



# MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

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## More members = more hands for service

We have made a great start to the Lions year, from what I am hearing from club presidents on visits and in phone conversations. It seems like a new spark has been ignited, a fresh energy brought into play, and a strong desire to serve more people than ever before. What a great way to begin a new century and my



hope is that this will continue through this Lions year.

The two legs of Lionism are Service and Fellowship. One needs the other. As President Aggarwal likes to say, "We are a joyful organization with a mission to Care, to Help, and to Serve." Put joy into your work, - it becomes much easier that way and I am already seeing that as I visit your projects - the fun and laughter as you work seems to revitalize and give new energy. Keep it up.

The main focus this fall is membership growth. New members are vital to continue and expand the excellent work we are doing. More hands mean more projects and more projects mean more people can be served. Our goal is to double the number of people we served last year, and we can do it if we have more hands. In most cities we are not covering our entire communities - there are gaps and we must fill these gaps. and only more hands can do it.

This is why I am requesting all Club Presidents plan

and execute an intensive MEMBERSHIP DRIVE this fall. Your club should have already started on this, but if you have not, please start NOW. You are free to use LCI recruiting methods or your own tried and tested ways of inviting new prospects. You know your communities best. It is YOUR CLUB, YOUR WAY. I will be tracking your progress very closely and I hope you will give me some joy as we approach this season of joy.

You have my gratitude and good wishes for the wonderful work you are doing. YOU DO IT SO WELL.

Indra Phillips  
District Governor 17N

### LCI resources for membership

Every club needs members in order to achieve its service goals. New members provide clubs with fresh ideas, new projects and additional ways to make a difference in the community. Here are some tools that will make it easier for you when asking prospective members to join! Find them at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/lions/invite-members/index.php>

- Just Ask! New Member Recruiting Guide \*NEW
- Membership Opportunities Flyer
- 30 Marketing Ideas Flyer
- Club Brochure Template
- Lions Make a Difference Brochure
- I am a Lion Brochure (for women)

## 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](http://www.kansaslions.org). Click on the words "membership directory." The username is kslions; the password is dirmd17.



# Club News & Notes

Share what's happening in your club with Lions across the district by sending articles and pictures to [rfunke3@cox.net](mailto:rfunke3@cox.net). Deadline for the next newsletter is October 20.

## Humboldt, Pittsburg Lions provide vision screening at Fort Scott

The Pittsburg Lions Club, in cooperation with the Humboldt Lions Club, did vision screenings during the Ft. Scott Health Fair on August 19. We were thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of the fair!

### More Pittsburg news

The Pittsburg club was proud to sponsor three local students to Lions Band this year and are planning a fundraiser spaghetti dinner to ensure we can continue to do the same next year!

This year is the Pittsburg clubs 95th Anniversary! We even received a congratulatory letter from Senator (and fellow Lion) Jerry Moran! The members plan to have a social dinner to commemorate this big birthday and make plans for our 100th!

We welcomed new member Annie Richer at the regular meeting on August 22 and certainly look forward to seeing more new faces in the coming months!

Lori Horton  
Pittsburg Lions Club



Humboldt Lions Club member Lion Cole Herder doing a vision screening at the Fort Scott Mercy Hospital Health Fair in August.

Cole Herder (left) of the Humboldt Lions Club and Carolyn Burchfield, Jon Burchfield and Mona Brumbaugh of the Pittsburg Lions Club helped with Vision Screening at the Fort Scott Mercy Hospital Health Fair in August. They did a total of 79 screenings with only four referrals.





## Ark City Evening Lions make LCIF donation for hurricane relief

The Arkansas City Evening Lions Club, chartered in 1922, know that tens of thousands of dollars have been sent to Kansas because of floods in Coffeyville, Independence, Fredonia and Iola, tornados in Harveyville, Reading and Greensburg, and this year wild-fires around Hutchinson and in southwestern Kansas.

Their membership knows how much it means to the people that are affected when a disaster hits and help is given. In 1998, Ark City was a recipient of flood di-

saster grant for people in our city and they haven't forgotten. They know how important it is to the people in their times of need and that is why the club, believes in helping their neighbors and is why the evening Lions gave \$1,000 to Hurricane Harvey victim's, through Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Lion Kenneth Gilmore  
Arkansas City Lions Treasurer

## Yates Center hosts steak feed, zone meeting

The Yates Center Lions Club hosted the Zone 9 Meeting at their annual steak feed on Sept. 14, 2017. District Governor Indra Phillips was the featured speaker sharing a message on The Power of We. District Governor Phillips presented PDG Terry Welden and Yates Center President Tom with the pin of International President Naresh Agarwal.

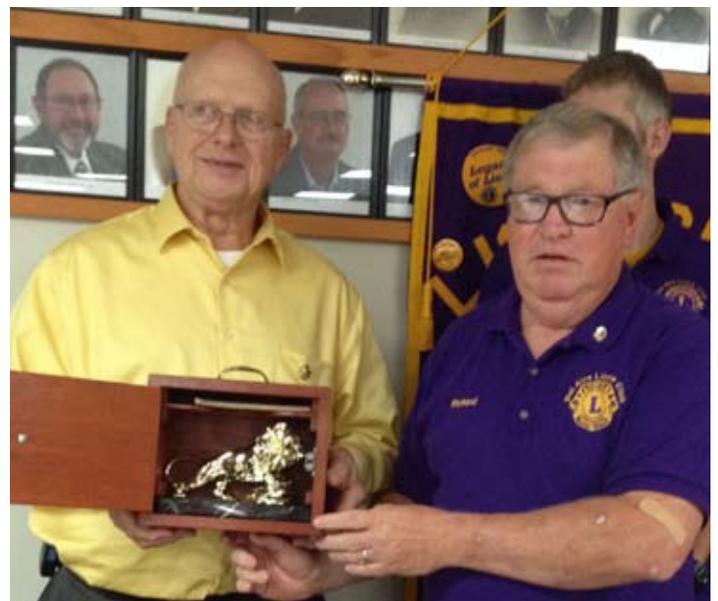
Zone 9 clubs attending the evening were Burlington, Colony and Yates Center. There were representatives of 11 clubs in attendance and all of the 17 N District Leadership Team. First Vice District Governor Patrick Laham brought PDG Kenneth Van Cleave from the Eureka Lions Club along with Parsons Lions Club member Verna Van Cleave. Second Vice District Governor Marla Larison along with PCC Jess were also in attendance.

The Bel Aire Lions Club brought a travelling Lion and presented it to the Yates Center Lions Club with the expectation that the Yates Center Lions Club would visit another Lions Club and keep the travelling Lion moving from one club to another. Each club that receives the travelling Lion should inform the Bel Aire

Lions Club where it is going and when it is arriving to the next club.

A good time of Lions fellowship was enjoyed by all 30-some Lions in attendance.

PDG Terry Welden  
Zone 9 Chair



# Independence Club celebrates 95 years

Andy Taylor, (above left) vice-president of Kansas Press Association and a member of the Independence Lions Club, was guest speaker for the club's 95th Anniversary Celebration. The event highlighted the club's record of service to the community, including a list of past presidents and secretary-treasurers who served the club and the eight Independence Lions who served as District Governors in the program. A history of the club with photographic highlights was also included in the program (below left).



# Maize Lions collect 5,000 pairs of glasses

In an effort to help the vision impaired in third world countries and meet the needs of those who could not afford glasses, Maize Lions Club began a push to collect glasses from where ever possible.

From the January through September, the club has turned in 5,600 pairs of glasses to the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and hopes to gather an additional 3,000 by the end of 2017.

Hopefully the recipients of the glasses lives will be much improved because of our efforts. The Maize Lions Club hopes that all of the Lions Clubs in Kansas will hold our motto high and proud when we say "We Serve."



**Lions from Bel Aire, Wichita Downtown, Wichita Northwest, and Wichita West clubs staffed the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit Senior Expo at Exploration Place on September 28. They screened 115 clients for vision, hearing, blood pressure, and blood glucose.**

## Zone meetings: make sure your club is represented

All club presidents, secretaries and treasurers are requested to attend the first Zone Meeting in their respective zones, which will be held in October/early November 2017.

These are very important meetings where you will be able to get to know what other clubs in the zone are doing and so spark some ideas for your club. You will learn of new LCI initiatives that are being rolled out and information about the district. Zone Chairs and Zone Chair Advisors will need your input to report on the health of your club and for that, they must know how your club has grown during the last three months.

Presidents, please make sure there is at the very least one representative from your Club.

**ZONE 1 – Zone Chair Advisors (Clubs: Baxter Springs, Columbus, Galena Route 66, Girard, McCune, Pittsburg)**

**ZONE 2 – Don Cunningham, PDG (Parsons Lions Club)(Clubs: Altamont, Chanute, Humboldt, Oswego, Parsons)**

**ZONE 3 – Chuck England, (Independence Lions Club)(Clubs: Caney, Coffeyville, Coffeyville Daylight Defenders, Fredonia, Independence, Neodesha, Sedan)**

**ZONE 4 – Marvin Schultz (Cedarvale Lions Club)(Clubs: Arkansas City, Arkansas City Early Birds, Cedarvale, Howard, Winfield)**

**ZONE 5 – Helen LeBlanc, PCC (Valley Center Lions Club)(Clubs: Belle Plaine, Derby Noon, Maize, Mulvane, Oxford, Wellington)**

**ZONE 6 – Dan Funke, PDG (Goddard Lions Club) (Clubs: Clearwater, Colwich, Goddard, Viola)**

**ZONE 7 – Scott Helmke (Wichita Northwest Lions Club)(Clubs: Augusta, El Dorado, Wichita Downtown, Wichita Northwest, Wichita West)**

**ZONE 8 – Richard Caldwell (Bel Aire Lions Club) (Clubs: Bel Aire, Benton, Potwin, Towanda, Valley Center, Walton, Park City, Pleasant Valley)**

**ZONE 9 – Terry Weldin, PDG (Burlington Lions Club)(Clubs: Burlington, Colony, Garnett, Kincaid, Ottawa, Westphalia, Yates Center)**

**ZONE 10 – Ralph Rogers, PDG (Madison Lions Club)(Clubs: Eureka, Madison, Neosho Rapids, Osage City, Reading, Lyndon)**

**ZONE 11 – Rosalie Voorhees (Reading Lions Club) (Clubs: Carbondale, Emporia, Lebo, Olpe, Scranton)**

**ZONE 12 – Zone Chair Advisors (Clubs: Burrton, Halstead, Hesston, Hillsboro, McPherson, Newton, Whitewater)**

**ZONE 13 – Stuart Tolle, PDG (Roxbury Lions Club)(Clubs: Canton, Inman, Lindsborg, Marquette, Moundridge, Roxbury, Windom)**

## Worldwide Week of Service for Diabetes in November

### From Lions Club International website

Diabetes impacts more than 400 million people, resulting in five million deaths every year. Join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to stopping this deadly disease in its tracks.

This Worldwide Week of Service event is a great opportunity to support our new global service framework, and our goal of serving 200 million people per year by 2021, by supporting those affected by diabetes in your community.

Host a project that addresses diabetes in your community, like distributing healthy meals, reaching out to community members with diabetes and promoting active, healthy lifestyles. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join this Centennial service event!

Join us for the Worldwide Week of Service for Dia-

betes Here's how your club can take part in this special event:

**Plan your project** - Host a service project that impacts diabetes in your community during the week of November 13-19.

**Promote your project** - Publicize your project to showcase your club and the power of service. Remember to wear your Lions branded gear when you're serving to increase your visibility.

**Report your project** - Report your service on the MyLCI Service Activity Report to help us reach new levels of service in our Centennial Service Challenge. Be sure to include the project date.

### Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag #Lions100, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!

# A district challenge: plant a tree

Trees, Trees, Trees. Each of us can make a positive contribution to a better tomorrow by planting trees.

The district is running a Tree Planting Campaign and as an Environmental project I encourage all clubs in our district to plant a tree in an appropriate place. It can be a park or playground, a church garden, on school grounds or even on a roadside, all with the required permission. Trees are priceless.

Trees clear the air and conserve topsoil. They cool our neighborhoods and shelter our homes so we use less energy. They slow climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide and lowering the temperature. Trees are priceless gifts of nature.

Trees are unique in that they can prepare their own food in contrast to all other living beings that have to depend for their food on external sources. They do this through a process called photosynthesis where the leaves absorb solar energy and convert it to chemical energy with the help of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, water from the soil and a pigment called chlorophyll present in the leaves. Oxygen is given out during this process. It can be represented as  $C_0_2 + H_2O$  in the presence of Solar Energy/Chlorophyll = Chemical Energy (Carbohydrates) +  $O_2$

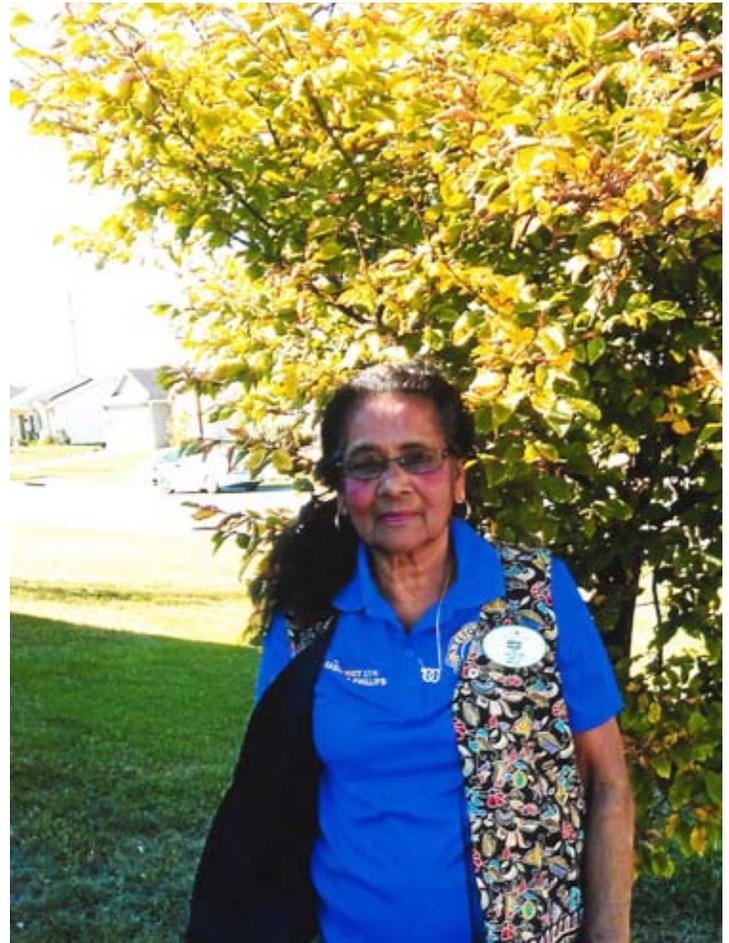
Since carbon dioxide is absorbed, global warming is reduced, hence the temperature of the atmosphere is reduced. Oxygen is added to the environment thus helping to refresh it. The balance of the atmosphere is maintained by taking in carbon dioxide and giving out oxygen.

Additionally, trees give out water vapor, due to transpiration, keeping the atmosphere humid and comfortable for people. When water vapor condenses to form clouds and the clouds get heavy, it comes down in the form of rain.

When trees die, they undergo decomposition and the complex substances in them are converted to simpler ones and added to the soil, making the soil fertile.

Here are some other benefits of trees.

- They provide shade for people and animals, protecting them from the rays of the sun.
- They provide food for birds, bees, and man who eat their fruits, suck the nectar and utilize their stems, roots and leaves in various kinds of food preparation.
- They provide valuable medicines.
- They cover the surface of the soil thus preventing erosion.



- The bark provides wood for house construction and furniture making.
- It is used to manufacture paper, gums, etc

But for all, trees add beauty to nature and make the environment very pleasant for people. We must preserve our trees already planted and add more as our future as a planet depends on a green environment with sustainable and renewable energy.

We have many Lions who are Master Gardeners. They can give you valuable advice on suitable varieties, planting methods, fertilizer use, disease control etc. Let me know if you need help and I will have them contact you.

When you are ready to plant your favorite tree, gather your fellow Lions around it, take a picture and send it to the newsletter editor, Becky Funke, and she will publish it in upcoming newsletter.

Lion Rasitha Phillips  
Environment Chair 17 N

## Give us your best shot — Photographic shot that is

It's time to pick your entry for the Lions Environmental Photo Contest 2017-2018.

This Contest is open to all Lions and Leos. Photos must depict the environment in Kansas. And if you haven't taken a photo for the contest yet, this is a great time of the year to take a picture with changing seasons.

District 17 N will award three prizes for the best entries and the winning entry will be sent to the state competition for display and judging at Mid Winter Rally. Photos will be featured in the district newsletter.

Complete rules and entry forms are on the state and district websites. Entry deadline is January 1, 2018.

Lion Rasitha Phillips, Environment Chair  
10609 Fawn Grove, Wichita, KS 67207

## Cabinet meeting to be held in Parsons

The Second Cabinet Meeting of District 17N will be held in Parsons, Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 10 am to 12:30 pm at the First Baptist Church, 1621 Main Street.

Registration opens at 9 am  
Homemade meal: \$10 per person

Please send your registration to Cabinet Secretary:  
PDG Chris Bauer  
924 North 11th  
Humboldt, KS 66748

Telephone: 620-473-2406 or by email to lion-chris@sbcglobal.net

State and District Pin sets will be available for sale at \$3.50 each or \$ 7.00 per set.

All cabinet officers are requested to be present. Send reports to the cabinet secretary and bring 10 copies for distribution at the meeting. Peace Posters will be judged at this meeting.



## PDG Club to host social in Burlington

The District 17-N PDG Club will be hosting an evening of dinner and entertainment at the Christian Church of Burlington, 1401 Cross Street on Saturday October 14. Social hour begins at 5pm, followed by dinner at 6 pm and musical entertainment at 6:45 pm.



The Burlington Lions Club will be fixing the meal with the main entree of ham and potatoes.

Entertainment will be provided by the Brothers and Sisters of Christ group with music, talent and maybe even some dancing!

All Lions are invited. Cost is \$15 per person. RSVP by October 10 to PDG Terry Weldin at weldicat@hotmail.com.

26th Annual  
Neosho Rapids  
Haunted House

Oct 21st,  
27th, 28th Tickets - \$8

Sales from 6p.m. - 11 p.m.  
\$1 off w/ Canned food  
Children 3 & Under are Free

Begins at Neosho Rapids  
Community Center with a Hayrack Ride

Directions: Take I-35 to Exit 141.  
Turn south, go 3 miles.  
Turn west on 6th St,  
go to stop sign. Turn south

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Fire District #5  
NR Projects Committee  
Concessions will be available

# Mark your calendar for the District Convention

The 17 N District Convention will be held on March 2 and 3, 2018 at Doubletree By Hilton in Wichita. Mark your calendars and be sure to attend. This is a very special event in our district where we all come together in a bond of fellowship to listen to great speakers, enjoy good food and just relax and enjoy the weekend. Spread the word to your club members and other Lion friends.

Club presidents do a wonderful job in leading their clubs. At this convention all club presidents and their clubs will be recognized in a unique Banner Parade at the banquet. We are requesting all clubs in the district to make arrangements to send their presidents with their club banners and to give them complimentary meal tickets to attend the event.

There will be many other new features — you cannot afford to miss it. Make your plans now.

At this District Convention, for the first time, we

will have a Past International President as the Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker. PIP Mahendra Amarasuriya, is from Sri Lanka and was the first International President from that country. He held many important committee positions as an International Director and other board positions in the run-up to his being elected International President in 2009. He has been at the forefront of Lionism in the Asian region over many decades.

He has recently been assigned the task of overlooking Global Membership Growth through the Global Action Team.

He is the former CEO of a major multinational company and the chairman of a large commercial bank.

His wife Kushlani, also a Lion, has been his inspiration throughout his Lionistic career.

## Out and about around the district —



Benton Lions had the grills going at the Benton Community Appreciation Picnic



Virtual reality glasses were a hit when Goddard Lions Club visited Lake Afton Observatory for a meeting in September.



Augusta Lions did vision screening at Robinson Elementary School in Augusta