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### A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR



DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON

Hello Lions,

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. As we start 2021, there is a lot of optimism that we may be able to turn the corner on Covid-19 and resume our normal lives and Lions activities. It's also an appropriate time to look at the mid-year state of our District.

### Status of our District goals:

1. Charter two new clubs. To date we have not chartered any new traditional club or club branch. We are working on starting clubs in Edgerton and Wamego/Potowatomie County.
2. Recruit 175 new members into existing clubs. As of December 20<sup>th</sup>, we've added 46 new members, 26% of our goal.
3. Lose no more than 120 members. As of December 20<sup>th</sup>, we've lost 65 members. This gives us a net loss of 19 members.
4. 60% of clubs have service projects reported in MyLion. As of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 26 of 75 (35%) clubs have reported service in MyLion.
5. 100% of clubs (or an individual member) contribute to LCIF. As of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 19 of 75 (25%) clubs have contributed.
6. Offer club officer leadership training before August 31st . We completed virtual training for club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers.

We should be near 50% accomplishment of our goals by now, but as you can see, we are very short in 5 of 6 goals. Given the risks associated with the Covid-19 virus, many clubs have curtailed fundraisers and service projects. This is understandable. Our members' safety is our first priority.

While most clubs have stopped meeting in person and some do not meet virtually, I am pleased to see that many have be able to safely modify their fundraising and service activities. Thank you for staying active in your communities.

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## A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...

One of our continuing struggles is to communicate with those that do not stay in touch with automation. Did you know that about 1/3 of Kansas Lions do not have email addresses (or have incorrect email addresses) listed in MyLCI. Most of our State and District correspondence (to include newsletter distribution) is handled by email, social media, and websites. I would ask club Secretaries to please check email addresses on MyLCI to confirm correctness and to add if no email is listed. Club Presidents then need to develop a plan on how to stay in touch and share correspondence with those who do not have electronic means.

Adversity always provides opportunities along with setbacks. We've adapted in many ways that have made us more flexible and innovative. I look forward to getting back on the road and meeting with many of you in the next six months. I especially look forward to hosting our District convention in Salina in early April. I think you'll be pleased with the unique activities we'll be able to offer.

The accompanying photo was posted on Facebook. The District Governor team has not had an opportunity for all three of us to meet in person and take a photo this year. So, we met on Zoom to get a photo of us "together".

Remember ...

We Serve Because Kindness Matters.

DG Rick Dodson



United in Kindness and Diversity with International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

This has been a year of overwhelming kindness—your kindness.. Your service is hope delivered, and that is what people need most. But most of all, keep yourself and your family healthy and safe.

Thank you for your incredible year of service.

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

[Lions.org](http://Lions.org)

### 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.

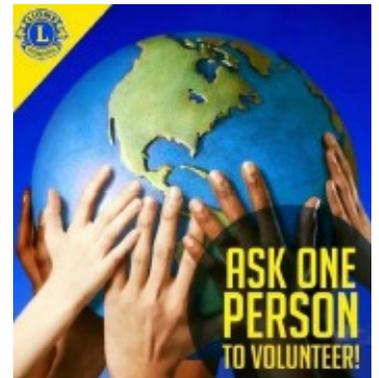
DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICK DODSON	1st VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR VANIA CASTRO	2nd VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR RICHARD WEBSTER
Club visitations are yet to be determined. For an update, Please check the website. <a href="https://kslionsdistrict17a.org">https://kslionsdistrict17a.org</a>	Feb. 2021 Hiawatha (TBD) 2021 Scandia (TBD) 2021 Concordia (TBD) 2021 Bennington (TBD)	Jan. 04, 2021 - Waterville 6:00 PM

# 1VDG Vania Castro



## Out with the old, in with the new!

The start of a new year is a time to make plans for the future. We hope to continue growing our district and supporting our club leaders in their efforts to increase membership. At the same time, we need to keep in mind that this Lion's year is not over and that we still have a lot of work to do in order to reach our goals regarding membership, service, and leadership training.



New services, online Lions training, and the new North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) program have been provided to Lions as a result of these challenging times through the end of this Lions year and into the foreseeable future. The new NAMI program aims to increase retention and membership and will become rewarding in the future as we become more familiar with it. On a personal note, I am thrilled to induct new members by Zoom.

I truly enjoy in person visits to the clubs around our district, but I realize that some clubs are not meeting in person yet due to the risks of the COVID-19 virus. I do understand and strongly agree with the argument that we need to keep our Lions safe and healthy. However, DG Rick, 2VDG Rich, and I are working together to visit all the clubs in the district. We are exploring alternative ways to connect with you through a virtual meeting, a hybrid meeting, telephone call, etc. We will be happy to accommodate your club's needs and find what works best for you. I constantly look forward to hearing about all the wonderful service that you are doing in your communities, even in the midst of this pandemic.



In Lionism,  
1st VDG Vania Castro

**Congratulations, KC Downtown Lions !**  
I was thrilled to induct & welcome a new member Lion Kindle Rose (Bottom Right)  
Sponsor CC Diane Hentges (Upper Left)

**“The people who are the most Alive, Driven, and Fulfilled are those that seek to lead by a life of Contribution and Service to something Greater than themselves” – Tony Robbins**

## 2021 -2022 KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A ELECTIONS

### Kansas Lions of District 17A

If you would like to run for a position in District 17-A, please send me a letter or email to indicate your letter of intent to run for that position. The positions are:

- 2nd Vice District Governor
- Director of Kansas Lions Band Foundation
- Director of Kansas Lions Foundation
- Director of Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

**NOTICE:  
LETTER  
Of  
INTENT**

I would like to have your letter or email of intention to run by the end of January, but the very Latest date will be March 31, 2021. If you are in that position now and your term is ending on June 30, 2021 and would like to run again for that position, I need a letter or email to indicate that also.

The election will be held starting May 3, 2021 at 7:00 AM to May 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM

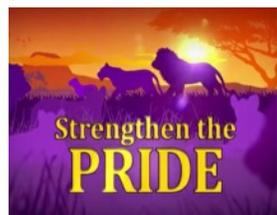
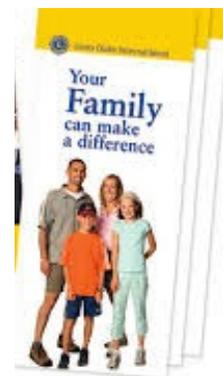
PDG John Burns, Nominations Chair  
14726 S. Murray Lane, Olathe, KS 66062  
pdgjohn2019@gmail.com

## 2VDG RICHARD WEBSTER



The secret to happiness is giving! Volunteers report a higher level of happiness, life satisfaction, self-esteem, a sense of control over life and physical health- including lower levels of depression! What a great message to all the prospective members you are recruiting. During the pandemic, people have isolated themselves and withdrawn from social activities which has increased depression and loneliness. This is a great opportunity to build them up and change attitudes as we come out of the crisis and return to normal.

Families are key. The involvement of spouses and children is the future of healthy clubs. What a great way to teach kids the value of giving back to their communities by involving them in service projects. Lions are families; we don't just help others, we pitch in to help when a Lion needs help too!



Welcome to our Family! Each time we induct a new Lion we have a new family member! The

fellowship and heart to serve brings us together. A recent study found that the benefits of volunteering were actually greater for those doing the service work than for those who were getting the help. It is not just the service work alone. The study showed that volunteer activities had a significant positive impact on longevity and duration of good health. It also found that a person's sense of well-being and ability to continue to get out and do things into old age were enhanced. In addition to being enjoyable, volunteering gives people an opportunity to fulfill something that may be missing in their everyday lives.

Each year we have set lofty goals to increase our numbers and turn around a trend of declining membership. We have a significant opportunity to reach out to those who are tired of the isolation and provide a way to become a part of the **Family of Lions** serving their communities. The need has never been greater. The issue of those who have lost jobs and income and social contacts is an opening door for service and recruitment. This is the moment when we can really show what it means to be a Lion!

Everyone has a different story as to why they became a Lion. Kids are smart, they listen. So if you talk about the successful service projects and benefits to the community they will begin to see how important it is to join us in service. They will raise up new voices and bring spouses and family members into the Lions' family with their talent, ideas and commitment. These new voices are the platform by which we can move this organization forward.



I encourage you all to remember the fellowship essential to being a Lion and to welcome new members not just into your club but into a family who share the love of service in their hearts.

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

## Life-Changing New Year's Resolutions for 2021

1. Express gratitude.
2. Make time to learn.
3. Write letters or send cards to people who feel alone.
4. Find a cause you care about and take action.
5. Do a random act of kindness for strangers every day.

"These will help you better yourself — while helping others, too," says Leonard.



## COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES



Hello Lions,

The new calendar year has begun. Besides a new calendar year, January 1, marks the halfway point in our Lions year. This is a good time to review your club plan for the year.

A critical part of a club plan is membership. Do you have a member recruitment plan? Is your club recruiting new members? Sometimes in-person recruitment is challenge. If you need help with membership, contact your District GMT. The GMTs are:  
District K, PDG Reland Cole ([colebody@carrollweb.com](mailto:colebody@carrollweb.com));  
District A, Margy Sundstrom ([margaret1226@gmail.com](mailto:margaret1226@gmail.com))  
District N, PDG Terry Weldin ([weldicat@hotmail.com](mailto:weldicat@hotmail.com))



Another key component of Lions is service. Service delivery has been a challenge during this pandemic. Service can be delivered in ways that are safe, maintain social distance, and still be a meaningful service. Fundraising has been difficult for many clubs, but it is not impossible. On-line sales of traditional items, raffles are still possible, and Go-Fund-Me on Facebook have been successful for some clubs.

Public relations are essential for all clubs. If you don't have a PR plan it is not too late to develop one. If your community is fortunate to have a print newspaper or community calendar that provides an excellent opportunity to let folks know about Lions. It provides an avenue to recruit and let the community know what service your club provides. There are numerous ways that social media and web pages can also spread the word about your Lions club.

It is also so important during these pandemic days to reach out to club members, some who can't get out these days. They need to be kept in the club "loop." Whether you meet virtually or in person this month, it is important to make sure your club finishes this Lions year (2020-2021) on a positive note.

CC Diane Hentges

## Empowering YOUR SERVICE

With the help of every Lion doing and giving what they can, Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service will meet the challenges facing our communities around the globe. We are your foundation—and together, we can make a powerful impact.

Lionsclub.org

## Serving Safely

**For every need, Lions find a way.**

Lions serve. It's what we do. And while the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the way we live and work, it has not changed who we are. Every day, Lions and Leos around the world are finding ways to continue their fellowship with one another and serve safely in their communities. Find out how you can stay active as a Lion during this unique time.

Let us know how we can support your service in light of COVID-19. Send your questions, ideas, and feedback to [service.activities@lionsclubs.org](mailto:service.activities@lionsclubs.org)  
[lionsclub.org](http://lionsclub.org)

## Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs around the world and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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](http://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/CivicAlerts)

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## KANSAS LIONS MULTI-DISTRICT 17 NOTICE

With regret, I announce that PID Gene Vogel has stepped down as MD 17 GMT. PDG Reland Cole, GMT for 17K, has agreed to fill the vacant position.

I thank PID Gene for his service as MD17 GMT. He will work with PDG Reland to make a smooth transition.

CC Diane Hentges



### **If Only**

Do you ever wonder if you could have been a better person? Sometimes we get so caught up in the moment of things around us and we forget what our existence is on this earth. I think one of the things that really puts me in a tizzy is customer service. As I shop locally and other places I have found customer service to be lacking and honestly quite troubling. I wonder what could be wrong with that person of which I do not know. Then I think, well certainly that person is not like me because I learned not too long ago, people don't think like me. So I come to a conclusion that perhaps this person needs a little kindness to get them through their day. This, kindness I can do. So I continue a conversation that eventually brings out a little part of the person which I find very wonderful. Yes, sometimes we have to really give to receive.

Do you ever wonder if you had only done that one thing? Sometimes we think about it but we don't say it or do it. Could it be because we are so stressed by the events that we try to take care of and forget of ourselves? As I look back on my life sometimes I think I should have been a nurse, a teacher....but as I think about it, I was both of those. As a mother of 3 beautiful daughters and gammy of 8 grandchildren I was a nurse fixing all those booboo's with some kind of ointment and of course a band aide and then I was a teacher too. I taught (with Ron) our girls to be who they are today and as we teach our grandchildren the same values we taught our daughters our heart is FULL! Because we know that they too will be successful in their lives as they become grown-ups. We even taught for years many boys and girls the art of swimming and the values and responsibilities that go along with it. Today, many of our swimmers are successful and thriving in their lives and living the life they chose for themselves. I just have to look on FB to see their children, their successes and more. Yes, sometimes we have to reflect and be glad of what we have accomplished in our lives and the lives of others.

Do you ever wonder if you did something for someone else that was meaningful? Recently we have been all consumed with the VIRUS, it has taken over. Maybe for some more than others but that is our personal choice. I chose to be a good person by wearing the mask and social distancing and my hands are dry, dry, dry despite any kind of lotion I decide to use. But really, are we so taken by this VIRUS that it totally changes our being and our worth? Actually the answer is "NO". But as people we want to be like the person next door, we don't want to rock the boat, we want to get along, we silence ourselves for the sake of others. A kind person recently sent out an email asking for help and nothing was received by the majority but from only ONE. I say to this person, do not weep or fret because you tried to do what was right and it fell to deaf ears. Your work is worthy and your commitment was received by all. It sometimes comes down to where we are in that moment the email went out and then life takes hold and our short attention span removes it from our brain. It is typically how it all happens. So, my dear friend, know that I appreciate you and all that you do for all of us.

To finish off, dearest Lions of District 17A, keep up the fight of service to others and never ever forget to give to those who are less fortunate. We SERVE! Where there is a NEED, there is a LION! As we all look forward to a better year 2021, always remember Kindness Matters! Spread your kindness in your way and the receiver will appreciate you.

Happy New Year!

Deb Weaverling

Together  
**WE SERVE**  
Through any challenge.

Over 1.4 million Lions across the globe are stepping up to serve their communities during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These new challenges have changed the way we live, but our dedication to helping those in need is as strong as it was when we first opened our doors more than 100 years.  
lionsclub.org

# Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair

## 2020-2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



DECEMBER 20, 2020

	Diabetes	Environment	Children's Cancer	Hunger	Vision	* Other
People Served: +18,195 87,883	469	27,393	1,120	9,977	8,834	40,090
Volunteer Hours: +1217 8,660	30	791	490	639	313	6,447
Service Activities: +80 270	6	43	11	57	59	94
Donations: +\$11,485 \$28,248	\$1041	\$835	\$868	\$6710	\$5046	\$13748

### 29 CLUBS RECORDED ACTIVITIES

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

**District 17A Lions** have touched the lives of an additional 18,195 by doing an additional 1217 hours of service through an 80 additional activities. Activities have included bell ringing by Leavenworth, Lansing, Tonganoxie and Salina Downtown Lions. Lions, in partnership with other local groups, put up holiday decorations and sponsored events. Some clubs gave up their own events to collect food, donate food baskets or give gifts. Eudora Lions sponsored an Angel Tree, gave food and re-cycled bicycles. Kindergartners in Valley Falls each received a homemade blanket. Milford Lions' gift to the community was a new bench earned by collecting plastic bags and Everest continues to produce floor mats for the homeless by weaving plastic bags together.

### NEW PROGRAMS sponsored by the 17A Service Satisfaction Team



**Thank a Local Super Super Hero** - Clubs are asked to recognize local unsung heroes with a simple act of kindness. *Bonus: if this is a new activity or in collaboration with another group, send a picture to Lion Eric Strimble [estrimble@cityofeudora.org](mailto:estrimble@cityofeudora.org) and register on LCI to be eligible for the drawing for \$100.* If your club needs a small grant to make it happen, contact [lioncarleen@gmail.com](mailto:lioncarleen@gmail.com). Several clubs have already begun. Lansing sent Thank-You's and treats to 389 staff members of local schools and Shawnee did the same for 40 workers at a local care facility.

**Thank a Lion** - Lions are encouraged to send a **Shout-Out** to any fellow Lion that is or has been an example of kindness or service.



Shawnee Lions Alpha Wickam and Linda Burgess: "Thanks for years of continual service re-cycling eyeglass."

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM - LION MARGY SUNDSTROM**



**Lion Margy Sundstrom**  
**GLT CHAIRPERSON**  
 margaret1226@gmail.com

**WELCOME NEW LIONS**



**NOVEMBER 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

<b>BONNER SPRINGS LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Dianne Berning	Pat Berning
Nic Hower	Mickey Hylton
<b>KANSAS CITY DOWNTOWN</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Kindle Rose	PDG Diane Hentges
<b>KEATS LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Anna Grauer	Mel Nudson
<b>LEAVENWORTH LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Tiffany M Dipman	Joana Scholtz
<b>OSKALOOSA LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Shelby D Copp	Carolanne Josling
Desirae M Wolford	Paula Farmer
<b>SALINA LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Melanie Hedgespeth	Judith Nold

**District Lions,**

The **SERVICE** and **MEMBERSHIP CONTEST** guidelines are included in this issue on the following page. This is a good opportunity for clubs if they do the "Thank a Hero" project that PDG Carleen Rajala is running on Page 7. Easy entries.

**17 A New Member Gauge**

**Watch our membership **grow!****



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

**"Leave footprints. Let's seek to make a greater global impact." says Leonard.**  
**"And, an even better New Year 2021!"**



## LION ERIC STRIMPLE, ZONE 5 CHAIRPERSON



### Kansas Lions District 17A Service and Membership Growth Contest Rules and Guidelines

#### General Rules:

- A. **Eligibility:** All clubs in District 17A are eligible to participate in the contest.
- B. **Timing:** The Contest will begin on August 1, 2020 and run till May 15, 2021.
- C. **Purpose:** Promote inter-club relations, new projects and new members in the District.
- D. **Entries:** Each club that completes an acceptable entry and completes all steps indicated below will receive an entry in the drawing for the \$100.00 donation to a cause of the clubs choosing. Only one (1) prize will be given.
- E. **Notice:** Any pictures submitted may be used for social media posts to help advertise what Lions do. Post may be on websites, or social media sites.

#### Qualified Entries:

- A. Clubs that create and complete a new project for their club during the 2020-2021 Lion year.
- B. Host a membership drive event.
- C. Complete a joint project with another club. (Requires a minimum of three (3) members from each club to be present during the event. Both clubs will be entered for drawing)

#### How to Enter:

- A. Complete one (1) of the qualified entries listed above.
- B. Take a picture during the event as proof the event took place. If it is a joint event, please make sure there are members of both clubs in the photo.
- C. Record the project on MyLion. **\*\*Membership drive event does not need reported\*\***
- D. Email picture with the following information to Lion Eric Strimple at [estrimp81@msn.com](mailto:estrimp81@msn.com)
  - Date of project
  - Project name, project purpose and service category
  - Clubs that participated if a joint event.

**\*\*Clubs may enter with each qualified entry\*\***

#### Deadline for Entries:

All entries **MUST** be submitted by 11:59 pm on May 15, 2021 to be entered in the contest. The winning club will be announced at the State Convention in 2021.

Lion Eric Strimple  
Eudora Lions Club  
785-331 7757 [Estrimp81@msn.com](mailto:Estrimp81@msn.com)

*Where there's a need there's a Lion*

**LET  
THE LION  
ROAR**

Do you have a Lion in your club or in the District that you want to **ROAR** about? This is your opportunity to share those amazing Lions with everyone! We want to hear about those lions that may like to stay out of the limelight or that go above and beyond to help fellow Lions or their communities.

Over the next few months, we want to showcase them as a **Lion Hero!** Email GST Carleen Rajala at [lioncarleen@gmail.com](mailto:lioncarleen@gmail.com) with your name, the lion hero's name, their club and why they are a lion hero to you. Hero's will be showcased in the monthly newsletter.

# SPOTLIGHT on CHILDHOOD CANCER



Childhood Cancer, a difficult subject to write about! One would think that children do not get cancer, well that is not true. Beginning in 2018 Lions Clubs International (LCI) has partnered with the World Health Organization (WHO) to bring awareness to the Lions world that this is a health issue. Please read the statistic's below.

Each year, more than 300,000 children are diagnosed with cancer globally. This means that a child is diagnosed with cancer every 2 minutes.

Globally, 37% of children with cancer survive, but survival rates vary widely by region.

In 2018, the World Health Organization launched the Global Initiative for Childhood Cancer with the goal of reaching at least 60% survival rate for children with cancer by 2030. The Initiative brings together stakeholders from around the world and across sectors towards the common goal. 57% of Childhood Cancer go undiagnosed in parts of the world. 80% survive in developed countries, 20% survive in undeveloped countries. Cancer is the leading cause of death globally in the 0-19 year-olds. 300,000 new cases annually. [Statistics from the World Health Organization](#)

What can we LIONS do about this?

1. Learn more about Childhood Cancer.
2. Have a program in February 2021 as February 15 is World Childhood Cancer Day.
3. Plan an event to promote awareness of Childhood Cancer in February.
4. Come up with a project to fight this cause. LCIF has grants available to help fight this cause.

LCIF has begun working with the Initiative to explore new ways in which Lions can help children with cancer in their communities.

The most difficult visit I ever made as a Lion was to a teen age LEO friend with terminal childhood cancer. If you want more information go to the LCI website and search Childhood Cancer, you will find at least 58 articles on the subject. You can contact your Lions Health Program chair Lion Vern Failor for assistance.

“Kindness Matters” Do something for Childhood Cancer now!!!!

Lion Vern Failor, Chairperson  
District 17-A Lions Health Program  
vlfailor@gmail.com



Empowering  
**YOUR**  
**SERVICE**

Foundation Fridays

Lions and Leos around the world are finding new ways to connect with LCIF and in their communities. Learn more about LCIF's Foundation Fridays webinars!

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/virtual-events-center/events#upcoming>

## LION KIM BAKER, WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

**CONGRATULATIONS  
LION SUSAN BRUNA**

### 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 JANUARY 2021, it is Lion Susan Bruna from the Washington Lions Club.

### We Serve: More Than a Motto

The January "Women of the Month" is Susan Bruna, who is currently serving her second term as President of the Washington Lions Club. Lion Susan was born and raised in Washington, Kansas and graduated from Washington High School in 2000. She received her Bachelor of Arts in History from Baker University. During her freshman year, she was a member of the Lions Club on campus. However, she did not become a Lion in Washington until several years later.

In 2012, Lion Susan became the Deputy Register of Deeds in Washington County and shortly after that she joined Lions Club. Lion Susan considers it an honor to have Tim Matlack as her membership sponsor. She was raised in the same church that Lion Tim and his wife, Jan, attend. The couple were the leaders of the church youth group and have known Lion Susan since she was part of their group. Lions Tim and Susan have been working together on various missions and volunteer projects for over 25 years! Lions Club provides them with opportunities to continue their service to others.

There are many aspects of Lions Club that Lion Susan enjoys. The club consists of a variety of ages and they all work well together. It is rewarding when fundraisers, service projects and fun activities are successfully planned and carried out. Last year, the club gained several new members, and she is hopeful that the enthusiasm will continue. COVID-19 has provided the club with some challenges and uncertainty, but she encourages club members to stay positive and think outside the box.

Lion Susan's husband, Ryan, is also a member of Lions Club. Their son, Charlie, is 10 years old and a member of Cub Scouts. He enjoys helping at the club's annual pancake feed in December. Her hobbies include crafting, traveling and being outdoors.

**"Your service is hope delivered, and that is what people need most."**

**Dr. Jung-Yul Choi**

**International  
President**

## WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - Empower Others



A program launched in 2018-2019 to celebrate women's contributions and promote gender parity within Lions Clubs International. In 2019-2020 the program was expanded under International President Dr. Jung-Yui Choi to include young adults, including Leo Lions, and other underrepresented populations as diverse and sought-after New Voices in the association. This initiative is about hearing the story of the unheard and is a forum for sharing new ideas and learning from one another for the betterment of Lions Clubs International.

To learn more about the New Voices program and join our monthly webinars please visit [weserve.org/newvoices/](http://weserve.org/newvoices/).

# LIONS CLUB **EVENTS** & CONTESTS

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### THE BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

When you become a Lion, you become part of a global network of volunteers working together to make a difference. Story on [lions.org](http://lions.org).

"Every Lion has a story. Volunteering changed m life," says Leonard.



# 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](mailto:dhentges42@gmail.com).

PDG David Hentges, Kansas City Downtown Lions Club,  
District 17A Alert Chairperson  
[dhentges42@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](https://soundcloud.com/audio-reader).

For more information go to [reader.ku.edu](http://reader.ku.edu).



Giving the Basics

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](http://www.givingthebasics.org).

Contact: Lion Diane Smith, IVP Tonganoxie Lions [Dianemariecriswell@gmail.com](mailto:Dianemariecriswell@gmail.com) or 913-449-8286

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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.kslions17n.org)

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

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

"YOU'LL NEVER GET BORED  
WHEN YOU TRY SOMETHING NEW.  
THERE'S REALLY NO LIMIT  
TO WHAT YOU CAN DO."

DR. SEUSS

**Let's make a difference. Let's ROAR! Happy New Year 2021!**

# KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

## UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS



**MID-WINTER RALLY** **NOTICE of VENUE will be published.**

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

**STATE COUNCIL MEETING**

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

**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.**

**SAVE the DATE!** The District 17-A Convention will be held in Salina, KS April 9 - 10, 2021. Schedule and Registration details will be forth coming.

### 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 - Zoom - Watch update for any changes

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

### MID-WINTER RALLY

January 23, 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 Salina

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

### STATE CONVENTION

June 4-6, 2021 .....Topeka 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

