

THE LIONS SHARE

The Official Newsletter of Kansas Lions District 17-N

April, 2015 District 17-N DG Gene Allen



Lions of 17N : We had a great Convention in Pittsburg last weekend. On Friday evening we had chicken at Chicken Mary's. Over 50 Lions showed up to greet PID Allen Broughton and his wife Lion Emily from Tennessee . Latter we went back to the motel for more visitations.

Saturday we had about 100 Lions and Leos . Leos sorted glasses, about 1900 . We had several seminars in the morning. The afternoon had the Elections for next year. DGE Dwayne Willis , 1VDG Marge Zakoura-Vaughn, 2DGE Indra Phillips. Congrats to all.

I would like thank all Lions who showed up for the weekend. Special thanks to PDGs Terry Weldin and Chris Bauer for their hard work to make the convention a success. Thanks to Carol Bauer for her help. Also PDG Marvin And PDG Elfrieda for the registration. The Pittsburg Lions Club for the hospitality room. Thanks to any Lion and non Lion that help with the convention.

Reminder to all Clubs that officers for the next year need to be done this month. Please get this done and reported to LCI. I would like all clubs to have their officers in by May.

Any Clubs that are sending a student to State Band please get this done also. There is still a lot of work to do before July 1. Keep asking people to join Lions . Keep up the good work.

DG Gene





ANNOUNCING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE BURLINGTON LIONS CLUB AND JOINT ZONE SOCIAL

This is a social event for Lions members and guests within Zone 4 and Zone 6. Past International Directors, Past Council Chairs, Past District Governors, current Cabinet Officers and all other Lions in MD 17 are invited

Location: Burlington Branch of the Coffey County Library, 410 Juniatta St, Burlington, KS 66839

When: May 2, 2015 at 6:00 pm to Share Lions Fellowship 6:30 pm Banquet time

Meal: Delicious Ham, Potatoes, Green Beans, Lettuce Salad, and Jello Poke Cake for only \$9.00 served by the Burlington Lions Club

Speaker: PCC Bill Philippi, MD 17 Candidate for International Director.

Door prizes and 50/50 Drawing with funds going towards the District N SPOT Vision Screener Fund

Last Date for reservations is April 25, 2015 call PDG Terry Weldin 620-490-1461 or email weldicat@hotmail.com

Lion Scott and PDG Tim please post on our websites, Thanks!

Thank You For An Informational And Enjoyable District 17—N Convention

District Governor Gene Allen Co-Chairs Pdg Chris Bauer And Pdg Terry Weldin And Thanks To The Members Of The Pittsburg Lions Club For Your Outstanding Hospitality And To All Lions Who Contributed Their Time, Talents, And Presence

1st Vdge Marge Zakoura—Vaughan

Lions Club breakfast raises \$6,100

The 26th-Annual Emporia Lions Club biscuits and gravy breakfast at the Emporia Senior Center raised \$6,100 Saturday.

The event served all-you-can-eat biscuits and gravy and fruit cups made by Emporia State University's Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

This is the primary fundraiser for the organization, said Sally Conard, chairwoman of the breakfast. The fundraiser is held every first Saturday in March. The money raised during the event goes to support the club's mission.

"Our focus is vision issues," Conard said. "This money all goes to those types of funding. Here in town we provide eye exams and glasses for people in need. We do about two a month of those. Then we help with diabetes awareness



programs and glaucoma awareness programs."

The Emporia Lions Club also conducts vision screenings every fall for every kindergartner in Emporia plus all of Maynard Early Childhood Center, Conard said. About 10 percent of these result in referrals.

"We find the earlier you can detect and correct the vision problems, the better success you have," she said.

Eyeglasses also are collected and sent to a facility in Texas, where they are sorted and sent on site missions around the world.

The Emporia Lions Club also performs other service projects including an annual Head Start Christmas party, Senior Prom valet, Clean Sweep Emporia, Dirty Kanza

200 Finish Line Party, Keep it a Safe Summer (KISS) event and the Salvation Army bell ringing.

Conard said, internationally, the Lions Club is the largest service organization in the world. According to the organization's website, the Lions Club was started in 1917 by Melvin Jones, a business leader in Chicago who "told members of his local business club they should reach beyond business issues and address the betterment of their communities and the world." Jones' group, the Business Circle of Chicago, agreed.

The organization was formed on June 7, 1917, with a mission to "empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs."

In 1920, the organization went international. In 1925 Helen Keller addressed the Lions Club International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, and challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." From that day forward, the organization made it their mission to fight to prevent blindness and preserve sight.

The Emporia Lions Club is always looking for new members. Members meet every first and third Wednesday of the month in the Skyline Dining Room located in the Memorial Union at Emporia State University. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the club, can inquire by attending a meeting or approaching any Lions Club member.

<http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/emporia/index.php>



Lions club serves up a Christmas to remember

The motto is “We serve” and the Emporia Lions Club did just that on Wednesday evening. The club hosted 56 children and their families at a holiday party. All 56 children at the party are students at Emporia Head Start, ranging in age from three to five.

“We have over 50 students that are attending,” said Shelli McElfresh, Emporia Head Start manager. “A little over half of our students.”

For close to 30 years, the club has been hosting a Christmas party for children. Each of the children in attendance received a special gift bag from the Lions Club. The bags were filled with goodies like crayons, coloring books and Play-Doh. Each child also received a hat and gloves to keep them warm through the winter.

Dave Eldridge, Lions Club president, joined in with other members of the Lions Club to hand out cookies and juice to the children after they had a visit with Santa. four-year-old Scarlett Oller filled her plate with sugar cookies, declaring them “the best cookies.”

“It’s heart-warming,” said Eldridge. “‘We serve’ is our motto and you see the smiles on their faces when they get these gifts and a lot of these kids won’t get everything they want for Christmas, so it is just very heart-warming.”

The Lions Club started in Emporia in 1921. The club provides a number of services to the community including helping with the senior prom, donating to Camp Wood and patrolling the pianos downtown during the summer months. The club also coordinated vision screenings for over 600 Emporia school children this year.

“We are all in the club because we want to help improve the quality of life in Emporia,” said Eldridge. “It is amazing when you think about it. Service clubs, the contribution they make to the community. It is awesome.”

Viva Voce, the junior and senior mixed ensemble from Emporia High School entertained the children and adults alike with Christmas carols. Director Sarah Bays led the students as they sang “We Three Kings,” “‘Tis the Season” and “Up on the Rooftop.”

Following the musical entertainment each of the children had the opportunity to visit with Santa and get their gift bag. Five-year-old Jayd Allen was the first child to visit with Santa. She requested a “stuffed animal” for Christmas.

“I liked Santa and the cookies,” she said.



Request for Help

Lions,

I am wondering if anyone has any of the current new member induction kits. We need 3 for our Newton Lions Club. I have ordered some, but it shows they are currently out of stock and won't be shipped until 5/12.

I would be happy to replace any "borrowed" kits once I receive the ones I ordered.

I appreciate your help!

Elaine Brown

Secretary, Newton Lions Club

work ph#316-283-7281

E-mail millereb@swbell.net

Health Update

Vera Schmidt, wife of PDG Dean (98-99), is in the hospital in critical care. She has diabetes and her heart is not functioning well at this time. She will be taken to a nursing home or home under hospice care.

Please remember with thoughts, prayers and cards to 511 E. Violet, Potwin, 67123.

Lions Remembered

Ila Rose "Rosie" Moser, Mother of PDG Gregg Moser (2002) died.

Please remember with thoughts, prayers and cards to PDG Gregg at 617 West 5th, Holton, 66436.

Vera Schmidt, wife of PDG Dean, who died Friday, service will be at the Potwin Christian Church, 224 East Violet, Potwin, Ks at 10:00 Tuesday (March 31).

Please remember with thoughts, prayers and cards to PDG Dean Schmidt,
511 East Violet
Potwin, Ks 67123



We've Moved

Dear Friends and family,

This is to let you know that Joe and I have moved to senior housing. Both of us have lost a good deal of mobility, and we think this is probably the safest thing to do. We were able to keep Lego with us.

Our new address is 6555 W. 75th Street, Apartment 208, Overland Park, Ks. 66204. Our phone is currently the same, although we may drop the land line later. Phone is 913-268-8277. My cell is 913-706-7019. Joe is 913-205-0028. We are also on a new email service, and ask that you begin using lion.joe.mayo@gmail.com and lion.joann.mayo@gmail.com. The others may work for awhile, but these are permanent.

We apologize for our neglect of you all in the last few months. It has been a pretty rough winter. We think of you often, even if we aren't always in touch.

Love and blessings,
JoAnn Mayo



Ark City Early Birds Lions Club celebrates Lion Garcia's Birthday.

Sierra Scott speaks to Wichita Northwest

Wichita Celebrity Sierra Scott, of the Brett and Sierra Show, spoke to the Wichita Northwest Lions Club March 19th, 2015. Her message was about Positive News and News Broadcasting. Lions Patrick Laham and PDG Bill Kincaid were also guests at this meeting.



Wichita Northwest Lion Club and Sierra pictured from left to right, front row: Carolyn Meeske, Gracene Sims, Sierra Scott, Janet Jamieson, and Larry Jamieson. Back row: Lela Heacock, JoLynne Campbell, Ken Meeske, Diane Suddeth and Roger Suddeth.



Merle Laham was awarded with the District 17-N People's Choice Award for her Environmental Photo Contest entry of a Banana Spider at the District 17-N Conference held March 27th and 28th, 2015 in Pittsburgh Kansas. This is the first time Merle has entered her photos in this contest. This entry placed 1st in the Animal Life Category for District 17-N.



Lion Marge Zakoura-Vaughan Completes Advanced Lions Leadership Institute

Marge Zakoura-Vaughan, First Vice District Governor Elect of District 17-N and member of the Wichita West Lions Club, recently completed the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute for Lions from Constitutional Area I. About 150 Lions participated in the program which took place this year in Calgary, Canada on March 7-9, 2015. Lion Marge was the only participant from Kansas.

Lion Marge attended sessions designed to enhance knowledge of leadership fundamentals, membership programs, and Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF). Other workshops addressed skills related to conflict resolution, project management, teamwork and delegation, and developing Lions leaders of tomorrow.

Esther LaMothe, International Director and Chairperson of the 2014-2015 Leadership Committee, said that "throughout the institute, Lion Marge Zakoura-Vaughan contributed to a steady exchange of ideas, challenges and successes."

"Quality leadership is critical to the future of Lions Clubs International," she added. "Vice District Governor Zakoura-Vaughan has repeatedly and consistently demonstrated her commitment to our organization and the pursuit of excellence with her time, effort and energy."

Zakoura-Vaughan has been a Lion for almost 20 years and has held all offices in her club, as well as numerous positions at the district and state levels. Lion Marge is a recipient of several awards and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

"Lions Club has such wonderful opportunities," said Marge Zakoura-Vaughan. "I'm delighted to implement the skills and knowledge I gained from the Institute with Lions and other organizations."

In particular, she is interested in continuing to work to develop leaders by encouraging Lions to become active in



Lions Club at all levels. 1st VDGE Marge highly recommends Lions consider attending the GPLLI and then apply to attend the ALLI, as well as USA-Canada Forums. Both provide wonderful learning experiences.

Lion Marge also recommends accessing the informative programs and resources on the LCI website.

Fund Request for District N Child Vision Screening Committee

The District N Child Vision Screening committee is requesting that every Lions Club in District N contribute at least \$100 towards the purchase of an additional SPOT Vision Screener. Most Lions Clubs that have contributed are so excited about this project that they have contributed \$200 or more.



The first image above shows the SPOT screener Fund Patch that each Lions Club receives for their club banner when they contribute \$100 or more. The patch is a little smaller than a dollar bill in size.

The second image shows the SPOT vision Screener that we wish to purchase.

Please send the form at the bottom of this page along with your contribution to our District Treasurer PDG Marvin Funk, 601 S. Main, Hillsboro, Kansas 67063

Club Name _____

Address of Treasurer _____

City _____

Email address to acknowledge receipt of donation

Please make checks payable to: Lions District N

Amount of Contribution _____

Thank you! Child Vision Chair PDG Terry Weldin

WICHITA WEST LIONS CLUB

HAM & BEAN and STEW DINNER

Saturday, April 11th, 2015

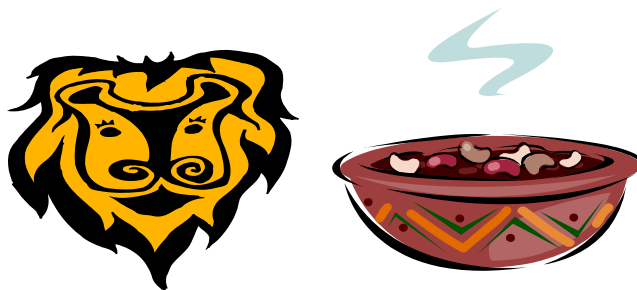
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2919 W 2nd, Wichita, KS

(East of the 2nd Street & St Paul Intersection)

ADULT TICKETS – \$5.00

YOUTH TICKETS – \$2.50 (10 & under)



Silent Auction

Take-out orders are available

Proceeds benefit our Special Giving Fund



The Augusta Lions Club presented Heidi Howard and Stephanie Wilcox from DeafKan with \$500.00, March 24th, 2015.

Pictured from left to right: Lions Merle Laham, Jess Daniels, John Reid, Leonard Wakefield, Bill Kincaid, Patrick Laham, Wendell Corneil. Shaking hands Patrick is Heidi Howard, Executive Director of DeafKAN. To her right is Lions Dianne and Bill Buggeln. Next is DeafKan Secretary Stephanie Wilcox and Lion Sandi Williamson. Not pictured but present: Deaf Interpreter Kelly Seymour and Lion Judy Dryden.



The Clearwater Lions Club Passenger Train Ride



- Saturday, May 2, 2015
- Two Departure Times
 - 10:00 a.m.
 - 2:00 p.m.

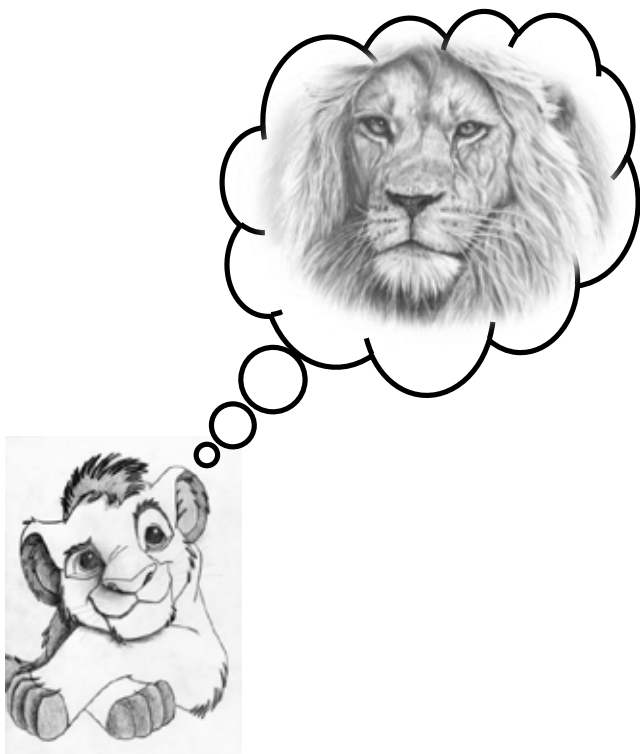
The train will depart from the South Central Kansas Education Service Center located at 13939 Diagonal Road in Clearwater and will travel to Conway Springs and back.

Ticket Prices

Ages 13 & Older....\$15.00
 6 to 12.....\$10.00
 5 & Younger sitting on lap....Free

Tickets are available at Home Bank & Trust or Emprise Bank in Clearwater or Contact Steve Hatfield at 620-584-2428 or stevenphatfield@hotmail.com

***What do you want to be when
you grow up, young Lion?***



Your **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute** is an amazing opportunity to enhance leadership skills, meet Lions from six U.S. states and one Canadian province and have fun. **AND, grow up to be a Lion Leader. . .**

Application form attached for registration, dorm and special needs information.

**Make your reservation
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Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh

e-mail: t.smarsh@att.net

or

Lion Craig Donecker

e-mail: craigd@littlegiantfittings.com



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

When: July 24 – 26, 2015

Where: Jamestown University, Jamestown,
North Dakota, U.S.

Registration

Fee: \$150 U.S. funds before June 1

\$170 U.S. funds after May 31

Fee includes meals, institute costs and
double occupancy dorm room

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who is 18 or
older, has not yet served as District
Governor as of the dates of the
institute, is eligible. *No previous attendee is
eligible without prior approval of the Institute
Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.*

This learning weekend features seminars that apply to
Lions volunteer service AND to one's career,
community and home life. Topics are:

- *Building Effective Teams*
- *Communication Skills*
- *Conflict Management*
- *Delegation*
- *Diversity*
- *Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission*
- *Leading Effective Meetings*
- *Managing Your Time*
- *Motivation*
- *Project Management*

BONUS!!! Luncheon session geared towards Lions
Clubs International, its programs, legacy, and
resources available.

DOUBLE BONUS!!! Graduating the GPLLI program meets
one requirement for completion of the Master's Program of
Lions University. Check out www.lionsuniversity.org



We Serve



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2015

- HAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- HEN** July 24-26, 2015. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 24. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2015. Lunch on Friday, July 24 is at 12:00 noon.
- HERE** University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota
- OST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2015. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2015. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- HO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

his institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at bbruce@bis.midco.net or 701-258-1189.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

Norton Lions Club

Lion Tales

Chartered March 30, 1930



3.12.15

<http://lionwap.org/eclub/sites/NortonKS/>



SCUBA there was not a newsletter last time because I was on vacation in Bonaire. It's a small island down by Aruba. Bonaire is known for the best scuba diving. It's an amazing place and I went with a group from Kearney. We got 19 dives in during the week and saw lots of underwater creatures. Our group rented scooters on the last day there but Janet and I refrained and opted instead to walk to town. One of the couples on a scooter crashed and is still in Bonaire. He sustained broken ribs, clavicle and punctured lung and was in the ICU. We heard the other day that they are not allowed to leave the island until the medical bills are paid and you know how slow insurance companies work. It was a very eventful

trip and one I will not forget. Now back to reality and work.

BOARD MEETING **one unpaid due.** We had a request for eye glasses from Anna Bullins - more research is being conducted into her financial situation.

31 MEMBERS, 13 GUESTS attended the last meeting **Bill Johnson and the 2015 Wrestling State Champions.** This is the 15th team state title. The top three state team titles in history are Arc city 20, St Francis 16, and Norton 15. The team had to overcome adversity with several injuries. Jacob green had knee injury, Skylar had back injury, Mike Kasson Broke toe and Jared talent rolled ankle but in the end they brought it all together to win the team title. Bill described coaching as brainwashing of 15-18 yr olds into making them believe they can win and believe in themselves. Giving their best effort whether it is school, lions club or whatever life throws at you.

2004 was bills first championship and most of these kids were 5 years old hoping to one day be a state champion. Their dreams have finally come true and it is bittersweet. Other teams try to duplicate our success by taking short cuts or whatever, but you just really have to believe. It's important that the kids know they aren't always gonna win but that everyone loves them regardless.

The boys have weekly eligibility and they have to be passing 5 classes. This years team will receive an academic reward for having a 3.2 gpa. The team consists of 3 seniors on entire team and 2 state team seniors. Next years team will be just as hard to beat.

Coach says most of the fun they have is on the bus ride home and his motto is...What happens on the bus stays on the bus...

Bill has a new assistant, Eric Johnson is his son and it was his first year as the asst coach. Most of the kids on the team went through kids wrestling except for one, Jordan Dole. Jordan started wrestling as sophomore and coach said he was horrible but this year picked it up and made the state team. The boys have a lot of pressure because everything is televised now. He believes wrestling can teach you about life. You can have ups and downs and how you deal with it is how you can be successful. Bill invited everyone to the wrestling banquet April 19th pot luck dinner.

NEXT MEETING 3/17/15 CITY ADMINISTRATOR

PROJECTS Swimming Pool - still waiting on the city to pour the sidewalks and finish repairs.

Softball Field - a date will be set to pour the final concrete addition to the water fountain and check on the grates.

See you on Tuesday Lunch, don't forget to write "Lion" in front of your name when you sign in.

~ Lion Kristine Posson (kposson13@gmail.com)



Manta Ray we saw in Bonaire





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Yes! I want to go on the Clearwater Lions Train Ride!

Preferred Time(Check One): ☐ 10:00 am ☐ 1:30 pm

Number Tickets @ \$15.00 for Age 13 + \$

Number Tickets @ \$10.00 for Age 6-12 \$

Total Enclosed (Checks Only Please to the Clearwater Lions Club) \$

Tickets will be available on a first order received basis. The earlier ordered, the better chance of receiving the selected tickets. No Refunds.

Please send tickets by mail to: Name:

Address:

City/State/Zip Code

Telephone Number

Mail To: Steve Hatfield - 9811 S 183rd W - Clearwater, KS 67026



Lion Patrick Laham presented Past President and 2014 Lion of the Year, Ruben Garcia, of the Ark City Early Birds Lions Club, the Club of Excellence Award.

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Past District Governor Bill Kincaid awards Lion Dennis Goens with a Ten Year Service Pin. PDG Lion Tim Hays accepts this award for Dennis.