



DISTRICT DIALOGUE

DISTRICT 17-A

Governor Rich Notes

Memorial Celebrations we should remember.

Dallas Nading of the Concordia Lions Club will be honored with a tree planting at the Pleasant Hill Cemetery on November 3rd at 11 A.M.. Dallas served Lions for 65 years. He is an amazing example of devotion to our service and the heart of a Lion who saw a need and did something about it. Thanks Dallas and thank you to his family for his wonderful work and commitment to our causes.

PDG Gene Johnson also of the Concordia Lions Club passed away in February and will be remembered for his 55 years of service at the November 3rd tree planting service. Lions thank him for his leadership and efforts to make a difference. We salute him and his family for their dedication and service to Lions and the Concordia community.

The American Legion color guard and the playing of taps by a Lions club member will help commemorate the occasion. The Concordia Mayor will be the featured speaker for this event.

Thank you, Concordia Lions, for your heart and concern for these important servants to your community. A sincere "Roar" and a big lion hug to all of you!



Wow! We had an amazing month of August. We had a wonderful celebration for the retirement of State Secretary Linda McCormick at our first State Council meeting in Wichita. Thank you, Linda for 37 years of love and devotion and leadership. You will be missed! Then our District Cabinet Meeting capped our month of accomplishments. Great turn out and exchange of information showing the heart of Lionism. Thank you for your service!

We are off and running with new goals and events and a streamlined approach for service! Some clubs are having the first meeting of the year this month and the momentum is building for another fantastic year!

The fun has just begun! Every club has foundational events and signature causes. This year let's celebrate each and every one by renewing our commitment to our communities. We have provided training for all club officers and Zone chairs. I am excited to have a fantastic group of New Voices and strong leaders as we serve throughout this year! Our District is a shining example of success and accomplishments. I am so proud to announce that we had growth in membership and 100% participation in LCIF contributions last year! We also achieved 71% service reporting from last year! That is a legacy we can celebrate by repeating it this year! We do not have to settle for average or declining numbers from the past. District 17A is "Smoking Hot" and we intend to keep it that way!

The Mid Winter Rally will be in Junction City and hosted by one of our new club branches the "Junction City Sundowners." This is another opportunity for 17A to set the example with "Service from the Heart." "Together we can and together we will" is the method for creating a special event in January. I am looking forward to the challenge of building the Sundowners as a chartered club and putting together a fantastic rally for the State of Kansas Lions!

My calendar is filling up fast with events and visits across the District. I want to share in the success you are enjoying and help mark those special occasions. Let me know your plans and I will mark my schedule for attendance! Thank you for your hearts and concern for those in need. Lions make a difference! Check out the service reports! Great job Lions! Vision screening and Diabetes checks at the State Fair, Eye glasses recycling, Grants to the needy for eyewear, food distribution, community dinners, Fall Festivals, Circus sponsorship, crafts and art supplies for the Children's Mercy Hospital, books and reading materials for schools and veterans hospitals are just a few examples of work going on already this year!

We have our membership grant and we have created a sponsor

program for new membership fee so let me know how we can help you bring more hands on board! We are doing great things but we can do more! We just need more hearts and hands to increase our service to District 17A and beyond! Thank you for all you do! Spread the Joy and remember "Happiness is Giving!"



The Resilience of Lions

Ever, ever the resilience of our District 17 A Lions amazes and delights me! This week Lion Eric Tweedy presents a 24th Century vision of inclusion and diversity to the USA/Canada Forum! Women from the Leavenworth Lions Club had a table at the Super Spouses Sign Up at Fort Leavenworth. No problem that I had not given them a packet of New Member Applications – they used, quite effectively, a new product with a QR Code in order that the military spouses quickly and efficiently completed the application process. They also struck some new alliances for service with last year's Military Spouse of the Year to support her platform – food pantry to reduce hunger, along with Armed Forces Insurance.

Last night the Barnes Lions Club welcomed me to their evening meeting at the Barnes Fire House. Some of the members stopped harvesting long enough for the meeting and camaraderie (and dinner) with their fellow Lions. The club is a smoking hot 11 members in a community of 165. Their mission is children and youth with fund raising directed to scholarships for the three high schools in their United School District and an Easter Egg hunt for community children. Their regard for our Nations military is great, witnessed by a large case of 'casket flags' on display. Some of the names went back to World War 1, maybe even the Civil War. This weekend they look forward to Washington County officially opening a monument to the "12 Strong" soldiers who rode horse in the Afghanistan War. They have a collective pride for one of the twelve who is from their area.

The Lawrence Noon Lions participated in their Arts in the Park to raise funds related to Lions work in sight. A friend's daughter knitted and family of gnomes, all in glasses, for their table. Made it in time to purchase them all. Thank you, Sarah Burns and the Lawrence Noon Lions!

I look forward to reporting on next Sunday's adventure in Waterville, riding the caboose to the park where the Waterville Lions had a shelter built!

I need your help. We have a child in the District who badly needs a specialty dog. The dog is not available through KSDS but rather needs to be purchased from another reputable dog service at the price of \$7000.00. Any ideas will be kindly received: caroline.arter23@gmail.com or 515.554.1453.

To quote CS Lewis, "We meet no common people." You all fall under that category. You are extraordinary in every sense of the word! Thank you all for who you are, and all you and so well!

Caroline Arter 1stVDG District 17A
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October 13th is World Sight Day.

Since 1988, Lions World Sight Day has raised awareness about the importance of our eye health and need for quality eye care services. On this day (or throughout the entire month) Lions Clubs around the world conduct sight-related projects including vision screenings, eyeglass donations, eye surgeries, educational programs, and donation of devices to those with vision problems.

Lion Vern Failor has VSP Certificates that are free to any. Lions Club and World Sight Day (month) would be a great time to use them.

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Positive Lion Relationships Help Districts Thrive

It's empowering to know how much "Women in Lions" can achieve when they work together in their communities to serve those less fortunate. Helping a person, especially another woman, to achieve the potential you see in her to be a leader is a rewarding and priceless experience. You may, however, ask yourself if this support will be reciprocated. If not, continue to offer it anyway. Even though the support may not be returned by those whom you have supported and helped the most in your community. Others are paying attention and will recognize your effort to promote and celebrate the success of women. In my opinion, other women's successes actually make us stronger, not weaker. Be a woman who lifts up other women. To offer fitting help is a wonderful thing. Moreover, there are many ways to demonstrate this support of Women in Lions. For example, find things to accomplish together such as service projects, visit clubs and attend district meetings, compliment her accomplishments whenever an opportunity arises, plan celebration parties, and have fun. Furthermore, introducing women to other women is a great way to support and empower them. "Surround yourself with women who would mention your name in a room full of opportunities" to grow, learn, and serve. Women belong in all places where decisions are made... It's inspirational to know that we have many female Lions who practice a true representation of kindness towards others. We are the strongest when we genuinely cheer each other on.

Finally, we are hoping that we'll attain 40% female membership this fiscal year, and currently have around 36.25% (as of 09/12/2022).

Yours in lifelong serving,

PDG Dr. Vania Castro

Women in Lions Chairman

News from the Lions Health Program

As October is World Sight Month and October 13 is World sight day we hope the you Lions Clubs have a Sight or Vision Program already setup. An example might be to purchase Eclipse Glasses from the KLSF and either sell them or give them away as a service project. The use of these glasses will save the sight of everyone that uses them. What a gift to everyone!!!!

November is Diabetes Awareness Month and November 14 is World Diabetes Day. To learn more just provide a program on Diabetes in the month of November. Did you know 1 in 3 adults in the USA have prediabetes. This Diabetes can be slowed if these adults would just lower there blood sugar to acceptable levels, exercise 30 minutes 5 days a week, lower their body weight 10% and eat more healthy. These are simple steps that can prolong everyone's life. There are no known cure for Diabetes but you can live a good life by doing the above things.

Ask your program director to provide this program then act with a project on Diabetes, If you need help just email or call your District Lions Health Chairperson or contact Lion Vern Failor at vlfailor@gmail.com.

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

Service Summary: Since July 1st, 2022, **22 of 73 clubs** (30%) have recorded **121** service activities serving **48,401** people and donating **1,659** hours of volunteer service.

Examples of recent projects include **Topeka Lions** answering the phones for KTWU, **Eudora's** collaboration on an environmental workshop "Planting for Birds", **Shawnee Lions** providing or up-dating **60 Emergency Diabetic Kits** to local schools, and, **Lawrence Lions** producing art objects from eyeglass lenses.

Leavenworth Lions' sponsored a mouse race fundraiser for a local charity, **Silver Lake Lions and Wamego Emerald City Lions** each brought the circus to their communities, and **Oskaloosa and Chapman Lions** each held a golf tournament. It's always nice to put the FUN in Fundraising!

*******October** is **Vision Awareness** month.*****Clubs are encouraged to continue collecting used eyeglasses, providing eye exams and vision screening in their communities.

17-A's District Service Projects: At the first District Cabinet Meeting on Saturday, August 27th, 160 **Arts & Crafts kits** were collected for 7-16 year old patients at Children's Mercy Hospital They were welcomed by a volunteer coordinator at the Hospital on Monday, Aug. 29th.

The **second meeting** in November will collect **items** for the **veterans** homes. Watch for the announcement of the specific items to be collected!

Together We Can!

Any questions, comments or suggestions? Please contact me.

PDG Carleen Rajala lioncarleen@gmail.com 1- 913-481-7328 **MD 17 State Projects**

All **3 Districts** in Kansas are being asked to participate in service projects at all State Council Meetings. The **first project** was **activity books** for the VA Hospital in Wichita.

For the **second project**, all clubs are being asked to participate in creating **flag banners** for military or veterans. Here's how.. Be on the look-out for an **envelope** with pre-cut **hearts** and **stars**.

Follow the directions by having club members **sign a heart** and **leave a message** of gratitude, inspiration or praise under or above their signature.

Return all hearts and stars in the envelope by **Oct. 1st**. If you are at the Council meeting, **help glue** the hearts and stars on the flag banner.



Salina Downtown Lions Club



64th Annual BBQ Saturday, October 22, 2022

Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 4-H Building at Bob Flaherty Drive, Salina, KS 67401

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door

Tickets may be purchased from any Downtown Lions Club member

Or send an e-mail to Lion Judy Nold at ladylionjudy@gmail.com

She will get the tickets to you.

Monthly GMT Report

Congratulations and welcome to the following new Lions, who joined during the month of August. Remember, sponsors, that the Lion who sponsors the most new Lions will be recognized at our District Convention next spring.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
Jane Redger	Auburn	Janet Johnsen
Ryan Wilson	Clay Center	Marcia Newel

Each month I will be honoring those Lions who have 10, 20, 30, 40, or 50+ anniversaries. Congratulations to the following Lions who have anniversaries in August.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Years</u>
Charles Swinford	Easton	30
Al Mueller	Leavenworth	20
Maureen Hernandez	Leavenworth	10
Crystal Blackdeer	Leavenworth	10
Matthew VanderVelde	Linwood	10
Douglas Carlton	Hope	10
Kevin Benfer	Longford	40
Henry Davis	Manhattan	10
Carol Weatherd	Tescott	20

And a special Congratulations to the following Lions for 50 plus years of service

Thomas Scanlan	Gypsum	50
Stanley Byrne	Eudora	51
Linn Henry	Sabetha	68
Harold Nelson	Manhattan	68

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Baker GMT

November 5th Cabinet Meeting

Abilene, KS Library

Menu for Catered Lunch

Boxed Lunches \$10.50

Includes side, beverage, cookie, and plasticware.

*all sandwiches served cold unless specified.

Tuscan Chicken Wrap: oven roasted sliced chicken breast, provolone cheese, lettuce and tomato. Topped with basil mayo served in a spinach wrap.

Hearty Vegetarian: sliced avocado, tomatoes, carrots, onion, lettuce, then topped with Dijon mustard and mayo. Served on a thin bun.

Chicken Walnut Salad Sandwich: oven roasted diced chicken breast, toasted walnuts, dried cranberries, celery and green onions blended with a creamy dill sauce, topped with lettuce and tomato. Served on a buttery croissant.

Turkey Bacon: oven roasted turkey, bacon, cranberry mayo and Swiss cheese. Served on Italian bread.

Ham and Cheese Club: ham, cheddar cheese, Lettuce, tomatoes, mayo, served on wheat bread.

Side Choices: (choice of one side)

Lemon Pepper Pasta Salad o

Or

Chips

Beverages: (choice of one)

Bottled water

Soda (Coke/Pepsi, Diet Coke or Diet Pepsi, Sprite)

Cookie: Choc Chip Cookie

*Plus Tax (if applicable) and 10% gratuity

Att: Make checks for \$12.65 payable to District 17A, or have cash at the door,

RSVP spechter16@gmail.com and order by November 2nd.

LIONS MEETINGS -

How To Get The Most From Your Attendance at Lions Meetings:
Regular Meetings, Zone Meetings, District Cabinet Meetings and State Council
Meetings

1. Success depends largely upon You.
2. Enter into discussion freely. Say what you think.
3. Share your experience with others, but confine your discussion to the ‘problem’.
4. Appreciate the other person’s point of view. Listening is an art.
5. Only one person should speak at a time. Avoid private conversation while another has the floor.
6. Keep things orderly and clean. Take the rule of “Return what you get out” one step further to “Leave things better than you found them.”

PDG Jerry Loney

Congratulations to Lawrence Noon Lions club member *Nicole Apprill* for winning a prestigious 2022 *Hospice Emerging Leaders Award*. Nicole is a nurse practitioner specializing in palliative medicine and end-of-life care. Only 30 awards were given nationwide, and she was one of the recipients. Thanks to her expertise and dedication to helping others. Nicole is also a great Lion and we’re honored to have her in our club!

Do you need a service project idea or guest speaker for your club? The Lawrence Noon Lions have several great options! Lori Kesinger can talk about service for sight with Audio-Reader, Beth McKenzie can talk about upcycling old lenses into arts and crafts projects. Kisha Steineger is the owner and director of Care Patrol, a free service that helps you make informed decisions on in-home care and/or placement of loved ones, and Heath Schmidt is a board member for Baby Jay’s Legacy of Hope, a Kansas non-profit that helps families during their fight with childhood cancer.

Reach out to learn more and meet some great Lions.!

[Beth McKenzie Development Director Audio-Reader network 785-864-5336](#)

Help Fund The Kansas Band Trip to Boston

Kansas International Marching Band is preparing for this year's International Convention in Boston, Mass.

The Deadline for registration is February 17th, 2023. Cost for this trip and the State band camp is \$2,350.00.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation is providing a \$400 per student towards the expense for the International Band trip. That's a great deal!

Please get out the word and contact your local High School band directors to offer this wonderful opportunity.

Club sponsorship will be important so talk about how you can help get our State band well-represented at this year's Convention!

It is never too early to make arrangements for the trip to Boston so let me know if you are thinking about going. I have checked on Amtrak for a train trip if you are interested!

District Governor
Richard C. Webster
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From the Editor

Here is. theOctober 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.

Thanks, Janeice Crosson, Editor. jancrosson@gmail.com

“Remember, be so happy that when others look at you, they will be happy too.”

Remember, please send all your event and recognition information to our webpage.
Let us help you promote and advertise your projects and special events!.

Note: Zone Chair Membership Awards

For August — Wendy Nin Zone 3

For September

Daniel Martinez Zone 4

Camey Thurston Zone 9