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Dear Kansas and K1 Lions Clubs,

As you no doubt know, 12 counties in southeast Kansas have been named as Disaster Areas by Governor Sebelius related to flooding this weekend.

Many of our K1 Lions Clubs are in the center of this disaster in their communities and are being affected by evacuations, power outages, water shortages, and towns that have become islands as no one can get in or out.



District Governor David Orr, now PDG David, has been appointed by the new District Governor of K1, Nancy Moore, as the Lions District Disaster Relief Chairman for this year.

Last night David got in touch with State and District Lions leadership and made application for a Lions Club International Foundation Disaster Grant. We are confident that at least \$10,000 will be available to help the clubs who are in need due to the flooding crisis.



David is currently using burgers and other supplies planned for a 4th of July Hamburger Feed in Chanute to feed relief workers and evacuees in Chanute at the Chanute Fire Station. Our Chanute Lions Club members are helping feed lunch and dinner meals today.

David wanted me to let as many affected Lions Clubs as possible know that, although we can not get to

them, we are thinking about them and concerned about their welfare. Also, to let them know, that monetary help should be coming from the International Foundation very shortly. The fact that this weekend is the International Convention in Chicago complicates things somewhat.

If your Lions Club can help your community in any way at this time, such as feeding the National Guard, Fire Fighters, and other volunteers or providing food, water, shelter, etc. to evacuees, please know that the District has every intention of dividing up the International Grant to the various clubs and their communities to help defray the costs incurred.



For documentation to International on the grant, it would be helpful if the various clubs affected would e-mail or call in a report regarding how the flooding has affected their community and what the club is doing to help with disaster relief.

If Clubs not directly affected by the flooding are able to provide bottled water, Supplies, funds, etc. to others who are accessible, we encourage them to do so, and we hope to help with their costs later as well.



At this moment Clubs which are isolated include Independence and Neodesha.

Chanute can be accessed only from the south on Hwy 169. Humboldt can be accessed from Tank Farm Road.

Thanks for any and everything you are able to do at this time and please let us know how we can help with specific needs your community might have.

We should and will continue to partner with the Red Cross, United Way, and Salvation Army. However, it is time to also be a leader when possible and carry

out President Jimmy Ross's **LIONS DISASTER ALERT** Relief Program as we did at Greensburg. Let's not wait for someone else to do it, its time to do our part as Lions Disaster Alert!



Please call reports in to: Cheryl Orr, (620) 431-4724 (h) or (620) 432-1436 (c)
Or e-mail: cheryl@magnatechinc.com Cheryl will be compiling a report for David who is in town helping, while she is isolated at their home east of Chanute.



Sincerely Yours in Lionism!

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