

**District 17-A Governor's Newsletter**

**July 2014**

**DG Bev Greenwood**



**Lions Club International President Joe Preston 2014-15**  
**“Strengthen the Pride”**

**“Side By Side”**

Oh! We ain't got a barrel of money  
Maybe we're ragged and funny  
But we'll travel along  
Singing a song  
Side by side  
I don't know what's a-comin' tomorrow  
Maybe it's trouble and sorrow  
But we'll travel the road  
Sharing our load  
Side by side  
through all kinds of weather  
What if the sky should fall  
Just as long as we're together  
It really doesn't matter at all  
When they've all had their quarrels and parted  
We'll be the same as we started.  
Just travelin' along, singin' our song  
Side by Side.

## **Strengthen the Pride-Side by Side**

District Governor 17-A Bev Greenwood

These are exciting times in Lionism! Show and promote your enthusiasm by being one of the "Involved" 1.35 million Lions Clubs International (LCI) Member. At this time my husband, "MO" and I, along with many other Kansans, will be celebrating with global Lions in Toronto at the Lions Clubs International 95th Convention. LCI President Joe Preston from Arizona is promoting us to "Strengthen the Pride". Our district 17-A has chosen "Side by Side" to emphasize we will all work together to "Strengthen the Pride" with healthy Lion Clubs.

Past International President Barry Palmer had us "Follow Our Dream" with many incentives to gain Hands for Service. An organized "Just Ask" program was established and continues to give step by step ways to involve our members and encourages us to get out of our "Comfort Zone" to ask for help in Service. PCC Beverly Nichols has acquired a "Data Base" for all clubs in Kansas to use in establishing the "Just Ask" information for your club membership growth or to Reach for a new club. District goals in addition to membership growth will be establishing at least one new club and a club branch. After "Follow-Up", we need to have exciting projects for our club members to get involved.

By using the Club Excellence Process (CEP) Rating Your Club and Assessing Your Community Needs, you will be able to affirm what is good and where changes need to be made. One of our leadership goals is to have clubs sign up with LCI for the CEP program. This is the year for Rejuvenation, "Strengthen the Pride." Congratulations to all clubs who have had at least a +1 in net membership gain and have contributed to LCIF meeting two major requirements for the Club Excellence Award. Please be sure to submit your Club Excellence Award Application to LCI before September 30.

### **ALL CLUBS: Set you goal to achieve Club Excellence this year.**

To meet and visit with enthusiastic participants of Officers' Training in Manhattan was inspiring. Thank you to our capable trainers as well as attendees. Regional Chairpersons PDG Bobby Duval (Zones 1,2, & 5) and "MO" Greenwood (Zones 7-12) attended zone training led by PDG Neal Nichols and VDG Carleen Rajala with assistance from PCC Beverly Nichols. Ten of the twelve zone chairs were actively involved. Presidents and Vice Presidents were trained by GLT Ken Leanders and 2nd VDG Linda Leander. Secretaries learned about the many LCI reports and Public Relations from PDG Al Kimmi. Treasurers were informed about the budgets as well as EZ990 and other tax forms by Bud Gillispie.

From District 17-A we want to say, "Thank you" to District I PDG Al Urich and District O PDG Jerry Loney and all 17-I and O Members. You have done an excellent job of working "Side by Side" toward "Strengthening the Pride."

District Governor and Vice District Governors Carleen Rajala and Linda Leander are setting Official DG visits. If you have special times or dates please contact me at

[bgreenwood@igroup.kscoxmail.com](mailto:bgreenwood@igroup.kscoxmail.com) or district secretary Al Kimmi [aikimmi@rainbowtel.net](mailto:aikimmi@rainbowtel.net).

Don't hesitate to contact us for information, assistance or visitations.

**We are all the "A" Team to "Strengthen the Pride-Side by Side", to be of Lions**

**Service toward the Betterment of Society**

## Events and District Visitations by DG Bev, 1st VDG Carleen and 2nd VDG Linda

June 26	July 11	LCI 97th Convention Toronto
June 29	July 13	Sanni, Lion Exchange Student (Hogan's, Junction City)
July 13	28	Sanni, Lion Exchange Student from Finland (our house, Milford)
July 17	11:30	Leavenworth YE Sanni
July 17	6:30	Everest Lions YE Sanni
July 25	27	Great Plains Lions Leaders Institute
July 30	6:00	Holton Parade
Aug. 8	11	First State Council McPherson
Aug. 15	5:30	Sabetha Lions
Aug 16	9:00	First Cabinet Meeting--East
Aug. 26	6:00	Zone 4 Meeting in Leawood. 6:00 PM
Sept 6	14	Lions Mobile Screening Unit at Hutchinson State Fair
Sept 11	13	USA/Canada Forum Puerto Rico
Oct. 21	26	2 <sup>nd</sup> State Council Meeting-McPherson
Nov 1	9:00	Cabinet Meeting (Central Area)
Jan. 16	18	Mid-Winter Rally Salina
Feb. 20	21	District 17-A Convention-Manhattan Sheraton
June 4	6	State Convention-Lawrence Holiday Inn
June 20		Fourth Cabinet Meeting LTBA

DG Official visits to many clubs will be made by:

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District I Final Zone meeting June 21, 2014



Frank Catalo sang Tiny bubbles with the band--Junction City Sundowner

Photo Bev Greenwood



Frank Catalo, Mike Lacer, & Mo Greenwood sang God Bless America with the band. Photo Bev Greenwood

## Side by Side in 17-A by 1st VDG Carleen Rajala

Fellow Lions--Welcome to MD17-A!

Lions have frequently worked side by side with other Lions or Lions Clubs to help their neighbors and community as well as to reach out globally. This year the concept of "Side by Side" takes on new meaning as the Districts 17-I and 17-O merge to become District 17-A. That means our sides have expanded to include over 2,000 Lions in 84 clubs which are assigned to one of 12 zones.

In addition to a commitment to being Knights of the Blind, all clubs will be asked to participate in the quarterly initiatives. Before becoming VDG last year, I spent several years as Zone Chair and 6 years as Children & Youth Chair in 17-0. I was continually amazed at the variety of ways children were served: not just during the August "Enabling Youth Action Campaign" but throughout the year! Last year's addition of the Reading Program, including book giveaways, will provide one more step in helping children achieve their goals.

Although sight initiatives are highlighted in October, the addition of more pediatric screeners has certainly broadened the scope of the Lions impact. For others, glasses are purchased, corneas transported and eye procedures done in the new KU Eye Surgical Center in the Kansas City area. Internationally, Lions continue to exam eyes, supply used glasses and provide needed procedures.

Last year, the Lions "Relieving the Hunger Campaign" served over 2 million people in Dec. and Jan alone. That probably doesn't include the ongoing efforts of Lions in small communities all over Kansas where produce is raised and shared with neighbors. Nor does it probably include the farms planted in the Philippines by local KC Lions.

Spring always brings the Lions Environmental Campaign. Lions have enthusiastically planted trees, beautified towns and parks and helped victims of major disasters as they start over to re-create their lost neighborhoods.

Lions will find many similarities in projects in the new District 17-A. Cities with multiple clubs and small rural communities exist on all sides. What Lions will find is that even though each of us has only 2 hands, by standing together—side by side—Lions' impact will be much greater than the sum of our individual hands

## **FROM YOUR SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

### **“SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE A-TEAM”**

My husband, Ken, and I would like to take this time to thank all of the great Lions, who attended the first MD 17-A Officer Training that was held Saturday, June 21, in Manhattan. This training was a success with the help of the A-Team instructors, Lions Neal Nichols and Carleen Rajala “Zone Chairs”; Bud Gillispie “Treasurers”; Al Kimmi “Secretaries”; and Ken and Linda Leander “Presidents”. District Governor Elect Bev Greenwood and First District Governor Elect Carleen Rajala gave an interesting “Welcome” for the participating Lions.

Notable upcoming Lions events are July 1-9 Lions International Convention in Toronto, Canada and Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute training session to be held July 25-27 at the Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri.

Ken and I wish DGE Bev Greenwood and Mo best wishes for the Toronto convention. Fellow Lions have a safe Fourth of July!

**Your Second Vice District Governor**

Linda Leander

**KANSAS LIONS SIGHT FOUNDATION MOBILE SCREENING UNIT WILL BE AT THE KANSAS STATE FAIR HUTCHINSON, KANSAS SEPTEMBER 5-14, 2014**

**CAN YOUR CLUB TAKE A DAY OR ONE SHIFT AT THE FAIR?**

**SCREENINGS FOR VISION, HEARING, BLOOD SUGAR, AND BLOOD PRESSURE**

**CHILDREN’S VISION SCREENING**

Last year the screenings were very successful and screening about 283 people a day which kept the unit very busy. The hours which the unit will be open for this year, will be the same as last year. There will be three shifts each day. This will allow the volunteers to help and still time to visit the fair. The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation will have the Unit open for screenings from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM each day. Three shifts -9:30 AM to 2:00 PM, 1:30 PM to 6:00 PM and 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.

**(First thirty minutes is for training)** We will need six volunteers during each time period for the first two shifts each day. We will need two volunteers for the 6:00PM to 9:00PM shift every day except September 14th to be available outside the trailer to supply Lions and MSU information and to fulfill the state fair requirement of having someone at a booth all hours that buildings are open to the public. **If your club does not have plenty of volunteers to cover a shift please let Ron know and he will find Lions to fill up the shift. Thanks!** We all worked hard last year, had fun in doing so and helped others by serving in the name of Lions Club and developed some new friendships as well.

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## Vision Screening

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation KLSF now has 2 PediaVision “Spot” Vision Screeners for use in District 17-A. They can be reserved by calling or e mailing KLSF Director Lion Vern Failor at 785 272 6102 or e mail [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com).

Please call or e mail Lion Vern for a tentative date to see if a screener is available, then set your date, confirm the date with Lion Vern, ask for training, schedule Lions to do the screening and help your community be a better place to live.

Remember we are targeting 6 months to 5 year old children, so talk to your day-cares and pre-schools and get some children’s vision screened. We can provide you with material to give to a day-care or pre-school director, just ask for it.

This is a good way to promote the Lions motto “WE SERVE”

Vision Screening Schedule as of 6/26/14

***(This changes daily so don’t take for granted you can get it, you need to call or e mail first)***

7/17	Sunflower Lions
7/18	Leawood Lions
8/5	Hiawatha Lions
8/6	Sunflower Lions
8/9	Sunflower Lions
8/15	Sunflower Lions
8/26	Sunflower Lions
10/4	Auburn Lions
10/12-11/22	Leavenworth Lions

As you can see there is plenty of room for other Lions Clubs to do screening.

Lion Vern Failor  
Director KLSF

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