



January 2011

District 17-O Lions

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# Beacon of Change

## Huff's Stuff



District Governor, Michele Hufferd

I can't believe half of the Lions year is already over and a new calendar year has begun. Now that we start 2011, we should be starting the year with a new found energy – ready to take on all the challenges that face us. Our District did some fantastic things in 2010, so let's make 2011 even better!

Some of the highlights of the first six months of this Lions year:

1. We raised \$7,460.00 for our district by attending three Chiefs games;
2. Most of our clubs participated in President Scrogg's first three service projects;
3. With the never-ending work of David and Diane Hentges, we have charged a new club.

As we begin January, we start the time of year for Mid-Winter Rally and district conventions. I hope everyone is planning on attending those fun events this year.

I was really hoping that we would be able to start the new year with positive membership, however, we had a major decline this month. We added 23 new members, but lost 36, for a net

loss of 13. We need to be looking at each of our clubs and determining why these lions are leaving. It may be time to start taking some hard looks at your meeting day, time, location, etc. It's possible that just changing that, would not only keep some members, but possibly bring in some new members.

I realize that change is hard, especially when "That's the way we've always done it" gets in the way.

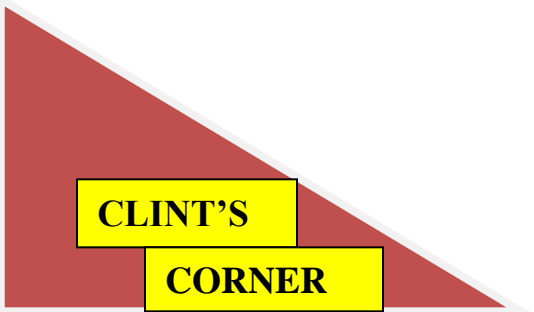
I was discussing this issue with my husband, David, the other night and he said something that we should all take to heart. "We aren't Lions to make each other happy, we are Lions to serve our communities". We need to start really evaluating where we are and make the choice that the needs of our communities are actually more important than our wants.

There isn't just one way to do things anymore. We have so many options that we can choose from, that there should be some middle ground that will make everyone happy and increase the level of support that we give our communities.

I would be more than happy to come and talk to any lion or club that is having issues and would like some different ideas and perspectives. I am here to serve you and appreciate those who have reached out to me so far.

I hope that everyone has a Happy and safe New Year!





**CLINT'S**

**CORNER**

Greetings Lions! As I am writing this, Christmas is past and New Years is coming up. By the time you read it, the holidays will be over for this season. I hope you had a really great holiday, I certainly did. Now that January is here, it is time for Mid Winter Rally, January 28 - 30, reservation deadline is coming up soon. District conventions start in mid February and run through early April. State convention is in June. The last half of the Lion Year is upon us, and it promises to be a busy half.

This would be a good time to begin building up your Lions Club. My club lost five members in December due to various reasons and I am certain that many other clubs also experienced losses in December. It seems like December and June are the two months with the biggest losses. All in all, the district lost about 45 members in December 2010. Why is this? Largely it is due to non-payment of dues. Several of the dropped members were transfers within the district, and were not losses to the district. So as we begin a new calendar year, let's try to re-coop our losses and finish the Lions year in the same or better shape member wise, as we started the Lion's year.

A new calendar year also means it is time to be thinking about club election of officers. That means that the nomination committee is to be announced in February. First reading of nominations the first meeting in March. Second nomination reading and nominations from the floor at the second meeting in March. Election to be held the first meeting in April, and PU-101 submitted immediately following the election. The secretary is to prepare ballots as needed and have them ready for the election. The secretary is also responsible for notifying all members of the election a month prior to the election. This could be done at a the first March meeting by making an announcement at the meeting. Those not present would require written notice. Additional information may be found in the standard club constitution and bylaws.



**Points Contest Standings:**

20 members or less:

- Everest - 2,805**
- Gardner - 11,405**
- Hiawatha - 16,185**
- Highland - 13,990**
- Horton - 2,575**
- Seneca - 5,430**

21-40 members:

- Lyndon - 8,100**
- OP Host - 38,825**
- Robinson - 10,700**
- Sabetha - 13,865**
- Scranton - 13,650**
- Topeka Sunflower - 40,525**
- Troy - 9,860**
- Valley Falls - 7,175**

41+ members:

- Leavenworth - 58,125**
- Leawood - 30,038**
- Louisburg - 139,325**



*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



Are you one of those folks who still makes New Year's Resolutions? Or, if you don't actually make resolutions, are there things you'd like to do in 2011? Either way, here are some suggestions.

**Think Technology.** In the fall PID Ernie Young and the Long Range Planning Committee sent out a questionnaire to determine interest in some type of computer training. A number of Lions in District 17-O expressed an interest, with training in PowerPoint being the number one choice. DG Michele and her convention chair Sylvia Bostick have arranged for us to have a two-hour time slot during the district convention to provide training. Participants will need to bring their own laptop computers. The instruction will be done using the 2007 version of Microsoft Office, but directions will also be given for those folks using the 2003 version. Space will be limited and preference will be given to those who responded to the fall survey. Watch your e-mail for more details about registering for this specific seminar to be held at the district convention in February.

**Think Leadership.** We are blessed as Lions to have numerous opportunities to enhance our leadership skills, whether we are veteran Lions or relatively new ones. Be thinking now about Lions in your club who can benefit from attending the **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute** held in July. Cost is minimal and can be covered through scholarships available from the Past District Governors' Club. The **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** will be in Anchorage the last week in September. The Forum is a prime opportunity to attend seminars and hear motivational speakers not available at any other venue. Attending the Forum is important for Kansas Lions so we can all get the "big picture" of what it takes to produce a successful forum. (Kansas Lions will host the 2013 Forum in Overland Park.) The **Senior Lions Leadership Institute**, held each fall, provides the opportunity for a limited number of Lions to participate in an intense learning experience. And, finally, watch for the **district leadership training** sessions planned by Leadership Chair PDG Neal Nichols. Two sessions have already been held this year, and more will be upcoming during the months ahead.

**Think Lions Fun and Fellowship.** Fun and fellowship are always a part of any Lions' get-together, but here are some specific opportunities. Start the Lions' year out right by attending the **Midwinter Rally** in Junction City at the end of January. Follow that with the **district convention** in Lawrence the last weekend in February. Lawrence will also be the site of the **state convention** in early June, when we welcome International President Sid Scruggs. **But PLAN NOW to attend the International Convention in Seattle, July 4-8; then join Council Chair Bill Phillipi and Lion Vicki along with other Kansas Lions on an Alaskan cruise.** Contact me if you need information about the cruise.

Best wishes for an outstanding year in 2011.  
Lion Beverly Nichols, 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG  
[taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com)  
913-642-7520

## December/January Service Project – Shine a Light on Hunger

### "Relieving the Hunger" Global Service Action Campaign

Today, there are more than one billion people who do not have enough to eat. One person out of six lives in a state of chronic hunger. Lions have an opportunity to shine a light on hunger and show the strength of our worldwide network during a special service action campaign, "Relieving the Hunger."

#### Take Action

During December and January, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world to help relieve hunger.

- Organize projects that mobilize your club members to make a difference in your community – by helping those who don't have enough to eat.
- Visit [The Global FoodBanking Network](#) or [Feeding America](#) for volunteer opportunities near you. If your local food bank does not have volunteer opportunities available, you may wish to consider other service projects such as preparing and delivering food baskets to families in need or planting a community vegetable garden.

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

## DISTRICT CONVENTION

This year's convention is right around the corner - February 25 & 26 at the Holidome in Lawrence, Kansas. The room rate is \$70.00 per night. If you are already as excited as I am, you can book your room early through our Holiday Inn convention website at:

<https://secure.ihotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/cwshome/DP RD-858L74/LWRKS?secure=true>

If you would rather call, the reservation number is 1-800-287-0037. Ask for the District 17-O Lions Club rate. The last day to get the Lions rate is January 11, 2011!!

Any questions regarding the convention can be directed to Sylvia Bostick, convention chairperson at [vsbostick@yahoo.com](mailto:vsbostick@yahoo.com) or 913-837-5255

We look forward to seeing you there!

## WE HAVE A NEW CLUB IN DISTRICT 17-O

Congratulations to the new Kansas City Downtown Lions Club!! Be on the lookout for news on their Charter night.

Charter member are as follows:

- |                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Tom Brown          | Madelene Burkindine |
| Eleanor Craig      | Benjamin Diaz       |
| Brian Fitzpatrick  | Cathy Grote         |
| Anne Grothaus      | David Hentges       |
| Diane Hentges      | Matthew Hentges     |
| Beverly Johnson    | Tanya Lang          |
| Susan Lewis        | Debra Morrison      |
| Bethany Novobradac | Sammie Rimpson, III |
| Sonia Sittingdawn  | Gordon Thomas       |
| Dennis Vanderpool  | Emily Vowiell       |

Info: President of Gardner Lions.  
 Steven TanCreti (He goes be T.C.)  
 205 Aspen Street  
 Gardner, KS 66030  
 913-856-6202  
[SJTC52@embarqmail.com](mailto:SJTC52@embarqmail.com)



I had the distinct honor of presenting six Melvin Jones Fellowships at the Silver Lake Lions Club Meeting in December.

Left to Right: Treasurer Wayne Kellner, Auctioneer, Jim Kocher, who is not a Lion's Club member but has helped auctioneer the annual Silver Lake Lion's Club Auction for over forty-years, Tail Twister Mike Mitchell, District Governor Michele Hufferd, Secretary Francis Kelsey President Jane Kelsey, and member Larry Maddox. Photo by Bonnie Chockley.

## VOTING

Listed below are the Lions who have stated their intention to run for the positions indicated.

KLF – 2 year member – Jerry Loney/Cheryl Kerns

KLBF – 2 year member – Bobby Duvall

KLSF – 3 year member – Andy Hoedl

Candy Day Chair – 2 year unexpired – Beverly

Nichols

2<sup>nd</sup> VDG – Jerry Loney/Gary Adkins

If there is anyone else interested in any of these positions, you must state your intention to me by January 25<sup>th</sup> at [vsbostick@yahoo.com](mailto:vsbostick@yahoo.com), or call me at 913-837-5255 for information.

Secretaries – please share this information with your members.

## Upcoming Events

Jan 7, 2011

**Effingham Ballgame Feed**  
 Chili & Chicken Noodles

Jan 8, 2011

**Scranton Ham/Beans & Veg/Beef Soup Feed**  
 11:00 am to 1:30 pm  
 Community building, 300 E. Boon Street in City Park

Jan 8, 2011

**Lawrence Trivia Contest**  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Conroys Pub  
 \$10.00 suggested donation per person

Jan 11, 2011

**Effingham Ballgame Feed**  
 Grilled Hamburgers

Jan 18, 2010

**Effingham Ballgame Feed**  
 Baked Potatoes

Jan 28-30, 2011

**Mid-Winter Rally**  
 Junction City, KS

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

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**District Governor Visits**

- Jan 3 - Wetmore
- Jan 15 - Prairie Village
- Jan 17 - Williamsburg
- Jan 28-30 - Mid-Winter Rally
- 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
- 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.**

**The correct information for scheduling the MSU is as follows.**

Ronald Bretz  
 347 Victoria Ct  
 Newton, Kansas 67114  
[wildfires@cox.net](mailto:wildfires@cox.net)  
 316 283 1921  
 318 772 7790

**Club #7021 Leawood Lions Club Secretary's address change - Doris Nelmes' new apt # is 461.**

**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.*

**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.

**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.

**Apr 9, 2011**  
**Scranton Taco Feed**  
**11:00 am to 1:30 pm**  
Community building, 300 E. Boon Street in City Park

**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**

Leavenworth:

*Jeremy Baker*  
Sponsor: *John Baker*

*Teresa Evans*  
Sponsor: *John Raletz*

Spring Hill:

*James Bill Brown*  
Sponsor:



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



**It only takes one person to change the lives of many!**

# DISTRICT 17-O CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

FEBRUARY 25-26, 2011

It's MARDI GRAS!!!!



Join us Friday night for entertainment straight from New Orleans....The Blues Brothers!! You're sure to have a great time with Jake and Elwood. Mardi Gras is in the air!

At our youth Peace Poster luncheon on Saturday, we will be hearing from J.P. Davies, a member of the 2006 USA Olympic bobsled team.



Then – at our Saturday night banquet, we will hear from International Director, Dick Sawyer, from Arizona. I'm sure he will have something very inspiring for all of us.

Other great events are planned for the weekend – You don't want to miss it!

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

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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 must be made by January 11, 2011 to get special rate.****

## 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

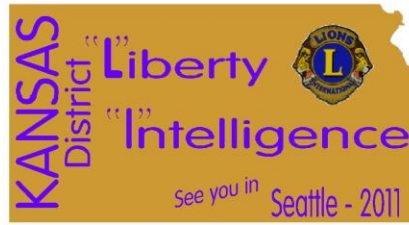
Mail payment to:

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.*



### Kansas Lions District 17- O 2011 State and District Pin Order Form

All order forms must be accompanied by check or money order:  
payable to Kansas Lions District 17-O ( No Credit Sales )

Kansas 2011 State pin      \$3.00 each x \_\_\_\_\_ number pins = \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas 2011 Set of 3 pins  
(State + 2 District pins)      \$9.00 per set x \_\_\_\_\_ number of sets = \_\_\_\_\_

Kansas 2009 Set 6 pins      \$12.00 per set x \_\_\_\_\_ number of sets = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Pins Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Total check or money order      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping: 1 – 8 pins = \$4.00	Insurance optional: Up to \$50 = \$1.75
9 – 30 pins = \$6.00	\$50.01 to \$100 = \$2.25
31 – 60 pins = \$10.00	\$100.01 to \$200 = \$2.75

Pins ship at your risk. District will not be responsible for pins lost in mail.

Send Order Form To:	Ship Pins To:
Lion Andrew J. Hoedl	_____
District Pin Chairman	_____
15403 W. 80 <sup>th</sup> Place	_____
Lenexa, KS 66219-1534	_____
Telephone Number	_____

Or e-mail order to: [ahoedlcpa@aol.com](mailto:ahoedlcpa@aol.com)