



MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

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The Power of We: the impossible becomes possible

It is an honor and privilege to assume the mantle of District Governor of 17N. I do so in all humility. I have been preparing for this moment for the last two years. But it was then the future. Now the future is here. We have been entrusted with starting a new journey into a new century, where we will meet numerous challenges and changing situations. We will meet them all with strength and courage. We will never give-up. We are Lions.



As I visited your clubs and projects over the last two years, I have seen the incredible service that you Lions

render to your communities, giving of your time, talent and treasure. You are a living example of WE SERVE, ever ready and ever willing to serve the less fortunate. I have seen the numerous ways you raise funds for your projects and the wonderful generosity of your members and supporters. I have seen Lionism at its best in our district.

We must continue the wonderful work of our clubs into the new century. We will have new ways of serving, new tools to work with and new skills to learn. But we will be up to the task.

This is an exiting time to be a Lion — as we evolve to meet the changing needs of a changing world.

I have been a Lion for 21 years, serving in two

countries and two cities. It has been a journey of joy. I have met and worked shoulder to shoulder with many wonderful Lions from all walks of life. Their dedication to a cause has often held me in awe. But they are Lions and that's what they do.

I started my Lionism in Sri Lanka, where I was born. Both my wife, Lion Rasitha and I enjoyed the opportunity for service and fellowship with like minded Lions. Lion Rasitha and the ladies of our club planned and executed a lifeline project for Kids with Cancer. They built and equipped a facility and arranged essential medical services and nursing care for the children, which even today provides a lifeline for families with little or no resources. The ladies won many accolades for this project.

When we came to New York, we took a break from Lions to focus on graduate study, career, and family. This was our priority and we had little time for anything else. A few years later however, with a few more time slots opening up, we plunged back into serving. We actively engaged with the community and initiated the formation of two new Clubs — a ladies club and a regular club. Both are now thriving Lions Clubs.

When my job moved me to Kansas, I walked into the State Secretary's Office and met that gracious lady, Linda McCormick, who helped me transfer. Bel Aire had just been formed by PID Ed and PCC Bryce and it seemed the ideal Club, with a dedicated membership and great projects. They give me strong support at all

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MD 17-N Leadership 2017-2018

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For a complete list of Lions leaders at the state and district level, see the Multiple District 17-Kansas Directory online at www.kansaslions.org. Click on the words "membership directory." The username is [kslions](http://kslions.org); the password is [dirmd17](http://kslions.org).

Naresh Aggarwal — International President

Dr. Naresh Aggarwal, of Batala, Punjab, India, was elected to serve as international president of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention, held in Chicago, Illinois, USA, June 30 through July 4, 2017.

Dr. Naresh is chairman of companies specializing in steel and agricultural products.

A lifetime member of the Batala Smile Lions Club since 1974, President Dr. Naresh has served with great distinction as club president and international director. He also served as chairman of the Council of Governors for MD 321 in 1989-90.

Dr. Naresh served as international director from 1998 to 2000. He earned great appreciation by achieving significant membership growth while serving as Global Membership Team area leader. He was a fac-

ulty and group leader for DGE Seminars at three International Conventions. He also served as international board appointee three times, and as Global Leadership Team constitutional area leader (CA-6).

Dr. Naresh is trustee and vice-chairperson of Lions Quest in India Foundation

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Introducing...Your District 17-N Leadership

Patrick Laham: 1st Vice District Governor

Greetings from Augusta to all my Lions friends! I am District N First Vice District Governor for the 2017-2018 Lions Year. Many of you may know me from visiting your clubs as a representative of the District Governor last year, or as Diabetes Awareness Chair, or from my work in District N, Zone 7.



Or perhaps I made a visit to your club to present a recognition or to hear a special program, or just as a hungry Lion at a pancake feed or

chili supper. I do love visiting Lions Clubs throughout the district and state.

The District Governor has asked me to introduce myself once again to all Kansas Lions. I really don't like to talk much about myself, but the Governor and newsletter editor have asked me to do so. I much prefer talking about Lions and their service to their communities, their District, and Worldwide.

Here is my Lions story: I am retired from Wichita State University since 2010. Before working as Printing Department Supervisor at WSU, I taught

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Marla Larison: 2nd Vice District Governor

I am Marla Larison and have been a member of the Baxter Springs Lions Club since 2010. Over the years I have served in numerous local club offices and as the current Secretary while on the District level most



recently as Zone Chair for Zone 1 the past 2 years. Currently I am serving as State Environmental Chair for MD 17 and as a Director on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

During my working years I was a convenience store District Manager for two different chains before retir-

ing to assist my spouse with his business. In my spare time I enjoy genealogy, quilting and working in my greenhouse.

I am married to Past Council Chair Jess Larison and we have 3 children and 9 grandchildren ranging in age from 5 to 25 years of age. We live in the country and enjoy just being at home and watching the local wildlife.

Thank you and I just want to say I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the 17-N 2nd Vice District Governor for 2017-18.

DG Indra Phillips

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times and I am proud to be a Lion from the Bel Aire Club.

The centerpiece of the new president's year is the POWER OF WE, meaning that if all Lions come together, then the impossible becomes possible. The POWER OF WE plus the POWER OF ACTION equals THE POWER OF SERVICE. This is his message and it will ring through his presidency.

Accordingly, TEAM SPIRIT will be at the center of our district and our clubs. WE will work in tandem, WE will work in unison, WE will work together to move our district forward.

I will be a Servant Leader, serving the Lions I lead by clearing the way for their success. And when our goals are accomplished and our work is done, our Clubs will say WE DID IT OURSELVES.

*Indra Phillips
District Governor 17-N*

International President

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chairperson of Lions Quest in India Foundation and has also served on the National SightFirst Committee. He is the chief patron of Dainik Prarthana Sabha, which operates charity projects in Batala. He is vice president of Age-Care India, a charitable society for the care and welfare of elderly people. He has been trustee and patron to many other projects.



We Serve

Dr. Naresh has received 23 International President's Medals and the Ambassador of Goodwill Award. He is a major lead gift donor and humanitarian partner of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Dr. Naresh and his wife, Navita, also a Lion and Melvin Jones Fellow, have two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren. Dr. Naresh also shares a birthday with the founder of Lions Clubs International, Melvin Jones.

CABINET MEETING

The first Cabinet Meeting for the 2017/2018 Lions year will be

Saturday, August 19

1pm to 4pm

COMMUNITY BUILDING

**6757 E. Shepherds Crossing
Bel Aire, KS 67226**

Catered Lunch (\$10 per person)
at 1 pm with meeting to follow

Send Reservations to:

**Cabinet Secretary Chris Bauer
Humboldt Lions Club**

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Directions: On north Woodlawn, pass 45th Street (by Catholic Care Center) and take the first turn on the right. Look for the Lions Flag. Can also be accessed through Bethany Street, (next street on the right)



Club News & Notes

Share what's happening in your club with Lions across the district by sending articles and pictures to rfunke3@cox.net. Deadline for the next newsletter is August 20.



Fredonia Lions, from left, Kenny Streets, Jennifer Jensik and President Peggy Ogle, 100 X 100 pins from zone chair Chuck England at the club's annual officer installation and awards program.



Humboldt's incoming president, Darrell Krone, left, and officers Cindy Scovill, Cole Herder, and Don Copley are installed by VDG Patrick Laham, while PDG Chris Bauer snaps a picture.



Newton's officers, from left, Phil McPheeters, Bob Burke, Dan Heinze Jr., and Mike Pettijean were installed at a club picnic on June 26.



Jerry Wayne Dungan of the Park City Lions Club was one of a delegation from the club visiting the Valley Center Club to pass on a traveling Lion. Social media reports indicate that the Lion has traveled to the Bel Aire Club.

Humboldt sponsors Lion Mike Rickner Memorial Fireworks

The Humboldt Lions Club annual fireworks display is a tradition where families and friends bring their blankets, chairs, and patriotic cheer to the north end of Humboldt to celebrate what makes America so great!

The Independence Day Celebration held annually on July 3 where members of the Humboldt Lions Club donate their time and talent so that the night sky comes alive in celebration of the nation's birthday.



This year's sky painted with color was seen by one of our largest crowds.



Wellington President Karen Murray shows off the Club Excellence Award banner patch with 1st VDG Patrick Laham at the Wellington office installation and awards program.



Finnish exchange student Aada Pihlajamäki recently spoke to the Augusta Club. Also pictured are President Judy Dryden and PCC Harry Stockwell.



Winfield President William Muret, left, congratulates Lion Barry Thompson on receiving a Melvin Jones Fellowship during the Winfield officer installation and awards banquet.

New Ark City Lion inspires club to take on a project with an international reach

Simion Melly, the newest member of the Ark City Early Birds club, came to the community to attend college, but he plans to return to his home in Africa with a lot more.

Melly was featured in an article in the *Cowley Cou-*



Lion Mike Bergagnini sponsored Simion Melly, a recent graduate of Cowley College, in the Ark City Early Birds club.

rier Traveler in June. According to the article, Melly, who graduated in May from Cowley College with a degree in applied science, has made contacts through Lions Club that may bring a safe water supply to his remote village in Kenya.

Melly was introduced to Lions by Sue Lancaster, a member of the Early Birds club and participant in Cowley's foster-parent program, which provides support, friendship and family to students who are hundreds or thousands of miles from home. Melly calls Lancaster his "college mum."

After hearing Melly talk about the lack of safe water in his village, Lancaster and Lion Mike Bergagnini were inspired to start looking for ways to help, including contact with district, state, and regional Lions leaders. Bergagnini has reached out to Lions in Kenya to help put together a project to provide a safe well to the village.

This month Melly starts a one-year LPN program at Pratt Community College. He plans to return to Kenya and help provide medical assistance to his village. He hopes to build a clinic in his village.

Melly was inducted into the Early Birds Club in June during the annual officer installation.

1st VDG Patrick Latham Continued from page 2

Printing and Graphic Design for 15 years for USD 259 and Wichita Area Technical College. I am married to my lovely wife, former Augusta Lions Club Secretary, and now a District N Environmental Committee member Lion Merle. We will celebrate 41 years of marriage this October. We have 3 adult children, and 6 grandchildren, ages from 27 years to 2 years.

I have been a Lion since 2009, having served the Augusta Lions Club as board member, Tail Twister, Program Chair, Membership Chair and Club President. This year I am serving my Club as Eyeglass Collection Chair, and on the Club Vision Screening Team. I am a 2013 graduate of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, a 2015 graduate of the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, and a participant in the Kansas Lions Leadership Roundup in 2016 and 2017. I am also a recipient of the International President's Certifi-

cate of Appreciation. I have served Lions District 17N four years as Diabetes Awareness Chair, and one year as Zone Chair. Lion Merle and I are both Certified Guiding Lions. I enjoy meeting other Lions, and have attended many cabinet meetings, zone meetings, council meetings, district and state conventions as well as the Leadership Institutes and trainings during my service as a Lion. Lion Merle and I both attended the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha in 2016, and the Lions International Centennial Celebration in Chicago last month. In addition to being an active Lion, I am a K-State Extension Butler County Master Gardener, serve on the Board for the Augusta Community Garden, and I am a huge fan of University of Kansas athletics, (yes, even football).

I hope to see you all somewhere down the Lion trail this year, and I will be attending as many District and Club events as I possibly can attend. Let me know what your Club is doing, and I will try to make it to your event. Thank you all for your service to your communities. We Serve.

Diabetes Awareness utilizing the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit

Diabetes can take a toll on nearly every organ in the human body including the heart and blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, nerves, gastrointestinal system, as well as your gums and teeth.

Heart and Blood Vessels – A diabetic is at least twice as likely to have heart problems and strokes as individuals who do not have this condition. Blood vessel or nerve damage may also cause foot problems which in rare cases can lead to amputation of toes, feet, and even the legs.

Eyes – Diabetes is the leading cause of new vision loss in individuals ages 20 to 70 in the U.S.

Kidney Disease – Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure in adults in the U.S. and accounts for almost half of new cases.

Nerves – Over time high blood sugar levels can harm your nerves, commonly called neuropathy, which can lead to tingly or painful limbs, or even the total loss of sensation. This can also affect the nerves that control your internal organs causing digestive issues and trouble sensing when your bladder is full. These types of nerve damage are experienced by as many as 70% of individuals with diabetes.

Teeth – Diabetes puts one at great risk for gum disease.

Approximately 30 million Americans have diabetes. Of this number statistics show 7.2 million of these individuals are undiagnosed. Diabetes is the 7th leading cause of death in the U.S. and total costs of diagnosed diabetes is approximately \$250 billion dollars annu-

ally. The good news is that when diabetes is diagnosed it can be treated by eating right, exercise, and weight loss. Affected persons should avoid smoking, get high blood pressure and high cholesterol treated, visit with your health care provider and check blood sugar levels as recommended, and take prescribed medication as directed.

When the current Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) was put into service with funding assistance from Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation it was to help Kansas residents stay healthy by having free access to blood sugar, blood pressure, vision, and hearing screening. The MSU is available to all Kansas Lions to help identify medical concerns. The cost to schedule this unit in your community is \$300 for the first day and \$100 for each succeeding day in the same location.

A group of Lions Clubs may team together to use the MSU on consecutive days and share the cost. These clubs would need to be 60 miles or less apart and could not work a hardship on the Driver/Operator by scheduling screenings late in the day or early in the morning of the next day. One club would handle the scheduling with the cost equally shared by all the clubs involved.

To schedule the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit in your community contact Lion Dan Heersche at telephone H 316-777-4060, C 316-249-7524, or e-mail dheersche@cox.net.

*Submitted by Lion Sylvia Reinhardt,
KLSF VP & 17-A Director*

Kansas Sight Foundation's Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) at the State Fair. Bring the MSU to your community for a health fair, as part of a community festival or event, or host a community-wide event offering screenings for vision, hearing, blood pressure and blood sugar.



Marvin Funk honored as Centennial Lion

By Marvin Funk

Because of receiving the Centennial Lion Award for District 17-N, DG Indra asked me to write something about my Lions experience. I was really surprised and humbled by being selected and thank my club and the selection committee.



Lion Marvin Funk (second from right) was recognized as the District N Centennial Lion at the 2017 state convention in Wichita. Pictured with Lion Marvin, from left is ID Lewis Quinn, ID Bill Phillipi, and PDG Michelle Hufferd, Kansas Centennial Chair.

I was never invited to become a Lion until we moved to Hillsboro in 1977 and became a member of the Hillsboro Evening Lions. I was ready to quit because I wasn't involved. Then the club put me in charge of eye glass screening, using the machine acquired through Dr. Franklin Harms of Hillsboro, who founded the VOSH program. Then I was hooked!

I have a passion for Lions and wanted those in other area communities to have the same experience, so helped to form Lions Clubs in Marion, Lehigh and the Hillsboro Noon Club. Later also Wilsey and Council Grove. Elfrieda and I enjoyed organizing the Hillsboro Leo Club, the first in the District at that time. We also accompanied the State Leo's to several International Conventions. (You wonder why my I lost my hair?)

It's been my privilege to serve in many capacities in the local club, as well as District and State, including State Treasurer and Treasurer of several Districts. Serving on the Credentials Committee at five International Conventions was a highlight of my Lions experience.

I think of Lions as a family and appreciate all our Lions friends. Next to my family and church, Lions has been my greatest passion.

LCI announces new Global Service initiative

By Debra Funke

District N Global Service Team Chair

To meet the needs of a changing world, LCI has launched the new Global Service Framework to focus resources on the following humanitarian challenges:



vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes. The Global Service Framework focuses the efforts of Lions and Leos on the above five service areas with the goal of tripling our humanitarian impact by serving 200 million

people per year by 2021.

The Global Service Framework complements all of the great ways our clubs serve locally, and gives Lions and Leos new opportunities to help meet the growing challenges facing humanity and our communities. As your district GST chair we can work together to serve our

district and communities to address the above challenges.

Has your clubs completed a Centennial Community Legacy Project? If not there is no better time to start one then now! Help celebrate a 100 years of Lionism, connect with your community, and build your Lion legacy by planning a Centennial Community Legacy Project during our Centennial Celebration.

Legacy Projects are visible gifts to your community that commemorate our Centennial and create a lasting legacy of your service contributions. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018, and I would enjoy helping your club identify, plan or carry out your legacy project today!

For more information or ideas for Centennial Community Legacy Projects visit: lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/programs/centennial-legacy-projects.php or contact me today: dlfunke@hotmail.com.

Be sure to use the new MyLion app to input and manage your service projects.



Save the Date

Mid Winter Rally

January 26-28 • Manhattan

ID Bruce Beck and Erin Beck

District N Convention

March 2 & 3 • Wichita

Special Guest

Mahendra Amarasuriya

Past International President and current vice-chair Global Action Team

Club President's Checklist



- √ Ensure your clubs district, state and international dues are paid
- √ Coordinate a smooth transition of club officers for 2017-2018
- √ Attend the Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, August 19 from 1pm to 4 pm in Bel Aire. See info on page 3 of this newsletter
- √ Organize a Fall Membership Drive.
- √ Share your club pictures and stories with the district newsletter editor at rfunke3@cox.net

New to the Pride —

Welcome to these new Lions who joined district clubs in June and July

Club	New Lion	Sponsor	Club	New Lion	Sponsor
Altamont	Jeff Bohnenblust	L D Curran	Marquette	Brian Lade	Wally Bunk
Baxter Springs	Mike Klewer	Jess Larison	Mulvane	Sonya Jakson	Deanne Heersche
Bel Aire	Drew Cowell	Gary O'Neal	Mulvane	Susan Busch	Deanne Heersche
Bel Aire	Tristin Tehune	Gary O'Neal	Ottawa	Margart Mogan	Bruce Osladil
Burlington	Thomas Flinningan	Terry Weldin	Parsons	Ashley Ducan	Laura Stone-Bolinger
Burlington	James Ganer	Terry Weldin	Parsons	Shawana Yokey	Verlyn Bolinger
Derby Noon	Monca Baton	Susan Thompson	Pleasant Valley	Jane Hader	Mark Smith
Goddard	Tamara Judd	Debra Funke	Pleasant Valley	Donald Hader	Mark Smith
Goddard	Rebecca Metzger	Daniel Funke	Sedan	Mark Dais	Unknown
Goddard	Eric Metzger	Daniel Funke	Sedan	Jarot Blkemore	Unknown
Goddard	Anthony Devoll	Erick Mathews	Valley Center	Anne Smrsh	Edward
Goddard	Kim Devoll	Erick Mathews			McCormick
Goddard	Mark Wothern	Samantha Sanger			Virginia Schon
Goddard	Brittany Stewart	Michelle Stewart	Wellington	Tanya Chancellor	Tanya Chanellor
Goddard	Cori Stewart	Michelle Stewart	Wellington	Kira Lae	Virginia Schon
Hesston	Laurie Durksen	Kendall Schwanke	Wellington	Teri Bjstad	Scott Helmke
Independence	Chris Michell	Chuck England	Wichita Northwest	Ryan Woods	Janice
Independence	Sheila Michell	Andra England	Wichita Northwest	Paulette Satos	McClernon
Independence	David Paker	Chuck England			Scott Helmke
Independence	Starr Adms	William Reynolds	Wichita Northwest	Richard Mcrew	

Snapshots from the 2017 Lions Clubs International Centennial Convention Chicago, Illinois • June 27-July 4, 2017



Above: Talented band students from across the state marched with the MD 17 Kansas Lions Band in the International Parade. Below: Lion Shari and PCC Hans Neidhardt, dedicated sponsors of the band, lead the musicians with the banner.

Auntie Em (PCC Helen LeBlanc) and Dorothy (PCC Michele Hufferd) were part of the Kansas delegation marching in the International Parade.



State Secretary Linda McCormick and PID Ed McCormick with the Kansas delegation in the International Parade.



Emporia Lion George Walters, left, receiving recognition for his years of service president Robin Clark at the club's officer installation and awards program.



District Governor Indra Phillips accepts the Merit Award at District Governor School in Chicago

NEED SOME TLC????

Tonganoxie Lions Club (that is)



Come help us celebrate our Charter Night

Saturday September 16, 2017

Social hour begins at 5pm

Dinner begins at 6:00pm

*Tonganoxie United Methodist Church,
Hughes Hall
328 E 4th Street, Tonganoxie 66086*

Meal is \$15.00 per person consisting of pork chop or chicken (select one when making reservation) salad, green beans, corn, rosemary red potatoes, and drink

*Please make your reservation by September 12, 2017 with Lion Margy Sundstrom by email:
margaret1226@gmail.com
or text or call 940-390-7430*

Goddard Lions Club members have been busy — cooking and serving hot dogs at Goddard Public Schools enrollment event ...



...and slicing up cold watermelon at Goddard's National Night Out event.