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District 17-O Lions

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# Beacon of Change

## Huff's Stuff



District Governor, Michele Hufferd

I just got back from the District N Convention last night and we are now done with all of the district conventions. That means that every club should be getting their officer nominations done and their PU-101's turned in to International. Thank you to the five clubs in our district who have already submitted theirs! Our State Secretary is asking that all PU-101's are submitted no later than May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. If you need assistance, please contact me and I will help you with the filing.

Besides the convention this weekend, Clint and I spent Saturday at the State office for voting on State officers. I am extremely honored to let you know that I will be serving the State as Council Chairman for the 2011-2012 year. I'm so excited to be able to continue serving not only our district in some capacity, but our entire State as a Lion. We are doubly blessed in our district as DG-Elect Clint was voted in as Vice Council Chair for the 2011-2012 year. What a great day for District O!

Another great District O accomplishment is that at the end of March, we had brought in

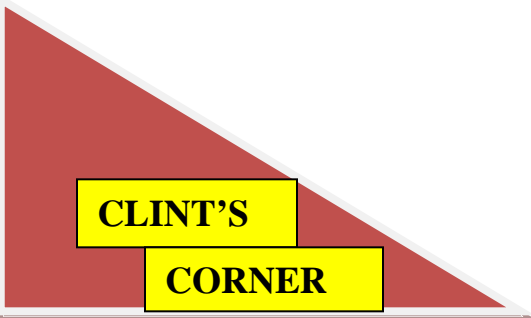
enough new members to cover the members we lost in March. We still have to get 42 new members to end the year on a positive note for membership. That is less than one new member per club. I know we can do it! All you have to do is ask!

Don't forget that we are now in April and it is time for President Scruggs' fourth service project. Let's have 100% participating in the environmental project. If you can't plant a tree, then clean up a highway or maybe feed a squirrel (they are part of the environment you know!) As long as it is a project that helps the environment, it will count toward our 100% participation goal. I would ask each President to send me a brief email once you have completed your project and let me know what you did and how it went.

State Convention is now right around the corner. It will be held June 2-5 at the Holidome in Lawrence. The schedule of events is incredible!! I highly suggest that all Lions attend. In addition, our Saturday speaker will be our International President, Sid Scruggs. You really don't want to miss that! Information on the State Convention will be sent to all Presidents & Secretaries this week in a separate email. To help plan part of the festivities, I ask that each club provide me with at least one picture of your club working on a service project this year.

Thanks for all you do!!





**CLINT'S**

**CORNER**

Will spring ever get here? Here it is the end of March and it is barely above freezing. With the end of March brings the end to the district conventions. This weekend will be the District N convention in Wichita. This will wrap up the district conventions for Multiple District 17. So far I have attended all of the district conventions this year, as have several others from around the state. Remember the state convention is June 2 - 4, 2011. It will be in Lawrence this year. Now is the time to get your registration in. Let's have a good turn out from District O.

Spring brings green grass, fresh flowers, new leaves on the trees, and Lions Clubs elections. Has your club held their election? If not, the deadline is fast approaching. This year the state office has requested that everyone have their report of election (PU-101) filed with Lions Clubs International by May 1st. Some clubs already have their 101 filed. Remember it only takes about one minute to file a PU-101 on line. Make sure that the information about your officers is current and up to date. Mailing address, phone number and email of officers is used by Lions International, the district and multi-district to keep your officers informed.

I am in the final stage of naming my cabinet members and committee chairs. I still have a few positions to fill, but for the most part it is all coming together. My thanks to those who have accepted appointments.

The "Governors Point Contest" will continue next year. There may be a few changes to the report form. If you have a suggestion for ways to improve the contest, please let me know. Likewise if anyone has ideas to get more club participation in the point contest, I would welcome their suggestions.



**Points Contest Standings:**

20 members or less:

- Everest - 2,805**
- Gardner - 17,015**
- Hiawatha - 28,510**
- Highland - 22,835**
- Horton - 2,575**
- Seneca - 8,130**
- Shawnee - 20,215**

21-40 members:

- Lawrence - 52,060**
- Lyndon - 10,235**
- OP Host - 66,810**
- Robinson - 15,100**
- Sabetha - 16,465**
- Scranton - 18,800**
- Topeka Sunflower - 77,800**
- Troy - 10,240**
- Valley Falls - 10,075**

41+ members:

- Leavenworth - 75,790**
- Leawood - 55,813**
- Louisburg - 161,925**



**There Is Still Room for Your Club's Points!**

Numbers shown may or may not include current month, depending on when points are received.

If you have points that you do not see above, please contact Clint Vawter or myself. We may not have received them.

## Nichols' Notes



In February, PDG Neal attended a Faculty Development Institute held in Oak Brook. One of the people he met was **Dr. Mary Sedgwick**, an ob-gyn physician whose blindness was not unexpected but occurred much earlier than had been forecast.

Lion Mary shared the following with the Lions in attendance at this event. If you receive the newsletter for the Overland Park Host Lions Club, you have already seen these bits of wisdom. I feel like they should go to an even larger audience so I'm including them in my column for this month.

Lion Beverly  
1<sup>st</sup> VDG-elect

### The Blind Beautitudes

Author: *Anonymous*

- **Blessed are they who refrain from shouting when they speak to me.**
- **Blessed are they who talk directly to me and not to someone else.**
- **Blessed are they who say who they are when entering a room and say hello to me.**
- **Blessed are they who say goodbye to me when they leave so I am not left speaking to the air.**
- **Blessed are they who do not hesitate to say "SEE" when talking to me.**
- **Blessed are they who tap my shoulder gently when they approach from behind or from the side when speaking to me.**
- **Blessed are they who wait for me to extend my hand before shaking it.**
- **Blessed are they who place my hand on an object such as the back of a chair when telling me where it is, so I can seat myself.**
- **Blessed are they who do not leave me in a strange environment without orienting me to it.**
- **Blessed are they who offer me their arm so they can serve as my guide, instead of grabbing, pulling, or shoving me.**
- **Blessed are they who come up to me in a large crowd and offer to help me when I appear disoriented.**
- **Blessed are they who do not embarrass me in a group of people by openly referring to my blindness in word or action.**
- **Blessed are they who laugh with me when I tell a joke related to blindness.**
- **Blessed are they who read me the menu and its prices and allow me to order my own meal.**
- **Blessed are they who do not distract my guide dog from being my active eyes.**
- **Blessed are they who treat me like a human being, for I AM a human being.**

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And speaking of blessings: blessings on your many springtime activities, whether they be fund raisers or service projects.

## MONEY AVAILABLE

Lions, Lionesses, and Leos (18 years of age and older) are able to get scholarship funds to assist with Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) tuition fees. The Multiple District 17 PDG Club is offering two \$75.00 scholarships to the first two applicants from each district and PDG Mike Banta, [mikejoycebanta@localnet.com](mailto:mikejoycebanta@localnet.com), is the point of contact. District 17-O is providing eight \$100.00 scholarships to the first eight applicants and PDG Peggy Jacobson, [pegjacob@aol.com](mailto:pegjacob@aol.com) is the point of contact. Those funds are made available upon successful completion of the GPLLI training. The earlier applicants obviously have an advantage in receiving funding support. More importantly, the participants in the GPLLI experience will receive excellent training, improved confidence, and excellent networking opportunities among Lions from five multiple districts.

This is the first year that the GPLLI tuition is applied on an incremental basis such that applications received through May 31, 2011 are charged \$125.00 tuition; whereas, those who apply after May 31, 2011 will be charged \$140.00. This incremental change is designed to encourage early applications, which permits the GPLLI staff to best plan for accommodating students.

Everyone should also be aware of the fact that the GPLLI staff is in the process of obtaining a distinctive lapel pin for all GPLLI graduates. All prior graduates and staff will be permitted to purchase a pin and future graduates and staff will be provided a pin as a part of the graduation ceremony. The GPLLI pin design contest was won by PDG Dale Rein who submitted the most outstanding design from among eight entries.

Those interested in obtaining additional information or application forms should contact PID Ernie Young at [eyoungks@aol.com](mailto:eyoungks@aol.com), or call 913-727-2082.

**YOUR CLUB  
INFORMATION COULD  
BE HERE!!**

## YOU ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED. NOW WHAT?

Congratulations to all new Lions officers and committee chairpersons on your recent election or appointment. Success for your office or committee in 2011-2012 will now be dependent on you to set the proper pace for a successful year. You have the opportunity, so do your best to perform in a manner for which you can be justifiably proud. All of us can use some help to get prepared for a successful year and the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) is a prime source of help in getting prepared for success. You may register for GPLLI now and give yourself a decided advantage. GPLLI will be conducted July 22-24, 2011 on the campus of Doane College at Crete, Nebraska. Your cost for this outstanding learning experience is \$125 if registered by May 31, then \$140 for registration beginning June 1. Many districts and past district governor associations are providing assistance with those tuition costs, so check to determine what is available. You have agreed to serve in 2011-2012 and GPLLI is the way to enhance your potential for an outstanding year of service.

Contact PID Ernie Young, [eyoungks@aol.com](mailto:eyoungks@aol.com), for application forms. Your move!

## MOBILE SCREENING UNIT

The MSU will be returning to the Kansas State Fair next September. For this to happen all of the Lions Clubs in Kansas need to help in this huge project.

How can a Club help?

1. By scheduling a time to help operate the MSU.
2. By donating to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.
3. By learning more about the MSU and its operation.
4. By scheduling the MSU to come to your location.

The Dates for the Kansas State Fair are September 8 – 18, 2011. The Fair is open from 9am to 9pm each day and the booth must be staffed all of this time. The MSU will be doing screenings from 10am to 6pm each day. It takes 7 -10 people per shift and there will be 2 shifts.

We will need your club name, a contact persons information and how many from your club can supply to help. Contact area people that can do blood pressure and diabetes checks to help at the Fair. Contact **Sylvia Reinhardt** or **Ron Bretz** about your club helping and to answer questions.

Hey there, "Bud" here, my friend Richard and friends took me on a ride around the northeast portion of the district "O". Wow! What a trip. St Joe, the Stetson Factory Outlet,(no hat fit)Pat bought a purse (as if she needed another one) next went by the Harley store. Pat wouldn't allow us to stop. Next the St Joe Boot Outlet. Friendly girls, Richard bought a Vest. Oh Oh, I forgot, we stopped for lunch at an Irish Bar along the highway 29 corridor, Great beer. At least that's what Richard said. We stopped at Troy to visit the totem Pole. Wow that was special. next over to Hiawatha to visit the Davis Memorial. Very special. Next the Senior Citizens Cafe in Robinson for dinner, Chili or Chicken noodle soup. Well, as you may know I need fresh meat. I began to mope. We walk next door to the "Bird Cage Theater" Wow! What a bunch of lovely people. Lots of laughs and redeye and popcorn. Still no fresh meat. Richard was allowed to introduce me when it was offered and he kindly told everyone that I was going to be allowed to search for prey on the trip home so it might be advisable to keep an eye on the pets left to their own tasks in their front yards. Now that is another story. On the way home we stopped and a truck stop on highway 29, Farrises I believe, nevertheless there was some interesting people there. I noticed everyone thought Richard was quite strange for talking to me in public. I felt proud after all nobody has bothered to speak to me for several years. I have to tell you two things, we need more Lions like those in Robinson at the Bird Cage, and we need more Lions like Richard, Pat, Peggy and Steve. Let's all get out and invite people you see being considerate of others no matter where you find them. Believe me they are out there. "Ask them" now.

Richard Barnes  
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## Upcoming Events

**Apr 9, 2011**  
**Worldwide Induction Day**

**Apr 9, 2011**  
**Scranton Taco Feed**  
 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
 Comm. building in park.

**Apr 9, 2011**  
**OP Host Pasta Dinner & Auction**  
**5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
 Overland Park Christian Church.  
 7600 W. 75<sup>th</sup> Street, OP, KS  
 Adults \$7.50; children 3-11 \$5.00.  
 Desserts \$2.00

**Apr 12, 2011**  
 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
 Work at Harvesters!

**Apr 14, 2011**  
**Easton Donkey Basketball**  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Pleasant Ridge High School,  
 32500 Easton Rd, Easton, KS.  
 Tickets are \$6 in advance or \$8 at door. Contact Lion Lenny Oatney at 913-683-3711

**Apr 16, 2011**  
**Eudora Lions Easter Bunny Pancake Breakfast**  
 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
 Eudora Community Building  
 1638 Elm Street. Adjacent to swimming pool. Elm is two blocks west of Church Street and one block east of Main

**Apr 16, 2011**  
**KCK Lions 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit**  
 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Phoenix Bar & Grill at 302 W. 8<sup>th</sup>, Kansas City, MO. Featured artist Lonnie McFadden. Join us for a Cajun buffet, cash bar, music & raffles. Contact Sonia Sittingdown at 785-223-2919 for tickets.

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**District Governor Visits**

- May 1 – Louisburg Car Show
- May 15 – Region 3 zone social
- May 20 – Install Prairie Village officers
- Jun 2-5 - State Convention
- Jun 18 – Cabinet Social

**Remember - - All articles or information for the newsletter should be sent to the editor, DG Hufferd, no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month to be included in the next newsletter.**

**NEEDED:**

An occasional ride from Overland Park to Lee's Summit for work. If anyone is interested in helping out on occasion, please contact me. I'm willing to pay: \$10 per trip or \$20 per day. That would help to cover gas and other such expenses.

Kim Morrow, Prairie Village Lions Club.  
[morrowka@earthlink.net](mailto:morrowka@earthlink.net)

**Secretaries**

*Please remember to submit your MMR reports to International BEFORE the end of the month. It takes less than five minutes and is CRUCIAL to our reporting. Call me if you are having problems.*

**May 1, 2011  
Louisburg Car Show  
On Broadway in Louisburg  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Car Show, Silent Auction, Food, DJ, Lots of Fun and MORE... Come Join Us!

**May 21, 2011  
Leadership Training ... See Below**

**June 4 & 5, 2011  
State Convention**  
Holidome in Lawrence  
See registration form attached to this newsletter. Let's have a great showing from District 17-O for our International President!

**June 18, 2011  
Cabinet Social**  
Location TBD  
More Information will follow

**June 25, 2011  
Scranton Lions Parade  
10:00 am**



**Thank goodness all those conventions are over...**

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Bonner Springs**

*Nancy Barger  
Sponsor: Di Anne Berning*

**Easton:**

*Lester Blaski  
Sponsor: Lenny Oatney*

*Thomas Hall  
Sponsor: Charles Swinford*

**Highland:**

*Marie Hoffpauer  
Sponsor: Michael Lamb*

**KCK Downtown:**

*Dana Clouse  
Sponsor:*

**Leavenworth:**

*Nancy Martin  
Sponsor:*

**Leawood:**

*Donald Torizzo  
Sponsor: Chris Wright*

**Lenexa:**

*Tamara Hudspeth  
Sponsor: Margaret Moore*

*Charles Hunt  
Sponsor:*

**Louisburg:**

*Karen Stuart  
Sponsor: Michele Hufferd*

**Scranton:**

*Pamela Green  
Sponsor: Marie Hulsopple*

*Janice Guthrie  
Sponsor: Larry Hulsopple*

**Service Opportunity**

**Area Lions will help at Harvesters on Tuesday, April 12th from 5:30-8 PM. We're hoping to work on the Backpack Snack Program for area kids.**

**I know members from the Lenexa Lions, Merriam Shawnee Lions and Shawnee Lions Clubs are planning on going. It's a fun evening of serving others. Come join us.**

**Please let me know if you're coming by the week before.  
Lion Carleen 913-541-1139**

**Youth Exchange**

*Jonathan Mareschal, age 22 is from France, and wants to do his exchange in Kansas this summer. At this point we still do not have a host family for him. He would like to do his exchange during the month of July. We need a committment soon, in order for him to make flight arrangements.*

From Italy, Laura Melioli will be hosted in District O, by Lynda Adwell. She plans to do her exchange in late June.

ZC Kris and Rachel Jones, from District I, plan to host one of the Japanese exchanges this summer. And PCC Harry and Lorraine Stockwell, from District S, are planning to host the other two Japanese girls. The Japanese students come in August, but unfortunately due to the recent disaster in Japan, the arrangements for exchanges are more than a little unstable. Communication is not good, and we just are not sure at this point of the reality of the Japanese/Kansas exchanges for this summer. We will keep all three of these girls and their families in our thoughts and prayers.

A hearty thank you goes out to our host families participating this last winter !

PDG Wally and Carol Severson and Ariel from District L, served as hosts for Lorena Manchego from Lima, Peru. From all reports, she was having a wonderful exchange. Kent and Jonette Clark, in District I, hosted Alvero Maquina from Lima,Peru for the first portion of his exchange. The remainder of his time in the USA he spent with relatives in Idaho.

Kalen Stockton is the only youth planning an exchange out of the country this year. She is sponsored by the Topeka Sunflower club in Dist. O and is making arrangements to do an exchange in France this summer.

As always, I ask if you or someone you know, can host one of our exchange students please contact me. PegGilbert YECMD17 785-658-5709

**“THE LION HOOKERS”**

Those of you who are interested in learning to crochet or if you already know how, we will have our first get together on Sunday afternoon, April 10th at 3:00 at the library in Louisburg on 2<sup>nd</sup> & Broadway to start “hooking” for the homeless. Alco has their yarn on sale this week so you might like to get out there and pick up a few skeins. The Red Heart yarn is two for \$5.00. I recommend the 7 oz ones. If you get the 5 oz., you will need two because one 5 oz is not quite enough to make the length needed. A “K” hook makes the best size. Everyone is welcome to join us.



There is still time to fill those crayons! Please plan on sending your crayon money to DG Hufferd by June 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to “KU Endowment” with KU Cancer Center in the memo line. Thank you!

Hello, District O Lions! O for Opportunity to Serve and Opportunity to Do! I want to Thank You all for voting for me for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG at our District Convention this past February! Thank You!

I look forward to serving in this capacity and learning so much more and taking the reins as DG in 2013/2014! I want to help all clubs to have Orientations for their new members and then work on having refresher orientations for all members once a year.

I would also like to propose a recognition program I call the STAR program, which is 'Say Thanks And Recognize'. Recognize all Lions for the great work that they are doing. Whether it is just a pat on the back, a handshake and a smile, or stating "Atta boy (or Atta, girl), Great job!" Just simple recognition to that member does a world of good, especially if nothing has been said or done for them previously. Just Do It!

I look forward to visiting all clubs again as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG! Thank You District O Lions! I will serve you proudly! Take Care! In Lionism, Lion 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE Jerry

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT!

Please plan on attending the Leadership Development Training scheduled for May 21, 2011. The location is tentatively in Topeka. All 2011-12 presidents, vice-presidents, secretaries, and treasurers should plan to attend, but others officers and/or potential leaders are welcome.

The day will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a continental breakfast. There will be a mid-morning snack and lunch will be provided. The leadership sessions will last until about 2:30, no later than 3 p.m.

All materials will be provided.

Discussion leaders will be PDG Neal Nichols (presidents/vice presidents. DG-E Clint Vawter (secretaries); 1st VDG-E Beverly Nichols and Lion Sylvia Bostick (treasurers). Beverly will also present a short session on using Microsoft Excel spreadsheets.

If you have anything that you need to learn to fulfill your duties, please join us!

Neal Nichols  
Leadership Chairman

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