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From DG Deb Weaverling



DG Deb Weaverling

Thank You District 17-A
LIONS

As you read my first article, I will be in Chicago completing my leadership training. I would like you to know that I am honored to be your District Governor this Lions Year, 2017-2018. I have watched many great District Governors over the many years. I would like to **thank** them for their guidance. They have mentored me

throughout my journey to becoming a District Governor. I want to also **thank** my home club, the Leavenworth Lions Club, which has supported me during this process and I want to **thank** my Lion husband Ron, our daughters and our grandchildren for their support throughout. Their encouragement has motivated me to be the best LION that I can be.

I want to **thank** PDG Linda Leander for her leadership last year. It was an honor for me to be her 1VDG. It was through her goals and vision that our District ended the year with a +12 in membership. While we closed one Lions Club (Springhill) we were successful in gaining another club, the Tonganoxie Lions

Club. The Tonganoxie Lions Branch Club will be chartered in September at a date to be determined. I want to **thank** PCC Beverly Nichols and Lion Margy Sundstrom for their efforts and hard work in getting this club started and active in our District. As a note, a decade ago, it was a vision of PDG Neal Nichols, to have a LIONS club in Tonganoxie, KS.

LIONS of District 17-A, I'm asking that you continue to serve this year as you did in 2016-17. Let's continue the four centennial service challenges: Environment, Hunger, Vision, and Youth and report your efforts on MyLCI. Remember, this is the only way LCI has to

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Editorial Information

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Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- June 30-July 4, LCI Centennial Convention, Chicago, Illinois
- July 21-23, Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Maryville, Missouri
- August 11-13, 10 a.m. 1st State Council Meeting, Best Western Hotel, McPherson
- August 19, 11 a.m. 1st District Cabinet Meeting, Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego
- September 21-23, Lions USA Canada Forum, Portland, Oregon



From DG Deb Weaverling continued...

keep up with the number of people We Serve. The goal set by LCI was to serve 100 million people by June 2018. Your efforts in reporting the four centennial service challenges to LCI, is working; the numbers as of June 7th reveals serving 159,185,438 million people. The number of persons who benefited through these challenges is: Environment – 48,083,083, Hunger – 35,146,642, Vision – 25,218,844, and Youth 50,736,869. Way to go Lions, challenge accepted and done but we are going to continue to add to those numbers as we continue to report on MyLCI our work. **Thank You** LIONS!

This next LIONS year another challenge has been added: Diabetes. We all know that diabetes may result in vision complications to the point of blindness. There are several possibilities for service in your community for Diabetes Awareness Programs. Ex-

amples may include having a meeting on Diabetes Awareness, volunteering with Diabetes Awareness Programs, sending a child with Diabetes to camp, or giving a donation to the Lions Diabetes Prevention Programs. Let's do

This motto continues to be our rallying call throughout our district, our state and the world. As I complete my training here in Chicago, the next newsletter will include an outline of my goals for our District.

Laughter

Don't complain and don't be a critic! Just Laugh. Laugh long, laugh hard, and laugh often. Laughter is the best medicine. Also, have a positive attitude and SMILE because it is contagious. A smile goes a long way.

PDG Jerry Loney

this!

Our incoming International President, Naresh Aggarwal, stresses the "Power of We". Meaning that, together we can accomplish even more for those less fortunate than ourselves. He believes when we work together in service throughout the world, we will become better LIONS. Our motto and this year's President's motto is "We Serve".

Lastly, I believe the enthusiasm and inspiration that we bring to our clubs and communities will have a contagious effect on others to join us in service and desire to be a part of who we are. More LIONS means more hands to accomplish more good in the world. Be open

to new ideas and ways of accomplishing our LIONS work. Have FUN and LAUGH along the way, it is so important. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue to grow our District and accomplish our goals.

Lion Deb Weaverling
District Governor
Leavenworth Lions Club

MSU Seeks Volunteers to Serve at Kansas State Fair



Dates: Friday, September 8 through Sunday, September 17

Contact Lion Sylvia Reinhardt

785-200-6132

Free parking and admission to the Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson

District 17-A Cabinet Meetings

Trinity Baptist Church

16655 US Hwy 24

Wamego, KS 66547

11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

August 19, 2017

November 4, 2017

February 3, 2018

June 9, 2018

Mark your calendars!

From 1st VDG John Burns



1VDG John Burns

If you are reading this between July 1st and July 5th DG Deb and 2VDG Diane and I and our spouses are at the Lions Centennial convention in Chicago along with hundreds of other Kansas Lions and thousands of Lions worldwide. What an exciting time to be a Lion! I am looking forward to what our new International President, Naresh Agerwal, visions for us this year. Many new and exciting areas of service are coming up in this new Lions year. These are being announced at this

convention. I will be talking about these projects in the next newsletter and also when I come to visit your clubs.

I will be starting my visits with the Manhattan club on July 10th followed by the Gardner club on July 19th and Valley Falls on July 24th. I am looking forward to visiting all the clubs on my list this year. I will be emailing the clubs that I will be visiting in August and the schedule will also be in the August newsletter.

We ended the 2016-2017 year on an up note in membership in not only our district but also a record high in worldwide membership. Thank you for all your work, keep up the good work not only in membership but in projects that serve your communities.

I will be sharing the vision and goals of our District Governor, Deb Weaverling in future newsletters and in my visits

with each club.

If you have not completed your centennial service challenge (Engaging our Youth, Protecting the Environment, Sharing the Vision, and Relieving the Hunger as well as entering the information on MyLCI), you still have until June 30th of 2018 and as always keep working on your club excellence program. Remember: Just Ask!

I really enjoyed visiting with 22 clubs in 2016 and look forward to meeting each and every one of you, if not this year, then next year.

Best wishes for success in this new Lions year.

In Lionism,
VDG John Burns

From 2nd VDG Diane Hentges



2VDG Diane Hentges

I am excited to be serving our district as 2nd Vice-District Governor. Thank you for your vote of confidence. There are so many great happenings involving Kansas Lions.

"We Serve" has never been more important to our local communities. Lions in Kansas respond to major disasters or to an individual's problem like the need for eyeglasses. It is important that we continue to recruit our friends and neigh-

bors to continue to do our service to communities.

I joined Lions 26 years ago because it did give me an opportunity to serve others. Being a member of a strong service oriented organization also introduced me to some great friends. I learned that the "Power of We" can accomplish a lot. It is awe inspiring to know that there are 1.4 million Lions throughout the world working together to make things better for their communities.

Being a Lion, also provides opportunities for one to learn; to learn of needs and services in our own communities; to develop as a leader by accepting a position as a club officer, attend the quality trainings offered in our district, our state,

and by Lions International. I had the opportunity to attend GPLI last summer and highly recommend it. The leadership training can be used in our daily life and work life.

This Lions year can and will be great. Power of We will surge throughout our district and state. Let's continue our celebration of a 100 years of service.



Scenes From 2017 Kansas Lions MD17 Convention, Wichita

Lions from across the state gathered for the 96th Annual Convention, Celebrating a Century of Service, at the Doubletree by Hilton, June 2-3. The event was co-chaired by Dan and Becky Funke, Great Bend Lions Club.

Special guests at the event were International Director Lewis Quinn and his wife Gayle from Anchorage, Alaska. International Director Bill Phillipi and his wife Vicki, Assaria Lions Club, were recognized for their service to Kansas Lions and Lions around the world.

The weekend featured a concert by the 2017 Kansas Lions Band members under the direction of Hans and Sherry Neidhardt. Forty-seven of the band members are planning to attend the Lions Clubs International Convention in Chicago and march in the parade.

The fourth state council meeting was held and chaired by Council Chair Fran Smith, Ulysses Lions Club. She

took the podium to lead at the Friday and Saturday activities as well where many Lions were recognized and received awards for a variety of service efforts. From District 17-A Bernard Lee, Vern Failor, Deb Weaverling, Margy Sundstrum, and others were called out for special service.

A great time was had by all! Next year's event is scheduled for May 31-June 2, again, at Wichita.



DG Deb Weaverling's July Club Visitations

July 7th
Paola Lions Club
6:45 a.m.

July 8th
Wetmore Lions Club
7:30 a.m.

July 10th
Auburn Lions Club
Induction of Officers
7:00 p.m.

July 11
Hiawatha Lions Club
12 Noon



July 11th
Miami County Traveling Lions Club
6:00 p.m.

July 13th
Leavenworth Lions Club
12:00 noon

July 17th
Highland Lions Club
Induction of Officers
7:00 p.m.

July 18th
Clay Center Lions Club
12:00 noon

July 19th
Abilene Lions Club (waiting to hear back)
12:00 noon

July 19th
Wakefield Lions Club (waiting to hear back)
7:00 p.m.

July 26th
Silver Lake Lions Club
6:30 p.m.

July 27th
Wamego Lions Club (waiting to hear back)
6:30 p.m.

2017-2018 District 17-A Cabinet of Leaders

Introducing your Cabinet of Leaders:
1VDG John Burns
2VDG Diane Hentges
Secretary Margy Sundstrum
Treasurer Harry Malnicof
GLT PCC Bobby Duvall
GMT PDG Carleen Rajala
PDG & GST CC (new) Linda Leander

Regional Advisory Team:
Zones 1,2,5 - PCC Bobby Duvall
Zones 3, 4, 6 - PDG David Hentges

Zones 7,8, 9 - Mo & PCC Bev Greenwood
Zones 10,11,12 - PDG Marilyn Sorenson

**A leader is one who knows
the way, goes the way, and shows
the way.**

John C. Maxwell

Zone Chairs:
Zone 1 Catherine Miller

Zone 2 Mike Mitchell
Zone 3 Rick Dodson
Zone 4 Vania Castro (new)
Zone 5 Melanie Snider
Zone 6 LeRoy Johnson (new)
Zone 7 Al Keithley
Zone 8 Bob Pearson
Zone 9 Kristy Engle (new)
Zone 10 George Taplin (new)
Zone 11 Vacant
Zone 12 Deb Tegethoff (new)

Area Lions Clubs News Editors Recognized at State Convention

Editors of Kansas Lions District 17A club newsletters were recognized for their efforts and publications at the Lions State Convention held June 2-3 at the Doubletree Hotel in Wichita.

The Kansas Lions Public Relations Committee Chair Denny Smith, Ulysses, presented the awards to the clubs selected by members of the public relations committee.

Those northeast Kansas clubs and editors receiving recognition and a souvenir

mouse pad were: Editor Caroline Arter, *The Leavenworth Lingo*, Leavenworth Lions Club; Editor Al Keithley, *The Manhattan Lions Roar*, Manhattan Lions Club; and Editor Laurel Warren, *The Wamego Lions Ear*, Wamego Lions Club.

In addition, three other club newsletter editors were presented with merit award certificates, pins and mouse pads: Editor Michele Reese, *Auburn News*, Auburn



Lions Club; Co-editors Tom Willy and Ken Habiger, *Leawood Lions Newsletter*, Leawood Lions Club; and Editor Neal Nichols, *The Lions Roar*, Overland Park Host Lions Club.

Congratulations to all!

Bonner Springs Recently Celebrated 67 Years of Service



Reported June 22. The 24 men listed on our charter have all passed on but their legacy lives on, in this the one hundredth year of Lions Club International. Our International President,

Bob Corlew, mentions in his presidential theme "we have new mountains to climb." As our world changes, each of us face new challenges, new opportunities to serve others: blindness, measles, other health issues, food insecurity, lack of clean water, war and civil unrest. All of these represent challenges for countless people all around the world. And they represent opportunities for Lions to make the world a better place.

The Bonner Springs Lions Club was organized and chartered in June of 1950 and soon began planning for the park facility. The park committee included the then mayor of Bonner Springs, Milton Penrod, Ward Harrington, Frank Barger, Arthur Hanson and Dr. Rex Steph. The 23- acre site was purchased from W.F. Relun, Sr., for \$8,000. The first big project for the Lions club was to clear about 40 trees from the park, which were cut and sold for firewood. The second project was to raise funds to support the new park development so in December of 1950 a new 1950 Chevrolet car was raffled off and the funding raising was off and running. One of the highlights in the parks history, because it was a lighted ballpark was the annual baseball tryout camp conducted by the St. Louis Cardinals. Later the Bonner Springs High School Braves football team leased the park for more than 10 years until the Braves moved to their present field in the 1970s. At the Parks dedication ceremony in 1954. The then city attorney Lee Weeks, a Rotarian, told a crowd at the Crispy Cafe, that the donation by the Lions Club had set a new precedent in gifts from service clubs. Today the park remains a monument to the efforts of the early members of the Bonner Springs Lions Club. Lions Park still serves the community; it is owned and maintained by the city of Bonner Springs now and we hope its future is as bright as its lights shine on.

Today the Bonner Springs Lions Club continues to serve our community, by providing 21st century eye exams and by providing our nurses in USD 204 with a new spot machine, providing glasses as needed to our students who are unable to financially afford them, and contributing to our local Vaughn-Trent food pantry. We also help with warm clothes and mittens for students

and seniors in the community when the need arises. We always have a variety of projects for money-makers; our annual golf tournament at Sunflower Hills Golf Course remains one of our main projects. The past several years we have joined forces with our local Optimist Club, to bolster our manpower; that partnership has greatly helped and allows us to expand our services to include senior citizens in need beyond the school students we serve.

"We serve" is not just a slogan, it's a creed, that we, here in Bonner Springs, take very seriously.



July Club Anniversaries

Hope Lions Club

July 22, 1924

93 Years

Minneapolis Lions Club

July 3, 1995

22 Years

Leawood Lions Welcome Kansas U.S. Senator Jerry Moran



On Sunday, June 11, 2017 Leawood Lions Club celebrated milestones achieved by their club during the 2016-2017 year.

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran was the featured speaker which also included several members from eight Lions clubs in District 17-A. Senator Moran shared his gratitude with more than 60 Lions in attendance and spoke about the hard work of Lions Clubs members across the globe serving others. He also discussed the importance of our service organization and how Lions can positively impact the community.

Many thanks to all the distinguished guests that attended: U.S. Senator Jerry Moran's staff Mike Zamrzla; Leawood Lion Mayor Peggy Dunn and her husband Terry Dunn; Leawood Lion Chief of Police Troy Retting; Jacinta Tolinos, Leawood Parks & Recreation; ID Bill



Phillipi and his wife Vicky Phillipi; PIDs Ernie Young and Gene Vogel; DG Linda Leander, and her husband GLT Ken Leander; the Kansas City Boys Choir; and the Kansas City Boy Scout Troop 10 Leadership Team.

The talented members of the Kansas City Boys Choir provided wonderful entertainment and the young men of Kansas City Boy Scouts Troop 10 posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leawood Lions members presented a Leawood President's Appreciation Award to Senator Jerry Moran. ID Bill Phillipi presented a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Leawood Lion Chief of Police Troy Retting. Also, Bill Phillipi presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Clark Castro - recognized for his dedicated service to the Leawood Lions Club and Lions organization as the 1st place winner in the "Poken Paw Game during our 40th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Omaha last September. He won a Digital Tablet which was donated to the Leawood Lions Club. PID Ernie Young presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Big Lion Vania Castro – recognized for her outstanding service



as Leawood Lions Club President. PID Ernie Young, Lion Mayor Peggy Dunn, and U.S. Senator Jerry Moran presented a 2017 Lions Club International Centennial Proof Silver Dollar to Lion Vania Castro.

On behalf of the Leawood Lions Club, GLT Ken Leander presented a Leawood President's Appreciation Award to DG Linda Leander - recognized for her outstanding support and service to the Leawood Lions Club. DG Linda Leander presented a Club Newsletter Merit Award to Lions Tom Willy and Ken Habiger. On behalf of the Leawood Lions Club, DG Linda Leander presented Leawood President's Appreciation Awards to Lion Mayor Peggy Dunn, Jacinta Tolinos, ID Bill Phillipi, PID Ernie Young, PID Gene Vogel, Lions Tom Willy and Sebastian Castro, Boy Scouts Troop 10 Lucas Seeley, Clark Castro, Micah Roening, Nick Westerhaus, and David Westerhaus.

Additionally, Lion Vania Castro reflected on the past year of our Leawood Lions services. She outlined the five goals for the 2016-17 year. Goals were as fol-



lows: increase membership, increase budget, complete the Centennial Service Challenges – Vision, Youth, Environment, Hunger - achieved by December 31, 2016, conduct a Legacy Project – Lions Highway Signs, and Create Excellence: Service, Leadership, Membership, and Partnership. All goals were successfully completed during the past year. Big Lion Vania congratulated the club on a great year and looks forward to the continued growth of the Leawood Lions Club for years to come.



Leawood Lions Accomplishments:

- 21,000 pairs of eyeglasses
- Vision-screened 4,134 people; referred 538
- Provided 259 pairs of prescription glasses & 106 pairs of reader glasses
- Gave out 225 pairs of sunglasses
- Covered the cost of 157 eye exams
- Paid for three cataract surgeries
- Gave out 663 reading books to children
- Volunteered 607 service hours

Upcoming District 17-A Events Sponsored by Local Clubs

(Listed in order by earliest date)

- Auburn Lions Club will stuff a school bus with school supplies for children in need of the Auburn Elementary School at the community's National Night Out Against Crime, August 5, 4-8 p.m., Auburn Civic Center parking lot.
- Olathe Lions Club 70th Anniversary Celebration, Monday, August 21, 6 p.m., Golden Corral (just north of Blackbob and 135th), guest speaker will be PID Ernie Young with Club history by Lion Dan Hamblin. Cost is \$12 for buffet dinner; RSVP by August 7 to John Burns jwb101644@gmail.com or text John at 913-558-7838.

Leander Elected State Council Chair



Our very own Immediate Past District Governor, Linda Leander, will lead the Kansas Lions in 2017-2018 as state council chair. She will be supported in part by our District Governor Deb Weaverling as council vice

chair. Linda McCormick from District 17-N will continue to serve as secretary and Hans Neidhardt, also from District 17-N, will remain treasurer.



Notes From the June District 17-A Cabinet Meeting, Topeka

- ◆ The district ended the year with 83 clubs and 2 branch clubs as well as 27 new Lions.
- ◆ LCI is reviewing the Standard Form Club Constitution and may add some new positions of leadership. The new member, one time introductory fee, will go up \$10 beginning July 1 due to a larger new member packet.
- ◆ The District will continue to support a nonprofit in the Kansas City area collecting personal/homecare basic supply items for children of families in need.
- ◆ Clubs in all 12 Zones contributed to the diabetes camp fund this year; 11 children from our district will attend.
- ◆ This year, \$23,497 was contributed by clubs in the district to the Lions Clubs International Foundation.
- ◆ LCI has set a Lions goal of 50% female members by the year end.
- ◆ Attending LCI Centennial 6/30-7/4: 64 Lions & 20 Leos.

Thank you from the Lions Health Program

The District 17-A Lions Health Program wishes to thank all of the Lions Clubs and individual Lions who donated funds for Diabetes Camp for the Summer of 2017. You were instrumental in helping 11 youth attend one of the 2 Diabetes Camps operated by the American Diabetes Association. THANK YOU from the youth.



"Attending a diabetes camp is the single most important activity a youth can do

to understand their diabetes" a quote from DECA. Twenty four clubs and individuals donated \$3,436.00 for this cause in the Lions year 2016/17.

The Lions Health Program of the district will start accepting scholarships and donations for the 2017/18 Lions year in October of 2017. As you budget for the new Lions year, please remember the DECA quote and add some funds for the Diabetes Camp Scholarship fund this year.

Again THANK YOU for your support
District 17-A Lions Health Program
Lion Vern Failor