



Beacon of Light

"Shine a Light on Service"



District S Newsletter - July 2011

Message from DG Mel



Hello, fellow Lions of District 17-S. It is July and we have the opportunity to change leadership both at the local Club level, at the District level and at the International level. I am sending you a two page introduction to our new IP Wing-Kun Tam. I was pleased to meet him last week and am impressed by his commitment to his theme for the year "I Believe". As I step into the position of District Governor I will make a commitment to your club that I will do everything possible to help at the Club level to promote Membership, Service, and Leadership development. With this as my commitment to you I would ask you to commit to me that you will support District 17-S with your reports, advice, and articles for the monthly newsletter.

As you know PDG Tonja Wienck is moving to Texas and I do not have her in our district to give me her direction and advice, so I will be depending on PDG's, You, and Your Club for direction and assistance. Together in Service we will prosper and have a lot of fun. Having fun is another of my goals for your club and our district. It is going to be my goal to visit every club this year. It will be either me or our 1st Vice District Governor Bill Kincaid or 2nd Vice District Governor Jess Larison. I will have assisting me also this year my lovely bride Laura Lowry-Greene. Unfortunately she might not be traveling with me on all of my visits but will do so when possible. We are owners of a small hotel and sometimes Lion Laura will stay home and run the hotel while I visit your club or participate in your club service project.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor and look forward to this new Lions year with great anticipation and expectation of great things we can do to grow our clubs and grow club membership through providing our communities with needed services.

- Look Ask Follow-up Fan the Flame
- LAFF
- Look for new prospects
- Ask them to join your Lions Club
- Follow them so they will grow.
- Fan the Fire of Lionism so they can become the future leaders.

L A F F and have fun as "WE SERVE"

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mel Greene".

NEWSLETTER NEWS

There will be very few newsletter changes in the new Lion year. You will see a few changes in the overall look reflecting the theme "I BELIEVE".

- We will continue primarily with electronic distribution where possible. We encourage you to forward the newsletter on to any club members who do not have e-mail so they can have a hard copy. Please feel free to print and distribute copies among your club members if that would be helpful.
- Please submit items for the newsletter-articles, photos, etc. to DG Mel Greene by the 25th of the month if possible. Also contact DG Mel if you have any questions about the newsletter.
- District S has purchased a Sure Sight screener unit for the Lions Clubs in Southeast Kansas. Clubs in following counties have access to this unit. The counties are: Wilson, Neosho, Elk, Montgomery, Labette, Crawford and Chautauqua. Scheduler is PDG Kenneth Van Cleave, 9435 60th Rd. Galesburg, Ks. 66740. Telephone 620-763-2551, Cell 620-423-2720 Computer address: kvfarmers_2000@yahoo.com. This unit is best used on preschool, K-2 students for possible eye defects.

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 12-14, 2011

State Council Meeting: The first state Council meeting for Lion's year will be Aug 12-14

The meeting is to be in Great Bend, Kansas at the Convention Center. As more information is received on this meeting we will advise you.

August 27, 2011

Our first District 17-S Cabinet meeting will be in Parsons, Kansas. We had our first meeting with the executive committee July 17 to plan for this meeting. The agenda is being prepared now and will be sent out soon. We especially want ALL club presidents and Secretaries and Zone Chairmen to plan to be at this meeting as we will have training and planning for this year's programs as well as an information exchange program for all to participate and learn and have fun.

A good Service Project - Cities with Lions clubs go into cities that do not have a Lions club and set up clinics for preschooler, or K-2 for an eye screening. Clubs that have used this unit are well pleased with the results.

Kenneth Van Cleave, Scheduler for Southeast Kansas

KANSAS LIONS FIRST STATE COUNCIL MEETING

August 12- August 14, 2011 Great Bend

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL:
CALL FOR
RESERVATIONS BY July 29th

Highland Hotel & Convention Center
3017 West 10th Street
Great Bend, KS 67530 620-792-2431
CALL TOLL FREE 866-212-7122

Rooms are blocked for Lions with a special rate. Please advise you are with the Lions Block when you call for reservations. **RESERVATIONS NEED TO BE CALLED TO HOTEL BY JULY 29, AS THE BLOCK WILL BE RELEASED AT THAT TIME TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.**

HOSPITALITY ROOM...District 17-L Clubs will be hosting a Hospitality Room. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship Friday evening, Saturday and Saturday evening following the dinner.

MEETINGS...The three Foundations and all State Committees will meet during the day Saturday. The business session will be at 9:00 a.m. Sunday.

MEAL RESERVATIONS: ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY AUGUST 4th ..PLEASE RESPOND BY THIS DATE!! It is very important to have all reservations in by this date as guarantees for meals must be given several days in advance.

Friday evening dinner.... \$15.75 per person. 6:30 p.m.

Saturday lunch..... The restaurant is open for lunch.

Saturday evening dinner.... 6:30 p.m. Price will be \$15.75 per person.

Sunday morning 7:30 a.m. breakfast , and Devotional, hosted by the PDG Club, and for everyone, will be \$8.50. Reservations required.

All meal reservations and payment **BY AUGUST 4th TO:**

Linda McCormick, State Secretary
Kansas Lions State Office

CHECKS PAYABLE TO **Kansas Lions**

231 South Tyler,
Wichita, 67209
E-mail: KansasLions@aol.com

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS. COME AND HEAR ABOUT KANSAS LIONISM, INFORMATIVE SESSIONS, MEETINGS, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE IN WRITING....MAKE 20 COPIES..Each one is responsible for their own copies. DO NOT BILL TO ANY GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL THROUGH THE MOTEL

Enjoy some fun and entertainment Saturday evening.

Friday, August 12

6:30 p.m.	Dinner	South Heritage
Hospitality Room opens following dinner		Room A of Convention Center
8:00 p.m.	State Council and First Vice District Governors Review	Gold Room

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room	Room A (Convention Center)
8:00 a.m.	Kansas Lions Foundation	Convention East
8:00 a.m.	Long Range Planning	Room B
9:00 a.m.	Budget & Finance	Gold Room
10:00 a.m.	Kansas Lions Band Foundation	Convention East
First Vice District Governors & Spouses	Room C	
Audit	North Heritage	
10:00 a.m.	Constitution & By-Laws	Room B
11:00 a.m.	International Convention	North Heritage
Lions Health Programs	South Heritage	

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN.....RESTAURANT OPEN IN HOTEL

1:30 p.m.	GMT and GLT	Convention East
Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team		
All district GMT and GLT leaders, Governors, 1 st & 2 nd Vice Governors and all interested in this new program		
1:30 p.m.	Environmental	Room B
2:30 p.m.	State & International Band	Room C
3:00 p.m.	LCIF	Room B
3:00 p.m.	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	Convention East
3:00 p.m.	K-I	North Heritage
3:30 p.m.	Public Relations	Room C
6:30 p.m.	Dinner & Entertainment	South Heritage
8:00 p.m.	Governors Review Meeting	Gold Room
Hospitality Room Open		

AGENDA -FIRST STATE COUNCIL MEETING - BUSINESS SESSION

Sunday, August 14

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast buffet/devotional	South Heritage
9:00 a.m.	State Council Business Session	Convention East
	Call to Order	Bill Phillipi
	Introduction of Council Chair 2011-12	Bill Phillipi
	Welcome/Remarks Council Chair 2011-12	Michele Hufferd
	Group Singing "America"	Helen LeBlanc
	Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Mel Greene
	Invocation	Marion Schroll
	Introduction of 2011-2012 State Council	Michele Hufferd
	Introductions/Remarks Past International Family	Michele Hufferd
	Introduction of Vice District Governors 2011-12	Michele Hufferd
	Adoption of Agenda	Michele Hufferd
	Parliamentarian Report	Chris Bauer
	Announcements of 2011-2012 State Council Meetings	Michele Hufferd
	October 28-30, 2011 Second State Council Meeting	Best Western Holiday Manor, McPherson
	January 13-15, 2012 Third State Council Meeting & Mid-Winter Rally,	Salina Ramada Inn & Holidome
	Special Guest – International President Dr. Wing-Kun Tam	
	June 7-9, 2012 Fourth State Council Meeting & State Convention	Airport Hilton, Wichita
	Special Guest: International Director Dr. Gary Anderson & Cheryl	
	Adoption of Minutes of Fourth State Council Meeting 2011	Michele Hufferd
	Adoption of SOP's	Michele Hufferd
	<u>2010-2011 Year End Reports:</u>	
	2010-11 Treasurer Report	Hans Neidhardt
	2010-11 Budget and Finance Report	Elfrieda Funk
	2011 State Convention Report	Peggy Jacobson
	2011 International Convention Report	Tom Badger
	2011 State and International Band Report	Hans Neidhardt
	<u>2011-2012 Reports:</u>	
	2011-2012 District Governor Reports and Goals	District Governors
	Treasurer Report	Hans Neidhardt
	Audit	DeAnne Heersche
	Budget and Finance	Dan Funke
	Constitution and By-Laws and SOP's	Chris Bauer
	Environmental	Louise Greenberg
	International Convention 2012	Bill Phillipi
	GMT and GMT Programs	Bill Phillipi & Anne Smarsh
	K-I	Tom Weathered
	Lions LCIF Program	Tom Badger
	Lions Health Programs	Vern Failor
	Long Range Planning	Chris Bauer
	Mid-Winter Rally	Bill Phillipi
	Public Relations	Steve Everley
	State Convention 2012	Laura Oxley
	State and International Band	Hans Neidhardt
	State Office	Michele Hufferd
	Kansas Lions Foundation	Craig Donecker
	Kansas Lions Band Foundation	Willie Tolle
	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation	Gene Vogel
	Unfinished Business	Michele Hufferd
	New Business	Michele Hufferd
	Adjournment	

IMPORTANT

MEAL RESERVATION FORM - RETURN BY AUGUST 4th ROOM RESERVATIONS BY JULY 29th

_____reservations for Friday evening dinner @ \$15.75 each

_____reservations for Saturday dinner @ 15.75 each

_____reservations for Sunday breakfast & devotional service @ \$8.50

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

Club _____ Phone or email _____

RETURN TO: Linda McCormick, State

Secretary

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PLEASE SEND IN MEAL RESERVATIONS BY AUGUST 4th

NO meals added at time of meeting unless there have been cancellations at that time.