



February 2011

*District 17-O Lions*

# Beacon of Change

## Huff's Stuff



*District Governor,  
Michele Hufferd*

I just got home from Mid-Winter Rally. What a great time we all had! There is a lot of information that will be given at our Cabinet meeting on Saturday, and then by your zone chairs at the zone meetings. Please plan on attending at least one of those meetings so you will know what is taking place across the State. Information on all of those meetings is found in this newsletter.

District Convention is also right around the corner. Please make sure you get your registrations in as soon as possible so our chairmen can get their work done early, rather than having to wait until the last minute. It's going to be a great time and lots of fun!

Voting will also be taking place at the District Convention on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. Make sure that you bring your signed delegate forms with you so that you are able to take advantage of all of the votes your club has available. A delegate form is attached to this newsletter.

April is coming soon, and with it, President Scruggs' fourth service project. The environment is the focus for April's project. I would love it if we could have 100% of

our clubs participating in the project. President Scruggs' is asking every club to plant a tree. This should be a really easy project for all of us to work on. A flyer on the project is attached. Since this is a "service" project, that means we actually do it ourselves, not pay someone to do it for us. If your club wants to plant a tree, but the manpower isn't there, please let me know and we will find help from other clubs so our 100% club participation can be met.

I have now completed all of my annual visits. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of you and getting to hear what you are doing as Lions. I highly recommend visitation of other clubs. It's so easy to get ideas for new projects and fundraisers and a fantastic way of meeting Lions. You also get points in the DG Points Contest for visiting other clubs.

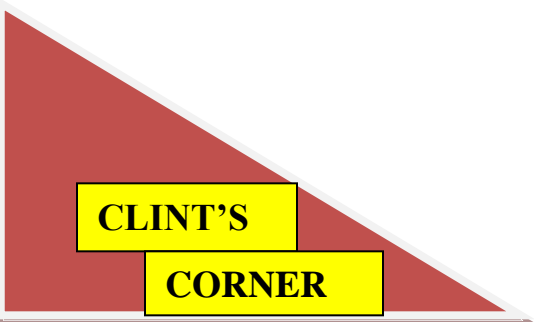
I am continuing to visit clubs that ask me to return for new member meetings, new member inductions, club issues, etc. If your club needs my assistance in any way, please give me a call. I am here to help!



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### Points Contest Standings:

#### 20 members or less:

- Everest - 2,805**
- Gardner - 12,005**
- Hiawatha - 19,345**
- Highland - 16,155**
- Horton - 2,575**
- Seneca - 7,230**

#### 21-40 members:

- Lawrence - 52,060**
- Lyndon - 8,100**
- OP Host - 46,150**
- Robinson - 12,150**
- Sabetha - 13,865**
- Scranton - 16,250**
- Topeka Sunflower - 40,525**
- Troy - 9,960**
- Valley Falls - 7,175**

#### 41+ members:

- Leavenworth - 63,575**
- Leawood - 30,038**
- Louisburg - 145,700**



## 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

Mid Winter Rally is over and conventions and elections are just around the corner. Conventions start out with District L on Feb 18 & 19, 2011 in Hays. Our own District O convention is next on Feb 25 & 26, 2011 in Lawrence. Following ours is District I in Concordia on Mar 11 & 12, 2011. District S is next on Mar 18 & 19, 2011 in Emporia. District N wraps it up on Apr 2 & 3, 2011. Each convention will have an election of District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, and 2nd Vice District Governor. There may also be elections of members of foundations, and constitutional amendments.

On the subject of elections, election of club officers is drawing close. There are guidelines set down by Lions International to be followed to properly conduct a club election.

- a. The first step is to appoint a nomination committee. This needs to be done by the first meeting in February. Most clubs by tradition appoint the three most recent past presidents.
- b. At the first meeting in March, the nominating committee announces their recommendations for nominations. No other action is taken at this time. At this meeting the Club Secretary must announce to all present that there will be another reading at the next meeting and when the election will be held. Additionally the secretary must notify any member not present in writing of those being nominated, and that nominations will be open from the floor at the next meeting, and when the election will be held.
- c. At the second March meeting the nomination committee reads their recommendations. Nominations are open from the floor. Each nomination must be seconded. When nominations from the floor are finished a motion and second is made to cease nominations, followed by a club vote.
- d. Election is held the first meeting in April. Secretary files results with LCI as soon as possible, but no later than May first.

Officers take office at the same time as the International President. This varies a little from year to year depending on the dates of the International Convention. This year the effective date of new officers will be July 8, 2011. An installation of officers ceremony is conducted between the close of the last meeting of June, or the beginning of the first meeting of July. Many clubs have a special event to commemorate the occasion such as a picnic with family and friends present. The installation may be conducted by any lion, but usually is done by a District Governor, Vice district Governor or a Past District Governor, or a past club president. For additional information on club elections, take a look at the Standard Club Constitution.

# Nichols' Notes



## Distinguished Donor Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Inc.

“Distinguished Donor” is the highest donor level identified by KU Eye Center, home of the University of Kansas Medical School Department of Ophthalmology. What pride we Lions can take to see our names on the donors’ wall in the waiting area of the KU Eye Clinic. In the administrative area a number of plaques denote the history of Lions giving over three decades (individually and as clubs) for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund to support research.

PDG Neal and I visited the KU Eye Center on January 18. It was my first visit there and Lion Neal’s first visit at the current location. As the liaison between the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and KU Eye Center I wanted to learn firsthand about the relationship between the two entities.

In touring the clinic we were able to see the equipment the Center has been able to purchase through funds from Lions’ Candy Days. These equipment purchases include microscopes for both research and clinical use; software for computers in all 25 exam rooms; cameras that are used to diagnose as well as treat patients with cornea, retina, or glaucoma conditions; and low vision equipment such as tools for magnification.

Interest from the endowment fund supports ongoing research by doctors in the Department of Ophthalmology. The research of two doctors is currently being supported through these dollars. One doctor’s research is in the area of melanoma of the eye while the second doctor’s focus is on diabetic retinopathy.

The relationship between the KU Eye Center and Kansas Lions is also beneficial to Lions Clubs and individuals within their communities. In 2009 (the most recent year for which I was provided data), the KU Eye Center provided treatment for eighty (80) patients referred by Kansas Lions clubs. The monetary value for this treatment was \$32,000, all of which was absorbed by KU Eye Clinic.

Dr. John Sutphin, chair of the Department of Ophthalmology, stressed that Kansas Lions can have an impact far beyond a monetary one. Politically, Lions can be very helpful in raising awareness of the contribution of the KU Eye Center as well as the needs. Less than 10% of the budget comes from state funds; the rest is raised from grants and contributions.

As Lions we can help the KU Medical Center’s Department of Ophthalmology in doing the following:

- **Teaching** hundreds of well-training eye care specialists, many of whom are practicing in the communities in which we live.
- **Conducting research** that enables development of new procedures that preserve and restore eyesight.
- **Providing patient** care for thousands of patients at the KU Eye Center, including those referred by Kansas Lions.

(Note: Some information from this article was gleaned from a summary compiled by PID Ernie Young and used with his permission. Most of the information is based on my personal visit.

Lion Beverly Nichols  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

### PowerPoint Workshop at District Convention

**Mark the time!** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 26 at the 17-O Convention in Lawrence

Participants need to bring their own laptop computers, fully charged. Training demonstration will be done using the 2007 version of PowerPoint, but directions will also be given for those who still have the 2003 version on their computers.

Training will start with basics and proceed into adding some embellishments, but really fancy “bells and whistles” will not be the focus. A fairly short and simple script will be provided as a model that participants can copy, but each individual can come with ideas that he or she would like to incorporate into a PowerPoint presentation.

Please notify Beverly Nichols at [taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com) or 913-642-7520 by Monday, February 21 if you plan to take part so that the proper number of handouts can be provided. Also, we want to have a sufficient number of knowledgeable PowerPoint users on hand to be able to circulate and provide assistance as needed. If response exceeds the space we have available, we'll give priority to those who responded to the original technology survey put out by the Long Range Planning Committee.

We'll have some extension cords available, so you can bring the power cords for your own computer to use if absolutely necessary. However, too many plugged in electrical cords can be a safety hazard as well as a drain on the hotel's electricity. Therefore it's really advisable to have your computer fully charged before the session begins.

**Remember: Please notify Beverly if you plan to participate in this workshop. Seminar is limited to 30 participants!**

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

### DISTRICT CONVENTION

**Make your reservations now for District Convention February 25 & 26 at the Holidome in Lawrence, Kansas. The room rate is \$70.00 per night. The guaranteed room rate has passed, but you may still be able to get the Lions rate if they have rooms available. Contact the Lawrence Holiday Inn directly at 785-841-7077. Ask for the District 17-O Lions Club rate.**

**Registrations for the meals need to be submitted to Sylvia Bostick, convention chairperson at [vsbostick@yahoo.com](mailto:vsbostick@yahoo.com) or 913-837-5255. They can be mailed to 29675 Spring Valley Road, Louisburg, KS 66053.**

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

### ZONE MEETINGS

Region 1 – Dual Zone Meeting – February 15, 2011 at Hiawatha Inn at 6:30.

Region 2 – Dual Zone Meeting – February 15, 2011 at Zarda BBQ in Lenexa at 6:00.

Region 3 – Dual Zone Meeting – March 3, 2011 at Kansan Grill in Topeka at 6:00.

Region 4 – Dual Zone meeting February 21, 2011 at Ryans Restaurant in Olathe at 6:30.

When Wrigley chewing gum had a virtual monopoly on the market, an associate asked Mr. Wrigley why he kept spending money on advertising. His answer was that, in order for a train to keep running, you had to keep supplying the engine with fuel.

Most of our clubs finished our Christmas projects and went home to celebrate with family. Then winter came with a vengeance, and we have been digging out ever since. Is the train still moving at a good speed? If not, we suggest these ideas for getting back up to speed.

Review 2010 and assess what was good and what could be done better next time.

Attend some of the upcoming Lion meetings (cabinet meeting, zone meeting, district convention) and up your enthusiasm.

Generate some publicity on your club's best work.

Get started on your next fundraiser or service project.

Visit other clubs.

Urge more people to get involved in leadership for next year.

Let's all finish the year with lots of steam!

PDG JoAnn Mayo  
Retention chair

## Upcoming Events

Feb 1, 2011

**Lyndon Soup Supper**

More information to follow.

Feb 5, 2011

9:00 a.m.

**Cabinet Meeting**

**Power Play, Shawnee**

Feb 12, 2011

**Scranton Pancakes & Biscuits & Gravy**

7:00 to 11:00 am

Community building, 300 E. Boon Street in City Park

Feb 15, 2011

**Effingham Ballgame Feed**

Chili & Chicken Noodles

Feb 25 & 26, 2011

**District Convention**

**Holidome, Lawrence**

Friday night dinner & entertainment

Saturday – Too much going on to list!

Mar 4-5, 2011

**Robinson Melodrama**

7:00 p.m.

""Granny Smyth Goes To Washington, or...She Was the Apple of His Pie" at the Robinson Bird Cage. Contact Robinson Club for reservations.

Mar 6, 2011

**Robinson Melodrama**

2:00 p.m.

""Granny Smyth Goes To Washington, or...She Was the Apple of His Pie" at the Robinson Bird Cage. Contact Robinson Club for reservations.

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## 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.

**Please talk to your Lions Clubs and start letting us know who and how many can help.**

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.

**District Governor Visits**

- Feb 5 - Cabinet Meeting
- Feb 18-19 – DG Hookstra Dist Conv
- Feb 25-26 – District Convention
- Mar 11-12 – DG Sorenson Dist Conv
- Mar 18-19 – DG Wienck Dist Conv
- Apr 1-2 – DG Smarsh Dist Conv
- April 8 – DGE Training Session
- 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.**

PDG Bernard Lee will be at the Cabinet Meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at Power Play in Shawnee with his van to pick-up eyeglasses. Any clubs that have eyeglasses, please bring them to the cabinet meeting.

**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.*

**Mar 11-12, 2011  
Robinson Melodrama  
7:00 p.m.**

""Granny Smyth Goes To Washington, or...She Was the Apple of His Pie" at the Robinson Bird Cage. Contact Robinson Club for reservations.

**Mar 26, 2011  
Annual Trivia Night  
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Sponsored by Shawnee and OP Noon Clubs at Indian Creek Community Church in Olathe. \$10 per person. Call Lion Peggy 913.649.2534 or Carleen Rajala at 913-541-1139.

**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

**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!

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

**NEW MEMBERS**

Gardner

Judy Gurley  
Sponsor: Evans Dunlap

Leavenworth:

Jan Horvath  
Sponsor: Lawrence Levine

Daniel Kirton  
Sponsor: James Hawkins

Jose Sales  
Sponsor: Luigi Alemanno

Leawood:

Edwin Banister  
Sponsor: James Bays



**Remember to keep filling your crayon banks for the KU Cancer Center! We have six months to go!!**

**Beacon of Hope  
District 17-0 Convention  
Holidome, Lawrence, KS  
February 25-26, 2011**



## AGENDA

### Friday:

- 5:00 - Registration Opens
- 6:30 - Dinner  
Entertainment by the Blues Brothers

### Saturday:

- 7:30 - PDG Breakfast
- 8:00 - Registration opens  
Theme Basket silent auction opens
- 9:00 - Seminar – Learn How to Use Powerpoint for Presentations (2 hours)  
(Need to bring a laptop if you have one, and power cord. Limited to 30 attendees)
- 9:00 - Seminar – So you Want to Be a District Governor
- 10:00 - Seminar – Learn to Crochet for the Homeless  
(Need to bring a crochet hook and 1-2 skeins of yard)
- 11:30 - Youth Luncheon – Peace Poster Recognition  
Speaker: J.P. Davis, 2006 Olympic Bobsled Team
- 1:30 - Seminar – ID Dick Sawyer – “Catch & Hold/Not Catch & Release”
- 2:30 - Business Meeting/Voting followed by Necrology Service
- 5:00 - Social Time  
Theme Basket Silent Auction closes
- 6:00 - Dinner – Speaker ID Dick Sawyer  
Entertainment by KS School for the Blind pianists
- 8:00 - Hospitality room open

**Beacon of Hope  
District 17-0 Convention  
Holidome, Lawrence, KS  
February 25-26, 2011**



(A registration form is required for each attendee. Please make copies as needed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Club

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred name for name tag, if other than above Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

**Events (check those events you wish to attend, enter the amount and total your choices):**

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Registration (required of attendees for any convention event) \$5.00 ..... \$ 5.00

.....  
Friday Night Dinner (Caesar Salad, Portabello Mushroom Tortellini, Tiramisu) \$12.00 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday Morning Past District Governor's Breakfast (Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Potatoes,  
Muffin, Orange Juice, Coffee, Hot Tea and Milk) \$10.00 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday Lunch (Chicken Wrap, Potato Salad, Cookies) \$10.00 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday Dinner (Spinach salad, Pot Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Honey glazed carrots,  
Apple or cherry pie) \$15.00 ..... \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**..... \_\_\_\_\_

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DISTRICT 17-O. Send registration forms and remittances to:  
Sylvia Bostick, 29675 Spring Valley Road, Louisburg, KS 66053**

**Registration Deadline is February 15, 2011**  
(meals may not be available for registrations received after that date)

**Our convention hotel is the Holidome, Lawrence, phone 1-800-287-0037.  
Mention you are attending the Lions Club event to get the special rate of \$70  
per night. **Reservations can still be made.****

## Convention Booklet Advertising Rates

Lions District 17-O Convention will be held February 25 & 26, 2011 in Lawrence, KS. Ad space is currently available for the convention booklet to advertise upcoming club activities, events, to or honor a club or community member or to advertise your business.

<u>Ad Size/Dimension</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Double truck Center Spread (8 x 10 inch image are)(limit one)	\$ 200
Full Page (3.75 x 10 inch image area)	\$ 100
Half Page (3.75 x 5 inch image area)	\$ 50
Quarter Page (3.75 x 2.5 inch image area or business card)	\$ 25

ALL ADS ARE BLACK AND WHITE ONLY

Display ads may also contain “coupons”

Classified Ads are also available. 20 words for \$10.00 Categories listed alphabetically by: Club name, Product offered, Services offered.

### Advertising Insertion Order

Yes, Place my ad in the 2011 Lions District Convention Booklet.

Club or Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person’s name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Size of Ad: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am including the artwork/Design with this form.

I am e-mailing the artwork/design to [lionrhess@aol.com](mailto:lionrhess@aol.com)

Make checks payable to District 17-O, note “Advertising” on the memo

Mail payment to:

Ray Hess  
245 North Poplar Drive  
Gardner, KS 66030

FOR INTERNAL USE ONLY
DATE RECEIVED _____
REFERENCE # _____
AMOUNT \$ _____

Questions? [Lionrhess@aol.com](mailto:Lionrhess@aol.com) or 913-856-5043.

*No ad will be inserted until payment is received. All payments and ads must be received no later than February 10, 2011.*

# DISTRICT 17-O CONVENTION NEEDS...

## FEBRUARY 25-26, 2011

Just a few things that the convention chairman still needs assistance with. If you are willing to help, please contact Sylvia Bostick at 913-837-5255 or [vsbostick@yahoo.com](mailto:vsbostick@yahoo.com).

1. Any club willing to assist with the hospitality room by bringing munchies. Could use fruit/vegetable trays, cookies/breads, breakfast rolls/donuts, chips/crackers, hot dip in crockpot, meatballs, cheese balls, cases of water &/or soda.
2. Do you have a business you would like to advertise by providing goodies for the registration bag? Please contact Ken and Mary Margaret Rowen at 785-842-8847 or [mmrowen@aol.com](mailto:mmrowen@aol.com).
3. If you would like to advertise in the convention booklet, please complete the form attached and send to Lion Ray Hess.
4. If you would like to have a vendor table set up, please contact Lions Wes and Margaret Moore at 913-441-6683 or at [73wes-marg36@kc.rr.com](mailto:73wes-marg36@kc.rr.com).
5. We will be having a theme basket silent auction. We ask that each club donate a basket for the auction. Your theme can be whatever you like. The money raised from the baskets will go to the KU Cancer Center as part of our district fundraiser. Please contact Diane Hentges at 913-342-8878 or [dhentges@kc.rr.com](mailto:dhentges@kc.rr.com) if you will be bringing a basket.

**17-O Delegate Authorization Form**

Lion \_\_\_\_\_, in accordance with Lions Clubs International Constitution, Multiple District Constitution, and 17-O Constitution is hereby authorized as a delegate and eligible to Vote at the District convention Saturday, February 26, 2011.

Per Lions Clubs international By-Laws, Article V, Section 8, each chartered club in good standing in the association and its district, shall be entitled in each annual convention of its district to one delegate and one alternate for each 10 members who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club. Full delegate status to be given to each Past District Governor who is a member in a club of that said district.

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