



MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

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Supporting LCIF: 17N clubs are one-third of the way to district goal

By PDG Bill Kincaid

As we reach the half-way point of the 2015-2016 Lions year, our district is not quite one-third of the way to our goal for donations to Lions Club International Foundation.

The District 17N goal for this year is \$15,000. So far this year, 13 clubs have made a donation to LCIF for a total of \$4,750.00. This is 31.7% of our goal.

I am asking all Lions Clubs in District 17N to make a donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

You may contact me or go directly to the LCIF web site. Support LCIF at: www.lcif.org/donate.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has earned its fourth consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator with an overall score of 94.58%. And, every dollar of every donation goes to the programs and not administration.

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization with more than 1.4 million members in more than 200 countries and geographical areas worldwide.

Since 1968, LCIF has supported Lions by providing grant funding for their local and global humanitarian efforts, including treating and preventing avoidable blindness, empowering youth and providing disaster relief on a global scale.

So far, close to 148 million treatments of Mectizan® have been delivered.

The eradication of the disease in Latin America is within reach. This disease has already been eliminated in Columbia and Ecuador.



LCIF is also partnering with The Carter Center to battle trachoma in two African nations. Pfizer, Inc. provides in-kind support for trachoma control programs as well.

Trachoma is the leading infectious cause of blindness in the world, and LCIF has been fighting the disease, in partnership with The Carter Center, since 1999.

Recently, LCIF partners, the International Trachoma Initiative, Pfizer and others celebrated the donation of the 500 millionth dose of azithromycin, an antibiotic used to treat the trachoma in certain countries.

The milestone marks significant achievement in global efforts to help eliminate this preventable eye disease as a public health threat by the year 2020.

The Lions of Ethiopia, under the active leadership of Past District Governor, Hon. Dr. Med., World Laureate Tebebe Y. Berhan, remain committed to the elimination of trachoma.

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One of the contributing partners of LCIF is The Carter Center.

LCIF has awarded The Carter Center more than US\$40 million (and other non-profits US\$5.5 million) to prevent onchocerciasis or

"river blindness" in Latin America and Africa.

District N 2015-2016 Membership Contest Update

By PDG Terry Welden

The District N Convention is just around the corner and the contest to see who can share the joy of Lionistic Membership is progressing.

The most recent Club Health Assessment (November) shows the clubs in the largest category to be Baxter Springs, Garnett, Goddard, Halstead, Independence, Mulvane, Osage City, Parsons, Valley Center, Wellington, Wichita Downtown, Wichita Northwest, and Winfield.

The clubs with membership growth are Baxter Springs (5.77%), Goddard (4.76%), Newton (6.06%), Osage City (6.98%), Parsons (6.06%), and Wellington (2.63%). In the Largest Club Category Osage City Lions Club is the leader at this time.

In the Category of clubs with 16 to 34 members,

I will not list all of the clubs in this category but only those with positive membership growth and they are: Arkansas City (3.57%), Burlington (3.33%), Cedar Vale (5.56%), Girard (3.85%), Humboldt (4.76%), Lindsborg (6.67%), McCune (20%), Oxford (4.35%), Whitewater (5.88%), and Wichita East-Southeast (5.56%). In this category the McCune Lions Club has a commanding lead with a 20% increase in membership.

In the category of clubs with fewer than 16 members there are no clubs shown on the November Club Health Assessment with positive membership growth.

So this category is wide open for those Lions to recruit a family member or friend and win the membership contest.

The top recruiting Lion in each membership category will receive free registration and meals at the district convention for themselves and their club officers. The contest runs through February.



Peace Poster Winner

Karly Mullins of Parsons Middle School will represent District 17N in the statewide Peace Poster Contest. Karly's poster was chosen by a ballot of district leaders attending the November 14 cabinet meeting in Humboldt. The state winner will be unveiled during the Saturday luncheon at Mid Winter Rally in Manhattan.



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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





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.**



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 December 28.

The **Altamont Lions Club** held a **Business Appreciation Thanksgiving Dinner** on November 23, 2015. All business owners or their representative in Altamont (pop. 1,100) were invited to the Thanksgiving Dinner. Each business was recognized for their contribution to the community for the services they provide as well as donations to community events. Jack Newcomb of Advancing Rural Prosperity, Inc. was the guest speaker.

Several club members were recognized for their service in Lionism: **Craig Hartman, 10 years; Chris Kastler, 15 years; Bill Wyckoff, 35 years; and L. D. Curran for 40 years.**

The club, 12 members strong, will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year. Other projects include support of little league and youth golf programs, providing eye exams and eyeglasses for students as needed, support of Hannah's Promise, a women's shelter in Parsons, and much more.



The **Baxter Springs Lions Club** hosted its first-ever Christmas Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on December 5, 2015 at

the clubhouse. The club served Frito Pies and coney dogs for lunch. Vendors started signing up in October and the event hosted a packed house, according to Lion **Marla Larison.**

The **Baxter Springs Lions Club** held their Christmas Party on Dec. 14, 2015, a delicious meal was catered by



Baxter Springs President Cathy Bolek presents 15 yr. service award to Lion Secretary Richard Graue

Angel's on the Route. Immediately following the meal a gift exchange was held among the members with **PCC Jess Larison** coordinating the exchange.



Ashley Qualls, president of the Galena Route 66 Branch Club, received a membership award.

Membership recruitment awards were presented to **Lion Harry Cantrell** and **Galena-Route 66 Branch Club President Ashley Qualls.** Service chevrons were presented to **Lion Jack Berry** and **Lion Secretary Richard Graue.** **Lion President Cathy Bolek** presented the **Lion of the Year** award

to **Zone Chair Marla Larison.**



Burlington Lions Club had the First Prize winning Float in the "Toyland" Themed Christmas parade on December 9. The float featured the club's Peace Poster winners, **Emmarie Miller** of Waverly and **Hunter Mefford** of Burlington Middle School and they both enjoyed that so much that they took their posters from the float home with them as mementos of the experience.



The Burlington Club also welcomed new member **Tanya Clyde**, pinned by her husband **Lion Daniel Clyde** in the photo at left.

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Burlington Lions new member induction: pictured from left: Denise Christy, Vicki Rodine, Amy Finnerty, Tanya Clyde, Daniel Clyde and PDG

Lions Club Membership Chairman PDG Terry Weldin conducted the induction and asks the sponsors of the new members to pledge to guide their members in the ways of Lionism during their first year. New Members Vicki Rodine and Amy Finnerty were sponsored by Lion Denise Christy.

The **Cedar Vale Lions Club** hosted its annual Second Grade Christmas Party at the Hilltop Restaurant. Ten second grade students and their teacher joined the club for lunch. Santa, also known as **Lion Marvin Schultz** made an appearance and each student received a personalized fleece blanket from the Lions Club.

In December the **Columbus Lions Club**, with the help of the CUHS powerlifting team, erected a 15-foot Christmas tree in front of the courthouse.

The tree stand was made by the CUHS welding class and elementary students made homemade ornaments to adorn the tree. A lighting ceremony was held prior to the Christmas parade. The first and last tree in front of the courthouse was reported in 1960. The Columbus Lions Club would like to make this an annual tradition.

The Columbus Lions Club is also pleased to announce that we will be installing five new members at our January meeting.

The **Neodesha Lions Club** has been busy for the first half of the 2015-2016 Lions year. The club paid for installation of a new metal roof on the Lion's Club Shelter House, which is rented for various community and family activities throughout the year.

The club had two major fundraising projects: Sold hamburgers at the October 2 Neodesha HS football game and a day of making peanut clusters on Saturday, November 7, the sales of which were very successful.

We were able to donate \$1001.00 to the Neodesha

Recreation Commission for the Neodesha Civic Center Renovation Fund

Lion Lee Steanson provided 17 cedar trees and he, along with **Lion Ken Wohaska, Lion Jack Boecker, and Lion Gary Huff**, planted them as a windbreak on the south side of the Neodesha Tennis Courts.

The Neodesha Lion's Club continues an ongoing project of general maintenance and upgrades at the tennis courts.

Other projects included:

- Sponsoring two Neodesha High School students, Allyson Busch and Emily Wohaska, to Lion's Band in June. Both young ladies attended an August meeting and spoke about that experience.

- Sponsoring two Neodesha High School students, Davy Depew and Emily Depew, for Boy's State and Girl's State this summer. Both students gave a report on their experiences to the club at a September club meeting.

- Purchased glasses for several people in 2015.

- Planted a memorial tree in Neodesha's Library Park.

- Served watermelon at the community's "National Night Out" in August.

Newton Lions Club's holiday activities included volunteer bell-ringing for the Salvation Army and hosting our annual Christmas Parade of Lights. The parade is held just after nightfall on the first Thursday of December, and each parade entry must include at



least 200 Christmas lights. Hundreds bundled up and lined Newton's Main Street to watch. Special guests included Santa and Mrs. Claus and our own Leo the Lion.

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“Children are the future.” That future is bleak if children don’t get a good education. So the **Wichita Downtown Lions Club** has adopted Linwood Elementary School (the “Lions,” incidentally).

That school has slightly more than 500 students in pre-kindergarten through grade 5. Eighty percent qualify for free lunches and another ten percent for



Santa, also known as Lion Bobby Shanks and the Wichita Downtown Lions at the Linwood Elementary School Christmas Party

reduced price lunches. Downtown Lions members volunteer as mentors/tutors for students who need a little extra one-on-one help with reading, math, etc. They usually spend about 30 minutes once or twice a week. Volunteers have to pass a background check and have transportation, pretty good hearing, and like children.

Downtown Lions also provides funds for a gift for each student at Christmas. On Tuesday, December 22, about 15 Lions and guests had the pleasure of participating in the 17th Annual Lions Christmas Party at Linwood School.



The Linwood Honor Choir perform in the community throughout the school year. Pictured above, they are presenting their Christmas Program for Wichita Downtown Lions in December. The shirts were bought by the Wichita Downtown Lions Club.

Looking for some good food?

The **Arkansas City Early Bird Lions Club Little Taste of Italy dinner** will be held on **January 18** at the Agri-Business Center, 712 W. Washington. Meal times will be 11 am to 1 pm and again at 4:30 to 7 pm. **Tickets are available** from any **Early Bird Lion member** or by calling **Mary Schneider at 620-442-2113**. Ticket prices have been kept at \$10 each for adults and \$5 for children under 12. There will be carry out meals provided for adults only.

Clearwater Lions Club Pancake and Sausage Day is **Saturday, January 22**, from 7 am to 2 pm in the Clearwater Masonic Hall, 112 W. Ross. (Just west of Downtown Clearwater.)



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**.

There will be a counter for meat sales where you can purchase the Viola Lions special sausage along with various cuts of pork.

Please join us for a great meal and all you can eat! Tell your friends and neighbors!

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.

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.

El Dorado, Augusta Lions host vision screening at El Dorado elementary school

Spot Screening at Skelly Elementary School in El Dorado, Kansas was Wednesday, December 2 with 147 children in pre-K to first grade screened. The El Dorado Lions Club hosted this event with the help of the Augusta Lions Club.

Some of the morning shift volunteers, working in preparation, are pictured from left, Ron Ryser, Wayne Fowler and School Nurse Gail Williams



Here's what the student being screened sees, from left, Lion Ron Ryser, PDG Bill Kincaid and Lion Wayne Fowler.



Several of the afternoon shift, pictured from, El Dorado Lions Club President Gene Lynch, Lion PDG Bill Kincaid, Augusta Lions Club, Gail Williams, School Nurse and Lion Patrick Laham. El Dorado Lions Club Secretary Hazel Lynch also worked with us as well as Augusta Lions Merle Laham and Sherry Kincaid, not pictured.



**SADDLE UP AND COME ON DOWN TO THE
17N DISTRICT CONVENTION MARCH 11 & 12, 2016
BEST WESTERN HOTEL NORTH - 53RD ST N & I-135, WICHITA**

Details & registration form on the district website at
www.kansaslions17n.org.

**Hotel reservation deadline is February 10;
meal reservations must be made by March 1.**