



THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

November 2024

Let's Promote Diabetes Awareness in November

November 14th is World Diabetes Day.

It's a great opportunity for our Lions Clubs to make a positive impact in our communities. Even small initiatives can make a big difference.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

Community Outreach

- Sugar-Free Treats: Donate sugar-free candy or treats to local assisted living facilities.
- Diabetes Resources: Donate diabetes-related magazines or books to your local library.
- Sponsor a Child: Help a child attend a diabetes camp.

Health and Wellness Initiatives

- Walking Club: Organize a weekly walking club in your town. Collaborate with Lion Jennifer Brenneman from the Leavenworth Lions Club for guidance.
- Community Garden: Start a school or community garden to promote healthy eating habits.
- Support Group: Organize a community support group for individuals living with diabetes.

Remember: The possibilities are endless! Tailor your activities to the specific needs of your community. For more information and resources, visit: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/start-our-global-causes/diabetes>

Let's work together to raise awareness about diabetes and support those affected by this condition.

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Irene Haws



Happy Fall and Football Season!

I was fortunate to get free tickets to the Sunflower Showdown between KSU & KU. What a major production college football is. I felt such energy and enjoyed all the interactive contests for the fans,

plus the amazing marching bands. I know locally many Lions clubs work the chains on the sidelines and concession stands or take tickets at the gate. These are just some of the ways that Lions are making their mark in their local communities.

Are there others in our communities and towns that would like a chance to be part of our service projects? Service is the main reason to grow membership and provide opportunities for personal development as leaders in your communities.

October 4th I visited the Belleville Lions Club, they work the gate at their local football games, and support the band. They are very proud to have never had a repeat president. They are looking for ways to increase membership in their club.

Oct 9th I visited the Salina Downtown Lions. They were working hard on their BBQ event that has been a huge success for many years. It takes a lot of Lions to make this work. Typically selling around 800 Tickets. They do a good job of posting their meeting activities on Facebook and promoting their events to the community. I was honored to travel with Past International Director Deb Weaverling on this trip.

Oct 14 I visited the Tescott Lions. President Jerimiah Van Doren and Treasurer Robert Miller ran a well organized meeting. They were busy planning the Teacher's Picnic. Plus they have a strong campaign to revitalize their club with new members, putting flyers around town promoting the club, putting an article in the local paper and having a display at the football concessions. Their pancake feed is in February. Currently they do not have a Facebook page, however Lion Courtney will start one soon. I shared where to download the correct version of the Lions Emblem to use and Robert Miller was quick to find it on his laptop. They will have a Veterans Day Flag Project. I shared the dates of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute which will be in Baldwin City in 2025. They just installed a new Highway Sign on the East Entrance to Tescott. Oct 21 I was on my way to visit the Leonardville Lions, but a big buck deer decided to jump out in front of me. I was ok, the deer didn't survive. Good news – my Honda Pilot will be repaired, even though the airbag deployed. I have some bruises and scrapes cause by the airbag. I will reschedule my visit to Leonardville Lions soon. Lion President Jim Ricketts expressed his concern and was glad that I was ok. He also had just heard of a death in his family. This reminds us all of how precious the people in our lives are and to enjoy our time with them as much as possible.

Oct 23 I traveled in a rental car to visit the Longford Lions. Many of their members I recognized from previous Mid-Winter Rallies. They have 16 Members and are inducting more members soon. I also found out that a couple in their club have a Bed and Breakfast and they like to Kayak.

I do plan to set up a kayak adventure with them this coming summer. One of the projects they are working on is to clean up the train depot platform and redo the mural. An artist from Beloit, KS will be doing the painting. This year so far, I have seen a good number of beautiful murals in Kansas towns. I got to meet two of their newest members: Bevin and Trudy Law. Welcome to Lions! Their club recently worked two nights at the Cobbler Stand as a fundraising project and raised over \$1500 serving over 1500 people per night. An amazing fundraiser for this community. When clubs meet at their local Zone meetings these are the stories that can be shared among neighboring clubs. I look forward to attending as many zone meetings as possible!

Yours in Service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Irene Haws". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Irene Haws

Second Vice District Governor

Roger Yost Goal Setting



“Our attitude will elevate or eliminate our opportunities.”

The simple truth holds immense power. Every opportunity we face, every door that opens hinges on how we choose to see the world. A positive, growth-driven attitude elevates us – it pushes us to seize new challenges, learn from failures, and rise above obstacles. The flip side, a negative mindset can quickly eliminate possibilities before we even give them a chance. The choice is ours. Will we let our attitude elevate us to new heights or allow it to eliminate the opportunities waiting for us? -Anthony Blanco

Every time I read and reflect on this I think, how many times we miss an opportunity to serve, grow or educate? Keeping an open mind when being offered something: fund raisers – projects – service activity, etc., work as a group not as an individual, talk things through and make a discission.

Set a goal, be specific - Work as a team
Measure your progress - Work as a team
Be accountable - Work as a team
Be realistic - Work as a team
Set a time frame - Work as a team
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TALMAGE QUARTET

COMING TO THE
NAVARRE COMMUNITY CENTER
SUNDAY, NOV. 3 AT 4PM



Members Bill Gibson, Gregg Noel, Kalen Bebermeyer, and Arian Bebermeyer began singing together in Talmage over 40 years ago. And, with backup band members Evan LaRue, Justin Sly, Marlin Woodman and Kenny Johnston, they have been entertaining audiences throughout Kansas ever since.

EVERYONE IS INVITED FREEWILL OFFERING

Come enjoy some of your favorite Southern Gospel and Contemporary songs in four-part harmony. You will be encouraged and uplifted!

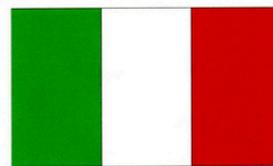
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
HOSTED BY

THE NAVARRE LIONS CLUB



Talmage Quartet
Navarre
Community
Center
Sunday Nov. 3,
4pm

**FREEWILL Offering
Refreshments
provided by
Talmage Lions
Club**



BuonGiorno!

Saturday, November 9, 2024
Bel Aire Lions Club Meatball Dinner
4 - 7pm

A Taste of Italy

- Handmade Southern Italian Meatballs
- Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
- Garnished with Imported Pecorino-Romano Cheese
- Toasted Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert
- Dine-in or Carry-Out



\$15.00/Adults \$6.00/Children 3-10 Under 3; Free
Cash or Check only

Served at Gospel Assembly Church 4230 N Oliver Bel Aire, Kansas 67220

**A Taste of Italy
Sponsored by
BelAire Lions Club**

**Saturday
November 9
4-7PM**

**Gospel Assembly
of God Church,
4230 N Oliver, Bel
Aire, KS**

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Thought I would share some information from

LCI "Club Activity Calendar"

December 5th is designated as International Leo Day. Is there a Leo Club in your area? How about partnering with a Leo Club for a Holiday project. No Leo Club? Explore the feasibility of establishing a club in your area.

Many clubs adopt families for a Holiday Project. Some clubs deliver fruit baskets or poinsettias or personal care items to those who live alone or in a care facility. There are those clubs who decorate their downtown for the Holidays or put up the town tree. How about a Holiday Day for those less fortunate in the community? The possibilities are unlimited.

January 13 is Melvin Jones birthday. There are numerous ways to honor his legacy. A community forum to identify community needs that then can develop into a club service. Maybe, a member recruitment effort to grow your club. You might initiate a new service project in your community.

Don't forget to report your service activities. When you do the information you provide: What, When, Where, Hours of Service, Number of Persons Served, and Number of Volunteers tells a story.

"Main Street Lions provided vision screenings at Main St Elementary on Oct 1. Three Lions volunteered for three hours to screen 120 children and referred 8 children for follow up with and eyecare professional. "

When we report, we tell our story of service to our community. SARS cards are available to help you report. Let me know if you need these cards.

News from Lions Eye Health Program

November is **Diabetes Awareness Month** and November 13 is World Diabetes Day. What is your Lions Club doing to support this program? If you need help in finding a program, please ask, we can help you. There is no emphasis in December from LCI so look at your community and find another organization or family in need and extend them a helping hand. Remember "WE SERVE"
We want to take this space to say we all hope all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving and please remember those in your communities that do not have enough.

Lion Vern Failor
MD 17 Lions Health Program



Never
underestimate
the difference
you make



Wear It Wednesday



Council & Cabinet Meetings



Vision Screenings



Eyeglass Sorting

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation Storage



Around the District



HORTON LIONS



MINNEAPOLIS LIONS



EVEREST LIONS



LANSING LIONS



WOODBINE LIONS



LAWRENCE NOON LIONS



TOPEKA LIONS



NAVARRE LIONS SCHNITZEL DINNER



SALINA LIONS



Save the Date

Making our Mark...

17 A District Convention

March 7 – 8, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn

1351 SW Arvonian Pl.

Topeka, KS

Booking Link:

<https://group.hiltongardeninn.com/nb0f5w>

Ask for the Kansas District Lions Room Rate



- **JOIN OUR TEAM!** We would love to have you. There are various ways we can use your help!
- **PHOTOS:** Please submit photos of what your club has been doing in 2024. Please print and mail to Irene Haws P.O. Box 2804 Topeka, KS 66601. We *prefer* printed pictures. Please place it in an envelope that is big enough not to fold the picture. Any size is fine.
- **VENDOR BOOTHS:** Please contact Donna if you have ideas for vendor booths.
- **CONFERENCE BAGS:** If you have information you would like included in the conference bags, please plan on 100 copies. We will need these by January 31, 2025

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