



# Beacon of Light

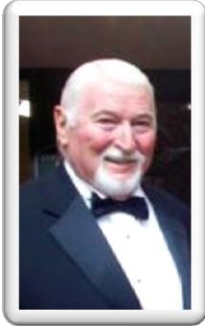
"Shine a Light on Service"



## District S Newsletter - October 2011

### *Message from DG Mel*

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It is October and time for Oktoberfest celebrations. Many things are planned for this month. Pittsburg is having their Chili Fest on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It is going to be cool, so if you want to eat some good chili I would suggest you be there.

Columbus is having Columbus Day celebration with a Hot Air Balloon Regatta and Parade. We started October off with a parade and celebration at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Lions Parade in Whitewater, where DG Mel and 1<sup>st</sup> DG Bill Kincaid were parade marshals and had a great time. October 4 was the Golf Tournament in Coffeyville. Remember that on October 22 the Emporia

Lions Club will be celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Then on the 28, 29, and 30<sup>th</sup> of the month we will go to McPherson for the 2<sup>nd</sup> State Council meeting.

This would be a good one to visit because we will all be in costumes and there is some great entertainment planned by the 5 District Governors.

So far this year I have visited 21 of the 46 Lions Clubs in District 17-S.  
In October my schedule is

- Oct 10 Columbus Lions Club
- Oct 14 Arkansas City Early Bird Car Show
- Oct 17 Towanda Lions Club
- Oct 18 Potwin Lions Club
- Oct 22 Emporia 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Oct 25 Burlington Lions Club

While you are looking at your calendar be sure to put January 13,14, 2012 on it to attend Mid-Winter Rally in Salina, Kansas. Our International President Dr.Wing Kun Tam will be there and would like to invite all of the club presidents to be there. Also, on your list of events to attend you need to add March 24, 25, 2012 for our District 17-S Convention in Independence, Kansas. Our Convention Chairman PDG Ray Rothgeb is planning some great times, so be there!

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

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Bill Kincaid, 1st Vice District Governor, (top) and the 2nd is Mel Greene, District Governor (bottom). We are waiting for the start of the 16th annual Lions Parade in Whitewater, Kansas on October 1, 2011

**PROCLAMATION  
BY THE  
GOVERNOR**

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International has designated the second Thursday in October as Lions World Sight day; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, October 15 is recognized as White Cane Safety Day; and

WHEREAS, Lions clubs in Kansas will be conducting special sight-related projects that include collecting eyeglasses, conducting vision and diabetes screenings, distributing Lions candy and mints at Candy Day activities, and planning educational programs to inform their communities about the importance of eye health and diseases such as diabetes than can impair sight;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Brownback, Governor of the State of Kansas, proclaim the week of October 9 through October 15, 2011 as

***Kansas Sight Week***

in Kansas and call upon all Kansas citizens to recognize and support the work of Kansas Lions and meeting the needs of Kansas citizens who are visually impaired.

Done: At the Capitol in Topeka  
Under the Great Seal of the  
State this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
September, A.D. 2011

BY THE GOVERNOR: \_\_\_\_\_ *Sam Brownback* \_\_\_\_\_



Lions and one guest attending the proclamation signing ceremony were, left to right, KLSF Director Vern Failor (Topeka Sunflower), KLSF Director Jerry Snider (Baxter Springs), Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Treasurer Bert Gordon (Lenexa), Geri Gordon (Lenexa), Lion Melanie



Lion Weldon Goodell and Lion Billy Beckmon in the Parade at Colony Days



PDG Terry Weldin operating the Sure Sight Screener in Herington, Kansas  
Total Screened 2011-2012 **1288 screened** **168 referrals** report date 10-01-2011

Our Kansas Lions Foundation is offering Lions emblems permanent decals for Lions to display their Lions pride on their vehicles, campers or business windows.

Kansas Lions Foundation supports the disaster relief, LEO Clubs and Lions Quest, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp, Youth Exchange and International Peace Poster Contest and Youth Leadership for our multiple district.

The emblem displayed here is on the back window of a pickup truck.



All the emblems are white. Emblems are available for \$10 and will be at our next District S Cabinet meeting on November 12. Contact PDG Terry Weldin 620-490-1461 weldicat@hotmail.com. For more information about Kansas LIONS Foundation go to <http://www.kansaslionsfoundation.org/> WE BELIEVE SO WE SERVE!!!!!!

**A HAPPENING ONLY ONCE IN EVERY 823 YEARS!!!!**

**AND YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS GREAT HAPPENING.**

**THIS YEAR...OCTOBER, 2011, HAS 5 MONDAYS, 5 SATURDAYS, AND 5 SUNDAYS. THIS HAPPENS ONLY ONCE EVERY 823 YEARS!!!**

**WE ARE HAVING THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING DURING THIS IMPORTANT WEEKEND....OCTOBER 29-30TH...**

**MAKE PLANS TO BE A PART OF THE FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND LIONISTIC BUSINESS.**





## Kansas Lions Statewide Low Vision Project

Kansas Lions, through the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, have supported a statewide low vision project for children for five years. This project has been a partnership between Lions, the Kansas State School for the Blind, and the Kansas Optometric Association. Now, as a result of a SightFirst Low Vision Grant, the partnership has been extended to include the Lions Club International Foundation.

At a SightFirst Advisory Committee meeting the week of August 15, Kansas Lions were awarded a \$71,000 grant—the first low vision grant awarded in the United States. This grant will provide funds for additional low vision equipment for the offices of participating doctors, for training of a variety of stakeholders (doctors, educators, parents, and Lions), for publicity and communication—including creation of a website, and for evaluation of the project.

A requirement of the grant was evidence that Kansas Lions would be involved in the project in ways beyond financial contribution. (The KLSF contribution is \$10,000 a year.) A major role for Kansas Lions is for all Lions to be cheerleaders for this area of eye care as they are in all other areas. Specifically, Lions can help with low vision clinics that are held in various locations around the state. While most low vision evaluations take place in doctors' offices, clinics are held when there are several students in an area who need such an evaluation and it is more efficient to bring the clinic to them rather than take individuals to an eye professional's office.

What are some ways Lions can help in these clinics?

- Provide transportation if requested (make sure it's a Lions Club activity for insurance)
- Set up and break down clinic arrangements
- Greet families and other individuals as they arrive
- Register participants and see to the signing of all forms
- Assist with siblings who might accompany parents
- Run errands as needed by the individuals conducting the clinic

Being present at a clinic will give individual Lions the chance to observe evaluations and become much more knowledgeable about what is involved. Information about participants will always be confidential.

At this point, Pediatric Low Vision Collaborative Clinics have been set for the following dates and locations:

- October 13-14      Girard
- October 19 & 25      KSSB
- November 2 & 10-11      Garden City
- December 8-9      Wichita

# Vicki's Secrets for Club Secretaries!

New Edition for 2011-12

***-The Handy Guide thru the maze of LCI on-line Reporting for Club Secretaries-  
FILING MMRs EACH MONTH ON-LINE!.***

- a. <http://www.lionsclubs.org>
- b. >click on "submit membership & activity reports-" (*at top right*)
- c. >click on Lions Club Officer icon to login
- d. Type in your ID & Password.

>click on "membership" at the top--- choose the month.

**choose "Add," "Drop," or "No Membership Activity"**

1. **for "Adds"...** where it asks- "Prior Member?" >click NO!, then >**submit-**

-Next page... fill out the info on the New Member with **complete** details.

(*data left out will haunt you later!*) >click on "sponsor" and complete the linkup... then >click **submit-**

**-Do the above for each new member to be added!- One at a time!**

2. **for "Drops" ...** >click on "Drop a member" ... then scroll through the membership roster and >click on the membership # (in blue) of the one to be dropped. Scroll through the reasons and highlight it... >click **"drop."**

**-Do this for each member to be dropped!- One at a time!**

3. **"No Membership Activity"** - If you have no new members nor drops for the month, >**click on this tab.** Your report will immediately be recorded as "no change" for the month. (*Voila! You're finished!*)

**UPDATING A CLUB MEMBERS'S DATA!**

- a. <http://www.lionsclubs.org>...
- b. >Click on "Submit Membership & Activity Reports-"
- c. Type your ID & Password
- d. >Click on "Membership" at the top.
- e. >Click on "update a member's information-"
- f. Select the name of the member by >clicking on his/her membership #
- g. Make changes, additions, deletions...