

PAWTRACKS

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"We're On Track"

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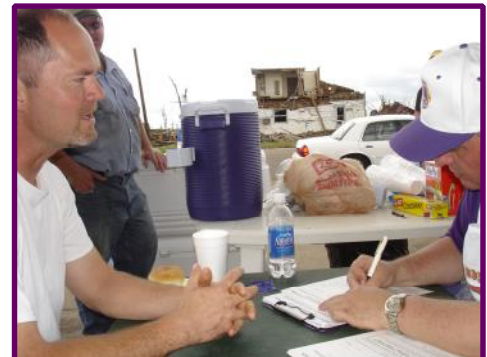
WE'RE ON THE HOME STRETCH

Well here is the next to last issue of my Pawtracks Newsletter. After the June Newsletter DGE Nancy Moore will take over. When you are incoming Governor you are required to show-up at International Convention with your first Newsletter published for review. I have Sixty One days to go and what a ride it has been. I can't tell you enough what a privilege it has been to serve you as District Governor.

At this point I haven't received all of the figures in on my Governors Pin Program. So I will publish the stats in the next Newsletter. I hope to see all of you at the final Cabinet Meeting in Coffeyville so we can hand out awards to all of you for a Job well done.

I do want to tell you that I still will be available for visiting your Clubs and sharing my Lions Experiences with all of the members all you have to do is call. After July 1st, 2007 my email Address dg@lions17k1.org will be transferred to DG Moore and I will go back to dave@chanutelions.org. I have to say I will not understand not being on the Rip anymore after this last year and a half. I will become President again of the Chanute Evening Club for 2007 – 2008. I have asked Nancy if I can be her membership chair in her cabinet. My favorite thing is recruiting NEW LIONS.

I know this is supposed to be a May 1st, Newsletter however I never get it out on time and since I got held up again several Bad things have happen to us Lions. The one I want to get in this newsletter is the Greensburg Tornado. I must tell you going to Greensburg and working beside Lions from other Districts was the most rewarding experience of My Governorship, and it didn't even take place in my District. If you can get the time please go out to K3 and Volunteer some of your time to help those people in need. Don't forget that it is our Backyard and could happen to us anytime. Please read on into this Newsletter on the Report that I filed when I got home. Then take some time to share it with other members of your Club. I ask that you would dig into your pockets one more time for the Greensburg Lions and people of their community and send a minimum of \$500 dollars to K3 through "The Lions Foundation". During the time I was out in Greensburg we wrote \$ 22,400 dollars worth of vouchers. A BIG THANK YOU!! To all of the Lions Clubs in and out of K1 who have already responded to the Greensburg need by sending funds to them, through the Kansas Lions Foundation, earmarked for Greensburg. In the next Newsletter I will try and highlight some of the Great moments that happened to K1 through-out the year. I have so many neat stories to share with the whole world of Lionism I will never get them all published. However this group of 44 Clubs is the BEST I've ever seen in the whole world. You all gave me the support that all Lions Governors just wish they could have had. Being your Governor I can't even grasp all of the graciousness you have shown.



Greensburg Disaster Relief - Make All Tax Deductible Checks to:
Kansas Lions Foundation % PDG Dan Funke
9 Argon, Goddard, KS 67052

CLUBS IN THE NEWS

"WE SERVE"

YATES CENTER LIONS CLUB



The Governor enjoyed an evening with the Yates Center Lions Club complete with singing, "I've been working on the railroad." The club had all kinds of interesting train memorabilia on the tables and after a wonderful meal Governor Dave gave his motivational presentation.

The club elected officers and Lion Mike Rhea, a mere 94 years old became the newest President of the club. His baby brother, Perry, 92 is also an active member.

They also voted to support the Kansas Leo's trip to the Chicago Convention and worked out the details of their fundraiser for Yates Center Days coming up May 26th. They will be selling raffle tickets for two \$100 meat bundles and it looks like a really good deal! Keep up the great work, Yates Center; you continue to be on track!

BAXTER SPRINGS

Baxter Springs hosted their Annual Pancake Feed and the Governor was present. What a Flipper I was. My buddy, PDG Fred G. Sprang, had given me so much razzing about missing out on a couple of meetings I had to go back to flip Pancakes. Baxter Springs is a phenomenon that I can't figure out! This Club is like a fine tuned watch. The majority of Baxter members show up at their weekly meetings just like clock work! They also play the game by using all of the Lions rules!! In the Picture to the right is Lion Kent Warstler. I flipped out for him while he took a break to eat with his family. I would like to see this fine group of Lions teach a class on Lionism 101.



ARKANSAS CITY LIONESS CLUB



The Ark City Lioness Club is on the move and the ladies are getting the job done! DG Dave inducted the new officers to the club which was chartered in 1984. They had their installation on April 2nd and highlighted their service to the Ark City area including: Providing eye glasses, collecting used eye glasses, their second One Thousand Dollar Club for contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Children, Midian Plane for Mercy supporters, sponsor soccer teams, Salvation Army Kettle

Christmas contributions, funds for children with cancer, funds for Ark City Fishing Derby, Sponsoring Lions Band Students, 5 Melvin Jones Awards, and funds to various Hospice programs. It was a pleasure to watch President Carol Goldwater, Secretary Ruth Weston, and Treasurer Bonnie Gilmore in action! They work closely together with the two Lions Clubs in Ark City also and are all a real model of how Lions should work together!



DOUGLASS LIONS CLUB



The Douglass Lions Club hosted DG Dave on April 24.th they voted to send their \$200 to the Kansas Lions Foundation to help the Kansas Leos get to the Chicago Convention. That night in addition to a presentation by the District Governor the club had an excellent presentation Dr. Bonnie Lynch from the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner on the "Don't Get Scammed Program," for the state. More information is available at www.dontgetscammed.org or you can call 1-888-40-SCAMS.

The message was that if an investment opportunity sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The Office of the KS Security Commissioner investigates hundreds of complaints each year and has helped many Kansans recover money from fraudulent schemes.

Warning Signs of Investment Fraud: -High pressure tactics -Promise of high profits in short time -Claim it is risk free -Preying on your fears - Endorsements by groups - Never send cash or cashier's checks through the mail -Never give out a credit card or bank number over the phone for an investment -Keep copies of all correspondence -Be sure the salesperson and product is registered with the Office of the Kansas Securities Commissioner.

TRAIN PIN PROGRAM COMING ROUND THE BEND INTO THE STATION

Thanks to the several clubs who's Secretaries have sent in their documentation on members and club activities that have earned them the Governor's Train Pins. Now is the time to let Governor Dave know how many pins of each you need for your members who are interested and get credit for all of the great work that you have done. We have three of the pins available right now and the other are on the way. These are a great item to hand out when you give your end of the year awards and install officers.



**Secretaries: Please send your order by mail or e-mail to DG Dave
So that your club can get their recognition pins by the end of the year!**

KANSAS LIONS FOUNDATION



At the First council Meeting at Great Bend K1 made the commitment to help the Leo's go to Chicago this year. It has been a long time since South East Kansas Lions participated in helping the Leo's State-Wide. What a Perfect time to do so with the International Convention being held right here in the Heartland at Chicago, IL.

The Clubs Listed below went be on their normal communities' borders to help the Kansas Leo's succeed in their belief that Lionism is alive and well in Kansas.

Thanks go out to the following K1 Clubs who have made the commitment to give their \$200 earmarked for Kansas Leos to attend the International Convention in Chicago this year:

If your Club has not yet made a contribution or your Clubs name missing from the list and have already given. Please email the District Governor at: dq@lions17k1.org Checks can be made out and sent to Kansas Lions Foundation, % Dan Funke Treasure 9 Argon, Goddard, KS 67052.

Arkansas City Evening	Arkansas City Early Birds
Augusta Evening Lions	Benton Lions
Burlington Lions	Baxter Springs Lions
Chanute Evening	Chanute Branch
Caney Lions Club	Douglass Lions
El Dorado Lions 881	Columbus Lions
Big Creek Sound	Howard Lions
Garnett Lions Club	Iola Lions Club
Kincaid Lions Club	Independence Lions
Neodesha Lions Club	Parsons Lions Club
Westphalia Lions	Yates Center Lions Club
Whitewater Lions	

HOWARD LIONS CLUB CHARTERS NEW LEO CLUB!



They did it! Howard Lions Club chartered a new Leo Club for District K1...The Elk County Leo Club was chartered on April 28th in Howard. After months of work organizing the formation of this club it is a reality! Congratulations, Howard Lions Club and thanks to all who helped, including PDG Don Cunningham and PDG Don Matlock and their Zone Chairman Philip Skow. Lion Jerry Wagner is the Leo Club Advisor.

International News

During the March 2007 board of directors meeting, the member and committees of the board, as well as the international officers discussed several important topics. We wish to call your attention to some of these important matters as follows:

A. New Board Decisions

1. Discontinuation of transitional designation

- a. The term "transitional" is replaced with "established districts below 35/1,250 over two years."
- b. Former transitional districts can elect their governors now.
- c. In districts below 35/1,250 over two years, the transportation expenses for the governor's spouse to attend the District Governor-elect Seminar and International convention will be reimbursed if the membership in the district shows a net gain of one or more members, at the end of the governor's term. Membership loss by deaths and transfers must be replaced in order to have a net gain. Also, the number of members in status quo clubs cannot be counted toward a net gain. For example, if transfers and deaths equal a loss of five and the district has one status quo club with 15 members, then the district would need a membership gain of 21 to achieve a net gain.
- d. The constitutional provision that all districts with membership below the 35/1,250 requirement will not be able to endorse a candidate for international director or second vice president remains valid.
- e. These changes are effective immediately.

2. Optional position of additional vice district governors

Any district is permitted to have more than one vice district governor. Establishment of such position is to be determined by delegate vote at the district convention. Details of requirements and administration of said office may be established within the district's constitution and by-laws. Only one elected vice district governor is registered in the records of Lions Clubs International Headquarters and will be the official candidate for the office of district governor.

The district selects its second vice district governor according to the provisions of the district's constitution and by-laws.

The establishment, details of requirements and administration of the second vice district governor may not contravene the district governor and vice district governor election procedures as outlined in Article III, Section 9 of the international by-laws.

3. District officers' annual club visitation

It was the boards wish that the annual club visitation is not the major portion of the work governors do. In other words, club visitation should not be a goal itself. District governors are encouraged to share the task of annual club visitation with vice governors, freeing the governors to spend more time on other important areas, and enabling the vice governors to benefit from the experience in preparation for the governors term.

4. District officers' role and responsibilities

The emphasis has been shifted from the administrative role to the leadership role in which the district governor and other district officers can inspire and urge members, especially club officers, to strive for the best achievements.

The board re-defined the role and responsibilities of district officers to be voted upon by the delegates during the 2007 Chicago Convention.

B. Club Suspension Procedures

Please be aware that the new club suspension procedures will take effect in July 2007.

A club which has an unpaid balance in excess of US\$20 per member or US\$1,000 per club whichever is less, outstanding past 150 days will be automatically suspended including the charter, rights, privileges and obligations of the Lions club for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Any club that has been approved for a payment plan by the Finance Division will not be suspended, so long as it continues to fulfill its obligation per the approved payment plan.

In the event the club does not regain its good standing status within the 90-day suspension period its charter will be automatically cancelled.

Please carefully review the status of all the clubs in the district as shown in the governor's re-cap of accounts, which is sent to governors every month.

C. Status Quo Clubs

As soon as a club is placed in status quo, the district governor should immediately request the zone chairperson meet with the club to develop a plan to return the club to good standing. Any status quo club may be cancelled at the end of the 90 days if it is not reactivated.

D. Club Officer Reporting Form (PU-101)

The deadline for the PU-101 form is May 15, 2007. By submitting this form or filing the information online on time, Lions club's can appear in the International Directory with correct information, and receive communications and publications from International Headquarters throughout the year 2007-2008.

E. 100% District Governor Award

Please check the necessary qualifications to receive this award. If any qualifications are still missing for you, there is enough time to fill the missing qualifications.

K1 AREA NEWS

LAST STOP.....FINAL K1 CABINET MEETING

Last Cabinet Meeting of the Year

Saturday, June 9th

Coffeyville, Kansas

The final K1 Cabinet Meeting will be held Saturday, June 9th at the First United Methodist Church in Coffeyville, Kansas. The Coffeyville Lions Club will sponsor the meeting.

The Church is 1 block north of the McDonald's on Hwy 166.

The agenda is as follows:

9 - 9:30 AM	Registration
9:15 AM	PDG Meeting
10:00-11:45 AM	Cabinet Meeting – Please bring 20 copies of your reports
12:00-1:00	Chicken Noodle Lunch -- Donation to go to Sight First II End of the year awards given!
1:00-2:30	Training for Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers

LET'S HEAD TO HUTCH!

Calling all Lions, Leos, and guests to the 86th annual KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION May 31-June 2nd in the heart of Kansas – the Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center in Hutchinson! Our very special guest this year is International President Jimmy Ross and his wife, Velda, from Texas.

The newly remodeled Grand Prairie Hotel and Convention Center has all of the amenities and more that the Lions of Kansas need for a terrific convention, including an indoor Water Park, spacious sleeping rooms, and plenty of room for meals and meetings. Feel free to bring the kids and grandkids for a fun-filled weekend!

The theme for this year's convention is CELEBRATING OUR SERVICE, and that's exactly what we're going to do! Our convention will start on Thursday evening with a Kick-off dinner. On Friday, we will have the State Council Meeting and a great luncheon program. We will top off the Friday activities with a WESTERN HOE-DOWN, complete with a Texas-style BBQ, prizes for the best western costumes, country dancing and fellowship with International President Jimmy Ross. This may be your once-in-a-lifetime chance to 2-step with an International President (or the wife of an International President!) Our emcee for the Hoe-Down activities will be K2's own VDGE Bryce Day from Wellington. No doubt a good time will be had by all!

You won't want to miss the KANSAS LIONS BAND concert on Saturday morning at Hutchinson Community College. If you have never been to a Kansas Lions Band concert, plan now to make the drive to Hutchinson. You will be impressed and inspired by this outstanding Youth project!

Saturday at lunch we will showcase 90 years of Lionistic service with a "Celebration of Service" pageant. Anyone who has photographs of Lions projects, especially from the 1920's through the 1950's is encouraged to send them to PDG Laura Olson-Oxley (9820 W. 3rd / Wichita, KS 67212). Be sure your photographs are labeled with your name and address so they can be returned to you! Please note who is in the photo and what the photo represents.

On Saturday afternoon, we will have the State Council business session. All clubs are encouraged to send their allotted number of delegates to vote on the very important issues on the ballot.

The final event of our convention will be the Convention Banquet, a "GRAND CELEBRATION AT THE GRAND" on Saturday evening, honoring our District Governors and District Governors-elect, and featuring a keynote address from International President Jimmy Ross.

FOURTH STATE COUNCIL MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION May 31-June 2, 2007

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Grand Prairie Hotel & Convention Center, 1400 N. Lorraine, Hutchinson, Call (620) 669-9311 for reservations • Ask for Kansas Lions Rate

Through the e-mail notices and the Kansas Lions News, you have received the notice to reserve your rooms by May 15th. WE HAVE RECEIVED AN EXTENSION TO MONDAY, MAY 21. If you have not reserved your rooms, please contact them immediately. Ask for the Lions block and rate. Special rate is \$75 and includes a continental breakfast free of charge plus tickets for the indoor water park each day. **DO NOT MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND VISIT WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JIMMY ROSS.**

VERY IMPORTANT....PLEASE CALL FOR YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY.

IMPORTANT: Please register with the Lions Information table to receive your registration packet and tickets.....at the Constitution and By-Laws table to be certified for voting, and visit various displays and booths.

HOSPITALITY ROOM will be provided by the Lions and Lion Clubs of 17-K2. Please join for refreshments and fellowship in Room 310 of the mini-dome.

SPECIAL GUEST: Our special guest for State Convention will be International Director of Lions Clubs International President Jimmy Ross and wife Velda.

IMPORTANT: MEAL RESERVATIONS!! A registration form is also attached for meal reservations. Please abide by the due date as reservations have to be made in advance.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: You are responsible for making approximately 25 copies of your report for Governors, Governors-Elect and head table. Do not bill them to any person or group through the front desk.

HIGHLIGHTS - will be the Kansas Lions Band of approximately 200 students from across Kansas performing at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

FRIDAY EVENING will be a time for fun and fellowship. Lion Bryce Day has planned a very exciting evening. Do not miss the surprises!

SPECIAL NOTE - The Memorial Service honoring our deceased Lions for the past 12 months will be held Saturday, June 2 at 3:45 p.m. Please join in this time of remembering the deceased Lions of our state. All activities of the State Convention will end with the close of the Saturday evening banquet.

THURSDAY, May 31, 2007

2:00 p.m.	District Governors Elect, CC Elect and spouses - Review Training Meeting
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Registration Main Lobby
6:30 p.m.	State Convention Kickoff Dinner/Speaker - EVERYONE INVITED
8:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open - Room 310 in Mini Dome

[PLEASE PICK UP YOUR CONVENTION BOOK AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE FOR MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS](#)

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2007

8:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Registration – Main Lobby	
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Room Open - Mini Dome Rom 310 Displays/Vendors	(Closed during Luncheon)
8:30 a.m.	Kansas Lions Band Foundation	Apollo II
9:00 a.m.	K-I Meeting	Ambassador
10:00 - 11:45 a.m.	FIRST SESSION - STATE COUNCIL MEETING Call to Order Group Singing "America" Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag Invocation Roll Call - 2006-2007 State Council Introduction/Remarks Special Guest – International President Jimmy Ross Introduction/Remarks of Past International Family Introduction of 2007-2008 District Governors Elect Adoption of Agenda Parliamentarian Report Adoption of Third State Council Meeting Minutes 2006-2007 District Governor Reports Treasurer Report	Apollo III Anne Smarsh Sue Cooney David Hentges Arlo Medley Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh Chris Bauer Anne Smarsh District Governors Hans Neidhardt Endeavor II
12:00 Noon	Luncheon Hosted by Past District Governors Club – Everyone Invited – Special Speaker	
1:45 p.m.	SECOND SESSION - STATE COUNCIL MEETING Audit Budget and Finance Constitution and By-Laws and SOP's Environmental Historical/Public Relations International Convention 2007 K-I LCIF Lions Health Programs Long Range Planning MERL Team - Membership, Extension, Retention, Leadership Mid-Winter Rally State Convention 2007 State and International Band State Office Old Business New Business Benediction Adjournment	Apollo III Dennis Cooley Marvin Greenberg Chris Bauer Gary Schneider Thelma Brown Rudy Pouch Stuart Tolle Ted Hutchcraft Vern Failor Rudy Pouch Diane Hentges, Tom Cooney, Daryl Stone, Dan Funke Jean Cooley Laura Oxley Hans Neidhardt Linda McCormick Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh Anne Smarsh
	IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SESSION:	
6:30 p.m.	Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Meeting Kansas Lions Foundation Western Hoe-Down (Dinner/Entertainment)	Apollo III Apollo II Endeavor I & II

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007

8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.. Registration Closed for Band Concert and Luncheon
ALL DELEGATES MUST BE REGISTERED PRIOR TO THE BUSINESS SESSION

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m Displays and Exhibits

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m Hospitality Room Closed for Band Concert and Luncheon

10:00 a.m. Band Concert – Hutchinson Community College

12:00 Noon Luncheon 90 Years of Service Endeavor III

2:00 p.m STATE CONVENTION BUSINESS SESSION Apollo II & III

Call To Order Anne Smarsh

Introduction and Remarks

Special Guest - Jimmy Ross, International President

Past International Family

Parliamentarian Report

Constitution & By-Laws on Voting Procedures

Chris Bauer

Voting by Delegates of Multiple District 17

USA/Canada Forum

Ed McCormick, PID

Kansas Lions Foundation Annual Meeting

Bill Beamgard,
President

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Annual Meeting

Dennis Cooley,
President

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Annual Meeting

Joyce DeVore,
President

Resolutions

DeAnne Heersche

Benediction

David Orr

Adjournment

Anne Smarsh

Immediately following Session

Kansas Lions Band Foundation Board of Directors

Election of Officers 2007-2008. Current District Governors, District Governors Elect, Current Band Foundation Directors, Incoming Foundation Directors

3:45 p.m. Memorial Service Apollo III

The Memorial Service honoring our deceased Lions for the past 12 months. Please join in this time of remembering the deceased Lions of our state.

6:30 p.m. State Convention Banquet Endeavor I & II

Special Guest Speaker – Jimmy Ross, International President
Lions Clubs International

All activities of the State Convention will end with the close of the Saturday evening banquet.

CELEBRATION OF 90 YEARS – LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Come Join the Kansas Lions in a GRAND Celebration

KANSAS LIONS 86th STATE CONVENTION

JUNE 1-2, 2007 – HUTCHINSON

SPECIAL GUEST – INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JIMMY ROSS & WIFE VELDA

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Call (620) 669-9311 for reservations • Ask for Kansas Lions Rate

FREE DELUXE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST FOR ALL THAT STAY AT GRAND PRAIRIE
MUST SHOW ROOM KEY

NAME _____ () Delegate () Alternate () Registrant _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

LIONS CLUB _____

SPOUSE NAME _____ () Delegate () Alternate () Registrant _____

LIONS CLUB _____

REGISTRATION FEE (per each person) Must accompany registration form _____ @ \$5.00 _____
Includes FREE raffle ticket

THURSDAY, MAY 31, 2007

6:30 p.m. Convention Kick-off Dinner _____ @ \$14.00 _____

FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2007

10:00 a.m. State Council Meeting – Grand Prairie Convention Center

12:00 noon Luncheon – Hosted by PDG Club – All invited _____ @ \$10.00 _____

2:00 p.m. State Council Meeting – Grand Prairie Convention Center

6:30 p.m. Western Hoe-Down - /Dinner/fun entertainment _____ @ \$15.00 _____

SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 2007

10:00 a.m. Kansas Lions State and International Band Concert FREE
Hutchinson Community College

12:00 noon Luncheon/Looking back at 90 years! _____ @ \$10.00 _____

2:00 p.m. State Convention Business Session - Grand Prairie Convention Center - Voting

4:00 p.m. Necrology Service – Grand Prairie Convention Center

6:30 p.m. State Convention Banquet A GRAND CELEBRATION AT THE GRAND _____ @ 18.00 _____

Special Guest Speaker- Jimmy Ross, International President

TOTAL _____

Send registration to: Lion Pat Agnew, Kansas Lions State Office, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, 67209

E-mail to kansaslions@aol.com, phone 316-773-2100

Checks payable to Kansas Lions State Convention

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS BY MAY 21, 2007

ALL MEAL RESERVATIONS BY MAY 25, 2007

MD 17 Lions State Convention '07

Texas Hoe-Down

~Friday, June 1, 2007~

6:30~10:00 p.m.

Howdy y'all! The country and western atmosphere of a hoe-down is guaranteed to make for an evening of enjoyment and laughter. So saddle up your horse and get your buggy ready, dig out your best cowboy duds, brush off your cowboy hat and get the manure off your boots and make plans now to attend the Country and Western Hoe-Down, Friday evening June 1 of the Kansas Lions State Convention in Hutchinson, Kansas.

It's an evening complete with a Texas-size chuck wagon BBQ starting at 6:30 p.m. Your sheriffs for the evening, VDGE Lion Bryce Day from Wellington and State Leo Chair Lion Tonja Wienck from Hillsboro, are planning a raucous evening of foot-stompin' music, dancing to DJ "Sidewinder" Brad Ewing of Wellington.

A posse of Leos will be on hand to take souvenir western-themed pictures and help all the old cow-pokes learn to line dance. Wear your cowboy boots, denim shirt, ten gallon hat, and blue jeans for the best authentic western outfit contest and brush up on yer facts about the Lone Star state for a wild game of Texas-Sized Trivia. Be ready for some two-steppin' with International President Jimmy Ross and his lovely wife Velda and some of your favorite Kansas Lions PIP Dr. Bill "Marshal" Wunder, PID "Cowboy Ed" McCormick, PID Ernie "General" Young and PID Gene "Judge" Vogel (watch out for those spurs).

YeeeeeeHaaaaah –So don't miss the opportunity to join us for a night on the prairie that will be fast paced without a dull moment, only a good time to be had by all. Send in your registration if you know what's good for ya, partner!



LIONS WIN SALES TAX EXEMPTION!!!

SB227 – LIONS EXEMPTION FROM KANSAS TAXATION

Who said, “You can’t fight City Hall?” Thanks to all of the efforts of the leadership and membership of Kansas Lions the sales tax exempt status for local Lions Clubs in Kansas has passed our State Legislature.

Last Thursday, April 26th, Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed Senate Substitute for House Substitute for House Bill 2171, according to information at <http://www.kslegislature.org/legsrv-legisportal/index.do>, the Kansas legislature web site.

The International Association of Lions Clubs will soon be listed among other Organizations that have sales tax-exempt status.

The new Act will take effect on or about July 1, 2007. It combines a number of separate bills including HB 2296 and SB 227 relating to tax exemptions. HB 2171 includes several changes to state sales tax laws and the House and Senate agreed to have this one bill.

In the House there were 84 Yeas, 38 Nays, 3 absent or not voting. Bold face indicates member of the House Taxation committee. In the Senate there were 31 Yeas, 6 Nays, 1 present and passing, 3 absent or not voting. Bold face print Indicates member of the Senate Assessment and Taxation Committee.

In MD K1 these include the following:

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A big **THANK YOU!** To all who wrote their representatives and senators and thanks to the State legislature for their timely and positive response to this important issue? Please contact them and thank them!!

GOVERNORS "NO LION LEFT BEHIND" PIN CONTEST

2006 - 2007



It's almost over K1 implemented a [TRAIN MASTERS AWARDS PROGRAM](#) highlighting our theme "[We're On Track](#)". This program had many facets to it? The "We're On Track" Pin Contest helped consolidate our rail service Lions Communities together with the Synergy that has the excitement of young and old pulling together as one! On top of that it was FUN!

LIONS ENGINE w/Coal Car: (These were given out through-out the year) It started with the Engine which is the Kansas MD17. As I paid my visits to each Club I handed out these Engines with a Coal Car attached. The Coal Car was the Fuel or the Energy that drives the Engine! I had asked you Fellow Lions to make a one time donation to the District of \$5 dollars. This helped pay for

the pins and support to our District and the Pin Program through-out the year! The giving of your time and money made the District, Community and Club the best it could be. Every Train Car earned by each and every Lion Was turned into a Personal and Collective Experience.

LIONS MAIL CAR: (Communications with any News Source)

Option A: Was to send a Club article to the District newsletter or send a copy of a Club or Fund Raiser article published in your local newspaper. Send the Governor a copy of an Article you had published in your Club Newsletter. **Option B:** Have 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? This was a very easy Pin to Win!



STATE CAR: KANSAS LIONS & LIONESSES

(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)

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 was to donate \$ 500 hundred dollars or Give \$ 200 to the Leo's to attend Chicago in 2007 and/or another charity equal in value like 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: (Did you sign up any New Members)

This Train car is to hold all of the members you and your Club are going to sign up. The goal here was to create New Members for your Club. You could 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 members without dropping any for the program year.

BAND PIN: (DID YOUR CLUB support Lions State Band)

All you had to do is have your Club sponsor and pay for two young musicians to Lions State Band or donate \$ 500.00 from your Club to the Lions State Band. Our goal here is to keep our Lions Band Program moving ahead with full steam and give every student an opportunity to participate in music, without the fear of being Left Behind.



CABOOSE: LEADERSHIP

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 was started July 1st, 2006 and ran through June 1st, 2007. By giving you an insight into this new Lions Venture it gave you time to get your Boilers Fired and your Train Moving! **TEAM WORK & LIONS** Can Make a Difference in our Communities, District, State, Nation and the World by working together as a TEAM on the same TRACK!



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Lions Club takes a bite out of need in Greensburg

Lions Club members like David Orr, left, made sure Greensburg residents had food and vouchers this week.



When Chanutian David Orr, district governor of Lions Club in SEK, arrived in Greensburg on Tuesday, he had his RV stocked with enough sandwich makings to feed about 10 people.

Orr had planned to be in Greensburg for only a short time, doing reconnaissance before heading to Haviland, the nearby town that had become a headquarters for media and relief agencies like the Lions Club. But before he could head out to gather more Lions Club members, Orr encountered enough hungry people that he thought he decided to try and stretch the food a little further.

In the tiny RV kitchen, he said, "I was putting one slice of meat on each piece of bread and cutting the sandwiches into fourths," then setting the meal before volunteers, townspeople and military members who gathered outside.

Each time Orr would emerge from the RV with another plate readied, more people had shown up. But each time he got worried he would have turn people away, Orr said, it seemed more food was sitting outside the RV, ready to be prepared for the hungry. A loaf of bread showed up. So did chips and bottled water. - "I never saw where it came from," he said. "It was just always there."

The people who gathered eventually described to Orr how several passing cars stopped to leave them what they happened to have with them. But it's an experience Orr likens to the Biblical parable of Jesus feeding a multitude of 5,000 with just five loaves of bread and two fish. And it's not the only time Orr saw the good in humanity this week in Greensburg.

He saw humor, from residents pretending to knock on front doors - when there wasn't a door, or a house, only a door frame. He saw red shoes left peeking from under a house that had been dumped by the tornado - an homage to "The Wizard of Oz."

He saw American flags flying from exposed building trusses and bare trees, and patriotic messages spray-painted on ramshackled buildings.

He saw an elderly woman with an oxygen tank refuse to eat until military members had been served. And he saw residents of Greensburg give up their places in the food line to help lug ice that had been brought in for their community.

Orr also saw more hungry people fed. Wednesday he was joined by more Lions Club members, including Lions Club Council Chair Anne Smarsh of Maize, her husband, Tom, and the friends and family they recruited to help. Orr said Smarsh's employer, Cargill Meat Solution, donated hundreds of pounds of fresh meats for to the effort. Sirloin Stockade in Parsons, owned by Lions Club member Maggie Keene, donated plenty of potato salad and coleslaw.

After feeding hundreds more people, Orr said, he turned to the task of filling out and distributing vouchers from by Kansas Lions Foundation. It took him the rest of Wednesday, and most of Thursday, to distribute more than \$22,000 in vouchers. In Greensburg, though, as Orr said, "the need is much greater." Orr said anyone who wishes to help may do so through the Kansas Lions Foundation, which distributes money right to victims of disaster, with little to none going to administrative costs. Members make no money; in fact, Kansas Lions Clubs donated thousands of dollars this week.

Recipients can use the vouchers for anything except alcohol or tobacco products, Orr said.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation has also distributed another \$25,000 - an unprecedented emergency grant after a Kansas disaster - and the foundation typically sends \$250,000 to communities hit by catastrophes to be used for rebuilding, Orr said.

Orr added helping the community of Greensburg recover is a good investment. "These are nice people. They are very hardworking," he said. "They just had their lives ripped out from under them." Anyone who wishes to donate to the effort may send checks to the Kansas Lions Foundation, care of Chanute Lions Club, 4331 South Johnson Road, Chanute, KS 66720.

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