundraiser that uses a large board comprised of 50 blocks, each sold for \$20 (which raises \$1,000 for a Melvin Jones Fellowship). All the blocks are put into a drawing and the winner either gets the MJF or can give it to someone else. The funds raised go into the measles initiative and is matched by the Gates Foundation.

*Q. Will Lions do more with deaf/hard of hearing in the future?*

A. Several states are doing projects in this area; Lions will collect used hearing aids. However, this topic did not

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**LEFT:** Lion J. Alan Feist of District K was honored with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation by International Director Lewis Quinn at State Convention for his commitment to vision screening 801 children. Later he also was named the Centennial Lion for his district. **RIGHT:** PDG Craig Donecker (seated) received the same number of votes as Feist for District K Centennial Lion. He was honored with a "Setting the Standard" Lionism Award. Pictured with Donecker are Quinn, Centennial Chair PCC Michele Hufferd and ID Bill Philippi. Photos by Reland Cole and PDG Denny Smith

## Centennial Lions, Leo *Continued from Page 5*

This Leo/Lion has a generous soul and a giving spirit. He volunteers because he wants to make a difference in the lives of others, and he apparently has. The Centennial Leo is presented with the Bill and Dorothy Wunder Fellowship, which is so fitting since they are his grandparents. Congratulations to Matthew Kerns, Manhattan Lions Club.

### District K: J. Alan Feist, Downs Lions

The District 17-K Centennial Lion has served Lions for 58 years. He has served as his club president several times, as club membership chair and as a club director. He tirelessly works with his club at projects and fundraisers, including vision screening, food stands, taking tickets at sporting events, and assisting with the Mobile Screening Unit during the health fair.

If this Lion doesn't know how to do something, he takes it upon himself to learn it and teach others. He was instrumental in working with the schools in the area to ensure that all kids were tested with the PediaVision Screener on

an annual basis, or whenever asked. There is no job too small or too large for this Lion. He is the go-to person for club members if they want things done in a timely and efficient manner.

The District 17-K Centennial Lion is presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and it goes to a J. Alan Feist, charter member of the Downs Lions Club.

### District K Lionism award: PDG Craig Donecker, Claflin Lions

The District 17-K Lionism Award goes to a Lion who has served his club, district and state for 28 years. He has served as his club membership chairman, has served as District Governor, and served on various committees and boards. He is involved with Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, and brings his knowledge, skills and desire to train others back to Kansas Lions.

The "Setting the Standard" Lionism award is presented to PDG Craig Donecker of the Claflin Lions Club.

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make the list of six initiatives.

*Q. What is being done to attract younger members, and also broaden racial/ethnic diversity in Lions?*

A. Advertising is being placed in the Lion magazine promoting clubs and programs. LCI did realize most of the ads in the Lion were for "old people stuff." Advertising also is being done online through other publications.

*Q. What do other countries do for service projects?*

A. Many of the same ideas as are done in the U.S., including parks, transportation, water. Water will be the number 2 initiative; diabetes will be number 1.

Kansas Lions thanked ID Philippi and Lion Vicki for their service to LCI with gifts and also celebrated with cake and ice cream sundaes.

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# ID Quinn: Changes are coming in Lions PR, membership

By Nancy D. Borst  
*Editor, The Kansas Lions News*

International Director Lewis Quinn might have never become a Lion. After all, he was a Rotarian when he relocated to Anchorage, Alaska to open a branch of his business.

Quinn's grandfather was a Lion and a past district governor. His grandfather went to an LCI convention in Tai Pai, where he saw Alaskan and PID Buster Hall.

"He grabbed Buster Hall in the parade and said, 'You need to get my grandson in Lions,'" Quinn recalled. "I've been a Lion ever since."

While attending a USA-Canada Forum in Puerto Rico, Quinn was in a group that broke out into "geezers" and "hipsters," with the goal of finding common ideas.

"Someone said unless we get the grey hairs off the stage, nothing's going to change," he recalled.

That's when he realized if you want something to get done, you should do it yourself. He told Lions attending the Saturday banquet at State Convention in Wichita that he credits that thinking with leading him on the path to International Director.

### A new look at PR

Quinn has been serving as a member of the new marketing and communications committee, which is revamping how Lions do outreach. LCI has put together a \$5.8 million marketing campaign. "No other service organization does that," he noted.

Lions will reach people where they live – on their mobile devices. The average person touches a cell phone 300 times every day. "We must embrace that," Quinn explained.

The new online and digital campaign will be age based, culturally based and gender based – all at the same time.

"For a few cents we can touch people all over the planet," he said. Lions



*International Director Lewis Quinn credits his grandfather with him becoming a Lion.*  
Photo by Nancy D. Borst

will take advantage of this intuitive market.

As for new members, a new electronic system will seek to find out what they like. For example, if a Lion is passionate about the environment, that information will be used to point that Lion to areas of interest.

This new initiative has two audiences: an internal one (those who are already Lions) and an external one (future Lions). The "My Lion" mobile app – unveiled in Chicago at the LCI convention – will be a big part of this effort. Remaining relevant is the key to Lions' survival, said Quinn.



*ID Quinn took a turn directing during the Kansas Lions Band concert Saturday morning.*  
Photo by Nancy D. Borst

# **Foundations make reports at business session**

Here are notes from the Saturday business meeting at State Convention in Wichita.

## **Kansas Lions Band Foundation**

### **- PDG Willie Tolle**

The foundation assisted with scholarships for International Band. Thanks to all Lions who have made donations. There are 216 band students this year.

## **Kansas Lions Foundation –**

### **PDG Dan Funke**

MD-17 responded to several disasters this year, including the wildfires in Clark and Reno counties. Two ALERT trailers were dispatched to those areas. In addition to a \$10,000 LCIF grant, nearly \$25,000 also was raised. LCIF

will give four \$500 grants to families who lost their homes in the wildfires. A total of more than \$20,000 will go to Englewood for recovery. District K will apply for an LCI grant for a new ALERT trailer (one of the current trailers is a former concession stand and is not in good shape).

The foundation helped send 19 Leos to LCI Convention in Chicago. Thanks for the support of Lions.

PCC Harry Stockwell is retiring as youth chair. Cheryl Kerns is retiring as Leo co-chair.

## **Kansas Lions Sight Foundation**

### **- PID Gene Vogel**

Audio Reader's state allocation has been cut two years in a row. There are

now 102 Claude DeVorss Fellows. Four shipments of eyeglasses were made to Indiana (more than 124,000 pairs).

Saving Sight now gets its eye tissue out of the Kansas City area (the Hutchinson office closed).

The KU Eye Lions Club asked for a grant for cataract surgeries for low income patients. KLSF may fund this.

KanLokKids has screened 172 low income children this year with more screenings coming.

The Mobile Screening Unit will return to the State Fair – more volunteers are needed. Hearing checks for children will be added.

When doing vision screening, please identify children by age as follows: 6 months to 6 years, more than 6 years.

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# **MSU at State Fair leads Sight Foundation's June report**

The mobile screening unit (MSU) will again be at the 2017 Kansas State Fair. We need Kansas Lions Clubs and individual Lions' assistance to continue to make this a great service project. Please contact Lion Dan Heersche (316-249-7524) or Lion Sylvia Reinhardt (785-200-6132) to volunteer to assist with these screenings. Please remember when you schedule the MSU that the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation will provide you with posters and flyers to help publicize this great opportunity for free health screenings. Contact Lion Vern Failor ([ylfailor@gmail.com](mailto:ylfailor@gmail.com)) to help with publicity about having the MSU in your community. The KLSF is again applying for a \$25,000 grant from BC/BS Foundation of Kansas to help with MSU operating expenses.

**Audio Reader** – Will partner with the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) at the 2017 Kansas State Fair to promote the services they offer to those with limited or no ability to read conventional print.

**Saving Sight** – This eye bank closed its Hutchinson office at the end of February 2017. They have decided they will no longer provide corneal retrieval services anywhere in Kansas except in shared cases with Missouri Transplant Network in the Kansas City area. Saving Sight partnered with Kansas Eye Bank (KEB) & Cornea Research Center to be the cornea retrieval source for Kansas. Since the initiation of this new partnership in March 2017, there have already been 23

eligible donors by KEB that provided corneal transplants for 14 individuals domestically, three in Kansas, and four internationally. An electronic report from Kansas Eye Bank has been transmitted to the KLSF board of directors.

**KUMC** – A request has been made from the KU Eye Center Lions Club for \$7,200 to help fund cataract surgeries for patients with limited resources. This would help fund one cataract surgery per month.

**KanLokKids** – This program has provided evaluations for 172 children/students this year. There were three clinics scheduled in June which should bring the final total to 180 evaluations for the 2016-17 school year. This is their best year yet.

**Kansas Kid Sight** – To date this year Kansas Lions have screened 75,909 individuals with 7,734 referrals.

**Knights of Sight Pins** – There have been 28 pins awarded for donation since the last meeting with total donations of \$2,885. To date we have raised \$19,619.18 from the Knights of Sight Pin program.

**Vision Service to Veterans** – The Lions helped publicize two free seminars on "Confident Living with Low Vision & Hearing Loss" sponsored by the Veterans Health Administration and the Helen Keller National Center. These seminars were in Salina on June 21 and Hutchinson on June 20.

*Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, KLSF VP & 17-A Director*



# New Galena Route 66 project rings a bell – literally

By Lion Mary Billington

Secretary, Galena Route 66 Lions Club

Every year the City of Galena Fire Department hosts a birthday celebration for the city on the first Thursday, Friday & Saturday in June. There is music, bingo, door prizes, food and a carnival each night. Along with this there are booths set by many in the community with raffles, 50/50 pots, etc., as fundraisers for their church, club, team or foundation. And there are the Queen candidates selling chances on \$10,000 as a big fundraiser for the fire department.

This year, we **Galena Route 66 Lions** were trying to think up something for a fundraiser besides our traditional 50/50 pot. Lion Steve Billington suggested that we build a high striker (a strongman bell). His enthusiasm was contagious, so everyone was excited to proceed. Lion Steve is also our Environmental Chair and has headed up our Peace Poster Contest as well as the Photo Contest, and has been our screener at all of the Spot Vision screenings we have hosted.

After many hours researching different types and plans, he started construction. It was a long process over a couple of months. From modifying his initial design to his completed product, with assistance from Lions Doug Gatewood and Harry Cantrell, the end result was awesome!

The kids and the parents all wanted a chance to ring the bell. The friendly competition between members of the Fire Department vs. the Police Department was hilarious!

It also encouraged many just to stop and chat, to ask, “What does the Lions club do?” This gave us the opportunity to share everything we have been involved with in improving our community and the lives of those who share it with us.

We did well for our first year offering it up to Galena Days. You can bet next year will be even more fun!

## Food for thought:

*Is there a fresh idea your club can do that would start a conversation in your community about “What does the Lions club do?” and bring in new members?*



ABOVE: Galena Route 66 Lion Lorraine Gillming has a go at the club's "high striker," which made its debut at Galena Days.

LEFT: Lion Steve Billington, who led the effort to build the "high striker," makes adjustments to the game at Galena Days.

Submitted photos

# Leos find adventure, expand their world in Chicago

By Cheryl Kerns  
Outgoing Leo Co-Chair

The adventure started on the evening of Thursday, June 29, 2017. Eighteen Leos and seven chaperones boarded the bus and traveled overnight to Chicago. We drove through lightning, severe rain, and low visibility and the bus only hydroplaned once!

Upon arrival at 5:00 a.m., we checked our bags at the hotel and then boarded a different bus to take us to our service project: River Clean-Up. This finished about 12:30 and we went back to the convention center to pick up our registration materials. After lunch (M Burgers), we started the hotel check-in procedure, which took more than 90 minutes! Once that was done, we went back to the convention center for the Leo Launch Party to meet other Leos. Finally, we got back on the bus to go to the White Sox game. All-in-all: a VERY busy day.

On Saturday, the Leos marched at the beginning of the parade with the Leos of the World. When that was done, we walked back to the staging area of the parade to march with the Kansas delegation. Finishing about 1:30, it was quicker to walk back to the hotel than to wait in line for the shuttles...so off we went. We had an early dinner (Chicago-style pizza) and then the Leos went to the Connecticut Teen



*Kansas Leos enjoyed a whirlwind trip to LCI Convention in Chicago.* Contributed photos

dance while the adults went to the International Show (The Beach Boys).

On Sunday, the Leos and chaperones attended the First Plenary Session, participated in a flash mob, listened to the keynote speaker, listened to President Corlew's address, and watched the Parade of Flags. Once finished, the Leos tried their hands at pin-trading and had quite a bit of fun. After spending the day at the convention center, we all went to Food Life for dinner – 14 different kitchens so everyone could find something they liked. A few of the Leos walked

over to Millennium Park after dinner to see the “bean.”

On Monday, we checked out of the hotel and re-checked our bags. Then we were back at the convention center. This time we were there so the Leos could have a “meet and greet” with American Idol

alum David Archuleta. They had a great time! Then we finally indulged in a little sight-seeing and took the kids to the Museum of Science and Industry. Many adventures and highlights from that excursion. A relaxing lunch and then back to the convention center one more time for part two of the International Show (the band Chicago). When we returned to the hotel, we got our bags and boarded the bus for our overnight trip home. The kids wrote thank you notes for all the clubs that helped make the trip financially possible and then they were fast asleep ... wish I could have said the same! Oh well, all Leos were home safely on the morning of July 4.

Lions, the money you contributed for these Leos was invested wisely in their exposure to Lionism on a world scale. They participated in a service project, attended a Lions' plenary session, met Leos from around the world, marched twice in the parade, and represented Kansas beautifully wherever they went. We received several compliments on their behavior and their positive attitude while doing the service project. Thank you for helping to develop leaders and helping them see the magnitude of the reach of Lions.



*Kansas Leos walk in the International Parade in Chicago.*

## Meet the new MD-17 District Governors for 2017-18



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Welcome fellow Lions. My name is Randy St. Aubyn. I am the new District Governor for 17-K for the 2017- 2018 year. I have been married to my wife, Donna, for more than 43 years. We have two children, six grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

My wife retired last May after 28 years with Wal-Mart. I retired from Sara Lee Bakery in 2008 after 25 years and then went to work for the City of Hutchinson for 8 ½ years. I retired the first of the year. I was born in Russell, Kan. Because my father was a petroleum engineer, we moved a few times. My grade school years were spent in Pampa and Perryton, Texas. My high school was in Fort Smith, Ark. and La-Crosse, Kan. I attended college at Williston, N. D. and Fort Hays State. Since college, I have lived in Hays, Oakley, Colby, Russell, and now Hutchinson.

I first joined Lions in 1985 with PDG Christy Berg installing me into the Hays Seventh Calvary Club. After getting transferred to Colby, I joined the Colby High Plains Lions Club and my wife joined the Colby Lionesses.

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Aloha Lions of Kansas! It is my distinct honor to represent you this Lions' year, 2017-2018. I am humbled by and appreciative to all Lions throughout the State of Kansas, both those whom I have met and those I have yet to meet. The last two years have been a very rewarding experience, traveling across our great state and meeting so many dedicated Lions. You have all been very gracious and made my visits to your clubs a very memorable experience.

This year as I travel to 38 different clubs, I look forward to making more Lion friends all while enjoying more beautiful scenery of our state. Each club has its unique way of serving its community. I find this part to be extremely rewarding and I am ever impressed with the many projects by each of the Lions clubs we visit. Your communities, your state and your nation are a better place because of YOU! We are all very blessed to serve and to participate in so many projects within our communities.

I joined my home club, Leavenworth Lions Club, in October of 1998.

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Welcome to the 2nd Century of Lionism. This is an exciting time to be a Lion – the start of a new century in an ever-changing world. I feel humbled and honored to be the District Governor of 17 N in our 101st year.

I had the privilege to witness a historic event – the 100th International Convention, where Lions from around the world gathered to ring in the next 100 years with a pledge of solidarity and service. This will be a new era with a new way of serving, with new initiatives and new technologies. The Global Action Framework is one of these and it brings together leadership, membership and service and champions the vision of both LCI and LCIF to re-ignite the passion for service in Lions and Leos. The power of "WE" is another that underscores that if all of us come together, then the impossible becomes possible.

Kansas has a long tradition of Lionism and I intend to be part of that tradition as I lead my district 17N into a new century of service. We have 80 clubs and 1,744 members, all giving their time, talent and treasure to serve their communities. They are all living exam-

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## District K

While in Colby I served as president of the club and zone chairman for PDG Marvin Greenberg. When we got transferred to Hutchinson, we were not able to join a club at first because of their meeting times. Then the Hutchinson Breakfast Club changed their meeting time to the evening. That is when my wife and I joined again. Since being in this club, I have been president and was a zone chairman for PDG LuRay Watts.

Since being elected 2nd VDG two years ago, I have had the privilege to visit quite a few of the clubs in our district. It has been an exciting time to visit old friends and meet new ones at these visitations. I am really proud of all of the work our clubs do in the district. All of the clubs I have visited definitely follow our motto of "We Serve."

I totally agree with Lions International in stating that if our clubs would increase their membership, then they could serve their communities even more. I believe all of the clubs need to take a needs assessment of their communities. I believe some of the clubs will find out that some of the needs have changed. With the economic climate and the increased problems with drug abuse, we find more needs for food pantries, vision and medical assistance, and mental health concerns and counseling.

LCIF is going to be promoting diabetes awareness this year. When I get back from being installed in Chicago as your new DG, I and the two vice district governors will be contacting the clubs to schedule our visitations. I was encouraged by the increase in attendance.

dance at our first club officer training. I hope all presidents and secretaries will make an effort to attend one of the other two sessions that I have planned. I am hoping to have one somewhere in southwest Kansas and the other in northwest Kansas.

International is announcing several changes at the Centennial Convention. We will be passing along those changes. I would encourage all of the clubs to consider visiting a neighboring club. Besides meeting new Lions, you will get new ideas for fundraisers or service projects. I hope we all have a very enjoyable and rewarding year. If we can be of any assistance to your club, just let us know. We are all members to make this world a better place.

Thank you in Lionism,  
Randy St. Aubyn, DG-K

## District A

In my very first meeting, I learned of the many services our club provided for the Leavenworth community. I joined that day and was participating in my first fundraising project two days later, delivering trash bags throughout the city. It was a blast, hard work and yet rewarding knowing that we were simultaneously providing a service and raising funds for other services. I was hooked on Lions! Since that day, I committed myself to serving our club, our district and our MD-17.

I want to thank my club for the many years of support it has provided to me on my journey of LIONISM. To twist a phrase, they say behind every successful woman is a supportive man. For me, that is my husband, Lion Ron. For many years, he has accompanied me and enthusiastically supported me on this journey, often driving me to the many club visits, meetings, and conventions, etc. Our time spent together on Lions trips has been rewarding and further strengthened our bonds along the way. We sincerely enjoy each other's company, and share ideas for Lions along the way.

We have three beautiful daughters and seven grandchildren. We will be blessed with our eighth grandchild, a girl, on Aug. 4. That will make three boys and five girls. Our oldest is our granddaughter, Riley Kalei. She is followed by Rylan – age 8, Camden – age 7, Eva – age 6, the twins, Ka'ena Aloha and Ikaika – age 2, and Presley Jo – age 19 months. Our family is a true blessing.

I was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to Joseph Nalimu Kekaulua and Evangeline Kealoha Kekaulua. I have three siblings, Momilani Hudoba, Joseph Kekaulua III, and Roslynn Puanani Kekaulua. As my husband Lion Ron always says, "We got to Kansas as soon as we could!" We arrived in Leavenworth in August of 1990 from Fort Drum, N.Y.

In 2014, I received my master's of business administration. My work history has been predominately in the

human resources profession. In order to devote myself to the District Governor tasks, I am currently on a leave of absence from my job with Brenneman & Weber, where I am the office manager. I began working with Jennifer Brenneman Tobey and Tess Weber (both Leavenworth Lions!) in January 2013. It is a job that I absolutely love, combining primarily human relations with a little bit of finance.

Mahalo LIONS of Kansas (MD-17) and my District 17A for giving me this opportunity to serve you as your District Governor. I am so thankful for the mentorship of our many Past International Directors, Past District Governors, Past Council Chairs, State and District GLTs/GMTs, our own State Secretary, and many other Lions from MD-17. They have all helped me to grow exponentially in Lions leadership roles. I am looking forward to a great year.

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ples of "WE SERVE." I have no doubt that District 17N will not only continue this great tradition but also enhance the quality of service.

There will be many opportunities for club members to learn about the new products and technologies being rolled out by LCI. We will bring this to the district clubs as and when they become available, using a variety of platforms.

The new GST (Global Service Team) District Chair, who is a dynamic young person, will bring together Leos and Lions to plan and implement activities jointly in accordance with the

new service framework.

The importance of increasing membership and the number of clubs will continue to be a priority. This will be accomplished, partly through two well-organized, intensive membership drives, one in the Fall and the other in Spring. New locations will also be explored to start new clubs for both Lions and Leos.

The "Power of WE," President Agrawal's theme, will be the centerpiece of my District Governor year. We will all work together, as a well-knit team to move our district forward.

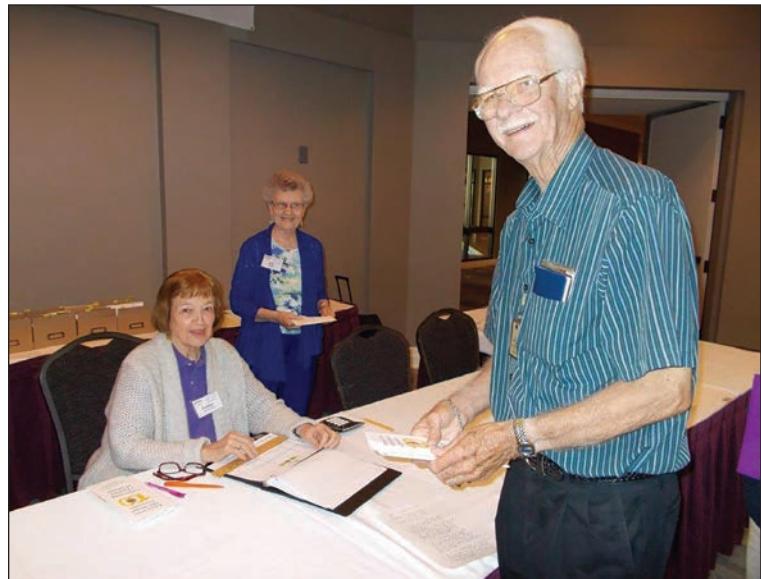
Leadership is an activity, not a po-

sition. I will be a servant leader, serving the Lions I lead by clearing the way for their success. And when our goals are accomplished and our work is done, our Clubs will say, "'WE' did it ourselves."

I became a Lion 21 years ago and the journey has been gratifying and memorable. I have served in two cities and two countries and I have seen the incredible work that Lions do, giving to their communities so selflessly. If there were no Lions, who would do it?

Lions of District 17 N – this is our moment. Let us not waste it. Let us, together, aim to make a positive difference in someone's life, every single day.

## More from State Convention



Clockwise from upper left: Bel Aire Lions Gerald Peterson, Jackie O'Neal and Rusty Peterson staffed the hospitality room. Lion Tom Weatherd of the Tescott Lions Club picks up his meal tickets at the registration table, staffed by Janice McClernon (left) and Pat Agnew. PDG Dan and Lion Becky Funke stayed busy as convention co-chairs. Photos by Reland Cole

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# Calling all Lions to McPherson for First Council Meeting

The First State Council Meeting of the new Lions year will be Aug. 12-14 at the Best Western Holiday Manor Motel in McPherson. All Lions are invited and encouraged to attend and be part of plans for 2017-18 and beyond.

To reserve a motel room, please call 620-241-5343 and ask for the Lions' block and rate. Motel reservations also include a free deluxe continental breakfast (pastries, cereal, eggs, yogurt, etc.). All rooms must be reserved by July 28.

Lions planning to attend also need to reserve group meals by completing the form on this page and returning it to Linda McCormick, State Secretary, as indicated. All meal reservations are due by Aug. 4. Meals provided will be dinner on Friday and Saturday. Lions will be on their own for breakfast and lunch.

Those who arrive Friday evening are encouraged to participate in a time of fellowship prior to dinner at 6:30 p.m. A hospitality room will be open following dinner on Friday and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and again from 8-10 p.m. Both Friday and Saturday dinners will be provided by the motel's restaurant. The Saturday dinner will be a buffet with their popular pot roast and trimmings. It also will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday will be devoted to meetings of the three Lions foundations and various committees (see agenda). Sunday morning begins at 8 a.m. with a devotion and meeting hosted by the PDG Club. The State Council business session will follow at 9 a.m.

Hospitality Room open Friday evening following dinner and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

## **Saturday, Aug. 13**

7:30 a.m.	Kansas Lions Foundation, Harvest Room
8:30 a.m.	Constitution & By-Laws, Golden Room
9:00 a.m.	First Vice & Second Vice District Governors and spouses, Sunset 1 (front)
9:00 a.m.	Kansas Lions Band Foundation, Harvest Room
10 a.m.	Budget & Finance, Sunset 2 (rear)
	Audit, Golden Room
11 a.m.	Health Programs, Golden Room
<i>Lunch – on your own – restaurant open or several fast food restaurants nearby</i>	
1:30 p.m.	Public Relations, Harvest
1:30 p.m.	LCIF, Sunset 2
1:30 p.m.	GMT, GLT, GST District Chairs, Sunset 1
1:30 p.m.	State and International Band, Golden
2:30 p.m.	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Harvest Room
	Long Range Planning, Sunset 1
	Budget & Finance, Sunset 2
	K-I, Golden
3:30 p.m.	Environmental, Sunset 1
6:30 p.m.	Dinner, Golden Room

## **Sunday, Aug. 14**

Breakfast on your own – FREE with motel room key	
8:00 a.m.	Devotional and Meeting by PDG Club, Harvest Room
9:00 a.m.	State Council Business Session, Harvest Room

## **Reservations**

### **First State Council Meeting**

*FREE breakfast if staying at Best Western*

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Kansas Lions International Band  
Chicago, Illinois

## Congratulations!

Dear Kansas Lions International Band,

You did a tremendous job at the LCI Convention, impressing all who heard and saw you with your musicianship and your sharp appearance in those new uniforms. You gave Kansas Lions a successful return to the International Parade venue.

It has been 10 years since Kansas was represented by an All-State Band in the parade – let's hope it occurs again much sooner than that!

We congratulate you all for a job well done. Thank you.

Sincerely,

The Lions of Kansas