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A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR



DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON

Hello Lions,

As we reflect on our past service and look forward to new opportunities next year, I wish all of you a wonderful, fulfilling, and safe holiday season.

The holiday season is traditionally a period in which every club conducts some sort of food, toy, or clothing drive to help less fortunate individuals and families. With many fundraisers cancelled during the first half of the Lions Year, some clubs may find it difficult to provide the services they did in the past. Consider alternate methods. Assist other organizations with manpower, send letters (or newspaper/ Facebook posts) to supporters of previous fundraisers explaining your dilemma and ask for donations so you can continue your holiday service.

Coronavirus modified or motivated projects reported or publicized by some clubs: **Robinson and Hiawatha Lions** put Burma Shave-style inspirational yard signs up in their towns, **Randolph Lions** changed their indoor soup supper to a drive-by soup dinner, **Keats Lions** hosted a virtual dog walk, **Gardner Lions** sold mums, **Louisburg Lions** changed their pancake breakfast under a tent at Cider Fest to a pancake food truck, **Eudora and Paola Lions** partnered to spread Halloween cheer to families in Paola, **Olathe Noon and Shawnee Lions** partnered to prepare 1,748 meals, **Shawnee Lions** prepared 40 snack bags for the staff at Sharon Lane Health and Rehabilitation, **Lansing Lions** partnered with the Cub Scout Pack and changed their Mayor's Christmas Tree food collection from a grocery store to a house-by-house collection effort and a drive-by food drop off collection, and **Concordia Lions** assisted the Crunch for a Cause at Taco John's to support the North Kansas Down Syndrome Society. Thank you, Lions, for being flexible and creative to continue your community service and fundraising activities.

Donations to LCIF are down because of lack of fundraising. Here are some ways that clubs approach their support for LCIF rather than making a one-time donation from their Treasury: pass the hat, 50/50 Pot, members donate small amounts every meeting (possibly leading to a MJF presentation), individual member(s) make a one-time donation. No donation is too small.

A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...

CONVENTION CHAIRPERSON 2VDG Rich Webster is my district convention chairperson this year. Starting this month, he will be providing you information on our convention scheduled for April 9-10, 2021. I'm excited about the facilities and activities we have reviewed and look forward to sharing them with you in the near future.

LIONS RECOGNITIONS The three things I enjoy most as District Governor are visiting clubs, providing recognition for individual Lions, and inducting new members. Before this latest virus surge, I was able to visit 26 clubs by Zoom or in person. I have been mightily impressed with the ways clubs are staying safe in their meetings and involved in their communities. I have been honored to present **Melvin Jones Fellowships** to four outstanding Lions: Rick Bremerman in Tescott, Eric Tweedy in Eudora, Mildred Robbins in Oskaloosa, Vivian DeClements in Olathe. I was pleased to induct Desirae Wolford (daughter of Big Lion Paula Farmer) into the Oskaloosa Lions Club.

1VDG Vania, 2VDG Rich, and myself are still attempting to visit all the clubs in the district. I realize club meetings are constantly changing between in-person, virtual, or not meeting because of the resurgence in the COVID virus and each club's risk analysis. Please know that we are flexible and will work with you to participate in person or virtual.

Happiest of holidays and stay safe.

We Serve Because Kindness Matters.

DG Rick Dodson



DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON'S MELVIN JONES FELLOWSHIP PRESENTATIONS



Eric Tweedy
Eudora Lions



Rick Bremerman
Tescott Lions



Vivian DeClements
Olathe Lions



Mildred Robbins
Oskaloosa Lions

DISTRICT GOVERNOR and VICE DISTRICT GOVERNORS' CLUB VISITATIONS

The **VISIT** of the District Governor and the Vice District Governors are highlights of the Lions year. Certain protocols apply as outlined on the LCI website. **WE SERVE** WITH DIGNITY, KINDNESS and RESPECT.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICK DODSON	1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR VANIA CASTRO	2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICHARD WEBSTER
Dec. 07, 2020 - Clyde Lions Dec. 21, 2020 - Linwood Lions	Dec. 02, 2020 Abilene (Zoom) Feb. 2021 Hiawatha (TBD) 2021 Scandia (TBD) 2021 Concordia (TBD) 2021 Bennington (TBD)	Jan. 04, 2021 - Waterville 6:00 PM Club visitations are yet to be determined. For an update, Please check the website. https://kslionsdistrict17a.org

1VDG Vania Castro



Dear Fellow Lions,

This year has been truly unlike any other, and though seemingly challenging to navigate, our Lions members have demonstrated that they are making the best of it. Clubs around our district are continuing to conduct many community service and fundraising programs making use of alternative meeting methods such as Zoom. The Lions have sustained their volunteering drive by providing service programs during the coronavirus era. Among all the uncertainty, one thing is certain; the Lions came together as a community and succeeded despite overwhelming challenges by supporting one another.

We have made it so far this year and we are excited as traditionally November and December are busy months for us due to Diabetes month, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. In addition, we have several other service projects in District 17A ongoing such as: purchasing eyeglasses, collecting used eyeglasses, emergency diabetes kits for school children, vision screening, Ronald McDonald House, environment related projects, posting flags for Labor day and Veterans, club collaboration for joint fundraising. Great job, Lions!



The sound of a Lion can be heard 5 miles way! Lions make themselves heard and speak up to help and/or protect their pride. If you are considering to continue your service and/or step up as a leader in District 17A next year, please contact me (drvaniacastro@gmail.com) because your contribution matters and most importantly you matter. Together, we are building a bridge into the future by going through the stages of the development of a successfully working team for the upcoming year. "A Lion's roar is enough to describe him." – Paras Chandra

In such tumultuous times, we never know what is going to happen in the future, but let's make the most of our new "normal" by supporting one another and staying safe. I am wishing you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a smooth start to the New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

1st VDG Vania Castro District 17A



"The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to transform, to love and to be greater than our suffering." - Ben Okri



Your Legacy Beyond Campaign 100

Continue serving humanity beyond your lifetime by including a gift to LCIF in your estate plan. In doing so, you'll become part of Lions Legacy Society, earn special recognition, and provide sustained funding for LCIF grant programs, like those that have empowered your service for years. Thank you for considering your legacy and beginning a conversation with your LCIF planned giving team.

GIFT PLANNING ~ LCIF

<https://lcif.myplannedgift.org>



2VDG RICHARD WEBSTER



Time is flying by! We are almost halfway through our Lions year heading toward the holidays and winter snows. It is not too early to begin thinking about our District Convention which we will hold on April 9 – 10, 2021.

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

In spite of the current pandemic and difficulties, we are planning on an in-person Convention. The hope is not only will the Covid 19 problems decline, but there will be a vaccine to alleviate some of the concerns in having an in-person event this year.

Lions are social people and we have missed that personal contact for a number of months now including the cancellation of our Convention last year at the State and District levels and Cabinet meetings and so many Club meetings and events.

The Zoom meeting has substituted in many cases, but it is not the same so we are praying this will be a return to normal and we will see you, in person, in April.

CHANGE OF VENUE

Originally the convention was planned for Abilene, but we are unable to get the venues required to commit for the dates we desire because of the outbreaks of Covid in Abilene. Our thoughts and prayers are with that community as they are dealing with a very large problem. Instead, we will move our Convention to near-by Salina. There are lots of venues and accommodations in Salina and we think you will find it an acceptable substitute for the event we had planned in Abilene.



As the Convention Chairperson, I am working on a number of options for a wonderful experience in Salina. The Rolling Hills

Zoo is a great experience and a pleasant surprise for those not expecting a large scale Zoo with a large variety of animals displayed in natural settings. The Zoo can be toured from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tram rides are available as well as strollers, wheelchairs or electric scooters. The Wildlife Museum and the Elephant's Trunk Gift Shop offer many interesting items for sale. Explore your wild side at the Rolling Hills Zoo!



Downtown Salina is the proud home of the Sculpture Tour Salina. This is an outdoor exhibit of sculptures that changes

each spring. Artists from across the country submit work to be considered by a jury for each exhibition. This unique tour provides an interesting look at the core of Salina and the great cultural offerings such as theatre, museums, galleries and downtown Salina.

Salina has several lodging options and shopping and dining areas throughout the community. We will have more information on our **Schedule of Convention Events and Venues** soon. For those attending our Convention, there are plenty of sites and attractions available for a complete weekend of fun and excitement. You can plan a whole weekend or more of activities around your participation in our annual gathering. I hope to see all of you at this year's Convention!

2VDG Richard C. Webster
Kansas Lions 17A
President Keats Lions Club



LION - ANCIENT SYMBOL OF BRAVERY AND COURAGE

The lion has been an important symbol to humans for tens of thousands of years. The earliest graphic representations feature lions as organized hunters with great strength, strategies, and skills.

In China, they act as guardians, defending homes. For Buddhists, lion statues are said to bring peace and prosperity, while in Italy, they symbolize power and prestige.

(Wikipedia). According to Capital Royal Realty, in Quebec, homeowners traditionally place lions in front of their house once their mortgage is paid off. No matter where it is placed, the lion remains true to itself as a symbol of honor, respect, and power, and can even be seen in popular buildings in Paris and New York.

The **Lions Clubs International** emblem is recognized around the world as a symbol of kindness and service.

"It is not surprising that the symbolic meaning of a lion statue is related to strength, nobility, courage, and authority," says Leonard. "And KINDNESS and DIVERSITY," he added.



COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES



Hello Lions,

We are in the Holiday season, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Years. As we celebrate with our own traditions and maybe since we are in the middle of a pandemic in a much different way that we have usually celebrated, it is an appropriate time to step back and take stock.

It is that time in our Lions year to see what we accomplished and make sure we are on course for the second half of the year. The pandemic has caused clubs to adjust how we meet and plan and serve. Clubs continue to serve and meet needs in communities. Thank you, club leadership that got creative with planning meetings using parks, driveways, shelter houses, conference calls, and virtual platforms to bring members together and identify a community need and develop a plan to meet that need. Thanks district Lions for stepping up and working in your community to serve with kindness.

Predictions for the course of this virus which has now affected the last nine months of our life is not real rosy. Numbers are expected to increase over the holidays. That means Lions will continue to be creative as we continue to serve communities. My thoughts and prayers to MD 17 Lions who suffered with COVID or had a loved one or friend affected. Prayers for those who lost the battle with the COVID.

My best wishes to every Kansas Lion for a Blessed and Joyful Holiday season. Please accept my deep gratitude for all that you do for your community as a Lion.

Stay safe as you serve with diversity and kindness.

CC Diane Hentges

A Brief Look Back from Around the Globe

1917: Melvin Jones and fellow Chicago businessmen founded Lions Clubs to improve the community.

1948: Only three years after World War II, Europe sees its first Lions club in Stockholm, Sweden. Geneva, Switzerland, follows suit just days later.

1956: The Detroit Lions Club gives 6-year-old Stevie Wonder a Christmas gift – a drum set.

1977: Lion Jimmy Carter, a peanut farmer from Georgia, becomes president of the United States of America.

2017: Lions celebrate their 100th anniversary and first century of service!

2020: The Carter Center and Lions Clubs International Foundation's collaborative work continues amidst the pandemic, with appropriate precautions being taken to prevent introduction and transmission of COVID-19. (Carter Center's Trachoma Control Program. <https://bit.ly/3eJDkQo>)

Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs around the world and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which is changing the way we live, work and serve. Let's continue to put our kindness in action by putting the health and safety of our communities first.

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

PCC DEBRA WEAVERLING, GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIRPERSON



Kindness Does Matter

A couple of days ago my Lions Club, the Leavenworth Lions Club planted two trees for two great Lions who passed away. Lions Del Sanders and Harry Dempsey were both incredible individuals who promoted kindness to everyone they met. Their spouses were very touched by the recognition, One was planted at Ray Miller Park a Redbud, and the other at Cody Park, a Red Maple. Both locations were selected by the spouses as well as the tree selection. It was a beautiful day on November 20th, the sun was shining and barely a wind. Lion Chaplain Sam Sanford blessed the trees with a wonderful prayer, bringing tears to my eyes.

Audrey Sanders and her great friend Angela Derezinski were there to throw dirt on the tree located on the front property of Ray Miller Park. Diane Dempsey, Natalie (daughter), and Mike (son), Lindsay, and Claire (granddaughter) were there to place some dirt on the tree before final planting. They were so touched by the generosity and gesture our Lions Club gives to those Lions of our club who pass on.

The legacy tree program is sponsored by the City of Leavenworth. The City plants the trees (once selected by the family), selects a location (in one of our many parks), and takes care of the tree until self-sustainable. A wooden plaque with information is placed in front of the tree. The cost for this recognition is \$200.00. What a great partnership our club and the City of Leavenworth has had for over 10 years on this project.

If you want to plant a tree (Environmental) for your Lion who passes away you may want to check with your local City government or County government and ask about a Legacy Tree Program or start a program. This partnership has been a great way to give back to our environment and honor a Lion.

As we begin preparation for the Christmas holidays that we all enjoy, let's remember our Lions whom have passed on and recognize them for their numerous contributions to our club, our community, their family, and their life on this earth. We are Lions who serve with our hearts, our labor, our incredible generosity, and our love. Let us all share our wealth of giving with those who need our organization this coming month of December. I believe more than ever, many need us now and we must give to those who are in need. So, get out there and bell ring for the Salvation Army, collect coats, hats, gloves, give food to your local food pantry, and take an angel off a tree for young and old children who will need a Christmas to remember. I know I can count on you, Lions of Kansas.

Take care of each other. Be Kind to each other. Love one another. Live like there is no tomorrow. Kindness is utterly important in our world, we must spread our kindness for others. Merry Christmas to you and your family.

PCC Deb Weaverling

District GLT Chairperson



Lions ~ The Harry Dempsey Family



Lions ~ The Del Sanders Family



Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair

2020-2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



NOVEMBER 20, 2020

	Diabetes	Environment	Children's Cancer	Hunger	Vision	* Other
People Served: +16,577 69,688	219	19,418	1,086	6,244	7,017	35,704
Volunteer Hours: +492 7,443	24	421	70	384	250	6,294
Service Activities: +45 190	4	30	8	36	42	75
Donations: -\$6,098 \$16,763	\$342	185	\$868	\$300	\$4665	\$10403

23 CLUBS RECORDED ACTIVITIES

Concordia, Eudora, Everest, Gardner, KC Downtown, Lansing, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Leawood, Manhattan Sunflower, Olathe, Oskaloosa, Overland Park Host, Sabetha, Salina Downtown, Shawnee, Silver Lake, Tonganoxie, Topeka, Topeka Sunflower, Troy, Waterville, KU Eye Clinic

District Lions have really stepped up their service in the last month as Lions find new and creative ways to meet local needs. An additional 16,577 people were impacted as the service hours doubled. Cash donations were up \$6,000+. Service opportunities included assisting school staff with preparing game packs for a literacy event at a local elementary school (Shawnee) and posting words of encouragement on stakes throughout the community—then rotating them so they could be seen by more people (Robinson & Hiawatha). Eudora Lions supported Paola Lions at a Halloween event so Paola Lions could present club info to adults. Wakefield Lions have had great success collecting plastic bags to buy benches. Linwood Lions turned a former BarB-Q event into a drive by event and increased their sales while decreasing the time spent. Olathe Noon and Shawnee Lions assembled meals at an event that packaged over 85,000 meals. Delphos Lions continue to support the library by paying for ½ of the utilities.



District 17-A Lions, as you gear up for holiday activities, **Thank You** for all you are doing and about to do to impact your communities!! We Serve Because Kindness Matters.

PDG Carleen Rajala, 17-A Global Service Chair lioncarleen@gmail.com 913-481-7328

Let's start 2021 by "Thanking a Local Hero"

Each club in District 17-A is being asked to find a way to **thank** any group in their community who has had to go above and beyond coping with COVID 19 and its effects. This includes First Responders, school workers, hospital workers and other health care workers, childcare workers, senior care givers, etc.

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Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair

Let's start 2021 by **“Thanking a Local Hero”** continued ...

How will your club **Thank** the Local **Super Heroes**?



New Equipment? Posters? Thank You Notes? Super Hero Stickers? Pizza? Ad in a Local Paper? Small Gift Certificates? Gift Baskets? Snack Bags? Sandwiches or Subs? Cookies? Chocolate? Candy? Desserts? Decorations?



Clubs can use new projects or those in collaboration with another group to earn an entry in the NAMI Club Satisfaction Contest to win \$100!

Be sure to send Eric Strimple the project details. estrimp81@msn.com

Thank you District 17-K for the Great Project Idea!

**CLUB
SUPPORT**

The Global Service Team is aware that clubs may be experiencing financial issues since many fund-raisers were cancelled or delayed due to the pandemic. The Team has a small budget that will be made available to clubs in need of a small grant to assist with funds for a small “Thank a Local Super Hero” project.

Please contact GST Carleen Rajala at lioncarleen@gmail.com or 913-481-7328 with the following information: Club name, proposed Hero Grant project, funds needed and complete contact information

PDG Carleen Rajala, 17-A Global Service Chair

*LIONS give the gift of
COMFORT and JOY.*
Kindness Matters.

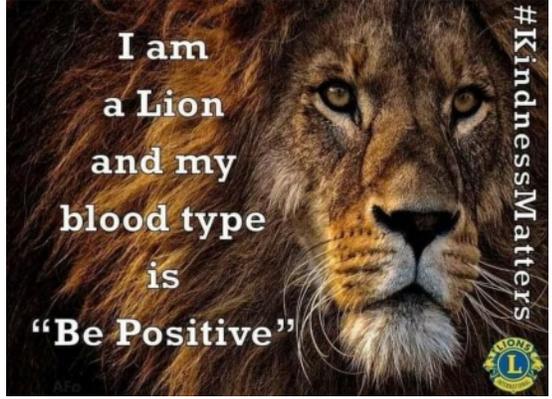


GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM - LION MARGY SUNDSTROM



Lion Margy Sundstrom
GLT CHAIRPERSON
 margaret1226@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW LIONS



OCTOBER 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

EUDORA LIONS	SPONSOR
Kathleen A Strimple	Eric Strimple
Trisha L Strimple	Eric Strimple
TOPEKA SUNFLOWER	SPONSOR
Ma'Ko'Quah J Jones	Daniel Martinez
WOODBINE LIONS	SPONSOR
Lynnette S Boelling	Ross Boelling
Andy L Fewin	Bart Hettenbach
Stephanie L. Fewin	Bart Hettenbach
Mary K Thompson	Jewell Starburg
Steven C Thompson	Jewell Starburg

17 A New Member Gauge
 Watch our membership **grow!**



WELCOME NEW MEMBER
DESIRAE WOLFORD



District Governor Dodson leads induction ceremony for new Oskaloosa Lion Member.

TOGETHER WE SERVE

BE A LION. LET'S ROAR! LION ERIC TWEEDY EUDORA

“Leave footprints of **love** and **kindness** wherever you go,” says Leonard.



SPOTLIGHT on KINDNESS MATTERS



KINDNESS

United in Kindness and Diversity is the theme of our International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi. “**Kindness** is at the heart of service,” says Dr. Choi. With over 1.4 million Lions around the world in over 200 countries and regions, Lions are truly united in diversity and through this diversity of service, we are able to extend our kindness to hundreds of millions of people. (Dr. Choi)

I have chosen **We Serve Because Kindness Matters** as my District Governor theme this year, because it ties in our international motto and a key part of Dr. Choi’s message.

We all think we know what kindness is, but have never thought of it as being the heart of our service. Kindness is defined as friendly, generous, and considerate. Kindness is active. Being kind is performing acts to help others.

I don’t believe that Lions set out to BE KIND, but we actively promote and provide service to our communities. We serve in many diverse ways, and our communities see and recognize us as Lions when we serve them. ***Our service is kindness made visible.*** Whether we are doing an activity that immediately impacts the community or providing funds to organizations or individuals that we may have little direct contact with, our kindness is felt and may have long term impacts. A lady that our club gave a graduation scholarship to came back to visit the club decades later to thank us for the assistance the scholarship provided. She gave us a check in the amount of her original scholarship and asked us to past it along as a scholarship for another student. Our kindness mattered.

“Kindness is a language that blind people see and deaf people hear.” From the LCI web site: “Lions are known throughout the world for their work to improve the lives of the visually impaired and prevent avoidable blindness.” The efforts of Lions in the field of vision are expansive and well documented. Our SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing global blindness—building comprehensive and sustainable eye care systems, including projects that deliver eye care services, build or strengthen eye care facilities, train professionals and build awareness about eye health in under served communities.” Our donations to the Braille Challenge, support to the KU Eye Center, donations to Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, and sponsorship of kids to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Camp each summer are just a few examples of our kindness directly impacting the lives of the visually impaired and deaf children.

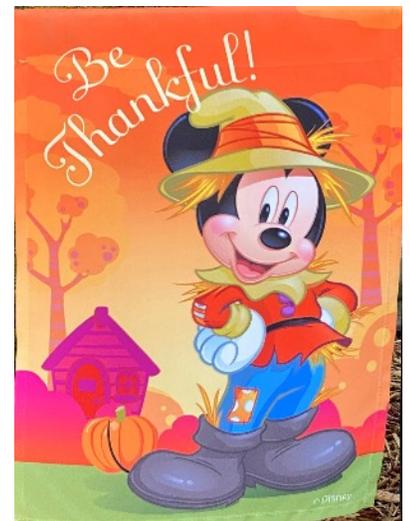
“Kindness is contagious. Catch it!” Pay it forward and pay it back. Kindness makes the receiver and giver feel good. For our members, feeling good will enhance their satisfaction in being a Lion and lead to long term retention. It also gives them something to be passionate about when telling others about Lions.

Our acts of kindness will be remembered much longer than anything we say about Lions. A small act of kindness may have a ripple effect that we’ll never see or hear about, but could result in greater positivity in our communities. Our acts of kindness have a much better chance of making an impression than anything else we can do. Our street and highway clean up, vision screening, park maintenance, collection and donation food or used eyeglasses and many other routine Lions activities provide great opportunities to influence our communities.

As I finish this article on a gorgeous Thanksgiving Day, I want to thank you for your many years of kind and generous service.

Be safe and be kind.

DG Rick Dodson



WE SERVE BECAUSE KINDNESS MATTERS

LION KIM BAKER, WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON



PROJECT: "SHINE a SPOTLIGHT"
Presented by Lion Kim Baker of the Leavenworth Lions Club
District 17A Women's Membership Chairperson

One of my projects for this Lion year is to "shine a spotlight" on a women member of our district each month. For DECEMBER, it is Lion Donna Parish from the Highland Lions Club.

LIONESSE WITH A PURPOSE: SET OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The December "Women of the Month" is Lion Donna Parish from the Highland Lions Club. Lion Donna became a member of the Highland Lioness Club around 30 years ago. The Lioness group combined with the Highland Lions about 15 years ago. The Lioness club started the huge Easter Egg Hunt that was then taken over by the Lions. This past spring would have been the 34th year, but was, of course, cancelled.

Lion Donna's years as a Lion have been full of fund raisers that have contributed to every good cause in the Highland community, and many in the state, nation, and world. The primary fundraiser for the last 44 years has been the concession stand at the spring and summer ballpark. This stand serves extensive food choices at a ballpark that is like stepping back in time to the 1950s.



Lion Donna has not held an office in the club but has been a faithful worker bee. She is retired but taught school for 45 years; the last 30 years at Highland/Doniphan West high school. She taught social studies and language arts, sponsored the yearbook and newspaper, and coached the knowledge bowl team. She was active in the teachers' association.

Lion Donna has two daughters and five grandchildren. She is also active in the Atchison Daughters of the American Revolution and the Highland United Methodist Presbyterian Church. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and playing bridge.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - Empower Others



LIONS LIVE WITH PURPOSE

Our Purpose is to Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world. To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship. To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.

Our Mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

WE SERVE.

CLUB EVENTS

LANSING LIONS

THANKING OUR LOCAL SCHOOL HEROES

For a new project this year, the **Lansing Lions Club** decided to thank the faculty and staff of our schools.

In the pictures, **Big Lion John Schukman** is presenting cookies and snacks to principals or representatives of the high school, middle school, intermediate school, and elementary school.

There were servings for all 389 teachers and staff: 36 dozen cookies and over 300 servings of savory snacks.

Contributed by:

DG Rick Dodson



WAKEFIELD LIONS

ZONE 7 Wakefield Lions are busy meeting and planning service activities.

Their annual community calendar (with everyone's birthday, anniversaries, and activities of Wakefield) is going to press for 2021.

They are planning their **PANCAKE BREAKFAST** for **January 20, 2021, 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM** at the **VFW** with a free will offering. They are also going to raffle off a gun at the breakfast. The money will go toward scholarships and many meals for various community activities.

Contributed by:

PDG Bev Greenwood



WAKEFIELD LIONS pictured:

President Richard Avery. Sec. Allison Copenhaver, Maynard Sherbert, Josh Cullip, David Thurlow, Jim Fredericks, Bronson Brown, and Bob Moon.

CLUB EVENTS - NOTICES

PCC BEV GREENWOOD



WOODBINE LIONS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

A highlight of Zone 7 was the induction of four new members into the Woodbine Lions Club. They were Stephanie and Andy Fewin sponsored by Lion Bart Hettenbach and Kathy and Steven Thompson sponsored by Lion Jewel Starburg. Zone Chair Bev Greenwood inducted the members.

Pictured with them is Lion President Ross Boelling who attended the Zoom President's training. Also recognized was past Regional and Zone Chair Lion Jerry Volkman. Photographer and long time secretary was Lion Sharon Volkman. All members promised to keep the new members involved.

"We Serve" is the motto of the Lions Club.

In Woodbine, they look to uphold that ideal.



LET'S STAY CONNECTED! The 2020 - 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS STATE DIRECTORY is available. For your convenience, the digital version is on the website : <https://kansaslions.org/state-directory>

PLEASE NOTE **RECENT CHANGES** to the **DIRECTORY** THROUGHOUT OUR DISTRICT

Abilene Lions – Meeting: 1st Wednesdays monthly

Clay Center Lions - Delete home phone number for President Vernon Swanson

Leavenworth Lions – Email for President: ttedder@firstcity.org.

Linwood Lions – Meeting at Community Building instead of Methodist Church

Longford Lions - Delete: Charles Fickes entry.
Add: Wava Kramer as Secretary. PO BOX 126, Longford, KS 67458. H (785) 388-2366 C (785) 820-6899, kwkramer@twinvalley.net
Add: Debra Tompsett-Welch as Treasurer. 511 Kansas Ave, Longford, KS 67458

Merriam-Shawnee Lions
Add: Email for President Lanny Bachtle
ljbachtle@everestkc.net

Miami County TLC – Delete: Paula Scott as Secretary.
Add: Kitty Koonse as Secretary. C (913) 221-5764, email kitkns@hotmail.com

Minneapolis Evening Lions – Delete: Home phone for Sec. Carmelita Berndt. Add: Email for Treasurer Wade Blake bbwastemanagement@yahoo.com

Olathe Noon Lions – Delete: Cedar lake Village as meeting place. Add: Black Bear Diner, 11981 S. Strang Line Rd. Olathe, KS

Oskaloosa Lions – Delete: Mildred Robbins as Treasurer.
Add: Megan May as Treasurer. C (785) 691-5987

Overland Park Host Lions – Delete: Double Tree Hotel as meeting location. Call Secretary PCC Bev Nichols for meeting information.

Randolph Lions – Email: President Terry Henry: tthentry@twinvalley.net Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Wakefield Lions – Meeting Time: 6:30 PM.

LIONS CLUB **EVENTS** & CONTESTS

The Lansing Lions Club and Cub Scout Pack 3165 partner annually to collect non-perishable food for the Lansing Mayor's Christmas Tree Program. Normally, this collection is done at local grocery stores. Because of the COVID-19 restrictions this year, we modified this to collect door-to-door and at a drop off point at City Hall.



1,000 collection bags were left at homes on November 14th and picked up on November 21st. We don't have a final count on the number of boxes of food collected or dollar amount, but it will be more than enough to support our qualified families during the holiday period. Not shown is the food collected by Lions Janette and Forrest Holdeman.

Thank you to our generous residents who placed food out for pick up or dropped it off at our collection point. And, thank you to the Lansing Lions, Cub Scouts, and Pack Leaders who worked on the project.



Cub Scouts "Doing the Lions' Share"

Contributed by: DG Dodson

SERVICE PROJECTS AND CONTEST DEADLINE DATES



MD-17 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST

Lions Clubs and Leo Clubs are invited to submit one photo in each category to the District Environmental Chair by **JANUARY 1, 2021**. The photographer should specify which category they want their photo entered. Photos in the state contest will be voted on at Mid-Winter Rally in January 2021. Qualifications and Photo Contest Entry Form on <https://kansaslions.org/>



SCRAPBOOK and NEWSLETTER CONTEST

DEADLINE APRIL 9 - 10, 2021

ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION
INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES : Kansas Lions Website: <https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/>
Questions? Email Sharon Teagarden-King at dhking@bluevalley.net



SERVICE and MEMBERSHIP GROWTH CONTEST

DEADLINE MAY 15, 2021 Watch our Membership **GROW**
WINNING CLUB ANNOUNCED AT THE STATE CONVENTION IN 2021
INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDELINES : Kansas Lions Website: <https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/>
Questions? Email Lion Eric Strimple: estrimp81@msn.com



KANSAS LIONS HISTORY PROJECT

We need your **HELP**. The historical committee is collecting electronic copies of historical Lions documents from the past **100 YEARS** of Kansas Lionism.
Questions? E-mail PDG Chris Bauer at lionchris@sbcglobal.net. - MD-17 Lions State Historian

KANSAS LIONS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

ALERT TRAILER

Update and Request for Help

PDG Dan Funke, MD-17 Lions Alert chairperson, has prepared and received an LCIF grant to purchase a new Alert trailer and truck. We now 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



LIONS DISTRICT ALERT PROGRAM

For decades, Lions have provided humanitarian assistance to people affected by disasters. Lions serve their communities with a standardized structure especially in times of crisis.

Personal care items needed for MEN and WOMEN

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

Items can be brought to Lions functions.

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

KANSAS LIONS FOUNDATION STATE ALERT

ATTENTION 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 complete Address and your primary and secondary cell phone number if applicable and the club you are affiliated with. Please also include any special tools or equipment you have access to such as chainsaw, grill, trailer, etc.

Clubs and individuals are encouraged to 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



Audio Reader is available on your Alexa smart speaker! Just enable the Audio Reader skill, then you can ask Alexa to play Audio Reader anytime 24/7. Listen to the Lions newsletters, Veteran's publications, and other local news and entertainment at soundcloud.com/audio-reader.

For more information go to reader.ku.edu.



Giving the Basics

Registered 501(c)(3)
Charitable Organization

District 17-A will participate in collecting personal care items to be distributed to middle and high school teens. Please collect: bars of soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, feminine care products and shampoos. Items can be brought to Lions functions. www.givingthebasics.org.

Contact: Lion Diane Smith, IVP Tonganoxie Lions
Dianemariecriswell@gmail.com or 913-449-8286

Lion Chris Dodson, District 17-A Webmaster

FACEBOOK PAGES and GROUPS BY LIONS for LIONS



A Facebook Page is a public page for an entity that anyone can see, but restrictions on who can post. It can be either public or private, but members share similar interests, i.e. Lions Clubs

Lions Clubs Help and Support Page/Group - aimed at sharing and problem solving all things about Lions Clubs to gain insight and guidance

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

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1954698601510728/>

Lions New Voices – Official Lions Clubs International Facebook group on the topics of gender parity to support an increase in women's membership and leadership in Lions clubs worldwide.

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

MyLion Forum – created for Lions and Leos to encourage collaboration, help train Members and share ideas and unique ways for clubs and members to promote, use 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, i.e. ways to strengthen clubs, improve club management and amplify our communications using modern technology creating enrichment and more fun!

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

Lions SMILE (Social Media including Lions Everywhere) – Welcome to Lions SMILE, a private Facebook Group to discuss successes and challenges with social media and share resources.

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

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

Kansas Lions Tech Help and Support – This group is all about helping solve problems using the Internet or Facebook for Lions related things, including but not limited to setting up Facebook groups and pages, websites, and logging into and navigating through the LCI websites and entering your reports.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/706218506501652/>

A New Way of Talking About Who We Are and Why We Matter

KANSAS LIONS WEBSITES



Kansas Lions Online Information

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

Facebook: Lions Club District 17-A <https://www.facebook.com/KansasLionsDistrict17A/>

District 17A IT/Webmaster: Lion Chris Dodson - chdodson@cableone.net

District 17N

www.kslions17n.org

Facebook Group: KansasLionsDistrict17N <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kslions17n/>

District 17N IT/Webmaster: John Scovill, itchair@kslions17n.org

Peace and Joy to all this Holiday Season.

KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS



MID-WINTER RALLY - NOTICE of VENUE CHANGE -TO BE DETERMINED

January 23, 2021 **MWR & 3rd Council Meeting**

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

January 23, 2021 **3rd Council Meeting**

After much consideration, it has been decided to have a Virtual Mid-Winter Rally. With COVID cases on the rise this change is in an effort to protect you, the Lions in Kansas, so you can continue to SERVE. The MWR committee is at work planning a memorable event for the LIONS of Kansas.

Details will be available in December.

Stay Safe,
CC Diane Hentges



STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 23, 2021 3rd Council Meeting & MWR **VIRTUAL**

June 4-6, 2021 4th Council Meeting Topeka Ramada Inn

DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

January 30, 2021 3rd Cabinet Meeting - Wamego Trinity Baptist Church

June 19, 2021 4th Cabinet Meeting - Wamego Trinity Baptist Church

MID-WINTER RALLY

January 22-24, 2021 MWR & 3rd Council Meeting **VIRTUAL**

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

March 26-27, 2021 District 17-K Convention Hays

April 9-10, 2021 District 17-A Convention Abilene

April 17-18 or 23-24, 2021 District 17-N Convention Independence

STATE CONVENTION

June 4-6, 2021Topeka Ramada Inn

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

June 25-29, 2021 Montreal, Quebec, Canada

July 1-5, 2022 New Delhi, India

July 7-11, 2023 Boston, MA

June 21-25, 2024 Melbourne, Australia

2025 Mexico City, Mexico

2026 Atlanta, GA

USA/CANADA FORUM

September 9-11, 2021 Des Moines, IA

September 15-17, 2022 Calgary, BC, Canada

September ??-??, 2023 Reno, NV

