



Beacon of Light

"Shine a Light on Service"



District S Newsletter - November 2010



Some Thoughts From the District Governor

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. I thought to myself recently that it seems like there are more people all the time affected by this medical condition, and this was confirmed when the Diabetes Committee report was given at the recent state council meeting. According to the American Diabetes Association, 7.8% of the population of the US has diabetes.

I know or know of diabetics in every facet of my life: my paternal grandmother whom I never knew, died of diabetes, I have personal friends and Lion acquaintances with it. But I have to say, not until recently have I really had to deal with it first-hand.

I have a student who is diabetic and a few weeks ago in my class, his blood sugar dropped to 23. For those of you not familiar, this is very low. He is a very active young man who has been diagnosed for several years, but until today he had not had problems in my room. Of course, we have been trained in what to do in the event that he goes high or low and I have been responsible for recording his insulin doses, but on this day, I got to experience first-hand what he deals with regularly. Together we got through it thanks to his own knowledge and experience and the phone support of the school nurse, but I have to say, it was a nerve-wrecking 45 minutes.

As I reflected on the morning, I had two thoughts-the first is that I really admire this young man's attitude and the way he deals with his condition. Despite this very regular and difficult intrusion, he leads a full and active life with a great attitude and a super sense of humor. The other thought that occurred to me was how grateful I am for the advances in the medicine and technology that have occurred in the last few decades. Since my grandmother passed as a result of a diabetes-induced coma in 1968, screenings have been developed for early detection, simple yet effective devices have been invented to quickly provide feedback on blood sugar levels and awareness of appropriate treatments has been shared with those who need the information.

But there is so much more to do. Diabetes is still the seventh-leading cause of death in the US according to recent statistics, and diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness in adults. In fact, diabetic retinopathy causes 12,000 to 24,000 new cases of blindness each year. (American Diabetes Association website)

So, as Lions, what can we do? Fortunately there is something clubs of every size, makeup and location can do to help fight this disease this month. Lions Clubs International provides wonderful educational resources that your club can share with the public at your local library or community event (see link below.) Help sponsor a free screening in conjunction with your local clinic or health department at schools, major businesses or community events over the holidays. Sponsor a Strides Walk or send a local youth with diabetes to diabetes camp. Seek out

individuals in your community with diabetes who might need financial assistance for the technology they need to monitor their disease.

Whether you do a little or a lot, do something to make a difference this month for diabetes awareness, diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

I realize this is longer than my usual column and I thank you for your patience. This cause, I believe, was worth the space.

DG Tonja...Shine On!

Diabetes Education Resources

LCI Website

<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/health-programs/diabetes-programs/index.php>

American Diabetes Association

www.diabetes.org

International Diabetes Federation

<http://www.worlddiabetesday.org/>

*A note from the editor (aka the DG)-Since I am editing my own newsletter, I really need your help as clubs and individual Lions...if you send me something and don't see it in the next months or two newsletter, PLEASE send me a gentle reminder. I ABSOLUTELY do not want to overlook anything and work very hard to get things in promptly, but so much email comes in that I sometimes miss something or it inadvertently gets dumped into my Junk Mail. Also I would LOVE to know in advance about any of your upcoming events so that I can help you promote them or possibly attend. Thanks for your help. You are all WONDERFUL!!! DG Tonja

MD 17S 2ND CABINET MEETING

Saturday, November 20, 2010
Independence Historical Museum,
123 N 8th Street, Independence, K

9:30 Registration

10:00 a.m. Call to Order, Announcements

11:45 LUNCH

12:45 Resume Cabinet Meeting

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

*Short MERL team meeting will follow the adjournment of the regular meeting

*Peace posters will be judged at this meeting. All who attend are welcome to vote!

*Please RSVP to DG Tonja (twienck@hotmail.com) or 620.382.5756)

Hosted by Independence Lions Club

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
Melissa Hobbs	Bill Beckmon	Colony
Sid Hobbs	Bill Beckmon	Colony
Regina Jameson	Randy Brooks	Columbus
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Bill Jones	Debbie Marr	Fredonia
Blaise Bauer	Wilda Pentola	Girard
Harlin Mitchell	Ralph Royston	Girard

NEWSLETTER NEWS

PLEASE SEND YOUR CLUB NEWS AND PHOTOS!! Show the district what your club is busy doing in their community! Submit stories and photos to the District Governor in a "timely fashion" (clearly deadlines are just a suggestion!).

A FEW LION FACTS...(from LCI website)

Who are the Lions? Lions are men and women dedicated to serving those in need, whether in their own community or halfway around the world. In addition to humanitarian service, they enjoy fellowship and develop leadership skills.

The Name "Lions:" The official name of "Lions" is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or simply "Lions Clubs International."

Mission Statement: To create and foster a spirit of understanding among all people for humanitarian needs by providing voluntary services through community involvement and international cooperation.

Motto: The Lions motto is "We Serve."

Slogan: Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety.

Official Colors: Purple and gold were chosen when the association was founded in 1917. Purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to one's self and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is the color of strength, courage and dedication to a cause. Gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart and commitment to mankind. Often, a dark blue is used in place of purple.

Upcoming Events

November

- 20-2nd District Cabinet Meeting-Independence
- 21-Zone 1 Meeting-Hillsboro
- 30- Deadline for Family Membership Certification Forms
- 30- Leo October Membership Growth Award nomination deadline

December

- 5- International Leo Day
- 6- Lions Eye Bank Week
- 9-Yates Center Club Visit
- 15-Annual District/Multiple District Youth Camp and Exchange Activity Report ([online YCE-1450 form](#)) due
- 15- Top Ten Youth Camp and Exchange Chairperson Award application ([YCE-110](#)) deadline
- 31- Early discount on International Convention registration fees

January 2011 – Glaucoma Awareness Month

- 1- New Peace Poster Kits available through Club Supplies Sales
- 9- Application deadline for Winter 2010 Standard, Core 4 and IAG grants
- 10-14- LCIF Week
- 13- Melvin Jones' birthday
- 15- Deadline for districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to the multiple district
- 28-20- Mid-Winter Rally, Courtyard by Marriott, Junction City, KS

March

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



CLUB NEWS

Baxter Springs Gives Service and Helps Protect the Environment



Collecting over 2000 pounds of paper per month in addition to cardboard and magazines, the Baxter Springs Lions Club makes a big impact on the environment for their community and future generations. The club reaps about \$1800.00 in income each year from the paper alone. This money is used for the many club activities they do throughout the year. The collection of magazines and cardboard does not earn them money, but is a service project for the community. Lion Ray Hefley oversees and takes care of the project for the 50 member club. Pictured are of the collection area for eye glasses and cardboard receiver. This club should be commended for their commitment to preserve and protect the environment.

Parsons and Chanute Lions Clubs

Sponsored jointly by the Parsons and Chanute Lions Clubs, the Kansas Mobile Screening Unit was brought to the Erie community to provide vision and hearing screening for young people.



Winfield Lions Club

Winfield Lions Club and Citizens Bank of Kansas coordinated the Spooks Parade for a third year.

More than 425 kids participated in the 2010 Spooks Parade. Winfield Lions Club did the judging at the 13th & Main parking lot. The children then walked down Main Street to Citizens Bank parking lot where hot chocolate and goodie bags were available. Deputy Chief/Fire Marshall Alan Stull talked to the children about safety on Halloween night. Then Steve Brown, 3rd Vice President of Winfield Lions Club, presented the awards to the children.



Oswego Lions Club

Zone Chairs and Oswego Lions Al Lutz and Bill Barnes cooking up a storm at the Oswego Fest. On the menu were fajitas, hot dogs and chili dogs. Lion Bill Minor also cooked up Kettle corn for the crowd on September 25 in Oswego.



Zone 4 Holds Meeting with Focus on Vision

Zone chair Rosalee Voorhees looks on as Emporia Lion Nina Haught discuss the process of acquiring eyeglasses for needy individuals at the Zone 4 meeting held in Emporia on September 26. IPDG Terry Weldin also provided training on the new Sure Sight Screener device.



DID YOU KNOW...

...246 million people worldwide have diabetes.

(LCI website)

ATTENTION CLUBS!! WE NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP!!

Do you have leadership skills you would like to share beyond the club level? Is there a particular area of our Lions program in which you would like to be involved with decision-making? Here is your chance! Submit your letter of intent to run for one of the following positions along with your qualifications to a member of our nominations committee to have your name placed on the ballot at the district convention on March 19, 2011. Questions? Contact DG Tonja at twienck@hotmail.com or 620.382.5756. We need fresh faces and new ideas!!

Positions on the ballot:

- **2nd Vice District Governor**
- **1st Vice District Governor**
- **District Governor**
- **Kansas Lions Foundation delegate**
- **Kansas Lions Sight Foundation delegate**
- **Kansas Lions Band Foundation delegate**

Section 2. Procedure Any Lion in the District in good standing seeking election to the office of District Governor and/or Vice-District Governor shall file in writing their desire along with credentials required by Lions Clubs with any member of the Nominating Committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the District Convention. The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, or representative, will place the name/s of candidates before delegates at the District Convention for vote.

Nominations Committee:

Chair Bob Cornelius	2202 S. Pershing, Wichita, 67218	H 316-687-3009	wwlions67218@aol.com
IPDG Terry Weldin	727 Kennebec St., Burlington, 66839	H 620-364-5371	weldicat@hotmail.com
1 st VDG Mel Greene	120 E. Maple, Columbus 66725	H 620-429-3130	melgreene@columbus-ks.com
PDG Chris Bauer	924 North 11 St, Humboldt, 66748	H 620-473-2406	lionchris@sbcglobal.net

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

Kansas Lions Environmental Program District S Reporting Form

This form is set up for club members to fill out then send to their club. The club will need to compile member reports. These reports should then be compiled and then submitted for quarterly reporting to the District Chairperson, who then will submit them to the State Chairman.

These points need to be reported quarterly to the District Chairperson, who will report to the State Environmental Chairperson, quarterly.

This program started in 1972 by Lions Clubs International. As a multiple district we will follow the program as closely as possible. You may also visit the Lions website or have someone print it off for you. This point system is uniform throughout the state for proper application of awards. [Reports must be made quarterly to your district chairperson.](#) Your District S Chairperson is: Wanda Weldin, 727 Kennebec St., Burlington, KS 66839; wandaweldin@yahoo.com; (620) 364-5371. Report summaries can be sent via e-mail or hard copy. You can also find the report form on the State's website.

State Award: To the top District club, \$50.00 + certificate for Environmental work.

District S Award: To the top District S club, \$25.00 + certificate for Environmental work.

Quarterly reports are due October 15, January 15; April 15, and by May 15.

Competition will only be considered for the clubs that submit all quarterly reports to the District Chairperson and/or District Governor on time.



Kansas Lions Environmental Program



This form is available on line and from each District Environmental chairman.

The following is the point system: *(Submitted quarterly)*

Lion Member_____

And/or Club Name_____

District_____ **Quarter**_____

Lion member talk to a civic group on Environmental issues *20 points* _____

Lion member talk to a city council on Environmental issues *20 points/member* _____

Have a non-Lion help with a project *10 points* _____

Community work on Environmental per member *10 points/hr.* _____
(trees, recycling, reusing, & reducing, clean-ups)

Tree planted and nurtured, per tree (April 2011 project) *10 points* _____

Recycled materials, 5 lbs. (not as a business but for Lions) *10 points* _____

Photo submitted to district chairperson, per photo *10 points* _____

Cell phone collection and delivery to district, per 10 phone *20 points* _____

Hearing Aid collection and delivery to district, per 10 aids *20 points* _____

Start and maintain an Environmental program (one time) *20 points* _____

Total Points *(due quarterly)* _____

**Submit quarterly to your District Environmental Chairman
by Oct. 15, Jan. 15, April 15, and May 15.**



Lions Environmental **PHOTO CONTEST**

2010-2011

Now is the time to get out your cameras and start getting those great shots for the 2010-2011 Environmental Photo Contest. The categories are:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (Urban or Natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Special Theme: *Beacon of Hope for the Environment*

(Photos of Lions in action implementing an environmental project)

Lions from clubs in good standing can enter an original, unaltered, black-and-white or color photo of the environment of their Lions club. Lions clubs will then select and submit one winning photo to the district chair by January 1, 2011. Each district is allowed to submit two photos from that district for judging at the multiple district level. There will be a \$25 cash prize for each of the two winning photos at District S level. The Environmental Photo entries for Lions Club International contest will be judged at Mid Winter Rally. There will be a maximum of 10 entries to be voted on by the registered convention attendees. This multiple district 17 winner will receive a cash prize of \$50. Impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme. Additional guidelines and rules follow:

1. Photos must be taken in Kansas during the current Lions year.
2. Photos cannot include people, except this year's theme photos.
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4. Photos that are on 8" x 10" (20.3 x 25.4 cm) paper with a smaller image will not be eligible for the contest.
5. Photos must not be mounted or framed.
6. Photos depicting people will be disqualified (unless they are in accordance with the Special Theme).
7. There must not be any writing on the photo front or back.
8. All entries must use a separate sheet of paper which includes your Name, Club, District, Address, Email (optional), Phone number, and the category entered. Include this with your photo, but do not attach to the photo as this may damage the photo. Damaged photos will be disqualified.
9. Club entries must be submitted by January 1, 2011 to: Wanda Weldin, District S Environmental Chair, 727 Kennebec St., Burlington, KS 66839.
10. Contest photos become the property of Lions Club International.
11. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet the contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

Complete rules are available at: Lions Clubs International: www.lionsclubs.org, Kansas lion's website, and at the district website.

Wanda Weldin, District S Environmental Chair, wandaweldin@yahoo.com