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District MD 17-O Newsletter

***Miracles Through Service:
Lions...Everyday Heroes.***

April 2009



From the Governor...

A special thank you to Lion Bobby Duvall and Mike Higgins, District Convention Co-Chairs and members of the host clubs: Atchison, Effingham and Lancaster. I could not have asked for a better team to work with...from my heart thank you!

Voting Results:

- For the three year director of the KS Lions Sight Foundation - Lion Vern Failor.
- For the two year director of the KS Lions Band Foundation – PCC Bobby Duvall.
- For the second vice district governor – Lion Clint Vawter
- For the first vice district governor – Lion Michelle Hufferd.
- For the District Governor – VDG Susan McDonald

Congratulations everyone, I know you will all do an outstanding job!

Presidents I'm inclosing in this newsletter the Club President Excellence Award, club secretaries please take the time to go over with your clubs and help your president received their Club President Excellence Award. Time is getting close so please don't wait, review the form and make sure everything is being done that can be.

Zone Chairs and RMA's please review your Excellence Award as well, there is nothing like a pat on the back for the fine job your doing...let's tie up loose ends before the year has ended, June 30th is coming up soon!

Any club that would like to host one of the **New Officer Training** please call Lion Bobby Duvall, Leadership Chair to set up a time and place. Again this year we will be having training in each **Region** for a total of 5 New Officer Training or more if needed.

Make your calendar for June 13, 2009 for our last Cabinet meeting and Social, at The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware Street, Leavenworth, KS. Our host will be the Leavenworth Lions Club, and they are planning something really special for you. We have lots of "Awards" and thank you gifts, and so much more planned. Please come and enjoy our last cabinet meeting and social of the year.

---DG Peggy Jacobson



Dates And District Governor's Schedule

Special Dates –

April	Club election of new officers, needs to be done in April
April 18	"A Knight for the Blind" Gala Event for Leader Dogs for the Blind \$100 ticket – Historic Broadview Hotel in Wichita – District 17-N
May 15	PU-101 submitted to Lions International by May 15, 2009
May 28-30,	4th Council – State Convention , Wichita Airport Hilton Guest Speaker: International President , Al Brandel
June	Installation of new Club Officers
June 13	4th Cabinet Meeting / District Social – The Heritage Center, 109 Delaware Street, Leavenworth, KS - Host Leavenworth Lions
July 1	New Club officers – your year begins today!
July 6-10	International Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 17-19	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute – Buena Vista University, Iowa
Sept 24-26	USA Canada Leadership Forum – Memphis, TN
Sept 30	Deadline to submit an award application ...this is essential!

District Governor's Visits

Apr 6th, Monday – Turner Lions – 6:30 pm- Recreation Center – 831 S.55th, Kansas City
Apr 15th, Wednesday – Merriam-Shawnee – Noon , Denny's 9001 Shawnee Mission Pkwy
Apr 16, Thursday – Robinson Membership Drive, 7:00 pm Robinson Community Bldg.
Apr 18th, Saturday – A Knight for the Blind Gala Event for Leader Dogs - Wichita
Apr 19th, Sunday –LCIF meeting at the KS Lion State Office Bldg- Wichita
Apr 20th, Monday - Linwood Lions – 6:30 pm – Tall Oaks Conference Center, 12797 189th St.
April 21st, Tuesday – Lawrence – Noon, Conroy's Bar and Grill, 3115 West 6th
Apr 27th, Monday – Valley Falls – 6:00 pm - Kendall State Bank , 406 Broadway
June 15th,Monday-Topeka Lions-80th Anniversary Banquet Top of the Tower,534 S. KansasAve.
June 16th, Thursday- Lansing Lions – 6:30 pm – Community Center, 800 1st Terr

Deadline for Awards – June 30, 2009

A new awards program was introduced this year. The awards foster teamwork between the club and district officers. The following awards will be issued by LCI, the English Language Department and applications are available on the LCI Web Site: www.LionsClubs.org.

- Club President Excellence Award
- Leo Club Excellence Award
- Zone Chairperson Excellence Award
- Region Chairperson Excellence Award (RMA)
- District Governor Excellence Award



The deadline to submit an award application is September 30, 2009 for the year ending June 30, 2009. Presidents, ZC and RMA please take a look and see what else you can do to make it happen!

DATE	CLUB	DETAILS
April 18, 2009	Lansing	Pancake Breakfast with Cris Cakes 7:30 AM to 10 AM Lansing Community Center \$6.00 all you can eat. Contact Marjean Neve mmneve@lvnworth.com
April 22, 2009	Topeka Noon	Travel Film Series. Bavaria! 7:30PM White Concert Hall on the Washburn Campus - \$7.00 at the door. Call Lion Spencer Smith – SLSmith@cjnetworks.com
May 2, 2009	Lansing	Annual Car Show – Lansing Daze. Lansing Community Center registration is 8AM to 12noon and pre-registration is \$15.00, after April 25 registration is \$20. Will also have the Mobile Screening Unit. Contact Rick Dodson at rdodson@kc.rr.com
May 3, 2009	Louisburg	13 th Annual Car Show. 11-3 PM, on Broadway in Louisburg. Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles, \$10 at gate or \$7 in advance – Dash Plaque 1 st 100 registered. “32 HDTV & Wii Raffle, \$5 each, 5 for \$20. Contact Michele (913) 219-3818 for info
Until May 28th	PDG Club	Buy your \$5.00 ticket for a Large flat screen TV! Call PID Gene Vogel 913-369-9485
June 2, 2009	Lansing	1 st spaghetti dinner and silent auction. Lansing Community Center. Contact Marjean Neve – mmneve@lvnworth.com

Welcome New Members in District 17-O

<u>Club</u>	<u>New Member</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Atchison	Chris Franken 3/1/09 William C. Skidmore 3/1/09	Mary Werner Mike Higgins
Gardner	June Ruch 3/1/09 Willard Ruch 3/1/09	Evans Dunlap Evans Dunlap
Leavenworth	Mark Preisinger 3/1/09 Erin Hughes 3/1/09 Gary Hughes 3/1/09	Nancy Bauder John Havens John Havens
Leawood	Mark H. Naster 3/1/09 Chris Wright 3/1/09	Jim Rochel Doris Nelmes
Louisburg	Loretta Tow 3/1/09	David Maddax
Overland Park Noon	Debbie Kitchin 3/5/09	
Shawnee	Robert Foster, Jr. 3/1/09 Christina Myers 3/1/09 Michael Myers 3/1/09	Joe Mayo Bob Tonjes Bob Tonjes
Turner (Branch Club)	Tom Brown 3/1/09 Anne Grothaus 3/1/09 Debra Morrison 3/1/09 Sonia Sittingdawn 3/1/09	David Hentges Sonia Sittingdawn Sonia Sittingdawn Brian Fitzpatrick
Current YTD Life Members	Ernest Young, Jr 1/16/09 Joseph Madenjian 2/25/09 Benton Starks 9/25/08	Lansing Lions Club Leavenworth Lions Club Overland Park Host Lions Club

Welcome to District 17-O Lions!

Congratulations! The District is Proud of each of you...



The Shawnee Lions Brings the Sight Bus to the Shawnee Community on April 4th

It was a cold, windy, and rainy day. Lion JoAnn Mayo registered the "patients" as they came. It was a good turn out for such an inclement day

Big Lion Richard Barnes tests eye sight for a "patient"

It was a "feel good" moment for all the Shawnee Lions, our Leo helper, and our Nurses to give back to the community



Kansas Lions "sight bus"
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, e-mail joyce4@cox.net



Leavenworth Lion Joe Madenjian (center) is being awarded the Lions International "Life" Award for his many and humanitarian contributions to the community. The Life Award is rendered rarely and only to those Lions whose dedication to the goals of Lionism have been exemplary. Lion Madenjian is such an example of the selfless dedication to the support of his community. Flanked by Lion Madenjian is, from left to right, Secretary and Past President John Raletz, and the current Club President, Kim Baker.

Save the Date – June 15, 2009

Topeka Lions 80th Anniversary Banquet and Annual Meeting
Top of the Tower, 534 S. Kansas Avenue, Topeka, KS

District Needs YOU TO SERVE



By Susan McDonald, DGE...

As DGE I am trying to fill the following cabinet positions for next year 2009-2010, if you are interested in serving on the District Cabinet in any of the following positions or any other capacity, please contact me as soon as possible at lighthouse lady1957@yahoo.com or 785 845 0339. It is vitally important that good strong Lions who meet the basic qualifications volunteer to step up and fill these roles. If you have an interest in another position that is not listed, please let me know- we need many good Lions to step up to serve on the District Cabinet. If you have any questions about what each role covers, please call me. You are desperately needed and I would be happy to talk to you about how you can serve our district.

Thanks! Susan McDonald, DGE

Region 1:	Zone Chair or RMA	Newsletter
Region 3:	Zone Chair	Historian
Region 4:	Zone Chairs-2 and RMA	Public Relations
Region 5:	Zone Chairs-2	Women's Membership

Information from LCI

www.lionsclub.com - As of April 1st, the home page of the association's **Web site has a new look** and is easier to use. It welcomes both Lions and non-Lions. A new Membership center will be accessible from the home page. This center allows members to find information quicker. The new site is part of the association's major branding initiative.

Lions Clubs in the 21st Century, the history of Lions Clubs International has now entered its second printing. Accompanied by more than 65 photographs, the book traces the growth and activities of The International Association of Lions Clubs, including chapters on subjects not included in the book published in 1991...SightFirst, Campaigns SightFirst I and II, new types of Lions clubs and the positive effect of women in the service programs of Lions clubs worldwide.

The hardcover edition sells for \$29.95 plus postage/handling. Order now by phone 1-630-571-5466, Club Supplies Sales Department.



Worldwide Induction Day on April 25 is an ideal opportunity to showcase your club's service potential for the community. Linking your most creative and important service initiative to the worldwide induction ceremony for new members could make an appealing story for local media. For help reaching print and broadcast media in your area please see [Lions Worldwide Induction Day Club and District Planning Guide](#) and customize the news release template for your club and community. I urge you to participate in this event in solidarity with Lions around the world.

Being relevant *does mean* meeting pressing needs. In 2009 a food pantry may be more important to your community than a park. As Lions in the 21st century it's your job to find out and respond accordingly.

Lions Green Team Projects for Earth Day, World Environment Day

Your Lions club can organize a Lions Green Team environment project for Earth Day, Wednesday, April 22 or United Nations World Environment Day, Friday, June 5, 2009. Suggested Lions Green Team projects include:

- **Clean-up project** (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_suggproj.shtml) – remove debris from a roadway, nature trail, waterway, or public park. Remove graffiti from public places.
- **Tree planting project** (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_trees.shtml) – absorb carbon from the atmosphere by planting trees. If every Lions club planted a tree, the planet would have 45,000 more trees.
- **Recycling project** (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_recycle.shtml) – organize a community collection of used eyeglasses, hearing aids, computer parts, cellular telephones, inkjet cartridges, even rubber-soled gym shoes.
- **Education project** (http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/content/programs_env_education.shtml) – sponsor a Go Green Club at a local school. Demonstrate use of rain barrels for water management. Organize a hybrid car show.

Send news of your successful Lions Green Team project to: programs@lionsclubs.org

Know How to Mentor a New Member

A sponsor's responsibilities do not end when a prospect is inducted as a member. Helping them grow in the organization means they will stay a member. As a mentor you should:

- Continue to introduce the new member to Lions they have not met, helping them feel part of the group.
- Offer to accompany them to meetings. Stay in touch.
- Make sure that they are allowed to express their thoughts and ideas.
- Serve as a source of inspiration and advice.
- Consider entering into the Lions Mentoring Program, where you and the new member can continue to grow as Lions.
- Encourage the Lion that you sponsored to be active and to live up to the Lion's motto:

We Serve

SHARE YOUR BEST PROJECT

As Lions, we are always looking for new ways to help our communities, raise money for good causes and recruit new members. The Kansas Leos are currently working on collecting information from Lions to compile into a book that could be shared with all clubs around the state. This will allow clubs to get new ideas for projects, fundraisers, and member recruitment and share their great ideas with others. Leos are collecting this information by conducting face to face interviews and also by soliciting the information via regular or email. To assist with this project, simply complete the form and send to the state Leo chair. The form can be found on the Kansas Lions website, the Kansas Lions Foundation website, and the Kansas Leos website. (web addresses listed below). Or contact:

Lion Tonja Wienck, MD 17 Leo Chair
1120 E. 210, Hillsboro, KS 67063
620.382.5756 twienck@hotmail.com

Kansas Lions website: www.kansaslions.org Kansas Lions Foundation website: www.kansaslionsfoundation.org

Kansas Leos website: www.kansasleos.net

EVERYDAY HEROS, KANSAS STYLE



2008-2009 CLUB PRESIDENT EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

In order to receive the Club President Excellence Award, each club president must have the club secretary fill out this form and have it approved and signed by the district governor. Charter presidents in clubs organized during the first six months of the fiscal year shall be eligible. In undistricted areas the Coordinating Lion or provisional region/zone chairpersons should sign the completed form. The completed form must be mailed to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or faxed to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2009. The award will be mailed to the 2009-2010 district governor for presentation. In undistricted areas the award will be mailed directly to the coordinating Lions or directly to the 2009-2010 club president.

Club Number Club Name Date

2008-2009 Club President's Name Member Number

Requirements. Please confirm completion by checking the boxes and supplying requested information.

- ☐ 1. The club has furthered the association's purposes and has adhered to the association's constitution and by-laws as well as its policies.
- ☐ 2. The club has conducted at least one service activity during the year. Please explain briefly what activity was conducted:
- ☐ 3. The president has attended all of the following Lions meetings during the year. (In case of emergency, a representative of the club president may attend on behalf of the club president.)
 - (a) At least two zone meetings. Dates: Location:
 - (b) Club officer orientation/training. Date: Location:
 - (c) District, multiple district, or international convention. Which one?
- ☐ 4. The club has submitted each of the following reports to International Headquarters by the due dates:
 - (a) Monthly Membership Report (C-23-A).
 - (b) Annual Club Officer Report (PU-101).
- ☐ 5. The club is in good standing with Lions Clubs International, the multiple district and the district at the end of the fiscal year, June 30.
- ☐ 6. The club has achieved a net gain in membership by June 30. Number of net gain:
- ☐ 7. New members were properly inducted, oriented and involved in service activities and/or committee work.
- ☐ 8. The club has made a contribution to LCIF. Date: Amount: \$

What was the club's most outstanding accomplishment in 2008-2009?

Request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified club president shall be considered only if

received at international headquarters within 12 months after completion of the club president's term of office, provided that the original application form is already filed at international headquarters.

I certify that the above facts agree with the records of the district.

Date Signature of 2008-2009 District Governor District

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Leo Club Excellence Award Application



Fiscal year _____ District _____
 Name of Leo Club _____ No. of members _____
 State/Province _____ Country _____
 Sponsoring Lions club _____

This Leo club meets the criteria for the Leo Club Excellence Award. I understand that I am limited to nominating one Leo club for this award and confirm that this nomination has been approved by the district cabinet.

District governor and district Leo chairperson endorsements:

 Date (District Governor) Please print/type name Signature

 Date (District Leo Chairperson) Please print/type name Signature

Note: Attach any additional documentation including reports, photos, newspaper articles, etc. to support the nomination.

To qualify for this award, superior performance must be demonstrated in the following areas:

- Serving others.
- Developing and executing creative fundraisers.
- Exercising effective leadership.
- Enhancing the public image of Leo clubs.
- Completing administrative operations.

Please confirm completion by checking the boxes.

☐ 1. The club performed creative and beneficial community service activities.

Number of projects completed _____

Number of persons benefited _____

Name of projects _____

☐ 2. The club completed challenging and successful fundraisers during the year.

Number of fundraisers completed _____

Total funds raised US\$ _____

Description of fundraisers _____

☐ 3. The club demonstrated effective leadership skills.

List examples _____

☐ 4. The club's activities were publicized within the community.

List examples _____

☐ 5. All administrative reports were completed on time and sent to the appropriate district, multiple district or international office.

This application must be received by the international office no later than **August 15**. Only applications in which all questions are completed and that have the required signatures will be considered valid.

Send completed forms to:

Youth Programs Department
 Lions Clubs International
 300 W 22nd Street
 Oak Brook IL 60523-8842
 Fax: (630) 571-1692
 E-mail: leo@lionsclubs.org



2008-2009 REGION CHAIRPERSON EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

The association will present the Region Chairperson Excellence Award to qualified region chairpersons in appreciation of the special efforts made by them. In order to be considered for this award, each region chairperson is asked to complete this form, secure the district governor's signature and mail it to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or fax it to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2009. The award will be mailed to the 2009-2010 district governor for presentation.

2008-2009 Region Chairperson's Name Member Number Region Name

Requirements. Please confirm completion by checking the boxes and supplying requested information

1. The region chairperson has furthered and promoted the association's purposes and mission and as a member of the district governor's leadership team.
2. The region chairperson has attended the district orientation of region chairpersons.
Date: _____ Location: _____
3. The region chairperson has visited each club within the region at least once during the year, not to coincide with the visits of the district governor or zone chairpersons.
4. The region chairperson has played an active role in membership recruitment, retention, and leadership development, and assisted clubs or zones that are experiencing difficulties.
5. The region chairperson has fulfilled one of the two requirements specified below:
 - a. At least one new Lions club was formed in the region.
 - b. Each Lions club in the region has achieved a net membership gain for the year. (One club per zone can be waived.)
6. The region chairperson has promoted and supported LCIF by achieving one of the two requirements specified below:
 - a. At least one new or progressive Melvin Jones Fellow in the region during the year.
 - b. A donation to LCIF from each club in the region.
7. Fifty percent (50%) of the club presidents in the region have earned the Club President Excellence Award.

What was the region's most outstanding accomplishment in 2008-2009?

No request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified region chairperson shall be considered unless received by international headquarters within 12 months after the completion of the region chairperson's term of office.

I certify that the above facts agree with the records of the district.

Date 2008-2009 District Governors' Signature District
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2008-2009 ZONE CHAIRPERSON EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

The association will present the Zone Chairperson Excellence Award to qualified zone chairpersons in appreciation of the special efforts made by them. In order to be considered for this award, each zone chairperson is asked to complete this form, secure the district governor's signature and mail it to the English Language Department at International Headquarters, or fax it to (630) 706-9130, to arrive by September 30, 2009.

The award will be mailed to the 2009-2010 district governor for presentation.

2008-2009 Zone Chairpersons' Name Member Number Zone Name

Requirements. Please confirm completion by checking the boxes and supplying requested information.

1. The zone chairperson has furthered and promoted the association's purposes and mission as a member of the district governor's leadership team.
2. The zone chairperson has attended the district orientation for zone chairpersons.
Date: Location:
3. The zone chairperson has held 3 or 4 zone meetings during the year.
Dates:
4. The zone chairperson has visited each club within the zone at least once during the year, not to coincide with the visits of the district governor or region chairperson.
5. The zone chairperson has played an active role in membership recruitment, retention and leadership development, and assisted clubs that are experiencing difficulties.
6. The zone chairperson has fulfilled one of the two requirements specified below:
 - a. At least one new Lions club was formed in the zone.
 - b. Each Lions club in the zone has achieved a net membership gain for the year. (One club per zone can be waived.)
7. The zone chairperson has promoted and supported LCIF by fulfilling one of the two requirements specified below:
 - a. At least one new or progressive Melvin Jones Fellow in the zone during the year.
 - b. A donation to LCIF from each club in the zone.
8. Fifty percent (50%) of the club presidents in the zone have earned the Club President Excellence Award.

What was the zone's most outstanding accomplishment in 2008-2009?

No request for review of award eligibility from a disqualified zone chairperson shall be considered unless received by international headquarters within 12 months after the completion of the zone chairperson's term of office.

I certify that the above facts agree with the records of the district.

Date 2008-2009 District Governor's Signature District
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**33rd Annual
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 24-26, 2009
Memphis, Tennessee**

MEMPHIS

*Home of the Blues
Birthplace of Rock and Roll*

Plan now to attend this great leadership conference in September.

**Need a Blue Suede Shoes Elvis pin?
See Beverly Nichols – Overland Park Host Lions
e-mail: taximath@aol.com**



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