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Message from Council Chairperson

PDG J Wayne King

The Multi – District is off and running. All state cabinet positions have been filled. We have awesome cabinet leadership. We should do some great things this year.

We had our first cabinet meeting in Nephi in July. With goals being set.

One of the major goals set this year is training. Our goal is to get all club officers and zone chairpersons trained. If you are one of these officers, please commit to one of the training sessions. Even if you have held one of these positions before, there is still much to learn to be effective. Please commit to this training.

Each year, Lions International sponsor a training called **Emerging Lions**. This training is for Lions members that have not held a club office. This year the training is held in Montreal, Canada. Lions International had set a limit of one member in each district to attend this training. With a little luck, we were able to send seven Lions from our state. The following Lions will be attending this **Emerging Lions Training**: Terra Gaylord, Brandon Iverson and Andy Peterson for 28 T. Winifred Barrett, Janice Ridges, Ed Ridges and Deryl Davis from 28U. These Lions should be applauded for stepping up with their time and effort to attend this training.

All other Lion members in the state that have not held a club office should remember this **Emerging Lions Training** that is held in October each year. Get with your district governor and ask to attend.



As most of you know, our state project is the **Sight for Kids** eye scanning. Our goal is to scan every child's eyes in Utah between the ages of three and eight. The training began at the Mid-Winter Social.

Our most recent training was sponsored by the Holiday club with members from Hunter, Bountiful, Draper, Union, Coolville, Riverdale and the Holiday clubs. There were almost thirty Lions trained that night. To date we have about eighty Lions trained to do scanning, with six scanners.

If you have not been trained, more training will be provided as needed. We will begin our scanning with the Day Care, Head Start programs then move into the public schools. Please contact your area Chairperson for more information.

Adam Pfaff District Governor 28U 2013-2014

Message

The leadership for the **Sight for Kids** is:

Sight for Kids State Chairperson: CC Wayne King 801-589-3097

District Chairperson 28 U: CC Wayne King 801-589-3097

Area Chairperson: Salt Lake County, Davis County, Tooele County: Winifred Barrett 801-209-3438, Bountiful Club

Area Chairperson: Weber, Morgan County, Summit County Teresa Knight 801-644-4753, Riverdale Club

Area Chairperson: Cache County, Paul Butters 435-563-5751, Smithfield Club

District Chairperson 28 T: Rich Gillette 435-463-2424

No area Chairpersons for 'T' have been assigned as of this date.

Beverly Thomas, District Governor 28T 2013-2014 **Message**

Celebration, Communication and Connections

A Call to Convention has been issued for the 28T Convention on November 1-2, 2013. The Pleasant Grove Lions Club will be the host club and invite all Lions to join them to commemorate their 75th Charter Anniversary.

We will celebrate with newly elected International Director Steve Tremaroli and his wife, Marianne, from Huntington, New York. Director Tremaroli is a retired chiropractor and a member of the Melville Lions Club. He and his wife will address us throughout the different plenary sessions, luncheons and dinners. Please note Registration Form at the end of the Lions Tale.

Connecting with other Lions and learning from each other is what keeps the spirit of Lionism going. Utah clubs were early supporters of Melvin Jones' vision of putting the talents of people who were successful because of their drive, intelligence and ambition to work in their communities.

On Friday, training for new officers, zone leaders and new members will be held. The next morning we will communicate all the great service Lions have completed in our District. We will have roll call of our clubs and we encourage you to represent your club by standing and declaring your club pride. We encourage competition and want our Leos to join. Saturday, after the convention, we will hold certification training for the new photo screeners. MD Council Chair Wayne King has set a goal for Utah to have all children between the ages of 3-8 screened by our new screeners this year. A Sight for Kids vest will be available to purchase for \$10.

The fun is coming back to the Lions Conventions with the leaders "Rockin' the Vest", tail twisting and great prizes.

More than 50 years ago Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stood in the shadows of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington DC and gave a speech that outlined what his dream was for all American people. Recently, it was made known that Dr. King's famous speech was to only be four minutes long. However, towards the end of his speech he began to improvise a new, more detailed, vision of what his desires were for this great country; he shared with us his "Dreams." Each of us has dreams for ourselves, our families, our communities, and our Lions Clubs. Our current Lions International President Barry Palmer wants us all to *Follow Your Dreams*. To that end I would like to call upon all of the Lions in District 28U to ponder your dreams, and begin striving towards reaching them.

What tools will you need? What resources from your communities, clubs, zones, and district can you draw from to make these dreams come true? What do you need to do to take that first step towards achieving your dream? Every great race has been completed by taking that first step.

I have dreams this year as the District Governor to see service in action. Service begins with an idea, followed by a plan, and completed by action. For several months I have been watching this in the planning and implementation of the Walk with the Blind that is taking place on September 7th this year at the Gateway. I am watching it happen in the Park City club as they prepare for a Golf Tournament on September 27th and 28th. I am hearing of other great projects that the clubs are doing all over the district; coming too is our District Convention in Rose Park on October 18th and 19th.

Last year, at our District Convention, we had the opportunity to hear about the importance of literacy in our communities. Ever since then I have wanted to do something to help this cause. My time, as is yours, is restricted because of family obligations, work obligations, church obligations, etc., etc. Still I spent a lot of time dedicated to trying to find a way to make a difference. Finally, it came to me...collect books to donate to a local literacy program. This is a service.

I would like to ask that all of the Lions who are going to attend the District Convention in Rose Park please bring with them 5-10 new or lightly used children's books to donate to a local literacy program. The books can be in English or Spanish, and they can easily be picked up at a local D.I., Savers, Goodwill, etc. Every one of the books collected will be donated. My dream is to collect over 300 books for donation.

Literacy is not only a local concern, it is a global problem. As Lions International Clubs we are a global community. I have invited a special guest speaker to join us at our convention in Rose Park on October 18th and 19th. Wendi Dwyer (featured in the March LIONS magazine) works with the people of South Sudan teaching them to read and write. I extended an offer to give her the collected books for her work in Africa, but she declined the offer because it costs too much to ship and process the books. Instead she informed me that for only \$4000.00 a year they can purchase the needed materials and a teacher to further the work. To that end I have a dream that we as a group of Lions will be able to help raise some of that money to help her literacy program in South Sudan.

Finally, we will have an International Director speaking to us at the District Convention in Rose Park on October 18th and 19th. My dream is to get as many Lions out to the Convention to share with me your enthusiasm and commitment to serve your local and global communities. At the end of each of our meetings we stand together as Utah Lions and recite these words, "I am a loyal Lion, God help me to do my duty as such." Dreams are desires, wishes, and lessons that come from Providence, why than should we question their need? Instead, we should strike out with full faith knowing that that dream will come true. Take time to find and *Follow Your Dreams*.



Utah Lions Foundation Lions Conquering Blindness UTAH LIONS REPORT

The Foundation had a busy year and had some good accomplishments. Despite a slight correction in the market our investments did well with a total gain of \$27,683.

We dispensed \$32,940 on various grants and/or assistance requests plus donated \$20,000 to the Utah Lions Eye Bank. These projects range from cataract operations, replacing an artificial eye, dispensing used eye glasses in Peru and helping fund a barrier-free park in Davis County.

We granted both Districts the funds to purchase an Optical Scanner which will be used to test elementary school children. We also acted as an Agent for a grant from the State of Utah for a tree planting project. We have finalized all required reports for last year and have elected new Officers for this coming year. They being: Chairperson, Keven Christensen, Richfield Club; Vice Chairperson, PDG Marty Sherman, Cedar City Club and Secretary & Treasurer, Lynn John, Syracuse Club.

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PDG Marty marpat@q.com

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**"Don't put off until tomorrow
what you can do today – If you
like it, you can always do it again
tomorrow." (Anonymous)**

Youth Exchange

This last year (July 2012) we had five students come to Utah from various areas in Finland. These youth and their host families report a very pleasant and successful experience.

Two young ladies were hosted in 28U. These youth had a dual hosting. The first two weeks in Layton and the last two-and-a-half weeks in Fruit Heights. Three youth were hosted in 28T—one young man in St. George and two young ladies in Washington. The boy had dual hosting. I am sorry to report that we had no youth go out from Utah. For this reason we are begging for your help. I am asking that you, as individuals and clubs, think about the youth in your family or other areas and see if you have someone that you feel would be a good candidate for this Lions

International program. The youth must be between the ages of 16 and 21 years. The youth, their family or their sponsoring club are responsible for their air fare. This amount is not available at the current time, but usually runs between \$1500.00 and \$1700.00 round trip.

This is a great program.

Sincerely, Lion Carolyn Dansie Lions Youth Exchange Chairperson

PARK CITY LIONS FIRST ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

“Sympathy
is two
hearts
tugging at
one load.”
(Charles A.
Parkhurst)





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- Company Included in List of Sponsors

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When Did You Become a Lion?

A message from District 28T 1st VDG Craig Rasmussen

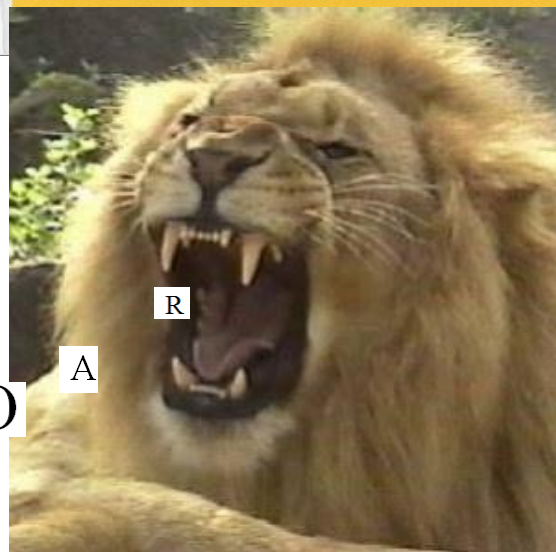
For me, my membership in Lions has been like some old friendships I have formed. With the passage of time and the broadening of knowledge and experience, my commitment to Lionism has grown ever deeper.

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VDG Craig at the International Convention

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The experience of attending the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany this past July was transformative. Twenty-four thousand Lions from nearly every country in the world – some of whom were from countries at war with each other serving on committees together - add world

class entertainment such as the singer Andrea Bocelli, Laura Bush and Yao Ming and well, you get the idea.

The host city is a beautiful old city which has very modern infrastructure. Riding the subway proved to be very easy and inexpensive. Hamburg's location on the Elbe River allows large sea going vessels to dock. A formal dinner for 2000 was held in a converted spice warehouse on the waterfront. The parade of nations around a lake where rowing and sailing boats speed around lasted for hours.

The crowds lining the entire 10 block course of the parade cheered us like a winning Super Bowl team. I couldn't even comprehend it.

The final day culminated with a convention in a Hockey Arena. As we filed in to the 18,000 seat arena several large screens were flashing pictures of hundreds of Lions projects from all around the world. Next, millions of Lions Foundation dollars were awarded to various programs. Barry Palmer was sworn in as International President and from our District Beverly Thomas and 770 other District Governors

from 208
countries
around the
world were
sworn in and
the convention
closed.



The Utah Delegation in the Parade

I would encourage every Lion to attend one of these International Conventions in the future. Our 100th Anniversary Convention will be in Chicago in 2017 and Las Vegas, Nevada in 2018. Next year when I am installed as District Governor, we will be in Toronto Canada. This is your invitation to join me there in 2014. See you there.

District 28U 1st VDG Bonnie Johnson

Message

Greeting Lions

First of all I would just like to say how proud I am to be a Lion. I have only been a Lion for a little over 6 years but have always had a lion's heart. We Serve, that is what we are all about. Merlyn and I were able to attend the International Convention in Hamburg Germany this last July and boy did I get my eyes open even wider.

Past International President Wing-Kun Tam did a presentation on what LCIF had done this last year. I think he took more time than he was given, but he had a lot to show and tell. I wish that every Lion could have seen it, I think we would all stand a little taller and work a little harder. We as lions have touched so many lives and all for the better. We have helped with natural disasters like the tornado in Oklahoma, partnering with the Gates Foundation to eradicate measles, Special Olympics and having Scholastic as a Lion partner to help with literacy throughout the world. You can know that there are Lions out there giving of their time and resources . One of my highlights was the Humanitarian of the year, Andrea Bocelli. He has a foundation for disadvantaged children. They gave him a check to further his work. He then sang to us. It was so beautiful that I cried. Here is a man with a great talent and a huge disability of being blind but he hasn't let it stop him from helping others. We went to a workshop and sat at a table with two men from the Middle East and two from Australia. Then a man and two woman came in and sat at our table. I looked at the one woman and thought to myself 'now she is so put together.' The next day she came out on stage. She is Princess Lauentien of the Netherlands, and she told of some of the things that we had talked about at our table. (You never know who's listening.) I hope that we all are listening and ' looking for things that we can do to make our community better, and that we are seeing others that have a Lion heart that we can invite to become Lions. I am happy to have made so many friends in Utah and throughout the world through LCI. One of my new made friends will be coming to our district convention in October to tell a little of her dream and how she is making a difference.

1st VDG Bonnie Johnson

The Service Creed:

When you're tired, rest!

When you're finished, quit!

Simply put: 'Hoe to the end
of the row.'

A large corporation recently sent a memo to all employees:
'Anyone found dead at their desk, will be immediately
terminated.'

In a 'service organization' you don't get terminated for
inactivity; you get new assignments.

We need your help!



LOVE YOUR CHILDREN;
INVOLVE THEM IN LIONISM

WALK WITH THE BLIND

The Walk With the Blind challenge is coming up September 7th at the Gateway. Nick Wadsworth from the Bountiful club can give you more details. Nick's telephone number is: 801-660-0180 and his email address is: wadsnich@gmail.com. There will be a walk/run challenge, a breakfast and sensory walk. We need lots of volunteers and support is always welcome.



"THE BLIND CHALLENGE"

At The Gateway Fountains: September 7, 2013 at 8:30 AM



EASY

- Window shop as you walk 5000 steps (2.5 miles) and enjoy your sight

MEDIUM

- Do 2500 steps blindfolded with a partner and switch with them halfway through the 5000 steps
- Do one or more blindfold challenges

The Challenge – All this blindfolded:

- Walk 5000 steps with a partner you trust
- Count change/identify coins
- Play kick ball, goal ball and catch
- Walk over obstacles
- Use a white cane
- Get a drink
- Hit a Baseball

****Blindfolds will be removed for the stairs**

This Challenge is for people of all Abilities!

All Day Events :

8:30 AM

The Blind Challenge - \$25.00 early registration - \$30.00 day of race (price includes breakfast and T-shirt)

9:30 AM

Breakfast (\$5 adults; \$3 children)

10 AM-3PM

(Donations welcomed)

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Paradise Lions Club

Aug 25, 2013, Council Chairman Wayne King and his family were invited to the Paradise Lions club to assist with the club's annual **Trout and Berry Festival**. This event started in 1991 as the club's primary fund raiser. The club sponsors the dinner for the event. The dinner included grilled trout, corn on the cob, salad and drink, with

raspberry or blueberry tart for desert. The trout was to die for. When asked for the recipe for the trout, the response was, "the recipe for the trout is a bigger secret than Kentucky Fried Chicken." The Paradise club served almost 700 dinners that evening. Proceeds from the event will go towards a new park. The city recently purchased over 8 acres for a new park and horse riding arena. The Lions club is doing all the Landscaping.