



October 2010

District 17-O Lions

# Beacon of Change

## Huff's Stuff



District Governor, Michele Hufferd

What a busy month this has been!

With 12 club visits, new member inductions, USA/Canada Forum, CiderFest, more family birthdays that I can count, and speaking with all of you *numerous* times about the Chiefs game....I think I can finally take a rest and catch my breath!

I can't begin to tell you how excited I am about the opportunity that the Chiefs has given us to not only raise funds for our district, but also to use this as an opportunity to get the Lions name out to thousands of people. And...not just one day, but TWO! I know there are many of us who are bringing family and friends to the game with us. Use this as an opportunity to introduce everyone to the other clubs members, socialize with people you may not know from other clubs, and sign up those new members! I will have new member applications with me if anyone needs one (or more). ☺

It is very exciting to see the level of enthusiasm in our Lions and clubs this year. New members are continuing to be brought in, however, we are still losing

members. In addition to bringing in the new members, let's start working on retention. PDG JoAnn Mayo has some excellent suggestions for retention. If your club would like assistance, please give her a call.

We are now going into October, which is our second opportunity to work on President Scruggs' service project, which is "Shine a Light on Blindness". Further down in this newsletter are two opportunities to serve for this project, and ideas for other ways you can Shine a Light on Blindness.

Keep up the good work and the enthusiasm that is bubbling over in our District. Remember...We Serve!!

**Please provide me with a copy of your DG Points Contest form. They should be sent to 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Clint for tabulation, but I would like to also have a copy for each club file.**

### LIONS NEEDED!!

The Silver Lake Lions Club needs Lions to assist them with their largest fundraiser of the year. They will be holding their annual auction on October 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. and need any Lions that can help. Remember – you get points for helping with other club's projects and fundraisers! Contact Lion Wayne Kellner at 785-582-4013 for information.

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**CLINT'S**

**CORNER**

Well, here it is time for another column. I just returned from the USA/Canada Leadership Forum. The Forum was held this year in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Be sure to mark your calendars now for September 19 – 21, 2013. In 2013 the USA/Canada Forum will be held in Overland Park, Kansas. For those who have never attended a forum, it is, as the name implies, a Leadership Forum. There are approximately seventy-five topics presented. Each one lasting about one to one and a half hours. You have to choose which ones you want to attend, as many are conducted at the same time. A few are conducted more than once, which helps somewhat with your choices. In addition to being an educational experience, it is also a great time to renew old friendships and make new friends. I couldn't begin to tell you how many old friends I saw, probably over 200. Kansas and District 17-O was well represented. As near as I could determine, there were 35 Lions from, Kansas. Seventeen of them were from District 17-O. I am especially proud of my own club. There were five Lions present out of a membership of 30. Way to go Scranton Lions!

Response to the Governors points contest has improved slightly from last month, but there is still considerable room for improvement. Be sure to put your club name on the sheet. Yes, I have received some with no club name. So far I have been able to figure out what club it was from by the email or return address of the sender.

If anyone has a topic you would like me to address in a future newsletter please let me know. I run short of ideas.



**Points Contest Standings:**

20 members or less:

- Everest - 2,155**
- Gardner - 4,800**
- Hiawatha - 7,670**
- Highland - 6,100**
- Seneca - 800**

21-40 members:

- Lyndon - 1,400**
- OP Host - 13,425**
- Sabetha - 3,300**
- Scranton - 5,550**
- Valley Falls - 2,650**

41+ members:

- Leawood - 20,835**
- Louisburg - 54,570**



*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



## Plan for an OUTSTANDING Meeting!

Lions Club meetings have different purposes. Some meetings are program meetings, with little business to be conducted. Other meetings are special ones, such as a visit from the District Governor or an anniversary celebration of a significant milestone. Then there are the business meetings, which sometimes go very well but sometimes leave you wondering, "What went wrong?"

The tips in this article are aimed mainly at that last type of meeting—the business meeting where you intend to get a lot accomplished but may find yourself frustrated when the meeting comes to an end. The original ideas are adapted from a book for educators ([Improving Student Achievement: 50 More Research-based Strategies for Educators](#)). As author of the book, I've modified the information to make it relevant for Lions Club meetings.

Best practices for leading effective meetings in any venue have been identified:

- start and end on time;
- have a clearly defined purpose for the meeting;
- develop an agenda that leads to action;
- designate specific time limits for agenda items; and

- delineate responsibilities for key roles, such as the secretary for recording the actions and a timekeeper for adhering to time limits on the agenda.

While best practices have been identified, so have common problems with possible solutions.

*Problem:* Meetings don't end on time.

*Solution:* Start on time; plan timing of agenda in advance.

*Problem:* The group can't make a decision.

*Solution:* Create expectations for actions with the agenda. Look for data that support specific actions.

*Problem:* Some folks dominate, while others are silent.

*Solution:* Structure the conversation with specific questions to consider; intentionally involve all members in discussion.

*Problem:* Minor issues take too much time, reducing time available for major ones.

*Solution:* Allow time in meeting plan for significant issues while limiting time for minor ones.

*Problem:* Follow-through after meetings is lacking.

*Solution:* End meetings with a written action plan; leader checks on progress between meetings.

Meeting leaders should plan for a strong opening and a strong closing, with both emphasizing the purpose of the meeting and the associated tasks. The opening includes an agenda for the meeting, while the closing ends the meeting with decisions made and tasks and responsibilities assigned.

A key to any productive meeting is a supportive climate in which all Lions present are comfortable raising issues and voicing opinions. As a participant in a Lions business meeting, ask yourself these questions:

- What specific steps can we take to help ensure follow-through between meetings?
- Am I personally a dominator or a silent participant? How can I improve my own participation?

And, on a closing note...have you made your plans for the 2011 International Lions Convention in Seattle, July 4-8, with the cruise to Alaska to follow? Make your convention reservation through the LCI website. To make cruise reservations, contact Marj Beane at AAA of Overland Park 913-649-2280 Ext. 147 or 1-800-422-6375, [mbeane@aaamissouri.com](mailto:mbeane@aaamissouri.com).

*Beverly Nichols*  
2nd Vice District Governor  
[taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com), 913-642-7520

**OCTOBER SIGHT  
SERVICE PROJECTS**

**Here are two opportunities for  
your October Sight Service  
Project:**

**Trunk & Treat at KS School for the Blind**

The Kansas State School for the Blind will be holding a Trunk or Treat on Thursday Oct. 28, 2010 from 7p-8p in the parking lot at the Kansas State School for the Blind, 1100 State Avenue, Kansas City, Ks 66102.

Come in costume and decorate your trunk to hand out treats to all the goblins that will be passing by. There will be approximately 30 students from age 7 to 20. Contact information: Erin Kelly - Activities Director 913-281-3308 ext 408 or Mae Claxton RN 913-544-5876.

**Eyeglass Sorting**

Saturday October 23, 2010  
10AM- 1PM

Kansas State School for the Blind - Cafeteria  
1100 State Ave  
Kansas City, Ks 66102

Please bring banana boxes or other sturdy boxes, newspaper and your glasses.  
Lunch will be provided.  
RSVP Mae Claxton 913-492-8210

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

**JOIN LOCAL LIONS AT HARVESTERS!**

Come join Local Lions on Thursday, Nov. 4th at Harvesters Volunteer Outreach Center, where our efforts will contribute to the distribution of more than 3 million pounds of donated food and household supplies handled monthly. It's a great opportunity to follow International Lions in focusing on hunger in Nov and Dec.

Lions will meet at Harvester's 3801 Topping, KC, Mo. 64129 at 5:15. We will work from 5:30 until 8 P.M. Dress casually and wear closed-toed shoes (safety first). At the moment, participation is limited to 20 people so let Region 2 Zone 2 Chair Lion Carleen Rajala know who is coming. [lioncarleen@yahoo.com](mailto:lioncarleen@yahoo.com).

If at all possible bring donations of food or household supplies with you. If your Club is not sending anyone, let Lion Carleen know if you have donations to send.

**International News**

**Service Commitment Pledge Campaign**

Declare your commitment to Lions ideal of service and invite fellow Lions to do the same! Join President Scruggs in pledging to "support and participate in your Lions club's service activities and to make a difference in someone's life this year." [Add your name](#) to the growing list of members who know that their personal efforts can bring light where there is darkness and despair, and that by working together, Lions can have a huge impact on the entire world.

**Sign the Pledge now at**

<http://lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/strengthen-membership/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/service-commitment-pledge.php>



**DON'T FORGET THE TOPEKA  
SUNFLOWER STEAK FRY  
10/12/10 @ 6:30 P.M. RESERVATIONS  
TO BOBBY DUVALL BY 10/8/10**



"Help Wanted" Lions International, MD17 (namely "O") and myself need your help establishing new Lions clubs. If you know ten or more people with a common interest that may already meet at a coffee shop to brag of their accomplishments, we have something special for them to consider. Allow me to help you become a local hero. Contact Lion Richard (Dick) Barnes at [rjbarnes@mac.com](mailto:rjbarnes@mac.com). Thank you very much.

**ZONE MEETINGS.....**

**Nov 15 – Region 2 joint zone meeting. Turner Recreation Center, 831 S. 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, KS. Please send reservations to Big Lion Kelly Vogel from Turner club.**

**Nov. 18 - Region 1 joint zone meeting, at Laurie Beth's at 208 North 1st St. in Hiawatha. Registration 6:00-6:30 Meal at 6:30 Reservations are a must. Contact Lion Gerald Snyder at 785-548-7524 or Lion russ stauffer at 785-284-3180**

**Nov 23 - Region 4 joint zone meeting, Leawood City Hall, 4800 Town Center Drive. Dinner at 6:00, meeting at 6:45. Contact Carole Collyard or Ray Hess for dinner reservations no later than October 22.**

**Dec 2 – Region 3 joint zone meeting. Will be held at Lamont Hills near Vassar. Additional information will be forthcoming.**

**Mark Your Calendars!!!!**

**PLAN AHEAD FOR JULY, 2011!!**

The 94<sup>th</sup> annual Lions Clubs International convention will be held July 4-8 in Seattle, Washington. Detailed information about the convention, including online registration forms, can be found on the website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). Just do a search for convention and you can find what you need by clicking on the various topics at the left of the convention page. Early bird registration at a discounted price is available through December 31. You can also make your hotel reservation online and be assigned to the Kansas delegation hotel.

After the convention? Join Council Chair Bill Phillipi and Lion Vickie on a cruise to Alaska. Two options are available for Kansas Lions—cruise only, or the cruise plus a six-day land tour that includes Denali. Cost of either option is dependent upon the type of cabin reserved on the cruise ship. For further information, contact Lion Beverly Nichols at [taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com). Ready to make a reservation? Contact Marj Beane at AAA of Overland Park, 913-649-2280 Ext. 147 or 1-800-422-6375.

*Did you know that according to International, you should only drop members twice a year? November and May. This is due to the fact that International dues are not pro-rated, so it doesn't matter if you*

*drop them other times during the year, AND if you don't drop them in November or May, they may not be processed before January or July, resulting in an International dues charge.*

**Directory changes/updates:**

**Auburn** – Now meets at 6:30 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m.

**Robinson** – President Mary Hirsch’s email is [mshirsch@carsoncomm.com](mailto:mshirsch@carsoncomm.com)

**USA/CANADA FORUM**

A bunch of us just got back from attending the USA/Canada Forum this past weekend in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and what a great time we had. I've already signed up for Alaska's Forum next year and encourage everyone else to do the same. We had 35 Lions from Kansas in Milwaukee, with 17 of those from district 17-O. Way to go!!!! We also had 3 first timers—myself, Harry Malnicof, and Steve Everley. We were the only district that had the immediate PDG, DG, 1st VDG, and 2nd VDG in attendance. Thanks to VDGs Clint and Beverly for obtaining the numbers and information on attendance!!

***DISTRICT CONVENTION***

*It is never too early to start planning to attend the District Convention. This year’s convention will be 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.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/hi/1/en/cwshome/DPRD-858L74/LWRKS?secure=true>*

*If you would rather call, the reservation number is 1-800-287-0037. 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!*

**Upcoming Events**

**Oct 2**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Silver Lake Lions Auction**  
43<sup>rd</sup> Annual consignment auction and raffle at Lions community park.

**Oct 2 & 3**  
**Ciderfest in Louisburg**  
**8:00 am to 11:00 am**  
The Louisburg club will be selling all-you-can-eat pancakes from Chris Cakes.

**Oct 9**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Lawrence Trivia Contest**  
Conroys Pub – 3115 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. There are loads of prizes to be won and fun to be had by all. Contact Brian Edie 785-550-2720, or Bob Jernigan 785-887-6160

**Oct 12**  
**Topeka Sunflower Steak Fry**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Lake Shawnee Shelter House 6**  
Cost is \$10 per person. Includes steak, baked potato, salads, drink & dessert. Bring your own table service. Contact Bobby Duvall for reservations at 785-862-0235 or at [terrybobd@aol.com](mailto:terrybobd@aol.com)

**Oct 15**  
**WHITE CANE DAY**

**Oct 16**  
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**Auburn Lions Club** is hosting the Mobile Screening Unit. The unit will be parked at the Auburn Apple Market. In response to International President Scruggs sight and world hunger initiatives, attendees are being asked to bring surplus eye glasses as well as donations of canned and boxed foods

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**District Governor Visits**

- Oct 4 - Turner
- Oct 7 - Louisburg Leos
- Oct 13 - Horton
- Oct 14 - Bonner Springs
- Oct 18 - Seneca
- Oct 19 - Lansing
- Oct 23 - Shawnee 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Oct 27 - Effingham
- Nov 1 - Linwood
- Nov 5 - Council Meeting
- Nov 10 - Goff
- Nov 13 - Cabinet Meeting
- Nov 15 - Olathe
- Dec 6 - Lyndon
- Jan 3 - Wetmore
- Jan 17 - Williamsburg
- Jan 29 - Mid-Winter Rally
- Feb 5 - Cabinet Meeting
- Feb 25 - District Convention
- Jun 2 - State Convention

**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.**

**Oct 16 & 17**  
**Baldwin City Maple Leaf Festival**  
Baldwin City club will be selling funnel cakes at the Maple Leaf Festival. Make sure you stop by!

**Oct 23**  
**Shawnee**  
**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Power Play, Shawnee**  
Contact Carleen Rajala for reservations.

**Nov 6**  
**Scranton Chili & Veg/Beef Soup Feed**  
**11:00 am to 1:30 pm**  
Community building, 300 E. Boon Street in City Park

**Nov 5 & 6**  
**Louisburg Rummage & Bake Sale**  
Fox Hall, Louisburg

**Nov 14**  
**DIABETES AWARENESS DAY**

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**NEW MEMBERS**

**Basehor:**

*Bruce Eickmann*  
*Sponsor: Doug Bittel*

**Leavenworth:**

*Ronald Bell*  
*Sponsor: Michael Wright*

*Aubrey Bittel*  
*Sponsor: Nancy Bauder*

*Ashley Riddel*  
*Sponsor: Stephen Wood*

**Louisburg:**

*Severt Anderson*  
*Sponsor: Michele Hufferd*

*Marilyn Anderson*  
*Sponsor: Michele Hufferd*

*Darrell Newman*  
*Sponsor: Bernard Lee*

**Olathe:**

*Dean Walston*  
*Sponsor: Vernon Nelson*

**Oskaloosa:**

*Amanda Radcliff*  
*Sponsor: Cynthia Anderson*

**Overland Park Host:**

*Theresa Wolfe*  
*Sponsor: Robert Wolfe*

**Overland Park Noon:**

*Joel Krichiver*  
*Sponsor:*

**Paola:**

*Patricia McGee*  
*Sponsor: Larry McGee*

**WHERE'S WALDO?????**



## Peace Poster Contest

It isn't too late if you are considering sponsoring a school or club in the Peace Poster Contest. But act soon! October 1 is the deadline for ordering kits from the International Club Supply Sales Department.

I encourage all clubs to participate in the worthwhile project that involves the youth of your community in an International Lions spectacular event promoting Peace throughout the world.

Please consider getting your club into this meaningful event this year.

Don't Delay! Order your Poster Kit soon and thank you for your participation.

Refer to your Lions Magazine for ordering details.

In Lionism,  
Bob Jernigan, Peace Poster Chair

## NEW MEMBERS Cont...

### Shawnee:

*Linda Colles*  
Sponsor: *Joe Mayo*

*Nancy Pharr*  
Sponsor: *Carleen Rajala*

*Alpha Wickham*  
Sponsor: *JoAnn Mayo*

### Topeka:

*Diane Prager*  
Sponsor: *Russell Willis*

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**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

**Feb 5, 2011**  
**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 25 & 26, 2011**  
**District Convention**  
**Holidome, Lawrence**  
Friday night dinner & entertainment  
Saturday – Too much going on to list!

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

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

## DOG PROGRAMS

Bob Campbell and Janette Reh will be selling tickets for \$5 each for ¼ beef. The proceeds will support all three dog programs equally. Questions? Call or email Bob at 913-722-4376 or [RCAMPBELL4@KC.RR.COM](mailto:RCAMPBELL4@KC.RR.COM) or Janette at 785-937-2413 or cell 816-223-5558 or [jreh1@embarqmail.com](mailto:jreh1@embarqmail.com).

## October Service Project – Share The Vision

For 75 years Lions worldwide have been united by a common vision: a world free of preventable blindness. With 314 million visually impaired people in the world today, our commitment to serve in this cause is needed now more than ever.

This October, mobilize Lions in your club and district to [shine a light on vision](#) by raising awareness of the causes of vision loss and the needs of the visually impaired. Clubs can:

- work with local eye care professionals to organize an eye care and safety presentation for school children
- sponsor a Braille exhibit at a local library
- organize transportation services for persons who are blind or visually impaired
- organize a vision screening event or eyeglass recycling campaign in your community
- sponsor a visually impaired student to compete in the 2010-11 "[Power of Peace](#)" Essay Contest

See the [Sharing the Vision flyer](#) for more ideas and information to [help plan](#) your participation in this second Global Service Action Campaign.

## HOW TO HAVE A GREAT MOBILE SCREENING UNIT VISIT

Written by Marion Schroll, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, District 17-I

Your club votes to have the MSU visit your town. If your town, county, or club has an annual event with lots of attendees, check with event organizers to see if they have room for the MSU. Show them the information on the MSU from the Kansas Lions brochure. Be sure to discuss and get approval of the location of the MSU from event organizers. You want a location with the most foot traffic; possibly near the entrance or exit or major attraction. Don't let them put you in the lower 40 where no one will pass by the unit. Call or e-mail Ron Bretz, who schedules the MSU for the entire state. His contact information is 316-283-1921, 316-772-7740 or [wildfires@cox.net](mailto:wildfires@cox.net). He can tell you if the days you need are available. The further ahead you plan, the more likely your date will be open. He can set up your visit and tell you where to send the deposit for the visit, which I believe is \$200.00 for the first day and additional \$100.00 for any additional day at the site. Go to your local media: newspaper, TV station, or radio station with a press release. Ron can help you in preparing the release and pictures etc. Just ask him to help. Make it a personal visit; do not just send a piece of paper to them. You will have needed to arrange for medical help for the visit: registered nurse, EMT or LPN. They must be able to do blood tests for diabetes and take blood pressures. Colleges with a nursing program are a good source. The students need to have the practice and this give them a whole bunch of practice with supervision. I'd suggest no more than a 3hr. shift per day for those folks. You want to have enough of them to cover all hours of the MSU visit plus a couple in reserve in case of unseen events.

Get a commitment from your club members to have at least 2 people at the MSU at all times to help register people. The registration volunteers need to be people that can encourage people to stop in for the screenings. Also to be able to help the driver where needed. If you have a small club, ask nearby Lions clubs to also help and get a commitment early from them. Mature high school students are a good source for running the hearing test equipment. Good way to start a Leo Club. They like to volunteer for this kind of event. Helping others. A month before the MSU visit contact local media again. Our local weekly newspaper will do a front page story ahead of the visit and put a reminder on the front page for three weeks if you place ads for the visit. Have someone contact local senior lunch groups and give a short talk about the MSU visit.

Hand out flyers to everyone you meet and at the senior lunches with visit information. Put flyers up in every local business that will allow you to do that a couple weeks ahead of the visit.

The MSU driver is Dan Heersche, 316-249-7524 or 316-777-4060, [dheersche@cox.net](mailto:dheersche@cox.net). Find out his arrival time and what he needs your club to do to help him set up the visit. A couple of days before the visit recontact your volunteers to remind them of their work schedule. During the visit, have at least 2 Lions in Lions shirts or vest out in front of the Trailer to talk to passerby and hand out flyers. Get food and drinks for driver Dan. Scout out the food booths and drinks available and get what he wants at your expense. Have at least 2 people there at the closing time so you can assist Dan with shutting down the unit.

Remember, as Dan says, it's not the number of people getting tested, it is those folks that visited and found they had a hearing or vision problem, diabetes awareness or blood pressure problem discovered. I hope this has been of some help to all of us in having the Mobile Screening Unit visit be a successful one for your club.

### Youth Exchange

We have a request for a Host Family from Australia. They have 5 youth wanting to exchange in the states. At this point we have not had any host families commit for the winter session. We also have Peruvians that would like to come to Kansas.

If you are interested, please contact Carleen Rajala at 913-541-1139 or Peg Gilbert at 785-658-5709

### ATTENTION TREASURERS!!!!

We had a fundraiser this past weekend at the Overland Park Fall Festival where we sold brats, dogs, pop, etc.

Today I received a tax form from the Kansas Department of Revenue. I called the department and was originally told that we had to pay retail sales tax on our sales. I informed the lady that we were tax exempt for retail sales tax which she confused with tax exempt for purchases. We finally got it all straightened out. I had to download form CR-108 and fill it out. We only need to fill out a date (she suggested September 30, 2009 as our request was for the month of September, 2010) and then check the box for "Retail Sales". This effectively removes us from the listing for retail sales tax.

A good FYI for treasurers.

Lion Roger Claxton  
OP Host

**Raising money for District 17-O Lions just got a little easier.  
Here's how it works:**

▶ When you search or shop online, go through iGive.

Start your shopping at iGive: use their [website](#), [e-newsletters](#), or the iGive Toolbar with "[Donation Tracking](#)" enabled. Make your 1st purchase within 45 days and our District gets an **extra \$5 donation**. (Sorry, [Amazon.com](#) doesn't count towards the 1st purchase requirement.)

*\*\* If you don't shop through iGive.com, we will not be able to credit the donations to your cause.*

**Why not help District 17-O Lions with every search?** Make [iGive](#) your homepage, and use our Yahoo!-powered search engine to raise a penny for every qualified search. It'll even help you find deals and bargains!

**Hint:** Bookmark iGive's [List of 700+ Stores](#) for easy access.

**Having Trouble Shopping?** Try [Shopping FAQs](#).

iGive Mails the Donation Check to District 17-O Lions.

**VOTING**

At our district convention in February, we will be voting to fill the following positions.

- KLF – 2 year member
- KLBF – 2 year member
- KLSF – 3 year member
- Candy Day Chair – 3 yr. term
- 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG

At this time, I have received intention to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG from Lion Jerry Loney (Topeka Sunflower) and from Lion Gary Adkins (Auburn). I have also received intention to run for KLF from Lion Jerry Loney (Topeka Sunflower) and from Lion Cheryl Kerns (Louisburg).

If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you must state your intentions, by letter, to me within 30 days prior to the convention.

Lions moving up the ladder in any of the Foundations should also state their intention to continue to me by letter. If you have questions on the qualifications for the position, let me hear from you.

PDG Verle Bostick  
 Nominations Chair  
[vsbostick@yahoo.com](mailto:vsbostick@yahoo.com)  
 913-837-5255



## Leavenworth Lions Program provides prison-grown produce to public

By John Richmeier

[GateHouse News Service](#)

Posted Sep 09, 2010 @ 03:51 PM

Leavenworth, Kan. —

This summer, hundreds of people have been fed each week as a result of a free produce distribution program. And the source of the food — the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, according to Marydarlene Cieszynski, a volunteer who coordinates the distribution of the food for The Salvation Army.

The program offers produce for free to the general public at distribution sites in Leavenworth and Tonganoxie. Produce also is distributed to agencies such the Council on Aging and Alliance Against Family Violence as well as other organizations in the Kansas City area and nearby counties. Cieszynski said the program is a community effort with social service agencies working together. “Everybody is working to ensure the community knows about it,” she said.

She said program, which began in June, has been receiving between 7,000 and 10,000 pounds of produce per week and generally feeds between 1,000 and 1,400 people per week. The produce is grown on the USP grounds as part of a program that provides horticulture training to inmates. Seeds used for the program were purchased by the Leavenworth Lions Club. Cieszynski said the program is expected to last through October and possibly into early November. “They’ve actually planted some fall crops,” she said.

About 35 volunteers are involved in the produce distribution program. Many are drivers who assist with picking up and delivering the fruits and vegetables. Others assist at the distribution sites. Cieszynski said people who pick up produce at the sites aren’t asked to show identification or proof of income. “You just show up,” she said. “You say you need it. You take as much as you can use.”

She said people are asked to sign in and note the number of people in their families. But this information is only used to keep track of how many families and individuals are being served by the program.

The produce distribution program is in its first year and there are plans to continue it next year. Cieszynski said John Groves, a retired USP employee, will be taking over her duties. Cieszynski said organizers don’t have a storage area for produce that’s left over each week. This is a problem she would like to be able to solve for next year.

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**Thoughts on Leadership . . .**

—from Neal Nichols, PDG, District Chair

Last month we reviewed Jim Collins’ book *How the Mighty Fall*. This month we look at “Leadership Team Dynamics,” or *Teams On the Way Up Versus Teams On the Way Down*. Collins discovered that for most organizations—whether in business or in the social sector (such as Lions Clubs)—success or failure depended on how leadership teams functioned.

Club leaders—especially presidents and committee chairs—might review Collins’ analysis and then ask, Which characteristics identify our club, our Board of Directors, our committees? Are we on the way UP? If not, what steps should we take to reverse course?

**Teams on the Way Up**

Team members bring forth unpleasant facts—“Come here, look, man, this is *ugly*”—to be discussed; leaders never criticize those who bring forth harsh realities.

Team members bring data, evidence, logic, and solid arguments to the discussion.

The team leader employs a Socratic style, using a high questions-to-statements ratio, challenging people, and pushing for penetrating thought.

Team members unify behind a decision once made and work to make the decision success, even if they vigorously disagreed with the discussion.

Each team member credits other people for success yet enjoys the confidence and admiration of his or her peers.

Team members argue and debate, not to improve their personal positions, but to find the best answers to support the overall cause.

The team conducts “autopsies *without* blame,” gaining wisdom from painful experiences.

Each team member delivers exceptional results, yet in the event of a setback, each accepts full responsibility and learns from mistakes.

**Teams on the Way Down**

Team members don’t share grim facts with leaders, fearful of penalty or criticism for shining light on the harsh realities.

Team members assert strong opinions without providing data, evidence or a solid argument.

The team leader has a very low questions-to-statements ratio, avoiding critical input and/or allowing sloppy reasoning and unsupported opinions.

Team members acquiesce to a decision yet do not unify to make the decision successful, or worse, undermine the decision after the fact.

Team members seek as much credit as possible for themselves yet do not enjoy the confidence and admiration of their peers.

Team members argue to look smart or to improve their own interests rather than argue to find the best answers to support the overall cause.

The team conducts “autopsies *with* blame,” seeking culprits rather than wisdom.

Team members often fail to deliver exceptional results, and blame other people or outside factors for setbacks, mistakes, and failures.

From *How the Mighty Fall*, by Jim Collins ©2010, pp. 77-78.

# SHOEBOXES FOR SOLDIERS

The Overland Park Host Lions Club is planning its fourth annual Shoeboxes for Soldiers project. The club will collaborate for second year with the school nurses in the Shawnee Mission School District in collecting and packing items for soldiers, with this year’s packages going to men and women stationed in Afghanistan.

Collection of items will take place during October, and boxes will be packed at a regular club meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, November 13. (The club meets at the Red Robin Restaurant at 7111 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St. in Overland Park.) In past years other district clubs have contributed items, and the OP Host Club would welcome the same involvement this year—in addition to contributing to a worthy cause, you could earn points in the DG point contest! A list of items follows; cash contributions are also helpful to cover postage costs. If you have questions contact either Lion Mae Claxton ([maeclaxton@msn.com](mailto:maeclaxton@msn.com)) or Lion Beverly Nichols ([taximath@aol.com](mailto:taximath@aol.com)).

Food/Snacks

- Hard Candy (no chocolate)
- Gum Such as Chiclets (no Stick)
- Beef Jerky
- Canned Fruit (pop-top cans)
- Tuna Kits
- Honey Roasted Peanuts
- Home Made Cookies
- Trail Mix

Toiletries/Hygiene

- Baby Wipes
- Deodorant (Liquid Roll-on)
- Hand Lotion (travel size)
- Hand Sanitizers (travel size)
- Q-Tips
- Disposable Razors
- Shampoo (Travel size)
- Tissues (Travel Pack)
- Tylenol

Miscellaneous Items

- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Sudoku Books
- CDs
- DVDs (new and used)
- Magazines (Fairly Recent)
- Socks (cushioned, white, calf-high)

# CABINET MEETING

## November 13, 2010

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November 13, 2010  
**9:30 a.m.**

Please mark your calendars for our next Cabinet Meeting at the Leavenworth Heritage Center located at 109 Delaware Street, Leavenworth.

I can GUARANTEE it will not be HOT!!

Refreshments and lunch will be provided for \$10 per person.

Please RSVP to Lion Kim Baker at [kimbaker@leavenworth.lib.ks.us](mailto:kimbaker@leavenworth.lib.ks.us)

Or to Lion Debbie Weaverling at [dweaverling@firstcity.org](mailto:dweaverling@firstcity.org)  
913-727-5582

Since November and December are our months to “Shine a Light on Hunger”, a representative from Harvesters will be at our meeting to tell us what we can Do to help with the hunger problems.

Please bring canned or non-perishable items with you to the meeting to donate to Harvesters!