



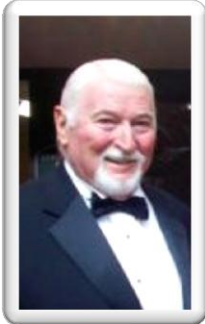
Beacon of Light

"Shine a Light on Service"



District S Newsletter - November 2011

Message from DG Mel



November is going to be a very exciting month for Lions in District 17-S. We have so much to be thankful for and November is when we can celebrate with a Thanksgiving meal and hopefully not eat too much food.

Be sure and include November 12th Cabinet meeting on your schedule of events. I have included an invitation page and hopefully you will plan on attending. If you plan to attend I would ask you to notify Lion PDG Terry Weldin of your intentions so he can make arrangements to have enough Chili and fixings for all.

I just returned from the 2nd District 17 Cabinet meeting in McPherson, Kansas on October 28 and 29. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation reported that the Mobile Screening Unit at the State Fair screened 1831 people. An example of results just on blood sugar was 100 people had blood sugar of 250 and one was over 400. The unit is scheduled again for the state fair next year. Requests for the Mobile Screening Unit are already over 31 days for this year so if you want the Unit in your club town this coming year you need to request it as soon as possible.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month with November 14th being Diabetes Awareness Day. I would challenge each Lions Club in District 17-S to have a program on diabetes this month. How do you keep from getting diabetes? Do you know ways to help hold off the on-set of diabetes? Do you eat correctly? Do you exercise enough? The answer to these questions and others can be answered in brochures provided by Lions Clubs International. Get your Lions Club involved in the fight against diabetes and help the people in your community to be more educated on diabetes.

The Kansas Yellow Dot Program continues to expand. If your club is interested in this program let me know and I will arrange for assistance in getting the program to you. Remember (WE SERVE) this program is a service to the local community provided by your Lions Club. It helps the emergency responders in your community know that the people with the yellow dot on their vehicle may have a medical problem while driving. Hopefully this program will aid the driver with faster medical attention in the case of an accident.

The Long Range Planning Committee Report contained recommendations that the Council of Governors consider raising state dues by \$5.00 beginning July 1, 2012 and also consider appointing a committee to develop a redistricting plan with a minimum of 1600 members per district. This plan will be presented to the Council of governors at the second council meeting of 2012. Currently District 17-S has 1,039 members in 45 Clubs.

It is not too early to start looking for students who want to participate in the 2012 State Band Camp. State wide we continue to have more students who want to participate than we have clubs that want to sponsor a student. The Band Camp will be at Friends University this next year.

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

melgreene@columbus-ks.com

EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 4	Hillsboro Lions Club 50 th Anniversary
November 5	Baxter Springs Club 70 th Anniversary
November 12	District 17-S Cabinet Meeting
November 19	Arkansas City Early Bird 30 th Anniversary
January 13 ,2012	Mid-Winter Rally, Salina, Ks.
March 24, 2012	District 17-S Convention, Independence ,Ks.

District Governor Visitation Schedule

November 7	Garnett Lions Club 6:00 P.M.
November 21	Oswego Lions Club 6:15 P.M.
November 24	Coffeyville Daylight Defenders 6:30 A.M.
November 24	Fredonia 12:00

District 17-S Cabinet Meeting

November 12, 2011

Location:

**Christian Church of
Burlington, Kansas
¼ Mile West of High School
1401 Cross Street
Burlington, Kansas**

Agenda

9:15 – 9:30 Registration-Welcome
9:30-10:15 Sure Sight Screener Training-PDG Terry
10:15 – 10:30 Diabetes Awareness Video-DG Mel
10:30 – 10:45 Break
10:45 – 11:00 GLT-PDG Cunningham
11:00-12:00 Cabinet Meeting
12:00–1:00 Lunch Chili Coffee /Tea, Cinnamon Rolls
12:30 -1:00 PDG Club Meeting
1:00 – 1:15 Project – Fund Raising -PDG Tim Hays
1:15 – 2:30 Cabinet Meeting

Hosted by Burlington Lions Club

Please make reservations with
PDG Terry Weldin
weldicat@hotmail.com
Club Name and # for lunch
Phone (620) 490- 1461

Lunch
Chili with trimmings,
Dessert Cinnamon Rolls

\$7.00 Pay at registration Table



Here are pictures at the Vision Clinic in Girard, Kansas showing the great technology to provide environment enrichment to the low vision.



Burlington Lions Club is placing mint dispensers in local businesses in our community as our Candy Day activity. We are allowing people to give from their heart for the mints. The Central National Bank officer Elaine is adjusting the placard behind the mint display tray.



PDG Terry Weldin in costume at State Council Costume Contest



PDG Chris Bauer and District Governor Helen LeBlanc Dist 17-N at Costume Party in McPherson , Kansas Council Meeting October 29,2011

Peace Posters Contest:

The deadline for receipt of posters is November 15, 2011

Mail the posters to:

Lion Laura Lowry-Greene
120 East Maple
Columbus, KS 66725



Lions Environmental

PHOTO CONTEST

2011-2012

Photos for the Lions Photo Contest are due January 1, 2012

Anyone planning to enter the 2011-2012 Lions Environmental Photo Contest needs to get their photos taken, selected and printed as the date to have those sent to the District S Environmental Chair, Lion Wanda Weldin, is

January 1, 2012. Each club can submit five photos, one in each category. The categories are: Animal Life, Landscape (Urban or Natural), Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon, and *Protecting our future with trees* (This is the special theme, photos of trees and the vital role they play in our communities.) All photos need to be 8" X 10". For all the rules and guidelines on how to submit your photos contact Lion Wanda Weldin, wandaweldin@yahoo.com or phone (620)-364-5371. Send photos to Lion Wanda Weldin, 727 Kennebec St., Burlington, KS 66839.

P.S. Please contact Lion Wanda and report how many trees your club has planted to date. Also secretaries please continue to submit the number of trees planted via the Lions Service Activity Report in the WMMR.

