



THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter



DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARGY SUNDSTROM

This Lions' year is truly flying by! I'm incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and passionate team. Together, we're putting in a tremendous amount of effort to expand our membership and establish new clubs. I'm thrilled to share that our membership numbers are steadily increasing, and we're making significant progress toward our goals! Let's keep this momentum going!

The October 26, 2024 cabinet meeting holds a lot of activities. Besides our usual meeting, we are having:

A Halloween party. Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. I am sure there will be prizes!

We are asking each of you or your club to collect your loose change (or bills we don't care) in at least, a pint size jar, can be bigger....

When your jar is full or it gets close to the October 26th date, decorate the lid/jar. It can be anything you wish, patriotic, environmental, just simply pretty, or funny. In other words, however you want to decorate it.

The funds collected will be donated to the Reading Action Program in memory of PCC Beverly Nichols. That is where the service comes in; books are purchased and distributed to schools, daycare, etc through this program.

Start collecting your coins and think of how to decorate your lid! There will be a prize for this also!

October 2024



I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming Council meeting on October 19th in McPherson, Kansas! It promises to be an engaging gathering where we can share ideas and foster collaboration. Additionally, I'm excited to reconvene at our cabinet meeting on October 26th at the First Christian Church, located at 1880 SW Gage Blvd, Topeka, KS 66604. Please mark your calendars for a 10 AM start time. Your participation is invaluable as we work together to achieve our goals.



**FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR
IRENE HAWS**



September seemed like the kick off for the new Lions year, especially since I began many of my club visits. Starting with The Overland Park Host Lions and Manhattan on 9/3. Then off to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, KY. Returning to Kansas and club visits including Onaga on 9/ 9, Clay Center on 9/10, Minneapolis Noon on 9/12, Concordia on 9/19, Manhattan Sunflower Lions on 9/23. Congrats to all the New Club Presidents and club leadership!

Lions are busy with many projects: Overland Park Host begins visits to 14 schools and preschools for Spot Vision Screening, plus they host their Fall Festival. The Manhattan Lions recently added two new members and are planning their pancake feed and Veterans Day Parade. The Onaga Lions cooked over 1,000 hamburgers at their recent fair and made renovations to the concession stand. The Clay Center Lion's speaker talked about Numana, and showed how one local church was able to package meals to feed 22,000 people with 80 volunteers. The club had their pulled pork dinner again in September, they have this twice a year. I was amazed by all the beautiful artwork on the buildings and water tower, see my Facebook post. The Minneapolis Club had a successful fireworks stand and pancake feed at the Fair. They will be working the gates at the local football games again this fall. Their speaker talked about a wonderful program which I posted about on Facebook-Visit BenningtonFamilyCenter.org to learn more. They will also be underwriting the Carriage Rides for the Christmas Festival again this year. The Concordia Lions have potential for a Leo Club. Cadance, a High School student and granddaughter to Camy Thurmer, Zone Chair for Zone 9, attended the meeting. I met with her and referred them to Cheryl Kerns, our Leo Club District Chair. They were testing the new walkie-talkies when I arrived, a new purchase for their Fall Festival that will make coordination among volunteers much easier. The Manhattan Sunflower club which normally meets at 6:15 am has started something new. Once a quarter they hold their meeting at 6:30 pm. They will have a float in the Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11. Bill and Kathy Stenfors volunteered at the Kansas State Fair. Serving over 225 people. They reported that the KSDS Booth was also at the Fair and recommended Lions visit their graduations ceremony if they can. The Puppy Raisers do such a great job. Zone Chair Bart Hettenbach from the Woodbine Lions Club representing Zone 7 was also there along with Zone Chair Mark Stadlander of Zone 6 and fellow member of the Manhattan Sunflower Lions. Lion Bart reminded everyone about "Wear it Wednesdays" on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, post a photo of yourself on your Facebook page, then share it with your club on their Facebook page and the District Facebook Page.

I am looking forward to seeing more clubs on the West Side of District 17A this Fall. As a reminder; please post your activities including photos, on your club's Facebook page, then be sure to share it on the Kansas Lions 17A Facebook Page. Feel free to Follow Lion Irene Haws on Facebook to see posts of my club visit this year. Learn more about Facebook at the upcoming Mid-Winter Rally Jan. 17 & 18 in Junction City.

Call or email me if you have any questions: 785-249-1913 irene@idesignGS.com.

**SECOND VICE DISTRICT
GOVERNOR
ROGER YOST**



Make your mark, celebrate a special Lion.

This summer I was witness to something very special! At the time it was just another day of vision screening, school supplies, backpacks, shoes and clothes – you all have helped with this endeavor. On this particular event, our Club was doing the eye screening with the majority of the families being Hispanic. The language barrier was evident with many of the kids’ parents.

One of our Lion volunteers was from another Lions Club and reached out speaking Spanish and explained our earlier request to screen her kids, who at the time said no. But upon being told in her language, she came back and had all the kids examined resulting in the mother being very grateful. We learned that she needed glasses and expressed her concern of not finding help. I thought about this for a time and realized how many times we take for granted that we are understood.

I need to give a heartfelt thank you to one great Lion from the Shawnee Lions Club, **Carleen Rajala!** You made us aware of a need. Several of the other vendors noticed this and commented on how much this helped us to fulfill a need. She definitely made her mark.

REMEMBER, WE SERVE.

I hear and I forget
I see and I remember
I do and I understand
~Confucius

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NEWS FROM GLOBAL SERVICE CHAIR DIANE HENTGES

In my September article, I noted that November 14 is World Diabetes Day. **November is National Diabetes Month.** I know our club has a difficult time deciding on a project for our diabetes focus so I decided to throw out a few suggestions:

1. Look in your community for a child with diabetes who can benefit from Diabetes Camp. Your club can send that child to camp. Lion Vern Failor can provide the necessary information about the camp and cost. (vlfailor@gmail.com)
2. Host a "Strides" walk for the community. This event can help raise awareness for Lions and for Diabetes.
3. Invite a healthcare professional to speak at your club.
4. Provide diabetes magazine subscriptions to your local library or donate current diabetes books to the local library.
5. Organize a "walking" club to promote a healthy lifestyle
6. Support the nearest diabetes foundation.
7. Organize a school or community garden to encourage healthy eating.
8. Sponsor cooking demonstrations for those with diabetes.

These are just a few ideas. you can go to the LCI website for additional inspiration.

www.lionsclubs.org

Just a reminder to report your service projects on LCI or complete the SARS card I talked about in the August Newsletter.

Kansas Lions Foundation

The mission of KLF is funding educational, charitable and humanitarian efforts that benefit local community and youth programs.

A major focus is the Alert Program. The goal of this program is to be a conduit to provide needed services to those in a natural disaster. There are currently two Alert Trailers in the state, stocked with needed supplies and tools to respond to areas affected. LCIF grants help fund this program as well as donations of goods and dollars from the Lions of Kansas.

There is also the Kansas Lions Alert Team (KLAT) emergency grant. The grant can be given at the time of a man made or natural disaster that does not meet the criteria of LCIF. This grant is \$250.00 with a club match.

Currently there are four youth programs under the umbrella of KLF. Leos, Lions Quest, Peace Poster, Youth Exchange. There are eight Leo Clubs in the State, two in 17A and six in 17N. Lions Quest is a comprehensive and universal, evidence based social and emotional learning program. This program introduces participants to the knowledge, attitude, and skills necessary manage emotions, set goals. show empathy, form positive relationships, and ultimately make responsible decisions.

Peace Poster Contest is offered to school and youth organizations. Children are challenged to describe peace through their art. The theme changes each year. Participants must be 11-13 by November 15 to participate.

Youth Exchange Program is designed for young people 15-22 years of age. The goal is to foster a spirit of understanding among peoples of the world. The Youth Exchange needs host families in order to thrive.

KLF has the Bill and Dorothy Wunder Pin and the Pink Lion pin. Clubs can honor members for their commitment and service with these pins and at the same time support the programs of KLF.

For more information about KLF and the various programs please feel free to contact KLF President Diane Hentges at dkhentges0503@gmail.com

NEWS FROM KANSAS LIONS HEALTH PROGRAM

October is Vision Awareness month and as the LCI President says “Make your Mark”. Is your Lions Club making its mark in your community? Here are some ways to help with making your mark.

Organize a vision screening at daycares. Organize a white cane awareness event. Purchase eye glasses for someone, collect used eye glasses. There is a abundance of material on all of these projects on the LCI Web site or on the internet. Just google any of them or ask for help from your local Kansas Lions Health Program Team. We are all listed in the Kansas Lions Directory.



Environmental Project Contest

It is time to begin thinking of that new and exciting environmental project for 2024-25. The winners in the contest last year were Concordia Lions Club and Eudora Lions Club. Congratulations to them. I look forward to having many more participants in the contest this year.

The environmental project contest will be per club:

SUBMIT A 1-2 PAGE DESCRIPTION OR WRITE-UP OF ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS THAT YOUR CLUB DOES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. HIGHLIGHT ANY NEW EFFORTS. PICTURES OF EACH ARE ENCOURAGED, NOT REQUIRED.

ON YOUR SUBMISSION, INCLUDE THE NAME OF YOUR LIONS CLUB; CITY; PROJECT OR PROJECTS WITH A BRIEF, CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF EACH; NAME OF SUBMITTER WITH CONTACT INFORMATION.

SUBMIT TO ME - LION JOE PORTER, 17-A ENVIRONMENT CHAIR, AT porterc058@gmail.com or Mail to Ron Weaverling, 15101 Josh Street, Basehor, KS 66007 not later than February 22, 2025.

THE TOP TWO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 17-A DISTRICT CONVENTION MARCH 7-8, 2025. ALL MAY BE DISPLAYED, SPACE ALLOWING. AWARDS OF \$100.00 FOR FIRST PLACE AND \$50.00 FOR SECOND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TWO WINNING CLUBS.

SUBMISSIONS MAY ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE MD-17 CONVENTION.

I hope your club will participate in the Environmental adventure. Most of the clubs are already doing this without any special recognition. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Joe Porter
District 17A Environmental Chair
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Wear It Wednesday!

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

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



Lansing Lions at Relay for Life



Valley Falls Lions Band Student



Belleville Lions Band Students



Services for Leavenworth Lion Ron Kenton where held Saturday Sept 14. He will be greatly missed



Waterville Lions Band Student



Waterville Lions



Topeka Lions working Soccer Concessions



Horton Lions Club



Overland Park Fall Festival



Oskaloosa Lions Golf Tournament



Camp Leavenworth 5K



Basehor Lions Bombas Sock Donation



Bellville Lions Past President Fred Arnold was presented with a New Voices Certificate for his efforts to grow the club



Linwood Lions BBQ

SCHNITZEL DINNER

Saturday **October 12, 2024**

at the
Navarre Community Center

Serving time: **5:00 – 7:00 PM**

\$18.00 PER PERSON

Includes Pork Schnitzel, German Spaetzle, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Mushrooms, Seasoned Green Beans and a Roll. Plus delicious Black Forest Cake for dessert!

Take Outs will be available!

RESERVATIONS RECOMMENDED

CALL: Karen Beem 785-280-0969
Or 785-479-5819

Sponsored by the Navarre Lions Club

Bring your used eyeglasses and sunglasses to donate
to the Lions Club Recycle for Sight Project



Salina Downtown Lions Club

66th Annual BBQ

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Serving from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

4-H Building on Bob Flaherty Drive,

Salina, KS 67401

Sponsored by: Hassman Termite and Pest Control

Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door

Tickets may be purchased from any Downtown Lions Club member

Or send an e-mail to Lion Judy Nold at ladylionjudy@gmail.com

She will get the tickets to you.



DISTRICT 17A CABINET MEETING



WEAR YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME!



HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 26, 2024

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

1880 SW GAGE BLVD TOPEKA, KS 666044

STARTS AT 10 AM

send articles and photos for the newsletter to
17ANewsletter@gmail.com