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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON

### A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hello, Fellow Lions. It's hard to believe that our 2020-2021 Lions Year has almost passed. The start of this year certainly had a series of firsts for us.

As we ended the last Lions Year and started this one, COVID-19 caused many of us to slow down our club operations, our services, and our fundraising. We entered a COVID-19 fog. However, most clubs quickly adapted their meetings, their fundraisers, and especially, their service activities. I'm very proud of the resilience of our Lions and the services and fundraising they accomplished this past year. Maintaining the traditions of our clubs was vitally important to prepare us to move forward after the pandemic.



In the spirit of keeping those traditions going, we started last spring with our NAMI Team setting SMART District goals for 2020-2021. Even though we were already experiencing some of the Covid restrictions, we thought we had set some realistic goals that could be met with appropriate safety measures.

It turned out to be harder than we expected. The following are the status of our goals as of the third week in May.

### Membership:

- District 17-A will charter 2 Lions clubs by June 2021. We haven't chartered any clubs.
- District 17-A will induct 175 new Lions into our existing clubs by June 2021. We've added 94 new members. Can we get 100? 125?
- District 17-A will lose no more than 120 Lions by June 2021. We've lost 142 members. 32 of our losses were deceased Lions. This was double the number we lose in an average year.

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

### 2020 - 2021 Status of our District Goals continued...

#### Leadership:

- District 17-A will conduct no fewer than 4 club officer TRAINING sessions NLT August 31, 2020. We conducted three club officer training sessions (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) in August of 2020 and a Club Membership Chairperson training in February 2021.

- Each Zone Chairperson will complete training to be a Certified Guiding Lion NLT July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Three of our 10 Zone Chairpersons completed the CGL training.

#### Service:

- 60% of clubs will conduct at least one service activity and report it in MyLion by June 1, 2021. 42% of the clubs have reported service in MyLion. I know at least 60% of our clubs performed service activities this year, so with a little effort, we could achieve this goal by getting the projects reported. If your club isn't recoding your projects and you need help doing so, please contact your Zone Chairperson and/or PCC Bobby Duvall, so we can get you some help.

#### LCIF:

- 100% of clubs will contribute to LCIF by May 30, 2021. 54% of our clubs have been credited with making donations. And we are within \$600 of surpassing last year's donation level. This is a great achievement, and I thank all who have been participating. Could you donate something now to help India's severe Covid outbreak?

- District 17-A will have two model clubs for Campaign 100 by June 30, 2021. I am proud to report that we have 3 Model Clubs: Miami County Traveling Lions, Silver Lake Lions, and the Lansing Lions Club. The Lansing Lions has also committed to being a 200% Model Club.

We still have time to make progress on these goals before the end of June. More clubs have started meeting again and more activities are planned.

If clubs that have been closed this past year are going to meet in June, please let me know, so I can try to visit.

Thank you for standing tall and supporting your communities during this extremely difficult time. I'm proud of you and proud to have represented our great District this year.

Please join me in pledging support to our new District Governor, Dr. Vania Castro, and her team as they plan and guide us through the upcoming year.

Remember...

We Serve Because Kindness Matters

DG Rick Dodson



### Empowering Service

We're taking our efforts to a whole new level. LCIF will raise US\$300 million to increase our commitment. LEARN MORE:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/donate>



### This Lions Year Comes to a Close: A Heart Full of Hopefulness

We're nearing the final stretch of this Lions year. Everyone has worked hard to overcome obstacles that have faced us during this time of crisis. We navigated and adjusted to a rougher-than-usual year for our families, friends, and Lions worldwide. According to the CDC's data (May 18, 2021), a total of 123,828,224 Americans have been fully vaccinated, or 37.3% of the country's population. At this same point, Kansas had 1,062,451 people fully vaccinated, or 36.47% of the state's population. We are now *optimistic* about the development of new, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines. There is still a lot of work to be done, but I encourage Lions across our Region to continue listening to local health authorities and thinking about how the actions we take as individuals determine our collective health.

I am grateful for having had the opportunity as 1<sup>st</sup> VDG to visit either virtually, in person or by phone the clubs around our district throughout this Lions year. As usual, their hospitality has been outstanding. During these visits, I have met old friends and made new ones, some of whom will be part of my district team this coming year. I'm excited! Recently, I have been able to attend in person new members induction ceremony, MJF ceremonies, a district convention, my club's first in-person board and membership meetings since last year, the delivery of boxes of eyeglasses, hand delivery of goody bags for our local heroes (nurses from the Blue Valley District), etc. In addition, I am amazed at how Lions are embracing technology to stay connected in this time of crisis, and at how we are building bridges into the future together by providing outstanding virtual leadership training to our club officers, membership chairs, and zone chairs. We are planning service and membership activities as well as effective leadership trainings for the upcoming year. Stay tuned!

I am overflowing with gratitude toward each one of you for making a difference. Especially, I would like to thank DG Rick Dodson for his hard work and dedication to District 17A this year. Also, I enjoyed working with 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Richard Webster and all the district members. Finally, let's be as ready as we can in the upcoming Lions year to continue our innovative service efforts of the past year and expand them to address the needs in the months to come. We must continue to connect with each other, to serve our communities, and move forward every day by leading with *purpose and humanity*. Most importantly, let our hearts lead the way and have some fun now and then. I am wholeheartedly hopeful.



Yours in Service!

DGE Dr. Vania Castro

## OUR PURPOSE

- To Organize, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- To Coordinate the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- To Create and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- To Promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- To Take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- To Unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- To Provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- To Encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

## First Vice District Governor Elect RICHARD WEBSTER



### ACHIEVING HARMONY

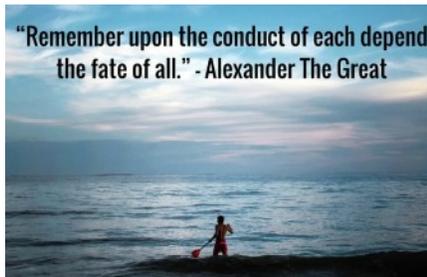
Wow! Another Lions year is coming to an end punctuated by the State Convention as usual! I hope to see as many of you as possible at this year's Convention! I am excited about the gathering of all three districts and seeing so many movers and shakers of our Lions community all in one place! What a year this has been! So many things come to mind.

We have had a year of accomplishments in spite of adversity, a testimony of trials and tribulations. We established ways to continue serving our communities and hold the attention of our membership. Lions addressed a major concern of social networking by holding on-line events and Zoom meetings which helped many advance to electronic communications.

We are moving closer to the future by implementing constant contact and focusing on the internal needs of each club their way!

### RE-IMAGINING PRODUCTIVITY

It is my hope as we view this year in the rear view mirror that we can say goodbye to the hurdles of pandemic and discord. That we can unite in the realization that though problems have existed, problems have also been resolved. Rather than draw attention to and amplify our differences, we can truly move forward and distance ourselves from the anchor of despair and set sail for a sea of progress chartered by the concerns and attention Lions have given with kindness through diversity! "We Serve," is our motto. There is no individual or particular group highlighted in that statement. It is time to act on the subjects of our discussion and show our communities the leadership required to unite rather than divide.



I want to see more trees planted and community clean-up projects to improve our environment. I want to see more help given to Food banks and hunger relief projects. I want the vision screening and eyewear collections to impact every community. I want our Childhood cancer efforts to produce a cure. I want diabetes to join polio and small pox in the dust bins of medical science. I want every disaster met with an equal flood of relief. In short I want the results Lions have desired for over a hundred years. On the other hand where there is a need there is a Lion! That is why so many people support Lions Clubs and Lions enjoy a stellar reputation and the appreciation of our communities.

**A Continent of Volunteers.  
A World of Service.**



Service and harmony create joy and partnership!

First VDGE Richard C. Webster

Kansas Lions District 17A  
President Keats Lions Club

## Leadership Skills from the "King of the Jungle"

### LIONS ARE ADAPTIVE. THINK LIKE A LION.

Covid is a stark reminder that we are a society who need each other. Lions, like humans, need each other as well. They live in groups, called Prides. Here's a ROAR from Leonard: "Any species on the planet is as intelligent as it needs to be to survive its environment. Example of adaptation: Lions have learned to distinguish between men carrying guns and men not carrying guns by their acute sense of smell. If a lion smells gunpowder, it will shy away from a man, but if it doesn't it may attack a man, if it is hungry enough."

As humans, preventative rather than reactionary measures have to be implemented. Accept that you can do your part and adapt to changing conditions. Let's connect with each other safely and serve our communities. As our forefathers say, "Service is *more* than the sum of our collective deeds — it is the wellspring of our heart."

Leonard says, "Let's work together and UP our GAME! When we work together, we're **UNSTOPPABLE**."



## COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES



### LIONS ADAPT TO CHALLENGES

The Lions year 2020-2021 is coming to a close. What a year it has been! It has been a year of challenges and a year full of creative energy.

I hope that the creative energy continues as the pandemic threats subside and we return to something close to “normal.” This pandemic has challenged LIONS to adapt and change to new ways to fund raise, meet, communicate and serve. It is important that some of these ways we adapted and changed stay with clubs to increase our reach and service in the community. No longer can we say “but we have always done it that way.” The pandemic forced clubs to be creative, to change. Let’s keep that creative mindset as we look to the future.

Districts and the Multi-district discovered that quality trainings could take place virtually and were well attended. The groundwork was laid to reach out across the state and provide cost effective training within a reasonable time frame. Virtual meetings allowed Lions to experience an array of speakers from around the country and the world.

Drive through dinners with curb side pickup helped clubs raise funds for services they provide to the community. The cycle of raising money and providing services continued during the worldwide pandemic. Think about adaptations and changes that worked and worked well. Are they worth keeping in some way, to some degree? Hopefully this pass year has shown us, the Lions of Kansas, that where there is a LION there is a way to SERVE, no matter the obstacle.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Council Chair during this epic year. Thank you all for your support and encouragement.

CC Diane Hentges



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

While the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has changed the way we live and work, it has not changed who we are. Lions and Leos around the world are finding ways to continue their fellowship and serve safely.

### Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs 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)



*We're saving you a seat.*

*This year, we're bringing the world's biggest Lions Clubs International event to you. Virtual LCIcon 2021 is happening June 25-29, so register today for your chance to learn from, be inspired by and celebrate service with Lions from around the world. Don't miss out — secure your spot for the highest-energy event of the year at our lowest price.*

**REGISTER NOW**

**JUNE 25-29 | [LCICON.LIONSCLUBS.ORG](http://LCICON.LIONSCLUBS.ORG)**



## 5 Common Elements for Positive Leadership

After reading and researching I found some very interesting information to share with all Lions of District 17A. I found my information from the Rockwood Leadership Institute. Here goes:

**#1: Allow your Lion to feel comfortable being uncomfortable.** For instance, nominate one of your members to take over a committee, let's say the nominations committee for an upcoming election process. This delegation of duties will be a new experience but if you devote the time to review the process (train) and inform your LIONS from the start (uncomfortable) you can create an experience where your LION will feel confident (comfortable). This confidence may help them to open up and share their ideas on how to do the process better or even admit their weaknesses. As a leader, if you know their weaknesses you can help them to be a better leader. Create an environment that is comfortable for your LION even though they may feel uncomfortable at first. Further research on this "comfortable/uncomfortable" reveals vulnerability. Vulnerability can create a feeling of Strength and a sense of being a part of a very important process.

**#2: Focus on emotional intelligence.** As a leader do you have "soft skills". What is that? Soft skills are connected to the emotional and spiritual aspects of being a leader. As a leader you must be up front about building a strong relationship with others which in turn builds a bond of trust and comradery. Provide options and opportunities for a one-on-one engagement, by offering in-person conversation or virtual (which most of us are better prepared for since COVID-19). If you do this, you may find peer understanding and you may recognize how important the involvement can be and how vital the input can bring towards a positive outcome.

**#3: Be intentional about relationship-building.** As a leader, having a network of other leaders is beneficial for you and them. The learned skills we take away from each other is valuable and beneficial towards being a great leader. It can also be a negative so be careful, your situation may not be the same. You know what works best for your situation as a leader, so continue forward cautiously. Provide consistent opportunities with your network of leaders; engaging and discussing the good and the bad through conversations at a meeting or virtual meeting. What you learn from others as a leader sets the stage for your success. Sharing and caring is vital when you learn from others – it promotes growth and opportunities to collaborate with each other.

**#4: Design the right coaching experience.** To coach is to share what you know as a leader with others. Your knowledge becomes their knowledge (that is POWER) and as you coach continuously others learn quickly. You'll find when you coach leadership the strengths and weaknesses of others is clear. This is your cue to guide and encourage and coach for a long-term impact. It definitely contributes to the growth of future leaders.

**#5: Encourage collaboration.** This is a must, to get your potential leaders to value the art of working together. To be a team, each member brings different skill sets and we should learn from this experience. Reach out to other organizations (clubs) and learn from them and in turn they will learn from you. Understand and get to know other Lions outside of your club, you will learn so much. Best of all, you will have other Lions friends outside of your club that you will cherish. Do a project together, have meetings together, work fundraiser's together. It is all doable.

As Lions these 5 elements can be very beneficial. Every day is a learning day and a learning experience. So as we move forward toward another new Lions Year, let's implement some of these elements into who we are as Lion Leaders. Do your BEST is what my Dad use to say to me and my siblings, I try to live it and do it. You can too!

Together in Kindness because it does truly MATTER!

PCC Deb Weaverling  
GLT CHAIRPERSON

**Leadership Development  
Learn. Lead. Grow.**

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

## 2020-2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



### MAY 2021

	Diabetes	Environment	Children's Cancer	Hunger	Vision	* Other
People Served: <b>+3,747 146,393</b>	479	33,534	1,150	17,699	19,715	73,816
Volunteer Hours: <b>+506 8,730</b>	32	1,017	492	1,332	734	5,123
Service Activities: <b>+33 517</b>	7	62	13	116	115	204
Donations: <b>+\$25,469 \$84,849</b>	\$1041	\$1266	\$1,538	\$41,312	\$8,578	\$31,114

## 34 CLUBS RECORDED ACTIVITIES

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



2020 - 2021  
LIONS

**DONATIONS - \$84,849**  
**VOLUNTEER HOURS RECORDED - 8,730**  
**PEOPLE SERVED - 147,393**

## DISTRICT 17A - THANK A LOCAL SUPER HERO PROJECT - MAY 2021

**SCHOOL STAFF and CUSTODIANS** - Honored by Assaria and Miami County Travelling Lions

**FIRE STATION - Snacks/Water** - Overland Park Host Lions

**VISION CARE** - Salina Downtown, Gardner, Tonganoxie, Leavenworth, Shawnee, Waterville and Topeka

**PARK SHELTER REPAIRED** - Woodbine Lions

**COVID VACCINATION PROJECT** - Manhattan Sunflower Lions

**STUDENT COUNCIL DONATION and SCHOLARSHIPS to SENIORS** - Concordia Lions

**SPONSORED ANNUAL CAR SHOW** - Louisburg Lions

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**2020 - 2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS continued ...**

**DISTRICT 17A - THANK A LOCAL SUPER HERO**

**SCHOOL NURSES - Honored and celebrated through-out District 17A on NURSES DAY!**

**SUPER HERO NURSES pictured with GLT Debra Weaverling**



Anthony Elementary School Nurse Danielle



School Nurse Ron



Henry Leavenworth School Nurse Sydney



Basehor Lions Club  
Lions Butch and Danny.



The Shawnee Lions Club thanked local school nurses for being heroes to the community and the students they serve.



***Thank you to all the District 17-A Lions for your perserverence, ingenuity, and service during this past 2020-2021 Lions year. You consistently show your Hearts and Hands for Service!***  
PDG Carleen Rajala, Global Service Chair

**GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM - LION MARGY SUNDSTROM**



Lion Margy Sundstrom  
 GMT CHAIRPERSON  
 margaret1226@gmail.com

**WELCOME NEW LIONS**



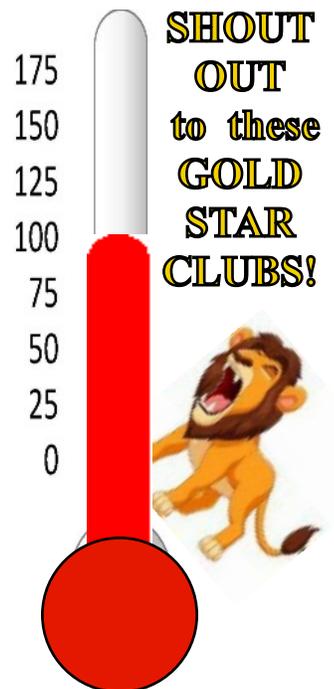
**START YOUR JOURNEY**

You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization. This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact.

**APRIL 2021 MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

<b>BELLEVILLE LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Fred A Arnold	Michael Cole
<b>DELPHOS LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Vince J Manship	Robert Klein
<b>LANSING LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Dennis R Dickson	John Schukman ★
Richard W Slate	John Schukman
<b>LAWRENCE LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Catherine Bolton	Lori Kesinger
<b>LEAVENWORTH LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
William F Taylor Deb	Deb Weaverling
<b>MANHATTAN SUNFLOWER</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Kathi Stenfors	Bill Stenfors
<b>MILFORD LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Tom K McFerrin	Gary Man
<b>NAVARRE LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
April D Finnigin	Joe Simpson
<b>SALINA DOWNTOWN LIONS</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>
Trent W Davis	Caroline Arter
Judith Ann Fanshier	David Fanshier

**New Member Gauge**  
 Watch our membership **grow!**



**MEMBERSHIP KEY AWARDS PROGRAM** - This progressive awards program recognizes Lions who sponsor new members that remain active for at least a year. It begins with only two members sponsored, and is something that all Lions can do beginning on their first day of membership.

★ **CONGRATULATIONS LANSING LION JOHN SCHUKMAN!**  
**MEMBERSHIP SPONSORSHIP RECOGNITION for two new members!**



# LCIF

In my last newsletter article, I discussed some general background about the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) and its impact on Kansas.

This month, I'm going to share some information and some success stories on one of the newer grants available from LCIF: District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG).

Unlike other grants, the DCG does not require an initial application before approval. The DCG is an opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their communities. It is provided automatically every Lion Year based on a district or club meeting designated thresholds of giving to LCIF. Basically, a district has to have aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more and a club has to have aggregate donations of \$5,000. There are some restrictions on the types of donations that count towards these totals, so consult with your club, district (Lion Caroline Arter), or multiple district (Lion Rick Dodson) coordinator for more details. DCGs awarded each year must be used within 15 years. Districts and clubs can use the funds immediately or hold them for several years to spend on larger projects.

During the 2018-2019 LY, District 17-A qualified for approximately \$3,500 which was used to help purchase a replacement vision screening device.

During the 2019-2020 LY, District 17-A qualified for over \$6,400 and the Lansing Lions Club qualified for \$1,028. The Lansing Lions Club is using its DCG to purchase two benches to be placed at the local Veterans Memorial in Ken Bernard Park. Photos and information will be provided after the dedication ceremony later this summer. District 17-A formed a committee chaired by CC Diane Hentges to determine how to utilize the District's DCG. Many excellent projects were submitted for consideration and two were selected for immediate funding. Total expenditure for the two was \$4,000 with the balance being reserved for a future project(s) when additional DCGs are available.

The first project funded for \$1,000 was purchasing 1,000 books and distributing them to 9 Head Start programs in our district and the Reach Out and Read program at KU Med Center

The following photos show some of the locations that received the books. These and other locations will be uploaded to the District web site.



Clay Center Lions



K C Early Childhood Center



Kansas City Reach Out and Read



Manhattan Lions



Salina Lions

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# LCIF continued ...

The second project funded for \$3,000 was helping the O'Connell Youth Ranch in Lawrence recover from the 2019 tornado and helping build its art program. The funds were used to purchase art supplies and create an art/classroom in their barn we will be able to support based on your future contributions.

## O'Connell Youth Ranch

Located just East of Lawrence, KS, The youth at O'Connell Youth Ranch learn through example and teaching interactions in an environment where they find safety, stability, and structure.



O'Connell Art Room in Youth House



O'Connell Class Room



[www.oconnellyouthranch.com/](http://www.oconnellyouthranch.com/)



O'Connell Barn Class Room

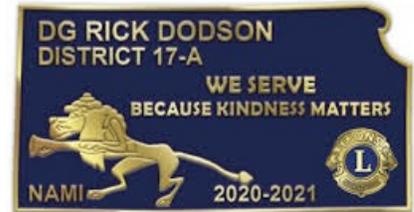


O'Connell Supplies

Many thanks to all the clubs and individual Lions throughout the District that contributed to LCIF in 2019-2020 for your contributions that made these projects possible. Both the District and the Lansing Lions Club have qualified for additional grants based on donation totals for 2020-2021. I look forward to many more projects that we will be able to support based on your future contributions.

DG Rick Dodson

MD 17 LCIF Coordinator



## EMPOWERING YOUR SERVICE

Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) is your foundation - and together, we are powerful. **DONATE**



**PROJECT: *SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN***

As District 17A Women's Membership Chairperson, one of my projects for this Lion year is to "shine a spotlight" on women members of our district.

This past Lion's year, I have recognized different women in the District. For my last article of the year, I thought I would tell you a little about myself.

*Lion Kim Baker*

LION KIM BAKER, WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON  
LEAVENWORTH LIONS CLUB

Although I have lived in northeast Kansas most of my life, I am not a native of this state. I was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana. After moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma my family settled in Overland Park where I grew up. I recently moved back to Overland Park from Leavenworth earlier this spring. I graduated from Shawnee Mission South High School, University of Kansas (BSE) and Emporia State University (MLS). In 1984, my husband and I moved to Leavenworth and several years later I began working at the Leavenworth Public Library. I retired in 2014 after 26 years of service, the last 16 as Director of the library.

In my retirement I stay busy with the Philomathean book club, Bible study group, and the League of Women Voters. My favorite sports teams are the Chiefs and KU. I attended KU football games beginning in high school up until last year when COVID hit. I also enjoy reading, walking, and baking. If you ever need cookies for an event, let me know.

I joined the Leavenworth Lions in 1998. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice DG elect Caroline Arter was my sponsor. I was President in 2008 and have been Secretary since 2017. On the District level, I have been a zone chair, Secretary and Women's Membership Chair. I originally joined Lions for the network opportunities but have come to enjoy our service projects and fundraising events and all the wonderful people I have met throughout the years.

LION KIM BAKER

NEW VOICES INITIATIVE.

**New Voices** The New Voices Initiative: 2020-2021 - When we chose New Voices for our district this year, the following criteria for each category was considered.

- 1. Service:** Nominees for New Voices in Service participate regularly in service projects and perform service that reaches a diverse group of people. Nominate a Lion in your district who has shown excellence in service.
- 2. Membership:** Nominees for New Voices in Membership work to recruit and retain new members, welcoming diversity in the Lions family. Nominate a Lion whose efforts have displayed excellence in membership.
- 3. Leadership:** Nominees for New Voices in Leadership are influential leaders who strive to be inclusive. Nominate a Lion who has led with excellence, including hosting meetings, and organizing projects and teams.
- 4. Marketing:** Nominees for New Voices in Marketing work to spread the Lions' message to all corners of the world. Nominate a Lion in your district who uses marketing channels such as social media, printed newsletters, email, etc., to promote their club with excellence.

Read More: <https://weserve.org/newvoices/>



**FOURTH STATE COUNCIL MEETING  
IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
KANSAS LIONS **99<sup>th</sup>** STATE CONVENTION**

**June 4 - 5, 2021  
Ramada Downtown  
420 SE 6th  
Topeka, Kansas 66607**

**The Kansas Lions Pride will gather at the Ramada Inn Topeka, Kansas. For room reservations contact the Ramada Downtown at 785-234-5400 or 1-800-432-2424.**

**Please register with the Lions Information table to receive your registration packet and detailed agenda. Tickets for certified voting are at the Constitution and By-Laws table.**

**Be Joyful! This is a time for fun, fellowship and Lions' business too!**

**Linda McCormick**

**Kansas Lions State Secretary**



**LIONS CLUB STATE DIRECTORY**

**Let's Stay Connected!**

The **2020 - 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS STATE DIRECTORY** is available on the District website. Copy and paste this link for the digital version :  
<https://kansaslions.org/state-directory>  
Please note recent changes not reflected in the Directory will be updated in a recurring section in this newsletter.

**Let's ROAR!  
See you at the  
Convention!**



# LIONS 103<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION



## 103RD LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

**Dear Lion:**

The Lions 103rd International Convention is fast approaching!

This will serve as a reminder that the Official Convention Call has been published in the LION Magazine in compliance with Article VI, Section 2 of the International By-Laws.

All Lions can review the [2021 Official Call](#) and [Notice of Amendments](#) on the Lions' website or the 2021 Official Convention Call and Notice of Amendments in LION Magazine.

We look forward to seeing you online!

Sincerely,

The Legal Division Team



## THE INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR CANDIDATE

Service and Direction Through Leadership

PCC Deb Weaverling is our Kansas candidate for International Director. Once you have registered for the convention, your club can set you up to vote representing your club.

PCC Deb will appreciate your vote.

In Lionism,

**The 103rd Lions Clubs International Convention** is our first-ever virtual event, and the elections will be conducted electronically. As a result, the assignment of club delegates will be performed 100% electronically as well.

Each club is entitled to one voting delegate for every 25 members or major fraction thereof. Delegates can be assigned by the club president or the club secretary using MyLCI at any time between March 1, 2021 and June 23, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. Central Time.

## ***VOTING SYSTEM***

Assigned delegates who have timely registered for convention will receive an email from the voting system on Saturday June 26th around 6:00 p.m. Central Time that will feature a link unique to the assigned delegate. In order to vote the following is required:

The password provided in the email.

•The confirmation number received from MyLCI.

Due to the virtual nature of the electronic voting process the club delegate may vote at any time during this pre-determined 48 hour voting period:

•Voting begins: Sunday June 27th 8:00 a.m. U.S. Central Time (GMT= 2 p.m.)

•Voting ends: Tuesday June 29th 8:00 a.m. U.S. Central Time. (GMT= 2 p.m.)



# KANSAS LIONS HUMANITARIAN SERVICE

## ALERT TRAILER

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,



**HELP  
WANTED**

**Driver and  
ALERT Trailer  
Operator**

## 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**

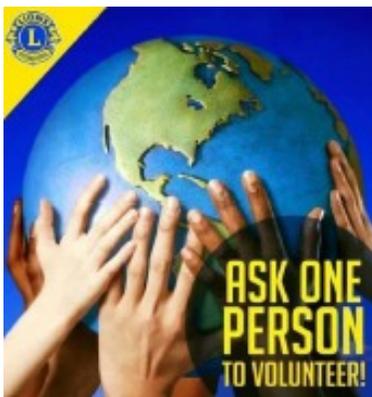
**Kansas State Lions**

[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**

**We Serve Because Kindness Matters.**

**District Governor Rick Dodson**

# KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

## UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS

### STATE COUNCIL MEETING

**Date: Friday, June 5, 2021**

June 5, 2021. . 4th Council Meeting - Topeka Ramada Inn

### STATE CONVENTION

**Date: Saturday, June 6, 2021**

June 6, 2021 .....Topeka Ramada Inn



### DISTRICT 17A CABINET MEETING

**You are invited to our last Cabinet meeting of the 2020 - 2021 Lions Year.**

**Date: Saturday, June 19, 2021**

**Where: Zoom (Meeting ID below) or**

Trinity Baptist Church, 16655 U.S. Hwy 24, Wamego, KS

**Agenda: Provided separately.**

9:30-Registration for those attending in-person

10:00-Meeting

12:00 noon – Lunch (\$10 for BBQ Smokin' Willie's in Wamego)

**Please RSVP to District Secretary PDG Al Kimmi,**

[aikimmi@rainbowtel.net](mailto:aikimmi@rainbowtel.net) or 785-548-5744 no later than June 17th. If attending in person, you must RSVP to get a meal.

**Join Zoom Meeting (Copy and Paste)**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82777000603?pwd=UmhrSjlvRnE1dTVlV0pZbWRsMDdKQT09>

Meeting ID: 827-7700-0603 - Passcode: 25Vn76

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)



### 2021 Lions Clubs International Convention - JUNE 25-29, 2021

Our 2021 convention will be a **VIRTUAL EVENT** open to all Lions and Leos around the world. Registration fee is \$75. Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically. Convention updates and details are posted at [lcon.lionsclubs.org](http://lcon.lionsclubs.org).

**REGISTER NOW**



### UPCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

July 1-5, 2022 ..... New Delhi, India  
July 7-11, 2023 ..... Boston, MA  
June 21-25, 2024 .... Melbourne, Australia

### USA/CANADA FORUM



September 9-11, 2021 . Des Moines, IA  
September 15-17, 2022 Calgary, BC, Canada  
September ??-??, 2023 . Reno, NV