



Reaching out this holiday season

Happy December fellow Lions! It's time for Christmas cards to be sent if that is still a tradition that you follow. We need to do all those Christmas traditions that make us feel warm and comforted in our homes.

As Lions we know there are many not as fortunate as we are and need to remember them with donations or an invitation to attend a dinner and spend some time with other folks this time of year.



Being lonely during the holidays is harder than the rest of the year because we are bombarded with all types of festivities everywhere we look. Please look around and help those become involved or take them something that lets them know you care.

Many clubs are involved with projects locally that are doing what they can to make the holidays a little brighter for many people. Thanks to those for reaching out.

I have a favor to ask: after the holidays, sit down with your members and discuss recruiting new members to your club. Have a serious discussion and don't give up thinking there isn't anyone to ask. There is always someone that has never been invited to join and would benefit from helping provide community service in your area.

On December 4, I was happy to attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the Wichita Downtown Lions Club. It was a great

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Save the Date

Jan 17-19, 2020
Mid Winter Rally
Manhattan

February 8, 2020
3rd Cabinet Meeting
Yates Center

April 17-18, 2020
District Convention
Chanute

Guest: PID Anne and
Lion Tom Smarsh

June 13, 2020
4th Cabinet Meeting
Independence

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Training the trainers at Missouri MFDI

This past October 35 Lions from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Alabama attended the Midwest Faculty Development Institute (MFDI) held in Independence, Mo. Seventeen of the students were from Kansas with two from District K, seven from District A, and eight from District N. We spent three days focusing on skills and concepts of effective training. In short – Training the Trainer.

MFDI's purpose was to expand the number of skilled Lions that can effectively train club officers, zone chairs, at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, and other training events as needed. The goal is to increase the quality of training of Lions in leadership and support positions.

Some of the topics covered at MFDI focused on a variety of skills including Presentation Skills, Visual Aids, Adult Learner Characteristics, and others. The workshop concentrated on training instead of presenting. Credited to Confucius and I paraphrase "What I hear, I forget; What I see, I remember; what I do, I understand."

But what is the difference between training and a

presentation you may wonder? One of the major differences between training or giving a presentation is the flow of information.

In a presentation the instructor delivers the information to the audience. While training is much more flexible with information and interactive discussion going in both directions. Participants are not only learning from the instructor but learning from each other by participating in role-plays, problem solving tasks, discussions, quizzes and other activities.

Lions completing MFDI training at Independence have six months to give a presentation that must be evaluated by a member of the Global Leadership Team to become fully FDI certified. Several of the Kansas Lions that attended the training have already completed the required Post-FDI assignment and are awaiting receiving their final official certification. Watch for exciting new training in the future of

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Giving the gift of service all year long

In November, I was quite busy catching up on some club visits that I either missed or knew the Christmas season would put a hold on them. I started November with a pancake breakfast in Eureka while on my way to the Cabinet meeting in Burlington. I then

packed two nights with visits to the Halstead and Moundridge Clubs. I also traveled to Windom for their pancake breakfast and presented Lion President Lavon with his service chevrons in presence of the community who attended the breakfast. The next two Mondays I attended club meetings at Marquette and Towanda. At Marquette, I presented several Chevrons to long-time members. All these clubs should be proud of what they are doing in their communities by way of service. All these clubs expressed concern in their membership especially attracting "younger" members.

While thinking of a way to finish this article for

the month of December, I began thinking of "Gifts". These gifts are not the ones placed under a tree, nicely wrapped to be opened on Christmas Day. These gifts are the ones that all Lions give to their communities through service.

True, to belong as Lions dues are expected, but these dues are necessary to keep the Local, District, State, and International organization strong and to provide a framework where Lions can give these gifts. These gifts are given all year round by Lions Clubs.

These gifts range from providing aid to a family in the community to screening the health of those who are served. Early detection of a problem with the eyes of a young child later assures a better success in school. A community struck by a natural disaster can look to help from the Lions to help begin the process of rebuilding. I am sure I am not including all the great gifts Lions give. However, maintaining a Lions Club, despite all discouragement, is one where a community needs and is the greatest gift.

Richard Caldwell

17-N Second Vice-District Governor



Governor's message

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evening with fellow Lions and our guest speaker, International First Vice President Judge Haynes Townsend.

We had a review of their past 100 years and a glimpse into going forward into the next 100. Congratulations Wichita Downtown Lions for achieving this milestone!

I am looking forward to 2020 and hearing all the exciting things the clubs will be doing next spring, have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Marla Larison
17-N District Governor*

Bauer

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Kansas Lions where certified instructors provide the needed training to Kansas Lions and then those Lions apply these skills to their Lions position!

*Chris Bauer
17-N First Vice District Governor*

New Year's resolution: Just Ask!

Yes, I know the Christmas season is upon us, and yes I know everyone is busy. The New Year is coming and we all make resolutions. Some of us even keep them, so make one of those resolutions that you choose to keep is "Just Ask".

That's all it takes, just remember we were all asked once and we all said yes.

If I can assist in any way, just ask!

*PCC Jess Larison
Dist. 17 N Global Membership Chair
620-674-1521*

Make plans for Mid-Winter Rally Jan 17-19 in Manhattan

The holidays are looming but take a moment to flip your calendar ahead and mark the dates for the 2020 Mid-Winter Rally, returning Jan. 17-19 to Manhattan. The destination again is Four Points by Sheraton Hotel and Convention Center, 530 Richards Drive.

Past International Director Ardie Klemish, from Anita, Iowa, and her husband, PDG Ken, will be our special guests. Director Klemish was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 100th International Convention held in Chicago June 30-July 4, 2017.

Director Klemish will bring an LCI update to Kansas Lions at a seminar Saturday afternoon and will be the featured speaker at the banquet.

Other highlights

- Rick Dodson, MD-17 Lions Clubs International Foundation coordinator, will present information about Campaign 100.
- Kansas Lions Band Foundation Auction: The foundation is requesting help with donations for this popular event. Items should be new or hand-crafted. Breads, pies, jelly or other canned food also are accepted and typically are best sellers.
- Youth Luncheon recognizing Peace Poster winners and "Parade of Green." Clubs, zones and districts are encouraged to bring donations for the LCIF Campaign 100 or the Kansas Lions Foundation.

**Jan. 1: deadline to book hotel room
(call 785-539-5311).**

**January 10: deadline to reserve meals –
form on page 13**

Kansas Lions District 17-N

74 Lions Clubs serving communities in southcentral and southeast Kansas

Governor	1st Vice District Governor	2nd Vice District Governor
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Funds raised for first new vision screener

The fundraiser for the screener that needed to be replaced that was purchased by the Jones Foundation for District N was successful.

There are opportunities for Lions Clubs to screen children and make a big difference in their lives.

If you do not know about the Welch Allyn SPOT Vision Screener VS-100 and the great job of checking small children for the signs that they are not seeing what they should.

In my opinion there is no greater way to improve a child's chances

of having a successful educational experience than helping them to see our world with clear accurate vision.

I understand that there is another screener in the district that needs to be replaced because it is not functioning.

At the recent District N Cabinet Meeting it was decided to continue the fundraising effort on the First National Bank Quilt by allow individuals, Lions Clubs and others to contribute to a fund that can be tax deductible. The way to do that is

to send the money to Kansas Lions Foundation with Kansas District N Screener Fund on the memo line.

If 100 donors donate \$25 each we will have \$2500 towards replacing the next screener.

Second VDG Richard Caldwell was the winner of the 17N PDG 50/50 Fundraiser and he donated that \$250 to the screener fund.

Larger donations will be completing our goal of \$6,600 much faster. WE SERVE!

PDG Terry Weldin

Quilt recognizes vision screener donors

Donors listed on the quilt, which is displayed at First National Bank of Kansas in Burlington, are:

Holtz Foundation,
 First National Bank of Kansas,
 Osage City Lions Club,
 Burlington United Methodist Church Foundation,
 Thomas F. Robrahn, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
 Lyon-Coffey Electric Cooperative,
 Central National Bank,
 Ottawa Lions Club,
 Rosalie and William Williams,
 Neodesha Lions Club,
 Coffey County Hospital Employees,
 Debbie and David Birk,
 Terry Allen.
 In memory of Billie C. Page, Jo and Mike Skillman,
 Alice and Bud Chambers,
 C Allen for Your Doors,
 Coffey County Honda (Scott Crisp),
 Scranton Lions Club,
 Citizens State Bank,
 Dale Rein,

Madison Lions Club,
 In Memory of Joy Lee Schmidt,
 Coffey County Land Title,
 Crow-Moddie Ford & Crow-Moddie Chevrolet,
 Wanda Weldin,
 Petes Corp
 Burlington Construction,
 Terry Weldin,
 J.F.Malone,
 Mr. and Mrs. David Branton,
 John Pomilia and Kristie Jo Clearwater,
 Yates Center Lions Club,
 Richard Burkdoll,
 PDG Mark and Marj Doyen,
 Jim Huenergarde,
 The Grisier Family,
 Burlington Tax Center,
 Jones Funeral Home,
 Across The Borders
 Chanute Lions Club,
 Clarence Hermann,
 Garnett Publishing, Inc.,
 Eric Smith,
 Katherine Weldin,
 Jim Hills,
 Wireless Concepts,

DG Marla Larison,
 Lauren Fager,
 Mr. and Mrs. Chris Jones,
 Farmers State Bank of Aliceville,
 Nadine Graham,
 Vintage Sisters
 Anthony Ancheta (Family Heritage Life) 620-757-3092,
 The Anderegg Family Living Trust,
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Singer,
 Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Pontious,
 Betty Lybarger,
 Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lizer,
 Mr. and Mrs. William Barnes,
 Farmers Tan LLC,
 Curb Side Flower Shoppe,
 TrustPoint Insurance,
 Lyndon Lions Club,
 Lula Day,
 Lori Horton (Celebrations by Lori),
 Hanna's Hair,
 Brenda Klubek,
 Gene Highberger,
 Rosalie Vorhees,
 Buddies Bar and Grill Patrons
 Coffey County Republican,
 Osage City Chronicle



Lion Rosalee Vorhees of the Reading Lions Club donated this quilt to be used as a fundraiser for a new vision screener, replacing a non-working screener used in the east part of the district. Donors to the screener fund are listed on a button-on attachment to the quilt and the quilt is displayed at the Burlington branch of the First National Bank of Kansas. Pictured (from left) are bank staff Shelby, Judy, Sydney and Donna.

Emporia launches annual Random Acts of Kindness

Emporia Lions Club has launched its highly-successful Random Acts of Kindness Program for the third year in a row. Members who attended the November meeting were each given a \$100 bill to perform a Random Act of Kindness in our community during the holiday season.

For almost 100 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 determined by the Lions Board.

John Harclerode, program chair, shared that the goal of the Random Acts of Kindness Program is “...

to give each member a personal say in how some of the money they have helped raise is donated in our community.” This program will



provide an opportunity for 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 individuals and organizations that might not otherwise have received aid from somewhere else.

A recent post on our Facebook sums it up:

Tonight, our family had a couple of visitors. After a bit of light talking and catching up, they presented us with a gift from the Emporia Lions Club as a Random Act of Kindness. Words can not express enough how grateful we are for the gesture. The only words I can think of are thank you so much for thinking of us and being the great people you are.

Wichita Downtown Lions celebrate a century

More than 100 Lions from around the region gathered Wednesday, December 4 — the Centennial of the charter of the Wichita Downtown Lions Club — to celebrate a century of service to the community. Keynote speaker was the late Judge Haynes Townsend, first vice-president of Lions Club International. (Judge Townsend died December 17.) The evening included the presentation of three Presidential Certificates, reading of a proclamation from the Sedgwick County Commission, and a brief history of the club's service.



Clockwise from top left: Presidential Certificates were presented to PDG Ron Badger, chair of the centennial event; George Short, a 70-year member of the club, and Club Executive Secretary Loleta Staver. Above: President Paul Pitman with the proclamation from the Sedgwick County Commission.



Judge Haynes Townsend, Lions Club International First Vice President, was keynote speaker at the Wichita Downtown Lions Centennial Celebration on December 4. Judge Townsend died on December 17.

A tribute from President Choi

It is with great sadness that I am writing you today. We have experienced an incredible loss to our Lion family. On December 17, International First Vice President Judge Haynes H. Townsend passed away. We are heartbroken by this tragic loss to our Lion family, to the Townsend family and his loving wife, Donna.

Judge Townsend was a capable man, a humble man, a man who believed in the power of kindness to help and to heal. He was a judge who presided over his courtroom with integrity and heart, knowing that lives and destinies hung in the balance. He was a leader who believed that big ideas should drive us but that compassion should guide us. And above all, he was a Lion.

For 40 years, Judge Townsend served. He was an active member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club in his home of Dalton, Georgia, USA. He believed that acts of kindness, both big and small, could change lives. And that's just what he did as a Lion.

It is difficult to lose an international leader of such importance. But it is even harder to lose a man of such character. We will always cherish the time we had with Judge Townsend, and we will continue to move forward, working to bring his vision for Lions, and a world of kindness, to life.

*Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President*

Club news and notes

What's happening around District 17N

Send your club news to the newsletter editor at newsletter17N@cox.net



Lion Kris Lindenberger calls bingo for the annual Inman Bingo Night where the prizes are all the fixings for Thanksgiving meals. It was the club's most successful ever, raising \$1,696 for club projects.



The Galena Rt. 66 Lions Club hosted a Christmas party with the Baxter Springs Lions as guests. A meal of chili and all the fixing's were served along with a selection of desserts, followed by a Christmas trivia game. An ugly Christmas sweater contest was held with Lion Harry Cantrell taking First place and Nancy Hefley taking second. The Ugly Sweater group is as follows: Lions Mary Billington, Dennis Webb, Linda Phipps, Lorraine Gillming, Ylenia Iacono, Marla Larison, Harry Cantrell, Dorothy Cantrell, Ray & Nancy Hefley, Pat Lamb. Seated in front: Steve Billington, Rhanda Andrews and Gerald Gillming.

Holiday Help

Wellington Lions shopped for the local Operation Holiday, then organized everything with the leadership of Lion Jane Cole. The pick up was Saturday, December 14, where the program served 175 kids and 64 families. It's a lot of work but very much worth it, seeing smiles on parents faces, says Lion Betty Zeka.



Moundridge Lions served up soup at a recent fundraiser.

SAVE THE DATE

MD 17N Leadership Round-up SATURDAY, MARCH 28 IN MCPHERSON



There really is a **FREE Lunch**. **WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN DISTRICT NEWSLETTERS AND BY E-MAIL**

Send entries to Cindy Scovill, District N Environmental Chair by January 1, 2020.
Mail entries to PO Box 73, Humboldt KS 66748.

2019-2020

MD-17 Environmental Photo Contest

Name: _____

Club: _____

E-mail: _____

District: K A N

Please specify category

- Animal life
- Plant life
- Urban or Natural landscape
- Weather phenomenon

Special Theme:

- Environmental Service projects

The last category can have persons in picture

NOTE: All photo(s) must be taken in Kansas

Please submit one form per entry

Contest photos become the property of Kansas Lions



**MD-17
Environmental
Photo Contest**



Peace Poster winners selected

Winners in the District 17-N Peace Poster contest have been selected.

The first place selection will be forwarded to the state contest and the artist and family invited to the Mid-Winter Rally luncheon.

First Place (at right): Kashiana Stallings, age 13, 8th grade, Mayberry Middle School sponsored by Wichita Northwest Lions



Second Place (left): Quinan Jones, age 12, 7th grade Coleman Middle School, sponsored by Bel Aire Lions

Third Place: Ema Lutz, Age 11, 6th grade, Valley Center Middle School, sponsored by the Valley Center Lions Club



Sightlines: Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

By Gene Vogel, President

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation.

Kansas Lions Society for Sight Conservation, Inc. filed its Articles of Incorporation February 19, 1966. The Name was changed August 1969 to Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Inc. The Incorporators were :Ward H. Butcher, Coldwater, Bert L. Garrett, Sedan, Boyd D Torrens, Independence, Ray H. Mitchell, Wichita, Larry L. Epperson, Atchison, Norbert E. Stigge, O.D., Manhattan, Albert L. Loreen, Kensington, and Charles E. Chase, Inman

The Purpose of The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation was incorporated to provide an avenue whereby Lions, and others, could donate funds that would then be disbursed for sight related projects in Kansas.

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501 C-3 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1954. The foundation was incorporated as the charitable arm of the Kansas Lions.

The foundation is governed by a board of directors comprised of six Directors from each Sub.-Districts of Kansas Lions MD 17. One serves as Sight Day Chairman for the District. Two Directors are elected at each of the District Conventions. The Directors are elected to serve a three-year term.

Directors for District 17-N are: Jerry Snider, Baxter Springs; Marla Larison, Baxter Springs; Bernard Lee, Scranton; Don Cunningham, Parsons; Terry Weldin, Burlington; and Scott Helmke, Wichita.

KLSF's main funding is earnings from investments. There are currently three endowed funds. Elle Dean May fund was started from the estate of Elle Dean May of Smith Center Kansas. Other funds from estates are added to this fund. Memorials fund are donations given as a memorial to an individual. The Claude M DeVorss Fellowship fund are for donations to honor an individual with a CMD Fellowship.

Donations are also received from Lions Clubs, individuals, businesses and other fundraisers. The Knight of Sight Pin is given for each donation of \$100 or more.

Money is also received from reclaiming Gold from eye glasses collecting

The main objectives of the foundation are 1) services for the visually impaired; 2) screening for vision, blood pressure, diabetes and hearing; 3) treatment of eye injuries and disease; and 4) education and research.

Next month I'll be writing on How are the foundation's objectives achieved?

THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND MID-WINTER RALLY 2020

January 17-19, 2020 • Manhattan, Kansas

Four Points by Sheraton Manhattan

530 Richards Drive • Manhattan, Kansas • Phone: 785-539-5311

Make room reservations with hotel by January 1 • Meal reservations by January 10

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

2:00 p.m.	2019- 2020 First Vice District Governors and spouses	Executive Board Room
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6:30 p.m.	Dinner and fun evening of entertainment	Regency A

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Committee and Foundation meetings • Interactive booths – Learn and receive one on one assistance and materials • Lunch - Recognizing our Leos and Peace Poster Contest winners • Kansas Lions Band Foundation Auction • Banquet - 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker....Ardie Klemish, Past International Director

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8 am. Devotional/PDG Meeting
9 am Third State Council Meeting – business and reports 9:00 a.m.

***HOSPITALITY ROOM..... Hosted by District A and Manhattan Lions Clubs
Friday and Saturday – Konza Room***

2020 MD-17 Mid-Winter Rally

January 17-19, 2020

REGISTRATION AND MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Registration (all attendees must pay except Leos)					
		_____	@ \$10.00	_____	_____
Friday Dinner <i>Chicken</i>	Friday 6:30 pm	_____ tickets	@ \$19.00	_____	_____
Lunch – MEXICAN BUFFET	Saturday 11:45 am	_____ tickets	@ \$15.00	_____	_____
Banquet – BBQ Beef Brisket	Saturday 6:30 pm	_____ tickets	@ \$19.00	_____	_____
<u>Or Meal Package discount</u>	<i>Includes all 3 meals and registration fee</i>	_____ tickets	@ \$62.00	_____	_____
			TOTAL	_____	_____

Lion(s), Leo(s), guest or Club _____

Mailing address/E-mail _____

Phone _____

Lions/Leo Club _____ District : **K A N**
(circle one)

Mail reservations to:
Lela Gillispie
1414 Givens Road
Manhattan, KS 66503
E-mail: kayg7@cox.net
C – 785-532-8611

Final date for meal reservations:
JANUARY 10, 2020

Final date for room reservations:
JANUARY 1, 2020

(Reserve a room by calling 785-539-5311)

Make meal checks payable to: Mid-Winter Rally (all meals must be reserved)