

# Lions Paw Tracks



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Acting Governor David Orr

*We can make a difference – by working together as a TEAM  
ON THE SAME TRACK --- GET ON BOARD!*

17-K1



## FROM THE ROUND HOUSE ON THE TRACK OF THE ACTING DISTRICT GOVERNOR

This has been a very interesting time for me as I've learned a lot more about Lionism from the rest of you than I've given you!

I encourage all of you to pay visits to your area Clubs and see what they're doing! Amazing amount of effort from all of you!

I enjoyed the many visits and love the stories of Lionism 101. Right now I've asked all of my PDG's that have been working with me to pay additional visits to our District Clubs to promote our new agenda for next year. You will be seeing new things starting to happen over the next term. However none of these things can happen without you.

### MAKING TWO VISITS IN ONE DAY

April 17<sup>th</sup>, we pulled into Sedan for the noon meeting. They were gracious enough to allow PDG Don Matlock and me to sneak in a meal and a visit. They discussed the up-coming Step Back in History with "Chautauqua" which will be held at Sedan on June 16-20, 2006 at the County Courthouse.



Then we made the short dash to Caney to pay a visit on Vice District Governor Nancy Moore.

Their newest Fund Raiser is the May Pole Festival they are holding Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Local Park. There will be many activities and a Local Band is hired to perform.

### MAKING COFFEYVILLE A BETTER PLACE

I visited Coffeyville the evening of April 18<sup>th</sup>, they were a lively bunch of folks with PDG Mike Banta at the helm. Really had a nice dinner and met a lot of wonderful people. They discussed taking over the sight of the old Memorial Auditorium to rework and turn it in to a Lions City Park. Their intent is to build a Gazebo there in honor of one of their past Lions. I also got to help them with their Product Liability Insurance from Lions International to the "City of Coffeyville"



### KINCAID LIONS CELEBRATE 50 YEARS!

The evening of April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006, 100 Lions and guests came together to celebrate the Kincaid Lions Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It was a wonderful time sharing Lionism with all of the District and Past International President Dr. Bill Wunder and his lovely wife. Good Job Kincaid for a wonderful exhibit of a Class Anniversary Celebration by a Lions Club.

## LIONS SIGHT BUS at CHANUTE

On April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Chanute Lions Club hosted the Kansas Lions Sight Bus at Chanute's Spring Expo. The club saw 40 people, identified two candidates that needed



eye care and arranged glasses. Also the Club helped the

same day at Iola Health Fair and the Chanute Health Fair for the Bone Marrow Drive for Brett Eilts.



Easter Sunday the Club also hosted their 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny showing up to hand out eggs to all of the little children, the Club gave out \$64.00 dollars in money for prizes to the winners.

## ARK-CITY EVENING

Let me tell you about the last month's travel! Traveling through the District we are definitely Live and Well... On April 24<sup>th</sup>, I went back to the Ark-City Evening Club to visit my old friends who requested I Induct some new members who we approached to join when I spoke to them last month! GUESS WHAT they brought in four new members! They also announced a fifth was going to join? So, **Go ARK-CITY EVENING!**



## ALSO APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006

### BAXTER SPRINGS HOST ZONE SOCIAL

(Region 3, Zones 1, 2, and 3.)

The same night Baxter Springs Hosted a Zone Social that had approximately sixty seven in attendance. I sent many of the PDG's and Zone Chairmen down to fill in for me. I hated to miss it but I felt signing new Lions up was a common goal we all shared. Lions Clubs that were in attendance were Baxter Springs, Columbus, Caney, Girard, Independence, Lyndon, McCune, Parsons, and Pittsburg.

State CC Rudy was there for the meeting and talked about the membership dues that International is going to try and put in order by Jan. 2007. It will be voted on at the International Convention by the Lion Members who are there.

Entertainment was by Sandy and Jack Hemphill from Commerce, OK. The Program was Peggy Sampson from the Development Director, Audio-reader Network, Lawrence, KS. It was a great Program and she told them if any Club wanted to have her come to their club that she would be more than happy to do so. I know that all of you Lions would enjoy it.

True to her word, Peggy is scheduled to visit both the Parsons and Pittsburg clubs on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Peggy at Audio-Reader at 1-800-772.8898.

## “LION OF THE YEAR”

The best part of attending the Pittsburg Lions Membership Social, was knowing that Lion President and District News Editor was about to get “The Lion of the Year” Award! Anyone who knows Lion Debbie Greve can understand why she deserved the Award...

This was a Membership Social, and by the way I highly recommend every Club should host one! I had a great time speaking to the many school teachers and administrators who were present in the Pittsburg Club. I walked into the room LATE! I had the wrong time! In the Club are five PDG's and the room full of teachers (Keep in mind I was a Lousy Student) But I survived. Debbie was a fellow classmate of mine and also a previous Chanute Lion who we hated to lose out of our Club!



Now I will tell you why she deserved the Award. We handed out the membership applications after my speech Debbie closed and from that Pittsburg has gained 6 new members! Each month Debbie does extensive work in pulling together and distributing the District newsletter. She also has worked hard on coordinating such the District Convention in Pittsburg last fall and the upcoming State Convention in Pittsburg.

**Now! I would like to tell you about some exciting new things on the horizon for next year!**

### **Coming Attractions for Next Lions' Year! 2006 - 2007**

We will be implementing a new awards program highlighting our theme **"We're On Track"** This program will have many facets to it.

I've commissioned a professional artist friend of mine to paint an original Limited Edition print of our **NEW TRAIN!** From this painting we will design our new Pin Sets for 2006 – 2007. Here is how it works:



#### **LIONS ENGINE w/Coal Car:**

**(These will be given out at the Start of the Contest)**

It will start with the Engine which is the Kansas MD17-K1 Lions! As I pay my visits to each Club **I will be handing out these Engines with a Coal Car attached.** This is the Fuel or the Energy that drives the Engine! I will ask you as Fellow Lions to make a one time donation to

the District of five dollars. This will help pay for the pins and support our District and our PDG's will give you through the coming year! This is the ambition and the giving of your time and your money to make your Community and Club the best it can be!

The rest of the Train can be earned by each and every one of you Lions working together or individually!

#### **LIONS MAIL CAR:**

**(Communications with any News Source)**

Option a) Send a **Club article to the District newsletter** or send a copy of a **Club or Fund Raiser article published in your local newspaper.** Mail the Governor a copy of an Article you had published in your Club Newsletter.

Option b) Get an **Article published in an International or State Lions Club publication** (Lions Magazine or Kansas Lions News)!

The Mail Car Pin gets all Lions Involved in public relations tooting their own **Whistle** letting **Off Steam** about their communities and helping other people around the country know about Lionism? A very easy Pin to Win!



## STATE CAR:

(This Train car display's the State Flag)

This State Pin you earn if you **Attend one of our four District Cabinet Meetings or State Convention**, another way would be to **Attend all of the Zone Socials** in your area! The **entire Club can earn the State Pin by Hosting one of these events**.



## LIONS RESERVE MINT CAR:

(Train Car Loaded with Gold Bricks)

This Golden Car is to push you into thinking outside of the Box! Having your Club Participate in a **New Fund Raiser** and Contributing over 50% of the Proceeds to Sight II. Another way to earn this pin is to donate five hundred dollars or more to another charity or to LCIF Foundation and / or Leader Dog Programs. Collecting over One Thousand Glasses and the pin is yours!

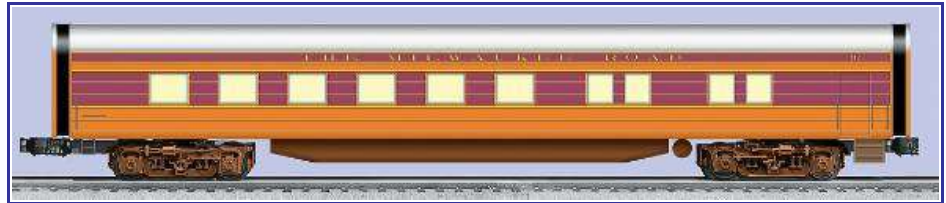
Keep in mind this is for New Ideas and Fund Raisers your Club has never done before.

## LIONS PASSENGER CAR:

(Holding all of the New Members you're going to sign up)

The goal here is to create **New Members** for your Club.

You can earn this pin collectively or individually. Here is how this Pin works. Sponsor One NEW MEMBER and win the passenger car or you can also receive this Pin if your Club inducts 10 new members! I call this program NET-10 because they have to be new without dropping any for the year of the program.



## BAND CAR: (Support our Lions Band)

All you have to do is have your Club pay and send two young musicians to State Band or Donate \$ 500.00 from your Club to the Lions Band Foundation.



## CABOOSE: (The Follow up Pin)

All you have to do to win the Caboose is **win all of the other Train Cars by State Convention**.

Have your Club Secretary have all of your reports submitted on time with the final PU101 Report completed.

Trust me if you do all we're asking you will be honored with the final grand prize that will be worth it the time and effort your Club

worked for! This will give you the joy and fulfillment all Lions strive for!

*This new program will start July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 AND run through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. By giving you an insight into this new Lions Venture it will give you time to get your Boilers Fired and your **Train Moving!***



## TEAM WORK

We Can Make a Difference in our Communities, District, State, Nation and the World by working together as a TEAM on the same **TRACK!**

Lions who attended the District Cabinet meeting at Burlington, April 30<sup>th</sup> pose in front of the Beautiful caboose located downtown, promoting the "**We're on Track**" theme for 2006-2007.

## **ALL ABOARD!**

### **Get On Board – don't miss the State Convention**

Have you submitted your registration for the state convention yet?

We need a great showing of the Lions members in 17-K1 at the convention. It is not often we have the luxury of this very important event being so close for those of us located in the extreme southeast corner of the state. We especially encourage new members to Lions to consider participating in at least a portion of the activities. Reasons why you need to attend:

- This is a great opportunity to learn more about the organization
- Become acquainted with your fellow Lions
- Build your enthusiasm about being a part of the largest and BEST service organization in the world
- Take part in a roundtable discussion on recruitment and retention tactics, successful fundraisers, and club success stories...
- and have a really great ole' fashion time.

Activities includes: Music by a barbershop quartet, a train ride on a vintage train with entertainment on board, fireworks, ice cream social, games at the park, and the fabulous sounds of nearly 200 high school band students performing. Don't miss out!

Don't forget the registration deadline is May 20<sup>th</sup>! For more information call Lynda Killingsworth at 620-231-6856 or Bill Stobart at 620-231-3291.

Also a BIG THANKS!

We wish to thank the many Lions club members throughout the area who are helping host the State Convention in Pittsburg June 1-3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks everyone for the teamwork and enthusiasm shared by the each of you in the Baxter Springs, Chanute, Columbus, Girard, McCune and Parsons clubs. Don't forget the final planning meeting Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 in Conference Room B of Mount Carmel Regional Medical Center.

---- Your Convention Planning Committee

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News From around the District

### **ARK-CITY Sgt. Jerry Mills Jr. "FISHING DERBY"**

Arkansas City Club held a fishing derby and even though it was a little rainy they had 100 children participate. Lion Gary Hale expressed there has been a great deal of good from this fishing derby. There were kids who did not want to leave. They are considering having a fish fry at the park to show their appreciation to all the volunteers who helped out. Besides the excitement that it brought to over one hundred children, this event was a real opportunity to introduce the club to the community and encourage membership.

## **REGION 3 – Zone 1**

Although I'm not officially the zone chair until July, I did visit the Baxter Springs and Columbus clubs recently to present a program on the upcoming state convention. I wish to report that as always, both clubs impressed me with their level of involvement in their community. Columbus Lions members are joining forces with the Chamber office on a program they've entitled "sprucin' up Columbus." They are busy painting 16 planters which they filled with ivy for year-round beauty. They are also proposing to write a grant for assistance in replacing a city landmark – the 3-D ships on the downtown light posts. I look forward to visiting all the clubs in the zone multiple times during the next year. We've so much to learn from one another and visiting other clubs is a great way to share information. Lion Debbie Greve

## **Governor's Cabinet Meeting**

Everyone was "on track" at the Governor's Cabinet Meeting, which met at the Across The Border Mexican Restaurant in Burlington on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Acting District Governor David Orr presided over the final cabinet meeting of the year standing in for District Governor Bill Brown who has had to step down due to illness. The theme of the meeting was working for Lions with a passion.

Training was provided for computer reporting of Monthly Membership Reports (MMR's) to International. David Orr conducted this and handed out CD's of instructions for completing these reports on the lionsclubs.org website. If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of one of these CD's they are available for a voluntary donation to recover the cost of duplication. Call David at (620) 431-3490 for a copy.

Officer Training was conducted by PDG Chris Bauer and Zone Chairman Training by PDG Don Cunningham. PDG Gerald Snyder presented a general orientation to Lions.

World Wide Induction was led by PDG Joyce DeVore who inducted three new Lions members: Vera Schmidt, Potwin; Art Syring, Burlington; and Cheryl Orr, Chanute.

Three young volunteers, who have been giving their community service time to a local care center in Burlington, were presented certificates of achievement from the Burlington Lions Club. District Governor Bernard Lee of District 17-K7 granddaughter was one of the recipients.

A PDG Meeting was held prior to the District Cabinet Meeting. A Special Convention was also convened at which Lion Nancy Moore, Caney Lions Club, was elected the Vice District Governor for 2006-2007.

Awards given were highlighted by Joyce DeVore's Past District Governor Award, Lion Treasurer William Loyd received the District Treasurer's Awards, and Lion Gene Allen received the District Secretary's Award. Lion Debbie Greve was awarded District 17-K1 Lion of The Year Award for 2005-2006.

PDG Chris Bauer detailed recommended changes to the District Constitution.

## **Upcoming Events**

**Kansas State Lions Convention – Pittsburg, KS Holiday Inn – June 1-3**

**USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum – Columbus, OH September 14-16**  
for more information and registration – <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>