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District 17-O Lions

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Beacon of Change

Huff's Stuff



*District Governor,
Michele Hufferd*

This will be my last official newsletter as District Governor. I want to thank each and every one of you. This has been a fantastic year and I have had a lot of fun. I hope you all have enjoyed the fun things we have done this year, and hope we can keep that momentum going into the future.

We have the month of June to continue working on membership and increasing the number of Lions in our district. It is so easy to do. As Lions, we have a lot to offer our communities, and a lot to offer those wanting to join us. It is very important to do as much service as we can. Service is what we are all about, and that is what people will want to be a part of.

I would like to thank those of you who took time from your busy schedules to go down and help in Reading. District Governor Tonya was very appreciative of how our district stepped up to help out. "We Serve" doesn't just stop at our own community lines, and you have all proved what a great district we have.

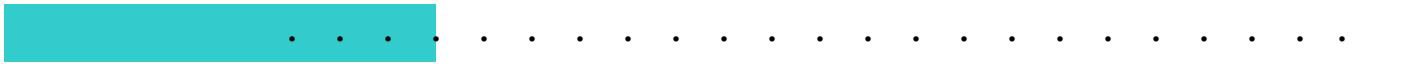
So....now we have another opportunity to serve. Lion Mary Werner's daughter, Shelly, lost

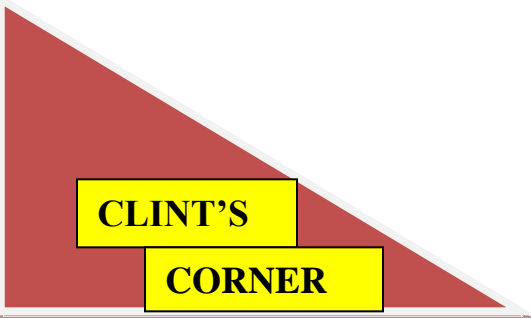
her home and everything they own, except the clothes on her back Saturday to a fire. Shelly has been working with our district in preparing our Convention booklet, and now could use our help.

I have spoken with Lion Mary, and right now, the only thing they desperately need is size 0 or size 1 shorts or pants for Shelly and Aly, also extra small and small tops. Midwest Health in Topeka that is having a fundraiser for her. The US Bank in Topeka is opening a special account for cash donations. Also, Midwest Health is taking furniture donations and storing it in their warehouse until she can find a place to live.

If you have clothing, please bring it to convention this weekend. If you would like to make a donation, please see me and I will make sure the donations get to Mary for Shelly & Aly, or make them at the locations listed above. Once Shelly finds a new place to live, I'm sure there will be a need for additional items and I will let you know what they will need.

Again, thank you so much for making this such a wonderful year. I have enjoyed visiting with each of the clubs and making a lot of new friends. I look forward to seeing you in the future at Lion events. Please feel free to contact me at any time if I can be of service to you or your club.





CLINT'S

CORNER

Hello Lions. This is my last column as First Vice District Governor. My next column will be as Governor. The next news letter will be under our new newsletter editor. The newsletter editor for next Lion year will be Lion Phil Menninger with the Topeka Downtown Lions Club. Lion Phil's email is: coolphil@cox.net Please send your items for the July newsletter to Lion Phil. Send him news of your club events and activities, and announcements of your club calendar. The July newsletter will be out around July 10, right after I return from the International Convention. Please have your items to Lion Phil no later than Jun 30 for the July newsletter. For the August newsletter on through the remainder of the Lion Year have your items to Lion Phil by the 25th of the month, as the newsletter will be published on or about the first of each month.

The District Governors point contest will continue for the next year. I am revising the points form slightly. I have received some very good suggestions from some clubs for changes. If you have a suggested change please let me know. The new form will be released in early July. Continue sending points for May and Jun to me. I must receive all point sheets by no later than Jun 30.

Cabinet meetings for the coming year are: August 20, November 5, January 21, June 16. The district Convention will be March 16 & 17, 2012 in Topeka. If your club would like to host a cabinet meeting, let me know.

Secretaries, please make certain that the address information on file with Lions International is correct and up to date. It is important that all members have correct addresses on file, but it is extremely important that your new officers have the correct information on record. Email addresses are also very important. If you have reported changes in the last month, or have changes in the next month, please send a note to me directly as well as to LCI so that I can make sure that your officers are correctly listed in the state directory

I hope to see you at the State Convention in Lawrence on Jun 2 - 4, 2011. Our special guest will be International President Sid Scruggs, III.



Points Contest Standings:

20 members or less:

- Everest - 2,805**
- Gardner - 21,350**
- Hiawatha - 34,445**
- Highland - 27,355**
- Horton - 2,575**
- Seneca - 10,130**
- Shawnee - 20,215**

21-40 members:

- Lawrence - 70,485**
- Lyndon - 11,935**
- OP Host - 72,335**
- Robinson - 21,100**
- Sabetha - 19,065**
- Scranton - 21,100**
- Topeka Sunflower - 77,800**
- Troy - 10,815**
- Valley Falls - 14,375**

41+ members:

- Leavenworth - 88,290**
- Leawood - 63,898**
- Louisburg - 189,150**



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



**Think Candy Day!
Did you know? Kansas is one of at least
15 states in which Candy Day fund
raisers are held.**

Because I wanted to promote next year's Candy Day activities in this article, I went to the internet to see what I could find out about the history of Candy Day. Like Lions Clubs, Candy Days had their origin in the state of Illinois. According to a document from the Lions of Illinois Foundation entitled "Candy Day History," Illinois Lions began their efforts for a statewide project to raise funds for the blind and visually impaired in 1952. Their activities started with White Cane Days, with individuals who donated to the cause being given a white cane lapel pin. The city of Chicago had a regulation that allowed only five "tag days" within city limits, and the white cane lapel pin was considered a tag. As a result, Lions were not allowed to hold their activity within the city. Not to be deterred, Lions next tried providing Cracker Jacks, but the media balked at promoting a commercial project.

In 1956 Illinois Lions replaced Cracker Jacks with the candy rolls we all now recognize, complete with the Lions logo. It was the "Candy Day History" that stated the following: "If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, then Illinois Lions must certainly be blushing. Currently more than 15 states and Australia also conduct Candy Day fund raisers."

I can hear some of you asking, "What is the history of Candy Day in Kansas?" The answer to that will be forthcoming in a later newsletter. Meanwhile, there's no time like the present to put Candy Day into your club's activity schedule for the 2011-2012 Lions' year. You need four ingredients to cook up a successful Candy Day: a date (or dates), a location, a supply of candy, and willing Lions to serve.

Notice that I said "date" or "dates." You CAN have more than one Candy Day. While most clubs schedule a Candy Day in the fall, the timing should fit your club and the schedule of activities you have planned for the year. You can be creative about your location. Most clubs have their Candy Days at a local business, such as a grocery store or a store like WalMart. However, one club in our district has its Candy Day at a high school basketball game in February.

Candy should be ordered through me or Lion Jim Rochel (jimhrochel@hotmail.com). Lion Jim was the Candy Day chair for our district for a number of years. He no longer serves as a director on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation but still supports the Candy Day efforts by ordering the candy and keeping it in a climate-controlled location. Let one of us know if you are going to need candy in the coming year, what kinds and how much. Lion Jim orders the three kinds that are the most popular in our district: the lifesaver-type candy, wintergreen mints, and sugar free peppermint.

We've had a great year in District 17-O under the leadership of DG Michele. Enjoy the summer months ahead, a time that often brings a little slower pace for our various activities. But use that time of relaxing to gear up for another successful year with DG-E Clint.

Lion Beverly
1st VDG-Elect
KLSF Director and Candy Day Chair, District 17-O

The year is almost over, and it is time to take stock. Install new officers, and report on the work done this year. This has been a year of many needs, and surely every club can be proud of the service they gave.

The end of the year is the time for recognizing and thanking all the members of your club for their hard work. Even though not every club has the means to give lavish gifts to hard workers, certificates of appreciation and recognition within the club are appreciated. And if other nonmembers helped with your work, be sure to include them in the thank yous.

This can also be a time for new leaders to present their vision for the coming year, so that members can become enthused about becoming a part of that work.

I give my personal thanks to the Lions of District 17-O for a job well done.

Some time ago I asked for six word descriptions of Lions. I only got one response, but it is an excellent one. Lion Heather Lanigan of Overland Park Host club describes Lionism this way: "Peaceful brotherhood serving our fellow man". That really says it all, doesn't it? Thank you, Lion Heather. I plan to use that one.

In Lionism,

PDG JoAnn Mayo
17-O Retention chair
MERL team

LION OF THE YEAR

Please have all Lion of the Year nominations turned in to DG Michele Hufferd no later than June 10, 2011. Forms can be given to DG Michele at State Convention, or by mail to P.O. Box 1179, Louisburg, KS 66053.

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, 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.

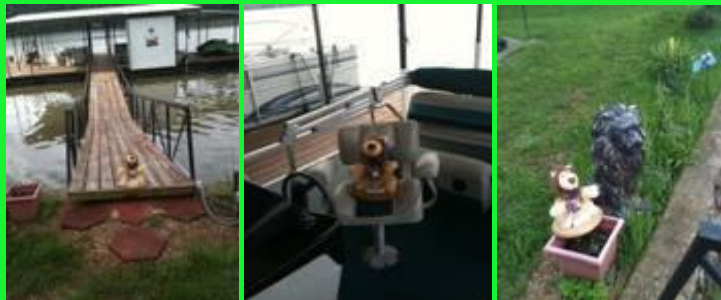
The Dates for the Kansas State Fair are September 8 – 18, 2011. The Fair is open from 9am to 9pm each day and the booth must be staffed all of this time. The MSU will be doing screenings from 10am to 6pm each day. It takes 7 -10 people per shift and there will be 2 shifts.

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.

Bud says, there is much to enjoy in the heartland and much to give thanks for and nothing more important than remembering those who have gone before and laid a path in Humanitarian efforts for a more enlightened world. Amen Bud.

Richard Barnes

rjbarnes@mac.com



At last report, Kalen Stockton, sponsored by the Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka, District O, was busy purchasing host family gifts, and making the final arrangements for her exchange with the Chanteclair family in Orleans, France this summer. I am sure that when she returns, she will be glad to share her experiences with the Lions of Kansas.

Our host families for this summer are already corresponding via e-mail with their exchange students. 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 the Hunter Lions Club in District I, are hosting *Yuka Ishibashi*, one of our three Japanese exchange students. And PCC Harry and Lorraine Stockwell, from the Augusta club in District S, are planning to host *Madoka Magasaka*, and *Mako Osaki*, the other two girls from Japan.. The Japanese students come in August,

At this point, we do not know for sure that *Jonathan Mareschal*, will be doing his exchange in Kansas. The Jim Gableman family from the Lincoln club, in District I, has volunteered to host. But to date, we have not heard from Jonathan, nor the youth exchange chairs from France, so we are not certain this exchange is going to happen. He may have already been placed in another state.

We want to thank all the families who have volunteered to host this year. And as always, I ask if you or someone you know, can host one of our exchange students please contact me. Ideally, we would have several 'host families' with information on file, available to call when we have a student needing a host.

Peg Gilbert YEC MD17 785-658-5709

Upcoming Events

June 2-4, 2011
State Convention
Lawrence

June 9, 2011
Topeka Golf Tournament
Eyes Wide Open Classic
Cypress Ridge Golf Course
Contact Dr. Mark Saylor at
785-478-2540 or 785-213-8784

June 12, 2011
Lyndon Lions Golf Tournament
9:00 a.m.
Lamont Hills Golf Course
Contact Lion Bill at 1-800-748-
7434 or 1-785-828-3126

June 18, 2011
Cabinet Social
Topeka, KS
See attached flyer

June 25, 2011
Scranton Lions Parade
10:00 am

June 25, 2011
Lyndon City Wide Garage Sale

July 4-8, 2011
International Convention
Seattle, WA

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District Governor Visits

- Jun 1 – Install Shawnee officers
- Jun 2-5 - State Convention
- Jun 14 – Install Louisburg officers
- Jun 18 – Cabinet Social
- Jun 21 – Install Lawrence officers
- Jun 22 – Install Gardner officers
- Jul 4-8 – Seattle, International Conv.



NEW MEMBERS

Baldwin City:

Bill Demoss
Sponsor:

David Gustin
Sponsor: *Larry Dunn*

Darrell Young
Sponsor:

Kansas City Downtown:

Quincy Sittingdown
Sponsor: *Sonia Sittingdown*

Louisburg:

Connie Delaware
Sponsor: *Michele Hufferd*

Loren Delaware
Sponsor: *Michele Hufferd*

Overland Park Host:

Grace Weinrich
Sponsor: *Carole Collyard*

Steve Weinrich
Sponsor: *Carole Collyard*

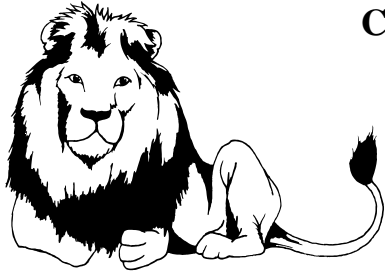
***A Note from Treasurer
Rick Dodson***

I will download membership data from the LCI website NLT than July 7th to use for the dues for the Jul-Dec 11 period. Clubs should ensure all June 2011 end of year membership reports are submitted before then. Membership numbers charged on the bill will be as of June 20, 2011, and clubs should not adjust payments based on any changes made after 30 June 2011. Also, please ensure your family member status is correct on the LCI site. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Rick Dodson, District Treasurer, at (913) 240-5302."

We are now in June, and it is time to get the crayon bank money turned in for the KU Cancer Center. Please send your crayon money to DG Hufferd as soon as possible. If you are writing a check, please make it payable to "KU Endowment" with KU Cancer Center in the memo line. Thank you so much for making change for cancer!



Please mark your calendars for June 18, 2011 for our last cabinet meeting – social. It will be held at the Highland Park United Methodist Church, 2914 S. E. Michigan Ave (29th and Michigan) Topeka, Kansas. It will be a day of fun and celebration. I hope that everyone plans on attending to celebrate the fantastic year our District has had. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixings will be available for \$8.00 per person. Please see attached flyer.



CABINET MEETING/SOCIAL – DISTRICT 17-O
June 18, 2011

Highland Park United Methodist Church
2914 SE Michigan Avenue
Topeka, KS

9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Join us for our final cabinet meeting & end-of-year celebration!!

Fellowship will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the meeting starting at 10:00.

Cost will be \$8.00 per person. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the trimmings will be made by the Topeka Sunflower club. Reservations should be made with PCC Bobby Duvall at terrybobd@aol.com or at 785-862-0235. Please have reservations in by June 15th!

We will have a brief meeting to vote on some outstanding issues, and the rest of the time will be spent celebrating all we have done this year in our district. Presentations and awards will be given and there will be a few surprises that you won't want to miss!

I hope to see you all in Topeka on June 18th!!!!

District Governor
Michele Hufferd

