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Upcoming Events

December 2

Zone 4 Meeting (Goddard, Maize, Newton, Newton Mid-Day, Park City, Pleasant Valley, Valley Center, Walton) 7 p.m., Cornerstone, 5318 E. 37th Street North, Wichita.

December 6

Walton Lions Club Pie & Soup Supper, 5-7 pm @ Walton Grade School

December 14

Northwest Wichita Lions Club Pancake Feed, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m, Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st and Ridge Road. Proceeds benefit sight projects.

January 16-18

Mid-Winter Rally
Holiday Inn—Salina
Speaker: PID Steve Sherer, Ohio

January 24

3rd District Cabinet Meeting, 9-11 a.m. at Cornerstone, 5318 E. 37th Street North, Wichita.

March 7 & 8, 2009

District Convention
Airport Hilton-Wichita
Speaker: ID Patty Hill

One More Day

I woke up Friday morning, October 24, 2008 and wanted so desperately just one more day with my mother. Most of you know that my mom died on Thursday evening, October 23, 2008.

The song “One More Day” by Diamond Rio came to mind. Simply stated it says, “I wish for one more day; one more sunrise; one more sunset; but it would leave me still wishing for one more day with you.” The things that I wish I had asked my mom and said to my mom kept going through my mind. Life works in strange ways. We do not choose to be born. We do not choose our parents, or the country of our birth. Most of us do not choose to die; nor do we choose the time and conditions of our death. But within the realm of choicelessness, we DO choose how we live.

Every day we all have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of others. I’m thankful every day of my life for the choice I made to be of humanitarian service. Making a difference in the lives of others is what it’s all about. In the end, however, the significance of our life will be determined by the choices we make. We can chose positive over negative, smiles over frowns, giving over taking and love over hate. It is only when we take responsibility for our choices that we begin to realize we are truly masters of our fate. Only then will our lives begin to change for the better. I may not be able to change the world, but I hope I have influenced a portion of it.

Sally and I are so grateful to the Lions of Kansas and throughout the United States. We are still amazed by the number of sympathy cards and phone calls we received. As we go into this holiday season it truly reminds us of the things that are important. Things like family, friends and the gatherings that we will all share. These are memories that we create a moment at a time.



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Governor's message

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So please remember this-don't wake up one morning wishing for that one more day. Do all the important things and ask all the important questions now. Work hard for the things money can buy; but work harder for the things it can't. I'm truly blessed to be associated with some of the greatest people on Earth and that is my association with the Lions of the world. God Bless each of you during this holiday season.

*Together in Service
DG Bryce*

Governor's Schedule

- December 2Caldwell Lions Club, noon, Steve's Pizza
- December 6 Arlington Lions Club,
7 am Carolyn's Essenhaus
- December 10..... Burrton Lions Club
6 pm, Paradise Grill.
- December 11.....Wellington Rise & Shine Lions Club
7 a.m. Linda's Lunch Box
- December 11.....Medicine Lodge Lions Club
Noon, Leisure Time Center
- December 11..... Valley Center Lions Club
..... 7 p.m., Main Street Grill
- December 18..... Little River Lions Club, 7 pm Cheryl's Cafe
- January 5 Hesston Lions Club, 6:30 pm Senior Center
- January 6Cunningham Lion Club, 6:30 pm Community Building
- January 12Marquette Lions Club, 6:30 pm Locaton tba
- January 16, 17 & 18, 2009 3rd State Council Meeting & Mid-Winter Rally
Holiday Inn, Salina, KS
- January 22 Viola Lions Club, 7 p.m. Community Hall
- January 24, 20093rd District Cabinet Meeting
Cornerstone, 5318 East 37th Street North, Wichita
- February 9-12 Extension Workshop with John and Wanda Barnett. Location TBA
- March 7 & 8 2009 District N Convention, Wichita Airport Hilton
- April 18 Knight for the Blind, Grand Gala to benefit
Leader Dogs for the Blind, Broadview Hotel, Wichita.
- May 28, 29 & 30, 2009 4th State Council Meeting &
State Convention, Wichita Airport Hilton
- June 13, 2009 4th District Cabinet, Meeting
Cornerstone Mortuary, 5318 East 37th Street North, Wichita
- July 6, 7, 8 9 & 10..... International Convention



Club News and Notes—

The **Newton Mid-Day Lions** scared up 171 pairs of eyeglasses on Halloween with a Sight Night. Elaine Brown, Pat Kirkpatrick, Mike Petitjean, Kim Pouch and Kevin Pouch were the club members and spouses involved in this fun and worthwhile effort.

The Newton Mid-Day Club will soon be enjoying a steak dinner for members and spouses after the club won the District Membership Contest. The club welcomed ten new members in September and October.



The **Hesston Lions Club** is busy with several upcoming events. The first will be the club Christmas Party on **Monday, December 1**, at the Hesston Area Senior Center. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ken Rodgers, music professor at Hesston College.

On **Tuesday, December 9**, the Club will sponsor a Christmas Band Concert by the Senseney Music Band at the Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston. The event is free to the public as a THANK YOU to the Hesston Community for supporting Hesston Lions Club during the year. Guests are encouraged to bring a food donation to share with the Hesston Resource Center.

After the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the club will host its annual Pancake Day on **Saturday, January 31**.

Santa Claus will make a pre-Christmas visit to the Harvey County community during the **Walton Lions Club Annual Soup and Pie Supper** at the Walton Grade School on Saturday, December 6, 2008 from 5 to 7 p.m. Santa is to make his appearance at 7:00 p.m.

The **Rose Hill Lions Club** has made arrangements for Santa to visit in that community on Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Rose Room. Santa will also visit at the grade school and Lakepoint senior community during the holiday season, thanks to the Lions Club.



We Serve

Lions are an international organization of 1.3 million men and women in over 202 geographical locations globally. We as Lions contribute more than 76 million hours to service annually. That equates to 31,000 people working full time annually.

You can have breakfast with Santa, courtesy of **Wichita Northwest Lions** on Sunday, December 14, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 21st and Ridge Road. All you can eat pancakes, a sausage pattie, coffee and juice is \$5 for ages 10 and up; \$3 for ages 3-9 and free for children under 3. All proceeds go to the clubs sight projects.



The **Goddard Lions Club** is busy with one of its major service projects: the Mitten Tree. On November 20, thousands of pounds of non-perishable food, collected in community and school food drives, was sorted and more than 150 boxes were readied for Thanksgiving distribution to approximately 97 families with more than 200 children in the Goddard area.

This holiday help project involves the entire community: the school district provides hours of administrative support; many organizations will pick one more more mittens from the tree at White's Foodliner and fulfill the Christmas wishes. The Boy Scouts will collect food from various drives, sort and box it for distribution and many volunteers will gather at the community center for a "wrap party" on Saturday, December 20.

Test your LCIF knowledge and consider a Melvin Jones Fellowship

Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the charitable organization of Lions Clubs International. Through the Foundation, Lions members help Lions around the world provide greatly needed services.

In fiscal year 2006-2007, LCIF awarded US \$35.48 million in grants for 600 projects. Since LCIF began in 1968, it has awarded nearly 8,500 grants totaling US \$604 million.

One way to contribute to LCIF is to provide recognition to an individual Lion's commitment by awarding that Lion a Melvin Jones Fellowship for a donation of \$1,000. Just for fun, test your LCIF knowledge with this short quiz about Melvin Jones Fellowships.



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|---------------------------------|------------|
| 1. New MJF in 2006-2007 | A. 193 |
| 2. Total MJF | B. 8,634 |
| 3. Progressive MJF in 2006-2007 | C. 17,139 |
| 4. Total Progressive MJF | D. 46,682 |
| 5. Clubs with 100% members MJFs | E. 261,881 |

As your LCIF chairperson for District 17N, I urge each club to make a donation to LCIF for 2008-2009. **Our goal is for each club in 17N to make a minimum contribution of \$3 per member.**

If you are interested in a short (15 minute) presentation on LCIF for your club meeting, please contact me.

Lion Charlie Cadwell

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Quiz Answers: 1. C; 2. E; 3. B; 4. D; 5. A. Source LCFI Annual Report 2006-2007

We're on the web!

www.kansaslions17n.com

Visit our website for the newest information
about Lionism in Distict 17N.

Resources to help you include a complete list of
district leaders, a calendar of events, a place to read or download
and print the district newsletter, links to sites of special interest
to Lions and much more.

Need a membership application? It's ready to download on the web.

Commitment: what are you dedicated to?

I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that; then I realized I was somebody.

— *Lily Tomlin*

Think of someone you know (or know of) who is “a person of good character.” Lock his or her image in your mind. Now take a moment to reflect on the things this person says and does...the personal characteristics that make him or her a

role model for you. What comes to mind? What do you see?

Chances are that high on the list of your role model's qualities is COMMITMENT – the unwavering dedication to being a good family member and friend...to doing his or her best at work and away from the job...to doing what's right, noble, and decent.

Committed people just seem to

have their heads and hearts in the right place. They keep their priorities straight. They stay focused on what's important. They know, inherently, that what they believe must drive how they behave – and how they behave ultimately determines the character they possess, the reputation they enjoy, and the legacy they leave.

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It's time to recruit for 2009 Kansas Lions Band and International Band

“Without music life would be a mistake.” ~ Friedrich Nietzsche ~

By Shari Neidhardt

Chair, State & International Band Committee

The Kansas Lions Band Committee is busy working the logistics for the 2009 Kansas Lions State and International Band camp.

Since we are returning to Wichita and Friends University (site of the 2008 band camp), the task is somewhat easier than working an entirely

new location. However, there are many details that need to be completed before the band student's return to Friends in May.

Once again under the direction of Dr. John Taylor, the Kansas Lions State Band camp will run from May 26 to May 30, with the Saturday morning concert scheduled to be held at the Central Community Church on West Maple.

If we are able to have at least 60 band students sign up for the Kansas Lions International Band, they will remain at the Friends University campus after the State Band concert and rehearse Saturday afternoon and Sunday (May 30-31) under the direction of Robert Foster.

All in all, a great location, excellent support, and an outstanding corps of band instructors, should make the 2009 camp another success story in the history of the Kansas Lions Band.

The Band Committee urges you and your clubs to start now in recruiting your high school musicians. Cost to send your students to the camp will remain at \$200 per student for Kansas Lions State Band and an additional \$600 if your stu-

dent plans to be part of the Kansas Lions International Band (total cost of both events is \$800.00 per student). We have been able to keep the costs reasonable due to the generosity of the Kansas Lions Band Foundation.

A recurring “comment” from the student surveys speaks to the lack of information and contact from the local Lions clubs. As community leaders, each of us should know of a student (whether a relative, friend, or a contact from other sources) that would make a great addition the Kansas Lions Band program.

Even if your club cannot help them financially, please pass on their information to the Band Committee so we can possibly work sponsorship via other clubs. Lions Clubs will get more information (via a flyer) soon after the first of the year. However, remember, all the information and required forms can be found on the Lions web site www.kansaslions.org.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123, or (620) 752-3644 or hsneidha@wheatstate.com or go to our website at www.kansaslions.org.

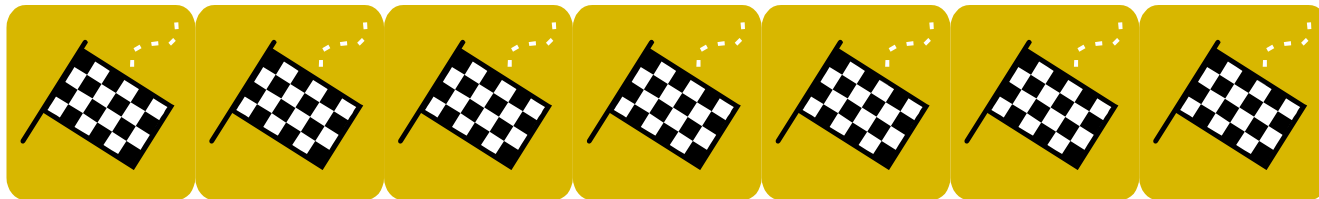
Key Dates

STATE BAND

- May 26 – Registration and “chair position” selection
- May 29 – Jazz Concert and Social
- May 30 – State Band Concert at Central Community Church

INTERNATIONAL BAND

- May 30 & 31—Initial rehearsal at Friends University, Wichita, Kansas (May 30th & 31st)
- July 4—Second rehearsal at Desoto High School, Desoto, Kansas
- July 5-10—International Trip – Minneapolis, MN



“RACING FOR SUCCESS”

MID-WINTER RALLY 2009

In conjunction with the Third State Council Meeting

January 16-18, 2009 — Holiday Inn, Salina

For hotel reservations call 785-335-2247 by December 17

Look for full details in the upcoming issue of the Kansas Lions News

MEAL RESERVATION FORM

LION/LEO/GUEST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

LIONS OR LEO CLUB _____

NAME _____

LIONS CLUB _____

Friday, January 16, 2009

Dinner 6:30 p.m. _____ @ \$13.00

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Breakfast FREE if staying at Holiday Inn

Lunch 11:45 a.m. _____ @ \$12.00

Banquet 6:30 p.m. _____ @ \$16.00

Banquet - Two choices....Loin of Beef Medallions **or** Baked Salmon with Dill Sauce
_____ Beef _____ Salmon

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Breakfast FREE if staying at Holiday Inn

Checks payable to Kansas Lions.

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RESERVATION: December 17, 2008 NO Exceptions

DEADLINE FOR MEAL RESERVATION: January 9, 2009 NO Exceptions

Meal Reservations to: Lion Marilyn Sorenson, 1040 Union Road, Scandia, 66966
E-mail: herrmanhouse@nckdirect.com, phone 785-335-2247

Racing for Success



**Exhibit Table Registration Form
2009 LIONS MID-WINTER RALLY
January 16-18, 2009 ~ Salina, Ks.**

Name of group/event: _____

Contact/Setup Person _____

Phone Number: _____

Standard Table Length is 6ft.

Return this form to:

PDG Daryl and Lion Leah Stone
122 E 5th
Minneapolis, Ks. 67467

OR Call: (785) 392-3003 ----(785) 488-5198

OR Email: stone-d@sbcglobal.net

By: December 10, 2008

Racing for Success



**Sponsorship Opportunity
2009 Mid-Winter Rally Convention Booklet**

The Mid-Winter Rally booklet for 2009 will be both informative and commemorative, and a great way for individual Lions, Leos and Clubs to support the Mid-Winter Rally convention.

Check appropriate Box.

- Full Page (3" x 8")** \$100
- Half Page (3" x 4")** \$50
- Quarter Page (3" x 2")** \$25
- Individual Sponsorship Listing** \$15

Club Name: _____

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Please complete and return with your payment to: PDG Daryl and Lion Leah Stone/ 122 E. 5th / Minneapolis, Ks. 67467/ stone-d@sbcglobal.net

Reserve your space and send copy by December 10

Need a program? Here's some suggestions

The MERL team would like to put a list of ideas for interesting programs to invite to your Lions Club meetings. The list follows, but please feel free to add any ideas that you might have.

From the area:

- City manager
- Librarian
- County Commissioner

- Chamber president/director
- Bank president
- School superintendent
- Economic development officers
- Youth groups
- School groups
- Band director
- Highway patrol
- Police chiefs
- Pastors from local churches
- Drama/speech/debate instructors

- School clubs
- County extension agent
- Department on Aging
- Health Department
- Disaster response in the county
- Judges
- Sedgwick County Zoo
- Museum directors

From Lions:

- Diabetes Committee chairpersons
- MERL chairpersons
- Any chairpersons for areas of interest

Card shower request

Fred Romereim, a member of the Wichita West club, is celebrating his 80th birthday on December 29.

He is a retired teacher, having taught 34 years at Horace Mann (Junior High / Middle School). He is a veteran of WW II and Korea, serving in the Marines and the Army National Guard.

He has been an active volunteer in the Wichita community. In addition to his Lions Club service he has been active in Boy Scouts, Wichita Public Schools (Good Apple award in 2001), Wichita Radio Reading Service and American Red Cross (50 years & Lifetime Achievement award in 2006).

He is also a member of Zeta Chi fraternity, the American Legion Post 401, Masons - Bester G. Brown Lodge #433, Sons of Norway, KNEA, WARSP and KARSP (Retired School Personnel), and New Covenant United Methodist Church.

Please send greetings to him at 3622 N. Ridge Port St., Wichita, KS, 67205.

SAVE THE DATE....



Mark your calendars now for

APRIL 18, 2009

"A Knight for the Blind" Gala Event for Leader Dogs for the Blind

This special evening is being held to support a very special organization that provides dog guides for the blind and vision impaired at no cost to the recipient despite the thousands of dollars it costs to raise and train these precious and special animals.

The results, however, are priceless as those individuals who receive the dogs are able to gain their self-confidence, a sense of safety and live independent lives.

Held at the historic Broadview Hotel, the event includes a wine and cheese hour, dinner, entertainment, inspirational speakers and fun and fellowship.

You can be a part of this black-tie evening, which will be full of entertainment, information, and emotion for a \$100 per plate donation

For more information or to make reservations, contact:

DG Bryce Day, Event Chair

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Reservations requested by April 6, 2009

Membership: a club's most important asset

By Helen LeBlanc
Membership Chair
District MERL Team

The District MERL (Membership, Extension, Retention and Leadership) Team is group of individuals who are here to help you with recruiting, growing, keeping and educating members.

The word I want to talk about today is Membership. This word by itself seems common and insignificant. But when you use this word to identify with our Lions Clubs – this is an EXTREMELY important asset.

If our Clubs remain at the same number of members or decreasing number of members, this may hinder our ability to provide needed services in our Community. Our motto is “WE SERVE” and in order to better serve we need to bring new members in from our Community.

LCI has a brochure entitled **Community Needs Assessment** which will help you to identify people in the Community who could be potential members, speakers and/or friends. Not only would you be gaining new members/friends you will have the opportunity to provides services to

individuals or groups in your Community.

This is only one suggestion on how to reach out for new members. Maybe some of the members in your Club would like to have a friendly competition – see who can invite the most guests in a three month period and of those guests, how many will become members.

We all have a comfort zone and sometimes asking someone to a meeting falls outside your comfort zone. If Lion Richard had not stepped outside his comfort zone, I would not be a member. I am very thankful he invited me to that first meeting.

Each Club is unique and these are only two suggestions. Whatever works best for your Club is what is important, but please remember, there are people and resources to help if you would only ask.

Please refer to the MERL area of the District Newsletter on how to contact members of the MERL Team. For those of you who may not know, the Newton Mid Day Club won the contest sponsored by DG Bryce - a steak feed for members and spouses - with the highest

percentage of new members for the months of September and October. CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Get ready for another friendly membership competition coming up after the first of the year and this one involves CASH. Watch for e-mails and the district newsletter for more information.

District MERL team

The District MERL team is here to serve the clubs in our district. Contact them for resources and programs.

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Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute moves to Iowa in 2009

The 2009 GPLLI is planned for July 17-19 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa. Plans have been developed to ensure another successful learning and fellowship environment for area Lions.

The tuition has been set at \$110 for double occupancy and \$135 for single occupancy rooms. Districts are asked to identify and encourage qualified and interested Lions and Leos to plan to attend.

Lions who have attended the Institute previously and those who have served as district governor are not eligible without a waiver.

Application forms are expected to be available in the near future and will be distributed to all multiple districts. For more information, you may contact PID Ernie Young (cyoungks@aol.com) or a PID in your multiple district.

Notes from the Vice District Governor

The results are in on our district membership contest and it proves a point. **Clubs that have an active membership committee and community projects meeting the needs of their community are the clubs that are growing.**

Although some clubs gained more members in numbers, the percentage of growth was the determining factor in the district contest that just wrapped up. Congratulations to the Newton Mid-Day Lions for wining each of their members and spouses a free steak dinner. They have decided to wait until the spring to receive their prize.

I know that the efforts of each of the 11 clubs which showed a positive membership will benefit their communities with more projects being done by more Lions in that community.

If your club does not have an active membership committee I encourage you to get one started by January 1. The state is starting a membership contest in January divided into three membership categories that will be offering cash prizes ranging from \$300 to \$100. Details are in the next Kansas Lions News.

I can't encourage you enough to recruit new members to allow your club to take on more community projects. Each of the district's Zone Chairs has been directed to work with each club to ensure that an active membership team is in place by January.

Our District MERL team will be providing clubs the resources to help club membership teams be successful with hand outs and web resources.

Through our team effort it is our goal to have more than 60% of our clubs show positive growth by the end of the Lion's year. With your

support I know that can be achieved.

Clubs Showing Growth

Newton Mid Day	9	125.00%
Medicine Lodge	4	119.05%
Valley Center	8	114.55%
Goddard	4	110.81%
Inman	3	110.34%
Kingman	5	109.43%
Arlington	1	109.09%
Hesston	2	107.41%
Conway Springs	1	105.26%
Hutchinson Breakfast	2	104.26%
Wellington Noon	1	102.04%

Clubs Showing No Growth:

Cunningham, Kiowa, Norwich, Halstead, Nickerson, Canton, Lyons, Roxbury, Windom, Maize, Park City, Pleasant Valley, Walton, Derby, Haysville, Rose Hill, Wichita Airport, Wichita North, Wichita

West, Argonia, Belle Plaine, Clearwater, Oxford

Showed Negative Growth:

Wichita Northwest —1; McPherson—1; Mulvane—2; Lindsburg —1; Wichita Downtown —4; Marquette —1; Moundridge—1; Little River—1; Newton —2; Viola —1; Zenda - Nashville —2; Wellington Rise & Shine —1; Burrton —1; Caldwell —3; Wichita Westlink —2; Anthony —4; Wichita Breakfast —2; Wichita East/Southeast —10

May each of you enjoy the peace and spirit of the holidays as we venture forward in our endeavors.

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Commitment:

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Do they face occasional temptations to compromise their values...to do what's easy, convenient, and self-serving? Of course they do! But they fight those temptations the same way they approach every aspect of their lives: With everything they have.

— Source unknown

Questions to Ponder:

What am I committed to?

What values are important to me?

How committed am I?

What personal behaviors are evidence of those commitments?

How close are my behaviors to those of my commitment role model?

What can I do to be a commitment role model for others?

Lions friends, we can ask these questions of our Lions clubs, too.

Are we committed to improving our communities?

What can we do to show that commitment?

What's important to our club?

How can we model the way for others?

Use everything you have to show that commitment, especially during this holiday season when, more than ever, many of our neighbors will need a little extra help. You ARE somebody: demonstrate that commitment!

Thanks.
PCC Anne Smarsh

