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MD 17N Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Feb 26

Zone 5 Meeting (Derby, Haysville, Wichita Airport, Wichita Breakfast, Wichita Downtown, Wichita East/Southeast, Wichita North, Wichita Northwest, Wichita West, Wichita Westlink). 7 p.m. at Cornerstone 5318 E. 37th Street North, Wichita

March 7 & 8

District Convention
Airport Hilton-Wichita
PID Rick Meyers, speaker

May 28-30

State Convention
Airport Hilton-Wichita

July 6-10

International Convention
Minneapolis, MN
Watch for information on a bus trip to the International Convention.

July 16-10

Great Plains Lions
Leadership Institute
Storm Lake, Iowa
Details on page 8

September 24-26

USA Canada
Leadership Forum
Memphis, TN

No Better Opportunity to Learn, Grow and Connect

There is no better opportunity to learn, grow and connect with those in your Lions network than at the Annual District Convention. I guarantee you will gain enormously by attending this year's conference, which will be held at the Wichita Hilton Airport, March 8. We will spend the afternoon and evening renewing friendships, meeting new Lions, and celebrating 92 years of service and commitment to humanitarian needs.

This is an inaugural event, so mark your calendars now to be part of Kansas Lions history as MD 17 N holds their first-ever District Convention. I'm excited about the seminars- presentations by Past International Director Rick Myers from Omaha, Nebraska and Lion Tonja Wienck from Hillsboro, Kansas. With all the changes we are facing today, I don't think our district could have put together a better group of speakers to learn from. We will also be conducting district business, including selecting our future leadership.

Elections will be held for the following positions: District Governor, First Vice-District Governor, Second Vice-District Governor, Three Year Lions Sight Foundation Director, Two Year Lions Band Foundation Director and the endorsement of an International Director.

Any qualified individual intending to run for a district office must file his or her intention to run in writing with the Nominations Committee 30 days prior to the date of District MD 17 N convention. With your intent to run notice, please attach evidence of qualifications set forth in the Lions International Constitution and By-Laws and MD 17 N Constitution and By-Laws. Those already on file for the above positions are: District Governor: PDG Dan Funke; 1st Vice District Governor:



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR
BRYCE DAY**

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Lion Claude DeVorss

1914-2009

Lion Claude DeVorss left our pride on January 13, 2009 at the age of 94.

With his infectious good humor, engaging smile and always encouraging words, Lion Claude was known around the world. His life modeled the Lions motto: "We Serve."

Born September 3, 1914 in Jamesport, Mo., Claude attended Wichita schools and graduated from North High. He married Bernice Parr on August 9, 1936.

He worked at Boeing in the Engineering Division and in 1945 founded the DeVorss Music Company and later DeVorss Mortuary.

Claude became a Lion in 1945 and was a life member of the Wichita Downtown Lions Club.

He held many offices including district governor and served as the U. S. Representative on the Board of International Relations. He served a two-year term as a member of the association's board of directors from 1957-59 and was appointed to the Executive Committee of the International Board of Directors. He was elected president of the International Association of Lions Club at the 47th annual convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. During his tenure as international president, he and Bernice traveled to 98 countries.

For his many contributions to the association, Past President DeVorss received the 100% District Governor Award, numerous Head of State Awards, International President's Awards and is a Melvin Jones Fellow. He has also received the Ambassador of Goodwill Award, the highest honor granted by the association to one of its members. He has sponsored hundreds of new Lion members.

Claude also was involved with the Wichita Chamber of Commerce, Air Capital Active People, High Twelve International, Masonic Blue Lodge, Albert Pike Lodge, Bester G. Brown Lodge, Midian Shrine, Keystone High Twelve Lodge, Salvation Army and Metropolitan Baptist Church.

His civic involvement also led him to a career in politics. He served on the Wichita City Council and was the city's 58th Mayor, serving in 1954 and 1955. He served two terms on the Kansas League of Municipalities. During his term as mayor he was elected president of the World Congress of Mayors in Italy.

Funeral services were Monday, January 19, 2009 at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Wichita.

Memorials have been established with the Claude DeVorss Fellowship with the Wichita Downtown Lions Club and the Salvation Army.



District Convention Coming Up

Remember the W's of journalism?

- WHO: ALL 17-N DISTRICT LIONS AND GUESTS
- WHAT: DISTRICT CONVENTION AND CELEBRATION
- WHEN: MARCH 7-8, 2009
- WHERE: MARCH 7 – SATURDAY NIGHT – GODDARD COMMUNITY CENTER
MARCH 8 – SUNDAY AFTERNOON – WICHITA AIRPORT HILTON



Yes, we do have some district “business” to do.

Even better, though, is the fellowship, fun and learning sessions (oh, yeah—food). Join us and enjoy:

Tonja Wienck - “Talkin’ ‘bout My Generation” *and*

PID Rick Meyers as he asks, “What’s Past is Past; Can You See the Future?”

Check out the agenda in this newsletter – and register now. Be there.

~~ *Convention chairs Shelly Hansel, Tom & Anne Smarsh*



From the Governor—

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Lion Tom Smarsh; 2nd Vice District Governor: Lion Helen Leblanc; Three year Lions Sight Foundation Director: PDG Richard “Buss” Brauer; Two year Lions Band Foundation Director: PDG Arlo Medley; International Director: DG Bryce Day and PCC Anne Smarsh.

Register now...See you in March!

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DG Bryce

Delegate Information for District Convention

Per International and State Constitutions, all Clubs, in good standing with the Association and their District, shall be entitled to one (1) voting delegate and one (1) alternate for each ten (10) members, or major fraction thereof, of their membership as of March 1, 2009. All present Governors, all Past District Governors, Past International Officers and International Officers shall be entitled to full delegate privileges. ALL Delegates and alternates MUST be certified by their Club President or Secretary.

DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM – 2009 DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION

It is hereby certified that Lion _____ is a duly elected (Delegate) (Alternate) of the _____ Lions Clubs, District 17-N, to the 2009 17-N District Convention March 8, 2009.

_____ Or _____
Club President Club Secretary

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention

Luck of the IRISH



DISTRICT 17 N CONVENTION
MARCH 7TH AND 8TH, 2009
WICHITA (KS) AIRPORT HILTON

Saturday Evening

Dinner & Entertainment starts at 7 pm
Goddard (KS) Community Center - 120 N. Main

Sunday Schedule

- Registration - (12:30 to 1:30)
- Seminar #1 with Tonja Wienck "Talkin' bout my Generation" - (1:30 to 2:15)
- Break - (2:15 to 2:30)
- Seminar #2 with PID Rick Myers "What is past, is past? Can you see the future?" - (2:30 to 3:15)
- 17 N Service of Remembrance - (3:15 to 3:30)
- Break - (3:30 to 3:45)
- 17 N Business Session - (3:45 to 5:00)
 1. Welcome
 2. Flag Salute
 3. Prayer
 4. Health of District 17 N
 5. Elections
 - District Governor
 - 1st Vice District Governor
 - 2nd Vice District Governor
 - Kansas Lions Sight Foundation 3 Year Director
 - Kansas Lions Band Foundation 2 Year Director
 - International Director Endorsement
- Social - (5:00 to 5:30)
- Dinner with Past International Director Rick Myers at 5:30 pm



Luck of the IRISH



DISTRICT 17 N CONVENTION MARCH 7TH AND 8TH, 2009 WICHITA (KS) AIRPORT HILTON REGISTRATION FORM

Attendee Information

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Club: _____

Saturday Evening

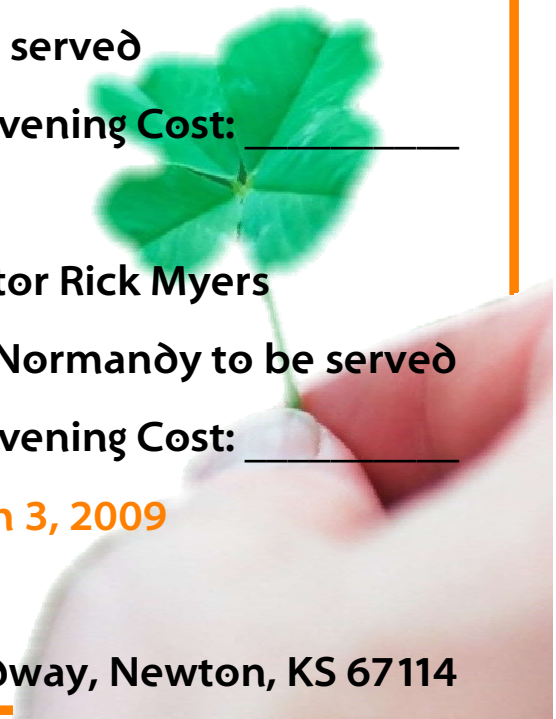
- Dinner & Entertainment at Goddard (KS) Community Center, 120 N. Main
- Dinner is \$7.50 per plate - BBQ to be served
- Number Attending: _____ = Evening Cost: _____

Sunday Evening

- Dinner with Past International Director Rick Myers
- Dinner is \$15.00 per plate - Chicken Normandy to be served
- Number Attending: _____ = Evening Cost: _____

Registration & Payment Deadline is March 3, 2009

- Make Checks Payable To: 17 N Lions
- Mail To Gene Hawkey, 1309 W. Broadway, Newton, KS 67114



Meyers to Deliver Keynote at Convention

Past International Director Rick Meyers of Nebraska will be guest speaker at the District 17-N Convention on March 8 and 9.

Meyers will lead a workshop on Sunday afternoon and deliver the keynote address at the Sunday evening banquet.

See complete convention details on pages 3 and 4 and a registration form on page 5.

Rick is a member of the Elkhorn Lions Club, Inc., Fremont Lioness Club, Inc., and is an affiliate member of John C. Fremont Lions Club, all in district 38-O, Nebraska. Rick's wife, Marsha, is a past president of Elkhorn Lions Club.

Lion Rick served on the International Board of Directors 1998-2000, serving as Chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee during the second year.

"I'm proud of the work of the Lions clubs to which I belong. They are helping to lift up the lives of people in our communities, and each of the clubs finds ways to make life better around the world."

Rick has been affiliated with the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and since its inception with the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. "Both are providing real opportunity for leadership to members of our Association, giving value to being a Lions Club member."

Rick is a lawyer in Omaha, Nebraska, with his practice concentrated on estate planning, and representing banks, creditors, entrepreneurs, and parties to real estate transactions.

He and Marsha live on an acreage near Fremont, Nebraska where they enjoy life with Murphy the wonder dog and Katy the cat, watching the wildlife at the lake. In their spare time they enjoy travel and the company of friends.



PID Rick Meyers
Special guest at
District-N Convention

Building For the Future

Please take the time to participate in our district convention March 7-8. Not only will you enjoy seeing "old" Lion friends and making new friends, but you have the opportunity to listen, learn and share during the seminars. The knowledge you gain and take back to your club improves **you AND your club.**

A strong club is responsive to needs in its community. Remember to ask leaders in your community what **their** priorities are. It's our continuous service, learning and growth that ensure the future of our Lions organization. As your international director I will help strengthen programs which meet current AND future needs. We build, not just for today, but for our kids and grandkids. I want to make sure that the Lions organization which has served in such extraordinary ways is even more vital when my grandkids are old enough to be Lions in 10-15 years.

Please come to Wichita on March 8. Bring your full contingent of voting delegates; one voting delegate is allocated for each 10 members in your club. Have your voice heard. Elect new leaders – help build our future.



PDG Anne Smarsh
Candidate for International
Director

~~Anne Smarsh, PDG

Act. Go. Do.



At Lions Mid-Winter Rally in Salina, as I was scurrying to get some files from my room and get to a meeting on time, I saw a lady sitting in front of the Audio Reader display. She had her gym bag and was holding up a t-shirt, preparing to fold it and put it away.

The words on the back of that shirt just leaped at me:

ACT. GO. DO.

I stopped and asked her where she got the shirt. The front said “Stamped for Success”. I don’t know what group or event that represents. But I **do** know that those three little words, together only seven letters, represent the difference between just talking about an idea and **taking action** to make something happen.

What I’m going to suggest is something you’ve heard before. And, as our own PDG Jim Riley says, “It’s nothing new.” Please take time to go to the next town council meeting, or county commission meeting, and **ASK** your community leaders what their priorities are for your area. Or, **ask** one of those leaders to visit your club. You may use, as a guide, the community needs assessment available on Lions Clubs International’s website: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/pdfs/mk9.pdf>. E-mail me or call me and I’ll send a hard copy to you if that is easier for you.

The key is that we must **take action** if we want anything different to happen: if we want more people to be interested in our clubs, then we have to show them that we are interested in the future of our communities. So, ACT. GO. DO.

~~Lion Anne Smarsh, PCC, Retention Chair
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316.304.0380



Recruit Lions Band Students Now

Information about the 2009 Kansas Lions Band have been mailed to club presidents and secretaries—the time to recruit students is now!

Band Camp is at Friends University in Wichita May 26-30. International Band students will rehearse May 30 and 31 in Wichita and again July 4 in DeSoto.

Application deadline is March 30. Complete registration information is available at www.kansaslions.org

17N District MERL Team

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Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

- WHAT:** Intensive, professional, valuable leadership skills program for those who have not yet served as District Governor. Skills for job, community, church, club and personal development.
- WHEN:** July 17-19, 2009 Registration 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 17th. Adjournment and checkout by 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 19, 2009. NOTE: lunch on Friday, July 17th is at 11:30 AM.
- WHERE:** Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa.
- COST:** \$110 (US Funds) per attendee covers double occupancy accommodations, meals, course materials and registration. We anticipate the remaining cost will be covered by Lions Clubs International funding and contributions from the participating multiple districts.
- WHO:** Any Lion, Lioness, Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Randy Heitmann. Each participating multiple district may select up to 25 applicants to attend.

Included will be dynamic presenters from across North America, providing emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

7th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Provided for the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38

July 17-19, 2009 • Buena Vista University---Storm Lake, Iowa

Registration Form – One Form Per Attendee – Please type or print **LEGIBLY**

Scholarships Available
Contact DG Bryce for details

Name _____ | _____ | _____ Badge Name (If Different) _____
Last First Initial

Gender: Male _____ Female _____

Address _____ | _____ | _____
Street Number/PO Box City State Zip/PC

Phone(____) _____ | (____) _____ | _____
Home Business e-mail Address

Sub District No _____ Number of years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee of \$110.00 US must accompany this application. Make checks **payable in US funds to GPLLI** and mail to Rick Myers with this form. **Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations. APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT WITH THE APPLICATION.**

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Buena Vista University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$25.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

on Friday, July 17th and check out must be completed by 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 19th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- _____ Single occupancy room requested (Add \$25.00 to registration fee).
 _____ Diabetic Diet requested. _____ Vegetarian Diet requested.
 _____ Wheelchair Access required. _____ Please list any other special requests.

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to:

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District 17N Lions Support LCIF



\$9,455.40 – that's how much Lions in 17N contributed to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) from July 1- December 31, 2008. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks to the Maize Lions Club for leading the way with \$2,000.

Nearly all of these contributions (except for \$342) were in support of Campaign Sight First II.

Between now and June 30 we need to work on our district goal of contributing \$3 per member to LCIF *in addition* to Campaign Sight First II. Our goal should result in over \$4,200 to LCIF. Please encourage your club to support LCIF with a contribution for the 2008-2009 Lions year.

Remember, in the past 10 years the state of Kansas has received disaster assistance from LCIF 18 times for a total of \$172,500.

As your LCIF chairperson for District 17N, I urge each club to make a donation to LCIF for 2008-2009. The chances are that someone you know or a fellow Kansan will benefit from your contribution to LCIF.

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

Lion Charlie Cadwell
71N LCIF Chairperson
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District 17N has 163 Melvin Jones Fellows

According to a recent report from LCIF, since 1976 our district has recognized 163 individuals with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. In addition we have 7 individuals who are Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows – which means that one or more subsequent contributions of \$1,000 have been made in their names.

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. The entire donation does not have to be made at one time. You can make contributions over a five year period – you just need to let LCIF know who you want to designate for the MJF. This could be the

year to get started and, at the same time, help our district reach its goal of contributing \$3 per member to LCIF.



DG Bryce Day is rarely at a loss for words, but the surprise announcement of his Melvin Jones Fellow, presented by the Leos of Kansas at Mid Winter Rally in Salina, was one of those occasions. Pictured with Bryce are his wife, Lion Sally Day and Lion Vern Failor of Topeka. The Leos cited Bryce's support of their projects Photo courtesy of Nancy D. Borst.

International Extension Team to Visit

New Clubs to be Formed in District

Bringing Lions service to those communities that do not have a Lions Club or to communities that can use more Lions to provide more service is part of a bold initiative of the District Cabinet and District Governor Bryce Day.

“A dramatic increase in membership in District 17N cannot happen without the formation of new clubs to provide more Lions service”

DG Bryce Day

“A dramatic increase in membership in District 17N cannot happen without the formation of new clubs to provide more Lions service,” said DG Day.

With the help of an International Extension team members John and Wanda Barnett from

Tennessee district lions will receive training on February 9 and 10 at the Lions State Office and them will be sent out to recruit new members.

“The training will show Lions how to start a new club and what tools they can use to involve community members in joining and forming a new club,” said VDG Dan Funke.

Communities that are being targeted include Hutchinson (Finish Branch Club), Belle Air (Finish Branch Club), Colwich, Wichita North, Wichita Southeast area (Rock Road) and Wichita Southwest area.

Lions across the district are encouraged to attend the training. For more information, please contact VDG Dan Funke at 316-794-2570.

More dedicated Lions are needed to help the Extension Team. If you can attend the training and help with canvassing for new members in any of the targeted communities, please contact VDG Dan Funke at 316-794-2570 or by e-mail: djfunke@cox.net



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.

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 visually 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 experience an increase in their self-confidence and are able travel safely and independently.

Held at the historic Broadview Hotel, the event includes a wine and cheese reception, 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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Wellington, KS 67152

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Reservations requested by April 6, 2009



No doubt about it—there's lots going on!

February 2, 2009

Wellington Noon Lions Annual Ground Hog Supper

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
Knights of Columbus Hall, 201 East Harvey, Wellington, KS

February 5, 2009

Hutchinson Breakfast Lions Club—Governor's visit

7:00 a.m., Penwell Gabel Community Room
300 East 30th, Hutchinson, KS

February 7, 2009



Moundridge Lions Club—Governor's visit

6:30 p.m., Senior Center, 100 North Schmidt, Moundridge, KS

Wichita Airport & Pleasant Valley Lions Club

Annual Chili Feed, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Central Community Church, 6100 West Maple, Wichita, KS

Viola Lions Club 52nd Annual Sausage Supper

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Viola Community Hall, Viola, KS

February 9, 10, 11, 2009

Extension Workshop

John and Wanda Barnett from Arkansas.
8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Lions State Office Building, 231 S. Tyler, Wichita, KS

February 12, 2009

Maize Lions Club—Governor's visit

7:00 p.m., Maize Pizza Hut Bistro
3960 North Maize Road, Maize, KS

February 13 & 14, 2009

District L Convention

Keynote Speaker International Director Vince Vinella
Hays, KS

February 19, 2009

Anthony Lions Club—Governor's visit

12:00 Noon, Sale Barn Café, 624 South Jennings, Anthony, KS

February 20 & 21, 2009

District I Convention, Concordia, KS

Keynote Speaker International Director Bill Watkins

February 21, 2009

Goddard Lions Club Pancake Day

7:00 a.m. to 1:00p.m., Goddard Community Center,
120 North Main.



**February 26, 2009
ti Dinner,**



Hutchinson Breakfast Lions Club Spaghet-

4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church, 17th & Main

March 7 & 8 2009

February 27 & 28, 2009 District S Convention, Columbus, KS

Keynote Speaker International Director Larry Johnson

District N Convention, Wichita Airport Hilton,

2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS

Keynote Speaker Past International Director Rick Myers



Carl Folkerts of Newton was the District N Peace Poster Contest Winner. Carl's entry was sponsored by the Newton Mid-Day Lions. Carl's poster won an honorable mention at the state level. Pictured with Carl at Mid-Winter Rally in Salina are Sally Day, DG Bryce Day, Carol Cummings, district Peace Poster chair and PDg Les Heisz, representing the Newton Noon Club.

Statewide Membership Contest

Recruit members—earn money for your club

Kansas Lions needs new members to provide more community service. Therefore, all local clubs are asked to “Step up to the Challenge of Membership” in 2009.

The objective is to accomplish the greatest percentage of membership growth in your club from that date to April 30.

The contest will use membership information provided by Lions Clubs International for both dates. The cutoff time to add members in the contest is midnight on April 30.

Prizes will be awarded in three categories so clubs of the same size are competing against their

peers. Three cash awards will be given in each of the three categories. Clubs will be notified by May 15 if they are winners. A member of the club must be present at the Saturday evening banquet at the 2009 State Convention in Wichita to accept the award. If no club member is present, the prize will not be awarded and will be null and void.

***Kansas Lions –
Stepping up to the
Challenge of Membership
Membership Contest
Jan 1 – April 30, 2009***

Rules

Contest will use the information provide from LCI as of

January 1, 2009 and will use the membership numbers of LCI as of April 30, 2009 at midnight. The contest is based on percentage of membership growth, not total members. There will be three categories to allow for different club sizes.

Categories

Clubs 50 or more in membership as of January 1, 2009

Clubs with 21 to 49 in membership as of January 1, 2009

Clubs that have 20 or fewer in membership as of January 1, 2009

Prizes in each Category

1 st	\$300
2 nd	\$200
3 rd	\$100