



DISTRICT DIALOGUE

DISTRICT 17-A



The Holiday Season is here! Thanksgiving is a reminder that we are so fortunate as Lions to have the abundance to help and share with others in need. I am reminded of some of the testimonials I have heard from so many who are grateful for a pair of glasses or the thanks we have received from those facing a clean up after a tornado. Lions continue to serve by keeping the projects going and bringing the community together in fellowship and fun. You will never know how much people appreciate our work unless you are connecting with the folks who need our help. It is fun and rewarding to be a part of such a generous and caring organization! Great job Lions! Thank you District 17A!

Lions are serving everyday of the year and needs are met in so many ways! Every time I visit a club I hear of work being done and new and creative ways of providing help and resources for each community. Sure it takes a lot of money and it certainly takes a lot of work. That is why we try so hard to increase our numbers and expand our relationships by partnering with other civic organizations and groups which can help us complete the work we do! "Together we can and together we will!"

I am so thankful for the Lions who have the iron will and bulldog determination to tackle the tasks before us. I know sometimes it seems like we have exhausted all avenues and tried everything. Still I see new ideas and approaches to solving some of the same problems which have continued in spite of our efforts. The need never goes away and Lions never stop rising to the occasion. That is why we have so many members who have served for half a century. They know the true meaning of Lionism and the joy of giving! Thanks to everyone who has reached those important milestones of commitment. We celebrate everyone who has given years of their life trying to make a difference for someone else. Where there is a need there is a Lion!

We are nearing some important dates for our calendar year such as the deadline for International Band. We have reached the deadline for the Peace Posters. Remember the Environment Photo Contest. We are looking forward to our Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City at the Courtyard by Marriot. Please get your reservations in and join us January 20th - 22nd for a great time and fellowship with Lions throughout our State! We have a "Women in Lions Symposium" in Leavenworth December 3rd. IPDG Dr. Vania Castro and her team have put together a fantastic event featuring speakers and International guests you don't want to miss (Ladies Only!)

I hope by now all clubs are familiar with the service reporting and membership updates on the MyLion and MyLCI webpages. You can get help and training if you are having any difficulty from our GLT team which includes GLT Irene Haws, myself and PDG Rick Dodson. I would love to see our reporting numbers close to 70% like they were last year. Also we had 100% club participation in giving to LCIF it would be great to continue that precedent into the future. Just a small contribution is all it takes!

Convention Chair Lion Ken Ebert from the Downtown Salina Lions is putting together a convention to remember for April 28th & 29th! "Happy Days" in Salina will be exciting and informative! Friday we will have a Parade featuring your cars and trucks partnered with local car clubs and Lions clubs with banners and outfits typical of the 1950's and 60's. The public will be invited and this will be a great opportunity to introduce Lions to local communities! We will have lots of food and entertainment. After the parade we will tour the "Garage" museum and have some social time together before a Saturday of seminars and speakers at the Hilton Garden Inn. Registrations and reservations will begin shortly you will want to be there or be square! Thanks for all you do!



Distinguished Lions!

What a joy to hear that you are receiving your Chevrons for years of Lions Service! Whether it be 5 years or 50 years, you are the very best!

Thank you for who you are and all that you do so well!

Let me list just a few things:

- Peace Poster Contest
- Pancake Feeds
- Working with food banks to distribute food to those who are without
- Giving scholarships
- Health fairs
- Ringling bells with Salvation Army
- Preparing meals at Ronald McDonald Houses
- Volunteering at homeless shelters
- Sprucing up parks
- Recycling stretchable plastic for benches
- Collecting knit caps, gloves and scarves for veterans as well as reading materials
- Strides walks
- Flag banners for veterans
- Circuses
- Ringling bells with Salvation Army
- Preparing meals at Ronald McDonald Houses
- Volunteering at homeless shelters
- Sprucing up parks
- Recycling stretchable plastic for benches
- Supporting restaurants that give to the homeless
- Volunteering with the Deeper Window Associations for individuals with dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease – donating to the Deeper Window Association
- Fundraising for the Bird’s Nest
- Annual Buddy Walk
- Educating students to assemble Emergency Diabetic Kits
- Supporting each other through the good times and the bad
- Backpack buddies
- Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Hiding Easter Eggs
- Selling nuts
- Vision Screening
- Trunk or Treat
- Raising socks for the homeless
- Cleaning up roadsides
- Planting trees
- Inviting new members into your clubs
- Leos Lion Cubs
- Flag displays on roadways on special days such as Flag Day and 4 July
- Special fairs for the community
- Trunk or Treat
- Raising socks for the homeless
- Cleaning up roadsides
- Planting trees
- Inviting new members into your clubs
- Volunteering at the Carousel
- Season gifts for the challenged
- Purchasing eyewear
- Sandwich making for after school snacks

There are hundreds more services that all of you accomplish everyday. That is why as Lion Past President Helen Melster of the Hiawatha Lions Club said of her club, "We are smokin' hot." Indeed they are and so are we! Thank You for your incredible work!

Caroline Arter , IVDG District 17A

December 5th Leos celebrate International Leo Day. Lions members and/or clubs sponsor 7,200 Leo clubs in 150 countries. This is a great time to consider if your club can sponsor a Leo Club in your area. Leos do so much for Lions and in the name of Lions.



An example is the Blue Valley West Leo Club. It was founded in 2001 by Lion Cheryl Kerns. This club currently has 133 members. They have received the Leo Club Excellence Award 19 consecutive years. This is awarded to the top ½%. Their current projects are Matthew's Ministry, Mission Southside, Community for Kids, COR Food Pantry/recycling, Recycling of soft plastics, Arboretum, Deanna Rose, Felt for Fido, and

CASA. They are currently collecting donations for the HER drive in connection with the Future is Female Club.

If you are interested in further information about starting a Leo Club go to <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/start-a-leo-club> or contact Lions Cheryl Kerns.

2nd VDG District 17A Margy Sundstrom

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Obituary

It us with a sad heart that I must pass on to you that Lion Jay Dean Farney, 98. Died Tuesday, November 22 at Leisure Homestead, Stafford. Born September 3, 1924 at Arlington, Kansas, he was the son of Joe A. and Nona Gregg Farney. He was a graduate of Langdon High School. He was also a veteran of WWII serving with the US Navy. In 1989 he r stirred as an insurance salesman for Kansas Farmer's Service.

Jay was a Lion for 55 years and was well known across our Lions community. Rest in Peace, Lion Jay Dean Farney.

The Second Hybrid 17A Women in Lions Workshop



Please RSVP for lunch to Caroline Arter
(caroline.arter23@gmail.com) –(515-554-1453) by
Nov 30, 2022

Date: December 3, 2022

Time: 9:00A.M.-3:00P.M.

Location: Ft Leavenworth

(Frontier Conference Center)

Zoom Meeting

ID: 833 3369 4858

Passcode: 889958



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Lunch & Learn
RSVP by November 30th
(caroline.arter23@gmail.com)

The Second Hybrid 17A WOMEN IN LIONS WORKSHOP Featuring Women in Leadership

December 3rd, 2022
9:00 am – 3:00pm
Fort Leavenworth
Frontier Conference Center

Fun & Fellowship: GLT Irene Haws
VDG Caroline Arter
ZC Holly Pittman



Moderator
IPDG Dr. Vania Castro
17A Women in Lions
Chairman



VP Patti Hill
(Canada)

PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir
(Iceland)

PID Elisabeth Haderer
(Netherlands)

ID Dianne Pitts
(SC - USA)

Lion Nancy Bauder
Leavenworth
(in person)

Leo Bella Whitlock
Leavenworth
(in person)

Featuring Women in Lions Leaders: **First /Vice President Patti Hill (Canada) PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir (Iceland) ; PID Elisabeth Haderer** Constitutional Area Leader Global Action Team Europe and New Voices (Netherlands); ID **Dianne Pitts (South Carolina)**

Outstanding Women in Lions leaders (in person) Fun and Fellowship by Irene Haws, VDG Caroline Arter, and ZC Holly Pittman Service Project: GST MD 17 Chair and PDG Careen Rajala.

Yours in lifelong Service

IPDG Dr. Vania Castro

Women in Lions Chairman

Monthly GMT Report

The good news continues! Fourteen new Lions were added during the month of October. Please welcome the following New Lions!

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Club</u> | <u>Sponsor</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| William Van Horn | Concordia | William Thompson |
| Bri Tayfel | Louisburg | Loren Delaware |
| Debbie Tayfel | Louisburg | Loren Delaware |
| Mark Fowler | Manhattan Sunflower | Charles Marr |
| Joan Phillips | Navarre | Donna Ascher |
| Robert Norman | Randolph | Bruce Zimmer |
| Anthony Meals | Randolph | Terry Henry |
| Nicholas Levendofsky | Scandia | James Erickson |
| Tyler Clark | Scandia | Tom Clark |
| Mason Runft | Scandia | Donald Melby |
| Jamie Weiser | University of KS Eye Center | Deb Kephart |
| Janice Alldredge | Washington | Marcia Funke |
| Bryce Dolan | Washington | Debbie Tegethoff |
| Cristi Gilliam | Washington | Susan Bruna |

Sharon Teagarden, Zone 10, is the winner for October with 6 new Lions!

Anniversaries:

50 years: Donald King, Waterville

40 years: Dan Dearing, Basehor

10 years: William Witt, Manhattan; Judith Nold, Salina Downtown.

And special recognition to: Joe Maderak, KCK Downtown for 66 years; John Harrington, Basehor for 63 years; Rowe Garrett for 59 years and Duane and Leonard Hawk, Effingham for 54 years!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Baker GMT

Dues Information

A quick refresher on dues notification and payments. Club branches will not be billed separately. Their dues will be paid through their parent clubs.

Clubs will be billed by two HQs (International and district) twice a year. District will bill and collect for both district and state dues. Lions operate on a fiscal year schedule (July 1st – June 30th) and send dues notifications shortly after July 1st and January 1st. The amount of dues are based on the club membership headcount at midnight June 30th and December 31st.

If you have members that you do not wish to pay dues for, you must drop them on or before those dates.

Once you receive your dues notice from International and District, you cannot adjust your membership numbers on the dues notice and pay less. You must pay the amount on the notice. If you have any questions, please contact the Cabinet Treasurer.

PDG Rick Dodson

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Membership Chevrons

Our district has received 200 chevrons in acknowledgement of individual milestones of service. We would like to thank all the chevron recipients for their dedication and service. Governor District 17A Richard Webster

Thank you all for your extraordinary leadership in Lions and in your communities! Caroline Arter 1st VDG District 17A

Congratulations on your years of service to our great organization. Lions Club International is what it is today because of Lions like you. 2nd VDG Margy Sandstrom

On Behalf of the Global Leadership Team (GLT) Coordinator for District 17A I want to not only congratulate you but also to thank you for your many years of service to the communities in which you serve as a Lion. Just think of all the lives you have touched. Thank you so much for your service and this milestone is a significant recognition for your tireless efforts to make a difference. Together we can, together we will!

Lion Irene Haws

GLT Coordinator, District 17A

On the next two pages see information about T-shirt sponsorship for the District 17A

**THIRD STATE COUNCIL MEETING AND
MID-WINTER RALLY 2023**

January 20-22, 2023 Junction City, Kansas

HEADQUARTERS:

Courtyard by Marriott

310 Hammons Inn

Junction City, KS 66441

Ph: 785-210-1500

Come be a part of the Mid-Winter Rally January [20-22 2023](#). There will be seminars, food, fun, fellowship, and Lions activities. **Room reservations MUST be made by December 21, 2022! The hotel is requiring this advance reservation, so **you are strongly encouraged to call as soon as possible.** Our block will be canceled after that date. When calling in for a room reservation, please ask for the **Lions block** and rate. After that date, rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis and are at the regular price. **Please request the Lions block as this assures Lions credit toward the cost of using banquet and meeting rooms.** Online registration takes this into account if done by **December 21, 2022**.**

For online hotel registrations go to shorturl.at/cvxKZ

LIONS DISTRICT 17A CONVENTION T-SHIRT SPONSOR SPOTS AVAILABLE AS OF NOV 15, 2022

**WEAR YOUR
T-SHIRT IN THE
PARADE!**



Shirts will be sold for \$15.00 sizes: S, M, L, XL & 2XL
\$20.00 for sizes 3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL & 7XL

**FRONT SIDE CONVENTION THEME AND
LIONS EMBLEM**



LIONS CAN BUY CHOICE OF YELLOW OR BLUE SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

PREMIER SPONSOR AD
10 X 4 INCH

\$250 AD
4.75 X 2.25 INCHES

\$100 AD
2.5 X 1.5 INCHES

SEND ART AS BLACK AND WHITE ARTWORK ONLY

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Premiere Sponsor SOLD | | | |
| Sold | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| \$250 | | \$250 | |
| sold | sold | sold | \$100 |
| \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |

T-shirt Sponsors get a FREE ad in the convention booklet!

See attached ad sizes for the convention booklet

Premier Sponsor = Full Page
\$250.00 sponsor - 1/2 page
\$100.00 sponsor = 1/4 page

Convention ad can be in full color.

T-shirt Sponsors: Send check payable to District 17-A Convention
Mail order form and check to: Irene Haws, P.O. Box 2804, Topeka Ks 66601
Send artwork to irene.haws, irene@idesigns.com
or mail hard copy artwork with payment to the same P.O. Box.

T-shirt Sponsors also get a FREE ad in the convention booklet. Ads in the convention program can be in full color.

Convention Ad included with T-Shirt Sponsorship
Premier T-Shirt Sponsor = Full page / front half of the booklet
\$ 250.00 sponsor = 1/2 page
\$ 100.00 sponsor = 1/4 page

See attached ad sizes for the Convention Ads.

Sponsors on the Back of the shirt;
Send Artwork as black and white only.

Send this order form for T-Shirt Sponsorship
check payable to: **District 17-A Convention**

Mail the check and order form to:

Irene Haws
P.O. Box 2804
Topeka KS 66601

ARTWORK: Email Black and White artwork to
irene@idesigns.com or send hard copy with payment in the
same envelope.

If you need help with you ad layout of artwork for the T-shirt
or the convention ad contact Lion Irene Haws

We are hoping to have the Shirts Available to purchase at the
Mid-Winter Rally in January.

Questions: call 785-249-1913 or leave a text message.

T-shirt Sponsor Order Form:

District 17A Convention T-shirt Sponsors:

Size of ad on t-shirt (Includes ad in convention program)

Premier sponsor - sold!

\$ 250.00

\$ 100.00

_____ name of company or club

_____ club or company contact

_____ phone

_____ contact e-mail address

_____ address

_____ city

_____ state

_____ zip

Payment enclosed: \$ _____ Check # _____

*Call to make arrangements for digital payment by Venmo.

New SPOT Vision Screener

At the present time School Health Inc. has WelchAllyn SPOT Vs100 vision screeners on sale and will take as a trade-in of an old Sure Sight Screener or the old VS100 Screener made by PediaVision. This sale is from now to December 3, 2022 with the possibility of an extension. School Health Inc is offering a \$500 reduction in cost (trade in) when a new SPOT VS100 Screener is purchased. KLSF has 2 such Screeners that will qualify for this trade-in. Any club in Kansas can get one of these trade-in screeners by contacting Lion Vern Failor at vlfailor@gmail.com or calling him at 785 231 3960. First come first served. If you need help with contacting School Health Inc. please contact Lion Vern.

News from the Lions Health Program

Happy Holidays from the Lions Health Program (old school Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year)

January's emphasis from LCI is Hunger Awareness. Did you know:

1 in 9 people is (are) chronically hungry.

Chances of food insecurity ~10% higher for women.

At least 50% of children under age 5 have hidden hunger--lack of essential nutrients.

2 billion people lack regular access to nutritious and sufficient food.

25% of children are stunted due to lack of nutritious food.

Sources: [World Health Organization](#), [Why Hunger](#), [UNICEF](#), [United Nations](#)

What is your Lions Club doing to combat "Hunger"? Here are some suggestions:

1. Collect food for your local food bank
2. Invite someone from your local food bank to talk to your club about Hunger
3. Collect food for your local blessing box program.
4. Deliver Meals on Wheels
5. You dream up a unique project
6. Google "Hunger" in the LCI website for information.

If you need help please contact Lion Vern Failor for help.

Lion Vern Failor

Lions Health Program

**"It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody."-
Maya Angelou**

District 17-A Global Service Report Nov.15, 2022

Service Summary: Since July 1st, 2022, **34 of 73 clubs** (46.5%) have recorded **284** service activities (+ 100) serving **87,399 (+19,823)** people and donating **6,324** hours of volunteer service(+2,275).

Service Projects:

Examples of recent projects that show Lions partnerships in community activities include *Salina Downtown's* helping at a blood drive, *Auburn's* assisting at a school/parent dinner, and *Leavenworth's* volunteering at a homeless shelter.

34 Lions Clubs in District 17-A joined other Kansas Lions in creating flag banners for veterans. Lions signed and added personal messages to **stars** and **hearts** which were placed on banners to form **American flags**. These flag banners were then given to the District Governors in each of Kansas's three districts. The attendees of the Second Council Meeting and District K Convention enjoyed reading the variety of **heartfelt messages** written by Lions across the state.

Thank you for the Hats & Gloves for Vets!!

District 17-A Lions collected 128 pairs of **gloves and beanie/stocking caps** at the Second Cabinet meeting in Abilene. **A veteran's** facility in Abilene and **one** in Leavenworth were the recipients of the warm gesture by district Lions.

Happy Holidays Lions!

Enjoy the season of Service and Outreach!

Any questions, comments or suggestions? Please contact me. PDG Carleen Rajala lioncarleen@gmail.com 1- 913-481-7328

Save these important dates!

January 20th & 21st Mid Winter Rally Junction City, KS. Courtyard by Marriot 310 Hammonds Dr. 785-210-1500

February 11th District 17A Cabinet Meeting Trinity Baptist Church Hwy 24 Wamego, Ks. Contact DG Rich Webster for RSVP.

April 28th & 29th District 17A Convention Salina Ks. Hilton Garden Inn 3320 South Ninth St. 785-827-0440. Contact DG Rich Webster for RSVP. April 28th Parade and Garage Car Museum. April 29th Convention and Business meeting Hilton Garden Inn.

From the Editor

Here is the December 2022 District Dialogue. If you missed the deadline, the 15th of the month before the newsletter is scheduled to come out, you can re-write your article to make it more timely and send it for the next issue. Or if that is not possible perhaps your item could be put on the Facebook page. Please send every item in an email, not a PDF. I need to be able to resize and re-shape most items to fit the space and a PDF cannot be edited without special software. A few photos are welcome but only in jpeg format.(jpg for Windows users) Word documents are fine. Just attach them to an email.