



# MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

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## A challenge to grow membership - Just Ask!

Thank you for all the messages of goodwill and support from Lions in every part of the district, as I assumed the mantle of Governor of our great district. The enthusiasm was overwhelming and it almost seemed as if a new dawn had broken.



While it gives me great confidence, it also places on me a heavy responsibility to ensure that our district moves forward with precision and effectiveness. We will work as a team and you are my team

Every Lion in every club must work to grow our district in every aspect, especially, membership, leadership and service,

We have experienced and

obliging Lions in leadership roles as GMT and GLT and a dynamic young person as GST. They will be the movers and shakers who will work with clubs to accelerate growth. Do not hesitate to call them and ask for help. That is what they are there for.

Our thrust during the next three months — September, October and November — will be to recruit new members. I am requesting every club in our district to plan and execute an intensive, well-organized MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.

All club presidents will receive a mailing very shortly on this endeavor. Every Lion in every club must ASK someone to be a Lion. Everyone has the right to be a Lion and you have an obligation to ASK.

We have made a great start to what will be a great year. Fill it with service and fellowship.

The district's First Cabinet Meeting turned out to be an enjoyable event held in Bel Aire and hosted by the Bel Aire Lions, on the picturesque Via Christi campus. The attendees enjoyed good fellowship and tasted great food.

David Austin, The Mayor of Bel Aire and also a Lion, welcomed the guests and gave a brief talk on Bel Aire as many were visiting for the first time. The business meeting then got under way. All present had an enjoyable afternoon.

*DG Indra Phillips*

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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.

## New district 17N website: [kslions17N.org](http://kslions17N.org)

Your source for information about the clubs and activities in Kansas Lions District 17N.

Find a calendar of events, contact information for district officers, list of 17N club officers,

photo galleries, newsletters and much more! Something you would like to see listed?

Send information to the webmaster [jscovill1@cox.net](mailto:jscovill1@cox.net) or use the Contact Us feature on the site

# Peace Poster kits available through October 1

By PDG Lion Don Cunningham  
District N Peace Poster Chair

“The Future of Peace” is the theme for the 30th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Students age 11, 12 or 13 by November 15 are eligible to participate on this international contest.

Kits for the Peace Poster Contest are available to order online on the Lions Club International website: [www.lionsclubs.org/s-25-club-meeting-supplies.aspx](http://www.lionsclubs.org/s-25-club-meeting-supplies.aspx). Kits are \$15 each and available through October 1.



Please be sure all participants follow the rules. After conducting your contest please send your winning entry to PDG Don Cunningham 315 S 32<sup>nd</sup> Parsons, KS 67357. **I must receive all posters by mail by November 10 or bring them to the District N Cabinet meeting in Parsons on November 11**, where they will be judged.

Please relay this information to all participants as the deadline on the form say November 15. Last year we had 16 participating clubs This is the 30th year of the Peace Poster Contest. Let's see if we can have all our clubs participate.

## Consider a donation to achieve our LCIF goal

By PDG Bill Kincaid  
District N LCIF Coordinator

District 17N reported \$11,167.95 in donations for Lions year 2016-2017. Our goal was \$30,000. Therefore, we met 37% of our goal. Only had 27 of the 82 clubs in District N made a donation to Lions Clubs International (LCIF).



Our goal for 2018 is \$12,500.

In order to reach our goal of \$12,500, I am asking that each Lion make a contributing member donation of at least \$20. For the \$20 contribution, you will receive the contributing member bronze pin, and your contributing member donation is now eligible to go toward a Melvin Jones Fellowship!

For a \$25 contribution, you will also receive the Measles initiative pin. Additionally, if your club has 100% participation, you will receive a 100% contributing member patch for your banner.

With this being LCIF's 50th year anniversary, we are asking each club to consider presenting a Melvin Jones Fellowship at the state convention in Wichita. Our goal is 100 MJF's in 2018!

Think about all that LCIF has given our state in grants and natural disaster assistance and please give back to LCIF.

## New Zone Chairs

District Governor Indra Phillips has appointed to new Zone Chairs. Here's their contract information:

**Zone 6:** Clearwater, Colwich, Goddard, Viola

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**Zone 11:** Eureka, Madison, Neosho Rapids, Osage City, Lyndon, Reading.

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## Mark Your Calendar

The **Second Cabinet Meeting for District N** will be November 11 in Parsons. More details in the next newsletter.

**Zone 9 Meeting** in conjunction with the **Yates Center Steak Fry**, 7 pm Thursday, September 14, at the Eastern Star Hall, 116 E. Butler. For details contact zone chair Terry Weldin at 620-490-1461 or [tweldin@kancycle.com](mailto:tweldin@kancycle.com). Zone 9 clubs are Burlington, Colony, Garnett, Kinkaid, Ottawa, Westphalia and Yates Center.

## In Memoriam: PIP William Harrison “Bill” Wunder

Past International President Dr. William Harrison “Bill” Wunder, passed away on August 10, 2017 at age 87.

Dr. Wunder was born on December 2, 1929, on the family farm near Rush Center, Kansas. After graduating from LaCrosse High School, he attended Kansas Wesleyan briefly before moving to Kansas State



Teachers College, and graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business in 1952. Upon graduation, he worked for several companies in Kansas before receiving his commission in the U.S. Army in 1959, following seven years in the U.S. Army Reserves.

A Vietnam War veteran, Dr. Wunder retired in the grade of Colonel

after serving nearly 23 years in the U.S. Regular Army. Duty assignments included three years in Germany, three years in Italy, one year in Vietnam, and assignments at Headquarters, Department of Army and later, the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He also served on the faculty of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. While in the military, he also attained his Master of Science degree in Management from University of Arizona, and following his military service he attained his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education from Kansas State University.

As a young boy, Dr. Wunder loved to read The Bible and enjoyed Sunday school, and what he learned early in life was reflected at all times in how he lived his life and how he approached the next chapter in life.

Dr. Wunder was a Professor of Business and Chair of the Division of Business, Technology and Leadership within the Graduate School of Friends University, and was a Director of both the Executive MBA and MBA Programs for Friends during his tenure there. He was also a former president of Marymount College of Kansas.

Simultaneous to his work in higher education, Dr. Wunder worked tirelessly for Lions Clubs International starting at the local club level and ultimately being elected as President and Chief Executive Officer of

Lions Club International for the 1995/1996 Lions year. During that year he and Dorothy visited 85 countries in all parts of the world and had meetings with a number of heads of state. During 1996/1997 Dr. Wunder served as Chairman of the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Building on work started with the Peoples Republic of China during his year as President and CEO, Dr. Wunder was able to form a partnership between the Peoples Republic of China and Lions Clubs International Foundation that resulted in 1.75 million cataract surgeries in China. He also worked with former President Jimmy Carter and the Carter Center Foundation to undertake a joint humanitarian service project in Sudan, Africa to significantly reduce river blindness in Sudan.

Following his service at the International level, Past President Wunder took the task of obtaining a new office for Kansas Lions. In 18 months, he obtained a lead donor and put together a fundraising plan and raised the amount needed for the office on Tyler Road in Wichita. Dr. Wunder was a member of Wichita Northwest Lions Club at the time of his death.

Dr. Wunder was a former chairman of the Kansas Commission for National and Community Service and was involved in several professional organizations and his church. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from Emporia State University and the Outstanding Alumni Award from the U.S. Army War College.

Dr. Wunder was preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Lydia, along with his brothers Harry, John and Eugene, and his daughter, Cara. He is survived by the love of his life, Dorothy, with whom he shared 62 years of marriage, as well as his brother, Richard and his wife Cheryl. He is also survived by his children and their spouses, son Dale and wife Monica; son Brian and wife Victoria; daughter Cheryl and husband Jeffrey; and grandchildren Blake (and Courtney), Michele, Matthew Alan (and Paige), Matthew, Stephen, Isabella, Claire, David and Daniel, as well as many nephews and nieces

Funeral services were held on Saturday, August 19, at Ascension Lutheran Church in Wichita.

Memorials may be sent to Lions Clubs International Foundation, Kansas Lions Foundation, Ascension Lutheran Church (Music Ministry), or Serenity Hospice.



# 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 September 20.

## Scranton pancake feed

The **Scranton Lions Club Annual Pancake Breakfast** is 7 to 11 am, **Saturday, September 16** at the Hulsopple Community Building (located in the Park).

The menu is pancakes, biscuits & gravy, sausage, eggs made to order, coffee and juice. Donations are gratefully accepted

## Wichita Northwest busy with pancake feed, garage sale

**Wichita Northwest Lions** raised \$287 selling pancakes, hot dogs and chips at the National Baseball Congress tournament at Lawrence Dumont Stadium on Sunday, July 30.

The club has also welcomes a new member, **Paulette Santos**. She learned about Lions from **Richard Caldwell** of the **Bel Aire Lions Club**.

The **Wichita Northwest Lions** next fundraiser is a **Garage Sale on September 7, 8 and 9** at 840 N. Crestline, Wichita. Stop by and shop for remarkable treasures at terrific prices. You may find a treasure you didn't even know you wanted.



**Paulette Santos (center)** is the newest member of **Wichita Northwest Lions Club**. Also pictured, from left is **Northwest President Scott Helmke**, **Bel Aire Lions Club member Richard Caldwell**, and **Northwest Lions Janice McClernon and Janet Jamieson**.

## Park updates, fundraising keep Columbus club busy

The **Columbus Lions** met in May to add and pain-benches in the Lions Park. Bronze medallions and lion statues were added to the entrance. The City of Columbus added new fencing, handicapped parking and a sidewalk to the shelter, as well as updated the picnic table. In the spring, the Lions also added a heavy-duty grill to the space. The next project is to update the play equipment.

In June, the Columbus Lions met with the clubs from **Baxter Springs** and **Galena** to install officers. A total of **392 pairs of glasses** were turned in to VDG Marla Larison and two new members were welcomed to our club, **Ernie Vaughn** and **Marcia Ellinor**.

In July, the **Lions Shack** opened for Fourth of July festivities at the City Park. Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, polish sausages and chips were served. In

August the club experienced it's busiest fair week ever! Chicken strips and french fries were added to the menu for the Cherokee County Fair. Crossland Construction Company had its annual employee picnic during the fair so the club served an extra 300 people on Saturday alone!

Club Secretary Regina Jameson says the club is indebted to the Leo Club members who worked with tirelessly with club members for both lunch and evening shifts. Columbus Lions and Leo's put in a total of 440 combined hours in service at the Lions Shack!



**Lions Steve Jameson and newest member, Ernie Vaughn, frying up chicken strips and french fries at the Lions Shack.**

## Raise the falling star

The Fredonia Lions Club have joined a community fundraising campaign to replace one of the community's signature Christmas decorations, a rotating star atop South Mound. (For those who drive by Fredonia on Highway 400, South Mound is where the giant flag waves above the town.)

On December 23, 1955 the Fredonia Lions Club turned on the lights to the new rotating star on Fredonia's South Mound. This project was made possible by local machinist & blacksmith extraordinaire Loren Ludlum. Two separate lighting circuits allowed the structure to have a lighted rotating star from Thanksgiving to New Year's Day and a lighted cross during the Lenten season.



Photo courtesy of Greg Holmes

In 2007 the motor that rotated the star was no longer repairable. After some 50 years of relatively maintenance-free operation, wear and exposure to the elements caused problems to such an extent that in despite much work and expense the star has not moved since.

During an inspection by Lions Club members in early 2017 it was discovered that the entire structure has deteriorated to the point that it is not feasible to perform further repairs... including repairing the framework.

With a new design donated by TCI Fabrication & Industrial Services, an American flag will be added to the lighted star and cross displays. New LED lighting will be used and framework will be designed to current industrial standards, with 180-degree rotation for the star. Plans also include rotating cameras atop the structure so that Fredonians near and far can see their hometown online.

"Raise the falling star," fundraising campaign is being established with final costs that could reach somewhere near \$40,000. For more information see [www.moundstar.org](http://www.moundstar.org) or [www.fredoniakschamber.org](http://www.fredoniakschamber.org)



Three Youth Exchange Students from Japan and their host families attended the Augusta Lions Club meeting Tuesday August 15. Pictured from left to right, PCC Harry (and Lion Lorraine, not pictured) Stockwell, host family of Rio Masukaua, with Akari Nguyen and Ayumi Shimada staying with Mya Nguyen, Christi Johnson and Van Nguyen. The girls will be visiting the United States during the month of August.

## Independence to celebrate 95 years of service

The Independence Lions Club will celebrate it's 95 years of service to the community with an Anniversary Banquet at 6 pm, **Saturday, September 23** at ICC West, 2615 W. Main Street. Lion Andy Taylor, president of the Kansas Press Association, will be the guest speaker.

Dinner is \$16 per person. Make reservations by September 18 with Lion Loretta McDiarmid at 620-330-2040 or by email: [davidsb@cablone.net](mailto:davidsb@cablone.net)

## Neodesha installs screens at community tennis courts

The Neodesha Lions Club worked approximately 80 hours installing vinyl wind screens at our city tennis court. **Lion Jim Jackson** reports the club is about half done with the project. Additional work days were scheduled for August 30 and September 30, when they hope to finish up.

**Lion David Bertels** and **Lion Jim Jackson** attended a recent Fredonia Lions Club meeting to talk about Neodesha's successful peanut cluster fundraiser. will attend this meeting to discuss this fund raiser. They shared the sources of supply and how they make the peanut clusters. They also invited members of the Fredonia club to join the Neodesha Lions on the third Saturday of November when they make clusters so they get hands-on experiance.

**More club news on the following pages**

And find more on Facebook: [KansasLionsDistrict7N](https://www.facebook.com/KansasLionsDistrict7N) and our website: [KSLions17n.org](http://KSLions17n.org)

## Oxford club hosts 71st Annual Watermelon Feed

Oxford Lions Club's 71st Annual Watermelon Feed is Saturday, September 9, in Napawalla Park.

Events include a breakfast, craft vendors, kids games, hamburger/hot dog lunch, ice cream social, parade at 2 pm, watermelon feed starting after the parade, live entertainment starting at 3 pm picnic supper of pulled pork or a smoked turkey leg, and much more.

See the Oxford Lions Facebook page for a full schedule.

## Marquette Lions assist with Pedal Power Tour

The Marquette Lions will be helping the Marquette Chamber of Commerce and Harley's Bicycles of Hutchinson with the 7th Annual Pedal Power Tour, 10 am on Saturday, September 16.

The event offers two rides:

- The family ride "Out and Back" is a 10 mile flat ride.
- The "Full Ride" is a 34-mile loop through rolling terrain with some hills.

Both rides are on paved roads. SAG stops are provided. Helmets are recommended but not required and minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration begins at 9 am in downtown Marquette. Cost is \$20 per person on the day of ride; \$15 if pre-registered by Sept. 9. Family (3 or more) is \$15 per person day of ride. First 30 pre-registered entries guarantees t-shirt.

To pre-register send entry fee to Dennis Swisher, P.O. Box 172, Marquette, Ks 67464. Make checks payable to the Marquette Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms are available at [harleysbicycles.com/merchant/434/files/2017PedalPowerEntry.compressed.pdf](http://harleysbicycles.com/merchant/434/files/2017PedalPowerEntry.compressed.pdf)

## Emporia Lions host MSU, help with school supply project

Emporia Lions Club participated in the Emporia First United Methodist Church "back-to-school supply drive" by adopting Logan Avenue Elementary school this year.

The club also sponsored the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Mobile Screening Unit at the Lyon County Fair on August 5.

The club has a window display in the Lyon County Historical Museum in Emporia — see photo on page 10.



## Viola Lions building new clubhouse

Viola Lions Club has a new clubhouse! Through the expert guidance of the building committee members Don Siewert and Brian Boatright a team of club members and many volunteers assisted in the construction of a long needed clubhouse.

The site preparation began in July. Through the months of July and most of August the building slowly took shape. Club members Jack Dalbom, Howard Means, Brad Farmer and Chip Vancurren were instrumental in the construction phase, suffering through the heat of the summer to help with the construction.

Although the new building may not be ready in time for our annual Sausage Supper, held the first Saturday in February, we are all anxious to begin using the building. The clubhouse will be large enough with enough access to lessen the burden of loading and unloading all the equipment used during our annual event.

The present clubhouse will eventually be torn down and converted to a parking area.



# Meeting the Global Service Challenge

By Debra Funke

## District N Global Service Team

Attention District N Lions, each club has been challenged to participate and complete ONE service project or activity AND REPORT in your monthly activity report it to LCI before the next District Cabinet Meeting in November.



Make sure you also share your service projects and pictures through the MyLion App, the district newsletter, on the district Facebook page, share them with the webmaster, and the Kansas Lion News!

We can't wait to see what Kansas Lions of District N will accom-

plish in the coming months as We Serve.

## Has Your Club Planned A Centennial Legacy Project?

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.

So what is a Legacy Project you ask? The possibilities are endless, and with three levels of participation, there's an opportunity for every club to get involved. Below are some project ideas OR you can develop your own to address specific needs in your community.

### Level 1: Raise Your Community Visibility

- Build/Donate a park bench
- Dedicate a statue
- Sponsor a fountain in a local park

### Level 2: Provide a Community Gift

- Refurbish a park or playground
- Build a footbridge over a busy road
- Fund resources for the visually impaired
- Donate a vehicle to a community

### Level 3: Make a Community Impact

- Build a clinic
- Expand a library or school
- Develop a training center

- Equip an area hospital

All Legacy Projects should be identified with a sign or plaque indicating the project was donated by your Lions club. In support of the Legacy Projects program, Centennial highway signs, decals and bronze plaques will be available from LCI Club Supplies at a significant discount.

Your Legacy Project will serve as a reminder of just how important your club is to the community during the Centennial and beyond. All Lions clubs around the world are encouraged to complete a Legacy Project by June 30, 2018. Has your club started planning your project yet?

## PR for your Legacy Project

Your Legacy Project is an opportunity to showcase your project, your service, and your club to the community. Here are some tips that can help you maximize this great public relations opportunity:

**Dedication Ceremony** – Host a dedication or ribbon-cutting ceremony and invite your community and local media to attend.

**Social Media** – Share project photos on social media or ask your community to share photos at the site of your Legacy Project. Use the hashtag #Lions100 so we can share your project on the LCI Facebook page.

**Local Media** – Send out a press release or ask a local reporter to help tell your story.

## Report Your Legacy Project

Be sure to report your Legacy Project using the MyLCI Service Activity Report, under the Community and Culture activity type. Clubs can earn a special banner patch, and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine. You can also report your Legacy Project as a Centennial Service Challenge Project.

## A correction

Every good editor knows just about the worst error to make is getting names incorrect. Somewhere in the translation from the LCI website to an Excel spreadsheet for the editor, names of many of the new Lions published in the last newsletter were incorrect. We regret the errors. PDG Terry Weldin supplied the correct names of two new Burlington Lions: Thomas J. Flannagan and James T. Garner.



PDG Joan Snyder and PDG Gerald Snyder provided a bronze lion statue to be raffled to raise money for the District 17 PDG Club to provide a deserving PDG with a Kansas Lions Sight Foundation PIP Claude De Vorss Fellowship. The 17N PDG Club selected PDG Chris Bauer to be the recipient of that award. PDG Joan and PDG Gerald made the presentation of the award at the August 19 cabinet meeting.

## Has your Lions Club run afoul of the IRS?

By PDG Dan Funke

Recently more and more clubs are being notified that they are in violation with the IRS for not filing 990's. Clubs that make more than \$25,000 in gross receipts, which include dues payments, must file either a 990 e postcard or a 990 depending on how much gross receipts your club had during the past fiscal year which was between July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

Clubs are reminded that your 990 forms must be filed with the IRS by November 15 of each year. Several resources are available on District N's website. The information also includes information on how to reinstate your club if you have lost your 501c4 designation for failing to file. Please go to <http://kslions17n.org/kansas-lions-district-17n/tax-filing-information> or just go to [www.kslions17n.org](http://www.kslions17n.org) and click of the tab Tax Filing Information.

More information can be obtained by going to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) and using the search engine to look up 990.



Goddard Lions Club recently hosted a family breakfast for members and prospective members. First Vice District Governor Patrick Laham, left, inducted Anthony and Kim Devoll with sponsor Erick Mathews, Christina Anderson (also sponsored by Mathews), Mark Glover with sponsor Dan Funke, Mark Wothern (sponsored by Samantha Sanger) and Samantha Sanger with sponsor Larry Lee. Before the event was over the club accepted two more new members! At right, Wyatt Devoll stole the show — only for a moment — while his parents were being formally inducted.



# Plan now to sponsor a student musician in the for 2018 Kansas Lions State, International Bands

The Lions Band Committee met at the First State Council meeting, August 12. Primary agenda topics included a recap of this year's State Band camp at Friends University, highlights of our International Band that went to Chicago for the Centennial celebration of Lions International, and the logistics/finance discussion in preparation for the 2018 State Band camp and possible International Band going to the International Convention in Las Vegas.

Since the Lions State Convention will be held again in Wichita next summer, the State Band camp will return to Friends University. This will be the seventh year that Doctor John Taylor and Friends University have hosted the annual camp. The camp will start with registration at noon on May 29, concluding with the full band concert at Central Community Church on June 2. Even if you do not attend the State Convention, you should make every effort to attend the free concert. You will truly be amazed by what these outstanding young musicians accomplish in just three-and-a-half days. Cost of the camp (which includes meals, housing, t-shirt, staff, and rental fees) is only \$250 per student.

Planning for another possible International Band is also well under way. The committee reviewed draft proposals from three travel agencies. The proposed trip had three different travel plans: bus from/to Wichita with overnight stay enroute; bus from/to Wichita with no overnight stop; air travel from/to Wichita, with bus support once we were in Las Vegas. After discussion of the pros and cons, it was decided to go with the bus from/to Wichita with overnight stay enroute option. That would keep travel time to around

12-14 hour each day. Going straight through would have exceeded 25 hours (travel, meal, and rest stops). If we have sufficient number of band students (minimum of 45) for an International Band, they would arrive two days prior to State Band camp to prepare for the Las Vegas parade. We are still looking at the cost per student, so total cost is still unknown. During the State Council meeting, we also met with the Kansas Lions Band Foundation. They approved the motion to offset the cost of the International Band by \$400/ea for the first 60 students.

District-N clubs have always been great supporters of the band program, sponsoring countless number of students. It is not too early to start looking. One of the biggest hurdles we face each year is trying to get students from the Wichita high schools. The seven primary USD 259 High Schools have around 12,000 total students. Add another 2,000 that attend Derby, and you have over 14,000.

I realize that not everyone is in band at these schools, but if you take just 100 for each of the eight schools, that would be 800 band students in the immediate Wichita area. Kansas Lions State Band averages 215-230 students each year. But of that number here are the numbers of Wichita students in their respective years: 2012 (5), 2013 (5), and 2017 (6); camps were held at Friends University. Bottom line, not a great showing for some of the largest schools in Kansas, especially given the location of the camp. Please help us increase the number of Wichita students. When you look at the number of Lions Clubs in the Wichita area, we should easily be able to double or triple the number of local band students.

## Upcoming club events

**The Valley Center Lions Club 11th Annual Car Show**, 4:30 to 9 pm, Friday, September 29 on Main Street. Registration is \$20, which includes an all-beef frank and drink.

**The McCune Lions Club Demolition Derby** is Sunday, September 24 at 2 pm. For more information call Lion Mackie, 620-238-4341

**Yates Center Lions Club Steak Fry**, 7 pm Thursday, September 14 at the Eastern Star

Building, 116 East Butler.

**Goddard Fall Festival** on Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7. Bingo at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday. Carnival rides Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Saturday activities include car show, parade at 10:30 am, Lions Club kitchen all day, craft and vendor booths, and more. Info at goddardfallfestival.com or on Facebook at Goddard Fall Festival.



Emporia Lions Club has a display in the Lyon County Historical Museum window in downtown Emporia highlighting the club's almost 100 years of service in the community. The Emporia club was chartered in 1921.

## Eyeglass collections keep PDG Lee on the road

By PDG Bernard and Viola Lee

We traveled to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility to unload 41 banana boxes (16,000 pairs) of sorted used eyeglasses for their recycle program. We also furnished 26 (large shipper boxes) and 350 (small boxes that hold 50 envelopes each of finished glasses for mission trips) to the third world countries that we serve.

On the return load we picked up 12 large shipper boxes of finished glasses (500 pairs each) 6,000 pairs total, for our inventory in Scranton. At this time we have an ample supply of finished glasses in our Scranton inventory (60 Shipper boxes). I have 13 Banana boxes of sorted glasses ready for the prison usage



We drove on to the State Office, picked up the Winfield Correctional Facility finished glasses (5 shipper boxes: 2,000 pairs) and two banana boxes of salvage glasses that were not suitable for the prison recycle program (two banana boxes of glasses from the Arkansas City Lions Clubs: one banana box from the

Newkirk, Oklahoma Lions Club). We realized two banana boxes of salvage glasses, one banana box of sunglasses). These just mentioned glasses were delivered to the state office storage room by PDG Tim Hays, of the Arkansas City Early Birds Club, saving me many miles, hours and dollars in collection efforts. We dropped off a bundle (25 eyeglass collection boxes) on the front porch of the State Office for Council Chair Linda Leander to pick up on Sunday, for distribution within District A. (FYI we have some eyeglass collection boxes in the storage room at the State Office for area club needs).

We met optometrist Dr. Robert J. Arnold and wife Marge from McPherson at the Bel Aire Cabinet meeting site to furnish supplies for his upcoming mission trip to Panama (60 small shipper boxes and 12 large shipper boxes). Robert and Marge are part of the Kansas VOSH team. They said this will be their 14th annual mission trip to that region.

At the First District Cabinet meeting we were able to collect only two small containers of used glasses. We furnished and delivered supplies to Hutchinson, District A and McPherson on that trip that covered 390 miles in 13 hours.