



THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

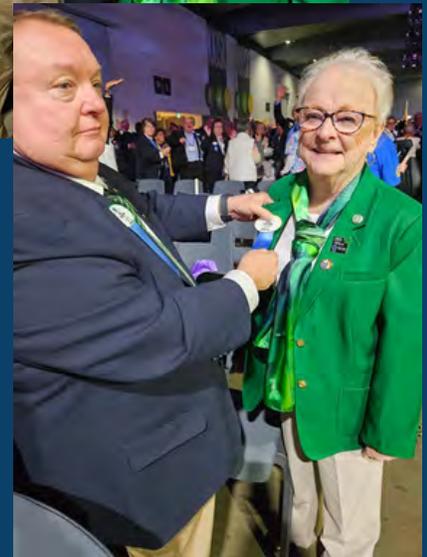
**DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARGY
SUNDSTROM**

July 2024



17A held an end of the year Lions celebration June 29th. At the celebration we also recognized committed Lions leaders that renewed their Certified Guiding Lion certification for the next three years.

(L-R) Ron Weaverling, Eric Wesley Tweedy, Margy Sundstrom, Irene Haws, Debra Weaverling, and Roger Yost.



**Swearing in at
Lions
International
Convention**

Council Meetings:

- August 10
- October 19
- Mid Winter Rally
Jan 17-19, 2025
- State Convention
May 29-31, 2025

Cabinet Meetings

- August 17, 2024
- October 26, 2024
- January 25, 2025
- June 7, 2025

Mark Your Calendar

*all cabinet meetings will be at First Christian Church,
1880 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS. 66604*

First

Vice District Governor Irene Haws

A new Lion's Year! What an exciting time. It might be a new adventure for some and for others an opportunity to do better than the previous year. Reflect on your accomplishments as a club and how you have served your community. Are there other needs that can be met? Are there other member prospects with ideas and knowledge of service projects that you can do this year or fundraising ideas you can try. A new focus is on Marketing and letting the community know what Lions are doing. Use social media to capture those service projects and let others know. Especially the other clubs in the district by Following the Kansas Lions District 17A Facebook Group and sharing your post with this group. I can help show you how if you want to know.



Mission 1.5 going strong and Lions everywhere are moving with great momentum to grow Lions to 1.5 million members worldwide by the year 2027. One by one we can accomplish this.

Remember on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, post a photo of yourself on your personal Facebook page wearing your Lions apparel and share it with the district Facebook group. We want to see lots of Lions on the 3rd Wednesdays! Show your pride!

A few reminders: Zone meetings are places where club presidents, secretaries and can attend to understand what neighboring clubs in the same club are doing and what seems to be working for them. Neighboring clubs can collaborate on projects and learn from each other. I encourage you to attend your Zone Meeting, and if you have never been to a zone meeting, I challenge Lions and Lions Club Officers to attend at least one Zone meeting this year.



Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost

Greetings!

It's a new Lions Year!

Lets make it great Lions of Kansas and
District 17A!

As your new 2nd Vice District Governor of 17A I am looking forward to meeting each and every one of you. Having joined Lions in 1983, my wife, Lion Terri, and I have enjoyed visiting clubs, participating in activities and making new friends. I am looking forward to a great year bringing fun, fellowship and exchanging information to and from our clubs, district and state.

*It's the Friends we meet along the way
that helps us appreciate the Journey*

Roger Yost 2nd VDG 17A
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620-397-3108 (leave msg)
I will return the call

Notes from District Leadership

PCC Diane Hentges

A new Lions year begins. Your officers are in place and this should include a Global Service Team. It is not too late to set up your service projects. Keep in mind the major focus areas of service of Lions International...Vision, Hunger, Environment, Diabetes, Youth, Pediatric Cancer, Disaster Relief and Humanitarian causes.

What is your signature service project in your community? Let other clubs know what you do. This helps inspire others to serve. Report your service projects to International. This is an easy way to share and inspire others. If you are having issues reporting be sure to let me know.

There are district Lions that can help.

Have a great year of Lions Service!

PCC Diane Hentges, GST 17A



Roadmap to success

Club Excellence Award

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

Upon receiving the award, a banner patch and pin will be awarded to your club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalized, your service impact will grow and your members will see greater leadership opportunities.

Did your club meet the Club Excellence criteria?

I hope your club had a successful year for 2023-2024. If so, please complete the Club Excellence application and return to DG Margy at margaret1226@gmail.com. Click on the graphic above to access the application or visit Lionsclubs.org

Use the qualifications outlined in the Club Excellence Award Application as your road map to excellence for the Lions new year.

2023-2024 Applications Due by: August 31, 2024

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2nd Vice District Governor

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**2024-2025
DISTRICT
LEADERSHIP**

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Eric Strimple

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INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Fabricio Oliveira



[click on photo to view Fabricio's video message on YouTube or visit \[Lionsclubs.org\]\(https://Lionsclubs.org\)](#)

Presidential Message 2024-2025

Make Your Mark

There's a leader inside every Lion.

And leaders know that, through collective action and individual commitment, we can inspire and empower whole communities. Making them healthier and stronger than ever before. And making our mark in the process. As leaders, we unite people through our clubs, and in our mission of service. We foster collaboration so we can do what others say can't be done. We embrace innovation so we can bring our bold service vision to life. We give caring people the chance to serve with us so they can lead with us as Lions. And with every new member we bring, we make our mark on the future of service. Together, we reach out to the people who need us. We amplify voices that would otherwise go unheard. We change lives in ways that only Lions can. And with every life we touch, with every community we serve, we make a mark that will endure, and will never be forgotten.



We are so excited for our very own Lion Bella Whitlock, as she secured the title of Miss Kansas USA. She will compete for Miss USA on August 4th in Hollywood. She is the first Miss Kansas from Leavenworth!!! Bella was the big Leo for the Leavenworth Lions and a recipient of our scholarship in 2023, and became a Lion after graduating from Lansing HS. We are so proud of you Bella! Way to represent Leavenworth and now Kansas!!!

CELEBRATE SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

This event has already taken place but is a great community collaboration. For information on hosting your own event

contact 1st V DG Irene Haws



'Celebrate Summer'
 A combined project by Topeka Service Clubs:

Help save lives this Summer
Schedule you donation now!
Scan the QR Code
 Appointments are preferred however walk-ins will be welcomed if space permits. For additional details contact Irene Haws at 785.249.1913 or visit www.topekaliions.org.

Visit savealife.org/coronavirus for COVID-19 safety protocols.
Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900

Community Blood Center
 877.468.6844 · savealifenow.org #cbcks

BLOOD DRIVE
 DONATIONS SAVE LIVES

FRIDAY, JUNE 28 - 1 PM TO 6 PM
 WESTRIDGE MALL - TOPEKA KS
 LOWER LEVEL NORTH ENTRANCE

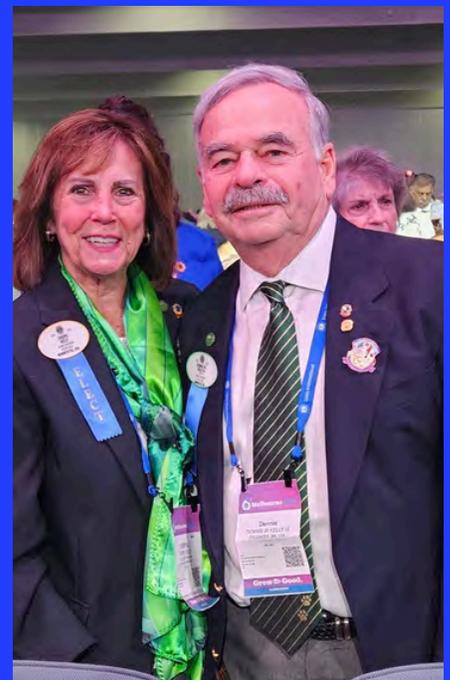
Scan the QR code to make an appointment and help Topeka's Service Clubs save lives!

ALL DONORS RECEIVE A ROYALS T-SHIRT AND TWO TICKETS TO A ROYALS GAME



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Melbourne Australia



MORE FROM LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2024



Wear It Wednesday!

on the 3rd Wednesday of each month let's all wear our Lions vests, shirts, hats, pins or whatever you have, all day!

When you are asked "What's that?" be ready to tell them about all the wonderful things that Lions do for others. email your pictures to erictweedy@icloud.com. All pictures will be posted on the Kansas Lions Facebook Group and some will be submitted to the Lions Magazine



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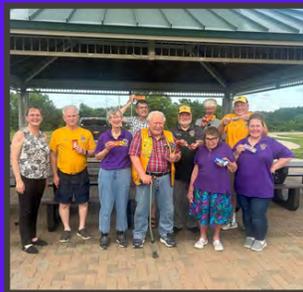
Wear
It
Wednesday



AROUND THE DISTRICT



Flag Day - Emporia



Lansing Lions



Olathe Lions



Valley Falls Lions Officers



Belleville Lions Community Picnic

