



MD17-N LIONS "TALE"

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

Clubs reporting more service, more involvement

The first half of the year ended with all 17-N Clubs being vibrant and active. They reported that more members participated in club service projects than in previous years, which is an encouraging sign.

Having had the opportunity to see for myself the club members in action at fund-raisers and community events, I realized how well planned and meticulously executed these projects were.



Additionally the communities in most cities were invited to be part of these activities and were seen working hand-in-hand with Lions — a good sign for the future.

We also saw an increase in service activity reporting through MY LCI and My Lion.

With Diabetes being a major initiative of LCI, and a new challenge for Lions, a number of clubs reported having a Diabetes Awareness activity. I was encouraged by their prompt response to a disease which is a scourge of our times. Diabetes will be addressed at our convention by an internationally known specialist.

I congratulate all 78 clubs in our district for a great half year of service — service through the Power of WE.

The majority of clubs responded to my request to conduct a membership drive in the fall. Some clubs did a wonderful job in ASKING new members to join and had encouraging results. Other clubs made valiant efforts and although not so successful did their best.



We will have another membership drive in the Spring, starting April 2018, learning from our experiences and trying new techniques. Expect to hear from me soon.

We are happy to report the formation of a new Leo Club in Goddard, with the Goddard Lions Club being the sponsor. The new Leos put on an impressive charter ceremony a few weeks ago. A group of dynamic young people have taken the baton and we can expect to see them rising to great heights in the future — a future which is rightly theirs.

The District Convention will be held on March 2 and 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Wichita. ALL LIONS ARE INVITED. All District Clubs will be specially recognized through a Banner Parade. Have your President or club representative bring your club banner and participate in the parade.

The District Convention is the place to meet with Lions from other clubs, listen to interesting speakers, learn of the latest developments at LCI and hear an illustrious Past International President.

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**District Governor Indra Phillips
and the District Cabinet cordially invite
All Lions of District 17-N and Guests
to the Annual Convention on March 2 & 3, 2018
at the Doubletree by Hilton, in Wichita, Kansas**

Celebrating Service through the Power of We 17-N District Convention March 2 & 3, 2018

Come one, come all to the 2018 District 17-N Convention as we celebrate “The Power of We.” The convention is a time to celebrate successes, learn from guest speakers and your fellow Lions, elect leaders for the coming year and enjoy fun and fellowship. District 17-N will host Past International President Mahendra Amarasuriya of Sri Lanka at this year’s convention.

Convention activities begin Friday evening with a casual dinner, dance and entertainment at the DoubleTree by Hilton. Registration opens at 5 pm



and dinner is at 6:30 pm. Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with Lions from across the district.

Registration opens at 8 am on Saturday morning with the first of three informational programs beginning at 9 am.

Diabetes: A New Challenge for Lions, will be presented by Richard A.

Guthrie, M.D., FAAP, FACE, an internationally known diabetes specialist.

Dr. Guthrie came to Wichita in 1973 to chair the Department of Pediatrics and help start the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. He left the paid faculty to join the volunteer faculty in 1985, a position he still holds as Professor Emeritus.

Dr. Guthrie has received many awards including Outstanding Physician in Clinical Practice from the American Diabetes Association (its highest award for clinical practice physicians) in 2003 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the *Wichita Business Journal* in 2014.

Dr. Guthrie is retired but continues to lecture to medical students, serves on hospital committees and is a collaborator for Great Plains Diabetes Center. He serves on several boards including Kansas Diabetes Association, , Great Plains Diabetes Education & Research and The Wichita Grand Opera. Recently he was named one of America’s Top Physicians.



The second program on Saturday is “The Innovation Campus — A Model of Cooperation,” with Lou Heldman, Vice President of Strategic Communications at Wichita State University.

Lou Heldman is responsible for university communications and marketing. He serves as a member of the President’s Executive Team and the board of directors of the Wichita State Innovation Alliance.

Prior to joining the university in 2007, he had a career in newspapers and websites, including President and Publisher of the *Wichita Eagle* and Kansas.com, the state’s largest newspaper and most visited news website.

The morning programs will finish with a session with PIP Amarasuriya providing an update from Lions Clubs International. PIP Amarasuriya is the Vice-Chair of the Global Action Team.

The Convention Banquet — Celebrating Service Through the Power of We—begins at noon. District Governor Indra Phillips plans a blending of cultures,

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bringing traditions of Sri Lanka, his native country and home of our guest speaker, to the opening of the banquet. During the opening, clubs are invited to



participate in a banner parade (bring your club banner and a stand).

PIP Amarasuriya will give the keynote address. He was elected President of the International Association of Lions Clubs for the year 2007/2008 at the 90th International Convention held in Chicago in July 2007. He is the only Sri Lankan to be elected President.

He has been awarded numerous International President's Awards and is the recipient of the Leadership Award. He received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, which is the highest award conferred on a Lion by Lions Clubs International. PIP Amarasuriya is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow and received the LCIF Friend of Humanity Award.

PIP Amarasuriya is a highly respected corporate leader and a management professional. He has served on the Board of Commercial Bank of Ceylon PLC for many years and as its Chairman for 16 years.

Also during the program Past District Governors will be recognized, awards presented and our Peace Poster winner will be recognized. Clubs are encouraged to have Melvin Jones Fellowships presented during the banquet program.

After lunch, there will be a brief Cabinet meeting at 2:30 pm, followed by a memorial service. District elections will be held at 3:15 pm. Delegates will vote for 2018-2019 District Governor; First Vice-District Governor and Second Vice-District Governor. In addition, district representatives to the three foundations — Kansas Lions Foundation, Kansas Lions Band Foundation and Kansas Lions Sight Foundation — will be elected.

Voting delegates need to bring a completed Delegate Registration Form (see page 4) to be eligible to vote in the district elections.

Convention Highlights Dinner and Dancing

Enjoy fun and fellowship, along with dinner, an evening of dancing and entertainment on Friday night. Registration opens at 5 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm.

Melvin Jones Breakfast

New Melvin Jones Fellowship recipients are to be recognized at a special Saturday morning breakfast at the Doubletree. Club presidents, please send the name and address information of your club's Melvin Jones Fellowship Recipient to DG Indra Phillips as soon as possible so an invitation can be sent to your honoree.

Banner Parade

An unique feature of the Convention Banquet will be a Banner Parade, a ceremony to honor all District Clubs for their devotion to Lionism.

As each Club President ceremonially walks into the Banquet Hall carrying the Club Banner, his/her name, the club name and the charter date will be announced. They will be greeted by the PIP Amarasuriya who will present each with a certificate and a souvenir from International President Aggarwal. This is a unique ceremony to individually recognize District Clubs who have given their time, talent and treasure to make a positive difference in the lives of their communities. Banners will be displayed around the room during the banquet. (Bring a stand for your banner.)

Raffle - Great Prizes!

The convention committee has put together a great selection of prizes—including diamond jewelry (valued at more than \$100)—with the drawing to be held on Saturday. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Hospitality Room

Some of the best fellowship is always at the Hospitality Room. Enjoy a tasty treat and drink and enjoy visiting at the Hospitality Room, open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm (closed during banquet).

Register today!

The registration form is on page 4 of this newsletter and also available on the district website: kslions17-N.org.

Make hotel reservations by February 15 for the Lions Club rate; meal reservation deadline is February 23.

Peace Poster winner at Mid-Winter Rally

The District 17-N Peace Poster winner, Emily Webster, was recognized at the luncheon at Mid-Winter Rally in Manhattan on January 27.

Emily's poster placed third in the state competition. She is an eighth grader at Augusta Middle School and her entry was sponsored by the Augusta Lions Club.

"With peace the world would be a better, safer place," she wrote of her entry.



District Elections to seat new leaders

The District Elections for District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors and Foundation Directors will be held on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 3:15 pm.

The Elections Committee consisting of Lions Doug Gatewood (Chair), Becky Funke and Rasitha Phillips, will conduct the election.

The Chair may request other Lions to assist with the conducting of the election.

Voting at the election will be confined to authorized delegates who have filled out a delegate form (see below). They must present this form at the Registration desk and obtain a voting slip. This slip must be given to the election officials to obtain the ballot.

Candidates who have declared are:

District Governor: Patrick Laham of Augusta
First Vice District Governor: Marla Larison of Baxter Springs

Second Vice District Governor: Chris Bauer of Humboldt.

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (two seats): PDG Bernard Lee of Scranton and PDG Don Cunningham of Parsons.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation (two seats): no declared candidates.

Kansas Lions Foundation: no declared candidate.

A current list of candidates will be available at the Registration desk.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

All club delegates must produce this form duly filled out and certified by the Club President OR Secretary, at the Registration Desk and obtain a Delegate Slip to vote at the District Elections.

We certify that (Name) _____ is a duly elected delegate of _____ Lions Club and is authorized to vote on behalf of the Club at the District Election to be held on March 3, 2018.

Club President Name _____ Signature _____ OR

Club Secretary Name _____ Signature _____

Delegate Entitlement

Every Club in good standing is entitled to ONE delegate for every 10 members. In addition they are entitled to one delegate for every five or more members less than ten. For example, a club with 27 members is entitled to 3 delegates.

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District 17-N Convention Registration

Celebrating Service Through the Power of We

March 2 & 3, 2018

Doubletree by Hilton

2098 S Airport Road • Wichita, KS

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 316-945-5272 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 23, 2018

Lion(s): _____

Guest name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

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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 March 5.

New Leo Club organized in Goddard



Goddard Leo Club president Joel Sather is presented the new club certificate of organization by District Governor Indra Phillips at the club's celebration held on January 15.

The newly organized Goddard Leo Club has wasted no time in making an impact.

During the holiday season, Leos supported the Goddard Lions Club Mitten Tree project with more than 20 hours of service.

Leos are helping run concessions at the monthly bingo night hosted by the Goddard Lions Club and will be helping with the Goddard Lions Pancake and Sausage feed on February 17. Five Goddard Leos, along with two Lion advisors, attended Mid-Winter Rally where they participated in a service project for Salvation Army in Manhattan and met Leos from Mulvane and Blue Valley West High School.

The club celebrated their "Charter Night" on January 15 with 18 of the 22 charter members attending—including one recruited at the event—along with a host of parents and guests.

Follow the Leos on Facebook at facebook.com/GoddardLeoClub/



Ready to serve: Members of the newly organized Goddard Leo Club with their newly signed Certificate of Organization. The community-based club has 22 middle school and high school age members.

Emporia Lions launch 'Random Act of Kindness'

Emporia Lions were busy during the month of December participating in bell ringing for the Salvation Army, hosting a holiday party for our local Headstart preschool program, and the first-ever A Random Acts of Kindness project.

After reading in *The Lion* magazine about a club in Colorado who has done a Random Acts of Kindness annually since 2004, long-time member George Walters

approached the board, and Emporia Lions decided to initiate it this year.

At noon on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 the club announced the launch of the Emporia Lions Club Random Acts of Kindness Program.

For more than 95 years the Emporia Lions Club has historically given funds to larger "group/organizational-type" projects. While all members of the club are expected to sell tickets for the Emporia Lions Club Annual Sausage Gravy and Biscuits Breakfast, the distribution of funds raised by the breakfast have been, almost exclusively determined by the Lions Club Board.

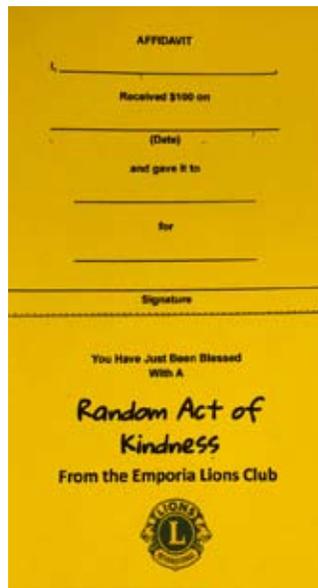
On November 15, 2017 that changed! Members who attended the meeting that day were each given \$100, along with a voucher for the recipient to fill out, to perform Random Acts of Kindness in our community.

According to Emporia Lions Club President Gary Post, the goal of the Random Acts of Kindness Program is "...to give each member who has shouldered that responsibility a personal say in how some of the money they have helped raise is donated in our community.

"The Lions Club motto is 'We Serve.' This program will create 28 ambassadors from our club to serve others during this season of giving and sharing. It is our way of thanking the community for supporting our club and our annual breakfast."

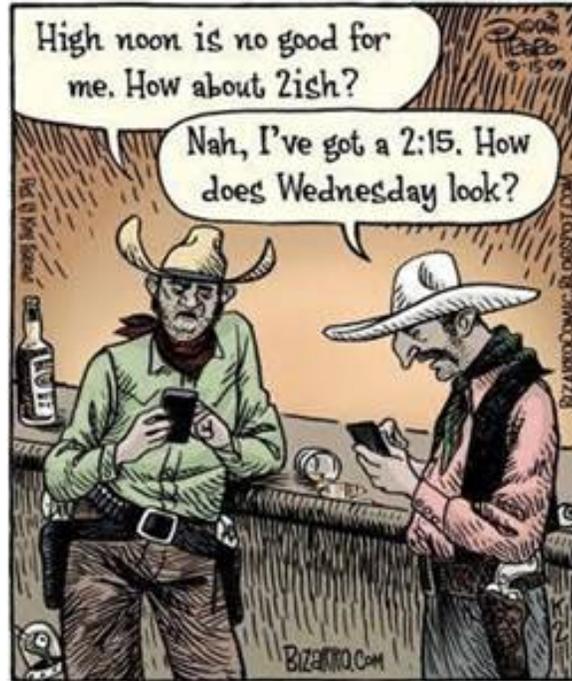
By expanding the Club's sphere of influence with this program the Emporia Lions Club hopes to help out additional organizations and individuals that might not otherwise have received aid from somewhere else.

The program was a huge success benefitting members every bit as much as the receivers of the gifts.



Emporia Lions Club
Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast
 Saturday, March 3 • 7:30-11:30 am
 Emporia Senior Center • 603 E 12th Ave
 \$5.00 Adults (\$7.00 at the Door), \$2.50 Children under 10
 Contact a Lion member or call 620.757.9907 for tickets

HEY PARTNER, KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE OPEN FOR THE KANSAS LIONS LEADERSHIP ROUND-UP!



YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

YOU WILL LASSO UP INFORMATION INCLUDING;

What is a Leader - Where to Find Them, How to Involve Them
(Presenter from Kansas Leadership Center)

Building a Better Club with Volunteers *(Presenter from KLC)*

The World Wide Web – A Look at LCI, Your State, District and Club Websites
(PCC Hans Neidhardt)

Facebook – Why Your Club Needs it and How to Set it up / MyLion
(PDG Chris Bauer & Lion John Scovill)

It all happens on March 17 at the Best Western Hotel in McPherson starting at 9:00 am and will wrap up at 4:30 pm. The best part, it's FREE! There is even a FREE buffet-style Roast Beef lunch!

All the information about the event and a registration form can be found at kansaslions.org under the More tab/Global Leadership Team