



Minutes

**Third Council of Governors Meeting
for January 20, 2024
Courtyard Junction City**

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PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1995-1996)
Cluade DeVorss (1964-1965)
Charles Hatton (1932-1933)

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

ID Hans Neidhardt (2024-2026)

PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

Deb Weaverling (2021-2023)
Bill Phillipi (2015-2017)
Ann Smarsh (2009-2011)
Ernie Young Jr. (2004-2006)
Ed McCormick (2000-2002)
Gene Vogel (1997-1999)
Dr. William "Bill" Wunder (1989-1991)
Robert "Bob" Tonjes (1987-1989)
Blaine Rush (1978-1980)
Chester Francis (1973-1975)
Cluade DeVorss (1957-1959)
C. W. McKee (1952-1954)
Arnott Ray Lamb (1949-1951)
Ronald B. Lang (1945-1947)
V. Royal Vergades (1941-1943)
J. Earl Tanner (1935-1937)
Charles Hatton (1928-1930)
John H. Boys (1922-1925)



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MULTIPLE DISTRICT 17 OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL "WE SERVE"

Minutes of the Third Council of Governors Meeting for January 20, 2024 Courtyard Junction City

Council Chair Lori Horton called the Council Meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Don Keihl was absent but the other members were present. 17A ADG Margi Sundstrom and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu.

CC Lori Horton asked the Governors to accept 2nd Vice District Governor Lou Morgan to join the Governors at the table to represent District K. ADG Margy Sundstrom moved and DG Pam Bilyeu Seconded the motion. Motion passed.

CC Lori Horton welcomed everyone to the meeting

2nd Vice DG Lou Morgan lead the participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DG Pam Bilyeu gave the invocation.

CC Lori Horton introduced the current council: 17K – 2nd Vice DG Lou Morgan, 17A – ADG Margy Sundstrom, and 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu.

CC Lori Horton introduced the International Family present and invited them to make comments: PID Deb Weaverling, PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick.

CC Lori Horton introduced the following Vice District Governors.

CC Lori Horton asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Council Action: 17K - 2nd VDG Lou Morgan moved that the agenda be approved as presented. 17A –ADG Margy Sundstrom Sseconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Parliamentarian PDG Governor Michael Sundstrom read the following report. The State Council meeting or State Convention Business meeting shall be held in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of Lions Clubs International and MD-17 of the State of Kansas. Robert's Rules of Order, as amended, shall be observed throughout this meeting.

If any Lion in attendance, wants to address the State Council they must be recognized by the Council Chairperson first. Upon recognition by the Council Chairperson, you need to proceed to the podium and use the microphone in presenting your comments.

Comments are limited to three minutes or less. You will be alerted when 2-1/2 minutes has elapsed.

CC Lori Horton asked for a motion to approve the minutes on the 2nd State State Council Meeting of 2023-2024 in McPherson, Ks, on October 21, 2023.

Council Action: 17N – DG Pam Bilyeu made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. 17K – 2nd VDG Lou Morgan seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

District Governor Reports

CC Lori Horton asked each District Governor to present their District Governor Report and where they are at with their goals.

District N – DG Pam Bilyeu – Club Count: 67
Net Gain/Loss: -8

Lion Member Count: 1392

DG Visits: 25

VDG Visits: 25

18 Clubs left to visit

District 17-N Calendar:

Zone Meeting

January 25th

ZOOM

3rd District Cabinet Meeting

February 17th

ZOOM

DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION

March 1-2

Ottawa

4th District Cabinet Meeting

June 22

Newton

District 17-N Goals:

Membership – By June 30, 2024 District 17-N will have a net gross total of 50 new Lions and charter two new Lions Clubs with 20 new Lions each. Conversations have been occurring in Augusta for a second club, and Andover.

District Membership challenge to encourage clubs to actively seek new members - In progress. Have had 65 new Lions join, Dropped 126.

One club was dropped due to non-payment. Currently completing paperwork to reinstate club, that will also add back 14 members to our membership. And have us back to 68 clubs

Leadership Development: - 100% Zone Chairs complete training- 90% have completed Upcoming Club Officers attend some training- tracking the number who have completed the training. Tracking online training continues to be a challenge
50% of the clubs will offer new member orientation in clubs tracking is a problem

DG monthly roundtable with Zone Chairs – Last meeting in Towanda November 18, 2023.

Next Zone Chair meeting via Zoom on January 25, 2024

Service – by June 30, 2024 - 90% of the District 17-N clubs will report service on My Lion Currently 47% report service.

Monitor and contact non-compliant clubs to offer assistance –addressed on club visits
LCIF Goal for 2023 -2024 is \$40,000.00

Offer opportunities for clubs to donate during Governor visit's and take up collection.
Current LCIF donations are \$15,000.00

Leo Clubs – Develop two new Leo Clubs, one is in the beginning stages in Lyndon

Also spotlighting Leos more on the District level they are our future Lions
District Environmental Challenge –The Deadline for the Challenge is coming up on Feb 15, 2024.

Concerns – Due to health reasons, 2nd Vice District Governor Ron Colbert regrettably resigned his position. The District is following the guidelines for appointing a 2nd VDG to fill the position and complete the term. A special meeting with those who were notified will be held following today's state council meeting.

Need Zone 9 Chair

GMT Lion Jerry Bilyeu has stepped into GMT position for this Lion year.
High Points:

2nd District Cabinet meeting hosted by the Towanda Lions. Bjornberg sharing challenges of Diabetes for a youth and family. Diabetes Camp help with teaching for both of them

Service project was Personal Assessments for Pre-Diabetes Triggers by Diabetes Chair Lion Ferne Evans

Education was given on GET, GLT, GMT, and GST, with Cabinet members sharing what they do and how they can be of service to others. Table groups shared ideas on projects they could do in their clubs and which member of the Global Action Team would the project be under.

Peace Poster Contest winners selected

Thanksgiving Trivia

Pre-Convention Discussion of upcoming items

District 17-N Newsletter – Lion Becky Funke does an amazing job and more clubs are sharing in the newsletter and on Facebook, posting service and activities.

The convention is right around the corner on March 1-2. International Director Marie Cunning from Arizona will be our Guest Speaker. We have a FREE Fun night planned on Friday where Lions can get together and enjoy Fun, Food and Fellowship. We will have snack food, bowling, games, including cornhole competition. The only cost is for those who want more than soda and water, a bar is available. Then Saturday is our one-day convention with a luncheon banquet. The total cost is \$5 registration and \$15.00 for Luncheon Banquet. Leos pay only for their meal.

District A – Margy Sundstrom - District-specific Goals

Service Goal:

By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will increase the percentage

of clubs reporting service (meet or exceed last year's service reporting numbers).

District-specific Service Target:

- Our team will ensure that 82% of clubs in our district report service .

Membership Development Goal:

By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will achieve a positive membership growth [meet or exceed last year's membership numbers).

District-specific Membership Development Targets:

- Our team will charter 2 new clubs with 40 charter members.
- Our clubs will induct 34 new members into existing clubs.
- Our district will not surpass 10 dropped members.

Leadership Development Goal:

By the end of the first quarter of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will hold training for club officers and zone chairpersons. The GLT district coordinator will report each training using the manage training feature in Learn.

District-specific Leadership Development Targets:

- Our team will ensure ____ % of zone chairpersons attend zone chairperson training.
- Our district will confirm 52% of club officers (president, secretary, and treasurer) attend club officer training.
- Choose one of the following statements: *

Yes, our GLT district coordinator will report completed zone and club officer training in Learn.

D No, our GLT district coordinator will not report completed zone and club officer training in Learn.

LCIF Goal:

By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will support Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in its endeavor to achieve its fundraising goal.

District-specific LCIF Targets:

- Our team will ensure that individual participation in our district increases by 71% and club participation in our district increases by 48 %.
- Our team will ensure that 3 clubs in my district achieve 100% member participation.
- I will work to achieve a 2 level LCIF Chairperson's Medal.
- I will make a personal donation of \$ 100.00 to LCIF and I will **ask** members of my district cabinet to make a personal donation to LCIF.

District K – DG Don Keihl sent the following report - District Governor: Donald Keihl

District: 17-K

Date: January 21, 2024

Number of Clubs: 65 **Number of Lions:** 1194 **Net Gain/Loss:** -51

Status Quo Clubs: 0 **Cancelled Clubs:** 3 **Problem Clubs:** 0

Date to Remember: **District Convention:** March 15-16, 2024

MD-17 State Conv: May 31 – June 1, 2024

Official visits to Date: 31

Goals: 2 New Clubs; 2 branch clubs; 200 New Members by June 30, 2024

Health of the District: Fair

Comments: The heavy loss of membership occurred when the Beloit Lions Club disbanded, [27 members], and the Liberal Lions Club dropped 11 members in December. Six more members have been dropped in January. Club visitation has become a challenge because we have 25 clubs that meet once a month [September – May]. We have contacted 27 clubs that have less than 15 members. We offered GAT help with the recruitment of new members.

However, these clubs have shown no interest. We have communicated monthly with all 65 clubs. A few clubs have responded to our communications. We expect more clubs to do so during the next six months.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Keihl, DG

“It is common sense to take a method and try it. If it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something.” FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Treasurer Report - PCC Hans, Treasurer presented the October 1, 2023 Treasurer’s Report. After review the following action was taken

Council Action: 17K - 2nd VDG Lou Morgan moved that the Treasurer Report be approved as presented. 17A –ADG Margy Sundstrom 2nd the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Audit Report – PCC DeAnne Heersche reported the following committee members were present: PCC DeAnne Heersche. The Audit Committee did not meet during the Third Council Meeting weekend, not having a reserved meeting time or room. However, one set of materials had been delivered, so it was audited.

The Audit Committee is still waiting for a few committees to submit documents for audits for 2020-21. Three audits have already been completed for 22-24. Audit materials may be sent to PCC DeAnne Heersche.

Budget and Finance Report – PDG David Hentges reported that they reviewed the budget and everything looked fine.

Constitution and By-Laws SOP’s – PDG Michael Sundstrom reported that there are no action items from the committee.

Environmental – Lion Merle Laham reported Here is a list of the winners

Animal Life

Elwyn Maneth,
District K
Great Bend Evening
Bobcat

Plant Life

Diane Hentges,
District A

KC Downtown
Sunflower

Landscape

Randy Hill, District K
Smith Center
Devils Gap

Weather

David Hentges,
District A

KC Downtown
Clouds

Service

Chris Bauer, District
N
Humboldt
Highway Cleanup

GLT-GMT-GST Report – PDG Richard Caldwell, PCC Harry Stockwell, PDG Carlene Rajala
GLT – PID Deb Weaverling and PID Bill Phillipi

GMT – IPDG Richard Caldwell

I was going through the latest December Club Health Report from Lions International. I was concentrating that club with the highest percentage of membership for the months of October, November, and December. The Otis Lions Club had the highest percentage growth at 50% during these three months. They will receive the Lions road sign to be placed in their city or given to another club of their choosing.

I guess these are the “brr” months. Membership statewide took a hit in all three Districts. Historically, membership recruitment does have a problem with the Holidays associated combined with at least in November and December. Also associated is the clubs clearing out numbers of non-active members for the upcoming December 31 count. Really, though, the numbers are not that great. Beginning with, Multiple District 17 (Kansas) there are 4,045 so far this fiscal year with 295 dropped, 167 added with a net growth of -128 members.

District 17K has 1,189 members so far this fiscal year, During these three quarters 10 clubs were reporting a loss, 14 members gained, and 43 Clubs without any changes. All this resulted this fiscal year is 90 members dropped with 40 added resulting in a -50 net growth. The District had Beloit Lions cancelled with 27 members which did not help their numbers.

District 17A has 1,457 members this year. Their metric membership numbers this year are 89 dropped, 62 added resulting in -27 net growth. For this quarter 20 Clubs lost members with 4 Clubs gaining members. Lastly, 46 Clubs without changes.

District 17N had a great year in 2022-2023 with the highest membership growth. In 2023-2024 so far there has been a downturn. So far, this fiscal year, their membership numbers are 1,392. The District added 65 but lost 116 resulting in -51 net growth. The Caney Club with 14 members was canceled which did not help. In these last three quarters, nineteen Clubs lost members while 4 Clubs gained members, and 45 clubs with no change. This District has membership recruitment programs to encourage membership. programs

There may be many reasons for the loss of numbers and very low membership gain. Again the “ber” months especially November and December are ones of slows club activities. Maybe the clearing out of rosters of non-active members so as to meet the December 31 deadline can account for these losses. Maybe members did not pay dues at the beginning of the fiscal year for many reasons and decided not to continue. Another concern would be a weak retention program within these clubs that could result in member disaffection.

Hopefully, clubs can recover these lost numbers during the next months. With the process of SWAT clubs can build and encourage club growth and retention. The biggest “however” was the clubs that showed zero percentage of growth or loss. Either these clubs have strong retention programs or just truthfully update their monthly membership numbers. If these clubs would increase by at least one new member, district and state membership numbers would increase. Though this increase by one member might be small, it will allow Clubs to begin heading toward better service and expanding the clubs’ mission. Asking for one new member could seed the desire to increase.

As a reminder, every quarter of the Lions years club in Kansas with the highest percentage of growth will be recognized with a Lions Club Road Sign. The next quarter count will be in March, Let's increase those numbers!

GET – PCC Harry Stockwell - Please accept my MD 17 GET report. We had a Zoom meeting with 17K (Alan), 17 A. (Eric), 17 N CC Lori. Discussion on strategy and planning. All reported their activities in their Districts. As of this week. 17A has reported that they are working on a club as well as 17K and 17N reported activities in Ft. Scott, Andover, and Augusta. Because of health and weather and holidays put a delay. Working hard in these towns. We will be working in El Dorado this month. Hopefully, we can plan on getting personnel into McPherson. Also working on Leo clubs. Need help in chartering new clubs.

GST – PDG Carlene Rajala

The State Convention's Service project for ALL districts will focus on the needs of the ALERT program. Also, the flags recognizing Veteran's Service will be completed.

Thank you, Lions, for serving nearly a quarter million people!!

K-I – PDG Tom Weatherd, Chair: No report

Health Report by Lion Vern Failor

Has your Club "Changed the World" with a project? Remember IP Patti Hill has said, "Change comes One Step at a Time". **Has your Club taken the first step?** It is not too late just start now. We change the world one life, one relationship, one community at a time. **Has your Lions Club committed to this challenge?** To help you with this challenge the Lions Health Program LHP will be supplying articles to all of the DG's newsletters on Health issues as indicated by the LCI's monthly event calendar. We ask that each Lions Club use these topics to plan programs for the year. We hope these will help plan your Lions Club programs.

Here is the LCI Event Calendar for Lions year 2023/24

February Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

April Environmental Awareness Month

March Diabetes Alert Day.

LCI has lots of information on all of the subjects listed above, just go to lionsclubs.org and look for it. If you need help Lion Vern will be glad to help you. Just contact him.

There are 2 Diabetes Camps in Kansas operated by the American Diabetes Association. Lion Vern can help you send youth to one of these camps just ask him to help you.

The Lions Health Program team has VSP certificates available. They are for any Lions Club in the Muti district. If you want a certificate please contact **(email)** Lion Vern with the following information.

1. Name and Date of Birth of the recipient
2. Postal Code of the recipient,
3. Name of the Lion making the request and address of that Lion.

These are worth \$250.00 to a club, but are **FREE** for the asking with **a limit of 2 per club per month.**

These are from **your** Lions Club and **you** will need to explain the process for using the certificate to your client and you will receive a list of Vision Service Companies where the certificate can be redeemed. When you contact your client, please inform your client **NOT** to make any contact with a provider until they have the certificate in their hand. The certificates cannot be emailed as each has a different serial number and cannot be copied. In 3 months we have dispensed 40 of the 75. These certificates need to be used by September, 2024 so please ask for them.

Dist K Lion Kathy Bell	Diabetes	owetelee@hotmail.com	620 430 0594
Dist. K PDG Marvin Funk	LHP	marve153@cox.net	620 877 7322
Dist. A Lion Vern Failor	LHP	ulfailor@gmail.com	785 272 6102
Dist. N Lion Ferne Evans	Diabetes	fuzzywuzzyonelci@gmail.com	785 845 475

LCIF Report – PDG Rick Dodson no report.

Long Range Planning - No Meeting

Mid-Winter Rally – PID Bill Phillipi, Chair reported that Mid-Winter Special attention will be given to the exhibitor area. We have had a lot of clubs, districts, and foundations that came with an exhibit.

Attendance is down and the committee will have a survey to follow-up to see what we can do to make Mid-Winter something that every Lion wants to attend,

Public Relations – No report

State Convention – IPID Deb Weaverling promised a great State Convention in Laurence. Be looking for information in the coming week. The special Guest will be IP Dr. Patty Hill.

State Band report – PCC Hans & 2VDG Shari- State Band Committee Co-Chairs - Lions welcome to a New Year and New Hope. However sadly, it seems that we will need to cancel our plans to have a Kansas Lions International Band going to Boston this summer. With less than a month to the deadline, there is no way for us to realistically reach our required number of 60 students. Since the next two International Convention locations are currently posted as Australia and Mexico, our next reasonable potential to take a band will be in 2026 (Atlanta). That as it may be, now we can place full attention to building our Kansas Lions State Band numbers to exceed the 200 mark again.

In less than five months, band students from around the state will converge onto the Fort Hays State University campus to participate in the 2023 Kansas Lions Band camp. Information was sent early last fall to eligible returning students, band directors, and to the various Lions Clubs. In addition, information has been posted on Facebook, sent to the District Governors for their newsletters, and uploaded to the Multiple District website. To recap the expense for attending the band camp, cost is only \$250.00, with an application/payment deadline of May 6.

Thanks to the Kansas Lions Band Foundation providing expense funds, our next milestone will be hosting the Kansas Lions Band information booth at the KMEA In-Service Workshop, scheduled for February 24-25 in Wichita. This annual event provides us a unique opportunity to speak with various band directors, interact with band students, and to contact potential future college campus locations and their band staff members. We have also been in contact with a company in Wichita to have the new band trailer wrapped. As soon as it is completed, I will post pictures on the websites and provide them to the District Governors.

Lion Shari and I are excited to return to Fort Hays State University, this was the site of our first band camp (2003) as Band Committee Co-Chairs. Things are going to start moving faster as we

get closer to the camp. Please help us in getting the band size back above 200. Now is the time to contact your local band directors and students, ensuring that they have the information about this wonderful opportunity. In closing, I will end with a quote by Baroness Maria Augusta von Trapp, stepmother and matriarch of the Trapp Family Singers, *"Music acts like a magic key, to which the most tightly closed heart opens."*

Kansas Lions Foundation – President PCC Diane Hentges

President PCC Diane Hentges called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Present were President Hentges (Director 17-A), Vice President Lion Cheryl Kerns, Secretary PDG Kathie Bell, Treasurer PDG Dan Funke, Assistant Treasurer PCC Helen LeBlanc (Director 17-N), and Directors, CC Randy St. Aubyn (17-K), 2nd VDG Diana Baumann (17-K), PCC David Hentges (17-A), PCC Jess Larison (17-N) and PDG Richard Caldwell (17-N). PDG Jerry Loney (17-A) and 1st VDG Jennifer Marsteller (17-K) were absent. A quorum was present.

Helen LeBlanc moved the agenda be accepted and Richard Caldwell seconded. The motion carried.

The minutes of the October 29, 2022, meeting had been distributed. Randy St. Aubyn moved they be accepted, and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The motion carried.

Although present, Dan Funke was driving in his car, so the Treasurer's report was deferred until later during the meeting.

Cheryl Kerns gave the Leos report. PCC DeAnne Heersche has lined up a church for the Leos to use during Mid-Winter Rally. The Leos will do blankets for veterans as a service project.

Quest is continuing, but there was nothing new to report.

Only one Peace Poster from the three Districts met the size qualifications to be eligible to be sent on to Lions Clubs International. That one was from District N.

See below for Youth Exchange report.

There is still no chairperson for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp (see report below). On November 17, 2022, Richard arranged for a phone conference with former camp chair Lion Grace Kneil and KLF President Diane Hentges. There has not been a Camp since before Covid. In 2019, it cost \$20,000 to run the Camp. Due to inflation and higher costs to use Rock Springs Camp, the cost would be much higher now. The possibility of changing to a less expensive location was brought up. It is not possible to hold this camp in 2023. There will be a special meeting before the State Convention to discuss this issue. The KLF Board will study the additional information requested about the camp and will come up with options for the camp. More info is needed from Lion Grace. Grace Kneil and Richard Caldwell are both in the Bel Aire Lions Club and Richard will try get more information from Grace about the Camp.

KLF is hosting the luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally. Dan Funke is taking care of the program along with Cheryl Kerns (see program). About 100 people have registered so far. It was a consensus that entertainment would consist of a form of "telephone" or "gossip" to be played by conveying a drawing on backs of table members. The three teams with the best renditions would win "Lions" candy bars supplied by Diane Hentges. A video featuring the ALERT program will be shown. See the program below for more information.

When Dan Funke arrived at his house, he gave the Treasurer's report. The KLF will have to return some grant money which was not spent back to LCIF. The Manhattan Foundation account is down along with the rest of the current market. A parcel of land that should have gone to the City of Goddard did not get to the City. Helen LeBlanc moved Quit Claim (deed) be sent to the City of Goddard and Cheryl Kerns seconded. This will be taken care of when all the paperwork is signed.

Helen LeBlanc made a motion to accept the report and Cheryl Kerns seconded. The report was accepted.

The ALERT committee will meet in the hotel lobby on Saturday morning to add more members to the committee.

ID Debra and Ron Weaverling gave a report on planned giving and stressed that the KLF needs to pursue this form of fundraising. Ron Weaverling, DG Tom Baumann (who is a CPA), Helen LeBlanc, Dan Funke and Diane Baumann formed a committee to investigate this. Bob Simmons of Emporia should be asked to join the committee as well. They will meet before the State Convention.

Dan has set up a table at Mid-Winter Rally to sell Pink Lions and Bill & Dorothy Wunder pins. 50-50 raffle tickets will be sold at Mid-Winter and State Convention for \$5 a ticket with half the proceeds going to the winner and the other half going to KLAT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

PDG Kathie Bell, Secretary, Kansas Lions Foundation.

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Camp

November 17, 2022

Conference call Richard Caldwell, Grace Kneil, Diane Hentges

Topic: Deaf & Hard of Hearing Camp

In the past, Sumner Camp had been held at Rock Springs. The cost of a camp is approximately \$20,000. Approximately \$5,000 was generated by donations. Donors included corporations like Cargill. Grace can provide a list of prior donors. Students' cost was \$250.00. All students were sponsored by a Lions club. The length of the camp was five days. Grace can provide a camp agenda. Enrollment was 20-25 but decreasing.

Since the last camp Rock Springs has improved the accommodations. A more affordable location may need to be secured. Before upgrades the lodging was not air conditioned.

Staff were recruited from qualified individuals who were proficient in sign language and were experienced working with the deaf/hard of hearing community. Grace can provide a list of past camp workers. 6-7 staff are needed.

A brochure was developed pre-COVID to promote the camp. Target audiences included the Kansas State School for the Deaf and Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs.

A planning committee of 5 to 6 professional educators and interpreters is suggested. Money and location are the big issues.

MD 17 youth exchange report:

I have received notification from five countries interested upon sending students to Kansas. I also had a correspondence with a Christmas card. I have contacted each of these counties, however I won't be receiving any applications until the end of the due to their holding meetings on candidates. Those counties are Finland, Japan(Christmas card) and four new exchange counties. Spain, France, Netherlands and Italy. We had exchange with Italy about 18 years ago. What this means is contact all clubs in the state and hopefully there will be interest. I am asking all DG & VDG's to help promote and if they have distinct youth exchange chairs. This also a great opportunity to strengthen our program. PCC Harry MD17; Youth exchange chair.

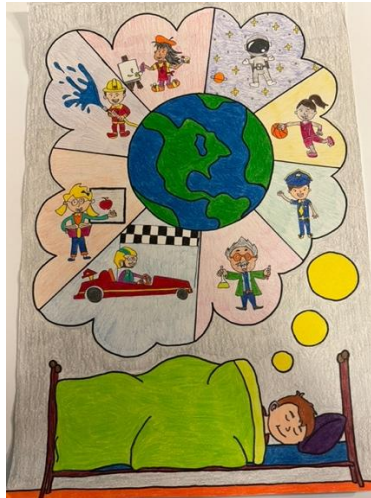
The three contestants for the Kansas MD17 Peace Poster Contest were announced and honored at the Noon Luncheon at the Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City on Saturday 20. The theme of the posters for the 2023-2024 Lion year is "Dare to Dream". Darian Kearney represented District 17K from the Stafford Lions. Darian, whose parent is Heather Zehr, is an eighth grader of the Stafford Middle School. Elsee Martin, whose parents are Blake and Tifanie Marten, represented District 17A from the Waterville Lions. Elsee is a seventh grader from the Valley Heights Middle School. Brock Apel, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Apel, represented District 17N from the Augusta Lions. Brock is sixth grader from the Augusta Middle.

A panel of three judges ranged from a photographer, business professional and middle school teacher were used. Judged at 1st. Place was the poster by Darian Kearney. Elsee Martin's work was judged 2nd. Place, and Brock Apel's work was judged the position of 3rd.

All three posters were great, making judging difficult. These three students should be recognized for stepping up to participate. They will be future leaders who will change the world.



1st. Place



2nd Place



3rd. Place

Kansas Lions Band Foundation: PDG Willie Tolle, President: The Kansas Lions Band Foundation held their third director's meeting, Saturday January 20, 2024.

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as e-mailed to the directors. A roll call was taken by the secretary.

The Treasurer's report was given and approved with a change of moving the money market money to a checking account and working to get a tax exemption on the trailer.

State office report:

CC Lori reported that work on the fence is completed except for the stain/sealer, and the broken window has been fixed for around \$650.00. The kitchen air conditioner has stopped working. The external fan is not running. State Secretary Dan has informed me that the only time he uses it is for Governor training and he can cool that area off using the main air conditioner in the office area. At this time, he requesting that it does not need to be fixed unless someone wants to look at it for free.

State & International Band report:

Everything is in line for KMEA and the flyers have been mailed to all directors and students edible to return. Postcards will be mailed as reminders. There are three applications already received. The new band committee member, Galen Whisman was introduced to the foundation

Old business:

1. The new pin design was approved and Bobby is currently looking for a vendor.

2. Reviewed the pig raffle/beef bundle. We are still looking for a processor. When one is found tickets will be mailed to directors and DGs to sell.
3. The auction was discussed and help was requested.
4. The new brochure has been printed and is available.
5. There will be a QR code in the program at the concert to allow contributions to be submitted that way.

New business:

The trumpet pin program was discussed and members were encouraged to get contributions by this method.

NOTE: The auction netted approx. \$2100.

Respectfully submitted,
President PDG William Tolle
Secretary PDG John Lee
Treasurer PDG Bill Stenfors

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation – PID Gene Vogel, President - Your Kansas Lions Sight Foundation met yesterday with what I thought would be a short meeting. 1 hour and 45 minutes later we adjourned.

Each year Audio-Reader Radio Network makes a presentation to the board. Lion Beth McKenzie made a detailed presentation on the benefits of Audio-Reader to those who are unable to read. This include blind and visually impaired along with those who are unable to read due to physical limitations.

Lion Dan Skinner presented how Siri worked for listening to Audio-Reader programming. With Siri, Audio-Reader is available worldwide.

The foundation presented a grant of \$20,000 for Satellite Uplink and publications.

It was proposed that for orders of 500 or more Solar Eclipse Glasses there would be 1 display provided at no cost. This was moved seconded and passed.

PDG Terry Weldin reported the numbers for children screening for 6 years and under. District K 1846 screened with 128 referrals, District A 7814 screened with 1272 referrals, and District N 613 screened with 49 referrals.

Lion Vern Failor reported on the used eyeglasses project. He stated there are two storage locations. One in Hutchinson and one in Topeka. A sorting party was conducted in Topeka on Wednesday, January 17. 10 Lions were sorting around 5,000 pairs of glasses.

Lion Vern stated the need to have a Lion volunteer to be the chair of this project. He stated that he would not be in charge. I would like to thank Lion Vern for his help in this project on such a short notice.

Currently, the Hutchison Correctional Facility is analyzing about 4,000 pairs of glasses per month.

I ask that if you know of someone who would be able and willing to chair this project to contact me.

Kansas Lions has been collecting eyeglasses since I became a member in 1969. However, without a chair for this project, we will have to discontinue collecting eyeglasses.

The Bel Aire Lions Club will allow the KLSF to use their trailer in return for them using the screening equipment for their club.

At the KLSF table, there were 2050 Solar Eyeglasses distributed. There is a supply of solar glasses in inventory waiting for orders. Please promote this project.

Old Business – No old business was presented

New Business – PDG Chris Bauer presented the State and District Pins that the council had review. 17A Margi Sundstrom moved that the official State Pin for 2023-24.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM by the Council Chair