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District S Newsletter - January/February 2011



Some Thoughts From the District Governor

Well, folks, I'm going with the "better late than never" adage here. I'll make my message short- there is MUCH good going on in District 17S. As spring approaches, please keep in mind the International environmental project. Our district and state environmental chairs are encouraging all clubs to plant and nurture a tree in a public place in the month of April.

Please plan to attend our district convention in Emporia March 18-19. It will be a weekend of fun, fellowship and sharing. All the information is near the end of the newsletter.

Finally, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!! Share your pictures and stories with me and also don't forget to fill out the activity report online for LCI and show the world what we're doing here in Southeast Kansas!

DG Tonja

Upcoming Events

February

- 7 - DG Visit to Towanda Lions Club
- 14 - SureSight Screener Training, Hillsboro Middle School, Hillsboro, KS (2:00 p.m.)
- 28 - DG Visit to Benton Lions Club
- 19 - New Member Orientation
- 18-19 - District 17 L Convention, Hays, KS
- 25-26 - District 17 O Convention, Lawrence, KS

March

- 12 - Coffeyville Lions 90th Anniversary Celebration, Coffeyville, KS
- 11-12 - District 17 I Convention Concordia, KS
- 18-19 - DISTRICT 17 S CONVENTION & CABINET MEETING, Emporia, KS

April

- 2-3, - District 17 N Convention, Wichita, KS

June

- 2-4 - MD 17 State Convention, Lawrence, KS

International President Sid Scruggs III will be our guest!

July

- 4-8 - Lions International Convention, Seattle, Washington

CLUB NEWS

Arkansas City Lions Club

The Arkansas City Lions Club celebrated its 90th anniversary on Saturday evening November 13 with a wonderful meal, fellowship, reflections on their many accomplishments over the years, acknowledgement of distinguished members and a keynote by PID Ernie Young. The 2nd oldest Lions club in Kansas, the Ark City Lions is still going strong and are 90 years “young”. Among the Lions who were honored for their work were:

- Lions Danny Mitchell and Ken Gilmore for their work in the flag project, lining the drive at the Ark City park with flags on for Veteran’s Day
- Lion John Dotten, Lion Don Cheslie and Lions Joe and Joanne Walker for their contributions to the park
- Lion Bonnie Gilmore for her hard work on the Arkalalah Funnel Cake stand
- Lions Don Shanks and Bill Hendrick for their donation collections, Lion Charlie Kenzie for his work as “mister fixit”.
- In addition a Letter of Commendations were presented to Lion Carl Mills for 50 years of service to Lionism and to Lion Irvin Kramer for his outstanding service in many key positions in Kansas Lionism in addition to his work in his club.



Young singers entertain the crowd.



PID Ernie Young makes a presentation to Lion Carl Mills for his years of service.



Ark City Lions prepare their Avenue of Flags for the local park. Note the Lion emblem on the shelter in the background. This is just one of the many, many projects that has made the Ark City Lions so successful over the past 90 years.

Arkansas City Early Bird Lions Club

ARK CITY EARLY BIRDS Hard at Work Helping the Homeless.

Special thanks to Lions Nancy, Betty, and El Presidente, Lion David Cheney for helping make this day very special to our club. The check for \$3,354.00 to our Habitat for Humanity was through the efforts of a quickie project to benefit others. ~PDG Tim Hays



Project Warmth



Lion Chauncey Biby, Chairperson of "PROJECT WARMTH", and Lion Tim Hays (on left) of the Early Bird Lions Club, presented winter coats to students at the IXL Elementary School here in Arkansas City. This is the Lions Clubs fourth year for this project that assists the less fortunate children and according to Lion Chauncey, that means that 22 children will have new, warm coats this year.

Girard Lions Club



The Prairie Moon Band performs as part of the Lions Country Christmas Concert held in Girard on December 5. The USD 248 vocal choir also performed in the fundraising event organized and hosted by the Girard Lions Club. The annual event raises money to assist needy families in the Girard area over the holiday season.

Hillsboro Lions Club

Working side by side with the Boy Scout troop they help to sponsor, the Hillsboro (Evening) Lions served a pile of pancakes to the Hillsboro community and at least one high school basketball team in town for a tournament. In addition to being a fundraiser, the project is considered a service to the community as well as the Scouts, providing them the opportunity to build communication and leadership skills.



Hillsboro Leos Club

For their many projects benefiting their community and beyond last year, the Hillsboro Leo Club led by President Evan Wienck was honored with the Leo Excellence Award. The award is presented to about 45 clubs from around the world. Last year the club raised thousands of dollars for projects including Leader Dogs for the Blind, the SureSight Screener project, a special wheel chair for a local Hillsboro woman with cerebral palsy, Lions band scholarships and much more. The club honored their teachers with a breakfast during teacher appreciation week, provided tissues and hand sanitizer during the flu season for every classroom in their school district, assisted the Hillsboro Noon and Evening Lions with projects, conducted after-school projects for elementary children, participated in the AIDS Walk, organized a fun run to collect food items for the local food bank and much more. Present to receive the award for their club were Leos Past President Evan Wienck, President Peyton Loewen, and officers Erin Loewen, Heather Mayfield and Taylor Carlson, as well as their advisor, DG Tonja. The club is sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions and the Hillsboro Noon Lions Clubs.



Coffeyville Lions Club

Saturday evening, March 12 is the date of the Coffeyville Lions Club 90th anniversary celebration. The event will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Lanning's Café at 111 W. 9th St. in downtown Coffeyville. Cost of dinner and the evening is \$20 and reservations should be made by March 1st. RSVP to Phil Neely c/o Community State Bank, PO Box 219, Coffeyville, KS 67337.

DISTRICT CONVENTION COMMITTEE SEEKS SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

The district convention committee is asking for donations for the silent auction which will take place at the district convention. Theme baskets are always a favorite. The District Governor and Lion David will also be donating framed prints of Native Australian artwork they brought back from International Convention. Proceeds from the auction will go to district youth projects including the Leo program.

SURESIGHT SCREENER UPDATES

Northeast Section: Lyon, Coffey, Anderson, Linn, Greenwood, Wilson, Woodson, Allen, Bourbon. Scheduler IPDG Terry Weldin 620-364-5371 weldicat@hotmail.com

Southeast Section: Elk, Montgomery, Labette, Crawford, Cherokee, Chautauqua. Scheduler PDG Kenneth VanCleave 620-763-2551 kvfarmers_2000@yahoo.com

West Section: Marion, Chase, Cowley, Butler. Scheduler 2nd VDG Bill Kincaid billsherkincaid@sbcglobal.net

Dates in Northeast Feb 2, Afternoon Burlington; Feb. 5 Morning Burlington; February 7 Morning and Afternoon Yates Center; Feb 19 Morning Leroy; February 26 Madison

Dates in Southeast 1. Independence Feb. 22 & 23rd - 2. Oswego - March 6 - 3. Baxter Springs - March 19th

Dates in West to be scheduled

MOBILE SCREENING UNIT

The MSU will be returning to the Kansas State Fair next September. For this to happen all of the Lions Clubs in Kansas need to help in this huge project.

How can a Club help?

1. By scheduling a time to help operate the MSU.
2. By donating to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.
3. By learning more about the MSU and its operation.
4. By scheduling the MSU to come to your location.

The Dates for the Kansas State Fair are September 8 – 18, 2011. The Fair is open from 9am to 9pm each day and the booth must be staffed all of this time. The MSU will be doing screenings from 10am to 6pm each day. It takes 7-10 people per shift and there will be two shifts.

Please talk to your Lions Clubs and start letting us know who and how many can help.

We will need your club name, a contact persons information and how many from your club can supply to help.

Contact area people that can do blood pressure and diabetes checks to help at the Fair. Contact **Sylvia Reinhardt** or **Ron Bretz** about your club helping and to answer questions.

For MSU scheduling contact:

Lion Ron Bretz
347 Victoria Ct
Newton, Kansas 67114
316.283.1921 316.772.7740
E mail wildfires@cox.net

DISTRICT PEACE POSTER WINNER TAKES 3RD PLACE AT STATE

Leo Mary Leihy of Hillsboro was the creator of the 3rd place winner in the State Peace Poster Contest. The winners were announced and Mary was presented with a monetary award at the 2011 Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City in January. Mary's poster will be on display at the district convention.



DG's Unofficial Award for Favorite Christmas Candy???

Neodesha Lions Homemade Peanut Clusters!! Made and sold by the club, this was the DG's bag before it was devoured by Leo Evan. The Neodesha Lions use the proceeds of their peanut clusters for local projects and charities.





Lions 175 2011 District Convention
"The Cornerstone of Kansas Lions"
March 18-19, 2011
Registration Form



Guesthouse Inn, 2700 W. 18th Ave., Emporia, KS
 Call (620)341-9199 for reservations~Ask for Lions Rate (69.00 +tax)

NAME _____
 Registrant Delegate Alternate Leo
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
 STATE _____ ZIP _____
 LIONS OR LEO CLUB _____
 SIGNIFICANT OTHER NAME _____
 Registrant Delegate Alternate
 CLUB _____

REGISTRATION FEE (per person) Must accompany registration form _____ @ \$ 3.00 _____

FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2011

6:30 p.m. Blues & BBQ Dinner & Entertainment _____ @ \$5.00 _____

SATURDAY MARCH 19, 2011

Noon Luncheon (Sandwich, salads, chips, tea/coffee) _____ @ \$9.00 _____

6:30 p.m. District Convention Banquet _____ @\$ 15.00 _____

Special Guest Speaker~ID Ron Johnson, Maine
 (Salad, Carved Roast Beef, new potatoes, green beans, rolls)

PACKAGE (all meals + registration) _____ @\$30.00 _____

TOTAL _____

Send registration to: PDG Dale Rein, 1013 Wilson, Burlington, 66839 Email to:

sirdale51@gmail.com

Phone: (620) 364-2095 (H) (620) 382-6142 (C)

Make checks payable to Lions District 175

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS DUE BY MARCH 4, 2011

(Make room reservations directly with hotel)

ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 6, 2011



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Voting Delegate Form

All District 17S clubs in good standing are entitled to name voting delegates for the district convention. Those named are authorized as delegates eligible to vote at the 17S District Convention, March 18-19, 2011. Clubs are entitled to one voting (and one alternate) delegate for every 10 club members, or major part thereof.

This means: A club with 14 or fewer members has one delegate, a club with 15-24 members has two delegates, 25-34 has three, 35-44 has four, 45-54 has five, 55-64 has six, 65-74 has seven and so on.

Please note that, in addition to delegates determined by membership, ALL 17S PDGs have a vote, separate from the club delegate quotas. PDGs must register at the registration table and indicate that they are Past District Governors so they may receive the appropriate badge indicator, allowing them to vote.

DELEGATE AUTHORIZATION:

Lion _____ is hereby named as an official
voting delegate/alternate (circle one) of the _____ Lions Club of
_____, Kansas for the 2011 District 17S convention.

Signature

Club Secretary OR Club President (please indicate position)

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention or it may be mailed to PDG Dale Rein, 1013 Wilson, Burlington, KS 66839

Voting Delegate Information

All clubs in Lions District 17-S are entitled to have a voting delegate at the District Convention, March 18-19, 2011 in Emporia, KS. Below is the section of the District 17S constitution relating to eligible delegates. Please note that recent clarifications from LCI regarding the definition of a club "in good standing" are listed at the bottom.

Taken from DISTRICT 17S Constitution (highlight & underlining added for emphasis)

Section 5. Club Delegate Formula Each Chartered Club in good standing in Lions Clubs International and the District shall be represented by one or more delegates at the Annual District Convention and shall be entitled in each such Convention to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club or fraction thereof, of said Club as shown by the records of Lions Clubs International on the first day of the month last preceding that month during which the Convention is held and further provided that full delegate status be granted to each Past District Governor who is a member of a Club in the District independent of Club Delegate quotas herein above specified. The major fraction referred to in this Section shall be five (5) or more members. Each certified Delegate present in person may cast one vote only for each office to be filled and one vote only on each issue to be voted on by the members of said Convention. Unless otherwise specified herein, the affirmative vote of a majority of the Delegates voting on any question shall be the act of the Convention. Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification, as such, closing time shall be established by the rule of the respective Convention.

Section 6. Delegate Form Voting Delegates from a Club and Past District Governors must have a Delegate Form signed by the President or Secretary of his or her Club. The District Governor or Vice District Governor may sign the Delegate Form if the Delegate has misplaced the original form.

LCI Clarifications

A transferee shall be counted as a member for the purpose of calculating the delegate entitlement of the club if the transferee has been a member of the receiving club for at least one year and one day.

A reinstated member shall be counted as a member of that club for the purpose of calculating the club's delegate entitlement provided that the reinstated member has been a member for an aggregate period or periods of not less than one year and one day.

A newly chartered club will be entitled to one delegate and one alternate delegate until it has been chartered for one year and one day. Thereafter, its delegate quota will be based on the number of members enrolled in the club for one year and one day.

Clubs being released from status quo or financial suspension will have their delegate quota based on the number of members enrolled in the club for at least one year and one day at the time of being released from status quo or financial suspension. However, a club being released from status quo or financial suspension will be entitled to a minimum of one delegate and one alternate delegate.

Current per capita tax must be paid in full.

Old balances of more than \$50.00, ninety (90) days past due, must be paid.

Entrance fees for new members affecting voting strength of more than one (1) delegate must be paid.



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Convention Booklet Ad Purchase Form

Lions District 17S will be publishing a convention booklet for this year's district convention to be held in Emporia, KS March 18-19. The booklet will feature advertising, the agenda for the weekend, bios of keynote speakers and other pertinent information. The booklet will be distributed to Lions across southeastern Kansas. Consider this very inexpensive but effective means for advertising your business or welcoming our international Lion guest, International Director Ron Johnson and his wife Lion June of Maine to Kansas. If you choose to submit your ad electronically, please include all of the information requested below.

You may use a design of your choosing or we will design with your info/logo.

To allow for printing time, all ads must be submitted and paid in full by Friday, March 11, 2011.

Submit to: DG Tonja Wienck, 1120 E. 210th, Hillsboro, KS 67063, twienck@hotmail.com

Options

Half-page Ad (4 1/4" x 5 1/2") \$20 _____

Quarter-page Ad \$10 _____

Name of purchaser _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Copy for Ad (or submit on a separate page)

