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A message from the Governor

New Year, New Goals

Greetings fellow Lions!

Well, the new year of Lionism has started and we have much to do as we live our motto—"WE SERVE."

The Lions of Kansas met in Great Bend the first weekend for the first State Council meeting. We heard all the new and exciting things our Council leaders are doing and planning that continue to drive Lions to change lives each and every day. We also got a glimpse of the newly created Global Membership Team and the Global Leadership Team. This will be the new approach and actually condense the efforts of the previous MERL group. Change is sometimes hard but as we all know we look back and realize how much better the change is and why it wasn't done years ago. Remember—"If it weren't for change, there would be no butterflies." (that was stolen from my wife, Anne.)

District 17-N had the first cabinet meeting recently in Goddard. I am pleased to report that several innovative ideas were discussed and goals set for the coming year. I want to thank each member of my Cabinet for their dedication in taking actions that will make our

District "GREAT"

I came across this story and thought how appropriate it was for my position as your District Governor.

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

And every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one-hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park



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with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color of the rainbow. Grand old trees graced the landscape, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could

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LEHP chair ready to help with vision programs

Greetings fellow Lions from your Lions Eye Health Program chairperson, or as it is commonly known, LEHP, which is pronounced LEAP. We have opportunities to reach out in our communities and assist those who need vision care.

At the LCI website there are free brochures available for your club, things that will help you in your community. If you are unable to access this or find them, either write me or call me at

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Remember that the Mobile Screening Unit has a new face and is available to your club to use in service. The MSU will be at the State Fair this coming September, and will be operating between 10 am and 4 pm. Help will also be needed from 4pm until 9pm, handing out brochures. If you can help please contact Ron Bretz at 316/283-1921 or 316/772-7740.

If you would like to learn more I will be glad to come to your club and tell you more about the Lions Eye Health Program.

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see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words. Days and weeks passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the world outside. Finally, he would have the joy of seeing it for himself.



He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed. It faced a blank wall. The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage

you." "Author Unknown"

Lions keep encouraging each other to do more for those—WE SERVE. Continue to change lives each and every day.

DG Tom



Wichita Northwest Lions served up pancakes and sausage for approximately 175 customers during Baseball Around the Clock during the NBC Baseball Tournament at Lawrence-Dumont Stadium on August 7 & 8. It was the 7th Annual event for the club and with many repeat customers, certainly is a successful fundraiser.

Coons Enjoy Visiting Other Clubs on Travels

There's a good reason that PDG Lloyd Coons, a longtime member of the Hutchinson Breakfast Club has years of perfect attendance.

At the district cabinet meeting, Lloyd said one of the first things packed in the car when he and wife Dorothy set out on a trip is a Lions International Directory.

As they plan their itinerary, the look at when Lions Clubs in the towns they pass through meet and try to visit as many clubs as they can.

On a recent trip, they attended meetings in two states: Hermitage, Tenn., and Salisbury, N.C.

"We've never felt unwelcome or out and place and we've met a lot of fine Lions," Lloyd says.

He always takes a few pins and usually finds someone who wants to trade and they often leave a pin with the president.

Lloyd said they have visited clubs in 27 states—give or take a few. "I've probably forgot a few."

Attention Presidents and Secretaries

Just a reminder to the club secretaries that all monthly **membership and activity reports are to be filed by the 25th of each month.** If club secretaries do not file reports electronically, the paper report **should be sent to Past District Governor Dan Funke, 9 Argon, Goddard, KS 67052 no later than the 20th of each month.** He will file them online for you so they are not counted late by International.

If your club doesn't meet during the summer you must still file monthly membership and activity reports to International. If you are having problems getting online or have a questions, please contact PDG Dan at H-316-794-2570, C-316-650-0737 or e-mail: djfunke@cox.net

Governor Tom can access LCI to get all information about your club and activities online. You do not need to send him a special copy.

Points, Photos and Beacon of Hope

Our Environmental Points and Photo Contests are the same as last year for the District, State and International. The only change in the Photo Contest is the special fifth category which is “Beacon of Hope for the Environment-photos of Lions in action implementing an environmental project.”

Don't know what I am talking about concerning the contests??? Check out our District 17N website at www.kansaslions17N.com

Under resources click on Kansas Lions Environmental Program and you will find rules for both of the contests. Make sure you submit the Points Contest to me, your Dist. Chair by October 15th, January 15th, April 15th and May 15th.

By submitting the forms to me the information will be forwarded on to International so they will know what we are doing in our District and State for the environment.

The Photo Contests: please have the pictures turned in to me by January 1. So you have plenty of time to start getting those great shots of Animal Life, Landscape, Plant Life, Weather Phenomenon, or the special theme as mentioned above.

So, I am looking forward to a lot of fantastic photos from those great photographers that we have in our district, however, please no professional photographers.

Oh, that's right part of the title for the article has “Beacon of Hope”, I guess I should explain.

With “Beacon of Hope” being Int'l Presidents Scruggs theme for the year—he has created four Global Service Action Campaigns for Lions to participate in through out the year. One of those is in April called “Protecting our Planet”.

Keep an eye out for future newsletters addressing ideas to implement the “Protecting our Planet” campaign.

Did you know September 16 is International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer?

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“Vision of Peace” 2010-2011 Peace Poster Contest

It is time to get excited about the Peace Poster entries. Encourage your Club to consider going to Middle Schools Private Schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs asking the Art Teacher to ask their students who would enjoy making a poster. The contest is open to children ages 11 – 13 on November 15, 2010.

Your Club will need to order a kit from Lions International at www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/planning-projects/youth/peace-poster/index-print.php.

The kit contains everything you will need to know about entering this contest.

If your club has never participated in the Peace Poster Contest before, we encourage you to do so. It is a great way to involve our youth in a community project. Wouldn't it be

fun to see the student your club sponsored, win the contest. The one that wins has a chance to go all the way to the International competition.



Deadlines:

October 1, 2010 – Peace Poster kits must be purchased from International Club Supplies. Allow 3 - 4 weeks for delivery.

November 1, 2010 – Postmark deadline for Clubs to send one winning poster to MD 17N Peace Poster Contest Chairmen.

December 1, 2010 – Postmark deadline for District Governor to send one winning Peace Poster en-

try to the Kansas MD Council Chairperson.

February 1, 2011 – International Peace Poster Contest Winners will be notified on or before this date.

If you need any information or help please contact us. Our con-

tact information is:

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**Lions Larry & Janet Jamieson
District 17 N Peace Poster
Contest Chairs**

Bel Aire invites youth to participate in service project

The Bel Aire Lions Club has invited some older youth to help members paint two meeting rooms at the Bel Aire Recreation Center on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

This call to local youth is part of the “Engaging our Youth Service Campaign”, a Lions global campaign taking place to help promote volunteerism and engaging young people.

“Organizing this service project gives us a chance to help young people to develop skills while emphasizing the role of service and the power of youth involvement,” said Rick Eberhard, Public Relations Officer for the Bel Aire Lions Club.

The Bel Aire Lions Club appreciates the Sherman-Williams Paint Store located at 3839 N. Woodlawn in Bel Aire for donating the paint for this upcoming community service project.



Scenes from Deaf and Hard of Hearing Summer Camp. The support of Lions Clubs in this district and around the state make summer day camp and resident camp possible for hearing-impaired youth from around the state. For an informative program and information on how your club can help, contact PCC Tom McClernon. Campers had a little interaction with nature—yes, that is a snake in the picture above. Campers learn the finer points in fishing in the picture below.



In Memory

Reported in July 2010

**WICHITA DOWNTOWN
LIONS CLUB**

Herbert Dodd, Wichita



- - Club Briefs - -

Club across the district are gearing up for Fall Festivals and other community events: the following are what ye old editor knows about...I am sure there are more.

September 24, 25 & 26:	Valley Center Fall Festival
October 1 & 2:	Goddard Fall Festival and Colwich Heritage Days
October 8 & 9:	Maize Fall Festival

Pig Roast

Wichita Airport and Pleasant Valley Lions are combing forces for a Pig Roast on Saturday, Oct. 9 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at St. Jude's Parish Hall, 3030 N. Amidon, Wichita. Watch for details on ticket sales.

I Did A Hill

Roxbury Lions Club's annual I-Did-A-Hill Walk/Run is set for Saturday, Sept. 11. Runners and walkers start at the Roxbury Fire Station and run or walk up the hill east of town. Race check-in opens at 7 a.m. and closes at 7:30 a.m.

The 4-mile walk begins at 7:15 a.m. and the 2 mile and 6 mile events start at 7:45 a.m.

Race T-shirts available until they are all gone. Entry fee is \$12; \$15 day of race. Proceeds from the event are split between Leaders Dogs for the Blind and the Roxbury Lions Club.

For more information or to register to participate, call Lion Joyce Tolle at 785-254-7355 or Lions Judy Scanlan at 785-536-4205.

Help the Editor!

Please send pictures and a paragraph or two about your club's involvement in community festivals—or any other news—to djfunke@cox.net. Be sure to use Lions newsletter in your subject line and include a phone number if the editor needs more information.

Candy Day

If your club needs candy for a Candy Day activity, contact PDG Earlene Linnabary at 316-721-0066. Candy is \$60 per case and is available **ONLY** from PDG Earlene—not at the state office. There is a limited supply available.

Welcome new Lions!

New hands to help with our service. Welcome these new Lions reported in July 2010

Bel Aire Lions Club: Katie Wyat, sponsored by Daryl Croston

Derby Noon Lions Club: Susan K, Green, sponsored by Jean Epperson

Maize Lions Club: Karla J. Reichman and Wade A. Reichman, sponsored by Angela J. Blair.

Roxbury Lions Club: David

L. Scott, sponsored by Krystal Jensen.

Wellington Lions Club: Jarod D. Nance, sponsored by Linda Metzen.

Wichita Downtown Lions Club: Vance E. Gardwood, sponsored by Shane J. Prill and Park Worthington, sponsored by Loleta M. Staver.



**Have you asked a friend or co-worker
You have to ask or they won't come!** to join?