



MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

The newsletter for Kansas Multiple District 17-N • February 2016

CALL TO CONVENTION!

17N District Convention

March 11 & 12

*Come for a rootin', tootin'
good time and welcome our
International Guest*

**ID Kembra Smith
of Decatur, Georgia**



**Best Western Hotel North
53rd St N & I-135, Wichita**

Hotel reservation deadline is February 10

Meal reservation deadline is March 1

Details & registration form inside
and on the district website:

www.kansaslions17n.org

ID Kembra Smith to address District 17N Lions

Lions of District 17 N will welcome International Director Kembra L. Smith as keynote speaker at the District Convention, March 11 and 12 in Wichita.

Director Smith, from Decatur, Georgia, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 97th International Convention held in Toronto, Canada, July 4 - 8, 2014.

Director Smith is a lawyer. A member of the Decatur North Decatur Lions Club since 1997, she has held many offices within the association, including district governor, zone chairperson, council chairperson, district LCIF chairperson, multiple district MERL coordinator, district and multiple district GLT coordinator, district convention chairperson and CEP facilitator. Director Smith is also the chairperson for the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation and a certified guiding Lion.

In recognition of her service to the association, she has received numerous awards, including four Con-

tributing Membership Bronze Awards, the Member Key Award and an International President's Award.

She is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Smith is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including the American Immigration Lawyers' Association, the American Bar Association's Appellate Judges Conference ("AJC"), Council of Appellate Lawyers and the Federal Bar Association. She previously served as president of the AJC's Appellate Staff Attorneys.



Saddle up and come to the district convention

The 17N District Convention, Friday, March 11 and Saturday, March 12 at the Best Western North in Wichita, promises to deliver fun, fellowship and even a little "edification," says convention co-chairs Lion Merle Laham, PDG Bill Kincaid and Lion Sherry Kincaid.

Billed as the "Lucky Cowpoke Invitational FUN Raiser, the convention kicks off Friday with a Chuckwagon Buffet, followed by an evening of entertainment including bull ropin', Wheel of Kansas trivia, a cantina and the jail. Bring some cash...you may run across a varmint that you want to send to jail - an arrest warrant is only \$10. If you're the varmint that gets put in the hoosegow, bail is only \$10. Or pay \$25 for a "Get Out of Jail Free" card good for the whole

evening. Country singer Russell Graves will provide musical entertainment during Friday night's event.

On Saturday, it's down to business (not that business can't be fun) with a informational sessions on topics including the three Kansas Foundations, a report from Kansas Lions attending Advanced Lions Leadership Institute, a Q & A session with the international director, lunch with a keynote address by ID Kembra Smith, awards, district elections, district cabinet meeting and more.

The registration form, with complete details, including hotel reservations and meal reservations, is on the following page. **Note if you register by Wednesday, February 10, you can save the \$6 registration fee.**

MD 17-N Leadership 2015-2016

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Dwayne Willis

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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; the password is dirmd17. **District 17-K website is: www.kansaslionsdistrict17-n.org**



DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION "LUCKY COWPOKE INVITATIONAL FUN RAISER"
 March 11 and 12, 2016 at the BEST WESTERN WICHITA NORTH HOTEL AND BUNKHOUSE,
 915 E. 53RD ST. NORTH , WICHITA , KANSAS 67219
 (316) 832-9387

Bunk down with us for the night and get free victuals for breakfast. For the rest of y'all, discount coupons are available.
 Rooms: \$76.99 (plus tax) (rate includes hot breakfast for up to 4 people per room)
 For this price, y'all must register with the Hotel by **Wednesday February 10th**
 (no exceptions for this special price) AND LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE WITH THE LIONS CLUBS CONVENTION_

Friday March 11th

- 6 pm Registration starts
- 6:30 pm CHUCKWAGON BUFFET
- 6-10 pm FUN Raising

Events: Chuck Wagon Buffet, Bull Ropin, Country Singer Russell Graves, Wheel of Kansas Trivia, Cantina and the Jail

The Jail prices have been DROPPED to \$10 per varmit you send to Jail and \$10.00 each time you want to be released from Jail. Special discount on the "Get out of Jail FREE" card is \$25.00. No renegade will escape justice or have a limit of stays. **Please bring items and/or Baskets for donation to the auction.**

Yodelin' PDG Chuck Korte of the Augusta Lions Club will be our Auctioneer.

Saturday March 12th

- 8:00-10:55 Edification
- 11 AM-11:45 Social time
- 11:45 Lunch Served
- Keynote Speaker ID Kembra Smith
- Awards
- 1:30-3:00 Cabinet meeting
- Elections

ALL REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED DIGITALLY TO THE DISTRICT SECRETARY hleblanc1953@gmail.com

Mail reservations to:

Lion Merle Laham
 1308 Bobbie Street
 Augusta, Kansas 67010
 E-mail: mc.laham@gmail.com 316-833-1228

or

Lion Sherry Kincaid
 910 E. Kelly
 Augusta, Kansas 67010
 E-mail: sskincaid@sbcglobal.net

Meals must be reserved. Final registration date for meal reservations: March 1st.

Make convention checks payable to: Lions Club District 17-N

Early Registration (on or before Wednesday February 10th) and LEOs @ \$00.00

Registration after Wednesday February 10th @ \$ 6.00

Friday CHUCKWAGON BUFFET 6:30 pm @ \$17.00

Saturday: Chicken Fried Steak Plated Lunch 11:45 am @ \$17.00

TOTAL _____ @ _____

Lion(s), Leo(s), guest or Club _____ District: K A N (circle one)

name(s) for nametags including titles may be listed on a separate sheet

Mailing address/Email _____ Phone _____

Cast your ballot at the District Election March 12

**From PDG Chris Bauer
Nominations Chairperson**

Elections will be held at the 17N District Convention on March 12 for District Governor, 1st Vice Governor and 2nd Vice Governor and positions on the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF), Kansas Lions Band Foundation (KBLF) and Kansas Lions Foundation (KLF).

Candidates who have filed Letters of Intent for the Governor and Vice District Governor positions are Marge Zakoura-Vaughan for District Governor; Indra Phillips for 1st Vice Governor, and Patrick Laham for 2nd Vice Governor.

Two KLSF Directors will be elected for three-year terms. Terms expiring: PDG Terry Weldin and PDG Arlo Medley. PDG Terry Weldin plans to seek re-election.

Two KBLF Directors will be elected for two-year terms. Terms expiring: PCC Tom Badger and Lion Jami Messner. Lion Jami Messner plans to seek re-election.

One KLF Director will be elected for a three-year term. Term expiring: PCC Helen LeBlanc. PCC Helen LeBlanc intends to seek re-election.

Letters of intent for all positions need to be submitted as soon as possible to PDG Chris Bauer, 924 N. 11th St., Humboldt, KS, 66748 or e-mail lionchris@sbcglobal.net

According to district by-laws, if there are no declared candidates, nominations will be taken from the floor during the Convention meeting.

Section 2: DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECTION PROCEDURES. Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor or first or second vice district governor shall file his/her intention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

Are you a Club Delegate?

Plan to vote? Bring your completed delegate form (printed below) to the March 12 Convention Meeting. Each club is entitled to one voting delegate for every 10 members.

DELEGATE FORM

Club Name _____ Lion _____

This certifies that the above named person is a duly elected

Delegate Alternate

To the District 17-N Lions District Convention held in North Wichita, KS on March 12, 2016

And said Lion is in good standing with their club.

The Club President or Secretary attests to this appointment.

President or Secretary Signature

Delegate/Alternate Signature

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention. Clubs are entitled to one voting and one alternate delegate for every 10 club members, or major part thereof.

All Past District Governors have a vote, independent of club delegates

PLEASE HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION

District deploys new screener for vision program

By PDG Terry Welden

The District N Child Vision Screening Team is pleased to announce that we have received the Welch Allyn Vision Screener through the Lions Club International Foundation standard grant.

We are still accepting donations from District N Clubs for supplies related to the printing of referrals. Suggested donation is \$30.00. Dates are being scheduled for all of 2016 now.



The **Lions KidSight USA: Community Child Vision Screening Program** that we are participating in emphasizes screening children from age six months to six years of age. We do screen as many children of all ages as we are invited to screen when we offer a screening.

It cannot be emphasized enough to use the wrist strap or neck strap 100% of the time when screening children. The screener has delicate computer components inside it and no one of us would consider dropping our computer on the floor from 3 or 4 feet.

Screening numbers for so far this year are impressive. PCC Helen LeBlanc reports 12,656 total screenings with 1,185 referrals. The number of children under age six screened is 974 (included within the total number). Referrals for this group are not complete but 21 were reported.

PDG Terry Welden reports 3,904 total screening with 305 referrals; with 1,538 screenings for children age six months to six years of age.

Total screenings all ages this year so far are 16,560 with screenings for children age six months to six years being 2,512 with 326 referrals.

PDG Lee honored for work with eyeglasses

From PDG Bernard and Viola Lee

We just finished sorting the glasses that we picked at Mid Winter Rally in Manhattan on January 16. We ended this sorting adventure with 33 banana boxes of sorted glasses. The 33 boxes contained 370 pairs each (average). That pencils out to be 12,210 pairs.

All of the colored (dark lens) glasses must be separated from the regular glasses, as most of those are sent to countries in the hotter regions of the world (close to the equator). All packing material has to be removed from the boxes that I ship to Indiana, as this is a disposal problem for them at the prison.

I have five large barrels of packing material and empty glass cases, to dispose of also. Our trash collection company here in Scranton is a member of the

Carbondale Lions Club. So far he has been very good natured about the larger trash shipments from my barn here in Scranton.

We are hoping for good weather and safe driving conditions for all Kansas Lions as they attend their Districts Conventions.

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State Secretary Linda McCormick shared the following from a church in Shawnee that takes some of the glasses collected in Kansas:

Last Friday PDG Bernard provided 4,000 pairs of eyeglasses to the Mill Creek Community Church in Shawnee. They are affiliated with World Gospel Outreach and will be going to Honduras to provide eyeglasses to needy people. We provided the eyeglasses last year for a trip and the photo is from that trip.



Photo courtesy of PDG Denny Smith

PDG Bernard Lee of Scranton Lions Club received a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Club International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, presented at Mid Winter Rally by International Director Robert Littlefield.





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 February 20.

Ark City Early Bird Lions take service to heart!

The Early Bird Lions Club in Arkansas City looks to be pretty busy, judging from the list of activities from the past few months from Lion Sara Ward.

The club had a successful "Candy Day" with 96 hours of service and collecting \$1,500.

With help from the Arkansas City Police Department, Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets were delivered to 16 families in the community. Lion Mary Mort connected the club with Sergeant Jason Leglieter. Our local police work closely with the community, illustrating that they sincerely care for the people in our community.

Club members got out on a chilly December morning and rang bells for the Salvation Army at three locations.

The yearly calendar project saw the Early Birds doing their part in the fundraising. These calendars list the birthdays and anniversaries of our members and their families. Lions Dick and Mary Schneider have chaired this project for many years.

Lion David Baxter and Lion President Rex Riggs have worked hard with other Lions in our club to put together a float for the Arkalalah Parade the last few years and this October was no different.

The club also supports Habitat for Humanity. In November, a check for \$1,000 was donated. Pictured below, several club members got an early morning tour of a house under construction.

Lion Sue thought it a good idea to forget about the pop cooler and set up coffee and hot chocolate for the "Christmas in the City" event. This proved to be successful.

At our Christmas party attendees were asked to bring gloves, socks, scarves, and stocking caps suitable for elementary age students. These were dropped off at two of our schools before Christmas.



Ark City Early Bird Lions gave 50 trees for elementary children to plant.



Arkansas City Lions Club President Rex Riggs and Past President Ruben Garcia delivering winter outerwear to Roosevelt School.

Club Notes

The **Augusta Lions Club** has plans for some growin' this year — in the Augusta Community Garden.

Monica Guilliams and Holly Evans shared plans for the Augusta Community Garden at a recent meeting. Supporting the community garden will be part of the club's environmental projects for the year.



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The **Fredonia Middle School Leo Club** received the Leo Club Excellence Award for 2014-2015. The club was recognized during the Kansas Lions Foundation Youth Luncheon at Mid Winter Rally in Manhattan.

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The charter application for the new **Galena Lions Club** has been submitted to Lions Club International. Charter Night is scheduled for Saturday, April 2. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Lion Doug Gatewood of the Galena Branch Lions Club was recently presented a Builder's Pin by **PCC Jess Larison** for his work building the branch club.



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Ray "Coach" Meyer of the **Garnett Lions Club** was recently presented with his 65-year chevron. The club held a special meeting at Guest Home Estates and presented Meyer with a plaque for his wall. Meyer's daughter-in-law and grandson were in the audience. On a YouTube video of the event, Lions shared their memories of working with Meyer, both as student athletes and in his long years of service in the community.

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The **Pittsburg Lions Club** held its Christmas Social at Pichler's Chicken Annies on Tuesday, December 22. Door prizes were awarded and games and activities were provided by **Lion Amie Fagen**. **Lion Bill Wilson** brought two guests.

The Pittsburg Lions will award service pins, including one 50 year pin, to members in a future meeting. The club has also added two new members.

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Kansas Lions are invited to a "Come and Visit" with PCC Bryce Day on Sunday, February 21, from 2 to 4 pm at the Lions State Headquarters, 231 S. Tyler in Wichita.

Please RSVP with State Secretary Linda McCormick at kansaslions@aol.com or 316-773-2100.

Several members of the **Scranton Lions Club** received service awards. **Lion Viola Lee** received her 10-year award. **PDG Clint Vawter** received his 15-year award. **Lion Bob Day** is recipient of a 25-year award.

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Wichita Northwest Lions staffed the Mobile Screening Unit at the Wichita Point-In-Time Homeless Count event held in Wichita on January 28. With assistance from Wichita State University nursing students to do blood pressure, blood sugar, vision and hearing screenings, volunteers from the club helped with registration.

ALERT program seeks drivers

The Kansas Lions Foundation ALERT program is looking for Lions willing to drive their vehicle to pull the 8,000 pound rated KLF Alert Trailer to natural disasters in the state of Kansas. The trailer is located at the Lions State Office in Wichita.

The trailer has a 2" receiver hitch with a 2-5/16" ball. Trailer is 7' by a 16' long. Wring is attached with a six prong wiring system and electronic brakes.

Drivers would take trailer to disaster area, check contents in with District ALERT TEAM. Driver can stay at the disaster area or return home. At the completion of the ALERT services driver will return to disaster area, check inventory with the local ALERT Team, and return the ALERT Trailer to Lions State Office in Wichita.

Driver will receive mileage, meal allowance and lodging at IRS allowance.

We are looking for more than one volunteer to ensure that there is a driver available to respond to any disaster. Send a letter of interest to djfunke@cox.net. Positions open until filled.

Lions across the district serving up good food

The **Lyndon Lions** will be serving chili and chicken noodle soup **Friday, Feb. 5** at the high school cafeteria from 4:30 to 7:30 pm.

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Viola Lions Club will be hosting their annual **Sausage Supper** on **Saturday, February 6**, starting at 3 pm in the Viola Community Center. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5 to 10 years old, and children under 5 will be served free. The menu consists of sausage, mashed potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, apple sauce, bread and a variety of desserts.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$9 at **Viola Groceries, Clonmel PitStop** and the **Conway Springs Hired Mans Grill & Grocery**.

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The Scranton Lions Club Winter Pancake / Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast will be held on **Saturday, February 6** from 7 to 11 am at The



Larry Hulsopple Community Center.

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Wchita Northwest Lions will hold a Chili Feed on **Saturday, February 13** from 11 am to 4 pm at the ARC of Sedgwick County, 2929 W. Second Street (Second and St. Paul). It's all you can eat chilli and the fixings for \$6 per person. Soft drinks and desserts available for an additional donation.

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Goddard Lions Club will host its **Pancake Feed** on **Saturday, February 20**, from 7 am to 1 pm in the Community Center, 122 N Main St., Goddard. Come for all-you-can-eat pancakes, with a side of tasty Stroot's sausage or a plate full of biscuits and sausage gravy (also made with Stroot's sausage). Tickets are \$6 for adults; \$4 for kids age 10 & younger; under 2 are served free.

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The **Columbus Lions Club** will have a **Bean and Soup Deed** on **Thursday, March 3**, at the Columbus Community Building from 11 am-1pm and 5-7pm. Ham & beans, vegetable soup, cornbread and a dessert will be served. Profits made will be used to refurbish the Lions Park.

Guide, Service Dog programs need club support

Marvin and Elfrieda Funk
Email: elmar@eaglecom.net

As Helen Keller challenged us, Lions have long been "Knights of the Blind." This concern for the vision impaired has expanded to concern for people with other impairments as well.

We urge District 17-N Clubs to continue to help people with special needs by supporting Leader Dogs for the Blind of Rochester Hills, Michigan and KSDS Assistance Dogs of Washington, Kansas.

As Guide/Service Dog Co-Chairs for District 17-N, our goal is to have every club in the district contribute to one or both of these deserving organizations.

Leader Dogs was started in 1929 by Lions seeking help for a colleague who wanted a guide dog. They now provide Guide Dog, Deaf-Blind Guide Dog, GPS, Accelerated Orientation & Mobility, and GPS Training. Donations may be sent to:

Leader Dogs for the Blind
1039 S. Rochester Road
Rochester Hills, MI 48307

KSDS provides Guide Dogs, Service Dogs and Facility Dogs. It is the only ADI accredited assistance dog school in Kansas. Donations may be sent to:

KSDS Assistance Dogs
120 W. 7th Street
Washington, KS 66968

We have been informed of the following club donations to one or both of these organizations. If your club is not listed, please consider making a donation or notify us if you already have. **Hillsboro, Caney, Garnett, Maize, Humboldt, Sedan, Pittsburg.** Thanks for your response.



Lions friends: working together for good

By Dwyne Willis
District Governor

Did you all have a great time for the Holidays? I hope you got to spend time with family and friends, I did and it was wonderful to have all six of my Grandchildren with me. Family is very important as it makes us feel loved and needed.



In many ways the Lion Friends we have in our lives make us feel the same way. I see all the pictures of the clubs in our District and the world, smiling and laughing as the work together for good.

My Father just said to me last week that he enjoys seeing that I belong to such a fine group of people that

want to make a difference in our community and the world. I watch my Father, spend time with his Club, the Mason's and Shriners, working on giving free health care to children and Veterans, and his participation made me look for a way to give back too.

We have Great Leaders in our District, and I can see younger Lions looking and watching and waiting to be asked to step up. Let's look and lift up our younger Lions and encourage them to take the step. Match them up with a mentor and let them lead us into the future.

I'm encouraged with what I see this year in our District and I know that 1st VDG Marge, 2nd VDG Indra and our future District Governor's will only make our District Grow and Prosper.

Keep up the good work Lions; Enjoy what you do for your community, Love your Family and Friends.

There's a whole tot of training going on!

By Marge Zakoura-Vaughan
First Vice District Governor

PDG Craig Donecker, PDG Dan Funke, and State Secretary Linda McCormick continue to do a great job with leadership training at the state level. We've had trainings at state meetings in McPherson and Manhattan, with more to come.

There will be Comprehensive Leadership Seminars for all Lions on Saturday, March 19, 9:30 - 4:00 at the Best Western Conference Center in McPherson, Kansas. All Lions are encouraged to attend.

In April State Training will be held to train First Vice District Governors to become District Governors. Final training for incoming District Governors will be held in June, prior to the Lions International Convention in Japan.

First Vice District Governors were in Phoenix, Arizona for the 2016 Area DGE Training which was held Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24. All Kansas First Vice District Governors, Kerry Hookstra of 17-K, Linda Leander of 17-A, and I participated in the Phoenix Training. Also attending from Multiple Dis-



trict 17 were PCC Beverly Nichols, MD-17 Global Membership Team, and PDG Dan Funke, MD-17 Global Leadership Team.

Area training workshops included the following:

- Maximizing District Success
- Recognizing the role of the district governor as a contributing team member
- Identifying practices of successful teams
- Determining strategies for increasing district success, with special emphasis on working as an active member of the GMT and GLT and in collaboration with the LCIF District Coordinator and Centennial District Coordinator.

We had a "Leadership Development Workshop" and a "Membership Growth Workshop." Our final goals will be about Leadership and Membership. We ended with GMT/GLT area training entitled, "Where There's a Need, There's a Lion: Celebrating Our Centennial."

Most beneficial was that during training sessions our group from Kansas was able to work together on our goals and action steps to maximize success for our districts. Sometimes members of our group were able to liaison with Lions from other states. It was a very busy weekend, but Linda and I had gone a day early

Local Lions Clubs: The heart of Lionism

By Marge Zakoura Vaughan

One of the enjoyable functions of a Vice District Governor is the opportunity to visit other clubs and learn more about the wonderful programs and services they are providing in their communities. Highlighted here are some of my recent club visits.

Wichita East/Southeast Lions Club — President John Daniel Foster. Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm, various locations

What an enjoyable visit this was as it took place during the Club's Christmas Holiday gathering. The dinner and celebration took place at Old Chicago Restaurant at Towne East in Wichita. They honored the Club's Peace Poster contest winner, Erin Perry. Club members brought gifts of clothing, toys and other items for the Wichita Children's Home. Wichita East/Southeast is a Family Club, children are welcome at the meetings.

Clearwater Lions Club — President Steve Hatfield, meeting 2nd and 4th Mondays, 7pm, Masonic Hall, 112 West Ross

The Clearwater Lions Club meets at the beautiful Masonic Hall. They served a delicious meal to members and guests. It was a privilege to address this group and to present chevrons and awards to Lions. Clearwater Lions are a friendly and hospitable group that has worked hard in the community since 1953 when they were chartered. One guest present, Ardena Matlack, is the daughter-in-law of a founding member.

Training

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on our own dime and with two Lions from another state toured the Heard Native American Museum.

We came home with more work to do and we will need the help of Lions to finalize and submit our goals. I took four leadership goals and six membership goals to training, but discovered that LCI wants these compacted into fewer goals, with much more detail and many more actions steps.

Zone Chairs and all Lions are responsible for membership retention and adding new members. We are prime to add a new club this year. If we work hard on district leadership and focus on membership growth, we will be able to provide more Lions services to our communities and we can really say, "Where there's a need, there's a Lion!"

Wellington Lions Club — President Karen Murray Meets every Wednesday, 12:01pm, Sumner Regional Medical Center, 1323 N A Street

The Wellington Lions Clubs meets at The Sumner Regional Medical Center where they go through the cafeteria line and proceed to the meeting room. Guests present included a Wellington High School Teacher and two students involved in the Lions Quest program. It was inspiring to hear about their program including the upcoming day of service planned by the youth. This Club is very involved with the school and their ongoing service project with the local park, which used to be called Lions Park, but is now called Wellington Century Park. When you drive in there's a big Lions logo, a sign that says Lions Walking Path, Lion's Shelter, and a more than 5' tall lion's head carved out of tree.

Viola Lions Club — President Chad VanCuren. Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00pm, Viola Community Hall, 100 N Grice

At the meeting, the Viola Lions were fine tuning their very detailed plans for their 59th Annual Viola Lions Club Sausage Supper to be held on Saturday, February 6, 2016, 3pm to 7:pm at the Viola Community Hall. The plans include a complete cleaning of the Community Center by the Lions. Leos and Scouts are going to help with the event. The weight lifters group will help with clean up. A part of the proceeds for the event come from advertising on the place mats. VDG Marge has tickets to sell in advance for \$9.00 each. The price is \$10.00 at the door. See notice in this newsletter for more details.

Wichita West Lions Club -- President Charles (Tom) Whitney. Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Spears Restaurant, 4223 W Maple.

It is a joy to visit other clubs. Still, I regularly attend and enjoy participation in my own Wichita West Lions Club. You can support the Club's service projects by contributing and getting chances on a beautiful Lion Head: \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets and \$10 for 13 tickets. See any Wichita West Lion for tickets.

Upcoming Visit: Thursday 2/25/16, 7:00pm

Valley Center Lions Club, President Ben Neaderhiser. Meets First United Methodist Church, 5th & Meridian, Valley Center, Kansas

Contact me if you want to schedule a visit: Marge Zakoura-Vaughan, 316-684-3256 or email: marge@zakoura-vaughan.net



Kansas Lions Leadership Round-Up!

Comprehensive Leadership Seminars for All Lions
Saturday, March 19, 2016 - 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Best Western Conference Center, McPherson, KS.

Pre-Register by March 6, 2016 to qualify for Free Meal and Programs

Club Fundraisers, Service Projects & Partnerships
 Presenters: PDG Dan Funke & DG Carleen Rajala

Club Newsletters, Brochures, Pamphlets & Public Relations
 Presenters: PDG Denny Smith & DG Fran Smith

Club Websites, Communications, Lions Learning Center, My/LCI
 Presenter: PDG Chris Bauer

Lions Service Beyond Club Level: District & State Leadership
 Presenters: PDG Don Cunningham

Club Membership Promotion, Recruitment & Retention
 Presenters: PCC Beverly and PDG Neal Nichols

Electronic Communications: *GoToMeeting* - *Skype* - *Constant Contact* - Facebook and Social Media
 Presenters: PDG Dan Funke & PDG Craig Donecker

Special Incentives from each Kansas Lions District

District K (Western Kansas)

Travel 150 miles or more (*one-way*) will be offered FREE motel room for Friday evening, March 18. *Double occupancy with dual queen beds.*

2. Free Saturday Morning Breakfast

Mileage Stipends-

1. Drive 150 miles (*one way*) to attend will be offered \$10 mileage stipend.
2. Drive 250 miles (*one way*) will be offered \$20 mileage stipend.

District A (Northeast Kansas)

Participants who drive 150 miles (round trip) per vehicle will be offered a \$20 mileage stipend. We encourage you to carpool.

District N (Southeast Kansas)

Participants who drive 150 miles (round trip) per vehicle will be offered a \$20 mileage stipend. We encourage you to carpool.

All districts are paying for part of your meal and the State GLT Team is paying for the other part.

You must be registered by March 6, 2016 to receive Special Incentives

Registration Form - Kansas Lions Leadership Round-Up

Name _____ Club _____ Dist. _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____



You can e-mail this information to Lion Craig Donecker at littlegiant@greatbend.com or mail it to him at 3109 28th Street, Great Bend. KS 57530. **Notice: Any Lion who registers and does not attend the leadership conference will have their club charged \$12.00 unless they find a replacement.**