



Beacon of Light

"Shine a Light on Service"



District S Newsletter - October 2010



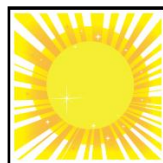
Some Thoughts From the District Governor

Let's see what you're doing!!!! WOW...it's all I can say...those of you who are Past District Governors know what I'm talking about! Never have I had a year so packed with activities speed by so fast! We are now into the second quarter of our Lions year, and it's been a quarter of ups and downs. The good news is, even though our "numbers" aren't as we'd like them to be, I am declaring that the Lions of MD 17S are successful...successful at screening children for vision problems, providing eye glasses and medical equipment to people in need, providing uniforms, field maintenance and lighting for youth sports teams, serving concessions for community events, and much, much more. In the last few weeks I enjoyed participating in the Girard Lions pancake and sausage feed, Whitewater's fall festival car show, and meetings in Augusta and Ark City. I definitely enjoyed participating in the Baxter Springs Leo induction as well. All these meetings and events were signs of the great work of our District S Lions. Please never forget the impact of your work as individuals and groups—and continue to be a beacon of hope for those in need in your community!

DG Tonja...Shine On!

PS PLEASE send me an email letting me know about your upcoming events! I would really like to attend/participate in as many of these as possible. I would love to see what you are doing first-hand and help out if I can!

It's Time Again...Important State and District Meetings
November 5-7 State Council Meeting-McPherson, KS
Saturday, November 20
2nd District Cabinet Meeting-Independence, KS



SHINE ON!!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!!

We welcome all our new members to the district and Lionism. You have made the selfless decision to be a part of the world's largest service organization and to give of your time and talent to make your community a better place. Thank you for your commitment and please know that you have the support of all the Lions of District S. We look forward to working side by side with you in service.

New Member	Sponsor	Club
Rex Riggs	Tim Hays	Arkansas City Early Bird
Michael Pond	Lloyd C Baumwawrt DDS	Neodesha Lions Club
Reta Jackson	Warren Voorhees	Reading Lions Club
Patrick Reilly	Leland Kemp	Towanda Lions Club

NEWSLETTER NEWS

SEND YOUR CLUB NEWS AND PHOTOS!!!! Share the great work your club is doing by sending a write up and photos if **you** have them to the District Governor. Don't forget to send your upcoming events, also!

Upcoming Events

November

- 2- Hillsboro Leos Trick or Treat for Eyeglasses
- 5-7 -2nd State Council Meeting, McPherson, KS
- 13-Arkansas City 90th Anniversary Celebration
- 20-2nd District Cabinet Meeting-Independence
- 21-Zone 1 Meeting-Hillsboro

December

- 9-Yates Center Club Visit

January 2011

- 28-20- Mid-Winter Rally, Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS

March

- 12-Coffeyville Lions 90th Anniversary
- 18-19- District S Convention, Emporia, KS

*"Life's most urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"
Martin Luther King Jr.*



CLUB NEWS

Baxter Springs Leo Club



The Baxter Springs Leo Club inducted new members and installed officers at the Baxter Lions Club meeting on October 11. 1st VDG Mel Greene (right) did the honors with assistance from DG Tonja Wienck (left). The newly-rejuvenated Leo club has been very busy with projects and activities over the last few weeks, including serving water during the Baxter Springs Marathon race.

Girard Lions Club

Girard Lions Serve Up the Sausage...And Pancakes for a Good Cause!

Funding scholarships is a large part of the work of the Girard Lions Club and their annual pancake feed is just one of the many activities they sponsor to raise funds for that project and the many others they are involved in around the Girard community.



Cooking the pancakes!



A few of the Girard Lions take a break to have a good laugh during a busy morning of service to the community.

Whitewater Lions Club

Whitewater Lions host Annual Car Show at Whitewater Fall Festival.



Whitewater Lion Bob Cornelius and DG Tonja present a trophy at the Whitewater Fall Festival Fall Fest on Saturday, October 2.

Hillsboro Lions and Leos Clubs

The huge annual Hillsboro Arts and Crafts Fair offers the local clubs including the Hillsboro Noon and Evening Lions and the Leo club the opportunity to raise funds for their projects throughout the year. The Evening Club offers up the very popular “tater twister” and offers funnel cakes, as does the Leo club. The Noon Lions tradition is the homemade bierrock stand.



Hillsboro Noon Lions PDG Elfrieda Funk and member Greg Brown take a break from bierrock sales at the Hillsboro Arts and Crafts Fair. The club makes and sells around 1,000 of the delicious meat and bread pockets as their primary fundraiser for the year.



Hillsboro Noon president and district pin chair Viktoria Bichet gets into her work running over 1,000 dough rolls through the roller machine to make the bierrocks.

Arkansas City Early Bird Lions Club

The Ark City Early Bird Lions are a dedicated bunch in their fundraising efforts for Habitat for Humanity. They are taking donations for chances to win this beautiful grill and a bundle of meat just before the holidays with the proceeds going to Habitat. Here they set up their display at the Whitewater Fall Festival. Contact PDG Tim Hays in Ark City if you are interested in participating!



Sure Sight Screener Making a Difference



Hillsboro Lions Coralee and Ken Neufeld try out the Sure Sight Screener as IPDG Terry Weldin, Screener Committee Chair looks on. The Screener was acquired through a grant in Lyon County and to date, around 100 youth have been screened in the two-county area. District 17S has taken on fundraising efforts to purchase a screener for use throughout the district.

DID YOU KNOW...

One of the benefits to your community and club is that projects you do as official Lions projects are automatically covered by a \$2 million liability insurance policy? This benefit for clubs could be a lifesaver if an unfortunate accident occurred at a community event. While it is not necessary, a certificate of insurance can be acquired for your event ahead of time. For more information on the policy and the few exclusions, contact the District Governor or check out this link: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/common/pdfs/la3.pdf>.



CLUB NEWSLETTER MERIT AWARDS - 2010-11



The *State Public Relations & Media Committee* invites all Kansas Lions & Leo Clubs who produce a Club Newsletter to submit PDF copies for Merit Evaluation and Awards.

Here are the details:

I. CLUB NEWSLETTERS

- A. All Kansas Lions Clubs are encouraged to submit **PDF copies of three issues of their club newsletter for Merit Evaluation.**
- B. There will be only one open class category, regardless of club size or type (Lion or Leo).
- C. All work must be done in-house by club members.
- D. The PDF Copies are to be submitted to the Committee Chmn. (ddsmith@pld.com) before the **DEADLINE OF DECEMBER 20, 2010.**

- 1. Merit Evaluations for Awards Ratings will take place prior to Mid-Winter Rally.
- 2. Merit Award Designations and Awards will be presented at Mid-Winter Rally.
- 3. Each club newsletter will receive one of three Merit Designations:
 - a. **Standard Award** Rating- (Acceptable Quality)
 - b. **Excellent Award** Rating- (An Outstanding Model)
 - c. **Superior Award** Rating- (The Highest of Quality)

E. Evaluation Criteria... (*Ratings from 1-5, with 5 being the highest quality rating.*)

- 1. **General Appearance**- Does it look good and “appeal to the eye” of the reader? (Rating 1-5)
- 2. Is the **Club Name** easy to read on the Banner Page? (Rating 1-5)
- 3. Are **articles informative**, and do they show what is taking place in the club? (Rating 1-5)
- 4. Is the **quality of writing** acceptable... in punctuation, spelling, grammar, etc. (Rating 1-5)
- 5. Do **articles keep members informed** of up-coming club, district & state events? (Rating 1-5)
- 6. Is there an **editor or contact person** listed? (Rating 0-5)
- 7. Do **photos generally support the articles**? (Rating 1-5)
- 8. Is there a **blend of club, district, & state news** and information? (Rating 1-5)

II. The CLUB SCRAPBOOK/YEARBOOK CONTEST- will continue as in past years as a Contest for monetary Awards. An announcement will be in the winter issue of *Kansas Lions News* and via District Newsletters and Websites.

Denny D. Smith, PDG

State Public Relations Chmn.