

# Lions Paw Tracks

June 2006

Acting Dist Gov. David Orr



17-K1

## We're on Track ...Get on Board!



The Month of May was very enjoyable traveling around the District! I didn't get to attend the Ark-City Sgt Jerry Mills Jr. Fishing Derby, which I understand was a tremendous success having more than one hundred kids learning about the art of fishing.

**May 1<sup>st</sup>**, I did get to go back to my own club for one evening and the guest speaker was our own PDG Don Matlock giving a talk on Awards? I've asked Don to speak on that subject as much as possible because I've found that a lot of Lions Clubs in K1 are not thanking and awarding their Lions properly for a job well done. It is pertinent that you **"Thank a Lion Today"**. People of all types get really run down trying to work their tail off when it appears no one really cares! So be sure and thank your fellow Lions and encourage them to keep up the good work!

**May 8<sup>th</sup>**, I attended the Howard Lions Club and had a really nice pot luck dinner which I find out they do this for their meal every meeting. Lion Knut Schaad is at the helm, I got to see a couple of my fellow Lion that I had contact with before at other meetings like Sec/Treasure Charlie Smith and Lion Philip Skow who has visited many other Clubs. That night we inducted several new members for the Howard Club winning them my Governors award.

**May 15<sup>th</sup>**, I got to visit one of the neighboring clubs on my home turf. Humboldt had great attendance and Lion Colvin brought in a new member getting both the sponsor and the new member one of my Lions Rock towels. Next years K1 Secretary is PDG Lion Chris Bauer from the Humboldt Lions Club.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**, Cheryl and I packed up the Kansas Lions Rock Coach and moved to Towanda for their Annual Garage Sale Days. We parked in the drive with my Train Buddy President Fred Kemp, got to meet the whole gang including Secretary John Cogan and Treasure James Hittle. I didn't do any speaking here just worked starting at 5:00AM in the morning! Got ready to Flip Pancakes! By the way if you haven't figured out yet I'm a working Governor, not a do nothing governor, so if you want me just call. I can cook, clean and do dishes!

**May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, I stopped in for a Cookout with the Madison Club. Learned about all of the different fund raiser they have partaken in! One of the events; coming up on June 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>. They too had lost one of their recent Lions who passed away back in March. The ironic thing was the Lion Harold Fankhauser who passed on just brought a new Lion James Dewitt, Jr. in the Club! You have to Love that Lion. "Till Death Do us Part"

**May 29<sup>th</sup>**, Off to State Convention, I won't tell you anything on State here accept it was a great time and enjoyed my fellow Lions and really enjoyed the State Lions Band. Good Job Hans and Sheri? If I tell you anymore than that! I will have nothing to write about for my **July Paw Tracks**? Fellow Lions don't forget to thank the Lions who make a difference? It will help our Clubs grow and give us a feeling of purpose in our lives. Get on the Lions Train she's pulling out of the Station for the journey of a Lifetime!

**Governor Dave**

## Upcoming Events

International Lions Convention – Boston MA – July 1-3

District Cabinet Meeting (everyone welcome invite your new club members to attend) Saturday, August 19, Magna Tech Office, 4331 S Johnson Road, Chanute, from 10:00-3:00. Lunch will be hosted by the Chanute and Humboldt clubs.

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

K1 Governors Ball at the "ALIBI" September 19<sup>th</sup> Chanute, KS Contact Terri at Magna Tech, Inc. / Big Creek (800) 477- 0480

Fall Leadership Forum "Deep in the Heart of Kansas" - Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> Courtyard by the Marriott & Convention Center – Junction City, KS  
Mail Registration to: PDG Tom Cooney, P.O. Box 49, Morganville, KS 67468 Phone: (785) 926-3069 eMAIL: [cooneyts@twinvalley.net](mailto:cooneyts@twinvalley.net)

District Convention – March 23 & 24 in Parsons. You won't want to miss this fabulous event!



"WE SERVE"

### Madison Lions Club

On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> my path led me to Madison Kansas, Home of the Madison Lions Club! Members were busy cooking hamburgers when I Arrived, so I was able to visit a bit while they cooked. They shared with Me their favorite program, the "Birthday Calendar Program," which I Understand to be their most successful fundraiser! The meeting was Very cordial, my fellow Lions were very nice. I had the opportunity to Meet the Club President Dan Watts as well as Grady Derryberry the Club's Secretary/Treasurer. Also on board that night was PDG Bob Fry Along with other fellow Lions busy making plans for the annual BBQ Feed



for Madison Days! The Guest speaker for the evening, along with me, was Gordon Smith; Committee Chair for "Madison Days 2006 Celebration" scheduled for June 9-10-11. It sounds like they have many exciting events planned for the three-day event.

I was able to lend a hand and tell them about one of the benefits we all receive from Lions International. If ever you are scheduling an event, you may call and request a "Certificate of Insurance" at no cost to your club in respect to liability arising out of use of premise by the Lions Clubs during events. You simply call Lions Clubs International Headquarters @ 620-571-5466, Ext. 299 to request a certificate.

**Food was good! Conversation very good! Go Madison Day Lions! "We're on Track!"**

### Towanda Pancake Breakfast May 20, 2006

DG David Orr & The First Lady rolled into Towanda in the motor home Friday night and were greeted by the Towanda Lions Club President, Frank Kemp and his lovely wife, Janette. They let the DG Park in the driveway of their home. After parking the RV they were invited us into their home and a real treat!

Upstairs in their home Frank has one of the most fantastic model railroad layouts. What a find....What better way to kick off the "**We're on Track!**" District Pin Contest with the train theme than to be able to take pictures of every type of train car imaginable.

Frank has spent years dedicated to his hobby of restoring vintage model trains to their original splendor. He has agreed to help with the pin contest promotion.



They do their fund raising breakfast in conjunction with the Towanda City Wide Garage Sale each year. They serve pancakes, sausage, scrambles eggs, and biscuits and gravy on both Friday and Saturday mornings the weekend of the garage sale.

I wish to thank the Towanda club for their warm welcome and congratulate them on their very successful weekend.



*Saturday morning came early as Frank and David went to the Senior Citizens Center at 5:30 AM.*

*District Governor David Orr donned his Lions Rock apron and jumped into helping with the Annual Pancake Feed on May 20<sup>th</sup>.*

*The Towanda club has been serving Their community for 52 years and meets in the **Towanda** Senior Citizens Center downtown.*

*It's a great club and a great*

*community.*

**Cherryvale, Kansas May 13, 2006 Cherry Blossom Festival**

K-1 Lions brought the Sight Screening Bus into Cherryvale. What a day we had!

17 Lions and other folks worked the bus Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, the day of the annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Cherryvale, Kansas. The Sight Bus was a new addition to the arts and crafts and food booths lining the downtown park.

Don Matlock, Independence; Tim Hays, Arkansas City Early Bird Lions; Verna and Kenny VanCleave; Parsons Lions; Gerald and Kathy Allen, McCune Lions; Bill Loyd, District Treasurer, Girard Lions all volunteered their time. Governor Dave and I would like to thank all the Lions who helped with this. I know that you took a real nice day that you could have done something for yourself on, but you stepped up and did something for someone else. Thanks so much.

We had other people who helped with the bus. Again, there are not enough words to tell everyone how much it meant to the Lions and the people of Cherryvale for you to take the time out for this day. Thanks so much and may you be blessed by all that you did.

These are the folks who helped with the blood and sugar tests: Aaron Cook, Cherryvale; Abby Oliphant, Cherryvale; Sally Holliday, Liberty; Wayne Gilbert, Luray, Bus Driver; Crystal Everitt, Coffeyville; Tia Walton, Coffeyville; and Jess Reed, Cherryvale.

**MEMBERSHIP TALLY**

District K1 has had a 1.6% increase in membership for the 2005-06 year as of the end of April 2006.

- Membership increase – 21 clubs
- Membership decrease – 14 clubs
- Membership stable – 9 clubs
- Total clubs in district – 44

As of April the TOP NET membership leaders so far this year are:

- Yates Center – 8
- Howard area – 6
- Leon Bluestem – 5
- Towanda – 5
- Arkansas City – 4
- Ark City Early Birds – 4
- Chanute – 4
- Coffeyville – 4
- Independence – 4

Congratulations to these clubs! Those of you who have had decreases, you might wish to a club listed above to learn their secret.

A number of clubs have made increases this month, so those numbers will show in next month's newsletter. While statistics don't tell everything about how we are doing, we do know that we need to continue to keep our membership growing in order to keep our clubs strong for the long term. Keep up the good work – but never stop ASKING others to join your club



**. DG Orr's Lions After Party Band** was one of the groups that provided entertainment all day while 6800 of participants shopped, sampled the food, and enjoyed the classic car and rod show, and passenger train rides. Thanks to everyone who helped and to Dave and Renea Caveness of Cherryvale who work so hard on the event each year, as well as to the Cherryvale Chamber of Commerce who made us feel so welcome!

The bus was there from 9 AM to 4 PM. We had 67 people go through the bus and this is how it broke down at the end of the day as the summary of those who needed follow ups as the screening found problems:

Field of Vision-7; Visual Acuity-9; Hearing-7; Blood Pressure-5; and Blood Sugar-3.

What a beautiful spring day! DG Dave

\*\*\* PDG Don Matlock

Many thanks to all who participated and to PDG Don Matlock for his leadership and coordination of Lions participation in this community event.

\*\*\* ADG David Orr



Left: PDG Don Matlock explains to the Chanute Lions Club, why Awards are important to Lions and the Clubs.

Be sure and thank a Lion Today! For the work they are doing around the Community.



Above: Governor Dave Orr discusses Proper Lions Protocol with the Howard Lions Club. Also while making all of his introductions Lion Knut allowed him to induct a couple of new members. Below: Humboldt President Darrell Krone conducts their meeting at their new digs at the Lutheran Church in Humboldt, Kansas. Lion Secretary & PDG Chris Bauer handle the minutes. At this meeting they introduce one new member.



Many thanks to the southeast Kansas Lions who worked as a team to provide a very successful State Convention June 1-3 in Pittsburg. I'm proud to be the DG of such a remarkable group. Congratulations to the Baxter Springs, Chanute, Columbus, Girard, McCune, Parsons, and Pittsburg club members on a job well done. Your hard work is much appreciated by Lions statewide.

### NEW FUNDRAISER PLANNED BY THE CHANUTE LIONS CLUB

On **Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup>** the **Chanute Lions Club** will be host to its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Cheerleading Clinic. The clinic will run from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and will feature Current & Former KC Chiefs Cheerleaders as Instructors. Natalie Vick, KC Chiefs Cheerleader 2002 through 2005 will be conducting the clinic.

The Clinic will be open to children ages seven through High School and will be held in the gymnasium at **Neosho County Community College**. They will be divided into groups according to their age and placed with a **KC Chiefs Cheerleader**.



The Kansas City Chiefs Name and Logo is the Property of "The Kansas City Chiefs and have no direct affiliation to "The Chanute Lions Club" the Chiefs Cheerleaders are hosting this event in conjunction with the Chanute Lions Club for Community awareness, and to help with Lions Youth Services!

### Chanute new fundraiser (cont)

In addition to learning dances and cheers the curriculum will be character driven focusing on developing a positive attitude, teamwork, and etiquette, poise & communication skills. At the end of the day parents will be invited back to a special "Parents Show" to see what their child has learned.

The Chanute Lions are proud to sponsor this clinic as part of their youth services program and provide children from rural areas the opportunity to participate. If your club would like to sponsor a young Leo or Junior Lion for this clinic contact Terri at the Chanute Lions Club, (620) 431-3490. The fee for the clinic is \$30.00. Registration and payment must be submitted by July 10<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are also available on line at [www.chanutelions.org](http://www.chanutelions.org)

So Kansas Lions.....if you know of any one that may be interested in participating in this clinic or if you would like to host a clinic in your town, please call Terri at the Chanute Lions Club at (800) 365-3999, (620) 431-3490 or email [terri@chanutelions.org](mailto:terri@chanutelions.org). Information and registration forms are available. Deadline to sign up for this event will be July 10, 2006.

### LCIF Disaster Grant

PDG Don Matlock and Paul Fairbanks of the Independence Lions Club reported last week on the final figures regarding the use of the Disaster Grant from the Lions Club International Foundation.

\$3,100 was given out to nine needy families to help them with immediate needs for supplies, clothing, food, and other items. These families are the ones who were affected by the tornado that touched down in Havana and did damage at Elk Lake and Le Hunt near Independence.

The Independence Club administered the \$7,500 grant which was applied for by MD 17-K1 and came from LCIF within days of our District K1 application. The \$4,400 dollars of unused funds have been returned to LCIF to be used when others have a need.

The Grant was applied for by Acting District Governor David Orr from Chanute, Kansas only 15 days after taking office; replacing District Governor Bill Brown due to his life threatening illness. This was the ADG 1<sup>st</sup> official act in office.

Thank you to the Independence Committee which consisted of President, Tom Henricks; Treasurer, Paul Fairbank; Incoming President, Bill Cafilich; and Secretary & PDG, Don Matlock. We appreciate the time and effort you put in to help your neighbors during this critical time in their lives.



**Independence Lions Club Paul Fairbank giving LCIF disaster assistance to client involved in the March 30<sup>th</sup> tornado near Independence. They are standing in front of a trailer loaned to client for temporary housing**

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

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!



(These will be given out at the Start of the Contest) Every Lion working together or individually can earn the rest of the train!



### 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!

There will be more information in future newsletters on additional pins and how your involvement will not only enrich your service and communication with your club but within your community.

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!*

If you don't want to work through the Train Pin Contest you can Purchase them for generous donation through the District where the money will go to help the programs listed above.