



# The Kansas Lions News

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## 2018 State Convention

June 1-2 • Doubletree by Hilton,  
at Wichita Eisenhower Airport

- Call 316-945-5272 to reserve your room by *May 18* (\$94 rate)
- Meal reservations due by *May 25* (p. 7)

*Complete convention preview  
in this issue!*



## Launch summer with Lions in Air Capital

Come to Wichita in June to celebrate the end of another year of Lions service. The 99th annual convention of Kansas Lions is Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel at Wichita Eisenhower Airport.

Plan for two full days of fellowship and fun, useful information you can take back to your club and community, a great band concert and more.

With a convention theme focusing on service, clubs are encouraged to bring displays of pictures and memorabilia of service projects from the past year for exhibition in a room adjacent to the hospitality room. Clubs can also send pictures to PDG Dan Funke for inclusion in a video presentation that will play in the exhibit area throughout the convention.

The schedule for the convention has changed this year with all business meetings — the Fourth State Council Meeting, foundation and committee meetings, and the annual convention business session — held on Friday.

Also new this year is a banner display. Bring your club banner and stand and we will create a colorful display along the hallway of the convention area on Friday and Saturday. On Saturday evening, banners will line the banquet room. Pick up your banner and stand at the conclusion of the banquet.

Lion leaders — governors and governors-elect — will gather on Thursday afternoon for meetings and training. The

Hospitality Room will open Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for those Lions arriving from around the state before Friday morning's state council meeting.

Special guests for the weekend are Past International President Sid and Lion Judy Scruggs of Vass, N.C. PIP Scruggs and Judy will be with Kansas Lions through the weekend. PIP Scruggs will present a seminar on Saturday afternoon and deliver the keynote address at the convention banquet on Saturday night.

Our Friday luncheon is the official kick-off of the convention with an appearance by Miss Kansas Krystian Fish of Wichita. Crowned in Pratt on June 10, 2017, she will talk about her platform "Remove the Labels: Be Unstoppable" focusing on encouraging people of all abilities to strive to reach their goals.

The convention business session and voting on constitutional amendments will be held on Friday afternoon.

The Friday night dinner is planned for fellowship and fun. Performers from Amira Dance Productions will entertain Lions and guests with cultural dances from Egypt and Turkey and ethnic Romani dances. Founded in 1974, ADP is Wichita's longest-running community dance studio and provides instruction in various bellydance and tribal-style genres, Polynesian, ballroom, hula hooping, Romani and East Indian styles.

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## From the Council Chair –

# Embracing our second century and a new structure

Lion Ken and I attended the very successful spring District Conventions. DG-N Indra Phillips and Lion Rasitha hosted an excellent district convention in Wichita with guest speaker PIP Mahendra Amarasuriya. DG-K Randy St. Albyn and Lion Donna hosted their interesting district convention at Fort Hays University with ID Joyce Middleton and Lion Martin. DG-A Deb Weaverling and Lion Ron had their convention at Fort Leavenworth.

The Mid-Winter Rally (Third Council meeting) was held Jan. 26-28 at Four Points Sheraton in Manhattan with ID Bruce Beck and Lion Erin from Palisades, Minn. Their theme was “Superheroes for Lions.” Lions Lela and Bud Gillispie and PDG Tom and Elaine Badger did an excellent job co-hosting

the 2018 MWR with many interesting events for Lions members.

Recently I attended a webinar led by PID Eugene Spiess concerning the second century of Lions. Each club is requested to consider building their clubs based on the new LCI structure of GAT (Global Action Team). The club president would oversee the Club GLT (Global Leadership Team), GMT (Global Membership Team), and GST (Global Service Team) positions.

Club First Vice President is asked to act as the GLT. Other club members might be assigned the positions of GMT and GST. This structure promotes more unity within clubs. More GAT information and structure can be found on the LCI website. The Club LCIF Coordinator is another position

separate from the GAT positions.

Please consider attending the June 1-2, 2018 State Convention at the Doubletree in Wichita with special guest PIP Sid Scruggs and Lion Judy. PDG Dan Funke and Lion Becky are the co-hosts for an amazing two days of events. Saturday morning will be our talented Lions Band concert with leaders PCC Hans Neidhardt and Lion Shari.

Nancy Borst and Becky Funke have been actively doing a professional job creating the KLN for us throughout this year. Also, please remember to submit any photos and articles to Nancy at [ndbdesk@cox.net](mailto:ndbdesk@cox.net).

A special “Thank you” to Kansas Secretary Linda McCormick and PID Ed McCormick for their support for Lions Clubs International in Kansas.

I want to “Thank” all Lions for your support in Kansas. Many blessings for your service to your communities.

We Serve – MD-17 Council Chair Linda Leander, [leanderl@hometelco.net](mailto:leanderl@hometelco.net).



CC Linda Leander

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## Calendar

June 1-2, 2018

*State Convention/  
Fourth State Council Meeting, Wichita*

June 29-July 3, 2018

*Lions Clubs International  
Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada*

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# State Convention *continued from page 1*

Saturday morning starts with one of the most-anticipated events of the state convention — the Kansas Lions Band Concert. The 200-plus students from across the state will have rehearsed since earlier in the week at Friends University and will present their 10 a.m. concert at Central Community Church. See the convention book for directions to the church, which is only about two miles from the convention hotel.

After the band concert, Lions will gather at the Doubletree for a luncheon program featuring Jackie Stiles, assistant women's basketball coach at Missouri State University in Springfield, Mo. Stiles, who grew up in the tiny community of Claflin in Barton County, holds a string of sports records and awards from her high school, collegiate and professional basketball career.

Early this year she was diagnosed with ocular melanoma and faced the possibility of losing her eyesight. She will share an inspirational message with Kansas Lions.

## Special seminars on Saturday

During the afternoon, Lions can attend three seminars offering skills and inspiration to take back to their home

club and community.

In the first afternoon session, Lions will participate in speed dating-style roundtable discussions with facilitators guiding mini sessions on membership, developing club leadership, meaningful service projects, successful fundraising and engaging and retaining younger members.

The second session will feature PIP Scruggs with an update from Lions Clubs International and a question-and-answer session.

The final seminar will focus on using social media to promote and grow your club. Lion Dane Baxa of the Goddard Lions Club and Community Relations Director for Goddard Public Schools and Erin Schulte, Marketing and Communications Specialist for Goddard Public Schools, will share tips and resources for the effective use of Facebook and other social media.

If the final seminar inspires you to start a Facebook page for your club or you have questions about the LCI website, the new app My Lion, or other digital communications, Lions and Leos will be onsite with computers ready to offer one-on-one help.

The convention closes on Saturday

evening with a banquet and keynote address by PIP Sid Scruggs. The 2017-2018 District Governors and the 2018-2019 District Governors will be recognized and Presidential Awards will be presented at the end of the evening.

One of the highlights of every Lions' gathering is the hospitality room and you won't be disappointed at this convention. Hospitality room co-chairs Lions Jackie and Gary O'Neal and PCC Helen LeBlanc are planning to have goodies to please any palate.

The Hospitality Room will be located right off the hotel lobby and will be open Thursday evening through the convention, except for meals and the band concert. Stop in for a cup of coffee or a cool glass of iced tea and fellowship with Lions from across the state.

Cash donations to help defray the cost of providing dozens of cookies, fresh fruit, veggie trays, and other snacks are appreciated. Send your donations to the state office, 231 S. Tyler Rd, Wichita, KS 67209.

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the rate of \$94 per night. Call the Doubletree directly at 316-945-5272 by May 18 to reserve a room at this discounted rate and ask for the Kansas Lions room block.

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## Proposed amendment to MD-17 by-laws *on business agenda Friday afternoon*

### Current wording in bold – no changes

#### Section 2. **MULTIPLE DISTRICT COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON.**

(Add following to existing wording)

Serve as the Global Action Team Multiple District Chairperson to administer and promote membership growth, leadership development and humanitarian service throughout the multiple district by:

(1) Ensuring the selection of a qualified Lion leader for the positions of GST multiple district coordinator, GMT multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator.

(2) Ensure regular meetings to discuss and advance initiatives established by the multiple district Global Action Team.

(3) Collaborate with area leaders and district Global Action Teams

**SECTION 9. GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM (GST)** - It shall be the responsibility of this unit to develop and execute an annual multiple district action plan and monitor progress toward goals. Support districts and offers motivation to reach district goals. The duties of

Global Service Team (GST) shall be as defined in the Multiple District 17 Standard Operating Procedures.

**Section 10. MULTIPLE DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM (GAT).** Chaired by the council chairperson and includes the GMT multiple district coordinator, GST multiple district coordinator and GLT multiple district coordinator. Develops and initiates a coordinated plan to help expand humanitarian service, achieve membership growth, and develop future leaders within the multiple district. The duties of Global Action Team (GAT) shall be as defined in the Multiple District 17 Standard Operating Procedures

**Section 11. LCIF MULTIPLE DISTRICT COORDINATOR.** The LCIF Multiple District Coordinator is appointed by the LCIF chairperson and LCI president to serve for a three-year term. This position serves as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Foundation and reports directly to LCIF chairperson and LCIF Board of Trustees. His/her duties shall be as defined in the Multiple District 17 Standard Operating Procedures.

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# Kansas Lions

## Service Projects

The 2018 State Convention will highlight the service of Kansas Lions **for the past year**. We invite your club to be part of the celebration by submitting information and photos of your service projects to the state convention committee for inclusion in a slideshow presentation, or we invite your club to create your own display of pictures and/or memorabilia to illustrate your club's service. We will provide you a skirted table for your display.

Please fill out the following information and submit it with electronic or printed photos or links to Facebook posts or other social media. You must fill out the form below with your entry. Clubs that demonstrate active service in their communities will be recognized at the state convention.

**Entries are due by May 25, 2018**

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Dist \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Describe the service project(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

Lions service hours \_\_\_\_\_ Community service hours \_\_\_\_\_

Project cost \_\_\_\_\_ Community partners \_\_\_\_\_

How did club raise the monies for project? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you receive outside funding sources? Please list organization and amount. \_\_\_\_\_

**Our club is doing its own display and request \_\_\_\_\_ 8' x 18-inch tables.**

We ask that all table displays be set up between 9 and 10 am Friday, June 1, 2018, and not be taken down until 4 pm Saturday, June 2, 2018. Convention Hosts will be positioned at the display room at all times the room is open, and the area will be locked when convention representatives are not present. Please check in at the registration table when you want to set up.

**The convention committee, hotel management, nor representatives of MD17 cannot be held responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items.**

Email all entries to: Lion Dan Funke at [djfunke@cox.net](mailto:djfunke@cox.net) or mail to Lion Dan Funke, 9 Argon Dr., Goddard, Ks 67052. **Deadline is May 25, 2018.**

**BE PART OF THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT OF THE 2018 STATE CONVENTION**

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Proud Kansas Lions stand with their club banners at the 2018 District N Convention. All clubs are urged to bring their banners to Wichita June 1-2, where they will be displayed at the convention, including at the Saturday evening banquet. Contributed photo

## Local club banners to highlight ‘Year of Service’ at 2018 Kansas Lions State Convention

All Lions clubs of the State of Kansas MD-17 are encouraged to bring their Club Banner and stand to the 2018 State Convention at the DoubleTree by Hilton on June 1-2 in Wichita. Banners will be displayed in the main hall between registration and the convention center.

What if you don’t have a banner pole or stand? Your flag pole or Lions flag pole with stand will do the trick. That is really all that Lions International sells for banner poles and stands.

Please have all club banners set up between 9 and 11 a.m.

on Friday, June 1 **if possible**. Please check in at the registration table when you are ready to set up.

On Saturday afternoon before the banquet, convention staff will move the banners to the banquet room for display around the room. Please pick up your banner at the conclusion of the banquet.

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### Convention keynote

#### *PIP Scruggs models service to others*

Past International President Sid L. Scruggs III, of Vass, N.C., will be the special guest of Kansas Lions at the 2018 State Convention.

He was elected president of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association’s 93rd International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28-July 2, 2010. Past President Scruggs is a retired military and commercial airline pilot and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy.

Using as his presidential theme, “A Beacon of Hope,” Past President Scruggs made service to others – the core principle of Lions clubs around the world – the focal point of his presidency. He is a member of the Vass Lions Club and has held many offices in the association. In addition, he has presented at the USA/Canada and Europa Leadership forums and served as an instructor for the Lions Clubs International Leadership Institute and the District Governors-elect School.



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*PIP Sid Scruggs*

# Convention luncheon speakers sure to inspire

**Friday –**

**Miss Kansas Krystian Fish**

*Her platform focuses on helping everyone reach his or her potential*

Special guest speaker at Friday's convention luncheon will be Miss Kansas Krystian Fish of Wichita.

Fish was crowned in Pratt on June 10, 2017. She will talk about her platform "Remove the Labels: Be Unstoppable" which focuses on encouraging people of all abilities to strive to reach their goals.

Fish is a graduate of Butler Community College and Wichita State University, earning a degree in psychology from WSU in 2018. Her career ambition is to work as a special projects director in disability services.

She truly is a multi-talented woman. Her talent at the Miss Kansas Pageant in June 2017 in Pratt was a vocal performance of "They Just Keep Moving the Line." She earned numerous scholastic honors, including an Inter-



Miss Kansas Krystian Fish

national Soroptimist Volunteer of the Year Scholarship, Butler Community College Vocal Activity Scholarship; and she is a Clifford Stone Performing Arts Scholar. She also is a DECA Human Resources State Champion & International Qualifier, was listed on the Dean's Honor Roll and earned a

college GPA of 3.5.

Her leadership roles have included Kansas representative for the National League of Cities Conference; Mayor's Youth Council Board member; Fellowship of Christian Athletes President & Collegiate Representative; President of Psychology Club; BCC lead in Barber-shop Quartet; BCC Resident Assistant; Northwest High School Principal's Advisory Board; Director of Miss Unstoppable Pageant; Be Unstoppable Campaign Founder; YESS Camp Office Manager and Education Lead.

Her hard work and volunteerism have been honored with numerous awards, including The Arc of Sedgwick County Young Volunteer of the Year; Circle of Friends Spirit of the Circle Award Recipient; Arc's Excellence Award Recipient; Miss Kansas 2017 Quality of Life Winner, Outstanding Stage Presence, Preliminary Swimsuit; Miss Kansas 2016 Outstanding Vocalist, 2nd Runner Up Finalist; NCA All American Dancer; Featured blogger for

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**Saturday – Jackie Stiles**

*The "Claflin Wonder" and former WNBA star will share her personal journey*

Jacqueline Marie Stiles began life as the oldest of four children born in Kansas City, Kan. on Dec. 21, 1978 to parents Pat and Pam Stiles. Jackie, as most know her, grew up in Claflin and attended Claflin High School.

It was her athletic accomplishments that made her a household name in Kansas sports. Her achievements are numerous but she is best known for what she did on the basketball court. As a junior in high school, she scored 61 points in 17 minutes of the opening game of the season. By the end of her senior year, she was the leading scorer for boys and girls in Kansas High School history. She also is the state record holder for points in one game, with 71.



Jackie Stiles

She also excelled on the track. During her four years of high school, she won a state record 14 gold medals and was the first to win the 400, 800, 1600 and 3200 meters in one day. She placed in the top three in state cross

country all four years. She also played tennis for the Claflin Wildcats and placed second in the state tournament in three seasons.

At Missouri State, she was known for her spinning jump shots, driving lay ups and 3-pointers. She is the all-time leading scorer in NCAA Division I basketball history with 3,393 points. She had a compelling competitive spirit and stop-on-a-dime quickness. She brought to the court incredible jump shots and moves that defied defenses designed specifically to stop her. Her career at MSU culminated in the 2001 NCAA Tournament, where she led the Lady Bears to a Final Four appearance. In the Sweet Sixteen game, she scored 41 points in an 81-71 shocking victory against top-ranked Duke.

Jackie remains the only woman to score more than 1,000 points in a single season. She procured a number of

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# Kansas Lions State Convention



**June 1-2, 2018 - Wichita, Kansas**  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel at the Wichita Airport

## Registration and Reservation Form

	Number	Amount
Registration (fee applies to all attendees except Leos)	_____ @\$10.00	\$ _____
Friday Lunch	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
Friday Dinner	_____ @\$18.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch	_____ @\$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet	_____ @\$18.00	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$76.00</b>	

**FOR EACH LION IF REGISTERED FOR ALL MEALS, \$10.00 CREDIT    -\$10.00**

Gratuity included in all meal prices.

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast available each morning in the hotel at your expense.

Please make your check(s) payable to "Kansas Lions State Convention"

Lions(s) Leo(s) guest \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Lions or/Leo Club \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please list any special dietary needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Reservations to:

Kansas Lions State Office  
231 South Tyler  
Wichita, Kansas 67209  
Email: [kansaslions@aol.com](mailto:kansaslions@aol.com)  
Phone: 316-773-2100

**Final Date for Meal Reservations is May 25, 2018. Room reservations must be made by May 18, 2018.  
Room rate is \$94 plus tax. DoubleTree by Hilton phone number is 1-316-945-5272.**



# Kansas Lions State Convention



**Wichita, Kansas**

**DoubleTree by Hilton at the Wichita Airport**

## **Exhibitors / Vendors Table Request Form Friday – Saturday June 1-2, 2018**

**Name of Exhibitor / Vendor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Ph:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Electricity Requested** (Please check if needed)

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **For-Profit Companies**

**Special Requests:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibitor's Hours:** Suggested hours: 9 am to 5 pm Friday and 9 am to 4 pm Saturday.  
(Most Lions will be off site at the Band Concert from 9:30 am to 11:30 am Saturday).  
Will be ready for set-up after 3 pm Thursday.

**Area Description:** One 8' table by 30" that is skirted / covered and two chairs.  
Electricity is limited. First-come, first-served.

**Send reservation form to:** PCC Tom McClernon, 12210 Ridgepoint, Wichita, 67235 or  
email: [tmcclernon@aol.com](mailto:tmcclernon@aol.com)

**Deadline: May 25, 2018**

## Scruggs

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In addition to his Lions activities, Past President Scruggs served many years as chairperson of the board of directors of the North Carolina Governor Morehead School for the Blind. He also is a life member of the American Airlines Grey Eagles Association and the Naval Academy Alumni Association.

He has been presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest award given by the State of North Carolina, by the governor. He is a member of the North Carolina Lions Hall of Fame and in 2010 he was elected to the United States Blind Golf Association Hall of Fame. He has received an honorary doctorate of humanities from World University.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past President Scruggs has received numerous awards, including the Key of Nations Award for sponsoring more than 100 Lions members; numerous Presidential awards; the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association gives to its members, and the Friend of Humanity Award, the highest award given by Lions Clubs International Foundation. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow at the Humanitarian Partner level.

Past President Scruggs and his wife, Judy, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have four children, 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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“The Mighty” Disability Blog; and founder of the non-profit “Jacob’s Voice.”

Fish is the lead actress in an educational health video, “Operation Lunch Line” from Kid Power Productions, which has toured in the United States and the United Kingdom eight times. She arranged and directed a rendition of “The Wizard of Oz” that featured 150 students with special needs. She also is a comic book character, “Kate,” in Kid Power Comics, a blogger, and a mentor for middle school girls in her local church.

“My favorite things are: Jesus, love for tacos, and iced coffee,” Fish says in her official bio.

She has worked as Outreach Services Advocate at GraceMed Health Clinic, Inc.; special education para educator at Woodman Elementary; special projects assistant for Arc of Sedgwick County, and as Miss Unstoppable Director.

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awards in her college career, including: being named a three-time Missouri Valley Player of the Year, winning the Wade Trophy for best female basketball player in the nation, and the Broderick cup for college Woman Athlete of the Year in 2001. She also was a first team Verizon Academic All-American and first team Kodak All-American.

She was the fourth pick in the 2001 Women’s National Basketball Association (WNBA) draft, going to the Portland Fire. She captured the Rookie of the Year title that summer with a scoring average of 14.9 points. She was named to the 2001 WNBA All-Star Team and was named WNBA Player of the Year, averaging 22 points on 54 percent shooting. Jackie played briefly in the Australian league before retiring in 2006 due to injuries incurred from her legendary training regimen.

Her career was one that every player dreams of and she has dedicated herself to helping young athletes around the country achieve their dreams. After her playing career, Jackie started “J.Stiles Total Training,” which provides personal training, private basketball instruction, motivational speaking, and sports broadcasting.

In the summer of 2012, Jackie accepted an assistant coaching position with LMU in Los Angeles. In the spring of 2013, Stiles was hired by her alma mater, where she currently is an assistant women’s coach.

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### Friday, June 1

8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Registration (closed during luncheon), Lions Service Activities 2017-18, Consulate 2
8 a.m.	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Consulate 1
8 a.m.	Kansas Lions Band Foundation, Multi-Media Room
9 a.m.-5 p.m.	Hospitality Room open (closed during luncheon), Displays/Vendors
9 a.m.	Budget & Finance, Board Room
10 a.m.-5 p.m.	Lions Service Displays
10-11:45 a.m.	Fourth State Council Meeting, Salons 3 & 4
Noon	Luncheon/Speaker – Miss Kansas 2017-18 Krystian Fish; hosted by PDG Club, Salons 1 & 2
2 p.m.	State Convention Business Session, Salon 4
	Immediately following – Kansas Lions Band Foundation Board of Directors Election of Officers (current DGs, DGEs, current KLBF directors, incoming foundation directors)

# Happy Birthday LIONS 100 Years of Service

## Join the Celebration

Place your Lions Club ad in the 2018 State Convention Program Booklet  
for the 100th Anniversary of Lions International.

Name of Club \_\_\_\_\_ Lion Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please create our ad using the attached information and send us a proof.

☐ Please place the attached ad. (Ad must be a PDF or JPEG and be the correct size.)

Ad Size desired ☐ Full Page (3.25 x 8.5 inches) \$110.00

☐ 1/2 Page (3.25 x 4.25 inches) \$60.00

☐ 1/4 Page (3.25 x 2 inches) \$35.00 **All ads are printed in color!**

## All ads are due no later than May 19.

If sending by email send to: [Patrick.laham@gmail.com](mailto:Patrick.laham@gmail.com) and mail check to:

DGE Patrick Laham  
1308 Bobbie Street  
Augusta, KS 67010

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### Friday, June 1 (continued)

- 3:30-5 p.m. 2018-19 First Vice District Governors Elect & Second Vice District Governors Elect & spouses, Boardroom  
4 p.m. K-I, Consulate 1  
6:30 p.m. Dinner/Entertainment – Amira Dance Productions, Salons 1, 2 & 3  
8-10 p.m. Hospitality Room open

### Saturday, June 2

- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Displays/Exhibits  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Registration (closed for band concert & luncheon)  
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Kansas Lions Service Displays  
10 a.m. Lions Band Concert, Central Community Church (directions in convention book)  
11:45 a.m. Luncheon/Speaker – Jackie Stiles, Salons 2 & 3  
*Following luncheon – Service of Remembrance for Lions who have died in the past year*  
1:30-5 p.m. Hospitality Room  
  
**2-4:45 p.m. Special Seminars for All Lions**  
2-5 p.m. Kansas Leo Computer Support, display areas  
*Need help navigating the LCI website? Want to set up a Facebook page or need other computer support? Come by and see a Lion or Leo for help.*  
2-3 p.m. Roundtables, Salons 3 & 4  
*-Developing leadership in your club*  
*-Meaningful service projects*  
*-Successful fundraising*  
*-How to engage and retain younger members*  
*-Membership, how to boost membership in your club*  
3:10-3:50 p.m. PIP Sid Scruggs, Media Room  
4-4:45 p.m. Dane Baxa, community relations, Goddard USD 265 & Erin Schulte, marketing & communications specialist, Goddard USD 265  
*Attracting community and club members to social media, tricks and useful resources*  
6:30 p.m. State Convention Banquet, Ballroom, Salons 1, 2, 3, 4  
Guest Speaker – PIP Sid Scruggs, North Carolina

## ***Lions Band concert again will highlight busy weekend***

The applications have been steadily coming in for the Kansas Lions State Band camp. Preparation and communication continues to take place with Friends University and Newman University. In addition, we continue to be in touch with Dr. Perez at Baker University for the 2019 band camp. We are even in the early discussion for the 2020 camp. It is truly amazing how quickly one year passes by. Planning and execution of State Band camps never stops.

We encourage every Lions club to sponsor one or more students. Each year we have several students looking for financial support. If you do not have a local student or are willing to help other students, your donation will definitely be used to support a deserving student.

The deadline came and went for the 2018 Kansas Lions International Band. Unfortunately, we only had 17 students sign up for the trip to Las Vegas.

With the great experience the band had last year attend-

ing the convention in Chicago, we had hopes that the trip this year would take place. Convention location, travel costs, other involvement by the students, and time commitments have been the driving reasons limiting participation by Kansas to have a representative band attend.

So, what does this all mean for the future of the Kansas Lions International Band? Once the committee meets again during the First State Council Meeting in August, some hard decisions will need to be made. Looking at the International Convention schedule for the next six years, the possibility of any attendance by the band doesn't look promising. Discussions and solutions pertaining to the future of the Kansas Lions International Band will not be an easy task; however, they are necessary.

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

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### Peace Poster Contest

# Youth share their vision for 'The Future of Peace'

By Sheryl Brenn

State Peace Poster Chairman

Winners from the three sub-districts of MD-17 were honored at the Mid-Winter Rally at the Saturday luncheon Jan. 27 at Manhattan. This year the contest theme was "The Future of Peace."

First place and a check for \$150 went to Beck Oldridge, 13, from Lawrence, a seventh grader at Bishop Seabury Academy. He was sponsored by the Lawrence Noon Lions Club (District A). "Peace is not just getting along with others but unifying all of us," he wrote about his entry. His poster went on to compete at the International level.

Second place and a check for \$125 went to Allison Cooper, 12, a seventh grader at Lakeside Junior High. She was sponsored by the Downs Lions Club (District K). "The story behind my art is an older generation passing down the world to children who are the future of the world showing no one race is the future. Peace is up to us," she wrote of her entry.

Third place and a check for \$100 went to Emily



Webster, an eighth grader at Augusta Middle School (District N). She was sponsored by the Augusta Lions Club. "With peace the world would be a better, safer place," she wrote.



ABOVE: First place MD-17 Peace Poster Contest winner Beck Oldridge poses with his entry, which also competed in the LCI contest.

LEFT: Second place winner Allison Cooper poses with her family and her poster.

BELOW: Third place winner Emily Webster poses with her father and 17-N DG Indrajit Phillips.

Contributed photos

**For the last 31 years Lions clubs around the world have proudly sponsored the Lions International Peace Poster Contest in local schools and youth groups. This art contest for kids encourages young people worldwide to express their visions of peace.**

**The theme of the 2018-2019 Peace Poster Contest is "Kindness Matters." Students, ages 11, 12 or 13 as of Nov. 15, are eligible to participate.**

**For more information on how to sponsor a local student and for PP kits, go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).**



**Leo Club LCI Excellence Award**  
**Members of the Blue Valley West Leo Club**  
 pose with ID Bruce Beck (left) and PID Bill Phillipi (right) at Mid-Winter Rally. The club received a banner patch and chevron for demonstrating superior performance in serving others, developing and executing creative fundraisers, exercising effective leadership, enhancing the public image of Leo clubs, and completing administrative operations.  
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### MD-17 keeps environmental photo contest; LCI ends photo contests

Technology is changing the way we take photos and how we share them with our communities and the world. To take advantage of social media and exciting new tools like the [MyLion app](#), LCI is developing contests that are designed for our mobile-friendly, instant-sharing culture to engage even more Lions and Leos around the world.

Because of this new direction, LCI will no longer host the Environmental Photo Contest or other photo contests at this time.

For those of you that may not have seen it, this is listed on LCI under the heading for the Environmental Photo contest. I kind of expected this from some of the responses I had received.

I am glad Kansas has continued its contest and I hope everyone wants to maintain it in future years. We might look at any changes to our rules for the upcoming year.

—MD-17 Environmental Chair Marla Larison



Diane Hentges poses with her winning MD-17 environmental photo.

**The Manhattan Lions Club requests the honor of your presence  
 at the club's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.**

Saturday, June 9, 2018

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Dinner

Guest speaker: PID Bill Phillipi

Cost for dinner: \$17 per person

Location: College Avenue United Methodist Church, 1609  
 College Avenue, Manhattan

Please RSVP by May 31 to Lela Gillispie: [kayg7@cox.net](mailto:kayg7@cox.net) or  
 785-532-8611.



## ***Goddard Leos charter, start new course in Kansas***

*ABOVE, Members of the newly-minted **Goddard Leo Club** pose with their charter after their official charter night event Jan. 15 at the Goddard Community Center. Goddard Lion Debra Funke (right) is the club's sponsor. The event included a dinner with Goddard Lions Club members, parents, special guests PID Ed and Linda McCormick and 17-N District Governor Indrajit and Rasitha Phillips, as well as several PDGs and other club representatives.*

*RIGHT: Goddard Leo Club President Joel Sather beams as he holds the club's signed charter. Eighteen of the club's 20 members attended the charter night. The club has hit the ground running, already helping with several community service projects.*

*BELOW Leo Preston Hawkins adds his signature to the club's charter.*

Photos by Dane Baxa



## Club honors local scholars

The **Baxter Springs Lions Club** held the 45th Annual Kent Warstler Senior Honors Banquet on Feb. 12, 2018 at the Lions Clubhouse. This project honors top high school seniors in their respective fields.

Awards were presented by School Nurse Sandy Clark and Past President Cathy Bolek. Speaker for the evening was Sheriff David Groves, who gave an inspirational talk to the graduates. Sheriff Groves is a Past President of the **Columbus Lions**.

This event is named for Lion Kent Warstler, who believed that we needed to recognize our youth locally as they were finishing this chapter of their education.

President Machele Smith opened the program and welcomed the group of 70 parents, students and Lions members. Honored guests were the Warstler family.



*Pictured here at the Senior Honors Banquet are, front row: Kenny Herrenbruck, science; Bea Graves, foreign language; Kallie Cook, English; Pat Warstler and daughter, Cindy Warstler Kelly; Whitney Holstrom, computer technology; Emily Spencer, math; Hailey Fisher, family and consumer science. Back row: Jade Weston, instrumental music; Narciso Ortiz, physical education; Libby Thomasson, vocal music; Max Sheffer, social science. Justin Schnieders, construction trades; Sara Servant, art, and Hollie Abernathy, graphic technology, were unable to attend. Photo by Marla Larison*



## Pancakes anyone?

*The **Hays Lions Club Pancake Feed** was a hit again this year, as evidenced by the turnout (left).*

*BELOW, LEFT: Hays Lions Brenda Herrmann and JoAnn Berens staffed a broom supplies table.*

*BOTTOM RIGHT: Fort Hays State University students Brandon Bonsell and Kaleigh Boone helped at the Pancake Feed.*

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## Atwood Lions work to support their community year-round

The **Atwood Lions** met in January to start planning 2018. A review of 2017 showed a busy year.

Club members assisted other organizations with their events while conducting many of their own, including maintenance at Lake Atwood RV Park, McDonald Mayfield benefit, Valentine Party for area Lions clubs, USD 105 playground, assisted with vision screening in schools in four counties, provided vision screener to the Rawlins County Health Nurse, added lighting to lake RV Park, produced the annual community birthday, etc. calendar, repaired city speaker system, and made and delivered food boxes to families in need for Christmas. Many people donated generously to the food boxes. A collection box is kept at Jamboree Foods for donations through the year and is taken to the food bank by members.

The club supported worthy causes by giving funds to the Good Samaritan Society for tree trimming and fundraiser

fair, RCHS Prom, memorials, Ashland Fire Relief Fund, RCHS FFA convention expense, Jayhawk Theater, support Atwood Boy and Girl Scouts, RCHS scholarships (3 x \$500), City Library and RCES library programs, and assistance dog training for the disabled. The Atwood Ambassadors donated \$1,500 to the club to help make projects possible.

The club donated used eyeglasses, supported Lions Clubs International's measles vaccine efforts in Third World countries, and helped with the Atwood Rotary fundraiser.

The club is a Chamber member and also a member of the U.S. Highway 36 Association. The RCHS FFA assisted with highway clean up and accepted an invitation to dinner.

Unfortunately, the club was unable to have the Atwood Rod Run Drag Races last year due to weather.

Atwood Lions meet on the second and fourth Mondays each month. Guests are welcome.

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## Information for Las Vegas & Lions 101st International Convention

LCI has announced the speakers for plenary sessions at this year's convention in Las Vegas.

At the 10 a.m.-1 p.m. session on Sunday, July 1, the guest speaker is Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Lions will hear President George W. Bush during the 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. session on Monday, July 2.

Certification and voting will take place on Tuesday, July 3 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. Delegates need to follow the guidelines: one voting delegate for every 25 members or fraction thereof. The club president or secretary needs to read carefully the Assigning Club Delegates information on the LCICON website. There is a delegate form online that must be taken by the delegate to the convention's voting area, along with a government-issued photo ID, for certification. If rules are not followed, the delegate is not allowed to vote. Lions can contact the [MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org](mailto:MemberServiceCenter@LionsClubs.org) for information.

There will be very tight security at the Plenary Sessions and International Show. Lions should check out the info on LCICON for details. Anyone can go to LCICON and check the Official Schedule of Events (which are subject to change, of course).



### Purple shirts available

I have purple Lions shirts, the ones for parades and other events. Only 14 shirts are left, so if anyone needs a Kansas Lions shirt, he/she needs to contact me asap.

I have three smalls (they fit me and I'm small), one medium, three large, three extra-large, three 2XL, and one 3XL. If someone needs a different size, I can order more but I have to order about seven

at a time. Cost is \$30 for all sizes except 3XL, which is \$32. Checks need to be made out to Fran Smith as I expect the postage to be reimbursed to me. I then send the shirt money by check to State Treasurer PCC Hans.

—IPCC Fran Smith, [fsmith@pld.com](mailto:fsmith@pld.com)

### Got news?

Send it to  
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Mail: Nancy Borst, PO Box 127, Goddard 67052

**Deadline for next issue: June 10, 2018**

Please send your news to Nancy either via e-mail or snail mail.  
Send original photos – do not downsize them.  
Let Nancy know if you have questions.

# Your eyeglass donations impact lives around the world

MD-17 Lions continue to support the used eyeglasses program. Here are the latest numbers:

-77 banana boxes of sorted glasses went to Indiana (with approximately 400 pairs per box, that's 30,000 pairs);

-54 large prison shipper boxes received containing 10 small boxes (50 pair per box) of sorted, labeled, glasses each (27,000 pairs);

-20 banana boxes of colored sunglasses (approximately 250 pairs average per box for 5,000 pairs). Most of these dark sunglasses are shipped to countries down near the equator due to their climate conditions;

-9 boxes of salvage glasses (beyond repair) parts & pieces. We have no outlet for single lenses; they are sent to the landfill;

-2 medium size boxes of hearing aids & parts. These are sent to the Indiana Lions Hearing & Speech Center in Indianapolis to be repaired & distributed to folks with hearing problems.

Kansas Lions had a total of 162 containers in this March 17 shipment.

When I get requests from V O S H groups and others who make annual "mission trips" to Third World nations to assist them with sight-related problems for many of their population, frequently I do not have the exact prescription glasses in my stock that they need. I do rely on the Indiana Lions to supply these needs. It should be mentioned that Indiana Lions have come to the rescue for Kansas many times. They have shipped them to the Kansas Lions groups needing them and also paid for the delivery cost. If you or your group have special eyeglass needs that I cannot fill from the inventory in our barn, contact me and I will give you



*Pictured here after working on eyeglasses are PDG Tom Slattery, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lion Paul Schmidt, Scranton; PDG Ken Anspaugh, Carbondale, and PDG Bernard Lee, Osage City. MD-17 shipped 58,000 pairs to MD-25. On the way to Scranton, the Indiana Lions delivered processed glasses to Arnold, Mo. and Kansas City Lions clubs. Contributed photo*



the Indiana Lions contact info.

I have received some negative comments about sending Kansas glasses to Indiana. I would be in DEEP TROUBLE if I tried to fill the eyeglass requests only out of my used eyeglass inventory at the recycle barn here in Scranton. The need for used eyeglasses

is GREAT. Currently we have active recycle programs in three of the Kan-

sas correctional facilities, Ellsworth, Hutchinson and Winfield. Once a month I haul supplies to them and then pick up their finished glasses on the return trip back to Scranton. We have some Lions Counter Collection boxes available also.

We do use the storage room at the State Office in Wichita in cases where we have more glasses to haul than we have capacity to handle.

Keep the eyeglass collections as one of your club's major functions. We can use them for folks that cannot afford glasses in Third World nations.

In Lionism,  
Viola & PDG Bernard Lee

## Where to find Kansas Lions online

Kansas Lions	<a href="http://www.kansaslions.org">www.kansaslions.org</a>
Kansas Lions Foundation	<a href="http://www.kansaslionsfoundation.org">www.kansaslionsfoundation.org</a>
Kansas Lions Band Foudation	<a href="http://www.kansaslions.org/Kansas_Lions_Band.html">www.kansaslions.org/Kansas_Lions_Band.html</a>

**Remember to like "Kansas Lions" on Facebook!**



### A 'Half Century' of service celebrated

*The Assaria and Gypsum Lions clubs gave "Half Century" awards to their members at their Chalupa meal get together on Saturday, April 7. Above left, Assaria Lions President Virginia Davis presented a "Half Century" pin and certificate to Past President Harvey Morrical for his 50-plus years of Lionism. Above right, Gypsum Lions President PCC Tom Scanlan presented a "Half Century" pin and certificate to Past President Lynn VanMeter for his 50 years of service. Contributed photos*

## Sight Foundation work reaches into many venues

**Audio Reader** – Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) has made it possible for Audio Reader (AR) to provide 24/7 broadcast of printed publications to thousands of listeners despite budget cuts. The KLSF support has allowed AR to broadcast 8,700 hours of programming this past year, which included 90 newspapers, 110 magazines, and 200 books. This support also provided the necessary funding for AR's Large Print and Braille Program Guides. KLSF funding helped AR share programming through the KLSF Satellite Network across Kansas and Missouri along with other audio information services across the nation.

Audio Reader is requesting \$20,000 from the Kansas Lions Sight Founda-

tion to continue to provide services to many who are unable to read conventional print. This amount would cover \$14,000 for one year of satellite transmission, \$1,300 for the Braille Program Guide, \$2,200 for the Large Print Program Guide, and \$2,500 for subscriptions to numerous publications.

**Clause DeVorris Fellowships** – To date, 106 of these fellowships have been awarded.

**Kansas Eye Bank (KEB)** – KEB

partners with Midwest Transplant Network to host regular donor meetings within hospitals across Kansas. These meetings are designed to instruct hospital staff about best practices for organ, tissue, and cornea donation. Total corneas retrieved with intent to trans-

plant in 2017 were 693, providing 231 domestic and 158 international transplants. **KUMC** – The KU Eye Clinic has provided four surgeries in October, November, and December with another one planned in February 2018.

**Knights of Sight Pin** – We have collected \$1,873.39 and sent out 14 pins since our last meeting.

**Sight Week Fundraising** – Fundraising since July 1, 2017 has amounted to \$2,293.39. This compares to \$3,153.52 for the same time period in 2016. This committee is attempting to get more clubs involved in a special fundraiser to raise sufficient funds for the KU Eye Clinic.

**KanLovKids** – There were seven Low Vision Clinics from October to January and six Pediatric Low Vision Collaboration Clinics with several upcoming clinics scheduled. This program has added materials and equip-

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ment to aid with low vision evaluations. They are hoping to add a Slit Lamp at the Kansas State School for the Blind to their list of equipment for these evaluations.

**Mobile Screening Unit (MSU)** – The MSU will be returning to the Kansas State Fair in September 2018 and will again ask the Kansas Lions to volunteer to assist with this Kansas Lions Service project. With Lions Clubs International emphasizing Diabetes Awareness this year it is a great opportunity to schedule the MSU in your community. The KLSF will supply your clubs with the promotional materials to publicize these free screenings offered by the MSU. BC/BS Foundation has acknowledged they will only supply \$10,000 funding for the MSU for the next three years.

**Kansas Kid Sight** – The screenings report since the state council meeting in October 2017 are: District A: 6 months to 6 years, 3,050 screened with 302 referrals; 7 to 18, 6,540 screened with 629 referrals, and adults, 29 screened with 2 referrals; District K: 6 months to 6 years, 1,684 screened with 107 referrals and other screenings, 1,390 with 80 referrals; and District N (July 1 to Third State Council Meeting) 6 months to 6 years, 1,571 screened, 166 referred; other screenings, 5,565 screened 453 referred. Lion Dr. Anne Nielsen and Lion Sylvia Reinhardt continue to represent the KLSF on the Kansas Vision Summit, sponsored by Envision. Lion Dr. Nielsen is on the Kansas Coalition Task Force Ad Hoc Committee to review the Kansas Vision Screening Guidelines and update them.

**Vision Service to Veterans** – There are future workshops being planned to provide education and information to veterans and other individuals over 55 challenged with limited vision and hearing. KLSF is working with Lion Robert Hamilton to connect with Lions clubs in the areas where these workshops could be scheduled.

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

## State Fair volunteers needed in September

*Volunteers are needed to assist with the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) at the 2018 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson from Sept. 7 through and including Sept. 16.*

*We will be offering free screenings from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day of the fair. To staff the MSU, we need eight to 10 volunteers per shift. This can be Lions clubs or individual Lions members.*

*We have two shifts per day: 1st shift, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 2nd shift, 1:30 to 6 p.m. Anyone volunteering to assist with this Kansas Lions Service Project will receive a full day's gate pass to the fair.*

*To select the date(s) and shift(s) you would like to volunteer, please call Lion Sylvia Reinhardt: home telephone 785-200-6132 or cell phone 620-921-0130, or e-mail [poorfarmer@eaglecom.net](mailto:poorfarmer@eaglecom.net).*



## Leadership Round Up

*Lions from across the state gathered in McPherson March 17 to learn skills that will help their clubs in areas such as leadership, volunteerism and embracing technology. Here, Ron Fisher speaks about finding and involving leaders. A total of 77 Lions from around the state participated in a curriculum that also included information about using the World Wide Web and social media, including the new MyLion app.*

*Photo by Becky Funke*



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## Vision screening goes to school

**Wellington Lions Club** members teamed with the USD 353 school nurse and her assistant to do eye screenings at two elementary schools recently. The club owns the machine and the nurse keeps it for use. Lions kept the children (kindergarten, 2nd and 4th graders) entertained and moving one after the other to the nurse's room. One nurse did vision, the other conducted hearing screenings. It was well organized! Lions members who participated were Betty Zeka, Shawanna Gore, Lenny Scheufler and Daniel YoNash.

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## District K Convention

Pictured here during the District K Convention are, left to right, President Elwyn Maneth of the **Great Bend Evening Lions Club** with Fred Juenemann and Al Ryal of the Brewster Lions Club, which received the Roy Allison Award for attendance.

Photo by Reland Cole