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FROM YOUR 17A DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Welcome Lions to District 17A 2016-2017 with New Mountains to Climb! This year we have a great District Governor Team with First Vice District Governor Deb Weaverling (Ron) and the addition of Second Vice District Governor John Burns (Becky) to take our Lions District into the future of Lions.

“New Mountains to Climb” is the theme from the International President Bob Corlew from Tennessee. This theme is intended to carry us into 100 years of Lionism and the future of the Lions organization. Please mark your calendars for January 27-29, 2017 because IP Bob will be our guest at the Mid-Winter Rally.

Notable upcoming 2016 events are July 21-24 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute at Mount Marty in Yankton, South Dakota, and September 15-17 USA/Canada Forum in Omaha, Nebraska. Contact Al Kimmi for availability of a scholarship to attend these events at aikimmi@rainbowtel.net

Ken and I appreciate the help of Deb and Ron Weaverling, Bobby Duvall, and Beverly Nichols for their leadership with the Leavenworth officer training. A big “Thanks” for all of the clubs that participated. Also, a “Special Thanks” to Deb Weaverling for her help to organize this training. Ken and I have officer training planned for you Saturday, July 16, in Delphos. We are planning another officer training for September in Abilene.

Many “Thanks” to the Lions, who have accepted a position on the cabinet and committees for 2016-2017. Ken and I appreciate your dedication to the Lions organization!

Please note that District 17A has a new newsletter editor, Leslie Manning. If you have information to submit for the newsletter, please send to leslie359star@gmail.com

Information for the District 17A website should be submitted to Art Hadley at art@ku.edu.

Ken and I wish you all a very successful year in Lionism. If you have any questions, please call at H-785-667-3415 or email: leanderl@hometelco.net

Have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

Your District Governor  
 Linda Leander



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## Lions Clubs International Purpose

- To Organize service clubs known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate activities and standard administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among peoples worldwide.
- To Promote principles of good government and citizenship.
- To Take interest in civic, cultural, social and moral community welfare.
- To Unite the clubs in bonds of friendship, good fellowship, and mutual understanding
- To Provide a forum for open discussion of all matters of public interest without partisan politics and sectarian religion being debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, with efficiency and promotion of high ethical standards in all endeavors

## INTRODUCING THE 2016-17 DISTRICT 17A GOVERNOR

### *LINDA LEANDER - Assaria Lions Club*

Linda Leander of Assaria, Kansas, was elected District Governor at the District 17A Convention held in Topeka, Kansas, April 8-9, 2016.

District Governor Leander is retired from Saline County Kansas. She has over 37 years' experience in County government where she worked with the computer systems, payroll, accounts payable, budgets, voter registration, elections, and electronic voting equipment.

Linda is a member of the Assaria Lions Club where she has been a Lion since 2007. She has held many offices in the association, including club president, zone chair, Second Vice District Governor, and First Vice District Governor.

In recognition of her service to the Lions Association, District Governor Leander has received many certificates and awards. Linda received the 2015 Outstanding Leadership award and was on the District Governor Beverly Greenwood Team that received 3rd place in the North America award for Pride of Excellence 2014-2015.

District Governor Leander and her husband, Ken, are Melvin Jones Fellow recipients. Ken has been a Lions member around 40 years and is currently the District 17A Global Leadership Team Coordinator. Linda and Ken are members of the Assaria Lutheran Church and both have served on the church council. DG Linda and GLT Ken have a son, daughter, 2 grandsons, and 6 granddaughters.

The 17A Leadership team has the following goals for 2016-2017. Communicate International and District Programs to all Lions members in District 17A. Plan and provide training opportunities for club officers.

It is important for District 17A to retain its membership and promote growth of members in order to be a successful Lions District and climb new mountains into the future of Lions.

## INTRODUCING THE 2016-17 1st VICE DISTRICT 17A GOVERNOR

### *DEB WEAVERLING - Leavenworth Lions Club*

Thank You, It Was a Good Year!

As we finish another successful LIONS year, I want to take a moment and recognize our outgoing District Governor Carleen Rajala for her motivational and enthusiastic leadership. As I traveled around the District the past year visiting clubs on her behalf, many LIONS I encountered were appreciative and heartfelt when they received their Heart of Service and Spirit of Service Awards. This was an innovative way for club members to recognize their own, as each club voted who should receive the recognition by secret ballot. Each and every LION who received the recognition were grateful and humbled and loved the awards that were given to them.

From Honolulu after thru June 30th of this year, DG Carleen living up to her own unwavering of Service. Therefore, she definitely deserves the recognition of Service and Spirit of Service.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention our Council Chair for 2015-16, Bev Greenwood. She was the outgoing District Governor before DG Carleen. She too did a great job working diligently for all of District 17A. Congratulations to our outgoing Council Chair Bev Greenwood. She did a marvelous job this past year as well.

I would also like to thank our outgoing International President; Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada for his leadership this past year. His logo, Dignity, Harmony, and Humanity resonated with all LIONS across the world. He asked all LIONS to bring dignity to all humanity; his challenge was a success. All LIONS across the world are promoting harmony and bringing dignity to underserved populations everywhere. Well Done!

Our new DG, Linda Leander will lead our District to new heights and goals for the 2016-17 LIONS year. She was recently in Fukuoka, Japan attending the Lions International Convention, going through more intensive training and was inducted with many other District Governors from across the world. I am anxious and excited to hear the objectives and goals of our new International President, Chancellor Bob Corlew from Tennessee and from our District Governor Linda. It will be another great year!

I look forward to seeing all of you at many LIONS gatherings this next year, as "We Serve" together.



her induction as District Governor year, her enthusiasm for Lionism has Carleen truly led by example, always awards; Heart of Service and Spirit I would like to give to her the Heart Service Awards because she definitely didn't mention our Council Chair for wood. The Council Chair works at District 17, but if you all remember, she too did a great job working diligently for all of District 17A. Congratulations to our outgoing Council Chair Bev Greenwood. She did a marvelous job this past year as well.

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## INTRODUCING THE 2016-17 2nd VICE DISTRICT 17A GOVERNOR

*JOHN BURNS - Olathe Evening Lions Club*

Hello Lions of District 17-A. Welcome to Lions International's 100th year of service to our communities. I am thrilled to be part of the DG team this year with DG Linda Leander and 1stVDG Deb Weaverling. It is going to be an exciting year as we celebrate our 100th year with Lions around the world in Chicago next June 30 through July 4th. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend at least part of the programs that will be provided.

I hope every club is working on their Centennial service challenge projects and for those who have completed all four, congratulations!

We have many challenges to meet this coming year among them are not only to grow our memberships but also to retain the members that we have. A good part of keeping your members is to have interesting speakers and projects that will keep the members interest. Our incoming International President Bob Corlew's theme will be "New Mountains to Climb" as we enter our 100th year in Lionism.

Upcoming meetings this year will be our first two cabinet meetings in August and November in Topeka. On September 15-17th is our USA/Canada Lions Leadership forum in Omaha, NE. We hope to have best attendance of any of the other districts in not only Kansas but also in the surrounding states. Information can be found at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org). The PDG club is offering \$200.00 scholarships for the Forum as well as GPLLI. Contact Lion Al Kimmi to see if there are scholarships still available.

If you didn't get signed up for the GPLLI this year, I hope you consider it for next year.

There will also be two Officer training sessions planned for you; one on Saturday, July 16, in Delphos and another in Abilene in September. Hope you will try to attend one of these if you are a new officer to acquire knowledge to take back to your club to keep your members informed and up to date on activities of the district and how to run your club efficiently and successfully.

I am looking forward to getting to meet many of you this year not only at District meetings but at many of your clubs. I wish all clubs a very successful year in servicing your communities.

## INTRODUCING THE 2016-17 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*LESLIE MANNING- Washington Lions Club*

Some of my favorite people are Lions (you know who you are!) That is why I go to meetings. I joined to have fun. However, Lions contributed more to my life than just a good time.

The International Lions Clubs in the community that raised me have had a strong influence on me, our towns and our community at large. As for their personal influence, the Assaria Lions Club sponsored our summer softball team when I was in high school and has supported adult endeavors I've coordinated through the Assaria PRIDE organization. The Gypsum and Assaria Lions Club have provided huge support for a community development project I launched across the SE Region of Saline County.

The International Lions Clubs across the River Valley Extension District, including the Longford Lions Club, Clyde Lions Club, Morganville Lions Club and the Clay Center Lions Club, opened their meetings to me when I first moved to Washington. I found a network of people who supported and encouraged positive community development. I've especially appreciated the continual friendly encounters with the Barnes Lions Club and the pressure from the Washington Lions Club to finally join as a member (not that they all didn't try!)

I like to think that the contribution I offer most often to any organization is enthusiasm, however, when Assaria Lion Linda Leander asked me to coordinate the district newsletter, I saw an opportunity for action.

Currently, I write, sell ads and design pages for the weekly Washington County News and manage the Linn-Palmer Record, the weekly paper covering the news in the south portion of Washington County. The community development project launched across the SE Region of Saline County is a third newspaper, The Spotlight, I design and distribute once a month.

Getting back into newspaper, after 12 years in various public education roles, I feel privileged and often humbled creating a product that allows for communication amongst community members. I believe communication is the key to success in everything and I absolutely adore the communities who put me to work everyday.

I look forward to developing a relationship with District 17-A Lions Clubs and designing the tool that keeps us all on the same page.

Please, feel free to email content to [leslie359star@gmail.com](mailto:leslie359star@gmail.com). A photo directly attached to the email works better for me than one embedded in a document. A word document works best if you're okay that I redesign the text. A pdf document works best if you want the document ran exactly the way you designed it. And, if none of that makes sense ... just don't worry about it .. I really can work with anything (except Publisher.) It would help me if in the subject line of any content submitted by email, the word 'newsletter' could be included.

Thank you for including me and I hope to serve you well in this position.

## Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics

- To Show my faith in worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit reputation for quality service.
- To Seek success and demand fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to not accept profit or success at the price of lost self-respect due to unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- To Remember in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients/ customers and true to myself.
- Wheneveradoubtarisesas to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- To Hold friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- Always to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, state, and community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- To Aid others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- To Be Careful with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy

## Introducing the 2016-2017 Peace Poster Committee Chairs



The new District Peace Poster Chairs for 2016 are Kathy and John Gregory of Assaria. Kathy is no stranger to working with the Lions Peace Poster. For many years, Kathy served as an elementary art teacher in her local school district and recruited students to enter the Peace Poster competition through her local Assaria Lions Club. Now that she has retired from teaching she keeps busy teaching private art lessons to both children and adults as well as helping with 4-H art projects. Kathy who holds both a bachelors and masters degree in art was named a Kansas elementary art teacher of the year by the Kansas Art Education Association. Her husband John who helps out, works in the publishing, printing and photography professions where he has been employed for over 40 years. Both have been active Lions members for many years and enjoy working with young artists, many of whom have grown and gone on to successful careers. Anyone with questions or needing assistance with sponsoring a Peace Poster contest with their local club, can contact Kathy and John at 785-691-7626 or email

## Kansas Lions District 17-A Club Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following District Lions Clubs on another year of Lions Spirit & Service in their communities, the state, and the world.

**Minneapolis Evening**  
7/3/1995 – 21 years

**Hope**  
7/22/1924 – 92 years

## 2016-17 PEACE POSTER INFORMATION



# A Celebration of Peace

### 2016 PEACE POSTER CONTACTS:

#### PEACE POSTER CO-CHAIRS

**John and Kathy Gregory**  
11277 S. Simpson Road  
Assaria KS 67416  
Phone: H-785-667-5045

Email: [jgregorydeltasig@yahoo.com](mailto:jgregorydeltasig@yahoo.com)

29th Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest

# A Celebration of Peace



*Sponsor a Lions International Peace Poster Contest and join clubs worldwide in sharing children's visions of peace with your community.*

#### **How the Contest Works**

Only a Lions club can sponsor the contest in a local school or organized youth group. The contest is open to students 11-13 on November 15, 2016. Participating students are asked to create posters visually depicting the contest theme, "A Celebration of Peace."

One winner for each contest sponsored by a club is chosen to advance to the district governor for judging. On the district level, one winner is selected to go on to the multiple district competition and from there one winner is forwarded to International Headquarters for the final judging. Entries are judged at all levels on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of theme.

During the final judging, 23 merit award winners and one grand prize winner are chosen to represent the many entries submitted from around the world.

#### **Awards**

Artists of posters advancing to the final international judging are recognized as follows:

- **International Grand Prize Winner** receives a trip to an award ceremony where he/she will receive a cash award of US\$5,000 (or local equivalent) and an engraved plaque. Two family members (one being the winner's parent or legal guardian) and the sponsoring Lions club president or a club member (as designated by the club president) will accompany the winner to the award ceremony.
- **23 Merit Award Winners** each receive a cash award of US\$500 (or local equivalent) and a certificate of achievement.

#### **How to Enter**

Lions clubs must order a Peace Poster Contest kit from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Available in all 11 official languages, it costs US\$11.95, plus shipping, handling and applicable taxes. Each kit contains everything your club needs to sponsor one\* school or organized, sponsored youth group.

- **Official Club Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide & Rules**
- **Participant Flyer** may be duplicated and given to each participating student to take home
- **Sticker** to place on back of winning poster
- **Certificates** for contest winner and school or youth group

\*Clubs can sponsor more than one contest in either the same or multiple school(s) and/or youth group(s) by purchasing more than one kit. Clubs will send one poster per each contest sponsored to the next level of judging.

The Lions International Essay Contest entry form is also included in this kit and on the LCI website.

**Kits are available January 15 – October 1, 2016.** Purchase your kit early to allow adequate time for shipment and contest planning.

To order Peace Poster Contest kits (PPK 1), submit this form to the Club Supplies Sales Department at Lions Clubs International at [clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubsupplies@lionsclubs.org); call (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only) or fax this form to (630) 571-0964. Note: All credit card orders must be placed online.

Visit [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) [search: Peace Poster]. For more contest information, deadlines, to download a video and view past finalists' posters.



Peace Poster Contest Kit (PPK-1) \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ US\$11.95/each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Language Required \_\_\_\_\_ Tax \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Available in all official languages.) Postage & Handling \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Method of payment**

Club/District Acct. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Lions Club Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer's Signature (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

The protection of your payment data is important to us. Your credit card\* purchases of Lions merchandise must be made directly online at [www.lcistore.org](http://www.lcistore.org). Please do not include your credit card number in any written communication or correspondence. \*Visa, MasterCard, Discover.

#### **Ship order to:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address (No P.O. Boxes) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone # (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Postage/handling Charges:**

United States/Canada - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. An additional charge will be added if second day service is required.

Overseas - Postage/handling charges will be added at the time of processing your order. Duty/taxes may be required upon receipt of your order. Lions Clubs International is not responsible for payment of these duties or taxes.

#### **Sales Tax:**

We are obligated to charge sales tax in Illinois and Canada.

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USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

40th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Omaha, Nebraska

Thursday, September 15, 2016 - Saturday, September 17, 2016

We will again offer a Strides Walk on Thursday afternoon to benefit the American and Canadian Diabetes Associations

Registrant A

SUB-DISTRICT       LION    LIONESS    LEO    NON-MEMBER

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                                      First                                      Initial                                      Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number/PO Box                                      City                                      State/Prov                                      Zip/PC

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Residence                                      Mobile                                      Please print clearly

This is my First Time Attending a Forum      I was invited to the Forum by \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

\_\_\_\_\_ Forums attended      Highest Office Held \_\_\_\_\_       Past       Present

**Please check all that apply:**

Special Meals:    Diabetic    Vegetarian    Hindu Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

Hearing Challenged    Visually Challenged    Physically Challenged   Specific needs \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)

I am a Pin Trader    I will need a table for pin trading \_\_\_\_\_ Number of tables needed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pin trading tables will be available at \$15 each)

I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 15, 2016.   T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cost of \$25 per person includes sack lunch and t-shirt)

Registrant B

SUB-DISTRICT       LION    LIONESS    LEO    NON-MEMBER

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last                                      First                                      Initial                                      Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Number/PO Box                                      City                                      State/Prov                                      Zip/PC

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
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Kansas City Chiefs tickets offered at a discount

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking FOOTBALL!! The Kansas City Chiefs are offering discounted tickets for the two Preseason games: Seattle Seahawks (8/13) and Green Bay Packers (9/1). Tickets are \$35 a piece. The earlier they are requested, the better seats we have the ability to get (lower level and upper level available). \$10 of each ticket will go back to District 17-A.

They are also offering three regular season games: Jacksonville Jaguars (11/6); Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11/20); and Tennessee Titans (12/18). Tickets for regular season games this year are \$45 a piece. I have been told that due to season ticket holders, that we will only receive upper level tickets for regular season games. \$10 of each ticket will go back to District 17-A.

If you are interested in tickets for either game, please send a check for \$35 or \$45 per ticket (based on pre-season or regular season game), payable to Michele Hufferd to 107 S. Julie Street, Louisburg, KS 66053. Tickets will be purchased on receipt of your payment so your seat location is not dependent on other people getting their requests in.

At this point, no other games have been offered, but if they do open up I'll keep you updated as soon as I can.

by Lion Michele Hufferd

**ATTENTION:**

*Zone Chairs*

Please submit an introduction article for the August issue of the 17A Lions Newsletter by emailing by July 25 to:

leslie359star@gmail.com

## “Giving the Basics”

I have been asked by DG Linda to once again Chair the Children and Youth programs. The last two years, we have collected vitamins for ODIM (Organization for the Development of the Indigenous Maya).

This year, I wanted to try something a little closer to home. We will be working with a group called “Giving the Basics”, [www.givingthebasics.org](http://www.givingthebasics.org). This group works with schools in Kansas that qualify for assistance. The needs are: bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, laundry detergent, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Yes, the hotel size products work just great. In case, you or your Club wishes to donate funds, rather than product, I will be happy to turn that into the donations needed.

Starting at our August State Council Meeting, I will be collecting. I will also have brochures with additional details to take back to your Club.

I look forward to our adventure in helping the school kids of Kansas. When you embrace Giving the Basics you embrace human dignity for all people.

For further information contact me at [margaret1226@gmail.com](mailto:margaret1226@gmail.com) or cell phone 940-390-7430.

by Lion Margy Sundstrom

## Giving the Basics

- bar soap
- deodorant
- femine products
- laundry detergent
- lotion
- shampoo
- toothpaste,
- toothbrushes

For details contact:  
Lion Margy Sundstrom  
email: [margaret1226@gmail.com](mailto:margaret1226@gmail.com)  
cell: 940-390-7430.

## DISTRICT 17A OFFICER'S TRAINING

### DISTRICT 17A LIONS OFFICER'S TRAINING INVITATION



**When:** Saturday, July 16, 2016

**Where:** Lions Community Room  
111 Washington Street  
Delphos, Kansas

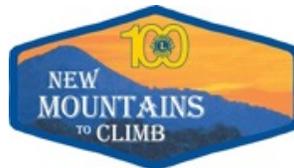
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – Noon

**Trainers:** Zone Chair Training – PDG Neal Nichols  
President's Training – VDG Deb and Lion Ron Weaverling  
Secretary/Treasurer – PCC Bobby Duvall  
Membership Chair – PCC Beverly Nichols

**\*\*Delphos Lions Club is providing biscuits and gravy (yum yum)**  
**Please RSVP by July 14, 2016.**

Upcoming 2016 Training Events will be Abilene in September.

**Contact:** GLT Ken Leander  
17A Global Leadership Team  
785-667-3415 (Home)  
Email: [leanderl@hometelco.net](mailto:leanderl@hometelco.net)



## HELP KANSAS LEOS ATTEND 2017 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Kansas is blessed to have some excellent Leo Clubs. These talented youth dedicate many hours of service to their communities...much like the Lions! Our goal is to take a bus-load of Leos to Chicago next June for the Lions International Convention. They are, however, kids and need some financial assistance to make this possible. Here's how your club can help:

Each Leo:  
Bus Fare: \$200  
Meals: \$175  
Hotel: \$425

There will be other incidental expenses (backpack, registration, etc.), but these are the main items. These costs are dependent upon the number of youth that we can get to go...but we can get more to go if there is financial assistance for them!

Please help these youth make this opportunity a reality. If you can sponsor a Leo in total, that is fantastic! If you can cover the hotel expenses for one youth, great! If you simply want to make a donation to help the Leos, wonderful! Checks should be made payable to the Kansas Lions Foundation and sent to Cheryl Kerns, 15710 S. Widmer, Olathe, KS 66062.

## LANSING LIONS COLLABORATES IN VEGETABLE DISTRIBUTION

### Club of Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award has provided clubs with guidance and goals that expand their service and strengthen the effectiveness of club management. It is more than an award... it helps our association build stronger clubs and stronger communities. To qualify the club must be chartered for 6 or more months prior to the end of the fiscal year, further the objectives of the association, adhere to the association's constitution and by-laws and policies, and meet the requirements noted below during the fiscal year. An application available online can be emailed to [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org), or faxed to (630) 706-9273 to arrive by August 31, 2016.

Qualifying clubs will receive a Club Excellence Award pin for the club president and a handsome banner patch.

#### Elements of Excellence

1. Service – Complete three service projects
2. Donation to LCIF
3. Membership Development – Have a net increase of one member!
4. Communication
5. Leadership Development - To qualify for the award, all officer positions must be filled by qualified Lions in accordance with the constitution and by-laws.
6. Club Activity – The club must meet regularly and submit the membership report, service activity report, and club officer report for the incoming year.
7. Club Maintains Good Standing

Find the application at [www.lions.org](http://www.lions.org) under *Member Center > Lions > Awards > Excellence Awards > Club Excellence Awards*



As part of the USP Leavenworth Prison Garden Program, the Lansing Lions Club recently picked up vegetables from the United States Penitentiary and delivered them to the Crossroads Methodist Church in Lansing for free distribution to the public. The Club anticipates continuing to assist with the distribution of vegetables each Thursday for the remainder of the growing season.

(Top) Lion Forrest Holdeman (L) and Big Lion Janette Holdeman at the USP pick up point. (Bottom) Lion Vivian Ross and Big Lion Janette Holdeman at the distribution point. Not pictured Lion Rick Dodson.

## Final Report Environmental 2015-16

**Photo Winner:** Chris Bauer,  
Humboldt Lions Club

### Environmental Points Contest:

First: Milford  
1600 points  
Second Baxter Springs 1460  
points \*  
Second Humboldt  
1450 points  
Third Burlington  
1020 points

\* My apologies to the Baxter Springs club. They will be receiving a check and certificate. This winner was not recognized at state convention because the district report was incorrect.

### Environmental Participation Recognition:

(These clubs turned in all 4 quarterly reports to their district chairmen)

Reading Lions Club  
Baxter Springs Lions Club  
Augusta Lions Club  
Eudora Lions Club  
Clafin Lions Club  
Great Bend Noon Lions Club  
Great Bend Evening Lions Club  
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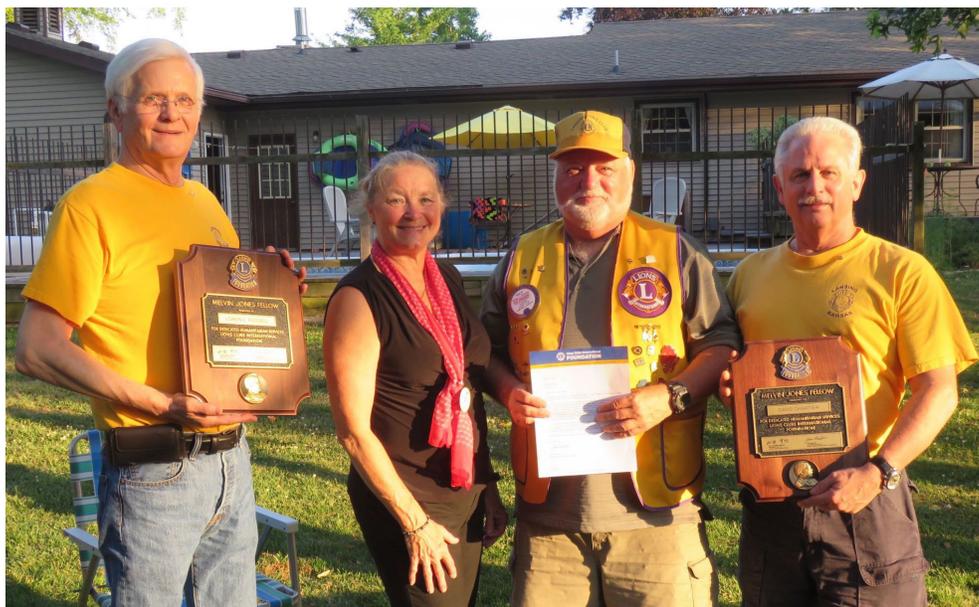
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## LINWOOD LIONS RAISE MEMORIAL DAY FLAGS



The Linwood Lions Club put up flags to honor the Veterans for Memorial Day at the cemetery in Linwood. From left to right - Steve Chellgren, Roger Pine, (guy with green hat) Darren Koester, Joe Perry, (guy in blue hat) Michael Washburn, Mandy Sheldon, Wes Knight, Jerry Cote, and young man in front Colton Koester.

## LANSING LIONS RECEIVE MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP AWARD



Three Lansing Lions Club members recently received the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. This award honors Lions members who donate to the Lions Clubs International Foundation or those chosen for recognition by their Club. Making the presentation is District Governor Carleen Rajala (second from left). Receiving their first MJF award are Lions Loren Russell (left) and David Chartier (right). Lion Rick Dodson (second from right) is receiving his second Progressive MJF for making multiple donations to LCIF.

***"A brave man acknowledges the strength of others."  
- Veronica Roth, Divergent***

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