



DISTRICT DIALOGUE

DISTRICT 17-A

Happy New Year !



2023 is here! I want to thank everyone for a wonderful 2022. District 17A is still being recognized for our achievements and milestones. Keep watching our newsletter and attend our Mid Winter Rally January 20th-22nd in Junction City at the Courtyard by Marriot so you can celebrate our recognitions. There is no doubt District 17A is standing for excellence!

Now is a great time to try something new! The New Year is always a reminder of the resolutions we make and a fresh start to embrace changes! I know so many clubs that have started new traditions and events recently. Coming out of the pandemic years and difficult times I see a need for service everywhere! We all need each other and we can make a difference. The memories of our past

accomplishments are better when you know we continue to serve and create new ways to help those in need! Now is a great time to tell our story and approach new people for membership. We need you! "Together we can and Together we will!"

"Happiness is Giving" the holidays are a testimony to that principal and how well it works! Giving works all year round. The need never goes away and we continue to serve. Each day is a new opportunity to make the world a better place because you care enough to make a difference! Please share your projects and success stories to our District 17A Facebook page. It is a simple way to encourage and inspire our readers and members! Send me your recognitions and accomplishments so I can toot your horn and help all our clubs grow and learn from your experiences.

I am looking for you! Please contact me and let me know how I can serve your club and visit your events. I have enjoyed the chance to see most of you in person and I am looking forward to making it to your club too! My Governor's team is on the move and happy to attend at your pleasure! Let's recognize those special people in your club. Let's plant some trees and dedicate flagpoles, park benches and walking trails. Lions are visible and dedicated. We are the standard for community service! Let's roar!

The Mid - Winter Rally is this month! There is not a better way to show our pride than gathering together for this State wide event! Junction City is back We are growing a new club and opening new doors in this community! I hope to see each of you there so we can celebrate the activities of your club and hear about the lives you are changing. Join us for a fun and informative weekend January 20th - 22nd. Let's show Kansas Lions the best of District 17A!

We are still looking for sponsors for the back of our 17A Convention T-shirt. Each sponsor can buy an advertisement for \$100 or \$250 which entitles you to a corresponding ad in our convention booklet. Webmaster / designer Irene Haws can help you design something for your ad. Remember we are having a parade for clubs to display their club banners and members to drive their automobiles! We will make a video to send to the International Convention in Boston this year! Mark your calendar and plan to attend "Happy Days" in Salina, April 28th and 29th! Will Rogers said "Even if you are on the right track, you will be run over if you just sit there."



IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO HAVE A FRESH START

Today was a chilly day to ring bells for the Salvation Army. People stopped to share a moment of conversation, funds for the kettle and on to shopping at Walmart.

A young man pulled up in his car – just a few feet shy of the concrete pillars in front of the doors. As he approached, I noted that he had a fresh kettle for the Leavenworth Lions. As he changed the bucket, I said (noting his extensive, visible body art), “It’s always nice to have a fresh start.” He looked up from his task – I swear time stood still for the moment – smiled, his eyes beginning to light up. “Yes, it is,” he said. We exchanged a fist bump as he departed.

In this season of light and love, it is good to remember that, it’s always nice to have a fresh start for ourselves, our families and friends and our Clubs.

Blessings of the Season!

Caroline Arter, FVDG



January 24th is the International Day of Education. Through the Lions Quest program, children in more than 10 countries learn social and emotional knowledge, attitudes, and skills.

There are grants available through LCI, up to \$50,000 for a single or sub-district, or \$150,000 grant for multi-districts. It is a 3 to 1 matching grant.

This grant is designed to support the development or expansion of the Lions Quest program.

To introduce the Lions Quest program to an area, there is a \$1,500.00 no matching funds grant. This is used to help start the Lions Quest activities in a new area.

Our district contact for the Quest program is PDG Jerry Loney. PDG Jerry is also the State contact, along with PCC DeAnne Heersche. If your club is unfamiliar with this program, this would be a great program at your meeting.

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Women in Lions Second Hybrid Workshop - A Huge Success Again This Year

IPDG Dr. Vania Castro - Women in Lions Chairman

There is no better way to demonstrate the true meaning of President Brian Sheehan's motto of "Together we can" & "Together we will" than through all the recruitment activities, service projects, leadership training, inductions and fun during this event. It was hosted by our 17A Women in Lions chairman, IPDG Dr. Vania Castro (Leawood Lions Club), along with these other remarkable women in Lions, 1st VDG Caroline Arter (Leavenworth Lions Club), GLT Irene Haws (Topeka Twilight Lions Club Branch), & ZC Holly Pittman (Leavenworth Lions Club). The event was held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Frontier Conference Center (Fort Leavenworth, KS).

IPDG Dr. Vania Castro invited a stellar group of speakers for the day. It included VP Patti Hill (Canada), Past International President Gudrun Yngvadottir (Gardabaer - Iceland), Past International Director & GAT Constitutional Area Leader Elisabeth Haderer (Netherlands), and International Director Dianne Pitts (South Carolina). There were also remarks from PDG Debbie Hough Cantrell (Lebanon Lions Club – MO) & Zone Chair Wendy Nin. A highlight of the event was Leo Bella Whitlock (Miss Kansas – Teen Volunteer) who impressed the international female leaders with her fantastic speech about how to overcome obstacles and inspire the younger generation to serve their community. The next generation is ready to serve and lead. Additional fun included line-dancing led by GLT Irene Haws. Zone Chair Holly Pittman led a service project: Together, we assembled gift bags including socks, pens, sugar-free candies, Christmas cards, & large puzzle books for the Medical Lounge elderly residents. We inducted Dr. Krista Cox, so please take a moment to welcome Dr. Cox to our great Lions organization. She joined the Leawood Lions Club. All in person participants enjoyed a delicious Italian buffet lunch and the room was beautifully decorated to celebrate all the women in attendance. The positive energy in the room was contagious. It was a vibrant and inspiring event that involved women from multiple districts, nations, and constitution areas.

Kansas Women in Lions and beyond were selected and recognized with a certificate of appreciation by the Women in Lions team for their many years of excellent service in the Lions organization. These wonderful women in Lions are from multiple districts and constitution areas (a special publication will display their names by the end of this fiscal year).

We are deeply indebted and most grateful to them all. All in all, these Women in Lions events are getting better each year as a wonderful resource for learning, friendship, and attracting more women to Lions.

We are thrilled that following this successful event, in the near future there will probably be 10 more women inducted into our district 17A clubs. We'll keep you updated. This event was an important step toward accomplishing the district 17A goal increasing our female membership to 40% this year. We are very close. Together We Can! Together We will!

News from the Lions Health Program

We hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

As I said last month January 2023 is World Hunger month and we hope your club is doing projects to alleviate Hunger both locally and in the World.

February's theme as proclaimed by LCI is Childhood Cancer. We ask each club to have a program on this theme in February. Here are some statistics from the LCI website:

1. Every 2 minutes a child is diagnosed with Cancer
2. 1 in 285 Children in the U.S will be diagnosed with cancer before age 20
3. There is a 90% cure rate in the U. S.
4. It is estimated 1 in 10 will die
5. 57% of childhood cancer go undiagnosed in parts of the world
6. 80% survive in developed countries 20% in lesser developed countries

These statistics are shocking and we Lions need to find a way to help this vital cause. What is your Lions Club doing to work with these children and their families in your community, country and the world? Why not find a program on Cancer in your community and invite someone to give a program on Childhood Cancer.

For more information contact LCI, the American Cancer Society or for help contact your Lions Health Program, Lion Vern Failor.

Global Leadership Team Report by Irene Haws

Incoming officers and existing officers were challenged to complete the review of officer training on the video from 2021 for their specific role by the 30th of September. Once completed their training was reported and entered into LEARN on the Lions Clubs International website by GLT, Irene Haws

The following Lions names have been entered into LEARN for local training for their positions:

Membership Chair: Katrina (Hayes) Maldonado

President: Cheryl Kerns, Miami County Traveling; Shari Strickling, Paola; Jill Koster, Tescott

Secretary: Lee Ann Sparks, Tescott; Karen Lane, Eudora; Al Kimmi, Everest; Rick Dodson, Lansing

Treasurer: Bill Witt, Manhattan; Clark Eschliman, Olathe Noon; Kelly Thompson, Atchison; Glenda Foley; Robinson; Bruce Messick, Topeka

Zone Chair/Region Chair: Bart Hettenbach, Zone 7; Holly Pitman, Zone 2; James Hopwood, Zone 8; Daniel Martinez, Zone 4; Ron Stair, Zone 1; Sharon Teagarden-King, Zone 10; Wendy Nin, Zone 3; Erick Tweedy, Zone 5; David Schafer, Zone 6; Jerry Loney; Region 1; Erick Strimple, Region 2; Bill Stenfors, Region 3

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) Held this July is coming in. Once that information is provided from GPLLI the following Lions will be entered into LEARN on the Lions Clubs International training reports:

Anna Harris, Atchison; Bobby Duvall, Topeka Sunflower; Bruce Messick, Topeka noon; Carol Shaffer, Eudora; Charlene Langston, Topeka Sunflower; Diana Chapel, Manhattan; Jill Koster, Tescott; Kelly Thompson, Atchison; Lee Ann Sparks, Tescott; Preston Chapel, Manhattan.

If you are new to your position and still have not reported that you completed the review of the training video, please contact Irene Haws, irene@idesigns.com, for a link to the videos for club officer trainings. Additional free and self-paced learning paths are available on LEARN at Lions Clubs International Website once you are registered and signed in.

One of the District's special goals this year was for all Lions to review the Bachelor of Lions training on Lions University. If you are currently working on this, please let me know. Here is a link to Lions University: <https://lionsuniversity.org/> You can complete this training online at no cost. There is a final step to receive the bachelor in Lions by attending the USA/Canada Leadership Forum in Reno, NV. Registration is open now! For more information Visit <https://lionsforum.org/>

There are many good books on Leadership. I encourage you to read a book on leadership and send me your thoughts or suggestions for books on leadership you would recommend.

Thank you Lions, for investing in yourself, your communities, your club, zones and regions by taking the training for your position.



Lions University

Year-Round Training Provided by the
USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum



A new record! Twenty new Lions were added during the month of November. Please welcome the following New Lions!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Sylvia Smith	Atchison	Kelly Thompson
Laurie & Charles Tilton	Atchison	Helen Skidmore
Debra Jeffery	Easton	Margaret Culbertson
Randy Thaxton	Hiawatha	Ronald Stair
Mark Stair	Horton	Ronald Stair
Tony & Lou Ann Fisher	Keats	Richard Webster
Krista Nelson Cox	Leawood	Linda Shaffer
Matt Thiel	Leawood	John McCabe
Cecil Masburn	Linwood	
Lynn Sweeney	Linwood	Stuart Sweeney
Anja Johnson	Milford	Lovena Blodgett
Windy Hancock	Milford	Diahnca Quiqley
Kaneisha Ball	Milford	Linae Jenkins
Joyce Loe	Navarre	Joe Simpson
Dianne Fender	Topeka Sunflower	Charlene Langston
Amanda Hertel	U. of K. Eye Center	Hythem Abouodah
Jay Kloft	Wakefield	Richard Avery
Marlene Stamm	Washington	Sharon Tally

There is a three-way tie this month. Zone 1, Ron Stair; Zone 3, Wendy Nin; and Zone 7, Bart Hettenbach all brought in 5 Lions each.

Anniversaries:

30 years: David Diveley, Highland

20 years: Judi Bruning, Robinson; Ken Stettmisch, Barnes; Sharon Tally, Washington; Lea Westervelt, Keats.

And special recognition to: Dwayne Walls for 51 years; William Putthoff, Effingham for 54 years; Harvey Morrical, Assaria for 56 years; Neal Nichols, Overland Park Host for 58 years; and James Tubach, Manhattan for 68 years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Baker GMT

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

Service Summary: Since July 1st, 2022, **37 of 73 clubs** (50.7%) have recorded **364** service activities (+ 80) serving **99,556 (+12,157)** people and donating **7,502** hours of volunteer service(+1,178).

Service Projects: **Everest** and **Kansas City Downtown** were two of the Lions' Clubs that helped fill the need for Thanksgiving baskets or boxes. In addition to the gloves and hats District 17-A Clubs provided to the veterans, **Lansing** followed up by donating underwear. Annual donations of blankets(**Valley Falls**) and gloves (**Shawnee**) provided warmth to local children.

Clubs through-out the district are involved in Holiday projects. Some projects are specific, such as **Auburn's** "Christmas with Santa" and **Lawrence's** contribution to Baby Jay's Legacy's "Holiday of Hope": other projects like bell ringing, decorating, and donating gifts to local groups are still in progress. **Tescott Lions** donated enough funds to purchase **spirit shirts** for half of a school's students making sure every student would be given a new school shirt for the holidays from the principal!

Zone # 1 Lions joined together in collecting stuffed animals for Children's Mercy Hospital. Would any of the other zones be interested in creating a similar project –maybe collecting diabetic candy, food for a pantry("soup"er drive), toilet paper and paper towels or chapsticks, cough drops, mints and kleenex to give comfort during the winter months?

Once again it is recommended that the winter months are the perfect time to **Support and Thank Local Heroes**. Last year one of the clubs involved the community by asking for monthly nominations of individuals to be recognized while other clubs selected the community group they wanted to honor. Think of the unsung workers, like school custodians who are still disinfecting our schools and now shoveling snow and de-icing sidewalks, the daycare workers who face lots of runny noses this time of the year or the healthcare workers that run short of supplies and long on the number of patients.

Thank you Lions for all you do and remember to record your Holiday Projects!!

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



DISTRICT 17A CONVENTION T-SHIRT order form

WEAR YOUR T-SHIRT IN THE PARADE!

\$15.00 ea

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL
(unisex sizes)

\$20.00 ea

3XL, 4XL, 5XL, 6XL or 7XL
(unisex sizes)

Color Options:
Y = Yellow
B = Blue



Name _____

Club Name _____

Qty _____ Shirt size _____ Color _____ price _____

Qty _____ Shirt size _____ Color _____ price _____

Amount enclosed _____

Shirts will be available to pick up at the Convention

Make check payable to: **District 17-A Convention**

Mail T-shirts order form and payment to:

Lion Irene Haws
P.O. Box 2804
Topeka KS 66601

BLAST tool for potential and new Lion members

Hello Lions! Use this B.L.A.S.T. acronym tool to get members into our Lions organization. Make the effort to get new members by seeing them first as potential members now.

Believe – Assume that your friends, family members, co-workers, church members or other acquaintances want to do civic duty and service in their city and believe in them.

Listen – Actively listen to that potential new member and think of questions to ask them based upon their story and use your listening skills.

Analyze - Begin your response by sincerely analyzing their answers to your carefully thought out questions.

Satisfy – Offer them your thoughts on how they would be a great member to our organization based upon their answers of what they want and need. Satisfy them with their own thoughts and words.

Thank – Thank that person for taking the time to listen to you and what you have to say about our Lions organization. Finally, provide them with contact information about our club.

Okay Lions, use this BLAST tool and gain potential members, then work to establish new members in our organization. You really CAN Do It! BLAST into space with new members in your club! So, DREAM BIG - Doing Right Encourages All Members to Believe In Greatness! Cheers!

PDG Jerry Loney

Hello Lions!

There is still time for you to enter your environmental photo for consideration for several awards that will be given at the Mid Winter Rally!

Please send your entry to: Daniel Martinez - danielkane05@yahoo.com for

consideration!

The categories are:

1. Animal life
2. Plant Life
3. Urban or Natural landscape
4. Weather phenomenon
5. Special theme - Service projects.

For additional information see Daniel or: State Environmental Chair Merle Laham mc.laham@gmail.com

Please submit your pictures before January 1st 2023!

Remember the special program on the Eclipse glasses.

January 5th 2023, Celtic Fox
118 W 8th St Topeka

This is a dinner meeting
Sunflower Lions Club Topeka

Invites you to it's

January 5th Meeting

Taco Thursday at the Fox so come at 6 to order and socialize.

The program will begin at 7pm
RSVP to Lion Vern Failor by Dec 31Dr
Kendle Krug from Hays, Ks will give the program about the need for everyone that wants to view the 2 upcoming solar eclipses, to have the special glasses that KLSF is selling. This is a very interesting program and all of you need to see it.
See the attached flyer

Sunflower Lions Club Topeka

Invites you to it's

January 5th Meeting

The program will be Dr. Kendall Krug

“Why do you need special glasses to view the up-coming Eclipse?”



Location: Celtic Fox, 118 SW 8th St.

Dinner: 6 pm

Meeting begins at: 6:30 pm

RSVP to: Lion Vern Failor by **December 31, 2022**

vlfailor@gmail.com 785 272 6102



The Robinson Lions put on a Christmas Play on December 2nd and 3rd with expectations of giving the proceeds as Christmas gifts to needy organizations in Brown County. After a very nice turnout and donations we were able to give over \$200 to six organizations including 4 schools for children's needs, Brown County Genealogy Society, and the volunteer run grocery store in Robinson.

Happy holidays, fellow Lions.

While you are in a generous, giving mood, please remember your local, State (KLF, KLSF, KLBF), and International (LCIF) charities.

You might also consider small donations for our District projects: Diabetes Awareness/Camp, Reading Action, Leos, Alert Trailer hygiene and first aid kits, and our Children's Mercy Hospital crafts. If you wish to donate to these, you can send me a check made out to District 17-A with the charity(ies) listed on the memo line.

Thank you for all you do for Lions and your communities.

PDG Rick Dodson
Cabinet Treasurer

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 January 2023 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.