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A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Family Legacy & the Challenge Coin.

On July 1st, we began the year with 73 clubs and 1,492 members. Increased membership and retention of existing members are extremely important to our district. More members means more hands for service to further increase our impact. Since last year, LCI has prioritized efforts to support membership development at the club level and

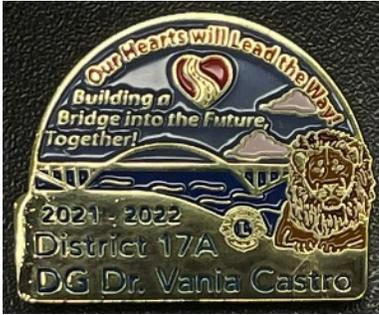
promote membership growth worldwide. The North America Membership Initiative, a pilot program to address struggling membership growth in North America, was developed last year and, as of July 1, 2021, became a part of the new Global Membership Approach (GMA). This approach will serve as a roadmap for membership development in our clubs and districts. We're excited as we have a great support system and an AMAZING 17A GMA team. Please contact our GMA Champion Eric Strimple (estrimp81@msn.com) and our GMT PCC Bev Greenwood (bgreenwood@twinvalley.net) for further information. Also, please order new membership packets for use in inducting new members. Packets with Dr. Douglas X. Alexander's signature are available. Let's be ready to induct new members!

August has always held special excitement for me as my birthday month, but now even more so with all the opportunities I have to serve in our district, including visiting Lions clubs, installing new club officers, inducting new members into Lionism, planning our first hybrid District Cabinet meeting and attending the First State Council meeting. As I said before, I enjoy visiting clubs around our district and providing recognition for individual Lions who are ordinary people doing extraordinary things in their communities by serving with excellence. Lions who are providing an exceptional service will receive a "DG Lions Challenge Coin for Exceptional Service." Historically, "challenge coins were presented by unit commanders in recognition of special achievement by a member of the unit." However, this challenge coin has a special meaning for my own family as it represents 3 generations of Lions – my father, my son (Lion in training) and I. It is a family legacy challenge coin to remind us that we don't quit, and that we will continue on with our motto – We Serve – for many generations to come.



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A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...



I am thrilled and humbled to serve our 17A district with our 1st VDG Richard Webster, 2VDG Caroline Arter, Cabinet members, Global Action Team, and all our leadership team this Lion year. We'll keep building bridges into the future and our hearts will lead the way.

Our first hybrid District Cabinet Meeting will be on August 28th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton (530 Richards Dr., Manhattan, KS 66502). Lunch (\$12) – If attending in person, you must RSVP to get a meal (choice of: Chicken wrap, Ham and Swiss sandwich, Grill Veggie sub for vegetarians, or vegan - if they request no ranch). All lunches will be served with two cookies, coffee, iced tea, and water. Please RSVP to District Secretary PDG Al Kimmi, aikimmi@rainbowtel.net or 785-548-5744 no later than August 20th. Or you can join the meeting via Zoom (Meeting ID: 868 5547 6469 - Passcode:

sdTYQ6). Zoom will open at 9:30 a.m. The Cabinet Meeting will start at 10:00 a.m. In addition to this, we have a fantastic chance to serve in September (10th to 19th) at the Kansas State Fair. Kansas Lions volunteers are needed to provide free health, vision, and hearing screenings to fair attendees. Please contact Sylvia Reinhardt by email (poorfarmer@eaglecom.net) for further information. If you need additional information and/or you need to find a new project, please contact our fantastic district GST and PDG Carleen Rajala (lioncarleen@gmail.com). In addition, GLT and PDG Rick Dodson and I are planning both online and in-person leadership trainings for all of you. Please encourage new members to participate in these trainings to build their leadership skills not only to serve as a Lion but also in their professional and personal lives. Watch for more information including dates for the trainings. Stay Tuned! If there is anything I can do to help you or your club, please don't hesitate to contact me and our District Governor team. We Work For You! Thank you!



DG Dr. Vania Castro

TAKING CARE of BUSINESS

DG Dr. Vania Castro is implementing an effective action plan to provide training on a variety of topics to the Lions of District 17-A. Most will be oriented on providing or improving leadership skills to give our Lions the confidence to pursue increasing levels of responsibilities. Some topics will be of a more general nature.

Status of training to date: In May and June, we conducted training for Zone Chairpersons. On July 31st, we conducted Certified Guiding Lion training. At the time of writing this article, we have 17 Lions signed up for the training. Several of those are from another district.

Here are the dates of upcoming training:

- 12 Aug 21 - Orientation training - 7:00 PM
- 18 Aug 21 – Club President training.
- 25 Aug 21 – Club Secretary training.
- 3 Sep 21 – Club Treasurer training.
- September – Project Management.
- October – Goal Setting and Action Plan Development.
- November – Problem solving/Conflict Resolution.

We have other topics in mind for the following months, but would like to hear from you if there are topics you would like us to prepare training on. We also anticipate that 1 or 2 training sessions will be hybrid with in-person and virtual attendees.

See you in class!

PDG Rick Dodson
Global Leadership Team Coordinator



THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S VISITATIONS

The DISTRICT GOVERNOR and VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' CLUB VISITATIONS are highlights of the Lions year. Certain protocols apply for the official visit as outlined on the LCI website.

The list of Club visitations will be posted on the Kansas District 17A website soon and will be updated monthly with a hyperlink for your convenience.

For an update, please check the website.

<https://kslionsdistrict17a.org>



First Vice District Governor Richard Webster



Be a Lion. Let's Roar!

Time for a change! New year new horizons! We accepted the circumstances of our predicament last year and we weathered the storm and made the best of a bad situation! The survival plan worked and we achieved unexpected results. Clubs are meeting again and events are happening. Lions are serving and meeting each challenge day by day!

We may not be out of the woods yet but we are past the unknown and learning how to progress against the odds. Congratulations Lions!

New members and new projects and new approaches. Time to celebrate the new year and plan for a new beginning. Let's get energized and leave the quagmire behind. Now is the time for all Lions to rededicate themselves to our core causes. This is a great opportunity and a wake-up call for all of us! True the pandemic is lingering and still a serious threat but we can do all things in spite of the crisis and limitations. Last year we proved it! I look forward to this year and the achievements ahead. I can't wait to see you in person and share in your stories of success. The need never goes away and we are better prepared to help and expand our service to those who need it.

Your dedication and creativity has written a new chapter in the history of District 17A and the story just gets better and better. Can you just imagine how wonderful we can make this new year? Let's ask everyone to join us! No greater testament than the chance to make this world a better place for everyone.

SPREAD KINDNESS EVERYWHERE EVERYDAY.

Kindness and diversity means inclusive participation from the heart of every Lion and all people we serve. Let us be the example for each new generation so they can see the active love we return to each community. We must have the strength of mind, body and spirit to accomplish the goals set before us. That strength has made us who we are and will continue to produce results for our efforts. I have seen how one person can make a difference and how several people can do so much more. Together we can do amazing things. We just need more people in service and membership. Join me in asking everyone you meet to help in kindness and diversity. From the Heart, it is the Lion's pride! Can't you hear those Lions roar?

First VDG Richard C. Webster

Kansas Lions District 17A
President Keats Lions Club



Beware of IRS Form 990-N (E-Postcard) Scam

One Club Treasurer reported that she received a reminder about submission of the annual IRS 990-N e-Postcard. Though unusual, there's nothing wrong with someone outside of the Lions organization sending a reminder. However, the scam started when the sender tried to charge the club \$50 to submit the form.

I've submitted this form annually for many years. There has never been a charge to do so. This is a scam, and I advise you to be very careful when responding to unsolicited emails about the Form 990-N. I checked the IRS.gov website, and it confirms that there is no filing fee.

If you have any questions, about submission of the 990-N, please contact me. As the GLT Coordinator, I'll help or find someone who can provide instruction on the submission process.

As a reminder, the deadline for submitting the 2020 E-Postcard is November 15, 2021.

PDG Rick Dodson
District Administrator

Serving Safely

Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Send your questions, ideas, and feedback to service.activities@lionsclubs.org.

The State of Kansas remains committed to supporting local communities in a safe transition. Find the most current recommendations from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment: www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/CivicAlerts

For every need,
Lions find a way.



Second Vice District Governor Caroline Arter



HOPE

The book arrived a few days ago! Create Dangerously: The Powers and Responsibility of the Artist by Albert Camus.

The title could just as easily read “Create Dangerously: The Power and Responsibility of Lions.” “. . . hope is

awakened, given life, sustained, by the millions of individuals whose deeds and actions, break down borders and refute the worst moments in history, to allow the truth – which is always in danger – to shine brightly. . .”

It is in this light that I see us as Lions.

We accomplish this by creatively effecting our *Focus Areas*:

1. Vision
2. Youth
3. Disaster Relief
4. Humanitarian
5. Childhood Cancer
6. The Environment
7. Hunger
8. Diabetes

The first issue is Disaster Relief. Dr. Choi, Chairperson of LCIF, has asked us to give to Disaster Relief to assist the people in Europe who are affected by recent flooding. Families are displaced, homes flooded.



The second falls under Humanitarian, Hunger and Youth. Pictured with ID Deb Weaverling and President Dionne Smith of the Leavenworth Lions Club is Dr. Evelyn Hill, Equity and Justice Director at Avenue of Life in Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Hill spoke to the Leavenworth Lions on July 15, 2021, describing their program in the City. When asked what the Lions could do for the Avenue of Life, she indicated that school will soon start. They

need new kids’ clothing, boys’ jeans, tennis shoes, t-shirts, and zip hoodies. Volunteers may also participate in cooking/prepping meals to be frozen for the community, donating non-perishable food items. The other needed item are prepaid visa cards for families to use to purchase gas.

Contact Kim Bryan to volunteer, for in-kind-donation pickups at 816.787.6101.

This is a mighty service from the heart and of great kindness.

Our third is the Environment. I look forward to the Environmental Chairman, Daniel Martinez, sharing his thoughts with us on planting trees and shrubs in our District.

Sunday, my cousin Anne, and I spoke on the phone. She talked about the water main in her neighborhood breaking for the third time in the last years. After church, she drove one of her fellow parishioners to grocery shop. She stocked up on water, noting that if you have none, you can’t even brush your teeth. She also said that when the abandoned golf course at the end of her street caught fire the last time the water main broke. The fire fighters brought in special trucks so that they might empty neighborhood swimming pools to put out the fire. Water is a precious commodity for us and for the rest of the world. Now is the time for us to think and act creatively to ensure our future generations have enough.



Peace Poster: It’s time to order your packets. I have a few here at home. The theme is “We Are All Connected.”

Lions Clubs International Foundation: Congratulations to the Lansing Lions Club for receiving their letter indicating that they are a Visionary Club as well as a 200% Club. The letter included banner patches.

Campaign 100 ends in 2022 but those clubs who have committed to being Model Clubs (\$500 per member) have until 2023 to complete their individual campaigns.

Please welcome to the incredibly awesome LCIF Team, Lion Kim Baker of the Leavenworth Lions Club, and associate of Overland Park Host Club as my Co-Chairperson for LCIF District 17 A!

I look forward to visiting you all.

Remember: YOU ROCK!

Sincerely,

Caroline Arter,
2nd Vice District Governor

COUNCIL CHAIR DIANA BAUMANN



Hello Kansas Lions!

This month gives me yet another reason to be excited! Last year's membership numbers are in and the decline we have seen in prior years is starting to turn. Our losses were a 1/3 of what we have been used to in past years. We had districts with net GROWTH during one or more quarters last year as well! Way to go Lions! Let's keep the enthusiasm and keep asking to bring more members in to serve our communities and world.

To keep the positive trend, we need to look at what was done last year to create positive growth. Two of our clubs doubled in size! So, what did they do to make this happen? In studying these clubs, here is what I have found:

Just Ask: This works! I hear stories of how people wanted to join but nobody every asked. I hear other stories of how people were asked but they declined for various reasons. The Lions knew they would be great members and asked again – sometimes multiple times (without being annoying of course) and the person would decide to give it a try. They are almost always glad they did join and wonder why they waited so long.

Enthusiasm: If your club is enthused to do projects and has fun at meetings, people want to join. They want to help. They want to be at meetings. It is a great escape for them from the daily grind at work or to be able to enjoy the company of others.

Show them: People see you in public serving and want to help. I watched a club this year that had historically held fund raisers and simply made donations as needed in the community. While this is wonderful, people did not know they were helping. This past year the club worked hard to get out and perform service and even held a Strides Walk. People noticed and recently the club added four new members!

Teach them: Do the people in your community really know what you do? More times than not, they do not know everything your club is doing to help your community. The clubs that are increasing in size have Facebook pages. They have attended multiple Membership Trainings and Officer Trainings held by the district and state. They did new service projects and fund raisers and publicized these in the newspapers every chance they got. They thanked people and recognized those who helped. The end results were multiple new members.

TV Ads: The ads are doing all of the above. Asking people to join, showing them, teaching them and are enthusiastically showing teamwork, service and friendship. We have targeted cable watchers and streaming services to get to all age groups. We, however, cannot reach everyone and need you to help. The ads can be downloaded from our State Website at <https://kansaslions.org/leadership-team> near the bottom of the page. Put these on your Facebook pages. Get them on your local public TV stations and play them on your radio station. They are a great recruiting tool so please be sure to utilize them in your community.

If you need ideas on how to increase membership, go to <https://kansaslions.org/club-membership-training-1> for tons of great items you can use. And if you have a few minutes, check out the state website: [Kansaslions.org](https://kansaslions.org). It looks FANTASTIC! PCC Hans has been working hard on it this last year and the end result is an up-to-date web page filled with great information for you and your club. Thank you, PCC Hans!

Thank you for taking time to read this and for all you do. You are amazing and are **Serving from the Heart**. Best of luck in recruiting new members to help serve those who truly need your help.

CC Diana Baumann
Kansas Lions Multiple District 17

FOLLOW KANSAS MULTIPLE DISTRICT (MD) 17 MD-17 Kansas State Lions website. [Kansaslions.org](https://kansaslions.org)
Social networking - Microblogging - Photo sharing -Video sharing

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DEBRA WEAVERLING



Serving YOU!

Dearest Lions of MD 17A,

As I begin my journey as your International Director I want to say Thank You! Your continued support over the last three years has been wonderful and the love from all of my Lions family has touched my heart and truly

made me feel very blessed to have all of you at my side.

The wait was long but I can truly say it was worth it. On Saturday, May 1st, I received my call from 1VIP Douglas Alexander. Ron and I were having brunch with DG Diana Baumann and 2VDG Tom Baumann at the time the two calls came from 1VIP Douglas Alexander. We were in Hays, KS attending District K's convention. Obviously, I missed the calls. As Ron and I were driving home I checked my phone to find the missed calls. I can only say it was exciting and yet not knowing what the call would involve I was a bit nervous. I returned the call, 1VIP Douglas answered...he did not reveal up front that I was on his team, but finally he did. I cannot explain the jubilation that came from me but Ron sure saw the excitement once the call ended. **My journey began on this day.**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The following week there was communication between other ID candidates whom I have met over the last three years. Then communication began to arrive via emails on the upcoming Virtual International Convention and what I had to do. I want to thank PID Bill Phillipi and PID Ed McCormick for their continued support as my mentors along the way. We began working on a video, then another video for MD322 (India), and then a trip to Oak Brook IL on June 28th. Pinch me, I can hardly stand it as the excitement is overwhelming! Our trip to Oak Brook was exciting and I have to say I felt like a "Princess" with Ron as my "King". The flight from MCI to Chicago was smooth and then our arrival began a top notch treatment that I shall never forget. Thank you Linda McCormick for treating me the same way when I was Council Chair for our MD. Upon our arrival to the resort we began our afternoon with a wonderful lunch with ID candidate Dianne Pitts and her husband PCC Joe Pitts. Oh, yes, ID Dianne, a native to South Carolina, will be our speaker at MD17-A's convention in 2022.

I am booked to speak at many locations in 2022 and my first speaking engagement after the LCI Board meeting in San Diego CA, October 28 – 31st is in New York. I have many other engagements in our District and State.



I just participated in the Coffey County Annual parade with PDG Terry Weldin and Wanda taking care us. The parade started at 6:30 p.m. (it was hot) but we, myself,

Ron and our two granddaughters, Kaenaaloha and Nanea had a great time. Teaching a 6 year old and 3 year old the importance of waving included telling them they were princesses and to smile and wave to the crowd. They did a great job. PDG Terry had us riding in his Pontiac Bonneville, a beautiful antique vehicle that was huge and mighty. Thank you PDG Terry and Wanda Weldin.

I will travel to Eudora on August 2nd to install new members and induct the 2021-22 officers of the Eudora Lions Club and Tonganoxie Lions Club. I have already inducted the 2021-22 officers of the Silver Lake Lions Club and the Lansing Lions Club. It is always an honor for me to be in the company of our great Lions.

I would like for you all to know that I am your VOICE as we move forward in Lionism. I cannot be your voice unless you let me know how I can help you. I am on the District and Club Service committee, I will do my best to be your voice this Lions year. You can reach me at liondebweaverling@gmail.com.

Thank you Lions for your dedication to Lionism. ***Serving others is our mission, Serving with Kindness is what we do, Service from the Heart is our goal!*** Take care everyone!

ID Deb Weaverling

Serve to Live with Kindness

SOMETHING FOR THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER? Editorial Information - Deadline to receive items for publication is the 20th day of the month preceding publication, the first day of the next month. Send electronic information to Editor: Vivian DeClements and the PR TEAM to: publicrelations@kslionsdistrict17a.org
NOTICE: To streamline our social media on Facebook, Kansas Lions District 17A (private group) will be merging into the Lions Club District 17-A <https://www.facebook.com/KansasLionsDistrict17A> (public page) on September 1, 2021. Lions, please utilize the Global Lions Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lciCyberClubs> for questions, advice, etc. **If you have any questions, please reach out to the Public Relations co-chairs Eric Strimple and Eric Tweedy.**

MD17 LCIF COORDINATOR IPDG RICK DODSON



Close out of LY 2020-2021 and Status of Campaign 100

Since Lions Year (LY) 2012-2013, Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) donations have steadily grown almost every year. As you can see in the following chart (World vs CA-1 (U.S. +), last year's donations were the largest during this period in terms of total dollar amount. That is an amazing result with the pandemic affecting us for the entire year. Also note that in Constitutional Area 1 (CA-1) the amount of funds raised from individuals has significantly increased since 2012.

LCIF \$\$ donated last 9 years

CA-1 Club vs Individual \$\$ donations

	<u>World</u>	<u>CA-1</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Individual</u>
2020-2021	\$55,244,896	\$6,920,141	60.1%	39.9%
2019-2020	\$47,210,625	\$6,502,838	64.3%	35.7%
2018-2019	\$50,780,826	\$6,344,331	68.1%	31.9%
2017-2018	\$41,452,096	\$6,736,165	74.1%	25.9%
2016-2017	\$39,076,728	\$5,068,206	78.1%	21.9%
2015-2016	\$39,484,959	\$4,321,959	79.1%	20.9%
2014-2015	\$39,822,199	\$4,314,407	80.9%	19.1%
2013-2014	\$44,393,258	\$4,954,168	88.8%	11.2%
2012-2013	\$36,806,852	\$4,885,502	81.3%	18.7%

Like the world-wide results, MD 17's donations last year (\$76,755) were the largest since 2012-2013 (\$37,794). 100% increase!

I am particularly pleased that the % of donations coming from individuals has increased so dramatically. With so much of our clubs' focus being on local service, it's difficult to persuade them to increase donations from their treasury. However, we should be able to tap into individual Lions' passion for service by getting more of them to donate on a recurring basis, (monthly or annually).

LCIF's Campaign 100 kicked off on July 1, 2018, but contributions made starting in July 2017 are counted towards the Campaign's total. In the four-year period since LY 2017-2018, MD 17 Lions have donated \$279,491. That's almost \$66,000 more than the total for the five pre-Campaign years! Congratulations and thank you to Kansas Lions!

Congratulations to the four Model Clubs in Kansas: Lansing (200%), Silver Lake (only club in Kansas to be a Model Club in all three capital campaigns), Dodge City, and Miami County Traveling. These clubs all donated a minimum average of \$500 per member.

World-wide donations are at 70.3% of our goal of \$300,000,000. Campaign 100 officially ends on June 30, 2022. A special thank you to our District Coordinators who have (and/or will continue) to encourage and promote the campaign to their districts: PDG Kathie Bell, PDG Don Keihl, and DG Randy St. Aubyn from District 17-K; Lion Margy Sundstrom, 2VDG Caroline Arter, and Lion Kim Baker from district 17-A; and PDG Bill Kincaid and PDG Indrajit Phillips from District 17-N. And thanks to all the District Governor Teams that have supported Campaign 100 by encouraging club and individual donations during visits and conventions.

If I can be of any assistance to District Governors, District LCIF Coordinators, and clubs this year, please contact me. Please join me in making this another record setting year for Kansas Lions' support of our Foundation.

IPDG Rick Dodson
MD 17 LCIF Coordinator



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair
2021-2022 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



JULY 2021

KANSAS DISTRICT 17A KINDNESS in SERVICE

PEOPLE SERVED	VOLUNTEER HOURS	SERVICE ACTIVITIES
10,280	276	17

LIONS SERVING AROUND THE DISTRICT - *That's what LIONS do!*



Randolph Lions sponsored the fireworks' display.

Woodbine Lions made a significant contribution to the local fireworks' display and provided train rides for kids.

Everest Lions picked-up after the fireworks.

Silver Lake, Shawnee, and Overland Park Lions helped with flag displays.

Louisburg Lions gave out free **WATERMELONS** and bicycles on the 4th of July.

Topeka Sunflower assisted with food distribution: Meals on Wheels

Everest Lions assisted with a local blood drive.



Lansing Lions donated to school food pantry.

2021-2022 Goals for District 17-A

1. Continue supporting Lions Clubs International with their Global Goals in the areas of Vision, Environment, Hunger, Diabetes, Childhood Cancer, World Health and Youth.
2. Increase the number of clubs that record on MyLion to attain the District Governor's % Goal.
3. Encourage Lion's club partnerships with other clubs between Lions as well as other community service groups.
4. Share project suggestions on past and possible projects toward addressing a variety of community needs.

Children's Health and Safety Project Suggestions for August:

Collect School Supplies for those in school or homebound. Collect basic personal care items for "Giving the Basics" or donate to local schools or homeless shelters. Provide underwear for children that have accidents to school nurses. Begin vision screening. Provide eyewear. Assist teachers in preparing sets of flash cards, posters, snacks. Provide activity books and supplies for childhood cancer patients

IT'S TIME TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY DIABETIC KITS FOR CLASSROOMS AND SPECIALS OF STUDENTS AND ADULTS WHO MIGHT EXPERIENCE A DIABETIC EMERGENCY WHEN THE NURSE IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE!



**WELCOME
NEW
LIONS**

Congratulations and thank you ALL! **KANSAS LIONS** welcomes YOU to the Lions family.

Kansas Lions District 17A looks to 2021-2022 with renewed enthusiasm for service and membership growth. Lions Clubs International (LCI) has many resources available to support your club and in managing club growth. Lions, create your club's growth plan! Invite new members to share our great organization. As your Global Membership Team (GMT) leader this year, let me know if I can help.

Reminder: If your club has a +1, or more, in membership, plan to fill out a club excellence application!

**MORE MEMBERS.
MORE SERVICE.**

PCC Beverly Greenwood
GMT Chairperson
bgreenwood@twinvalley.net

JUNE 2021 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BASEHOR LIONS	SPONSOR
Simon Anderson	Ronald Milbourn
Casey Wilcox	Dustin Kiefer
BONNER SPRINGS LIONS	SPONSOR
Garrett Spease	Lance Tilton
Justin Spease	Mickey Hylton
DELPHOS LIONS	SPONSOR
Crystal Manship	Vince Manship
Harrison Manship	Vince Manship
EUDORA LIONS	SPONSOR
Danny Strimple	Kathleen Strimple
GARDNER LIONS	SPONSOR
Kevin Kasper	Dennis Newton
Rhonda Kasper	Dennis Newton
LANSING LIONS	SPONSOR
Helen Bennett	Rick Dodson
Vanessa Reid	Darcel Odom
LAWRENCE LIONS	SPONSOR
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Sarah Jane Russell	Beth McKenzie
Kisha Steineger	Beth McKenzie
LEAVENWORTH LIONS	SPONSOR
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Diana Dodd	Ron Norman
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WASHINGTON LIONS	SPONSOR
Macy Flory	Susan Bruna



Global Membership Approach (GMA) Champion - Eric Strimple

As we start the new Lion year, we continue our focus on growing District 17A. This year the District, Zones, and Clubs will be asked to work collectively on the Global Membership Approach (GMA), formally known as North American Membership Initiative (NAMI).

The purposes of GMA are simple. We will rejuvenate our district with new clubs, revitalize clubs with new members, and re-motivate existing members with fellowship and exciting service; for this process to work, though, it will take commitment from all of us to make it a success.

CLUB EXCELLENCE

The exciting part is we have already seen this process be successful. Last year, Zone 5 was part of the pilot program with LCI to work through this process to see how it worked at the zone level. I am happy to report that through the process, we saw more clubs working together on projects and can report that Zone 5 ended the year with 3 of the 7 clubs earning Club Excellence Awards and membership growth of +1 for the year. This number may seem small to you, but the previous year they ended with -21 in membership! **This is a HUGE change!**

In the coming days, clubs be on the lookout for the first step, the club survey questionnaire. The questionnaire will be coming from your Zone chair(s) because we have found the GMA process to work best from the zone level. When you receive the survey, please answer it as candidly as possible to allow your zone chair(s) to assist you the best way possible.

As we all work through this process, I ask for your patience, your time and effort, your understanding as we learn, and most of all, for you to **“TRUST THE PROCESS.”**

Lion Eric Strimple

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Where there's a need there's a Lion

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Goal for the Environment of Kansas District 17A

What is my goal for 2021-2022 Environmental year? I would like to see our District 17A plant 71 trees and shrubs, suitable to their community, therefore one planting for every Lions club!

Where do I want these trees or shrubs to be planted? Each club works with their community, and they decide on the best choice and location.

Who can join in this project? Lions and Leos, community members, leaders of the city, most amazing members of other civic organizations.

When can we start this amazing project? I propose the start of this amazing project begin September 1, 2021, and end Arbor Day, April 29, 2022.

What is the cost to the clubs for this project? The Environmental Committee would be happy to assist individual clubs research financial resources for their project.

How do the trees and the shrubs and all the plantings affect us, our environment? These plantings produce oxygen! They give us resources to build homes and ships. They produce fruit to eat and protect nature, its part of our natural life. And, it protects our birds in the sky that send us incredible messages from the guy above.

Watch for upcoming newsletters and information on our website regarding the Tree/Shrub Planting Project for this Lions year.

**Respectfully,
Lion Daniel Martinez
Environmental Chairman**



LEARN Environment Facts

>3 trillion trees in the world
30% of the world's land area is covered by forest

>15 billion trees are cut down every year

46% Estimated global decrease in tree count since the start of human civilization

PLANT A TREE!

www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/environment

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation



Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) Updated Mobile Screening Unit Guidelines

The purpose of the Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) is to assist individuals identify health and vision concerns while maintaining CDC guidelines. The current CDC guidelines are that anyone fully immunized for COVID can be without a mask; on the honor system, anyone not immunized must wear a mask. It is not recommended that cover gowns be worn unless actually screening for COVID, then disposable gowns are necessary. Social distancing will be encouraged. Both hand sanitizer and disinfectant cleaners will be provided.

From now until January 1, 2022 the only screenings that will be provided inside the MSU will be for adult vision. When the MSU is in the communities, two outdoor canopies will be provided: one for blood pressure and blood sugar screening and one for children's vision screening. Clubs are responsible to provide health care professionals for the blood pressure and blood sugar screening. The initial fee for scheduling the MSU has been reduced to \$200.00 for the first day and \$100.00 for each additional day. Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) will continue to support clubs reserving the MSU by providing brochures and posters. For these promotional materials please contact Lion Vern Failor at vfailor@gmail.com or phone H 785-272-6102 or C 785-231-3960 at least six weeks before this scheduled club activity.



KANSAS STATE FAIR

2000 N Poplar Hutchinson, KS

September 10, 2021 - September 19, 2021

At the 2021 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Kansas from September 10, 2021 through and including September 19, 2021 the CDC guidelines will be followed. There will only be four stations to check blood pressure and blood sugar. The children's vision screening will be provided under a canopy outside the MSU in one of the booths reserved by the KLSF. We will need both health care professionals and Lions to staff our booth for the ten days of the fair. Please contact either DGE Randy St. Aubyn at rsaubyn@yahoo.com or cell phone 620-200-4898 or Lion Sylvia Reinhardt at poorfarmer@eaglecom.net or cell phone 620-921-0130 to volunteer for this Kansas Lions Service Project. We screen from 1000 to 1800 each day of the fair and have two shifts: 0930 to 1400 and 1330 to 1800. Your club can take a shift (four to six Lions per shift) or all day. Those assisting with this state fair project will receive a day's gate pass to the fair.

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) sincerely appreciates volunteers for the 2021 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, KS. As stated above, if any one wants specific information about what shifts and days we are still needing Lion volunteers, please feel free to contact us. The MSU team: Lions Sylvia Reinhardt, Dan Heersche, Vern Failor, and DG Randy St. Aubyn

Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, RN
KLSF VP & 17-K Director

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF)

The Kansas Lions Sight Foundation is a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation. It was incorporated to provide an avenue whereby Lions and others, could donate funds that would then be disbursed for sight-related projects in Kansas. There are five main objectives of the Foundation: services for the visually impaired; screening for visual acuity and glaucoma, blood pressure, diabetes, and hearing; treatment of eye injuries and disease; educations; and eye research. <https://kansaslions.org> > [our-foundations](#)

HEALTH PROGRAMS - Kansas Lions Sight Foundation



KidSight District 17A Style

Now that the pandemic is winding down it is time to get the Vision Screening program going again. Remember the KidSight USA program targets children under school age as the children of this age are the least served by vision screening. The screeners can screen children as young as 6 months and sometimes younger.

District A has 4 vision screeners at this time to serve you, 2 based in Topeka, 1 in Sabetha and 1 in Overland Park. To schedule one of these screeners contact Lion Vern Failor at 785 272 6102 or email at vlfailor@gmail.com.

If you have not done a Vision Screening yet and would like to be trained just contact Lion Vern and he will help you with training. Don't worry the training is very simple and any Lion can do it. You will find that the Vision Screening Program is one of the most rewarding Lions program you will ever do.

It is estimated that 1 in 10 or 10% of the children under the age of 4 years old have a vision issue. There are an estimated 225,000 plus children in this age group in Kansas and an additional 30,000 plus are born each year.

Is your Lions Club doing their part in finding the 10% in your community?

Contact Lion Vern for help.

Lion Vern Failor
Topeka Sunflower Lions Club
5201 SW 27th, Topeka 66614



Lions of District 17A are great!

A little over one year ago I was approached by a young lady here in Topeka named Kloie asking if the Lions could help her get a service dog. I told her I would try. The Lions of District 17A came through even in the pandemic time with about \$1,400 of the \$5,000 it would take for this dog. This encouraged Kloie to work toward the remaining funds. She was successful.

The picture is of Kloie and her service dog Fusion. Fusion was trained at CARES Inc. in Concordia, KS. Kloie and

Fusion just got home from their two week training on June 18, 2021. Fusion is a fully certified service dog so he can go with Kloie where ever she needs to go.

Fusion was born on January 28, 2019 to a breeder. His entire litter was donated to CARES when they were six months old. The litter theme was "Ford Vehicles." There was Flex, Eco, Edge, Fusion, Fiesta, and Max. They all successfully completed their training! Fusion was the last to graduate, so they have all been placed as Assistance Animals to help people!

Lions, this is what you do as Lions for people that need help. For Kloie, I am saying, "THANK YOU, LIONS!" You have just made a young lady very happy. This was done as part of the Lions Health Program of District 17A. (This article written with permission from Kloie.)

Lion Vern Failor
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation



Women In Lions AND IN 1987, IT BEGAN . . .

Margy Sundstrom, Women Membership Chairperson

An interview with Leavenworth Lions Club President Dionne Smith –



1. When did you join Lions?

November 17, 2016

2. What offices have you held?

Board Member, 3rd VP, 2nd VP, 1st VP, President of the Leavenworth Lions Club.

3. What prompted you to join Lions?

Lion Jack Walker invited me to a meeting. I knew before I left that meeting that I would join. I am passionate about serving and I related to the mission of We Serve. The members made me feel welcome and I was drawn to the spirit and fun personalities of the club members.

4. What service project have you enjoyed?

Our signature service project, which also duals as one of our fundraisers, is Trash Delivery for the City of Leavenworth. Although stressful at times, as the 3rd VP, I enjoyed planning and coordinating the participants for the events.

5. In your opinion, do you think there is a lack of female representation in Lions?

Yes. For the Leavenworth Lions Club, I am only the ninth female to serve as President. However, for the 2021-2022 Lions Year, our 1st VP and 3rd VP are female. Hopefully this will encourage women within our club to step up and inquire about being a board member and the path to becoming the President of the Leavenworth Lions Club.

6. What advice do you have for women interested in joining Lions?

Attend a meeting and see what we are all about. Once they join, look for opportunities to lead.

7. Do you have a female role model in or out of Lions and why are they your role model?

International Director Lion Deb Weaverling. She is an active member of the Leavenworth Lions Club and is passionate about our club and Lions International. She is a positive light, has sage advice and always keeps the best interest of the club in the forefront.

8. What is the most rewarding part of being a Lion? Serving the community and meeting with our members every week. Our Lions club meetings are my favorite part of the week.

9. Any challenges you have faced in Lions?

As with other clubs, recruiting new members. Also, more participation of our current members, especially our At Large members.

10. We are always asked when did you BECOME a Lion. Do you have a specific story for that?

I guess I would have to say when I became 3rd VP. The 3rd VP is responsible for coordinating/scheduling the Trash Bag Delivery twice a year and Bell Ringing with the Salvation Army. I had no idea what I was getting myself into. Once I figured it all out, this is when I knew I was a Lion.

Stay tuned next month for more Women in Lions!



2021 District Art Supply Drive for Pediatric Cancer Patients

Bring any of the following art supplies to the District Cabinet Meeting on August 28 in Manhattan!

All items must be new to be donated to the hospitals.

Crossword, Word Search, Sudoku, Mad Libs, Children or Adult Coloring Books
Character stickers(Disney, Marvel,etc.) or Activity Books
Crayola crayons in boxes of 8-24, Colored pencils, Artist pencils & Sketchbooks
Play-Doh, Model Magic, art sets, project kits
Ca\$h donations will be accepted



Contact PDG Carleen Rajala 1- 913-481-7328

LION CLUB EVENTS



MILFORD LIONS UNITE ON TREX BENCH AT THE MILFORD CITY BUILDING

The Milford Lions met their goal in the Trex Recycling challenge in their community.

500 LBS of PLASTIC = TREX BENCH!

The Milford Lions continue the challenge to earn **TWO** more TREX benches for the Geary County Senior Center and the FlagStop Milford School.

Drop-Box Locations
Milford City Building
Milford Post Office



MILFORD LIONS THANK VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

Milford Lions present thank you bags to the Milford Volunteer Fire Department. Included in the bags were water guns as a novelty gift. For every NEED, Milford Lions will find a way.

MILFORD LIONS thank all who participated in the Trex program and all who turned out for the May breakfast event. You are invited to **JOIN US** on the second Tuesday of the month for a potluck at 6:00 PM at the Milford City Building.
OUR MOTTO: WE SERVE

Overland Park Lions SHARE Trex Challenge

Trex has “benched” Overland Park Host Lions until mid-November. We reached 545 pounds of stretchable plastic (and earned a bench) in just two months. Club members will continue to collect, however, to maintain continuity with suppliers and to keep plastics out of landfills.

OP Lions will share their surplus with clubs in the District that need help in meeting their 500-pound goal. If your club partners with HyVee as we do, simply tell us how many pounds you want and we’ll deduct that amount from our total; you add it to yours. If you partner with another business, we’ll set aside bags for you but ask that you get them from us and take to your drop-off locations. Contact **Lion Steve Pelz** 913-223-6147 if interested.



OVERLAND PARK HOST LIONS

Awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship
2021-2022 Installation of Officers Ceremony
Assembled 120 snack packs for the Veterans Community Project.
A special thanks goes to these Lions who traveled here to serve with us!
Eudora Lions - Leavenworth Lions
Tonganoxie Lions - Miami County Traveling Lions

DISTRICT 17 LIONS CLUB EVENTS - NOTICES



**SALINA
DOWNTOWN
LIONS**

100 YEAR

**CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION**

SALINA DOWNTOWN LIONS **100 YEAR** **BANQUET CELEBRATION** **100 Year Dash 1921-2021**

WHEN: Wednesday, September 15, 2021

WHERE: HOMEWOOD Suites by Hilton

Social Hour/Cash Bar 5:00 PM

Dinner by YaYa's 6:00 PM

Cost - \$30 per person

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE and return:

4 OZ BRAISED SHORT RIB

4 OZ FREE RANGE ROASTED CHICKEN

4 OZ ROASTED CAULIFLOWER STEAK (v)

Each meal comes with a house salad, pureed potatoes, vegetable, bread service and brownie.

**YOU
are
INVITED!**

RSVP:

Judy Nold

P. O. Box 2233

Salina, KS 67402

785-410-0129

**ladylionjudy@gmail.
com**

**RESERVATIONS must
be received no later
than September 1, 2021**

**HOPE
LIONS**

**UNITED in
HOPE**

20th ANNUAL HOPE FESTIVAL

WHEN: Saturday, September 11, 2021 - 5:00 PM

WHERE: Hope, KS – **FIND US** on the Parade Route

SPECIAL EVENTS:

**Car Show – Turtle Races – Hog & Turkey Race - Pin-Up
Contest – Carriage Rides – Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament**

NEW EVENTS: Petting Zoo – Axe Throwing

SERVING: Smoked Pork/Turkey Meal after the parade

**PLEASE
JOIN US!
WE SERVE.**

**TOPEKA
SUNFLOWER
LIONS**
**EVERYONE IS
INVITED!
GREAT FOOD.
GREAT FUN.
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP.**

TOPEKA SUNFLOWER LIONS **ANNUAL STEAK FRY**

WHEN: THURSDAY OCTOBER 7, 2021

SOCIAL 6:00 PM DINNER: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Shelter House #6, 3521 SE East Edge Rd
Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS.

KC STRIP, BAKED POTATO, AND ALL THE FIXINGS

Bring Table Service + Steak Knife

**COME TO
THE PARTY!**

**RSVP: by October 1st
PCC Bobby Duvall
785-608-1311 or
terrybobd@aol.com**

**OLATHE
LIONS**



ANNUAL CHILI & SOUP SUPPER

WHEN: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 4:00-6:00 PM

WHERE: First Baptist Church
2024 E 151st Street, Olathe, KS

SERVING: Our Crowd-Pleasing Chili, a variety of Soups,
Grilled Hot Dogs and PLENTY of desserts!

**ALL YOU
CAN EAT!
GREAT
FELLOWSHIP
TOO!**



SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
AUGUST 29TH
1:00 - 6:00 PM

You Don't Want to Miss This!

LEAWOOD LIONS RECRUITING EVENT

Leawood Lions Club is planning a Family Carnival event to be held at **Ironwood Park** on Sunday, **August 29, 2021, from 1 PM to 6 PM**. This 115-acre park is located at 147th Street and Mission Road. The event is open to all Leawood Lions Club and multiple district members, guests, Scout Units chartered by the Club, along with their guests and invited Cub Scout Units.

REGISTER PLEASE! All guests will be asked to register upon arriving and will be given an arm

band allowing participation at the various activity stations that are planned. BBQ will be available for purchase, as will family-appropriate refreshments, along with provided activities to engage people of all ages. There might well even be an opportunity to cool off under the refreshing spray of water by a Leawood Fire Truck - or possibly even as "a chosen one" in an old-fashioned Carnival Dunk Tank! The family carnival event is planned as outdoor entertainment and a chance to meet and even **recruit friends** into both Lions and Scouting fun.

MOBILE VACCINATION UNIT ON SITE As a special event, the Lions Club is arranging with Stark Pharmacy for a COVID mobile vaccination unit to be on location for anyone 12 years of age or older who is interested and has appropriate identification to be inoculated. The mobile vaccination unit is being offered as a public service for those who voluntarily choose to participate. However, as a courtesy to others, everyone attending will be asked to respect physical (social) distance from others and when in close proximity to wear a face mask - whether or not vaccinated. Please use your Lions attire. It is an opportunity to meet, greet and encourage past, present and future friends to fulfill the Lion's motto by joining together and enjoying one another as "We Serve!"

KANSAS LIONS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE



**ALERT
TEAM**

KANSAS LIONS ALERT TEAM

PDG Dan Funke, MD-17 Lions Alert chairperson, has received an LCIF grant to purchase a new Alert trailer and truck. We have two road-capable trucks and trailers. One set will be kept at the Lions Headquarters in Wichita, and one will be maintained in the Junction City area. We have one volunteer driver. We could still use other

volunteer drivers. The trucks and trailers will be ready to respond to disasters anywhere in the state.

For information about volunteering to drive or to donate supplies for the trailer, please contact PDG Dave Hentges, (913) 433-4761 or email dhentges42@gmail.com.

PDG David Hentges, Kansas City Downtown Lions Club,
District 17A Alert Chairperson dhentges42@gmail.com

**TOGETHER
WE SERVE**

LIONS DISTRICT ALERT PROGRAM

Personal care items needed for MEN and WOMEN

- Toothpaste - Toothbrush
- Deodorant - Comb
- Shaving cream - Razor
- Bandages - Wash Cloth
- Shampoo - Soap

Contact: PDG David Hentges, Kansas City Downtown
Lions Club, at dhentges42@gmail.com

KANSAS LIONS FOUNDATION STATE ALERT

KANSAS LIONS: Please submit your willingness to participate in the ALERT Program in times of emergencies to Lions Alert Chair PDG Dan Funke. Please include your name and contact information and the club you are affiliated with. Include any special tools or equipment you have access to such as chainsaw, grill, trailer, etc. Send donations to the Kansas Lions Foundation, PO Box 73, Humboldt, KS 66748. In memo, write ALERT. Contact: PDG Dan Funke, ALERT Kansas State Chairperson at djfunke@cox.net

District 17A **TECH** Zone

District 17A Webmaster

Co-Chairs: Chris Dodson - Irene Haws

District 17A Public Relations

Co-Chairs : Eric Strimple - Eric Tweedy

Connecting With Our Community



The District 17A serves the Lions community not only as an information repository, but provides a central location for Lion events, celebrating your projects and getting up to date thoughts and news from your District Leaders.

There is an events calendar where you can have information about your club activities posted. Send in your flyers, paragraphs and other details to have them entered into the calendar and start spreading the word! There are also spaces for sharing photos from your clubs. Get some great action shots of the events in-progress as well as that awesome final club selfie!

Want to get the latest news from your District Leaders? The site hosts blog posts from them of their musings as well as announcements and after event posts and videos. Don't always feel like frequently checking the site for news in your busy life, no worries! You know you can subscribe to the site blog and be notified automatically when a new post is made by simply entering your email towards the bottom of the page on the left and clicking Subscribe!

Here's more news from your District Leaders! **NEW** in Public Relations! Watch for more interactions from our DISTRICT LIONS PR TEAM as they create, share and exchange information and ideas on these SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS:

Instagram – Twitter – Video Programs - Photographs - Interview and Public Speaking

Lions can use social media to raise awareness about their club in their community. Many people often turn to channels like Facebook and Instagram to learn more about brands and organizations. Creating a social channel for your club gives you visibility on platforms that billions of people use every day.

District 17A Public Relations Team



Lions Club District 17A

<https://www.facebook.com/KansasLionsDistrict17A/>

Lions New Voices – Official Lions Clubs International Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionsnewvoices/>

MyLion Forum – created for Lions and Leos to encourage collaboration, help train Members and to post questions about MyLion.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/MyLionSupport/about/>

Global Lions Forum – An independent body of Lions that covers a wide range of topics including using modern technology creating enrichment and more fun!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lciCyberClubs/about/>



KANSAS LIONS WEBSITES

Kansas State Lions

www.kansaslions.org

Facebook Group: Kansas Lions

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1638162259829705/> Email: KansasLions@aol.com

District 17K

<https://kansaslions17k.org/>

District 17A

www.kslionsdistrict17a.org

District 17N

www.kslions17n.org

KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

CURRENT EVENTS and UPCOMING DATES



DISTRICT 17A FIRST HYBRID CABINET MEETING

YOU are invited to our first HYBRID Cabinet meeting of the 2021- 2022 Lions Year.
WHEN: August 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM (9:30 AM -Registration for those attending in-person)
WHERE: Zoom Meeting or Four Points by Sheraton Manhattan 530 Richards Dr, Manhattan, KS 66502

AGENDA: Provided separately closer to meeting date. Lunch: 12:00 noon – (additional information - provided separately) **RSVP:** District Secretary PDG Al Kimmi, aikimmi@rainbowtel.net or 785-548-5744 by August 20th. Or, join by zoom. Meeting ID: 868 5547 6469 - Passcode: sdTYQ6

DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

- August 28, 2021 First Cabinet Meeting - Manhattan, KS
- November 6, 2021 Second Cabinet Meeting - Wamego, KS
- February 12, 2022 Third Cabinet Meeting - Lawrence, KS
- June 11, 2022 Fourth Cabinet Meeting - Leawood, KS

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

- August 21-22, 2021 ...;..... First State Council Meeting – Wichita
- October 23 or 30, 2021 . . . Second State Council Meeting - Location - TBD
- February 4-6, 2022 Third State Council Meeting and Mid-Winter Rally – Salina, KS
- June 3-4, 2022 Fourth State Council Meeting and State Convention – Pittsburg, KS

MID-WINTER RALLY 2022

February 4-6, 2022 Hilton Garden Inn, Salina, KS

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

- 17K March 25-26, 2022 ... Hays, KS - ID Justin Faber
- 17A April 1-2, 2022 TBD, KS - ID Diane Pitts
- 17N April 8-9, 2022 Emporia, KS - ID Ken Ibarer

STATE CONVENTION 2022

June 3-4, 2022 Pittsburg, KS



Montreal - City in Québec, Canada

2022 Lions International Convention Relocated

The board of directors has voted to relocate the 2022 Lions International Convention from New Delhi, India to Montréal, Canada. The 2022 international convention will take place from June 24-28, 2022. As plans come together, we will be sure to communicate them to the Lions of the world. - Dr. Jung-Yul Choi



UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

- June 24-28, 2022 ... Montreal, Canada
- July 7-11, 2023 ... Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- June 21-25, 2024 .. Melbourne, Australia
- July 4-8, 2025: Mexico City, Mexico
- July 3-7, 2026: Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- July 2-6, 2027: Washington, DC, USA
- June 23-27, 2028: . Singapore



USA/CANADA FORUM

- September 9-11, 2021 . Des Moines, IA
- September 15-17, 2022 Calgary, Alberta Canada
- September 14-15, 2023 . Reno, Nevada
- September - 2024 - Louisville, Kentucky