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Calling all Lions: Rally in Salina

Lions should make plans now for their annual pilgrimage to Salina and Mid-Winter Rally. The event will be Jan. 13-15 at the Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Salina.

The weekend will include a theme near and dear to all Lions: patriotism. So plan to enjoy and celebrate as we remember why and how we are free.

The International guest will be PID Judge Haynes Townsend from Dalton, Ga. He was elected as an International Director at the Lions 92nd Convention in Minneapolis, Minn. in 2009. His wife, Donna, is also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Members from the St. John's Military Academy are scheduled to present the colors at the Saturday evening banquet. Decorations will be based on a patriotic theme.

Friday evening's entertainment will include the "M & M Sisters" from Smith Center. These humorous ladies have spent many hours welcoming troops home from Iraq, Afghanistan and other military installations.

Seminars are being planned with sessions involving Global Membership Team and Global Leadership Team committees and computer and Internet information.

The Saturday luncheon honoring the youth, Leos and Peace Poster winners will be held at noon. Leos will have their own activities during the weekend.

Don't miss the annual Country Store and Auction to benefit the Kansas Lions Band. Items are needed for both.

As always, the hospitality room will be open during most hours of the rally. Individual Lion members and clubs are encouraged to provide funds for food for

the room or provide snacks.

The Third Council Meeting will be held on Sunday after breakfast and a time for devotions.

PCC Bill Phillipi will chair the event. Members of the committee are PDG Thelma Brown, DG Marion Schroll, Lions Sylvia Reinhardt, Carole Collyard, Bud Gillispie and Lela Gillispie.

You do not want to miss this invigorating opportunity to reconnect with other Lions from across Kansas and recharge for the rest of the Lions' year. Make note of meal and room reservation deadlines. All room reservations are due by Dec. 30. A block of rooms has been reserved for Lions at \$65 per night.

All meals must be reserved in advance. The deadline for meal reservations is Jan. 7.

2011-12 Calendar

State Council Meetings

Jan. 13-15 (2012) Salina
June 7-10 Wichita

Mid-Winter Rally

Jan. 13-15, 2012 Salina

2012 State Convention

June 7-10 Wichita

2012 District Conventions

17-L Feb. 24-26
17-I March 3
17-O March 16-17
17-N March 10-11
17-S March 24-25

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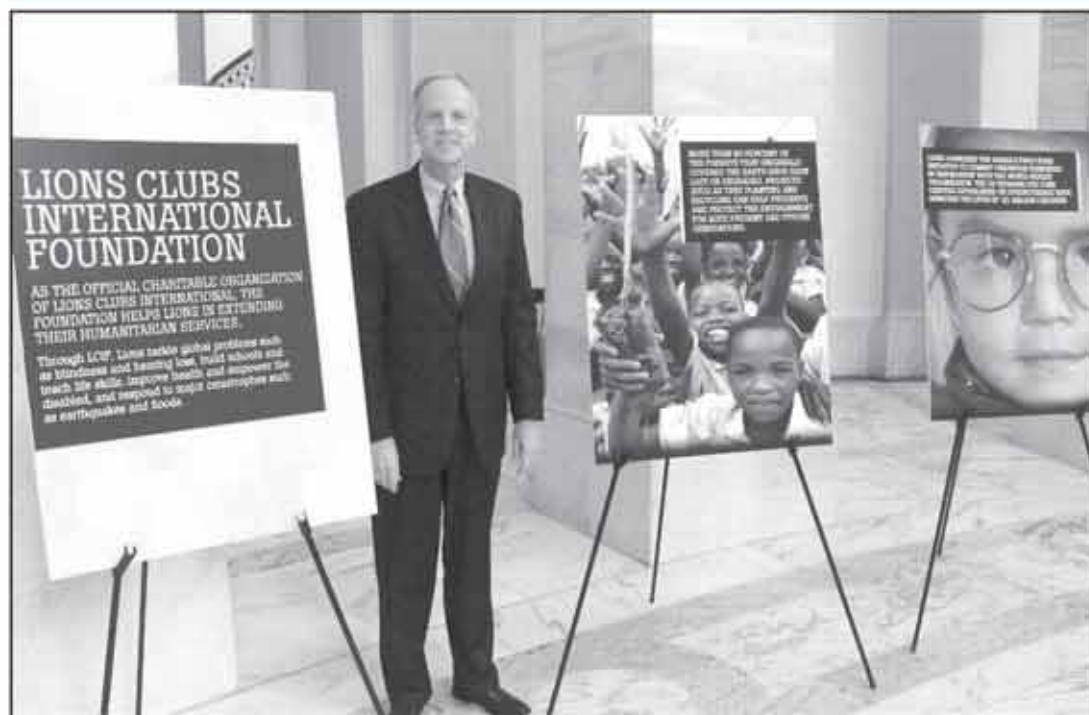
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Mid Winter Rally • Jan. 13 – 15, 2012

Ramada Inn and Conference Center in Salina

- To reserve a room, call the Ramada Inn at 785-823-1739 by Dec. 30.
- To reserve meals, complete the form on page 5 and return it by Jan. 7.

Read more about MWR on page 5.



Kansas Senator Jerry Moran stands alongside a Lions Clubs International exhibit in the rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building in November in Washington, D.C. The display featured the charitable works of Lions Clubs International at home and throughout the world, including health initiatives and responses to natural disasters. The exhibit was to raise awareness of Lions as Congress considers legislation that would allow for a Lions commemorative silver dollar. The coin is expected to raise up to \$8 million for the Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Moran

Moran leads effort for commemorative coin

Lions Clubs International has long been known for its generous philanthropy. As LCI looks toward celebrating its 100th birthday in 2017, the organization is embarking on a special way to celebrate and raise money, all at the same time.

An effort is under way to get Congress to pass a commemorative coin bill that LCI says could raise as much as \$8 million for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The idea for a special silver dollar coin came from the Sandy Springs Lions Club in Maryland but a Kansas Lion is shepherding it through the U.S. Senate.

Sen. Jerry Moran is the lead sponsor of the Lions Club Commemorative Coin legislation in that chamber. And as a Lion from Hays, he happily embraces the task.

"The approaching Lions Club centennial gives us an opportunity to celebrate a century of public service, and I have introduced a bill in Congress to instruct the U.S. Treasury to mint one dollar silver coins to commemorate this milestone," said Moran recently. "Minting a commemorative coin would highlight a century of charitable service to others and recognize the legacy of the 1.35 million Lions around the world who have served their communities.

"Additionally, it would raise critical resources for ongoing Lions' programs to serve others. I am proud to be a Lion, and it is my hope that our communities will be well served by the Lions Club for generations to come."

Moran and Congressman Peter Roskam are sponsoring the Lions Club Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act, S. 1299/H.R. 2139. The commemorative coin bill would authorize the minting of 400,000 \$1 coins to celebrate years of empowering volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. LCIF would use generated funds to further its programs for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster.

Moran and his staff helped install a Lions Club photo exhibit in the Senate Russell Rotunda the week of Nov. 14 to raise awareness of who Lions are and what Lions do. The photos showcased the work of Lions worldwide.

Getting the legislation passed is not a given because Congress passes only two commemorative coin bills each year. The current effort includes Lions' past international presidents, past international directors and everyday Lions who have made the effort to contact their representatives about the legislation.

There are more than 140 co-sponsors of the bill in the U.S. House of Representatives and at least 27 co-sponsors in the Senate. Lions are encouraged to contact members of Congress and urge them to support the effort. In addition to Moran, Kansas Sen. Pat Roberts and Rep. Lynn Jenkins have pledged their support as co-sponsors.

Boo! *Second State Council Meeting includes Halloween fun*



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ABOVE: Council Chair PDG Michelle Hufferd shows why she truly is the "Big Lion" during Halloween fun at the Second State Council Meeting in October. BELOW: PDG Chris Bauer and "friend" show their "alter egos" during the Halloween party, which was enjoyed by Lions and guests who attended the meeting in McPherson.



Lions State directory corrections

Following are some corrections to the 2011-12 state Lions directory. Please make note of these updates.

Correct address (page 94): PDG Bob (Shirley) Miller, 13800 W. 116th St., Apt. 1111, Olathe KS 66026

Corrected 17-O Sight Foundation Director (pp 17, 50): 2010-13, Beverly Nichols, 6116 West 8th Terrace, Overland Park, 66207, H-913-642-7520, C - 816-260-6253, e-mail: taximath@aol.com (Wes Moore does not serve in this position.)

Correct e-mail for IPDG Michele Hufferd, 17-O: mhufferd@ymllc.com or mbostick2001@yahoo.com

Correct District Convention dates. District O: March 16-17; 17-I: March 3.

New Mid-Winter Rally guest speaker: Judge Haynes Townsend of Georgia, Immediate Past International Director (International President Dr. Tam had to cancel due to conflicts).

Correction (page 10): State Public Relations Chair is Denny Smith, PDG. State Convention: Co-chairs, PCC Tom & Janice McClemon, 12210 Ridgepoint, Wichita, 67235; 3316-722-0928; e-mail: tmcclemon@aol.com

Thank you ...

Kansas Lions extends a sincere thank you to the following:

PIP Bill Wunder for work projects for the State Office grounds;

PID Blaine Rush for donation of valuable items for display in the State Office;

PDG Bernard Lee for many articles and research of Lions and Lions activities for State Office records;

PDG Fred Frazier for many hours of work for the eyeglasses collection at the State Office and transporting to various prisons; and to

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Shown here with Governor Sam Brownback (seated) are, from left to right, KLSF Director Vern Failor, KLSF Director Jerry Snider, KLSF Treasurer Bert Gordon, Geri Kennedy, Lion Melanie Snider, Lion Sarah Gordon, KLSF Director Terry Weldin and Lion Jerry Loney.

Governor proclaims Lions Sight Week

Governor Sam Brownback proclaimed Oct. 9-15 as Kansas Lions Sight Week. The proclamation was in recognition of Lions World Sight Day Oct. 13 and Lions White Cane Safety Day Oct. 15.

A delegation of Kansas Lions leaders was on hand in the governor's office on Sept. 22 to witness the historic event, acknowledging the outstanding work of Kansas Lions and the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation in providing support for the needs of the blind and visually impaired in Kansas.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest community service organization in the world with 1.35 million members serving in 46,000 clubs in 206 countries.

In Kansas, there are 6,500 members in 310 Lions & Leos clubs, all dedicated to serving the needs of their hometown communities.



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Twenty-one Kansas Lions attended the annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute session July 22-24 in Crete, Neb. Staff and faculty from Kansas also participated. The 21 students established MD-17 as the largest multiple district group present. All five districts - L, I, O, N, S - were represented.

MD-17 Lions lead way at GPLLI

There were 21 Kansas Lions plus staff and faculty from Kansas participating in the 2011 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute in July at Crete, Neb.

The 21 students established MD-17 as the largest multiple district group present, even though this event was not in Kansas.

All MD-17 districts were represented with L = 1, I = 7, O = 9, N = 2, & S = 3. Kansas Lions have taken the GPLLI offering seriously and have acted favorably to improve leadership for the future.

2012 GPLLI scholarships

The MD-17 Past District Governors (PDG) Club is excited to offer ten \$75.00 scholarships (two per district) for the next Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI), to be conducted July 13-15, 2012 at Crete, Neb. The scholarships will

be granted to the first two who apply from each district.

To be considered for a scholarship, one first must apply to attend GPLLI. Then contact PDG Ted Hutchcraft, PDG Club Treasurer, at Theodore@carsonsomm.com or at 785-442-3614, to request scholarship support.

You must be one of the first two to apply and be approved from your district. PDG Hutchcraft will validate if you have met these conditions. If those conditions are met, you will be granted a \$75.00 scholarship upon successful completion of GPLLI. Simply notify Hutchcraft after completing the training and he will send a scholarship check.

If you are not one of the first two applicants from your district, you may ask to be kept on a waiting list in case someone else fails to complete the training or another district fails to use its quota.

'We Serve' Mobile Sight Unit screens 1,831 at Kansas State Fair

The Lions motto – "We Serve" – was well demonstrated at the Kansas State Fair again this year.

For the second year in a row, the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) was at the Kansas State Fair to screen fairgoers.

This effort was a huge success, thanks to all of the Lions and other volunteers that came to help with the screenings. The Lions of Kansas should be proud of their MSU and the service it provides.

The MSU was open eight hours a day for the 10 days, a total of 80 hours. The volunteers were made up of 150+ Lions from 25 clubs and 86 nurses and nursing students from three local schools of nursing. Thank you.

The following was accomplished at the Kansas State Fair in just 10 days: 1,831 different people were screened, in 5,283 individual tests. From January through August 2011, the MSU had screened 1,626 different people (3,794 individual tests).

Add these figures and the total number of people screened through Sept. 20 was 3,457. A total of 9,077 tests were administered. What an impact the MSU has had on the people of Kansas! What a success.

At the fair, at least 100 people were identified with high blood sugar of 250 or more and one had a blood sugar level of 500 and did not know it (70 to 110 is normal).

"We found countless people with poor hearing and eyesight," said Vern Failor, MSU chair for the Kansas Lions Sight

Foundation. "Some of them knew this but many did not. Many referrals were made for the hearing and eyesight. One day we had a Sure Sight Screener and several children were screened."

Working with the MSU is a meaningful experience for volunteers, as evidenced by this excerpt from a letter written by a participating Lion. "We always look for the one patient who comes through with a real problem, someone with whom we feel we really made a difference. This year it was a young man with a BP of something like 206/160.

"This was the second reading – the first one was even higher. He was aware of his hypertension, and had been on medication in the past but couldn't afford it now. We strongly suggested he see a doctor as soon as possible, mentioning that the doctor might have medication samples to give him. He was a very nice young man. I hope he got some help. Thanks for letting us participate. I can hardly wait until next year." - Lion Sherry

Kansas Lions can have the same booth area for next year and are looking for ways to improve this service. If you have ideas for improvement please get the information to a Kansas Lions Sight Foundation board member. Their names are in the Kansas Lions Directory.

Lions should be proud of the success of this project.

This project would not have been a success without the help of Lions Sylvia Rinehart, Ron Bretz, Dan Heersche and all of the Lions and volunteers. Also



Contributed photo

Kansas Lions were a visible presence at the Kansas State Fair. The Mobile Screening Unit performed more than 5,000 screening tests during the fair.

important was the assistance of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation. Thanks one and all.

Please mark your calendar for September 2012 and the Kansas State Fair

because Kansas Lions will be needed again.

Lion Vern Failor Chairman MSU
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

MSU adds vision screener for children

Kansas Lions have purchased a Vision Screener for the MSU to use for children from six months through pre-school age and older. This screener looks into the eyes through the pupils and sees problems before they become apparent to the parents or doctor.

Since young children do not know how they should be seeing, their sight can be quite blurry or irregular, forcing them to cope in other ways and fooling the parents into thinking their children see normally. The Vision Screener detects serious eye diseases and problems that then can be treated by ophthalmologists who specialize in such eye diseases and problems. It does not require much in the way of the infant's or child's cooperation - all he or she needs to do is look at the Vision Screener.

Many eye problems and serious, sight-robbing diseases begin in infancy or early childhood. While it is estimated



that approximately 5 to 10 percent of all children experience sight-robbing vision problems, just 14 percent of U.S. children 6 and younger see an eye doctor for testing. By the time they are 4 years of age, it can already be too late to stop or reverse the damage eye diseases are doing.

The Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit offers not only this screening technique but also screenings for adult sight, hearing, blood pressure and diabetes. The MSU will be at the Mid-Winter Rally in Salina in January.



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These are just some of the Lion volunteers who helped make the Mobile Screening Unit's appearance at the 2011 Kansas State Fair a success.

PDG Donecker honored by LCI

Great Bend businessman and Lion PDG Craig Donecker has been honored by representatives of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and most importantly by his own Kansas Lions, at an assembly of the Kansas State Council of Governors, Aug. 12-14 in Great Bend.

Lions International Director Anne Smarsh of Colwich headed a delegation of International Lions officers that presented the International President's Medal to Donecker for his many years of leadership and service within Kansas Lions. Other International officers included in the delegation were Past International Directors Gene Vogel of Tonganoxie, Ernie Young Jr. of Lansing, and Ed McCormick of Valley Center.

The Medal Award presentation was rescheduled from the Kansas Lions State Convention. This is the third International President's Medal awarded to Lion Donecker, who serves on several State & International Lions Club Advisory Boards.

Donecker provides an invaluable service to all Kansas Lions by conducting training sessions for club, district & state officers in preparation for assuming their leadership duties. He is the owner of Little Giant Fittings Corporation in Great Bend. PDG Craig and wife, Anna, are both members of the Claflin Lions Club.



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PID Gene Vogel pins the International President's Medal on PDG Craig Donecker of Great Bend. Also pictured is then ID Anne Smarsh. Donecker was honored at the August State Council meeting.

Got news? Send it to The Kansas Lions News!
Send your news and photographs to Nancy Borst, PO Box 127,
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Inmates assist with Lions' eyeglass recycling

By PDG Fred Frazier

Lions clubs throughout the state of Kansas collect used eyeglasses. A large quantity of glasses ends up in Wichita at the Kansas Lions State Office. Several clubs in the area and the Leo clubs separate the sunglasses from the regular glasses.

Single vision glasses are then separated from the prescription glasses, athletic glasses, and other special needs glasses. Single vision glasses include reading glasses, single prescription glasses, progressive prescription glasses, athletic glasses, and etc. in category one. Prescription glasses include bi-focal, tri-focal and special needs glasses in category two. All glasses are stored in banana boxes. Category one and two are then delivered to the Hutchinson Correctional Facility and the Winfield Correctional Facility. A partnership among Kansas Lions clubs, the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and the Winfield Correctional Facility began in 2003.

At that time, inmates at the Winfield Correctional Facility began processing eyeglasses. They wash the glasses, dry them, read the prescriptions with Tome Lens Analyzers, place them individually in plastic bags, label each pair and pack them in small cartons of 50. Approximately 800 pairs of eyeglasses are processed through the Winfield Correctional Facility each week. Randy, John and George wash, inspect, read the prescriptions and prepare the eyeglasses for shipment. These inmates are also able to do minor repairs that some eyeglasses need to make them usable.

Randy has been with the program the longest, at just over a year. He says he benefits from this work because he is not physically able to do many other jobs available to healthier inmates. He appreciates the fact he can assist in helping people in Third World countries who do not have glasses.

John has been working with the eyeglass program for just more than six months. He says he appreciates the more technical aspect of this job. He says this job lets him do something good for people who can't afford glasses.

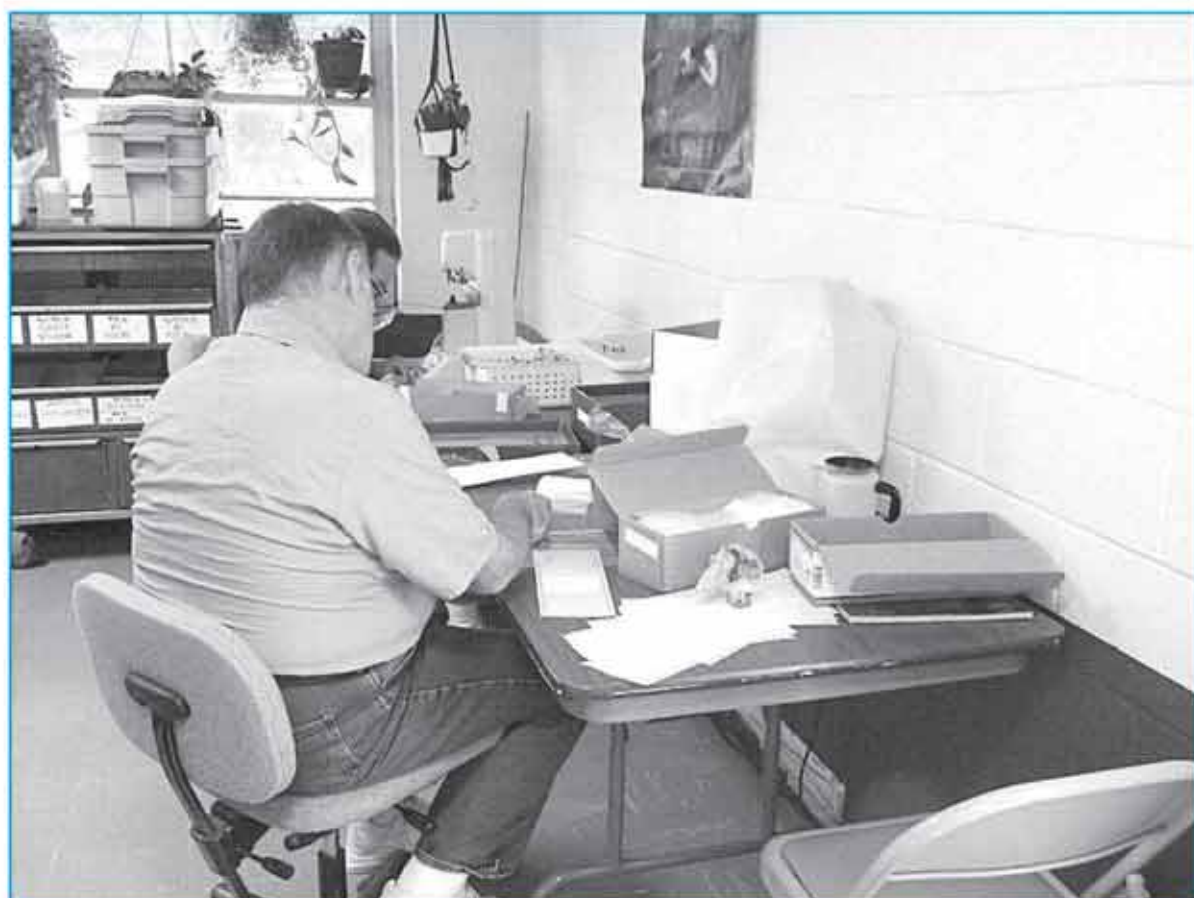
George is the newest member of this work crew. He says, "This job matters." There are people who can't afford glasses and it gives him the ability to help someone else.

The Winfield Correctional Facility Administration recognizes the need to provide meaningful work for inmates. The opportunity to give back to society helps inmates retain their sense of community. Being part of the Lions Club Eyeglass Sight Program enables inmates to give back to the community to which they will one day return.

The Hutchinson Correctional Facility is in the eyeglass business also. They perform the same operations as the Winfield Correctional Facility. Things slowed this summer due to some illness and the departure of some of the inmates who knew how to operate the eyeglass reading machines. But the new guys were able to figure out the different settings needed for the different types of glasses and are doing a very good job.

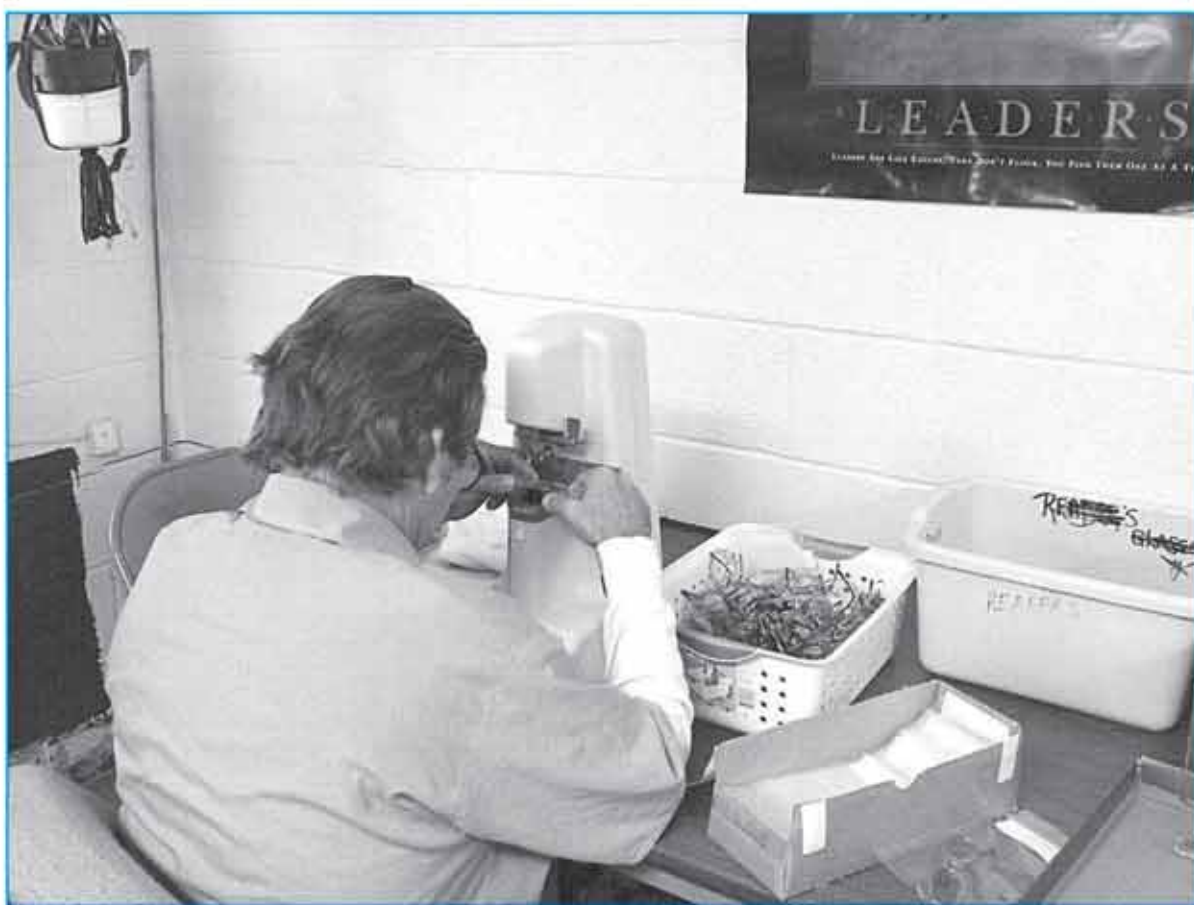
The Hutchinson Correctional Facility has one more Lens Analyzer and will produce more than 1,000 pairs of eyeglasses per week. The administration of the Hutchinson Correctional Facility wishes to thank the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation for all the great work they do. They are very happy that the Hutchinson Correctional Facility and its inmates have the opportunity and are able to help people all over the world with eyeglasses.

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation wishes to thank the Winfield and Hutchinson correctional facilities and especially the inmates for their time and efforts. This program would not be the success it is today without the help of these facilities and inmates.



Contributed photos

ABOVE: An inmate at the Winfield Correctional Facility packages used eyeglasses for shipment. BELOW: A Winfield inmate reads the prescription of a pair of used eyeglasses. Each donated pair must be read to determine its prescription so it can be sorted appropriately into one of two categories. Each pair is packaged individually and then packed into cartons of 50. Approximately 800 pairs are processed at Winfield each week. The work done by inmates is critical to the recycling program's success. The partnership between the Kansas Sight Foundation and the Winfield Correctional Facility began in 2003.



Eye Bank update

Thanks to the support of Lions, partners in donation and generous donor families, the Heartland Eye Bank provided 426 corneas for transplant by the end of August, including 63 in Kansas.

As of June 30, the Kansas Donor Registry listed 674,219 designated donors in Kansas.

There was a 12.6 percent increase in the number of actionable donor designations in Kansas in the 12-month period ending June 30.

Currently, 32 percent of Kansans over age 18 are enrolled in the donor registry. For more information, visit www.hleb.org or call 1-800-753-2265.

Local Lions share sight screenings with community

Editor's note: The following article appeared in The Fort Scott Tribune and includes information about local Lions conducting vision screenings. Thanks to PDG Terry Weldin for submitting this for this issue.

From The Fort Scott Tribune
By Ruth Campbell

Though few people chose to brave the heat Friday, the first Mercy Health Center's Children's Fair was termed a success.

Prompted by Terry Weldin of the Burlington Lions Club, the Mercy Auxiliary put the event on at the hospital grounds.

Using a device called SureSight, Becky Reeves, also of Burlington Lions Club, tested youngsters' eyes to see if there were any vision problems. "The Lions Club is very much involved in sight conservation. We're trying to screen all the preschool children we can," said Weldin.

"If a vision problem can be detected early enough, the vision

problem can be corrected before a lot of damage is done," he added. "A child's eyes are growing and changing until about age 6. That's one of the key reasons it's important to detect problems early so treatment can occur."

Along with Lions Club, the Mercy Emergency Department, Bourbon County Sheriff's Office and Fort Scott Police Department were on hand, as were representatives from Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The police department provided literature on "Stranger Danger," gave youngsters a chance to talk to law enforcement officers, sit in their cruisers and use Fatal Vision goggles, which show wearers what it's like to be intoxicated by affecting vision, depth perception and coordination. Mercy Emergency Department and the Fort Scott Fire Department also showed kids the different features of their vehicles and answered questions.

"I think it's a good start," said Mercy Auxiliary President Cliff Patterson. "We'll do better next year."



PID Judge Haynes Townsend

PID Townsend is MWR guest

Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Ga., was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held July 6-10, 2009 in Minneapolis, Minn. Past Director Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada Forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards, including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, an International President Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Past Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

Kansas Lions Mid Winter Rally January 13-15, 2012

Salina, Kansas



Registration and Meal Reservation Form

	Number		Amount
Registration (<i>fee applies to all attendees except Leos</i>)	_____	@ \$6.00	\$_____
Friday Dinner - Chicken Florentine with Supreme Sauce	_____	@\$15.00	\$_____
Saturday Lunch - Tex-Mex Buffet	_____	@\$15.00	\$_____
Saturday Banquet - Stuffed Pork Chop	_____	@\$16.00	\$_____
		Total	\$_____

Gratuity included in all meal prices.

**Free continental breakfast available each morning to those guests registered at the hotel
Please Make your check(s) payable to "Mid-Winter Rally"

Please list any special dietary needs: _____

Lions(s) Leo(s) guest or club _____

Address _____

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District : **L I O N S** (*please circle one*)

Mail Reservations to: Lion Lela Gillispie
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**Final Date for Meal Reservations
January 7, 2012**

Room reservations must be made before December 30, 2011
Ramada Inn Phone Number for reservations is 1-785-823-1739



2012 Mid-Winter Rally schedule of meetings, events

FRIDAY, Jan. 13

1:30 p.m.: 2011- 2012 First Vice District Governors and spouses, Lobby Boardroom

3:30 p.m.: Second Vice District Governors/spouses, Lobby Boardroom

6:30 p.m.: Dinner and fun evening of entertainment

HOSPITALITY ROOM Hosted by District 17 I Friday and Saturday - Second Floor Deck Area **Hospitality Room closed during meal functions and during the entertainment Friday night...go enjoy the fun!**

SATURDAY, Jan. 14

Breakfast FREE with room key or coupon from desk

8:00 a.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation, Lobby Boardroom; Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, Kansas Room; Budget & Finance; Conference Room; Long Range Planning, Sunflower Room

9:00 a.m. Environmental Committee, Conference Room

9:30 a.m. State & International Band, A-2

10:00 a.m. Kansas Lions Foundation, Kansas Room; Constitution & By-Laws, Conference Room; Public Relations, Lobby Boardroom; K-I, Sunflower Room

11:00 a.m. International Convention Committee, Lobby Boardroom; Audit, Sunflower Room

SEMINARS:

9:15 -10:15 a.m. Vision Screening Systems by PDG Terry Weldin, A-1

10:30 -11:30 a.m. Information on LCI website, computer info by PDG Chris Bauer, A-2

10:30 -11:30 a.m. GLT/GMT/Club Excellence and info on new program, A-1

By MD-17 GLT Chair PCC Tom Badger and MD-17 GMT Chair PCC Bill Phillippi

Interactive Booths: Holidome Area – All day Saturday

Special Displays, Materials, Information and On Site Electronic Assistance:

LEHP and Yellow Dot Program information, Diabetes Information, On Site Computer Assistance for electronically filing MMRs, Sales Tax Exemption & website info; GLT & GMT Team will be with their booths to offer materials, information, assistance; Leader Dogs For the Blind; 17 I PDG Raffle; 17 O PDG Raffle; Heartland Eye Bank; Lions Pins, Other Displays

SPECIAL: The Mobile Screening Unit will be on site and offer tours. Medical testing will be done from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

11:45-1:30 p.m. Luncheon, Rooms B & C

Recognizing our Leos and Peace Poster Contest winners.

2:00-3:15 p.m. SPECIAL SEMINAR, A1 and A2

Everyone encouraged to attend – International Guest PID Judge Haynes Townsend

3:30 p.m. Kansas Lions Band Foundation Auction Pit Area - Holidome

6:30 p.m. Dinner/Special Speaker Ballroom – ABC

Judge Haynes Townsend, Past International Director

SUNDAY, Jan. 15

Breakfast FREE with key or coupon from desk

8:15 a.m. Devotional/PDG meeting Room B

9 a.m. Third State Council Meeting – business and reports

Local Lions news *Lions receive honors, better themselves and build their communities*

Neill Hays and Ron Reed were honored recently for 50 years of membership in the **Rolla Lions Club**. Friends and family gathered to celebrate the years of service of these two amazing men.

Hays began his career in Rolla as a teacher and later served the school district as principal and superintendent of schools. The Hays Educational Building is named in his honor.

Reed taught social studies in the Rolla Schools and also served as the school counselor. He coached nearly every sport in the school throughout his career, with track as his specialty. He ran track at the University of Oklahoma. The Ron Reed Track and Ron Reed Invitational Track Meet are indications of the esteem that is held for him.

Keep America Beautiful-Topeka/Shawnee County has chosen the **Topeka Lions Club** as the winner in the Civic-Group Prevention Category. The club also was nominated for the National KAB Award.

Two **Derby Lions Club (evening)** members have received their 50 year Chevron. Lion Jim Michau and Lion Bob Noller both joined Lions in 1961. Jim joined the Derby Lions Club and Bob joined the Ness City Lions Club. Bob has kept his membership active from Ness City, to Winfield and to Mascoutah Ill. and Marshall, Ill., and then Park City and Derby.

Goddard Lions Club members gave more than 200 hours of community service during the month of August. Members served food at Friend's School Open House and repaired and painted benches and tables in Goddard's Linear Park. On Goddard's Night Out, club members served sliced watermelon to citizens attending the party.

Fourteen **District 17-N Lions** became Melvin Jones Fellows in the year ending June 30. That brings the district total to 195. The new MJFs and their clubs are: Daniel Hernandez, Derby Noon; David Curtis, Goddard; Wylie Smith, Hesston; John Dukelow, Carl Hoyt, Woodrow Kramer, all Hutchinson Breakfast; Connie Craft and Carl Donham, Maize; Charles Cadwell and Jim Sharpe, Mulvane; Thomas Stewart, Wichita Airport; Joe Keathley, Wichita Downtown; Janet Jamieson, Wichita Northwest, and Roger Naylor, Wichita Westlink.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes donations of \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Contributions can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum, or in installments of a minimum of \$100 over a five-year period. Melvin Jones Fellows receive a lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

Independence Lions helped with a drive-through flu shot clinic. Shots were administered in the park on Saturday, Nov. 5, and as expected, the supply was exhausted in short order. Setup began at 6:30 a.m., and the "shootings" began at 9, with all 200 doses being administered by 10:30. There were a total of 11 Lions present for the event, as well as 65 local volunteers. Lions who participated donated a total of 41 man hours.



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'Plant a Tree' project

The **Woodbine Lions Club** planted two Greenspire Linden trees in the Woodbine City Park. Pictured, left to right, are Jerry Volkman, Orville Kickhaefer and Ralph Fitzgerald. (Not pictured): **Topeka Lions Club** members joined with members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Topeka in October to plant an Autumn Blaze Maple tree on the clubs' grounds. Both were part of the Lions Clubs International "Plant a Tree" project.

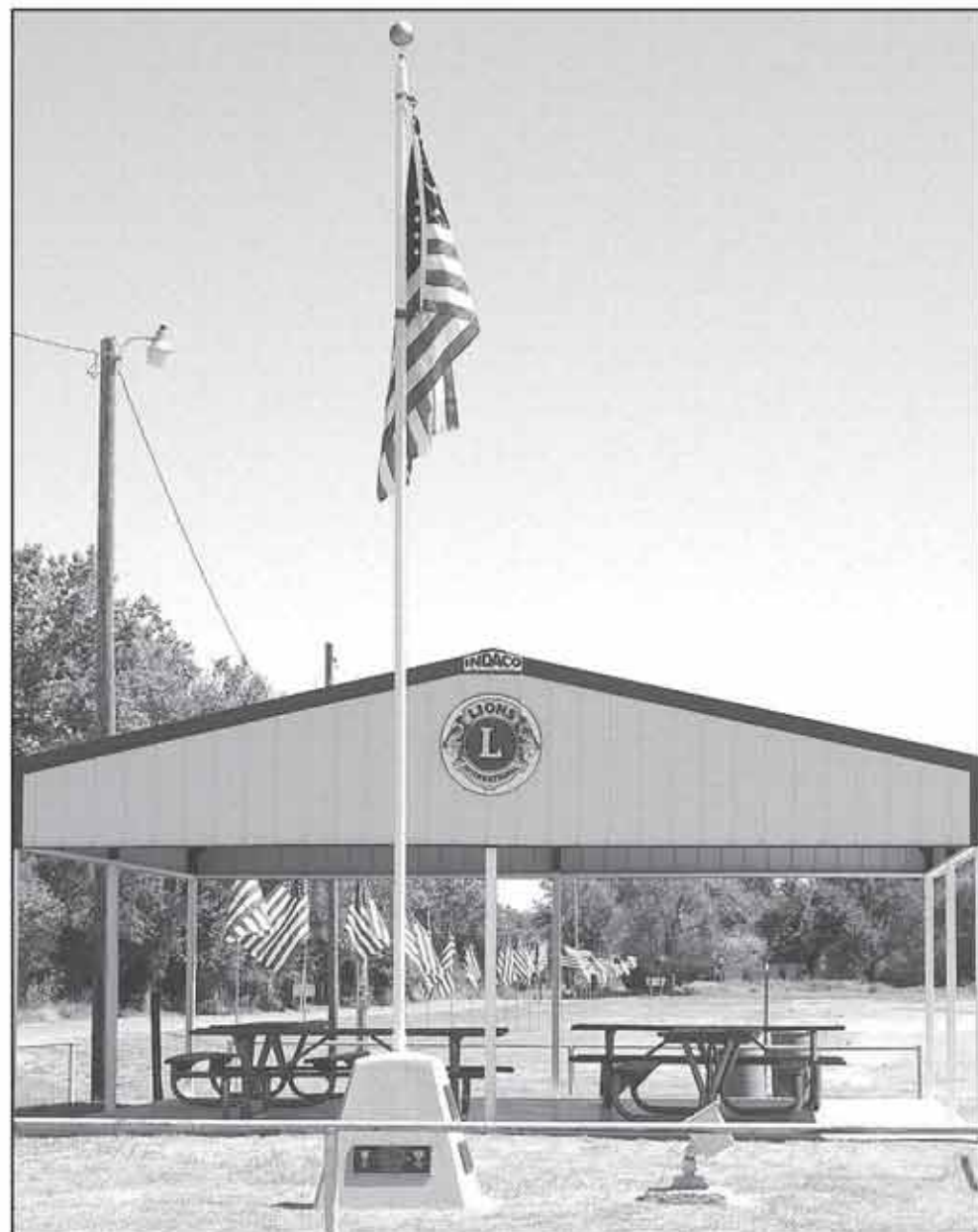


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Flags fly in Arkansas City

Members of the **Arkansas City Lions Club** have made improvements to the Veterans Memorial Lake project, including adding a stone cut to the shape of Kansas. Flags and 10-foot poles were purchased to go in the roadway leading to the lake. These flags were flown on Labor Day and on Sept. 11, 2011. The flags will be flown on various holidays. The shelter house was put up by Lions in memory of two club members.

Junction City Sundowners Club honors Peace Poster contest winner

The **Junction City Sundowners Lions Club** has sponsored a Peace Poster contest. Bea Ybanez, a 5th grade student at Westwood Elementary School and daughter of Roberto and Fides Ybanez, has taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the local competition.

The poster was selected by Sundowners Lions for its originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Children Know Peace." Judging was held Oct. 6.

"Peace through prayer with children of the world symbolically holding hands will bring true peace to all nations," the 11 year old said.

Each district's Peace Poster winner will be honored at Mid-Winter Rally Jan. 14 in Salina. The state winner will be announced at the Youth Luncheon.



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Club gifts dictionaries

The **Glen Elder Lions Club** recently distributed dictionaries to the 3rd grade class at Lakeside Elementary in Glen Elder. Pictured with the class are (left to right), Karen Miller, Title I aide; Lions Tom Chance, Doug McBlair and Ron McBlair and Karolee Wiles, instructor.



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Pittsburg adds eight members

The **Pittsburg Lions Club** recently inducted seven new members and one transfer member from Iowa. The club meets twice monthly in the Sheridan Room at Via Christi Hospital. Pictured here are Lions Jon Burchfield, Carolyn Burchfield, Jean Dockers, John Dockers, Susan Faucett, Eric Row, Nicky Hastings and Don Hastings. Sponsors for the new members are Lions Jon Burchfield, Bill Gray and Max and Helen Lundquest. PDG Gray is club president.

It's time to start planning for Kansas Lions State Band

The Band Committee continues to work with Friends University and Newman University in preparation for the 2012 Kansas Lions State Band camp.

This will be our fourth camp under the direction of Dr. John Taylor. If all goes well with the number of expected participants, we will have the 2,000th band student since being selected as Committee Chairs (our 10th band camp). The date of the 2012 band camp is a week later than normal (June 5-9). Hopefully this will boost attendance numbers.

Although we average around 210 students/year, it would be great to task Dr. Taylor and his staff with a 300-member band. Cost per student will be \$225. Applications and medical release forms are located on the website: www.kansaslions.org. The application deadline date will be May 15, 2012.

Additional information will be placed on the website as it becomes available. As in previous years, each club, band director and eligible student (from the 2010 band) will receive a multi-page flyer.

The Band Committee urges each of you to connect with your local schools to help get the word out about this great opportunity. Believe it or not, there are band directors that don't pass on the information to their students. Even if you don't know the band director, each of us has a relative, neighbor, friend, etc., that has connections to a band student. The Kansas Lions Band program is a wonderful experience and very easy to talk about. Please be one of our ambassadors and get the word out.

We also want to encourage clubs to sponsor students outside of your area if you don't have a local student that wants to participate. Remember – you can send a check directly to the KLBF or to the

committee and we will make sure that a deserving student benefits from your commitment to the band program.

If you have extra students (more than your club wants to sponsor), please send the applications to Lion Shari and me and mark on the application "needs funding." We will work with the District Governors and the KLBF to get funding. Every student, regardless of where they are from, should have the opportunity to participate. Give us a chance to make it happen.

Please make 2012 a banner year – start recruiting now. Remember, "without music life would be a mistake." – Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche.

*PCC Hans & Lions Shari Neidhardt
Kansas Lions Band Committee Chairs*

Stockton club donates SureSight Screener

Editor's note: This front page article appeared in the Stockton newspaper, along with two photographs that included members of the Stockton Lions Club and other Lions who work with the Mobile Screening Unit.

One of the main focuses of the Stockton Lions Club is vision care. Some of the areas the organization helps out with are the purchase of glasses and eye examinations for those who qualify up to \$150, donations of old glasses to be recycled for those that can't afford a new pair and working with the Lions Eye Banks.

This summer they took another step in the aid of vision care by purchasing a Welch Allyn SureSight Vision Screener and donating it to the Rooks County Health Department.

The purchase of this \$5,000 portable machine came about when Syliva Re-

Charter member helps Baxter Springs mark 70th

The **Baxter Springs Lions Club** celebrated its 70th anniversary on Nov. 5. The club gathered for a catered dinner and welcomed charter member Keaton McCallister.

Guest speaker was Past International Director Ed McCormick. PID McCormick illustrated a point about the difference one person can make with a story that put a tear in your eye. Mayor Jenifer Bingham (first female mayor of the town) was on hand to make a presentation to Lion McCallister. After the meeting she requested an application to become a Lions Club member and she'll be a great one.

The focal point of the evening was on Lion Keaton MacCallister, who at 99 years of age is the remaining founding member of the club. The club had its first official

meeting on Dec. 8, 1941. There has never been a question about the main topic of conversation at that meeting.

Most remarkable is the task Lion Keaton has chiseled out for himself. He is a spokesman for the club and is in charge of selling flags to businesses and donating them to deserving organizations, Little League, etc. free of charge. Doubtless there are not many active 99-year-old members but there is one in beautiful Baxter Springs.

The **Liberal Noon Lions Club** celebrated 90 years of service in October. The club was chartered in 1921. Guest speaker was Larry D. Welch, USAF (Ret.), a former chief of staff.



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PID Ed McCormick (left) honors Keaton McCallister (second from left), a charter member of the Baxter Springs Lions Club who is still active at age 99. Mayor Jenifer Bingham (also pictured) was so impressed with the club at its 70th anniversary celebration that she decided to join.

inhardt, Hospital Services Coordinator with Heartland Lions Eye Banks out of the Hays branch, contacted the Stockton Lions Club. She wanted to know if they would be interested in a presentation of this machine. The Lions Club called county health nurse Lorraine Baughman to see if she could attend the presentation. This was done so that if they bought a machine they could donate it to an entity that was qualified to use it and had access to young children.

After the presentation, it didn't take long for the Lions Club to purchase the SureSight Vision Screener. The screener is very simple to use and can detect refractions in infants and young children, as well as adults, by using blinking lights instead of images. The machine is just held up to the eye and gives an automatic read-out. It also helps identify amblyopia (Lazy Eye), which is the leading cause of monocular blindness in North America.

Since the screener arrived July 13th, the health department has made good use of it. Statistics are being kept and then sent to the Lions Club and the Lions Eye Bank.

The health department will also use the machine when they hold their health screenings at school. It should be noted that the health department can do the screening for free, but asks that people call and make an appointment.

This SureSight Vision Screener is a

wonderful addition to the Rooks County Health Department and is a very useful tool in detecting vision disorders in children at a much earlier age. The latest research indicates that it is a good idea to check refraction in infants – and to begin treatment by age one. Early detection reduces treatment time and expenses, and improves outcomes.

Also, as part of their support of vision care, the Stockton Lions Club sponsored a mobile screening unit van at the Rooks County Free Fair on Tuesday, August 16th. From noon to 6 p.m., 44 people went through the van and had their hearing, vision (sight accuracy and peripheral vision) and blood pressure checked, as well as got checked for diabetes. After the testing some of these people were referred on to their doctors to be checked out more thoroughly.

Lions Club treasurer Don Hamit said any individual club can sponsor this mobile screening unit van. The cost is \$200 and it is something that then can be offered free to the public to help detect problems for those who might not have health insurance to cover these costs.

The generous donation of the screener to the Rooks County Health Department from the Stockton Lions Club will make it easier for the youth of our community to have the opportunity to see the world as it should be.

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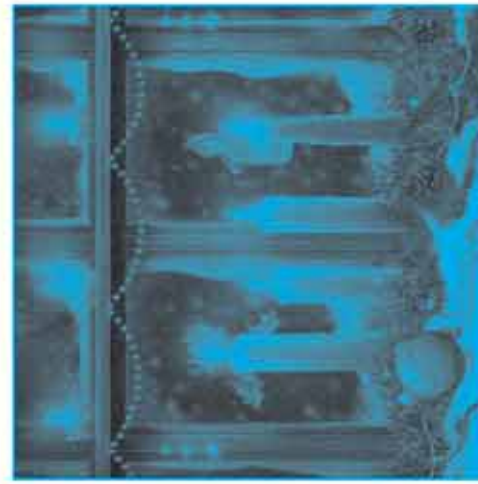
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