



# Beacon of Light

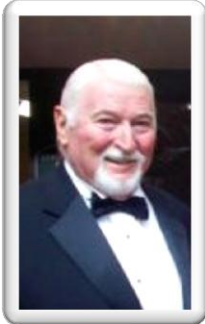
"Shine a Light on Service"



## District S Newsletter – February, 2012

### *Message from DG Mel*

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My fellow Lions in District 17-S, I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather we have been having. I just hope that we do not have to pay later with a long, cold, season to make up for this stretch of warm dry spell.

There are lots of important things happening in the next two months. First is the Cabinet meeting on Feb. 4, in Yates Center, Kansas. This is as center of this district as it can be so we would like for a large turnout. If you have not been to a cabinet meeting, this one would be one to start with to see what we do at these meetings. It is going to be short but it will be interesting and fun to attend since this is where the Lions who want to run for District Governor, and both Vice District Governors need to make their intentions known.

This is your first call to convention which will be in Independence, Kansas on March 23 and 24. Our visiting International Director will be Douglas X. Alexander. I have listed later in this newsletter a Bio and picture of ID Alexander. Make plans now to attend this convention. Our Convention Chairman PDG Ray Rothgeb has really been working on getting some excellent programs and entertainment lined up for your enjoyment.

We especially want club Presidents and Secretaries to come and bring your club banners for the Saturday evening Banquet. We plan to recognize the Club Presidents and Secretaries with a special gift.

In this newsletter is registration and voter delegate forms for those attending. We want you all to consider attending. The agenda is full of exciting programs and I think you will enjoy the other Lions who are there and will also take part in selecting your leadership for the upcoming year. This will be a god opportunity to interact with other Lions of Southeast

Kansas. This will give you the opportunity to learn what other clubs are doing and share your club's success with other clubs.

**We are ready. Make plans to attend!**

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

Mel Greene, District Governor

[melgreene@columbus-ks.com](mailto:melgreene@columbus-ks.com)

## ***District 17-S Cabinet Meeting***

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February 4, 2012

Location:

Fire House, East Edge of the Town Square  
E.M.T. Room  
114 North Main  
Yates Center, Kansas

Hosted by Yates Center Lions Club

Please make reservations with name and # for lunch with  
[homebody632000@yahoo.com](mailto:homebody632000@yahoo.com) or [melgreene@columbus-ks.com](mailto:melgreene@columbus-ks.com)

Lunch is \$7.00. Pay at registration Table

### **Agenda**

Registration: 9:30– 10:00

Cabinet: 10:00-10:30

Break: 10:30 – 10:45

Cabinet: 11:00-12:00

Lunch: 12:00–1:00

Soup & Sandwiches

PDG Club Meeting: 12:30 -1:00

Cabinet Meeting: 1:00- 2:30



# SOUTHEAST KANSAS LIONS

## CALL TO CONVENTION

“AS DISTRICT GOVERNOR, I CALL ALL LIONS CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF 17-S TO

COME TO OUR DISTRICT CONVENTION IN INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 24 & 25, 2012

IN THIS NEWSLETTER IS YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND BELOW IS THE VOTING DELEGATE AUTHORIZATION FORM.

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VOTING DELEGATE TO DISTRICT 17-S CONVENTION  
AUTHORIZED DELEGATE LIONS  
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The above listed Lions are hereby authorized as delegates and eligible to vote at the 17-S Convention March 23-24, 2012.

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**Delegate Authorization:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ Lions club of \_\_\_\_\_ .Kansas

Club Secretary or President \_\_\_\_\_

This Form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention



# 17-S District Convention '12



## Registration Form

Civic Center, Independence, KS, Penn & Locust, Independence, KS  
Convention Motel – Appletree Inn, 201 N. 8<sup>th</sup>, Independence, KS – Call (620) 331-5500  
For room reservations ask for Lions Rate (70.00 + tax) by March 10th

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  Registrant  Delegate  Alternate  Leo

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

LIONS OR LEO CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST NAME \_\_\_\_\_  Registrant  Delegate  Alternate  Non-Lion

GUEST CLUB \_\_\_\_\_

*Choose separate activities or select number of "PACKAGE(S)" and place total on "TOTAL DUE TO LIONS DISTRICT 17-S" line at end of form.*

	Number	@	Total
<b>REGISTRATION FEE</b> <i>Per person: Must accompany registration form. Registration fee is for daytime participants only.</i>	_____	@	\$5.00 _____

<b>FRIDAY MARCH 23, 2012</b> <i>Independence Historical Museum &amp; Art Center.</i> 6:30 p.m. International Director Reception	_____	@	\$3.00 _____
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<b>SATURDAY March 24, 2012</b> <i>Independence Memorial Hall-Civic Center.</i> Noon Luncheon & Meeting (Sandwiches, salad, cookies, tea & coffee)	_____	@	\$8.50 _____
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2:00 pm Little House on the Prairie Tour <i>(Leave from Civic Center and return to Museum.)</i>	_____		<i>no cost</i>
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3:30 pm Independence Historical Museum & Art Center Tour <i>(Return to Civic Center after tour.)</i>	_____		<i>no cost</i>
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6:30 p.m. District Convention Banquet Special Guest Speaker: ID Douglas X. Alexander – New York Meal: Salad, Carved Roast Beef, new potatoes, green beans, rolls	_____	@	\$17.50 _____
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<b>PACKAGE(S)</b> <i>Per person - all meals, registration, and tours</i>	_____	@	\$30.00 _____
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**TOTAL DUE TO LIONS DISTRICT 17-S** *Make checks payable to Lions District 17-S* \_\_\_\_\_

Send Registration to: Dr. Ray Rothgeb, PDG, P.O. Box 381, Independence, KS, 67301  
Email to: rdrothgeb@cableone.net Phone: (620) 331-0108 (Hm) or (620) 779-1844 (Cell)



Lions District 17-S Convention

March 23 & 24, 2012

Civic Center – Independence, KS



**Presidents & Secretaries to be Recognized**

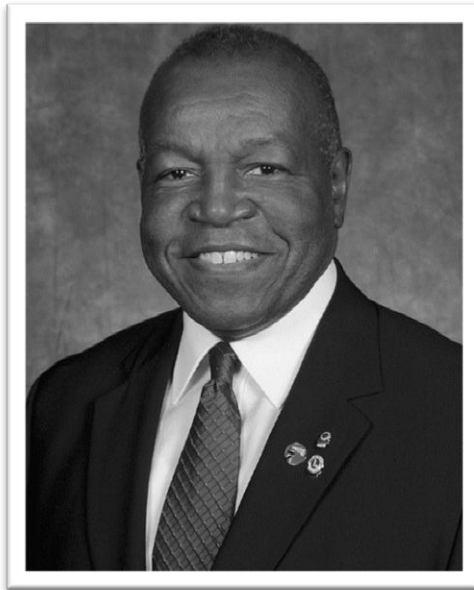
**Bring your club banner!**

Send registration to: Ray Rothgeb,  
P.O. Box 381, Independence, KS 67301

or email to:

[rthrothgeb@cableone.net](mailto:rthrothgeb@cableone.net)

**RSVP no later than Monday, March 10, 2012**



**DOUGLAS X. ALEXANDER  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR**

Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 93<sup>rd</sup> International Convention, held in Sydney, Australia, June 28 to July 2, 2010.

Director Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank.

A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary and cabinet treasurer. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association and a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the Club Lions of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Multiple District Membership Growth Award, District Chairperson Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation and two International President's Medals. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He has also received the Congressional Record Award.

Director Alexander has two daughters.

**Mid-Winter Rally in Salina Kansas**

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Linda & PID Ed McCormick cutting their cake celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding celebration at the Mid-winter Conference in Salina, Kansas.  
Linda is the Kansas Lions State Secretary



PDG Terry Weldin receiving award from Dorothy Wunder, and Past International President William H. "Bill" Wunder



PDG Chris Bauer receiving award from Dorothy Wunder, and Past International President William H. "Bill" Wunder





Past Council Chairman Bill Phillipi presenting the award for the Peace Poster Contest winner.

## Humboldt, Kansas

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PDG Don Cunningham teaching the Club the Excellence Process.  
January 16, 2012 in Humboldt, Kansas

## What if your club had 10 more members?

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Would your club be able to perform current projects more efficiently? Would your club be able to take on new projects? What about projects you currently do are they still meeting the needs of your community or have they merely become a tradition? Have some of your projects died because of lack of support?

Has attendance dropped at meetings? Are meetings dull and boring? Have your club officers received proper training? Does your club have a membership drive each year? Do you have a retention plan in place?

Maybe a Club Excellence Process workshop is just what your club may need. CEP (LCI loves acronyms) is a 4 step process. Note I underlined the word process because it's ongoing. The workshop is put on by a trained facilitator.

**Step 1:** Your club will conduct a community needs assessment.

**Step 2:** Your club members will fill out the How are your ratings questionnaire.

**Step 3:** Your club will evaluate the results of both the community assessment and the How are you ratings questionnaire.

**Step 4:** Based on your findings you will develop an action plan and set goals for your club.

The workshop can be done in 1 day or can be broken down to 2 2 hour sessions or 4 1 hour sessions. If doing the all day session the community needs assessment needs to be done 4 – 6 weeks prior to the workshop.

After your workshop concludes you continually assess your goals and club evaluation. After you have achieved a couple of goals set a couple more attainable goals. This should be done annually and every three years complete another community needs assessment.

The potential rewards to your club are stronger leadership, increase in membership, retention, of older members and new life in your club. This can only be done if your membership works hard to achieve Club Excellence.

For more information contact your Zone Chair or District GLT/GMT Coordinators.

PDG Lion Don Cunningham GLT Coordinator.