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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON

A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hello Fellow Lions.

Welcome to the cooler weather. What a joy it's been to be able to start visiting clubs again. I'm still doing a few virtual meetings, but most clubs are meeting in person or doing hybrid meetings for those who don't wish to expose themselves to public places.

October was a busy month with 11 visits. I don't have space to show photos of all the visits, but will share a few. I Zoomed into the **Kansas City, Kansas Downtown Lions Club** and was honored to induct new **Lion Kathryn Calcara**.



A big shout out to the **Tescott Lions Club** as they celebrated their 75th anniversary. PCC Deb Weaverling was the guest speaker and provided a very inspirational talk.



I was honored to present a Melvin Jones Fellowship to Lion Rick Bremerman for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Tescott Lions.

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A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...



EUDORA LIONS

LION KATHLEEN STRIMPLE - LION TRISHA STRIMPLE

I visited Eudora twice. The first meeting was their annual membership drive dinner which I attended by Zoom (I didn't get to eat). The second was a hybrid meeting with a great Zoom set-up for those remaining at home. I was honored to induct two new Lions, **Kathleen and Trisha Strimple**, and present a **Melvin Jones Fellowship to Big Lion Eric Tweedy**.



MELVIN JONES
FELLOWSHIP
PRESENTATION

BIG LION
ERIC TWEEDY

Clubs are still adjusting service and fundraising projects to fit pandemic restrictions. I hope the **Troy Lions Club** is able to have their famous pancake breakfast.

During the District Governor Team visits, we are encouraging clubs to request assistance from our NAMI Team to help with membership. Membership growth in our existing clubs is slow, but steady. We have a long way to go to reach our goal of 175, but I'm confident we can do so.

The NAMI new club team is working hard to establish a club in Edgerton. It's a slow process, but under GMT Leader Margy Sundstrom's and NAMI Champion PID Gene Vogel's leadership they are making contacts and are hopeful of chartering a new club.

Lions are resilient and flexible. I'm very proud of the creative ways we are finding to serve by changing our existing projects or starting new ones. As we enter the holiday season, we have numerous opportunities to demonstrate our generosity. Our service is kindness made visible.

I wish you a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. Enjoy the blessings of family and friends.

We Serve Because Kindness Matters

DG Rick Dodson



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
Nov. 02, 2020 – Randolph Lions	<p>Club visitations are updated monthly. Many are yet to be determined. For an update, please check the website. https://kslionsdistrict17a.org</p>	Nov. 03, 2020 - Miami Traveling - Via Zoom 7:00 PM
Nov. 04, 2020 – KU Med Eye Center		Nov. 09, 2020 - Lancaster 8:00 PM
Nov. 04, 2020 – Gardner Lions		Nov. 10, 2020 - Baldwin City 7:00 PM
Nov. 05, 2020 - Leavenworth Lions		Nov. 16, 2020 - Chapman 6:00 PM
Nov. 10, 2020 – Oskaloosa Lions		
Nov. 14, 2020 - Wetmore Lions		
Nov. 16, 2020 – Olathe Lions (Zoom)		
Dec. 07, 2020 - Clyde Lions		
Dec. 21, 2020 - Linwood Lions		

1VDG Vania Castro



Dear Fellow Lions,

Thank you so much for all your remarkable work by serving your club and your community in the midst of these challenging times. Most of us are doing the best we can, and when we remember that, our hearts open and patience floods in. Patience, kindness, and compassion work together to support and build off of one another. If you've got a big project you're working on or unrelentingly trying to recruit new members year after year in your community, choose to notice what progress you've done rather than what you've got left to do. The "glass half full" approach increases patience because it taps into our sense of positivism. Giving up is not an option as we have the **Lions DNA** and determination to overcome challenges and serve others. Thus, they will give us the patience we need to work skillfully with others and serve the greater good. Keep up the great work!

Stay safe and well!

1st VDG Vania Castro

"We could never learn to be brave and patient, if there were only joy in the world.
HELEN KELLER"

"And when a new challenge comes to test your patience, you can ask yourself how you are being called on to grow and therefore find the hardship a bit easier to bear.
M. J. Ryan "



United in Kindness and Diversity



Dear Lion,

When we serve, it's more than an act of kindness. It's personal. Your dedication enriches the lives of the people you know and strengthens the relationships you share. You are more than a volunteer—you are an essential part of your community. And that connection matters more than ever.

As you continue to serve safely, it's so important to focus on building your relationship with the community. Our mission is to serve, but our service inspires and empowers those around us to take action. And when we are united, we have the strength to face new challenges and solve the issues that matter to us most.

Regards,
Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President



2VDG RICHARD WEBSTER



It has been my privilege to visit so many of your clubs recently. I have enjoyed meeting and networking with each of you. I am very impressed with the service attitudes and cordial hospitality I have received. Lions are truly a caring family of like minded individuals. Serving others is contagious and leaves lasting impressions. How wonderful it is to be with all of you and enjoy the company of Lions at work in their communities!

Lions have served over 275 million people with vision screening. Lions provide an opportunity to inspire and develop artistic creativity with our Peace Poster contest.

Campaign 100 for LCIF is our effort to raise \$300 million to empower the service of Lions. International and State Band Camps have provided a transforming experience for students and participants while displaying the talents of our youth to the world.

More than 425 million people have diabetes and Lions are helping improve the quality of life for those living with the disease. November is Diabetes awareness month and we are doing something about it together! Lions are working the fill the gaps when there is no grocery store, no transportation, no parks and to help people make choices that are good for their health.

When you give the best you have to those in need, it translates to the receiver that they are worthy. It is the power of “We,” the power of boosting each other up. It is why we start school lunch programs and community gardens. Why we build parks and sponsor educational scholarships. We are filling the gaps in communities and working to improve the health of our neighbors, improving the odds for people in our communities.

A child is diagnosed with cancer every two minutes. Lions have decided to take on the daunting task of combating the effects of those battling childhood cancer by creating housing where families can rest and sleep while their child is receiving treatment.

I want to congratulate you for your dedication and service. Each club is making a huge difference in the communities they serve! Congratulations to Tescott which this month will be celebrating their 75th year anniversary. Each and every club has a rich history of dedication to meeting the needs of the people around them. I can't wait to visit more clubs and meet each and everyone of you. We are truly better together! Lions have always known that serving is essential work. Let us celebrate our incredible success together, united in **Kindness and Diversity**

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



2020 - Year of the Lion

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Fall is arriving in all its usual glorious colors—**pumpkin orange**, **apple red**, forest green, and ... **blue**? Yes, that's right. Thanks to National Diabetes Awareness Month, blue is the color to flaunt this November. Blue is also the color of the United Nations Flag.

“WE
HAVE
A
PLAN!”



Responding to the Coronavirus

Lions Clubs International is actively working with our clubs around the world and monitoring the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, which is changing the way we live, work and serve. Let's continue to put our kindness in action by putting the health and safety of our communities first.

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

COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES



Hello Lions,

We have just finished the first quarter of the new Lions year. That being said; it is important that we look to find good leaders for Lions year 2021-2022. Are there current members ready to step up? If not, why are Lions not willing to be leaders? Often it is because they aren't prepared. This year the MD GLT, the District GLTs, PDG's under the leadership of the District Governors were able to present a zoom training for club officers (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership chair, Zone chairs). The curriculum was developed by 17A 1st Vice District Governor Vania Castro. The team that worked with 1st VDG Vania included from District K: PDG Mel Barnett, PDG Randy St. Aubyn, PCC Fran Smith and District Governor Diana Baumann; District A was represented by PCC Beverly Nichols, PCC Deb Weaverling, Lion Ron Weaverling, PDG Neal Nichols and DG

Rick Dodson; District N team members were PDG Dan Funke, and DG Chris Bauer. The trainings were well attended.

Each training module can be found on You Tube. You can access these videos through the Kansas Lions website, kansaslions.org. Your District GLT's are available to help. The GLT's are District K, PDG Tom Baumann; District A, PCC Deb Weaverling; and District N, PCC Helen LaBlanc.

In addition to the great training offered by MD 17, Lions Club International (LCI) has e-books for each club office and training manuals that can be accessed. LCI also has Lions Learning Center that offers numerous topics of interest for future Lion leaders. Check it out. Resources are just click away.

Stay safe and serve with Kindness

CC Diane Hentges

**“Whatever you are, be a good one.”
Abraham Lincoln**



BE in the **KNOW** on the **World Wide Web!**

KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

<https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/>

KANSAS LIONS.ORG

<https://kansaslions.org/>

Read about our Vision, Mission and Purpose statements all with the common thread of serving our communities.

Discover the International History as well as Kansas History dating back to 1917.

GREAT STRUCTURE - EASY NAVIGATION

Click on helpful links from Our Foundations, Conventions, Mid-Winter Rally, our Constitution and much more!

Catch up on previous Newsletters, Committee Reports, Grant updates and other business as well. For example, State Council meeting minutes with reports are on the State website. <https://kansaslions.org/> Select *Council Meeting Minutes*.

Share your stories and use these resources that are readily available.

WE ARE LOCAL. WE ARE GLOBAL. WE ARE LIONS.



**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER**

**3
2020**



PCC DEBRA WEAVERLING, GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM CHAIRPERSON



Proud of Mom

On October 27th my mom, Lion Evangeline Kekaulua, received her club's highest recognition, the *Dan Graves Service Award*. The Columbus Lions Club in Georgia states this recognition is presented periodically to a person whose service to the community and to Lionism is noteworthy. This award is named after Lion Dan J. Graves, who joined their club in 1922 as a charter member at the age of 27.

Mom was totally surprised with this recognition. She was wondering why her two daughters and spouses from Kansas and Virginia were both in town. We assured her we wanted to be there to spend time together. My brother and youngest sister still live in the area. We were able to mislead her as to why we were all there, which was to surprise her with our attendance at her club's recognition. We made up reasons why we were all going to attend her club meeting, I'll share at the end. At the meeting when Lion Tommy Powell, the Big Lion, began to read the accomplishments for the Lion to be recognized, Mom was listening intently still not knowing. When Lion Tommy started talking about the dramatic sales increase in their Broom and Mop sales program she realized it was her. We were so proud of our Mom, at the age of 86, and being recognized for bringing their club's fund raising program back to life in such a short time. Mom has so many great ideas for her club, and I hope her club embraces and considers her ideas.



Mom was inducted into the Leavenworth Lions Club as a Lion at my District Convention at Ft. Leavenworth, KS in April 2018. PID Bill Philippi and PID Sam Lindsey asked Mom if she would like to join our Lion's family, she accepted. When Mom returned home, I put her in contact with Lion Alice Staggs of the Columbus Lions Club. Lion Alice was so nice to Mom, providing all the information necessary to join and on October 1st she transferred her membership.

Since becoming a Lion, my Mom threw herself into her club's Broom and Mop sales program, which was on the verge of being non-existent. She embraced the program and started by selling in front of Walmart, out of her car, and out of her garage. Mom also convinced her hair salon and her eye doctor's office to set up a section for the brooms and mops. To date she has raised over \$2000 for her club and plans on continuing for as long as she can. She absolutely loves serving her community, her club, and being a Lion. Lions has given her new focus and has reenergized her.

My sister and brother-in-law were so impressed with this exposure to Lions, that they now are wanting to become Lions in their own community, Woodbridge, VA. Their decision to become Lions is inspired by the Lions passion they see in Mom and me. I will ensure it happens because I know they will be super Lions.

The moral of the story? There are potential Lions all around us, even in our own families. Those who are retired or elderly should not be overlooked. PID Bill Philippi showed us the way in 2018 when he asked my mom to become a Lion... **Just ask!**



PCC Deb Weaverling

District GLT

“WHERE THERE'S a NEED, THERE'S a LION”

Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair

2020-2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



OCTOBER 20, 2020

	Diabetes	Environment	Children's Cancer	Hunger	Vision	* Other
People Served: +28,576 53,111	213	15,166	1,086	4,742	4,394	27,510
Volunteer Hours: +1,046 6,951	22	199	70	314	129	6,217
Service Activities: +61 145	3	18	7	29	27	61
Donations: +\$1,276 \$10,665	\$337	0	\$818	\$350	\$4101	\$5059

20 CLUBS RECORDED ACTIVITIES

Concordia, Eudora, Everest, Gardner, KC Downtown, Lansing, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Leawood, Oskaloosa, Overland Park Host, Sabetha, Salina Downtown, Shawnee, Silver Lake, Tonganoxie, Topeka, Topeka Sunflower, Troy, KU Eye Clinic



NOVEMBER 2020 - DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

RAISE AWARENESS about risk factors and actions through
PREVENTION. EDUCATION. SUPPORT.



LIONS SUPPORT "HEARTS AND HANDS"

By providing for our communities, we further our mission to SERVE.

NOVEMBER 11, 2020



THANK YOU, VETERANS!

NOVEMBER 14, 2020



WORLD DIABETES DAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2020



**DONATIONS - GIFTS
Meals. Baskets. Groceries.**

Need **HELP** with projects: Contact PDG Carleen Rajala, Global Service Chair lioncarleen@gmail.com

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM - LION MARGY SUNDSTROM



Lion Margy Sundstrom
 GMT CHAIRPERSON
 margaret1226@gmail.com

WELCOME NEW LIONS

FROM LION to LEADER
BEGIN your JOURNEY



SEPTEMBER 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BALDWIN CITY LIONS	SPONSOR
Michael Williams	Frank Perez
BASEHOR LIONS	SPONSOR
Carl J. Hughes	Ron Milbourn
Erin K. Hughes	Ron Milbourn
EASTON LIONS	SPONSOR
Adam Turner	Margeruite Clubertson
LAWRENCE LIONS	SPONSOR
Deborah S. Burns	Caroline Arter
Lisa K. Tomasu	Beth McKenzie
LEAVENWORTH LIONS	SPONSOR
Sabrina B. Darley	Hollister Pittman
SHAWNEE LIONS	SPONSOR
Michelle Bolser	Carleen Rajala
TOPEKA SUNFLOWER	SPONSOR
Richard J. Shwe	Jeanette Shwe

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



TOGETHER, WE SERVE - LION ERIC TWEEDY EUDORA

As related by two scientists - Snippets from THE TRUTH ABOUT LIONS

“As we crossed the plains one morning, the Land Rover—broken speedometer, no seat belts, cracked side mirrors, a fire extinguisher and a roll of toilet paper on the dashboard—creaked like an aged vessel in high seas. We plowed through oceans of grasses, mostly brown but also mint green, salmon pink and, in the distance, lavender; the lions we hunted were a liquid flicker, a current within a current. The landscape on this day did not look inviting. Sections of the giant sky were shaded with rain. Zebra jaws and picked-clean impala skulls littered the ground. Bones don’t last long here, though; hyenas eat them.

Packer, a scientist and a research assistant, were listening through headphones for the ping-ping-ping radio signal of collared lions. The driver spotted a pride on the other side of a dry gully: six or seven lions sitting slack-jawed in the shade. The sides of the ditch looked unpromising, but the trio couldn’t resist. They found what seemed to be a decent crossing spot, by Serengeti standards, and angled the truck down and roared across the bed and began churning up the other side. Packer, who is originally from Texas, let out a whoop of triumph just before we came to rest at the bottom, snarled in reeds, with only three wheels on the ground, wedged between the riverbanks.” Story continued ...<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/the-truth-about-lions-11558237/>

SPOTLIGHT on DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH



Make a Difference in Diabetes

NOVEMBER is *Diabetes Awareness Month*.

NOVEMBER 14th is *Diabetes Awareness Day*.

We are calling on all Lions Clubs to TAKE ON diabetes! The District 17A Lions Health Program encourages each Lions Club to have a diabetes program or a project to promote *Diabetes Awareness*.

We have offered all of the youth that we had provided scholarships for last year a scholarship for this year. So we do not need more funds at this time. Thanks to all of you Lions who have donated. The message is AWARENESS.

COULD YOU BE AT RISK? Finding the CURE starts with Awareness. KNOW the signs. BE prepared. Low blood sugar, or hypoglycemia, is a potentially dangerous condition that occurs when blood sugar levels fall low enough that a person needs to take action. If diabetes is diagnosed in time, a person can live a long and healthy life. If you drink water in excess, are tired and sluggish, urinate in excess or just plain don't fill good you might have diabetes. If you have any of these symptoms get an appointment with your family doctor ASAP.

As mentioned in last months newsletter, in the past District A has sent youth to a diabetes camp operated by the American Diabetes Association (ADA). Because of the pandemic, the ADA did not provide any camps this last summer. District 17A has enough funds from your donation last year to send ten youth to a diabetes camp at \$375.00 each. We had seven youth go last summer so these seven will get first chance on one of the scholarships. That means District 17A has enough funds to send more youth to camp.

As a reminder too, if you are not meeting in person and would like a program on your ZOOM Meeting please let your Lions Health Program know by contacting Lion Vern Failor at 785.272.6102 or email at vlfailor@gmail.com. If you want to do your own program, LCI has material available. Just get on the LCI website and search (STRIDES) you can download videos and other material to use. Also the Diabetes Education and Camping Assoc. www.diabetescamps.com, American Diabetes Association www.diabetes.org, the World Diabetes Association www.worlddiabetesassociation.org and a Facebook group called "Lions Fight Diabetes" have information available for your use.



Lion Vern Failor, Health Program Director



Global Statistics

Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

We're helping educate the world on the need for diabetes research, programs and initiatives. Our goal is to reduce these statistics in the coming years through service, investment, and kindness.

422 million+ people are living with diabetes

5 million deaths each year are a result of Diabetes

8th leading cause of death in the world

1 in 3 low income regions say they have the technology to diagnose and manage diabetes

Statistics from the World Health Organization

#LIONSFIGHTDIABETES

LION KIM BAKER, WOMEN'S MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON



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 NOVEMBER, it is Lion Kelly Mayer from the Washington Lions Club.

Women in Leadership Come Together to make a Difference

The November "Women of the Month" is the entire Washington Lions Club. Out of the thirteen club officers, nine of them are women! They include the following: Susan Bruna, President; Traci Stigge, 1st Vice President; Kelly Mayer, 2nd Vice President; Sharon Tally, Secretary; Brigitte Bruna, Administrator; Ann Hawk, Treasurer; Melissa Gross, Assistant Treasurer; Marcia Funke, 1st Year Director and Debbie Tegethoff, Lion Tamer.

2ND VICE PRESIDENT KELLY MAYER MAKES an IMPACT

This month I will introduce you to **Kelly Mayer**. Kelly grew up in Washington, Kansas. Her father, Tim Matlack, has been in Lions for as long as she can remember and was her first introduction to Lions. Kelly received her undergraduate degree at Fort Hayes State University and a MS in Adult and Higher Education from the University of Kansas. After graduation she moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky where she met her husband, Adam. Their job search led them back to Washington. They both work at KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. where Kelly has been the Chief Executive Officer since June 2019.



Pictured in the photo:
Left to right Brigitte Bruna, Administrator; Marcia Funke, 1st Year Director; Kelly Mayer, 2nd Vice President; Traci Stigge, 1st Vice President; Susan Bruna, President.

Kelly was inducted into the Washington Lions club in August of 2019 and is currently the 2nd Vice President. She has participated in "Pops for Pups" which benefits KSDS along with the annual pancake feed. She loves being in Lions and serving her community and giving back to others who have given so much to her. Her hobbies include spending time with her family and their dogs. She also enjoys traveling, camping and being outside as much as possible.

WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE - Empower Others



LIONS LIVE WITH PURPOSE

Our Purpose is 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.

Our Mission is to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs. TO ORGANIZE, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.

WE SERVE.

LION ERIC STRIMPLE, ZONE 5 CHAIRPERSON

NAMI

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
 - 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

Below: These are a few pictures from projects that have counted in the contest. All are shared on social media.



Eudora Lions Art Drive

Art supplies and books for the Children's Mercy supply drive.



Overland Park Host Lions making personal kits for people at the Ronald McDonald House.



Tonganoxie and Leavenworth Lions doing a joint project distributing trash bags in Leavenworth, KS

PID GENE VOGEL - MD 17 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

NOVEMBER 2020

On Thanksgiving Day, let us be grateful that we were not born turkeys.

By the time you read this, the election will probably be over. We may still not know who won. And if you voted for the least of the evils, you probably voted Libertarian. Unless you wrote in your own name for president. So much for Vogel Humor.



I am happy to report many of the Lions Clubs are still active. New Members are being inducted into the Lions Clubs and innovative ways to meet and serve have developed.

As we look forward to the Holiday Season, let us not forget our motto “WE SERVE”. While many of us have jobs or retired, there are many also who are suffering from the Covid 19 Pandemic. Some may be in your Lions Club. For those who have become unemployed, it would be good for the club to delay having them pay their dues until they are again employed. Also, although we cannot use public money to help members, there are ways we as Lions can help our fellow Lions.



For serving others, your club could consider food baskets to seniors or families with limited income. As Christmas approaches, consider using the money we would normally use for a Christmas party, to provide gifts to seniors or families with children.

I would love to hear what your club is doing during this Covid 19 pandemic to serve. How you are meeting and what concerns you may have. The NAMI team is here and ready to help, just ask. Our main objectives are to make Lions visible to the communities we serve, increase our ability to serve our communities and have pride in our Lions Clubs.

My e-mail is PIDGENE@AOL.COM Drop me a line.

Thanks,

Lion Gene Vogel, NAMI Champion District 17A



By the way, ONE-THIRD of the Lions do not have e-mail addresses listed on LCI Membership Data. Therefore, they do not get a copy of the newsletter. Share this newsletter with them and/or ask the Club Secretary to update the e-mail information with LCI.

Lion Gene Vogel, NAMI Champion District 17A

North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)

NAMI brings fresh thinking and bold action to maximize our membership and maximize our service to the world.

Lion Caroline Arter, District 17-A LCIF Coordinator



Lions Club International Foundation Campaign 100

- On last night's Constitutional Area I-G Monthly Update Call on Campaign 100, several exciting opportunities were shared.
- 1 December 2020 is Giving Tuesday – watch for more details on what your club can do. Online donations can be made at www.lionsclubs.org/donate an address you can use and to share with your clubs and your friends.
 - LCIF Week is planned for 1 January to 16 January 2021 in celebration of what would be Melvin Jones' 142nd birthday, a time for virtual birthday parties, service and “fun” raising such as a virtual auction.
 - As more details are available on the LCIF Photo Contest initiated by PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation, I will share them. A basic is take a picture of yourself with your MJF Plaque or MLF Progressive Pin and describe in 120 words or less what LCIF means to you.
 - Our Constitutional Area has raised USD 1.8M and we are at 50.8% of goal.

At one time in my life, I worked for a Non-Governmental Agency here in the United States, Like LCIF, it had a global reach. My disaster volunteer and I responded to a single-family fire in the northern reaches of our area of responsibility. The wind was made more bitter by the snow on the ground. With a young couple, we stood on the precipice of an enormous hole that had the day before, been their new rental home and a very real hope for their new beginning in life along with the restoration of their family. Because of the generosity of the American people, we were able to assist with temporary shelter, food, basic and work clothing, medicine. We, my volunteer and I, were that bridge between hope and despair diligently using donated funds to repair the breach.

As donors to LCIF, you, too, are that bridge between hope and despair, putting funds into the hands of your fellow Lions here and around the world, helping to restore normalcy and healing as in putting glass windows in apartments in Lebanon and building new homes after the explosion. This is true of the wildfires and hurricanes as well – stepping in to do what is most needed.

To the following clubs who have donated since 1 July 2020 to now, please accept my profound gratitude:

Eudora	Everest	Gardner	Kansas City Downtown
Lansing	Leavenworth	Manhattan	Miami County Traveling
Milford	Silverlake	Troy	\$10445.00

Sincerely,

Caroline Arter, District 17 A LCIF Chairperson



Join LCIF Leaders: 60 Minutes, a World of Knowledge

LCIF has launched **Foundation Fridays**, a monthly webinar series addressing Foundation topics covered by Lions leaders and other subject matter experts. Learn about Campaign 100 from LCIF Chairperson Gudrun Yngvadottir and Campaign 100 Vice Chairperson Frank Moore in their engaging webinar Campaign 100: **LCIF Empowering Service, LCIF's Response to COVID-19, How LCIF Supports Lions Service, and A New Normal: Getting Back to Business.** Register for upcoming Foundation Fridays:

- November 6 – *A New Normal: Your Club Making an Impact (A Deeper Dive)*
- December 4 – *Global Partnerships: Maximizing Impact, Amplifying Lions Service*

Access: Virtual Events
Center at LionsClub.org
ACCESS WEBINARS

CLUB EVENTS - MEETINGS - NOTICES

MARGY SUNDSTROM, GMT



What are the Tonganoxie Lions doing every Tuesday during the summer?

We are distributing vegetables to local citizens. There are no requirements. Citizens just show up, tell us their name, and how many family members they are feeding. After a few weeks, you learn many of their names as they come back each week. Especially at this time, fresh vegetables are a treat for many of the families.

The vegetables are supplied by the inmates at the Leavenworth Federal Penitentiary. This summer the Tonganoxie Lions supplied vegetables for 1,398 individuals with 79 hours of service.

Pictured are Tonganoxie Lions Don Talbott, Ron Nichols, Margy Sundstrom and Donna Talbott.

ERIC STRIMPLE, ZONE 5



REGION MEETING SCHEDULED

Zone 5

We will have our next Region meeting via Zoom on Thursday, November 12th starting at 7:00 PM.

Please mark it on your calendar and try to join us. I will send the Zoom link closer to the event.

Have a great weekend,

Lion Eric Strimple

**785-331-7757
estrimp81@msn.com**

Where there's a need there's a Lion

**Like us on Facebook
Search: Eudora Lions Club**

Let's Stay Connected! The 2020 - 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS STATE DIRECTORY is available. For your convenience, the digital version is on the website : <https://kansaslions.org/state-directory>



Lion Jon Londeen

All,

Solemn news from the Chapman Lions Club - Lion Jon Londeen, a Lion for 55 years, passed away from complications from COVID-19 on 10/8/2020. Maybe you're all aware, but Jon was just approved as a Melvin Jones Fellow back in August but we never got the chance to present it to him. I still have the packet/plaque in my office.

So, sometime next spring, we would like to have a ceremony/make a presentation to his family - most likely his sons, as Jon's widow Kay Londeen is also not in good health.

Just wanted to let everyone know. I will reach out again later so we can have some zone/district representation there.

Thanks.

LIONS CLUB EVENTS & CONTESTS

RANDOLPH LIONS - DRIVE-UP/CURB SIDE

When: November 7, 2020 - 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Randolph U M Church, 105 W Garrison St. Randolph, KS

Changing our soup supper to a soup dinner and serving it by drive up/curb side method. This will be served at the Randolph U M Church - FREE WILL offering to support high school senior scholarships.

Contact: Curt Friedrich, Randolph KS Lions Club Secretary
Email: sixcf@yahoo.com -

"EVERYONE,
PLEASE
COME!"



WOODBINE LIONS NOVEMBER 14, 2020 EVENT CANCELLED

For additional information, contact Big Lion Ross Boelling rkboelling@gmail.com

SERVICE PROJECTS AND CONTEST DEADLINE DATES

PEACE
THROUGH
SERVICE

PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2020 – 2021

Guidelines on Kansas website: <https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/>

LEONARD
SAYS, "BE
SURE TO
VOTE ON
NOVEMBER
3rd!"



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



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



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.
Questions? E-mail PDG Chris Bauer at lionchris@sbcglobal.net. - MD-17 Lions State Historian

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.

PDG David Hentges, Kansas City Downtown Lions Club,
District 17A Alert Chairperson
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

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



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.

For more information go to reader.ku.edu.



Giving the Basics

Registered 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization

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.

Contact: Lion Diane Smith, IVP Tonganoxie Lions Dianemariecriswell@gmail.com or 913-449-8286

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

Facebook Group: Kansas Lions <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1638162259829705/>
Email: KansasLions@aol.com

District 17K

<https://kansaslions17k.org/>

**When LEONARD ROARS,
LIONS Listen.**

District 17A

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

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

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

KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17A

KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT CABINET MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2020



The District Cabinet meeting will be Virtual.

**WHEN: Saturday, November 7, 2020 - Time: 10:00 AM Central Time
(US and Canada)**

This will be a Zoom meeting only. Lions may participate by video or phone using the links.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81967515704?pwd=eU11RIJDU0MrdWZ1Y3cwaHkybVI5QT09>

TOPIC: District 17-A 2nd Cabinet Meeting - Agenda will be posted this weekend.

MEETING ID: PDG Alfred Kimmi will send Meeting ID and Pass Codes to club presidents.

UPCOMING DATES and EVENTS

STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 22-24, 2021 3rd Council Meeting & MWR Salina
June 4-6, 2021 4th Council Meeting Topeka Ramada Inn

DISTRICT CABINET MEETINGS

January 30, 2021 3rd Cabinet Meeting - Wamego Trinity Baptist Church
June 19, 2021 4th Cabinet Meeting - Wamego Trinity Baptist Church

MID-WINTER RALLY

January 22-24, 2021 MWR & 3rd Council Meeting Salina

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

March 26-27, 2021 District 17-K Convention Hays
April 9-10, 2021 District 17-A Convention Abilene
April 17-18 or 23-24, 2021 District 17-N Convention Independence (To be determined)

STATE CONVENTION

June 4-6, 2021Topeka 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

