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Busy Mid-Winter Rally hits Manhattan Jan. 25-27

Pack the warm clothes, mark the calendar and make your reservations – the 2019 Mid-Winter Rally is coming Jan. 25-27. This year's rally will be jam-packed with worthwhile activities, interesting speakers and an important special event. Set your GPS for Four Points by Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, 530 Richards Drive in Manhattan.

Special Convention

Kansas Lions will have the honor of voting whether to endorse a candidate for LCI International Director. A special MD-17 convention for this purpose will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Council Chair Deb Weaverling has been endorsed by her district, District A, to serve as a candidate for International Director. The next step is for Kansas Lions to vote via written ballot whether to endorse her.

Be sure your club is represented for this important vote. See complete special convention details and a delegate form elsewhere in this issue.



*Council Chair
Deb Weaverling*

Special guest

Our special guest for the weekend will be International Director Nicholas "Nick" Xinopoulos and his wife, Lion Gretchen, from Brownsburg, Ind. ID Xinopoulos was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago in 2017.

Director Xinopoulos, who will speak at the Saturday evening banquet, is a retired manager for an aircraft engine manufacturer. A member of the Brownsburg Lions Club since 1990, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, Leo club advisor, zone chairperson and district governor. He also served on the district GMT extension team.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Xinopoulos has received numerous awards, including a Membership Key Award, four International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's awards. He also is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, he has been active in professional and community organizations, including the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department and as chairman of the July 4 parade. Gretchen also is a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow.



*International Director
Nicholas Xinopoulos*

Speakers, programs

This busy weekend begins Friday evening, when Lions and guests will be entertained after dinner by the Church Ladies, a harmony-based acoustic group that has performed together for three years. They are a "sure to please" group.

Be sure to attend a special presentation on Saturday morning. Lions will learn about the history of Kansas with "A look at the Past – Kansas 1919-2019." Presenter Allana Parker,

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Jan. 4: Deadline for hotel rooms (785-539-5311)

Jan. 18: Deadline for registration/meals (see page 8)

From the Council Chair –

Being thankful for future opportunities

Thank you to the Lions of District 17-A who attended the Special District Convention in Wamego on Nov. 3, 2018. I am humbled and honored to move forward as an International Director candidate from Kansas.

Also, thank you to those Lions who have supported me but were unable to attend the convention. I would like to thank PCC Michele Hufferd of the **Miami County Traveling Lions Club** for a good campaign.

I want to thank PCC Beverly Nichols and Lion Jack Walker of my home club, **Leavenworth Lions Club**, for their nominations on my behalf. I chose the right Lions to represent me. I would also like to thank 2VDG Chris Bauer of District N, who monitored the election process; his expertise was invaluable and his parliamentarian role kept the meeting on time.



CC Deb Weaverling

The next step in the process is to be endorsed by the State of Kansas. This endorsement will be voted on Jan. 26, 2019 at Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan. Mid-Winter Rally will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel beginning on Friday, Jan. 25 through Sunday, Jan. 27. Please see the Official Call for a Special Con-

vention article in this issue for voting procedures in accordance with the By-Laws of MD-17.

I would appreciate your vote to move me forward as the next International Director candidate from the State of Kansas. Thank you, Lions, for all you do for your Lions club, your community, your District and our State of Kansas. Through the Power of WE, together we can do so much for so many individuals who need our help. WE Serve!

CC Deb Weaverling



108 District A Lions met Nov. 3 to endorse CC Deb Weaverling for ID. Contributed photo

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Calendar

Jan. 25-27, 2019

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

May 30-June 1, 2019

*Fourth State Council Meeting/
State Convention, Lawrence*

NOTE: There will NOT be a Leadership Roundup in Spring 2019.

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Mid-Winter Rally

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originally from Augusta, received her bachelor's degree in history and a minor in leadership studies from Kansas State University. She also holds a master of arts in museum studies from the University of Kansas and has served as Curator of Design for the Riley County Historical Museum since 2012. Kansas Lions will celebrate 100 years of Lionism in the state in 2019.

The Saturday luncheon speaker will be Lora Furster from the American Diabetes Association. She also serves as a liaison for Youth Diabetes Camps in seven states, including the two camps in Kansas.

"We hope her presentation inspires Lions clubs in Kansas to seek out and sponsor youth with diabetes to one of these camps," said MWR Co-Chair PDG Tom Badger.

Lions will give awards to the MD-17 Peace Poster Contest winners at the luncheon. This year's contest theme is "Kindness Matters." Lions also will honor our Leo clubs. Leos need to reserve their meals but they do not pay a registration fee for MWR.

Band auction, 'pig out'

The Kansas Lions Band Foundation is again having an auction Saturday afternoon. The foundation is requesting help with donations for this popular event. Items should be new or handcrafted. Breads, pies, jelly or other canned food also are accepted and typically are best sellers.

If you have items and need help getting them to Manhattan,

contact your Band Foundation member or District or Vice District Governor and these Lions will make sure your items get to the auction.

The Foundation also will be selling chances on two half hogs to be given away at the 2019 State Convention in Lawrence. Chances are available from Band Foundation members and District Governors. Take a chance – proceeds go to a great cause and you might be a winner.

Environmental photo vote

Lions will cast ballots and choose the winning environmental photo contest entries at MWR. All entries are due to your district environmental chair by Jan. 1. This is always a popular part of the rally – see contest information and rules elsewhere on this page.

Hospitality room

Lions love to show hospitality so come join in good food and fellowship during MWR. Donations gladly accepted.

Hotel and meal reservations

You must make your MWR hotel reservation by Jan. 4. To reserve a room, call the Four Points at 785-539-5311 and ask for the Lions block. This is important to give Lions credit toward the meeting space. The room rate is \$86.

A meal reservation form is on page 8. All meals must be reserved in advance and those reservations are due by Jan. 18. You may mail your meal reservation to Lion Lela Gillispie, MWR co-chair, at 1414 Givens Rd., Manhattan, 66503. Meal tickets will be available for pick up at the information table.

Jan. 1 entry deadline approaching for photo contest

The 2018-19 Environmental Photo Contest is open to Kansas Lions and Leos. This year's contest will depict four categories and one Special Theme.

Categories are as follows: **Animal life, Plant life, Urban or Natural landscape, Weather phenomenon** (no people). This year's special theme: **Environmental Service projects**. The photographs in this category can include people and can be projects in progress or newly completed. Example: Lions planting trees, children playing in a new park, etc.

Photos should be original and unaltered and taken in your area this calendar year. Photos should be printed on high quality photo paper and measure 8" x 10" and printed borderless. White borders will be disqualified. All pho-



Lions Environmental
P H O T O C O N T E S T

tographers accept responsibility for the cost of taking and processing all photos.

Lions and Leo clubs are invited to submit one photo in each category to the District Environmental Chair by Jan. 1, 2019. Those individuals are: District K, Louise Greenberg, 218 East Court St., Smith Center, 66967; District A, Ken Leander, 137 W. 2nd St., Assaria, 67416; District N, Cindy Scovill, PO Box 73, Humboldt, 66748. Marla Larison is State Environmental

Chair (lionmarlalarison@gmail.com).

Each photographer should specify in which category he or she wants the photo(s) entered.

Winning photos will be chosen at Mid-Winter Rally in January 2019. Contest photos become the property of Kansas Lions. Kansas Lions reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Official call for Special Convention in Manhattan

In compliance with Article II, Section 2 of the By-Laws of MD-17, a Special MD-17 Convention hereinafter referred to as "Convention," shall be held on the 26th day of January, 2019 at the Four Points by Sheraton in Manhattan. The purpose of the Convention will be to vote on the question of endorsement of a candidate for the office of International Director.

Each chartered club in good standing with Lions Clubs International and its district and MD-17 shall be entitled at the Convention to one (1) delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or major fraction thereof, of said club as shown by the records of the international office on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held. The major fraction referred to in this section shall be five (5) or more members.

Each Past District Governor or Past International Director who is a member of a club in MD-17 shall have full delegate status independent of the club delegate quotas herein specified.

Each certified delegate present in person shall be entitled to cast one (1) vote only on the question of endorsement.

All eligible delegates must be members in good standing of a club in good standing. Delinquent dues may be paid, and good standing acquired up to fifteen (15) days prior to the Convention.

The Convention Nominating Committee shall be the MD-17 Constitution and By-Laws Committee. The Constitution and By-Laws chairperson shall serve as the Nominations Committee chairperson.

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the Convention the names of all candidates endorsed by their respective sub-districts. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration. The vote on the question

of endorsement shall be by secret written ballot. The nominee receiving a majority of the votes cast shall be declared endorsed as the candidate of Multiple District 17.

The Special MD-17 Convention at Mid-Winter Rally is important – please make every effort to see that your club sends its allotment of delegates.

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DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM – 2019 MD 17 SPECIAL CONVENTION

Club Name _____ Lion _____

This certifies that the above named person is a duly elected

☐ Delegate

☐ Alternate

To the 2019 MD-17 Lions Special Convention at Manhattan, KS on January 26, 2019

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

President or Secretary Signature

Delegate/Alternate Signature

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the Mid-Winter Rally. Per Lions Clubs International and MD-17 Constitutions and By-laws, all Clubs, in good standing with the Association, MD-17 and their District, shall be entitled to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of their membership on December 1, 2017. All Past District Governors, Past International Officers and International Officers shall be entitled to full delegate privileges, independent of club delegates.

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

Local Lions • We Serve



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R-O-A-R!

*Members of the **Anthony Lions Club** participated in the Annual Anthony Santa Day Parade with two entries. After the parade, children got to meet and have their picture taken with Santa. They also could have their picture taken with the Lion and "Sullivan" the bear. Children also were treated to candy bags given by the Lions club. There were about 150 youth and family members participating, said Club President Joe Brummer. Contributed photos*



Simple conversation led to TV publicity for Overland Park Lions

Overland Park Host Lions club's 13th annual packing of Shoeboxes for Soldiers was featured on Kansas City KSHB Channel 41's newscasts on Nov. 10. Lions Mae Claxton and Carole Collyard were interviewed and filmed in Mae's dining room where they sorted items to be packed on Nov. 17. The segment aired at least twice later in the day. *(If you missed it, go to the Overland Park Host Lions Club Facebook page to see it in its entirety.)*

Lion Harry Malnicof can share in the

credit for getting the OPHLC this great exposure. He mentioned it to one of his comrades in the local MOAA (Military Officers Association of America) chapter. This man's daughter works at KSHB and she persuaded management to feature the program. As a result of this story aired by KSHB, one local woman brought a cash donation to help pay some of the postage.

Some of the MOAA members are great veterans who provide the Lions

club with so much help with the Metcalf Avenue of Flags.

A total of 66 boxes of "home goodies" were mailed to military personnel serving in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria. Most of these went to Bagram Air Force Base and some went to individual soldiers whose names were provided by loved ones here at home.

Also shipped were three large "unit" boxes with extra materials that were not used in the individual packages.



We Serve ... in Kansas

STRIDE walk raises funds to help fight diabetes

The Olathe Lions Club held its first STRIDE walk Oct. 13 at Heritage Park in Olathe. It was a cold day but 17 hardy people participated. The plan next year is to have the walk in September, when the weather hopefully will be warmer and attendance will be better. The event raised \$436 for the Diabetes Association of Kansas City. Contributed photos



Sweet treats at National Night Out

National Night Out at the Bel Aire Fire Station was celebrated June 7 with the Bel Aire Lions Club, the City of Bel Aire, the Bel Aire Police Department, and the Sedgwick County Firefighters (Bel Aire station) participating. The Bel Aire Lions Club was a great hit with their annual snow cone booth, where dripping cones were served with compliments of the club. Photos contributed by Richard Caldwell

State Fair volunteers screen more than 4,000

Per International President Gudrun Yngvaddottir, Lions Clubs International (LCI) brings a unique perspective and expertise to the single constant that unites all Lions: service. Kansas Lions and the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) were guided by this goal and put it into practice at the 2018 Kansas State Fair health, vision, and hearing screenings in the Mobile Screening Unit.

Many Kansas Lions, health care professionals, and several schools of nursing (Bethel College, Cloud County Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Newman University,

and Salina Technical School) worked together to screen more than 4,000 people at this year's fair.

These screenings allowed professionals to identify several adults and youth with health, hearing, and vision challenges. One individual had a blood sugar of 552 and was encouraged to see a health care professional. He did and was immediately admitted to a health care facility.

Another individual who was screened at the 2017 State Fair returned to inform us that his healthcare provider was grateful for the KLSF screening because he was advised that if his blood sugar had risen from the 240 we screened to 300, he was a candidate for a stroke and could have been confined to a wheelchair. A mother came to thank us for the vision screening for her daughters. Both were candidates to be referred to an eye care professional. Both now have eyeglasses.

The results from the 2018 Kansas State Fair
See STATE FAIR on page 9



Leo the black squirrel greets visitors to Lions Park in Marysville. He is the Marysville Lions Club's centennial project. Photo contributed by PID Bill Philippe

Meet 'Leo,' the biggest black squirrel in Marysville

The **Marysville Lions Club** has completed its centennial project.

Because of a large population of black squirrels in the community, black squirrels have become the community mascot. There are now 34 statues of black squirrels around the community.

Above, meet one of the newest, LEO! Leo greets visitors to Lions Park. The base features the emblems of the five service areas that Lions embrace. The "nut" is paint-

ed as a globe representing Lions' worldwide status. The stunning lion head on the tail watches over all the visitors to the park.

Club raises funds to restore football field

Neodesha Lions' annual football tailgate fundraiser had a special cause this year.

All proceeds went to Eureka High School to help with restoration of their football field, which was destroyed by a tornado this summer.

The event, held during Neodesha's Homecoming, raised more than \$1,100. A check was presented Oct. 10 at Eureka High School.

Please return this registration form by the deadline. See you at Mid-Winter Rally!

Kansas Lions



Mid-Winter Rally
January 25-27, 2019
Manhattan, Kansas

A look at the past
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Registration and Meal Reservation Form

	Number		Amount
Registration (<i>fee applies to all attendees except Leos</i>)	_____	@ \$10.00	\$ _____
Friday Dinner - Chicken Franc Coan	_____	@ \$18.00	\$ _____
Saturday Lunch - Mexican Buffet	_____	@ \$16.00	\$ _____
Saturday Banquet - BBQ Beef Brisket	_____	@ \$19.00	\$ _____
<i>Gratuuity included in all meal prices.</i>		Total	\$ _____

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

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Lions(s) Leo(s) guest _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Lions or/Leo Club _____

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

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

Final Date for Meal Reservations

January 18, 2019

Room reservations must be made before January 4, 2019

Four Points by Sheraton phone number is 1-785-539-5311

Exhibitors / Vendors Table Request Form

Mid-Winter Rally
Four Points by Sheraton - Manhattan
January 25-27, 2019

Name of Exhibitor / Vendor _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Ph: _____ E-Mail _____

_____ Electricity Requested (Please check if needed)

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

_____ For-Profit Companies

Special Requests: _____

Exhibitors' Hours: 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday

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

Mail to: State Secretary Linda McCormick, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, 67209
or e-mail: KansasLions@aol.com. Reservations due by January 15, 2018.

MUST HAVE TABLE(S) RESERVED IN ADVANCED

State Fair

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Mobile Screenings are: field of vision, 227 screened with 32 referrals; visual acuity, 400 screened with 142 referrals; "Spot" children's vision screening, 980 screened with 121 referrals; youth hearing, 107 screened with 32 referrals; adult hearing, 528 with 196 referrals; blood pressure, 1,411 with 231 referrals; and blood sugar, 1,175 with 183 referrals.

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation would like to extend our sincere appreciation to everyone who assisted in providing screenings at the 2018 Kansas State Fair.

The KLSF State Fair Committee

Lion Dan Heersche, MSU Driver & Director

Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, KLSF

Lion Vern Failor, KLSF

PDG Randy St. Aubyn, KLSF

MD-17 adjusts giving goals for LCIF's Campaign 100

LCIF Report Oct. 28, 2018

As of Sept. 30, 2018, our numbers are as follows:

-17K has \$4,215 in reported donations. The goal for 2018-19 is \$60,280.

-17A has \$3,392 in reported donations. The goal for 2018-19 is \$73,440.

-17N has \$1,295 in reported donations. The goal for 2018-19 is \$62,600.

Our overall, statewide goal for 2018-19 is \$196,320. We have had \$1,000 in non-district donations, bringing our current state total to \$9,902.

The numbers for the last six years were:

2012-2013: \$37,794.88

2013-2014: \$49,236.37

2014-2015: \$38,526.06

2015-2016: \$38,071.09

2016-2017: \$49,462.91

2017-2018: \$64,622.98

Campaign 100 has begun. After determining that the first goal may have been too high for the Constitutional area, the goals were decreased to those shown above. To reach these goals, each member needs to pledge to donate \$40 a year OR \$3.33 a month OR 83 cents a week! This should be a very attainable goal. That is less than one Starbucks coffee a month.

Every local Lions club asked to consider becoming a 'Model Club'

As part of Campaign 100, LCIF is asking each club to consider becoming a "Model Club."

What is a model club? A model club is a club whose members commit to donating \$750 per member over the next three years, or \$250 per member, each year. Any donations that were made by your club or club members last year can be counted toward the \$750 per member for the next three years, so you

corporate funds, non-Lion contributions, or through fundraisers for LCIF. All donations are eligible to go toward Melvin Jones Fellowships, and they are all eligible for the club/district grant program.

For more information on becoming a model club, or to sign your club's pledge as a model club, please contact the MD Chairman or your district coordinator:



may already be on your way to being a model club.

For example, your club has 10 members, so \$750 per member would be a total donation of \$7,500 over the three-year period.

Let's say your club and its members donated \$1,000 last year. You would subtract that \$1,000, leaving your club with a total donation of \$6,500 over the three-year period, or approximately \$2,167 each year. Any pledges \$5,000 or over can be paid over a five-year period, and pledges \$4,999 and under will be due in the three-year time period. In this example, because the initial pledge is \$7,500, it can be paid over five years (\$1,300 per year).

The annual donation can be met through club donations, individual member donations, matching funds,

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Dinner for a good cause

At right, Miami County Traveling Lions Club members prepared and served dinner at a local Ronald McDonald House on Nov. 4. Ronald McDonald Houses provide rooms and a place for families to call home so they can stay close by their hospitalized child at little to no cost.

Below, PCC and MCOTLC member Michele Hufferd captures the event in a selfie.

Photos contributed by Michele Hufferd



'Lids for Kids' helps children fighting cancer

Join the MD-17 LCIF Team in our service project for Pediatric Cancer and bring children's hats or head scarves to your next meeting, zone meeting, cabinet meeting or state meeting.

At the end of the year, we will distribute the hats equally to the various pediatric cancer hospitals across Kansas. Nothing is worse than losing your hair to cancer.

Let's give children something to make them feel better while going through their treatments. Thank you for helping!

Contact MD Chair PCC Michele Hufferd with questions at mbostick2001@yahoo.com.



Let's rise to the membership challenge – now



In our lives, there is one constant that is certain: change. In my role as your Multiple District 17 Global Membership Team Coordinator, the Lions clubs I see that are thriving are the clubs that are meeting the changing needs of their communities. They are thriving because they are impacting the lives of the citizens of their communities and people seek to be a part of their club because of the great service they are providing.

I am serving as District 17-N GMT Coordinator also and in that role I encouraged our District 17-N cabinet to announce a membership contest. We have divided the clubs in our district into three different groups. Clubs with

15 or fewer members are the Gold group. Clubs with 16 to 29 members are the Blue group. Clubs with 30 or more members are the Purple group.

I am biased but I believe that our child vision screening efforts through the “Lions KidSight: USA Community Vision Screening for Children” are a great way to serve the citizens of Multiple District 17.

LCI is soon bringing online great new initiatives for the Global Action Teams of every Multiple District and District.

Sincerely,

PDG Terry Weldin

MD-17 Global Membership Team Coordinator

2019 Mid-Winter Rally agenda • Jan. 25-27, 2019 • Manhattan

Friday, January 25, 2019

6:30 p.m. Dinner & entertainment, Regency A

Saturday, January 26, 2019

FREE continental breakfast with room key

All day – Interactive booths, Environmental Photo Contest voting, GLT & GMT information, Lion pins, other displays

7:30 a.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation, Conference IV

7:30 a.m. Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Conference I-III

8:00 a.m. Budget & Finance, Executive Board Room

9:00 a.m. Leos, Conference V

9:00 a.m. Environmental Committee, Conference IV

9:00 a.m. State & International Band, Executive Board Room

10 a.m. Kansas Lions Foundation, Conference I – III

10 a.m. Constitution & By-Laws, Executive Board Room

11 a.m. Public Relations, Executive Board Room

11 a.m. Long Range Planning, Conference I – III

SEMINARS – Both in Regency B

10:15-11:00 a.m. 100 Years in Kansas

11:00-11:45 a.m. International Board update

Noon-1:20 p.m. Luncheon, hosted by Kansas Lions Foundation, Regency A

Recognizing Peace Poster Contest winners and Leos

1:30-3:00 p.m. SPECIAL District A Convention, Regency B

2:00 p.m. K-I Committee, Conference I – III

3-3:45 p.m. SPECIAL State Convention, Regency B

3:45 p.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation Auction, atrium area near restaurant

6:30 p.m. Dinner, Regency A – Special Speaker: Nick Xinopoulos, International Director

Sunday, January 27, 2019

FREE continental breakfast with room key

8:00 a.m. Devotional and Meeting by PDG Club, Harvest Room

9:00 a.m. State Council Business Session, Harvest Room

Eyeglass recycling update: a full load goes home

In September, Lion Viola and I drove to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility to unload their supplies, which included both sizes of boxes. We picked up their eight boxes of “finished glasses,” which are packed in the large shipper boxes (500 pairs per box) for a total of 4,000 pairs.

Next we drove on to McPherson to attend the Second State Council Meeting Oct. 26-28. We collected eyeglasses this entire weekend. We were able to sort out 15 banana boxes of good usable glasses, (400 pairs per box on average). We also attended the PDG Historical Committee meeting. We are starting to develop a collection of information telling of the first 100 years of Kansas Lions history in Multiple District 17.

We did not stay for the State Council Meeting but instead drove on to Wichita to clean up all of the used glasses that had been dropped off there by area Lions clubs since the First State

Council meeting. We emptied the 24-hour drop box that is on the front porch at the State Office. We did have a FULL LOAD coming home Sunday afternoon.

After everything was sorted, we actually had 15 banana boxes of good usable glasses, a total of 6,000 pairs; three large boxes of usable “dark sunglasses”; two large boxes of salvage glasses (parts & pieces); and five barrels of trash, packing material & empty eyeglass cases that were not suitable for re-use.

Readers

On Tuesday, Oct. 16, we received a trailer load of “Walmart Reader glasses” (26,000 pairs). I delivered some of them to members of a Kansas VOSH team, based in Salina and McPherson (approximately 50 boxes), probably

8,000 or 9,000 pairs. The balance of this load is in my recycle barn here in Scranton. See more information in the KLSF report below.

*Respectfully,
PDG Bernard & Viola Lee*



Kansas Lions Sight Foundation report - Fall 2018

Finance Report – As of Oct. 18, all moneys from Investacorp and Prime Capital have been liquidated and transferred to Ameriprise, with Michael Berges, financial advisor.

By-Laws – Changes to SOPs for clarification pertaining to Sight Week have been sent to 2nd VDG Chris Bauer, State Constitution and By-Laws Chair. These changes will also need to be made to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) by-laws and sent out by e-mail two weeks prior to the Mid-Winter Rally KLSF meeting.

Audio Reader (AR) – AR continues to sponsor fundraisers to help cover expenses to be able to continue to meet the needs of listeners. This year's For Your Ears Only was the most successful to date, grossing more than \$42,000. These fundraisers will become increasingly important as the University of Kansas announced a plan to zero out direct financial support for AR.

Claude DeVorss Fellowship – The number of those honored with this fellowship remains the same as last report, 108.

Mark Doyen Used Eyeglass Collection - PDG Ber-

nard and Lion Viola continue to collect, sort, and distribute recycled eyeglasses. PDG Bernard received 25 boxes of “Readers” from Indiana. Anyone knowing of a group or club planning a mission trip, please contact PDG Bernard for these readers. They are here for your use to make life better for individuals in underdeveloped countries that we serve. The sizes are 1.00/1.25/1.50/2.00/2.75/ & 3.00.

Kansas Eye Bank (KEB) – KEB sends a big thank you to the Lions for providing screenings at the 2018 Kansas State Fair and inviting the eye bank to participate during the span of the fair. KEB reports total number of referrals for 2018 is 1,004; eligible potential donors

for transplant – 336, domestic transplants – 206, and international placement – 115.

KUMC – The Lions Club at KU Eye Clinic has provided two cataract surgeries since August and one more is scheduled. They are working on trying to get the hospital to allow them to do two surgeries a month and think it might happen soon. Eye clinics are still being held once a month for indi-

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viduals with special needs and limited resources. This clinic will work with individuals referred by Lions clubs.

KanLovKids (KLK) – This program has sponsored two clinics since August 2018. The KLK brochure is being revised and will be available at Mid-Winter Rally, where they have asked to make a presentation.

Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) – With Lions Clubs International emphasizing Diabetes Awareness this year, it is a great opportunity to sponsor the MSU in your community to promote such awareness. We are still looking for other funding as BC/BS Foundation of Kansas will not be continuing their funding support for the MSU past 2019.

Kansas Kid Sight – Screening numbers from July 1 to Oct. 10, 2018 for District K: 6 months to 6 years, 1,693 screened with 220 referrals; others screened, 2,985 with 304 referrals. In District A for the same period, 6 months to 6 years, 6,518 screened with 757 referrals; 7 years to 18 years, 12,427 screened with 1,416 referrals; adults, 176 screened with 12 referrals.

Sight Week & Fundraising – PDG David Hentges reports very little money received to date for Sight Week.

Knights of Sight Pins – Nine pins have been awarded since July 1, 2018.

Kansas Vision Coalition – The Kansas Vision Coalition Task Force met in Wichita in September. The Kansas Vision Screening Guidelines are near completion.

Vision Service to Veterans – Lion Robert continues to look for funding for additional seminars for those with visual and hearing challenges.

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

2019 Kansas Lions State Band

It is never too early to get your student

As 2018 comes to a close, the Band Committee continues to plan for the 2019 Kansas Lions Band Camp.

Although camp is still months away, critical steps need to be completed. If your club President and Secretary have not yet received the six-page informational flyer, they will receive it soon. In addition, application forms, medical release forms, and other camp information has been placed on the MD-17 website, www.kansaslions.org. As Kansas Lions, we all know the wonderful opportunity the Kansas Lions Band provides to our high school students.

In 2019, the band will return to Baker University for the State Band camp under the direction of Dr. Frank Perez. As part of the annual camp, Lions, Leos, parents and guests will have the opportunity to enjoy two performances; the Friday night Jazz Band/Ensembles (Rice Auditorium) and the Saturday morning full concert band (Collins Center). Cost of the camp is \$250 per student. The student fee covers four nights' lodging, 11 meals, instructor fees, facility fees and other expenses.

The committee hopes that all Lions will financially support local area band students. If you do not have any local students who want to attend, consider supporting students outside of your immediate area. Each year we have a substantial number of students looking for financial assistance where there are no Lions clubs.

As a reminder, if your club has more students seeking help than you can assist, send us the applications and allow us to try and find sponsorship with the help of the Kansas Lions Band Foundation and the District Governors. We have never turned away a State Band student due to the lack of funding. We know that there are Lions who are willing to help.

For some clubs, it may be a little early to think about sponsoring a band student or multiple band students. But like old age, if you procrastinate, time has a way of creeping up on you. Please contact your local high school band director and band students, show them that you care and are willing to help them be part of the 2019 band camp.

Once you select your student(s), continue to stay in touch with them and build a relationship. Don't just send the application and write a check. You never know – mom, dad, or maybe even the student will someday become a Lion. Once applications start coming in, a running list of the student applications received will be posted online.

On behalf of the Kansas Lions Band Committee, thank you for your continued support of your Kansas Lions Band program.

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

Where to find Kansas Lions online

Kansas Lions www.kansaslions.org

Kansas Lions Foundation www.kansaslionsfoundation.org

Kansas Lions
Sight Foundation www.lions4sight.com

Remembering our past, embracing our future –

History Project will honor 100 years of service

Editor's Note: Kansas Lions is embarking on a Kansas Lions History Project to celebrate 100 years of Kansas Lions. This Lions year is Phase One, which consists of collecting digital copies of material. This includes photos, documents and other information. At the 2019 Lions State Convention, there will be a running slide presentation of some of these items.

Phase Two comes during the 2019-2020 Lions year; when we will be assembling all the information into one electronic document covering the first 100 years of Kansas Lions.

Dear Club President or Secretary,

In 2019, Kansas Lions will be celebrating our 100th birthday!

Part of the celebration will be a presentation at the State Convention, May 30-June 1, 2019. The presentation will include archival material of the history of Multiple District 17, Districts and Clubs.

We need your help! We would like to have copies of photos, newspaper articles, event flyers/posters, club charters, awards, etc. If you photograph or scan the items, please save them in JPEG format.

You can try emailing the copies or put them on appropriate media and mail to us. If you can't do either, please contact PDG Chris Bauer to discuss how to transmit them by other means. Please try to identify Lions in the photos.

We would like to have some items no later than Dec. 30 so we can make a sample of the presentation to show at Mid-Winter Rally in late January. Other items may be sent later for the final presentation.

Please email materials to PDG Chris Bauer at lionchris@sbcglobal.net or mail them to him at: 924 North 11th, Humboldt, 66748.

Thanks in advance for your contributions.

MD-17 Historical Committee

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Start looking through your photographs and documents – it's time to put together another chapter of Kansas Lions history!



Lion Dorothy Wunder remembered (1932-2018)

The Lions of Kansas suffered a great loss this past August. Lion Dorothy Wunder, beloved and cherished by her family and friends, passed away on Aug. 22, 2018 at 86 years of age, in the company of family and friends. Dorothy was preceded in death by the love of her life, Dr. William "Bill" Wunder, President of Lions Clubs International 1995-96, with whom she shared 62 years of marriage.

Dorothy was born on April 29, 1932 on the family farm near Hunter in Mitchell County. She graduated from Hunter High School, where she was active in academics, music and sports. After marrying Bill in 1954, his military career had them on a journey all over the world. Dorothy loved her experience as an "Army wife" and she, Bill and their four children had the opportunity to live in Italy, Germany, and many locations across the U.S. Notwithstanding being a highly involved mom of four very active children, Dorothy still found time to be an active volunteer in the Officers Wives Club and church choirs. She loved to play the piano and sing, and loved to cook, coming up with an amazing repertoire of new recipes for the family to enjoy.

When Bill retired from the military and entered academia, Bill and Dorothy returned to Kansas. During their many years of volunteering with

Lions, Dorothy and Bill visited more than 100 countries where they partnered with various Heads of State to bring much-needed eye care to those in need around the world. Particularly noteworthy was a partnership formed with the Peoples Republic of China that resulted in 1.75 million cataract surgeries in China, and a partnership with former President Jimmy Carter and the Carter Center Foundation to significantly reduce river blindness in Sudan. Dorothy remained an active member of the **Wichita Northwest Lions** and was a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. Dorothy also received the Ambassador of Good Will, the highest recognition to a Lion.

Through all the travels and accomplishments during her long life, Dorothy remained a down-to-earth Kansan with a passion for the beauty of her native state, Pinochle, the Kansas Jayhawks (basketball team), the Kansas State Wildcats (football and basketball), the Royals and the Chiefs, and a never-ending energy for helping others. She was a prodigious and gifted knitter, and she knitted many hundreds of caps for newborns as part of a program through Kansas Children's Service League to educate



Lion Dorothy Wunder is pictured here in 2014 with Past International Director Gene Vogel.
File photo

young mothers about the dangers of shaking infants to stop their crying.

Lion Dorothy will be missed.

Daughter thanks fellow Lions for their kindnesses in recent months

Thank you, Lions of Kansas. To say that the last 18 months have been difficult, would be an understatement.

Dad's health had been declining and suddenly Mom was diagnosed with terminal mesothelioma. At the time (March of 2017), she was given a two-to six-month prognosis. Immediately, the Lions of Kansas made sure my mom had everything she needed.

Dad's passing in August of 2017 was the first blow. He was my true Guiding Lion in life; my mentor, my biggest cheerleader, and my unwavering support. He encouraged me at every turn

and challenged me to never settle for less than my best.

Mom continued to fight well past her prognosis. The first thank you goes to all those Lions who took the time to visit mom ... it really meant the world to her. A very special thanks to Marvin and Elfrieda Funk, who came to see her so regularly. Another special thanks to the Wichita Northwest Lions ... your visits and including her meant a lot. And not to be forgotten, a special loving thanks to Ed and Linda McCormick, who took my mom to many appointments, took her out to lunch, and

basically loved her almost as much as us!

Losing mom in August of 2018 was a blow ... even when you know it is coming. She was my inspiration, my heart and my great protector. She taught me patience, service, faith and trust.

The Lions of Kansas have extended that embrace to me and to my family. The cards and hugs have kept me going. Thanks to all of you for your love and support. May I continue their legacy in the years to come.

—Cheryl Kerns

Plan now to attend your district's convention in spring 2019

District K Convention • March 22-23, 2019 • Hays

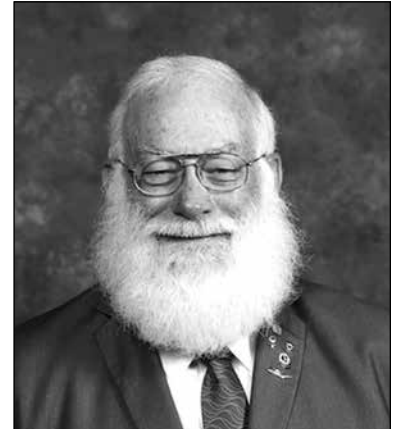
Lions Clubs International Director Billy J. (B.J.) Blankenship, from Lafayette, Tenn., will be the special guest of District K Lions at their 2019 convention. The convention will be held March 22-23 at Hays. Watch upcoming district newsletters for more information.

Blankenship was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas in 2018. Director Blankenship is currently a member of the Macon County Board of Education – Transportation Department. He is a retired Tennessee Army National Guardsman, having last held the position of Maintenance Control Sergeant.

He has been a part of the Lafayette Lions Club since 1994 and has held many positions within the association, including district governor and district GLT coordinator. He also has served as LCIF multiple district coordinator, district leadership development chairperson and multiple district GMT coordinator. Director Blankenship has also

served as Sergeant-at-Arms at International convention from 2015-2017.

In recognition of his service, he has been awarded three International President's Awards, an International President's Leadership Award and nine International President's Certificates of Achievement. He also is a recipient of the association's highest recognition, the Ambassador of Good Will award. Director Blankenship is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Carolyn G. Blankenship, is a Melvin Jones Fellow and longtime Lion.



*International Director
Billy J. (B.J.) Blankenship*

The District A Convention will be held in conjunction with Mid-Winter Rally, on Jan. 26 in Manhattan.

District N Convention • April 12-13, 2019 • El Dorado

District N Lions will gather April 12 and 13 at the Welcome Center at Butler Community College, El Dorado, for their District Convention.

The event will begin Friday evening with a reception for special guest International Director Patricia "Pat" Vannett. She is from Mandan, N.D. and was elected to serve a two-year term as a director at LCI's 100th International Convention in Chicago in 2017.

Director Vannett is a realtor and a member of the Mandan Lions Club. She has been a Lion since 2003 and has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chairperson, district governor and multiple district GLT coordinator.

In recognition of her service to the association, Director Vannett has received numerous awards, including an Extension Award, a Membership Key Award, an International Leadership Award and an International President's Award. She is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Vannett has

been active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the Renaissance Zone Committee, Mandan Progress Organization and the Mandan Parade Committee. Director Vannett's husband, Kevin, is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

The convention will continue on Saturday, with a program and noon banquet. Details are being finalized, including costs. Watch for more details in the District Governor's newsletters in January and February.



*International Director
Patricia Vannett*

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Send original photos –do not downsize them. Let Nancy know if you have questions.*

Stafford Lion salutes LCI centennial

Stafford Lion Jay Farney enjoys being a Lion – he has been a member of the Stafford club for 50 years. He also enjoys crafting beautiful keepsakes.

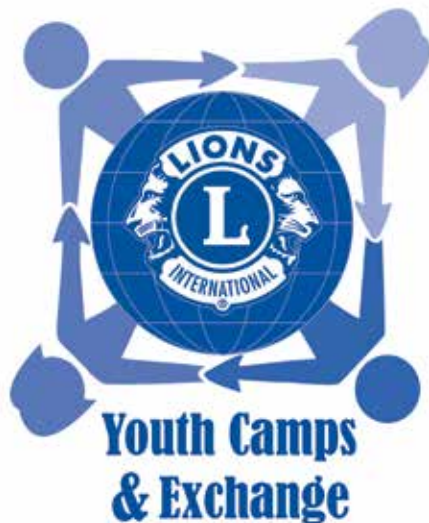
He has a craft shop in his garage and does a lot of small items out of walnut and other woods. When Lions Clubs International celebrated its 100th anniversary, Farney decided he also would like to commemorate the occasion. So he created a wall hanging of the number “100” and the Lions logo.

The piece is 7.5 inches tall and 11 inches wide. He continues to create these to celebrate the organization he loves. If you would like to learn more about this project, you may contact Jay Farney at 404 E. Fair Ave. in Stafford, 67578, telephone 620-234-6022.



Stafford Lion Jay Farney created this wall hanging to honor the Lions Clubs International Centennial. Contributed photo

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Youth Exchange brings students to Kansas from Finland and Japan

This has been a good year for Youth Exchange. We received two students from Finland in June and July. Three students from Japan came in August. They all reported good exchanges from both students and Finish and Japanese Youth Exchange chairmen.

We are beginning to accept host family applications. I can also present programs on youth exchanges. Please contact me if interested.

*Respectfully submitted,
PCC Harry Stockwell
MD-17 Youth Exchange chair*

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Remembering Helen Keller's charge to be 'knights of the blind'

Editor's note:
The following letter
was published in
The Kansas City Star
on Sept. 27, 2018. Lion
Neal Nichols is a member
of the **Overland Park Host
Lions Club** and also is a
past district governor.

In her Sept. 20 commentary, Haben Girma told of Helen Keller's inspiration to generations.

But Keller's legacy also includes what has become a worldwide effort to eradicate preventable blindness. In 1925, she pleaded to the Lions Clubs International Convention at Cedar Point, Ohio: "I appeal to you, Lions – you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind – will you not constitute yourselves knights of the blind in my crusade against darkness?"

Most people know Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses. Yes, but they do much more. They provide eye exams, glasses, camps, playgrounds and ac-

tivities such as fishing tournaments for the sightless or visually impaired. Lions build hospitals, especially in third-world countries, where millions of cataract surgeries are performed every year. And those used eyeglasses bring sight and hope to millions.

In the 1970s, the University of Kansas Medical Center ophthalmology clinic had the only laser equipment between Chicago and Los Angeles, funded almost entirely by Kansas Lions Clubs. KU Eye Center is the beneficiary of nearly \$2 million it would have to do without – or taxpayers would have to provide – if Lions weren't there.

Neal K. Nichols
Overland Park

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Kansas Lions leaders hit the road

Kansas Lions leaders spend a lot of time traveling to local and state Lions events. Above, District A Governor John Burns commemorates his visit to the **Sabetha Lions Club**.

At right, CC Deb Weaverling and her husband, Lion Ron, pause during a visit to Marysville to spend a moment with another "Lion."

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**Remember
to bring items
for the band auction**

*The Kansas Lions Band
Foundation annual auction
will again be a highlight of
Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan.*

*Plan now to bring new,
handcrafted or homemade
items – and your bidding skills.*

*You will be supporting
a great cause – one of the
best Lions band programs!*

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