



MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

The newsletter for Kansas Multiple District 17-N • January 2018

Clubs work is a living example of 'We Serve'

We have arrived at the mid-point of our Lions year. As we look back at the last six months, we must be thankful for the excellent work done by our clubs and District Cabinet.

Our clubs have conducted a steady string of events, all meticulously planned and effectively executed - from fundraisers to Legacy projects to community events. The time and treasure that was expended in working these projects is a living example of WE SERVE.



On the club visits that I have made so far, and I am not finished, I have had the pleasure of meeting many dedicated

Lions. They have told me of the wonderful times they had doing incredible things for their communities. Some of them are living legends of Lionism. I have also had the privilege of participating in club meetings as a guest speaker during which I was able to discuss the new programs of LCI and the work of the District. It is great to hear the diverse views expressed at those meetings and the compromise that comes out of it at the end of the day. That is the good news and I hope you will keep it going.

The bad news is that our membership is down. We had two clubs disband in the last Lions year but due to administrative delays are being counted in the current year, and that has contributed to the decrease.

But new member recruitment has not been as expected despite our membership drive. In the cir-

cumstances I am appealing to all clubs to put all their resources into recruiting new members in the months of January and February so that we will have some positive numbers to talk about at our convention in March.

In this Season of Giving, let us be generous with our gifts, especially to the aged, the disabled, the lonely and the hungry in our communities. Let us spread the Joy of the season to one and all.

May your hearts be filled with the spirit of Christmas and may the New Year bring health and happiness.

Call to Convention

As District Governor of District 17N, I call all Lions Cabinet Officers, Club Officers, Members and Guests to attend the District Convention of Lions District 17N in Wichita Kansas, 5:30-9 pm Friday, March 2 and 8:30 am to 5 pm Saturday, March 3 2018, to close our 100th year of Lionism. District cabinet meeting and convention meeting to follow the noon banquet.

The Guest of Honor is Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya. PIP Amarasuriya serves as the Vice Chair of the Global Action Team, with special responsibility for Worldwide Membership. *In Lionism,*

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District 17N Convention:

Celebrating Service through the Power of We

March 2 & 3, 2018 • Doubletree by Hilton, Wichita

All Kansas Lions are cordially invited to the District 17N Convention celebrating service through the Power of We.

The District Convention will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton in Wichita. Our guest of honor during this weekend will be Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya from Sri Lanka. He served in 2009-2010 and is current Vice Chair of the Global Action Team.



We have an exciting program lined up for you with entertainment, dynamic speakers, interactive sessions, the business meeting, along with an exciting program at the Convention Banquet.

Friday night: We will start at 5:30 pm for an evening of entertainment — singing and dancing, raffle drawings, competitions, prizes and surprises. We will have a tasty dinner, moderately priced, so you can be

there and enjoy the evening relaxing with your family and fellow Lions. You will be able to meet and greet our special guest and listen to Lion tales of old times.

Saturday: We will mark the 50th Anniversary of Lions Club International Foundation with a celebration breakfast. This is a great opportunity for clubs to honor their members with Melvin Jones Fellowships. All new MJF's will receive special recognition by PIP Amarasuriya at the breakfast. Details are still being worked out, watch for details in the next newsletter.

The morning sessions will begin at 8:30 am with seminars, a panel presentation and Q&A with the PIP. The highlight of the convention will be the banquet, beginning at noon, with a special two-hour program themed The Power of We.

The cabinet meeting and district convention will follow the banquet. Leos will have a special time with the PIP during the afternoon when he will give them some words of wisdom and challenge them to do new things in new ways. Members of our new Leo Club formed in December 2017 will be presented with souvenirs.

Hotel rooms are available at the special rate of \$89. Make your reservations with the hotel by calling **316-945-3272 by February 15** and ask for the **Lions Convention rate**.

Make your plans NOW to be there. Fine food, great fellowship, fun and frolic. There is no registration fee and meals are economically priced just for you.

See the following pages for the registration form and an opportunity to share your club's message in the district convention booklet.

Mid Winter Rally in Manhattan

There's still time to register for **Mid Winter Rally** at the Four Points Sheraton in Manhattan on January 26, 27 and 28.

Special guest is ID Bruce Beck and Erin of Minnesota. Kansas State University football coach Bill Snyder is the luncheon speaker.

Registration forms were in the recent issue of Kansas Lions News (also available on the website at kansaslions.org under the "More" menu).



District 17 N Convention Registration

Celebrating Service Through the Power of We

March 2 & 3, 2018

Doubletree by Hilton, Wichita

Make plans now to attend the annual district convention. We have a block of rooms for Lions at the special rate of \$89, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the Doubletree directly at 316-945-3772 and ask for the Lions Convention rate. Room reservations must be made by February 15 to get the Lions Convention rate.

Friday night dinner & entertainment - 5:30 pm _____ @ \$16 _____

Saturday Convention Banquet - Noon _____ @ \$15 _____

Total due _____

All meal reservations must be made by February 15, 2018

Lion(s): _____

Guest name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____ District (circle) : K A N

Make checks payable to Lions District Convention 17N and mail to

Lion Jance McClernon

12210 Ridgepoint

Wichita, KS 67235

Phone: 316-732-0928

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2018 Convention Booklet Advertising

Lions District 17N Convention will be held March 2 and 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Wichita. Advertising space is available for the Convention Booklet to welcome our guest of honor, Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya, to our District. Ads are also a great way to promote your club, advertise club activities or events, support a candidate for district office, advertise your business to fellow Lions or share a special message.



We Serve

Rates:

- Full page (3.5" wide x 8.5" tall)\$75
- Half page (3.5" wide x 4.25" tall)\$40
- One-quarter page or individual sponsorship (3.5" wide x 2" tall)\$25

Size of ad (circle): Full Half Quarter

Payment amount enclosed: \$ _____

Name/Club/Company: _____

Contact: _____ Email: _____

Ad copy: _____

Check here for completed ad sent via email (pdf format) _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

PDG Terry Weldin
727 Kennebec Street
Burlington, KS 66839

Or email completed ad or ad copy to: weldicat@hotmail.com

We are happy to design your ad. Please send logos or artwork as a jpg or pdf. Send questions on ad design to rfunke3@cox.net

Make checks payable to District 17N Convention

Deadline for advertising in the 2018 Convention Booklet is January 30



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.



Hesston Lion President Ken Schwanke left, presents Hesston Childcare Director Judy Friesen, seated, a check to help purchase playground equipment. Also pictured, are Second Vice President John Buller and Lion Tamer Jim Zook.

Hesston Lions Pancake Day supports childcare center

The Hesston Lions Club presented a check for \$500 to the Hesston Childcare Center on November 27. The money will go toward the purchase of new playground equipment for the Center. The funds for this donation came from the 2017 Pancake Day. The 2018 Hesston Lions Club Pancake Day is set for January 27, 2018 at the Hesston Middle School.



Park City Lions hear KSDS program

Park City Lions hosted Randy Teske of the KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc., and his forever dog friend at the club's November 13 meeting.

Randy presented an interesting program on handling trained assistance dogs while discussing the vision of KSDS. KSDS is an essential organization for training assistance dogs and providing these animals to those in need who meets the organization's qualifications.

For more information on the organization, go to their website at www.ksds.org or like them on Facebook: KSDS, Inc.



Garnett Lions bring holiday cheer to Prairie Spirit trail

Members of the Garnett Lions Club serve in many ways and one of those is being a part of the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail Association. Lion Skip Landis and Lion Delton Hodgson are serving as members of that association and not just members but an active part keeping the Prairie Spirit Rail Trail an attractive feature of their community.

Shown in the photograph is Lion Skip on the left and Lion Delton on the right alongside the trees that are being decorated for the Christmas Season near the rail trail path.

Zone 7 Lions receive membership recognitions

Holiday parties are always a good time to recognize achievements. Zone Chair Scott Helmke visited several clubs to present membership awards.

Charles 'Tom' Whitney recently received his 10-year award at the **Wichita West** Christmas Party at Rolling Hills Country Club on December 12, 2017. Tom and everyone had a good time plus being entertained with songs by Rusty Johnson, son of Wichita West Lions President, Dave Johnson.

Wichita Northwest Lions Club members received awards as follows: Bob Brown, Richard Darge and Jack Smith, all 15 years each and Janice McClernon with 25 years. Awards were presented at the annual Christmas party at the Autumn Ridge Clubhouse, hosted by Lions Janice McClernon, Sandra Childs and Marjie Helmke.

Several **Augusta Lions Club** members received awards at their Annual Christmas Party at the Augusta Senior Center on December 5, 2017: Jesse Daniels for 25 years, Mike McDermott for 40 years,

Chuck Korte for 45 years, and A. W. McVay for 70 years. A.W. McVay is the father of District Services for Children Chair Merle Laham.

Congratulations all around to these dedicated Lions.



Westphalia Lion Roger Cook recently received his 30 Year Membership Chevron from PDG Terry Weldin

Coffeyville Lions support local football coach

The **Coffeyville Daylight Defender Lions Club** recently gave proceeds from their fall pancake breakfast to Aaron Flores, head football coach at Coffeyville Community College, who is in a somewhat urgent need of a lung transplant. His health is deteriorating and he recently has been moved near the top of the transplant list.

The club wanted to help the family with some of their transportation and lodging expenses and the benefit breakfast netted more than \$1,100.



Coffeyville Community College Football Coach Aaron Flores accepts a check from Lion Tom Meisner for help with medical expenses as Flores waits for a lung transplant.

Goddard Leo Club plans Charter Night

The newly formed **Goddard Leo Club** plans its Charter Night for Monday, January 15, at the Goddard Community Center.

The Leo Club is sponsored by the **Goddard Lions Club** and organized in November with 18 members.



The Leos have already performed with their first service project, assisting with the Goddard Mitten Tree Wrap Party. The Leos were among more than 300 community volunteers who came together to wrap gifts for 327 children served by the Mitten Tree program, a signature project of the **Goddard Lions Club**.

Fighting hunger with Worldwide Week of Service

Nearly 800 million people go to bed hungry every night. This January, join Lions around the world for a special Worldwide Week of Service dedicated to eliminating hunger in your community. This international 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 relieving hunger in your community.



Host a project to fight hunger in your community during January 8-14. Help stock a local food pantry, bag school lunches or distribute food to those who need it most. No matter how you choose to serve, be sure to join us for this Centennial service event!

Join Us for the Worldwide Week of Service to Fight

Sight Week donation at District Cabinet meeting



Four of the six directors of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation for District 17 N attended the District Cabinet meeting in Parsons and accepted a Sight Week Donation from the Augusta Lions Club. From left, Eyeglass Collection Chair PDG Bernard Lee, Public Relations Committee member Second VDG Marla Larison, Lion KidSight: USA Chair PDG Terry Weldin and Sight Week Chair PDG Don Cunningham accepted the check from the Augusta Lions Club representatives First VDG Patrick Laham and Lion Merle Laham. Sight Week donations are being used to assist with providing a limited number of reduced cost cataract surgeries as facilities become available for the procedures.

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

Plan your project - Host a service project that impacts hunger in your community during the week of January 8-14. Consider inviting members of your community or another local service club to serve with you.

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! Don't forget to share locally too: share your photos on the 17N Facebook page, with the newsletter editor and the district webmaster.



Club President's Checklist

- Have your Club make a concerted effort to recruit new Members in January and February.
- Make sure you present a deserving member of your Club with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of LCIF. This should be done by February 5, 2018 and LCIF informed, to enable the recipient to receive the award at the District Convention from the Past International President. (Contact LCIF District Co-ordinator PDG Bill Kincaid for information.)
- Start planning your projects and fund-raisers for the second half of the Lions year.
- Place an advertisement in the Convention Booklet from your Club.
- Have as many members from your Club attend the Convention on March 2 and 3, 2018.