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DISTRICT GOVERNOR DODSON

A message from our DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Hello Fellow Lions.

Wow! 1/4th of the way through this Lions year already. So much done and so much more to do.

Coordinating club visits at the start of the year has been a real challenge. Some clubs haven't met in six months and have no plans to start meeting yet. Some clubs have been using virtual meetings, but no in-person meetings. Some clubs have met in person with social distancing and face masks. And, a few are meeting with limited safety measures. I hope you are all doing a thorough risk assessment as you make decisions to start meeting again.

Zoom meetings are okay if there is no alternative, but nothing compares with making in person visits to your clubs. Thank you for your warm welcomes and honoring me by allowing me to install your new officers and induct new members. I'll see many more of you in October and November.

As the District Governor Team visits clubs virtually or in-person, we hear many recurring comments about difficulties clubs have. Most often, those difficulties are about gaining new members, retaining current members, and lack of desire of members to become club leaders.

There are no absolute answers to any of these concerns, because every club and every community is unique. However, we have a lot of experienced Lions and leaders that are willing to help. I know that some clubs are leery of asking for or accepting outside help when offered. It seems that there is concern that "help" from the district will result in someone wanting to tell the club how to do their business. That will not happen! What we want to do is tell you about resources that are available to assist you and work with you to develop a plan to leverage your club's strengths and take advantage of service opportunities in your communities. We want to help you revitalize your club with new members and discuss how your service motivates your members to ensure they are satisfied being Lions. You can see how important we think this is by comments in 1VDG Dr. Vania Castro's article and in GLT Leader PCC Deb Weaverling's article.

Our NAMI Team asked Zone Chairpersons to conduct an assessment of all of our clubs. The purpose was not to highlight problems, but to determine areas in which you could use some assistance. We have some new resources available this year and we wanted to determine your interest in taking advantage of those resources and how we can best utilize them.

A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...



We can do nothing to help if you are not willing to invite us to do so. We want to work with you to put together a plan, not tell you what to do. We have four key resources this year to do this: an LCI Membership grant plus additional monies approved in the State budget, an LCI Public Affairs grant, our Global Action Team (GAT), and our North America Membership Initiative (NAMI) Team. Here are brief synopses of what these are.

A total of \$10,000 from an LCI grant and the State budget have been earmarked to provide funds to help establish two new clubs and help ten clubs in our district recruit and retain members. To provide assistance obtaining these funds, your club has to notify me that you are willing to have us meet with you and develop a plan. I will ask several senior Lions to contact you and start the planning process as well as helping you complete the paperwork to get the funds.

The LCI Publics Affairs grant is potentially \$15,000 for use by all three districts in the State. Final procedures for obtaining a portion of the funds have not been established, but I assume it will include an application to help you publicize Lions Clubs International and your club operations in your community. We hope to initiate a State-wide publicity campaign for Lions as well as providing tools for clubs to use in their communities. Suggested ideas are helping create club brochures you can hand out at all your events, helping establish a Facebook presence, helping set up a web site, helping prepare articles for your nearest newspaper or PSAs for a radio station. Again, we would need to have a small team meet with you to discuss what you would like to have done.

Our GAT consists of three teams: **Global Leadership, Global Membership, and Global Service.** You can tell from their titles that their expertise covers almost everything we do as Lions. Our three team leaders and their contact information are identified in the State directory. They have access to many experienced Lions in the district that can work **with you** on almost any topic you can think of.

We have been discussing NAMI in the last 5-6 newsletters, and some of you probably still do not know what it is or how we can use it to help you. Simply stated, the NAMI Teams objectives are to create new clubs, help you gain new members, and help re-motivate your members to cut down on the number of Lions who quit each year. The three GAT leaders are key elements of the Team along with a NAMI Champion who is overseeing the process. We are already investigating the establishment of two new clubs and creation of 1-2 Club Branches. The three GAT leaders are supervising four subordinate teams: new clubs, new members, member satisfaction, and leader support. You'll be seeing information about these efforts in other articles, so I will not detail them here.

We recently completed our first ever virtual training sessions for club Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers. There was excellent participation, and we look forward to continuing using virtual training in the future. If you do not have computer capability to participate in the training, we will work to provide you in-person training. If you were unable to attend the training, and have computer access, we have uploaded videos of the training to You Tube for you to review. If you watch any or all of them, please notify our GLT Leader PCC Deb Weaverling, so she can keep track of how useful it is to post the videos for your convenience. These links may be connected from here or found at the Kansas Lions website, kansaslions.org. In the top menu of the site, find the "More" drop down menu, then scroll down to find the President, Secretary, and Treasurer buttons. These are the same links to the videos and a list of training material you can download.

President Session Module 1

<https://youtu.be/bK6oYW-hOJO>

President Session Module 2 (District 17-A only)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KTfjdJ-0Ob8>

Secretary Session Module 1 and 2

<https://youtu.be/Pr7dJLMUTu0>

Treasurer Module 1 training video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIPvLdzudjE>

Treasurer Module 2 (District 17-A only) training video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u5phxgr05V8>

So, what can you do to take advantage of these assistance options? Cooperate with our Zone Chairpersons when they contact you to complete the assessments. These are tools to help, not judge. Whether you would like help with only one thing or several, invite us to visit with you and talk about what we can do.

Please, be safe. I hope to get back on the road and visit with you soon.

We Serve Because Kindness Matters

DG Rick Dodson

A MESSAGE from the DISTRICT GOVERNOR continued ...

LIONS CLUB Celebrations



On September 12th, District LCIF Coordinator Caroline Arter and DG Rick Dodson visited the Overland Park Host Lions to present an LCIF information briefing.



On August 24th, DG Rick Dodson made his official visit to the Manhattan Sunflower Lions Club via Zoom.



On September 2nd, DG Rick Dodson made his official visit to the Shawnee Lions and was honored to induct their newest member, Lion Michelle Bolser.



On September 3rd, DG Rick Dodson made his official visit to the Topeka Sunflower Lions Club.



On September 10th, DG Rick Dodson made his official visit to the Bonner Springs Lions Club.



On September 10th, Big Lion Tylour Tedder, Leavenworth Lions Club, presented Leonard to Big Lion Daniel Martinez, Topeka Sunflower Lions.

Request for Assistance

In a few weeks, the District will host an information meeting in Edgerton as we work to establish a new Lions Club there. Part of the information shown will be a series of poster boards with photos of many of the service projects that Lions perform. We need photos for these boards. If you have photos of the following types of activities, please send them to DG Rick Dodson (dodsonr23@gmail.com) no later than October 1st. LCIF Alert Trailer/Disaster Relief, Mobile Screening Unit, Leos, Vision Screening, Diabetes Awareness, Highway/street clean up Hunger/food donations. Thanks, 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
Oct. 07, 2020 – Basehor Lions	Oct. 01, 2020 Tonganoxie (Zoom)	Oct. 10, 2020 Navarre Lions
Oct. 12, 2020 – Auburn Lions	Oct. 01, 2020 Concordia Lions	Oct. 19, 2020 Minneapolis Evening
Oct. 14, 2020 - Olathe Noon	Oct. 06, 2020 Clay Center Lions	Oct. 22, 2020 Everest Lions
Oct. 17, 2020 - Tescott 75 th Anniversary	Oct. 19, 2020 Chapman Lions	Oct. 23, 2020 Leawood Lions (Zoom)
Oct. 19, 2020 - Eudora Lions	Oct. 21, 2020 Gardner Lions	
Oct. 20, 2020 - Lansing Lions	Nov. 05, 2020 Leavenworth Lions	
Oct. 27, 2020 – Louisburg Lions		
Nov. 02, 2020 – Radolph Lions		
Nov. 04, 2020 – Univ. of KS Eye Center		
Nov. 10, 2020 – Oskaloosa Lions		
Nov. 16, 2020 – Olathe Lions (Zoom)?		

Club visitations are updated monthly. Many are yet to be determined. For an update, please check the website.
<https://kslionsdistrict17a.org>

1VDG Vania Castro



Dear Fellow Lions,

I have been enjoying my time visiting various clubs around our district. I truly appreciate your generosity and kindness in letting me visit your clubs virtually or in person. Thank you for your hospitality and for sharing the great service you've done in your communities. We are all facing challenges to serve our community while keeping our Lions safe and also trying to increase our club's membership. Help is on the way. The **North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)** team lead by DG Rick Dodson (chairman) and PID Gene Vogel (champion) is dedicated to helping your club succeed by providing marketing assistance, planning a membership drive, and providing new ideas and resources to gain new members. This will be an incredible collaboration between your club and the NAMI team. The primary purpose of the NAMI team effort is to provide membership innovation and resources, not run your club.

The Virtual Lions Training for club officers this year is building a bridge into the future. The President, Treasurer and Secretary sessions were completed in August 2020. These club officer learning sessions altogether reached 226+ Lions leaders and future leaders within MD17. I extend my sincere thanks to all Lions who participated in these remarkable leadership events. Let's continue to think and act outside the box in the years to come. Strong leaders build strong clubs and districts. As a result, we'll provide more service to our community.

Virtual Lions Training (VLT) Program for the Club Officers President, Treasurer, and Secretary



The MD 17 Women Lions of Kansas have been meeting via Zoom for the past few months. Thank you CC Diane Hentges for all your support for the MD 17 The Women's Zoom. Guest speakers have included Lion Lori Sheehan (wife of 2nd Vice President Brian Sheehan), PDG Debbie Cantrell, and 3rd Vice President Dr. Patti Hill. These meetings have been amazing with a lot of valuable information and discussions. Ladies, please join us in the upcoming meetings (contact Lion Kimberly Baker – kimbaker56@gmail.com). You can also join our Facebook Page by searching for MD17 The Women's Zoom.

I look forward to seeing you all around the district and remember I work for you. How can I help?

In Lionism,

1st VDG Vania Castro District 17A



**What is the future we want to create?
What is the bridge we want to build?**

1st VDG Vania Castro continued on Page 5

The Bridge Builder

An old man going a lone highway, Came, at the evening cold and gray, To a chasm vast and deep and wide. Through which was flowing a sullen tide. The old man crossed in the twilight dim, The sullen stream had no fear for him; But he turned when safe on the other side And built a bridge to span the tide.

By WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE

1VDG Vania Castro continued ...

1st VDG VANIA CASTRO AROUND THE DISTRICT: CLUB VISITS



Silver Lake Lions Club



Morganville Lions Club



Delphos Lions Club



Salina Downtown Lions Club



Wetmore Lions Club

In Lionism,
1st VDG Vania Castro District 17A



Avenue of Flags

Several District Lions leaders assisted the Silver Lake Lions Club to put out flags for the Labor Day holiday.

Shown in the picture (from left to right) are Zone Chairperson Roger Yost, District Governor Rick Dodson, Silver Lake Club President Mike Mitchell, NAMI Champion Gene Vogel, Mike Burton (American Legion), Club Treasurer Wayne Kellner, Club Secretary Francis Kelsey, and Bill Knorr (American Legion).

2VDG RICHARD WEBSTER



Trick or Treat! Sound familiar? Most of us grew up looking forward to the Costumes and Goodies collected on Halloween! School and special Halloween events always made the costumes and decorations very important for those who enjoyed the spooky holiday! Sadly many of these activities are not going to happen this year. The concerns about social distancing and food contamination will stand in the way for regular Halloween participation. The pandemic has eliminated another social activity for many.

Quarantine-O-Ween?

Many Halloween activities have moved to Malls and organizations where Children can come to a central location and not have to travel the neighborhoods looking for homes with signs of treat distribution.

Unfortunately these events may not be available this year because of Covid concerns. In fact many communities have canceled trick or treating this year!

This may be an opportunity to create on line activities instead. I have initiated an on line costume contest for Lions that wish to participate!

This is how it works. Clubs could advertise on Social Media and local publications inviting participants to post a picture of themselves wearing their costume. Entrants could also send this picture by mail to the club and the club then post it on Social Media sites. The pictures can be posted in the comments of an informational post which would explain the contest. Then Clubs could circulate the pictures on other pages and sites for reactions. The pictures with the most reactions then would then in turn win prizes determined by each hosting club.

This could be a great way to gain exposure for Lions Clubs and create interest in our activities. A contest like this at least will keep the tradition of Halloween going and the fun of dressing up for it! A contest for the best decorated home or neighborhood could



also become a part of this new approach! At least we can attempt to funnel the interest in Halloween into a positive experience for participants.

Fall ... those chilly nights, crisp apple cider and, of course, Halloween!

This is America, land of the free and home of "There's got to be a way."

I suggest lots of prizes to the extent that all participants get something. Pizza parties can be arranged at local establishments or ice cream parties or coupons for candy at businesses that sell treats. We can buy or solicit donations for these awards and find ways to present them that meet social distancing guidelines. Mailing the coupons would be a safe way to accomplish this.

I know a lot of people are finding the Covid 19 pandemic confining when it comes to social gatherings and events we have used for fund raising in the past. My hat is off to those who are creating ways to continue to meet their goals and charitable efforts this year!

God bless you and thank you for your service! We serve because kindness matters! Trick or Treat!

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



Where is the Lion Sleeping Tonight wonder the cattle herders. 'A-weema-weh, a-weema-weh, Near the village, the peaceful village, the Lion sleeps tonight.' Leonard is not sleeping! Big Lion Taylour Tedder of the Leavenworth Lions Club, presented Leonard to Big Lion Daniel Martinez, Topeka Sunflower Lions all while minding the rules of Covid ...face coverings, social distancing, being safe.

The **State of Kansas** remains committed to supporting local communities in a safe, gradual transition. Find the most current guidelines and recommendations from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website: <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/CivicAlerts>

COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES



Hello Lions,

The MD Global Action Teams have been busy in spite of the pandemic. A big shout of congratulations to the Global Action Leadership Team. They successfully provided virtual training for club presidents, secretaries and treasurers. The GLT successfully designed the various learning modules that were used. The zoom platform was used. District Governors and trained presenters, PDG's and experienced secretaries and treasurers in their districts provided the trainings.

Services in the age of pandemic are being done in creative ways. The Global Action Service Teams are collecting information on the various projects that clubs provide. These include financial support for causes in their communities, making and providing face masks, honoring first responders and frontline workers, brightening the lives of those in care facilities with plants, purchasing eyeglasses, collecting used eyeglasses and when school began seeing that teachers had emergency diabetes kits. These are just a few of the services going on in Multiple District 17.

The Global Membership Team is involved with NAMI (North American Membership Initiative). The focus is to recruit new members, establish new clubs and revitalize existing clubs. Some highlights of their efforts to date include 12 new members for the Osage City Lions Club in District N. In District A, work is being done to form a new club in Edgerton Kansas. In District K, work is underway to revitalize the Ellinwood Lions Club.

Who are members of GAT? Here are your contacts:

MD17 GLT....PDG Dan Funke (djfunke@cox.net)

District 17 K GLT....PDG Tom Baumann (lion.tombaumann@gmail.com)

District 17A GLT....PCC Deb Weaverling (dweaverling@gmail.com)

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MD17 GMT...PID Gene Vogel (PIDGene@aol.com)

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MD17 GST...PDG Marla Larison (lionmarlalarison@gmail.com)

District 17K GST....PDG Randy St. Aubyn (rstaubyn@yahoo.com)

District 17A GST....PDG Carleen Rajala (lioncarleen@gmail.com)

District 17N GST....Debra Funke (dlfunke@hotmail.com)



Stay safe and serve with Kindness!

Council Chair Diane Hentges



Back in the post-pandemic Spring, I was contacted as District Governor of 17A by Special Olympics International. LCI referred them to me. The local chapter of Special Olympics was planning a series of health related zoom trainings for special Olympians and their caregivers. I was asked to find a presenter on diabetes since diabetes is a focus of LCI. I was fortunate to connect with Lion Danielle

Young with the Eudora Lions Club. Lion Danielle is an RN with a BSN from the University of Kansas. She is a nurse educator and currently teaches a health science course at Eudora High School. She has taught certified nurses and certified medication aids at two local community colleges since 2008.

Danielle will teach an introductory course on diabetes to special Olympians and their caregivers on September 23rd at 4 pm via Zoom. The class will be recorded and viewable by those not able to attend. I will share the link once available. The presentation can also be viewed on the [Special Olympics Kansas Facebook](#) page under videos. Do other clubs in the District work with Special Olympics? Let us know how you serve Special Olympics.

Council Chair Diane Hentges

COUNCIL CHAIR DIANE HENTGES continued ...



2020 Virtual White Cane Day Registration

KSSB White Cane Day work group is very excited to invite you to a very special virtual celebration. JOIN us Thursday, October 15 at 10:00 a.m. for a **White Cane Day Celebration!** We will be joined by Lex Gillette, Paralympian, author, songwriter and public speaker. Lex will answer questions about life as a blind person and white cane user who will answer questions LIVE based on questions that are sent on the registration form! You can learn more about Lex at his website and search for him on your favorite social media outlet!

Complete the form on the website to register to receive the link and to submit questions for Lex! We also hope to premiere the video submissions from across the state about "Why we love our canes!"

Judy Imber, M.Ed. COMSmember of the KC Downtown Lions Club.
KSSB Field Services Specialist - KanLovKids Coordinator - Kansas State School for the Blind - jimber@kssdb.org



Kansas City Downtown Lions
Donations of secondhand clothing and household goods for Savers fundraiser.



KC Downtown Lions
Group picture after loading the truck for the annual Savers fundraiser.

Let's Stay Connected! The 2020 - 2021 MULTIPLE DISTRICT LIONS STATE DIRECTORY is available. Please note recent changes not reflected in the Directory will be updated in a recurring section in the newsletter to show changes as shown below. For your convenience, the digital version is on the website : <https://kansaslions.org/state-directory>

UPDATED CONTACT INFORMATION - CHANGES AND ADDITIONS

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Abilene, KS

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NEW OFFICER
2020 - 2021 CLUB TREASURER
Eudora Lions Club
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suni4ku@gmail.com

REMOVE INFORMATION

Troy Lions Club
Remove all information for president Jason Waterman.

PID GENE VOGEL - MD 17 GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM



NAMI UPDATE

If you read anything in this newsletter please read this.

Hello, my fellow Lions, praying this finds you in good health and Spirits.

As we enter the fourth month of this unique Lions year, I also pray that your Lions Club is also in good health and spirits. It has been a trying time for all of us, but we will survive this Hundred Year Pandemic as the world survived the Flu Pandemic of 1918-1920.

The Multiple District 17 applied for and was granted an LCI Membership Grant. The Multiple District 17 has also provided funding this year to support Membership efforts in your clubs. The Multiple District also received a public relations grant and the Multiple District is also helping fund the Public Relations in the Kansas Lions Organization.

What does this mean to the Lions Clubs in Kansas? The NAMI team in conjunction with the public relations committee is dedicated to providing support to your Lions Club. All you must do to receive this support is to ask.

For Lions Clubs with membership under 15 members, the NAMI program provides 10 clubs in each district funding of up to \$200.00 to be used for marketing, recruitment, training, and member satisfaction programs.

If you want to be considered for this funding, please contact me and I will start the process for your club. My email is PIDGENE@AOL.COM.

In Lions Service,
PID Gene Vogel
MD 17 GMT Coordinator



NAMI PILOT ZONE

District 17A Zone 5 selected as a **NAMI Pilot Zone**

Lion Jordan Glass Williams, a member of the Lions Clubs International NAMI Steering Committee, reported that the Committee selected our Zone 5 as one of nine Pilot Zones for NAMI. Lion Jordan, also a member of the Tonganoxie Lions Club, stated "Over the last three months the steering committee for NAMI has been meeting biweekly to discuss our goals this year and to develop the structure and processes for this NAMI year. We wanted it to look different than last year but we weren't really sure exactly how we wanted it to look different, so we spent a lot of time going through analysis and discussing that and trying to

make sure we're serving the best way that we possibly can this year. So through our analysis we decided that one of our biggest obstacles in the Association as a whole is that we are not focusing on leadership development within our own districts, and that's primarily starting with the zone chair position. This is supposed to be utilized to develop the future leaders within the districts."

This is a very unique opportunity for 17-A, and it's exciting to be able to have this because there's only nine zones that are going to be selected this year and what's even more unique about this is Eric and I are very similar in that we like to be very prepared so, because of this, we were the only zone that was able to present a full report actually at our steering committee last week which was super exciting. I wanted to be able to show our dedication and willingness to be prepared and participate, so I wanted to make sure we had a report in case anybody else showed up with one. They didn't, but because of this, Eric and I were over prepared and able to send in the first report even though that wasn't something that was required of us. So I'm very proud of Eric for his leadership already in our district and I can't wait to see what this year brings with it.

PID Gene Vogel

North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)

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



KC CHIEFS - Training, Training, Training

The weather is just like I like it, **COOL!** It means football season is here, one of my favorite things to do, watch our KC Chiefs play football. The most recent game was a nail biter, but Patrick Mahomes rallied the team back to a victory. Our field goal kicker (Butker) under pressure kicked three field goals, one at 30 yards out and two at 58 yards out with three seconds left in the game. Yes, can you imagine, two field goals at 58 yards? The last field goal won the game for the KC Chiefs. It is time for me to get my KC Chiefs sweatshirts and jerseys out and show my support to my team.

It is also time to talk **District training**. In August, VLT or Virtual Leadership **Training** was launched in our State. The governors from District’s K, A, and N presented President’s, Treasurer’s, and Secretary’s **training** via ZOOM. If you missed the **training**, do not worry, because you can now get the **training** at the State’s website. Contact DG Rick Dodson or read his article this month.

There were additional trainers that you may not want to miss, Ron and Deb Weaverling’s **training** on Group Think in Lions, PDG Neal Nichols **training** on Club Rapport in Lions Clubs, PID Gene Vogel additional **training** on Treasurer’s, and PDG Carleen Rajala **training** on MyLion/MyLCI. All of the **training** will be accessible to you at your leisure.

Training in our District moving forward will entail Guiding Lions, Lions Orientation, and more. The Guiding Lions **training** will be held in October with other training soon afterwards. All Presidents and Secretaries will receive emails informing the clubs in our District of upcoming **training**. I am currently working on Guiding Lions **training** by ZOOM and working on a **training** video - Lions Orientation. More to come soon.

I hope everyone is well, safe and healthy. We have adapted to the changes in our Lions life and personal life, great job LIONS. Let’s work together to make it through the rest of the year. If you’re reading this article and you need assistance, please reach out to our Leaders. We are ready to help and serve YOU! Thank you LIONS for your commitment to serving your community during this time of huge NEED by others. You all are AWESOME!

PCC Deb Weaverling
District GLT

**LIONS
GROUP THINK
Weaverling's
TRAINING
CAMP

LIONS
CLUB RAPPORT
PDG Nichols
TRAINING
CLUB**



DG Rick Dodson presented PCC Deb Weaverling the Certified Guiding Lion Certificate for her recent completion of the CGL requirements.

The certificate is valid for three years and allows PCC Deb to be assigned as a CGL in a new club or any club that the District Governor feels needs help.

Thank you PCC Deb for renewing your certification.

Certified Guiding Lion Program

Global Service Report - PDG Carleen Rajala - Global Service Chair

2020-2021 GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECTS

Diabetes Environment Cancer Hunger Vision



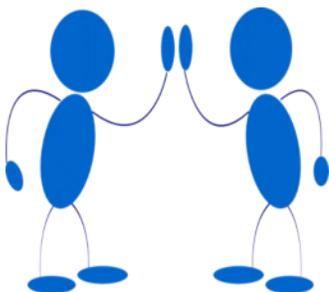
SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

	Diabetes	Environment	Children's Cancer	Hunger	Vision	* Other
People Served: 24,534	0	5,310	315	2,258	2,176	13,999
Volunteer Hours: 5,905	0	88	44	165	89	5,519
Service Activities: 84	0	8	4	22	15	35
Donations: \$8,392	0	0	\$768	\$350	\$2465	\$4508

17 CLUBS RECORDED ACTIVITIES

Concordia, Eudora, Everest, Gardner, KC Downtown, Lansing, Lawrence, Leavenworth, Oskaloosa, Sabetha, Salina Downtown, Shawnee, Topeka, Topeka Sunflower, Troy, KU Eye Clinic

SUCCESS in SEPTEMBER



- *The funds donated **doubled!!**
- *The number of people served **tripled!!!**
- *The number of hungry people who were helped **quadrupled!!!**
- *The number of people supported under Childhood Cancer went from **"0" to 316!!!**

As Covid 19 continues to impact our communities, loss of a job, more family members in a home, remote learning, food insecurity, isolation, and fall leaves can be opportunities for service. Traditionally, November and December keep Lions busy--- **Diabetes month, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving in November and Christmas in December.**

How will your club step up and serve?

PDG Carleen Rajala, Global Service Chair
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GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM - LION MARGY SUNDSTROM



Lion Margy Sundstrom
GLT CHAIRPERSON
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**Together,
 WE SERVE**

WELCOME NEW LIONS



AUGUST 2020 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

BELLEVILLE LIONS CLUB	SPONSOR
Steven J. Larson	Waylon Sheetz
CLYDE LIONS CLUB	SPONSOR
Karen Leiszler	Mari Detrixhe
KANSAS CITY DOWNTOWN	SPONSOR
Kathryn A. Calcara	Diane Hentges
LEAVENWORTH LIONS	SPONSOR
Travis C. Thompson	Caroline Arter
Michael L. Waller	David Davis
LOUISBURG LIONS CLUB	SPONSOR
Amy J. Williams	Loren Delaware
TOPEKA SUNFLOWER CLUB	SPONSOR
Allison L. Galvin	Jerry Loney
Jeanette L. Shwe	Daniel Martinez

TOGETHER, WE SERVE.

“Get your membership together and enjoy a walk together.”

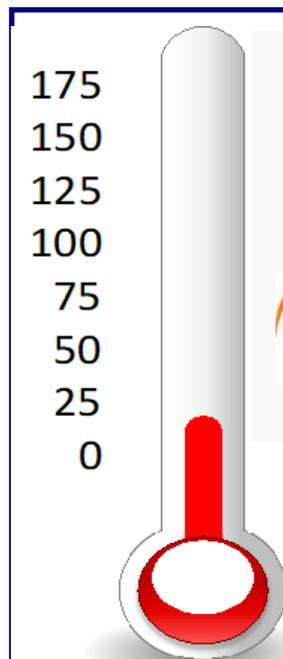
This is an easy way to do a project to help the School for the Blind. Anyone can sign up for a mile or a 5 K walk or run and you can do it whenever and wherever you want. So get your membership together and enjoy a walk together. Our club has a team, if you want, you can click on teams and picks Lions. Just click on the link below to register.

PDG David Hentges

[Http://runsignup.com/Race/KS/KansasCity/TheKCBlindAllStarsFoundationrac](http://runsignup.com/Race/KS/KansasCity/TheKCBlindAllStarsFoundationrac)

Marites Altuna, M.S. Director
 913-645-5645. <https://www.kansasdeafblind.org>
 Kansas State School for the Blind 1100 State Ave, KCK,

LION ERIC TWEEDY - EUDORA LIONS



LEO the LION ROARS

“Watch our membership grow!”

Follow Membership st Guidelines



Deadline for Entries:

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

SPOTLIGHT on DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH



Finding the CURE starts with Awareness

November is *Diabetes Awareness Month* and **November 14, 2020 is Diabetes Awareness Day**. The District 17A Lions Health Program encourages each Lions Club to have a program on diabetes or a project to promote *Diabetes Awareness*.

Diabetes is one of the 8th leading cause of death in the World. In the USA 31.2 million adults have diabetes, 1.4 million are undiagnosed, 182,800 diabetes related deaths, and 84 million have pre-diabetes. (Facts taken from LCI diabetes fact sheet 2018-19.) Your lions club can have an impact on these facts. Just schedule a program on diabetes in November.

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.

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 three more youth to one of the camps.

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

LION VERN FAILOR - NEW PROJECT 2020

NexTrex™ Plastic Recycling Program



In this day of the COVID 19 pandemic **DOES YOUR CLUB NEED A PROJECT** where all Lions can participate and one where the environment benefits and your club can get rewarded? There is just such a project that exists in the NexTrex plastic recycling project. Just go to WWW.trex.com/recycling or call 1 800 buy Trex. When you call, ask for Stephanie and she will guide you through the program. When you sign up with her she will send you two boxes to use for collecting plus she will email you a short video to explain the program. It is a six month program where a club would collect 500 lbs. of recyclable stretchable plastic and the Trex Corp will give you a \$300.00 Park bench FREE.

The Topeka Sunflower Lions Club collected 566.5 lbs. of this material in the first three months of the program. They will get a new park bench in late October and after November 1st can sign up for another park bench. Just think 566.5 lbs. of stretchable plastic did not go into a landfill! Over that three month period the Topeka Sunflower Lions had 19 Lions provide over 80 hours of service and kept 566.5 lbs. of plastic out of a landfill.

Within reason, the Topeka Sunflower Lions would provide you with a program on this project. Just contact Lion Vern Failor at

Remember: Reduce - Reuse - Recycle

Lion Caroline Arter, District 17-A LCIF Coordinator



Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION

LCIF Update

A big shout out to the following clubs that have donated to LCIF in Lions Year 2020-2021.

Eudora	Lansing	Miami County Traveling
Everest	Leavenworth	Silver Lake
Gardner	Manhattan	Troy
Kansas City Downtown		

These ten clubs or individual members have donated **\$8,595.00**

Because of the pandemic, many club fundraisers have been canceled or curtailed. DG Rick Dodson is still confident that we can meet our district goal of 100% of clubs donating some amount this year. Every donation, regardless of size, is appreciated.

We are continuing our Melvin Jones Fellowship raffle. 25 of 50 slots have been claimed. If you would like to participate, please send your \$20 donation to myself or DG Rick Dodson. One of us will contact you to see what raffle number you desire. We already have a couple of Melvin Jones Fellowships to present this year. Names of the honorees will be published after the presentations.

Finally, we have already received two LCIF grants in the State for disaster relief and disaster preparedness. District 17-K received \$10,000 to purchase PPE and masks for first responders and health care workers. MD-17 received \$20,000 to purchase a replacement Alert truck and trailer. That's 41% of the donations Kansas Lions made last year. So, you can see that we truly benefit from the generosity of LCIF and our fellow Lions.

Lion Caroline Arter
District 17-A LCIF Coordinator.



Leaders in Action - Making the world a better place through action, kindness and serving our community.

DG Rick Dodson presents the Bronze LCIF Chairperson's Medal to our LCIF District Coordinator, Caroline Arter. To qualify for the 2019-2020 medal, Caroline had to lead the District in having donations exceeding \$30,000 and achieving a 10% increase over the previous year's total donations. Thank you Lion Caroline for your outstanding leadership and support for LCIF.



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:**

- October 2 – *A New Normal: How Your Club Can Make an Impact*
- 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](https://www.lionsclub.org)
ACCESS WEBINARS

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 October, it is Lion Shara Basel from the Eudora Lions Club.

Going Places! And Just Like That, What's Next?

October's "Women Lion of the Month" is Lion Shara Basel from the Eudora Lions Club. Shara is a native Kansan having been born in Parsons. Her family moved to Lawrence when she was a young child. She then moved to Eudora in 2013. Shara and her husband Rodney have a large blended family including three daughters and four sons. They also have ten grandchildren who she describes as amazing.

Lion Shara attended the University of Kansas before she was married. She has worked as the office manager for American Family Insurance/D J Flummerfelt Agency for twenty-five years. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening, especially flowers. Lilies and sunflowers are her favorite. She also enjoys walking and being outside. And of course, playing with her grandchildren.

Lion Shara is an international traveler having visited New Zealand, Australia, and Mexico. She recently returned from South Dakota to see Mount Rushmore. Alaska is next on her list.

In August of 2019 she joined the Eudora Lions Club after becoming an empty nester. She is never afraid to take on a project and run with it. And is always asking what she can do next! She has been elected Club Treasurer and Membership Chairperson for Lions year 2020-2021 and has started additional training by enrolling in Lions University. Lion Shara is definitely a Lion who is going places!



JUST LIKE LION SHARA,

LIONS LIVE WITH PURPOSE

As Lions, we hold ourselves to the absolute highest standards in everything we do. Our members and clubs are dedicated to serving others, and it shows. We champion kindness in our communities and actively work to improve the lives of all people.

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.

LION ERIC STRIMPLE, ZONE 5 CHAIRPERSON



NAMI

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

General Rules:

- A. **Eligibility:** All clubs in District 17-A 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

North America Membership Initiative (NAMI)

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

LIONS CLUB EVENTS & CONTESTS

COME TO THE PARTY

TOPEKA SUNFLOWER LIONS

**MASK
REQUIRED**
**OPEN AIR
SHELTER
HOUSE**



ANNUAL STEAK FRY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020

SOCIAL TIME: 6:00 PM DINNER TIME: 6:30 PM

WHERE: Shelter House #4, 3128 SE Tinman Circle
Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS.



Cost
\$13.00

KC STRIP, BAKED POTATO, AND ALL THE FIXINGS

Need to **Bring** Table Service + Steak Knife - RSVP: by October 11, 2020 by calling
or text PCC Bobby Duvall 785-608-1311 or E-Mail: terrybobd@aol.com

EVERYONE IS INVITED! COME HAVE GREAT FOOD, GREAT FUN AND GREAT FELLOWSHIP.

SERVICE PROJECTS AND CONTEST DEADLINE DATES

**PEACE
THROUGH
SERVICE**

PEACE POSTER CONTEST 2020 – 2021

MILESTONE: ORDER by OCTOBER 1, 2020.

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



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

**We would
never forget
Leo!**



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 has written a grant request for a new Alert Trailer and a truck to pull it. These two pieces of equipment need to be housed in District A. While this is great news, it also creates new needs for our district. Also, we are looking for drivers to be available to drive to disaster areas in our district. If you have available space or know someone who does, please call PDG David Hentges at 913-433-4761 or email to dhentges42@gmail.com.

If you are interested in being a driver for hauling the Alert Trailer to areas of disaster, contact PDG David at the above info. There is no special license needed, but preference will be given to drivers who have not had a traffic violation in the last three years. You will receive payment for necessary hotel rooms, gas and food while serving with the trailer. You will have a credit card to pay for these expenses and must submit bills to justify expenses.

This is a great opportunity for our district, and I hope that we will find a place to store our equipment and a driver to transport it.

WE SERVE

PDG David Hentges

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, 1VP 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/>

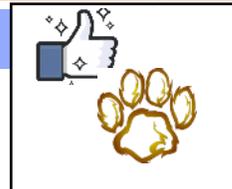
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/lionssmile/about/>

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

**NOTICE
TO ALL
KANSAS
LIONS**

KANSAS LIONS SECOND STATE COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 24-25, 2020



We will have a scheduled Virtual Second State Council Meeting on Saturday, October 24, of the foundations and committees at various times in the format we would have had in person. We will have these scheduled throughout the day on Zoom by the State Office and Governors. We will have Virtual State Council Meeting Business Session Sunday, October 25, at 9:00 a.m.

The Kansas Lions State Council of 2020-2021 has canceled the in-person Second State Council Meeting October 24-25, 2020. This is due to COVID19 restrictions and policies in place in various counties. This decision was made with concern and care for our fellow Lions after much discussion from various areas. **Zoom Meeting Schedule and Meeting ID will be sent to all near the day of the meeting.**

Please send a notice to me of the meeting(s) you would like to attend and we will send you the meeting ID. **The tentative plan and meeting schedule will be available on the website <https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/> . We look forward to having you join the meetings. Please contact me with any questions.**

Linda McCormick State Secretary
Email: kansaslions@aol.com

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

November 7, 2020 2nd Cabinet Meeting - Wamego Trinity Baptist Church and ZOOM
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

