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# MD 17N Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### March 7

Omlet Feed, Moundrige Lions Club, 7 am-2 pm  
Moundridge Senior Center

### March 7 & 8

District Convention  
Airport Hilton-Wichita  
PID Rick Meyers, speaker

### April 16

Wichita Downtown Lions  
Pancake Day 7 a.m.-8 pm.  
Century II Exhibition Hall

### 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, Iow  
Details on page 8

### September 24-26

USA Canada  
Leadership Forum  
Memphis, TN  
www.usacanadalionsforum.org

## Extraordinary afternoon, evening in store on Sunday, March 8

It's one thing to attend meetings, listen to speakers and network with fellow Lions. The real test of a meaningful conference experience is whether you take away measurable ideas and tools that help bring those lessons learned to fruition.

The aim of the upcoming First Annual District 17N Convention, March 8, 2009, at the Wichita Airport Hilton is all that and more. Come and experience it for yourself and join in the excitement that will be shared by all that attend. If you thought last year's convention was something, you've seen nothing yet.

The 2009 conference has set an even higher standard, with new components that will not only instruct – but inspire. Lion Tonja Wienck of Hillsboro will kick off the first session with enthusiasm and excitement in her seminar "Talkin 'Bout my Generation" (she promises some new twists if you saw it at Mid-Winter Rally). She will be followed up by the feature seminar "What is Past, is Past? Can You See the Future?" presented by Past International Director Rick Myers of Omaha, Nebraska, who will leave you excited and prepared for the future and the possibilities that lie ahead.

The Service of Remembrance will touch you as we acknowledge the great Lions of this district who have passed over in the past year. Our business session will give you as delegates an opportunity to pave our future with your vote and confirmation of our District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors, 3-year director of the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, 2-year director of the Kansas Lions Band Foundation and the endorsement of an International Director. After the business session, relax and enjoy a wonderful dinner with Past International Director Rick Myers giving the keynote address.

As you can tell it is going to be an extraordinary afternoon and evening on Sunday, March 8. Don't miss out on all the excitement register now to attend. See all of you then...



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
BRYCE DAY**

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Together in Service, DG Bryce

**Convention**

**Registration deadline is March 3. Complete and mail the form on page 5 today!**

**Need another form—additional forms are available to print on the District 17N website under the Upcoming Events tag.**

# Downtown Lions Club Moves Meetings to Shrine Club

Renovations that will be starting this spring at the Historic Broadview Hotel have prompted the Wichita Downtown Lions Club to move its regular meeting to the Midian Shrine Temple, 130 N. Topeka.

The Wichita Downtown Lions meet on the first and third Wednesday at 11:45 am. The first

meeting at the new location will be Wednesday, March 4.

Mark your calendar to attend the Wichita Downtown Lions Club's 51st Annual Pancake Day on Thursday, April 16 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Century II Exhibition Hall.

Partnering with the Downtown Lions Club this year is Youthville.



## Kansas Lions 'Sight Bus' is Up and Rolling



Contact Lion Joyce to learn more about having the bus come to your community for screening for vision, hearing, diabetes and blood pressure. Call 620-221-7150, or e-mail [joyce4@cox.net](mailto:joyce4@cox.net).

### 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

## *Meyers to Deliver Keynote at Convention*



**PID Rick Meyers**  
**Special guest at**  
**District-N 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, “What’s Past is Past; Can You See the Future?” on Sunday afternoon and deliver the keynote address at the Sunday evening banquet.

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 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, and watching the wildlife at the lake.

## *On the ballot—*

## **Candidates Seek Your Vote**

Voting delegates at the convention can have an impact on leadership of the district, state and even Lions International.

Offices to be filled by election on Sunday, March 8, and the announced candidates for those offices are:

**District Governor 17-N:** Dan Funke, PDG 2002-2003 and a member of the Goddard Lions Club.

**Vice District Governor 17-N:** Tom Smarsh, currently Extension Chair on the District MERL Team, ALERT Chair and president of the Maize Lions Club.

**Vice District Governor 17-N:** Helen LeBlanc, currently District Secretary, Membership chair of the District MERL team and secretary of the Valley Center Lions Club.

**Kansas Lions Band Foundation, two year director:** PDG Arlo Medley, a member of the Roxbury Lions Club.

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, three year director:** PDG Richard “Buss” Brauer of McPherson, a member of the Saturday Night Travelers Lions Club.

**International Director:** Two candidates are seeking the endorsement of the district to run for International Director:

DG Bryce Day, a member of the Wellington Noon Lions Club.

PCC Anne Smarsh, a member of the Maize Lions Club.

Delegates need a completed form (on previous page) to vote in the election Sunday afternoon.



# 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



## *Are You Recruiting New Members?*

Don't forget—there's cash on the table for clubs with the highest percentage membership growth January through April.

Details were in last month's newsletter. Don't have it anymore—it's available on the website: [www.kansaslions17n.com](http://www.kansaslions17n.com).

## **17N District MERL Team**

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*From the MERL Team—*

## **Communicating S.M.A.R.T.E.R. Expectations**

Looking to increase the chances that your team will deliver the performance and results you want? Tell them what you expect! Every instruction you give – or request you make – should include a clear description of the outcome you're looking for. So, how will you know if the expectations you communicate are clear? By making sure your communications pass the S.M.A.R.T.E.R. Test:

**Specific** – Have I described the behaviors and deadlines required for good job performance?

**Measurable** – Can my request be measured? Is there a clearly defined completion point?

**Attainable** – Is it realistic for this person or team to accomplish the results within the stated guidelines? Are they capable? Do they have the right resources?

**Results-oriented** – Does this request move us closer to our objective?

**Trackable** – What milestones will ensure that we are on the right track to accomplish our goals?

**Ethical** – Is this request legal, moral, and ethical?

**Recorded** – Is there a record (or a second person who knows about the request) that team's members can turn to for guidance?

Sounds like the outline for success—in your club, your business or EVEN at home.

## **It's Election Time**

### *It's not just tax day—PU 101's due April 15*

It's time to elect the leaders of your club for Lions year 2009-2010.

Club elections should be held before April 15—that's the deadline for PU 101's to be filed with Lions Clubs International.

Vice District Governor Dan Funke reminds club secretaries that it's easy to file those reports online. If you need assistance, contact Lion Dan before April 15.

To file your report online, log into the reporting area at Lions Clubs International, select **Club** from the menu bar along the top of the screen, then select **Club Officers** from the list of reports you can access and update.

Select each office, which will open a new window with the club roster. You can select the name on the new officer with a simple click

of your mouse. Be sure the records include complete address, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all of your new officers.

Officers reported to Lions Club International are President, Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Chair.

It's also a good time to make sure your meeting information on file with Lions Clubs International is correct. That information is under the **Club Information** tab.

The information you provide to Lions Clubs International is used to compile the state's 2008-2009 directory, which will be available to every club and district officer in the first month of the new Lions Year.

If you need help with electronic reporting, please contact Lion Dan at 316-794-2570 (evenings) or by e-mail at [djfunke@cox.net](mailto:djfunke@cox.net).

**Deadline for applications for the International Band is March 31. The six-day trip is reasonably priced at \$800 (includes state band camp)**

**Deadline for applications for Kansas Lions State Band is May 2.**

## **Recruit Lions Band Students Now**

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

Kansas Lions 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



## ***Newton Presents Donations for Community Charities at Annual Sweetheart Banquet***

The Newton Lions Club had its annual Sweetheart Banquet the night of Feb. 9 at Salem United Methodist Church. The Newton Community Children's Choir presented a musical program that included an audience-participation song fest of sweetheart songs.

The program also included the presentation of donations to seven local charities.

The Newton Community Children's Choir received special recognition for the assistance they gave to the Lions at the club's annual Pancake Day. Many from the choir, plus their parents, assisted the club in staging the event, which turned out to be one of the most successful in recent history. Brenda Bartel, artistic director of the Newton Community Children's Choir, received a donation check and thanks from Lion President John McGee.

The funds that were dispersed as donations at the banquet came from the proceeds of Lions Pancake Day. Six additional charities were present and received donation checks. Representatives of each charity made short remarks about their charity and how they would use the funds. Representing the charities were Janine Arnold, Harvest of Love; Jan Jones, Harvey County Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Task Force (Safe House); Tina Payne, Health Ministries Clinic; Twyla Kovac, Meals on Wheels; Brian Bascue, Newton Recreation Commission; and Cathy Anderson, Trinity Heights Respite Care.



# 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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*BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW....*

*"A Knight for the Blind"*

*Gala Event for Leader Dogs for the Blind*

*April 18, 2009 • 6:30 p.m.*

*"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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***Reservations requested by April 6, 2009***

## ***Extension Teams Form Two New Clubs in 17N***

In early February 15 Lions of District 17N meet with John and Wanda Barnett, extension specialists from Lions Clubs International, at the Kansas Lions State Headquarters. The purpose – to teach Lions how to form clubs in communities who need a service organization to provide community service.

Forming new clubs in a community our association can:

- Offer more people the opportunity to give back to their community and help those in need
- Strengthen the health and vitality of our association
- Enhance the ability of Lions to assist people in need
- Introduce new projects to local communities

Two areas were identified as targets by the District MERL Team and Governor Bryce Day, the communities of Bel Aire and Hutchinson.



**DG Bryce Day (center) and PDG Wanda Barnett of England, Arkansas (right) sign up new members of the Hutchinson Noon Lions Club during the extension workshop held February 9-11 in Wichita and Hutchinson.**

Both communities had a branch club and were in need of developing those branches into clubs. The training covered how to seek out prospective members and how to develop a new club. Guiding Lion

training was also completed by 10 of the district's members.

Both branch clubs are now being formed as clubs. So far the district has paid registrations for more than 25 members in each club.



**One thing that Lions do well—enjoy good food and raise a little money in the process.**

**The Viola Lions Club sausage supper (left) fed more than 1,100 people on Saturday, February 7.**



**The Kingman Lions Club hosted its annual Pancake Feed on January 31. In addition to making some project money, two new members were recruited for the Kingman club.**