



## District Dialogue

### District 17-A

#### District Governor Richard Webster

#### Quotes to Live By

If you want to achieve greatness stop asking for permission—Anon

Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.—John Wooden

To live a creative life, we must lose our fear of being wrong. - Anon

If you are not willing to risk the usual you will have to settle for the ordinary- John Rohn

Trust because you are willing to accept the risk, not because it is safe or certain.-Anon

Take up one idea. Make that idea your life - think of it, dream of it, live on that idea. Let the brain, muscles, nerves, every part of your body, be full of that idea, and just leave every other idea alone. This is the way to success.-Swami Vivekananda

All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them -Walt Disney

Good things come to people who wait; but better things come to those who go out and get them -Anon  
If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got - Anon

Success is walking from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm. Winston Churchill

Many of you are involved with County fairs. Manhattan Sunflower and Evening Lions were parking cars at the Riley County Fair and Lancaster Lions were helping with the Atchison County Fair, Milford Lions selling concessions at the Sundown Salute Tonganoxie Lions selling raffle tickets at the Leavenworth County Fair and so many others! These are good times to introduce yourself and Lions to new people and ask for new membership in the World's largest Service Club. It is exciting to be a part of the many efforts to serve communities and make a difference in people's lives! Just ask someone to join us and build a stronger tomorrow!

The returning School year signals the return of many clubs from vacation during the Summer months. When we get back to regular meetings and activities remember to use our resources for your communities! Don't forget the Sight Foundation is offering free eyewear and examinations for those in need. When you get those requests contact Vern Failor and see what we can do to get glasses for those who need them!

We have our membership grant again this year! Clubs that are losing members need to re-build for the future so our work will continue from generation to generation. Please contact me to discuss how we can help your club get new members and use our grant monies effectively. I am looking for members who have 30 years or more anniversaries coming up this year. Let me know who is celebrating these milestones so we can honor and recognize them! Remember we are in the midst of our Sponsorship contest for new members. Look for the membership rosters of new members in this newsletter and add your name to the list by sponsoring someone to our Lions Family!

Lions are very fortunate to have so much to celebrate. We are serving our Global Causes and local communities with pride and joy! There are so many foundational Lions projects in our District. Whether it is an improvement to your parks, establishing a festival, providing fireworks, entertainment, or a Flag dedication or the building of ball diamonds or new community centers and memorials let me know what is happening or has happened in the past in your club that you are most proud of so we can celebrate our success stories and document these accomplishments! We serve in so many diverse ways!

Lions don't have to resign after long years of service they can just retire from the active participation and become members at large which still support club activities but may not be able to work and do the heavy lifting. We need Lions to be visible and to visit with our guests at club events. We also need those who write newsletters and invitations and help publicize our service work. We desperately need your advice and expertise to grow forward into the future. Older Lions are seasoned veterans and the strength of our Lions foundation of service. We need you. Please stay with us and give us the benefit of your help and support!

Happy Days are here again! Help us celebrate this Lions year of service in Salina April 28th and 29th! Bring your old cars and trucks and represent your club in our parade. Wear your Letter jackets and bobby socks and re-live those days of your youth. Our District Convention will be a reunion to celebrate you and the things you love. Don't miss it! Your friends will miss you! Mark your Calendars now for "Happy Days in Salina"  
Thanks for all you do!



This past week or so I have so enjoyed seeing pictures of my friends' children and grandchildren, on their front porches, smiling with their new school clothes on and new back packs ready for their first day of school. They remain ready to take on the world! This mornings *Wall Street Journal* article

"Schools End Free Meals for Millions of Students" took my breath away. [Pandemic-Era Free School Meals Expire, Leaving Some Districts Seeking Solutions - WSJ](#) The picture shown is of children from Shawne Heights

Elementary in Topeka. The Tonganoxie Lions Club has a long history of making peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for after school at their public library. Leavenworth Lions participate in Backpack Buddies through their faith communities. Lansing Lions make monthly donations of non-perishables to the local elementary school as needs are made known. I look forward to learning what your Clubs and Zones do to assist our children face hunger. As a District, how shall we come together to address this issue?

**LEAD WITH COMPASSION** is this year's theme for Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Dates to remember for the contest are **1 October 2022** – deadline to purchase the Peace Poster Kit for your Club. **15 November 2022** – Postmark deadline for a Club to send one winning poster (per contest sponsored) to the District Governor. **Note:** Club must notify district governor in advance of its participation. **1 December 2022** – Postmark deadline for a district governor to send one winning poster to the multiple district council chairperson. **15 December 2022** – Postmark deadline for the multiple district council chairperson to send one winning entry to Brand & Creative at Lions International Headquarters **1 February 2023** - Club presidents of international winner will be notified on or before this date. The packet contains all of the rules and guidelines such as the minimum and maximum size of the artwork – and rules for visually challenged students to write on this same subject.

I look forward to seeing you all at the first Cabinet Meeting on 27 August in Wamego. There I would like your feedback on your schools and food issues for your students and any thoughts for ameliorating this issue for them. There will be Peace Poster Packets available for USD\$12.00

At your service

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Together We Can  
and

Together We Will.

Are you aware that a new Lions Club member who remains a Lion for a year and a day helps you as their sponsor to receive a key credit? What does the key credit get you? The membership key awards acknowledge the importance of effective recruitment in our Lions membership growth by recognizing the number of new members a Lion has sponsored.

There are 17 Membership Keys designed to reflect the number of new members you have sponsored. Each key is a lapel pin with a clutch backing. It is a proud honor to receive the Membership Key Award.

LCI states it best "A strong membership is vital to the asking success of your club, district, and the Lions Clubs International organization worldwide. Without dedicated members, there would be no one to serve those in need. In addition, Lions International offers opportunities for all members to receive recognition for their role in growing our organization worldwide".

Consider this opportunity when thinking about someone to join our great organization.

Margy Sundstrom

District17A 2nd VDG



A successful leader is an influencer who can inspire, motivate, and get the best out of their team members. In the past, we have had wonderful female leaders who brought us to this point, and now we continue to have amazing female leaders in our area (too many to name them here, but we know who they are) who are making a difference every day in their local communities and beyond. The passion of these women is aligned with mine as we continue our efforts to advance our Lions organization by enabling our fellow Lions on their various teams to reach their highest potential to better serve those less fortunate. By being a true leader, you will show others that the price of greatness is responsibility. "Management is doing things right; leadership is doing the right things." The fact that we have accomplished successful Lion years in the past shows that you know this. For example district 17A made history in overall membership growth, leadership, and service in the last fiscal year. We'll do it again. Specifically we'll be working together this year to

As we seek new ideas for increasing our female membership, don't be afraid to think **outside the box**. This will enable us to focus on hard work, learning opportunities, and readying ourselves for the next step toward the goal of increasing the Women in Lions in our

organization. You must believe in yourself and be willing to stand out in a crowd if you are going to inspire confidence in others. There's the old saying that women work twice as hard for half the recognition or even to get any recognition at all. But I've learned that instead of worrying about constantly demonstrating competence and gaining validation, it's better to focus on continuous learning. Confidence comes from within, from knowing deep down that you've got what it takes. The truth is that we can all get better at our leadership roles if we work at it. Competence is really about the desire to learn, keep learning, and turn learning into leadership.

Finally, I would love to hear from you [drvaniacastro@gmail.com](mailto:drvaniacastro@gmail.com) as I will support you in any way that I possibly can. Thankyou for all you do. Women in Lions gatherings are coming up in the Fall. Stay tuned!

Together we can!

IPDG Dr. Vania Castro

Women in Lions Chairman



### District 17A GLT Report

Training is underway in District 17A

Club Officer Training

Club officers received a training video to review based on their specific officer position.

We hosted a zoom Q & A Session on July 27, 2022 at 7 pm, to answer any questions from the training and we heard from District Governor Richard Webster on the District Goals for 2022-2023. 14 people participated and this has been reported in LEARN on the Lions International website.

Instructors included: DG Richard Webster, president training

PDG, Rick Dodson, Treasurer Training, PCC Bobby Duvall, Secretary Training and GLT Irene Haws, Membership Chair Training,

Other panelist included, 1st VDG Caroline Arter and 2nd VD Margy Sunstrum.

As follow up, club officers will receive a reminder to watch the video training if by the 31st of August and confirm that they have completed viewing the video and resource materials.

#### Zone Chair and Regional Advisors

Zone Chairs and Regional Advisors have received two emails with links to the Zone Chair & Regional Advisor Training videos and links for Resource Materials. The 2nd email included a pdf of the district goals.

A Zoom Q & A session is scheduled for Aug. 17 at 7 pm. This is prior to the first District Cabinet meeting on August 27 in Wamego. This training will include an demonstration on LEARN from the Lions International Website.

#### District In-Person Training

District 17A is also planning to have an in Person Training Session located on the East Side of the District and one on the West Side of the District. This will be break out session for Club Officer position specific in-person training and Zone Chair & Regional Advisor in-person training. Dates are to be determined. Tentatively in Lawrence, KS and in Abilene KS. A fun activity is also being planned in conjunction with the in person training.

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**New Membership Dues Billing and Fees --Effective July 1, 2017**

Billing for a new member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$3.58 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

<b>Member accepted by club in the month of...</b>	<b>Billing date for new members</b>	<b>Semi-annual dues billed for each new member</b>	<b>New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)</b>	<b>Total dues &amp; fees billed</b>
July	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 21.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 56.50
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	17.92	35.00	52.92
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	14.33	35.00	49.33
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.75	35.00	45.75
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.17	35.00	42.17
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.58	35.00	38.58
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	21.50	35.00	56.50
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	17.92	35.00	52.92
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	14.33	35.00	49.33
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.75	35.00	45.75
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.17	35.00	42.17
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.58	35.00	38.58

Billing for a new Family or Student member begins the first of the month in which the member enters a club at the average rate of \$1.79 per month and billed through the end of that semi-annual period. Billing is issued semi-annually thereafter. Below is a schedule of the new member dues throughout the year:

<b>Member accepted by club in the month of...</b>	<b>Billing date for new members</b>	<b>Semi-annual dues billed for qualifying family member</b>	<b>New member entrance fee (not pro-rated)</b>	<b>Total qualifying family member dues &amp; fees billed</b>	<b>Student member pro-rated dues with entrance fee waived.</b>
July	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 10.75	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.75	\$ 10.75
August	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.96	35.00	43.96	8.96
September	September 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.17	35.00	42.17	7.17
October	October 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.38	35.00	40.38	5.38
November	November 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.58	35.00	38.58	3.58
December	December 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.79	35.00	36.79	1.79
January	January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.75	35.00	45.75	10.75
February	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.96	35.00	43.96	8.96
March	March 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.17	35.00	42.17	7.17
April	April 1 <sup>st</sup>	5.38	35.00	40.38	5.38
May	May 1 <sup>st</sup>	3.58	35.00	38.58	3.58
June	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.79	35.00	36.79	1.79

**NOTE: INTERNATIONAL DUES DO NOT INCLUDE DISTRICT OR MULTIPLE DISTRICT DUES.**

**Lions Health Program (Vision)**

LCI's President Brian Sheehan's slogan "**Together we can**" struck a bell with **Yes** "together we can" As promised the Lions Health Program LHP will be providing articles on the LCI program focus for the month following the newsletter publication. We hope that these articles will give a club time to find a program for that month. This article then will focus on **Vision Awareness and Vision Screening** as your clubs October program.

Good Vision is very important to all of us, so as a program on Vision why not find an eye doctor that can tell you of the importance of good vision. We Lions in the USA have an excellent program to help find vision problems in children called KidSight USA. This program is attempting to find all children under the age of 6 years old in the USA and help them get eye care. KidSight estimates 10% of the children under age 6 in the USA have a vision problem. The doctors say that most of these problems can be fixed, and if they are fixed by age 7 or 8 that child will see better for life. What a gift your Lions Club could give a child of 5 or younger. There are a very large number of SPOT Vision Screeners in Kansas and almost any Lions Club can find one to use or get screening done. So **YES "Together we can"** All your Lions Club needs to do is **ASK** and I will help you.

The KDHE website shows 34,376 births in Kansas in the year of 2020. If the KidSight average of 10% has a vision problem, then 3,437 of these babies have a vision problem multiply that times 5 years old an estimated 17,185 children have a vision problem in Kansas at any given point in time. What is your club doing to help find these children with a vision problem? Why not help this cause by finding a Vision Screener and schedule a vision screening in October. It is a very rewarding project!!! You will give a child better grades in school, better self-esteem and improve their life forever. LCI has much more information on Vision just look for it.

My challenge to your Lions Club is to find a program on Vision in the month of October. To help finance eye glasses and examinations for children ask for a VSP certificate they are **FREE**.

If you need more information just contact Lion Vern Failor at 785 272 6102 or email at [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com).

Lion Vern Failor  
MD 17 Lions Health Program

**Statewide Service Project: Flag Banners for Veterans, Military**

**The MD 17 Service Committee has a statewide project to create flag banners with the stripes comprised of red or white hearts with names and messages from MD 17 Lions. The white stars will have the names of the longest serving Lion in the club.**

**Steps:**

- 1. The hearts and stars will be pre-cut and sent to each club.**
- 2. Clubs will have the longest serving Lion sign the star and then have individual Lions sign his/her name and write a brief message of gratitude, inspiration or praise on the hearts.**
3. Clubs return the envelope by Oct. 1!
4. The blank banners will be on tables at the 2nd State Council Meeting/District 17-K Convention.
5. Lions will be encouraged to help glue all the hearts and stripes on the flag banners.
6. Completed banners will be delivered to Ft. Riley, Honor Flights and/or VA Hospitals.

This is a MD-17 joint service Project. For questions contact the Service Committee Chair or its members:  
Chair and 17-A: PDG Carleen Rajala [lioncarleen@gmail.com](mailto:lioncarleen@gmail.com) 1-913-481-7328

17-K: CC Randy St. Aubyn [rsaubyn@gmail.com](mailto:rsaubyn@gmail.com) 1-620-200-4898  
17-N: Lion Debra Funke [dlfunke@hotmail.com](mailto:dlfunke@hotmail.com) 1-316-650-7613.

Monthly GMT Report

Congratulations and welcome to the following new Lions, who joined during the month of July. 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>
Glenda Rieger	Hiawatha	Helen Melster
Payton Strahm	Sabetha	Nick Aberle
Aaron Vennis	U. of Kansas Eye Center	Hythem Aboudah
Hannah David	U. of Kansas Eye Center	Hythem Aboudah
Jaehun Long	U. of Kansas Eye Center	Hythem Aboudah
Jack Kovarik	U. of Kansas Eye Center	Hythem Aboudah

The winning zone for this month is Zone 3, chaired by Lion Wendy Nin.

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>
Janice Lane	Everest	10 years
Margaret Thorp	Lawrence	20 years
Curtis Waite	Leavenworth	10 years
Carolyn Tillotson	Leavenworth	10 years
Raymond Kruse	Chapman	10 years
Mary Champion	U. of Kansas Eye Center	10 years
John Sutphin	U. of Kansas Eye Center	10 years
Emily Sutphin	U. of Kansas Eye Center	10 years

Respectfully submitted,

### **New Member Fee Incentive**

Announcing the new membership fee allowance program for District 17A.

New member fees have been paid by many clubs to provide incentives and reduce the Dues obligation for New Lions for years! This year I want to help your club attract new members by providing a program to reimburse clubs for the New Member dues that are paid by the club,

District 17A will reimburse clubs for this fee up to \$35 per member for the first 30 memberships during the months of November and December 2022. Remember this only applies to the first 30 requests for reimbursement during the November and December months for 2022. Help me get the word out! Let's build our future and gain more helpers for each club by increasing our membership!

Reimbursements need to be submitted to DG Rich Webster via email: [spechter16@gmail.com](mailto:spechter16@gmail.com) to qualify. Only the first 30 submissions will be considered.  
DG Rich Webster

### **From the Editor**

Here is the September 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.

To prevent articles from being lost in the internet ether world, If you do not receive a note saying I received it, please resend. I promise to respond. We do not want to miss anything you want to send for the good of District 17A.

Thanks, Janeice Crosson, Editor. [jancrosson@gmail.com](mailto:jancrosson@gmail.com)

Remember, please send all your event and recognition information to our webpage. Let us help you promote and advertise your projects and special events!. "[Webmaster@kslionsdistrict17a.org](mailto:Webmaster@kslionsdistrict17a.org)"