

DISTRICT DIALOGUE - MID JULY 2026

Northeast Kansas Lions District 17A



Important Dates:

1st District Cabinet meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2026
Topeka, KS

1st MD Council Meeting

August 8, 2026
Bel Aire, KS

USA/Canada Forum - Memphis

September 2-6, 2026

Fall Rally - McPherson

October 23-24, 2026

2nd District Cabinet Meeting - TBD

November 7, 2026

3rd District Cabinet Meeting - Zoom

Date: TBD

4th District Cabinet Meeting - Zoom

Date: TBD

State Convention - Topeka

June 4-5, 2027

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Governor's Message

A new year has begun with International President Mark Lynn. His weeks of service will focus on vision, youth, and environment. More information will come after the International Convention.

My Governor pin is UNITY. The unity of club members working together, clubs working with other clubs in the district and participating with District events, as well as, multi-District events, celebrations and conventions. Let's let our communities see our service and our membership will grow.

Unity needs to be an important theme for our clubs and leadership. By treating each other with kindness and compassion we can strengthen our clubs, districts and Lions in Kansas. Unity comes from accepting and embracing different backgrounds by working together with a shared purpose.

By the time you read this, I will have the title of District Governor. At our District Convention, the reality hit home with a sober reaction, humbleness that caught me off guard. My acceptance comments stand true. Without the help of every Lion, without the backing of every Club, I cannot get the job done.

The best part of this commitment is the confidence given to me by friends as well as strangers that we will succeed. I'm excited about the future, I'm excited to hear new ideas. I know that I don't know it all but will strive to see Lions of 17A grow, my cabinet is a mixture of new and seasoned Lions. I'm confident as a team we can do it.

In the past year PDG Irene has given her all to make 17A a positive District to be a Lion – Thank you Irene for past and future leadership. I'm excited to be a Lion.

If you can dream it, you can do it.
- Walt Disney

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First Vice-District Governor

As we begin a new Lions year, I have a new quote for you. "It is good to have an end to journey toward; but it is the journey that matters, in the end." (Ursula K. LeGuin) As I begin my year as your First Vice-District Governor, I am excited about the journey thus far. I believe I have made new friends throughout the district and have learned so much from each club. I am approaching my 29 th anniversary as a Lion...still learning, still growing, and still serving!

I have the honor of visiting 24 clubs this Lions' year. My goal is to meet with all of you before mid-October...I know that is quick, but my husband is having knee-replacement surgery and I'd like to be able to help him! I have been reaching out to schedule my visits...if you haven't heard from me, check your email!

July will also take my husband and I on a "bucket-list" trip to Africa. Hoping to see some lions of the four-legged variety!

I'm looking forward to meeting with each club, meeting new Lions, learning how you like to serve your communities, listening to your ideas and/or concerns, and sharing in a common purpose.

Cheryl Kerns

First Vice-District Governor



Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.

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See the last 3 pages in this newsletter for a quick reference chart on who in you club has what level of access in the Lion Portal.

Kansas Lions Directory is online

The Kansas Lions Directory is online - visit [KansasLions.org](https://www.kansaslions.org). This is password protected. Your President/Secretary & Zone Chair have the password (listed in the hardcopy directory). Any changes to club meeting dates/times/locations can be updated on the digital version of the Directory when emailed to kansaslionsoffice@gmail.com

Be sure to update club details in the *Edit Club Details* section on the Lions Portal too! Thank you for keeping your club details current.

District Dialogue Publication Details: Email news articles and upcoming events to 17Anews@gmail.com

Deadline is the last day of the month for publication the following months at mid-month.

Visit and Join the District 17A Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/kansaslionsdistrict17a> Share your club's posts to this group too! District Website: <https://kslionsdistrict17a.org> (past issues of the District Dialogue are saved here).



Images From Around the District



Holton, Ks Parade



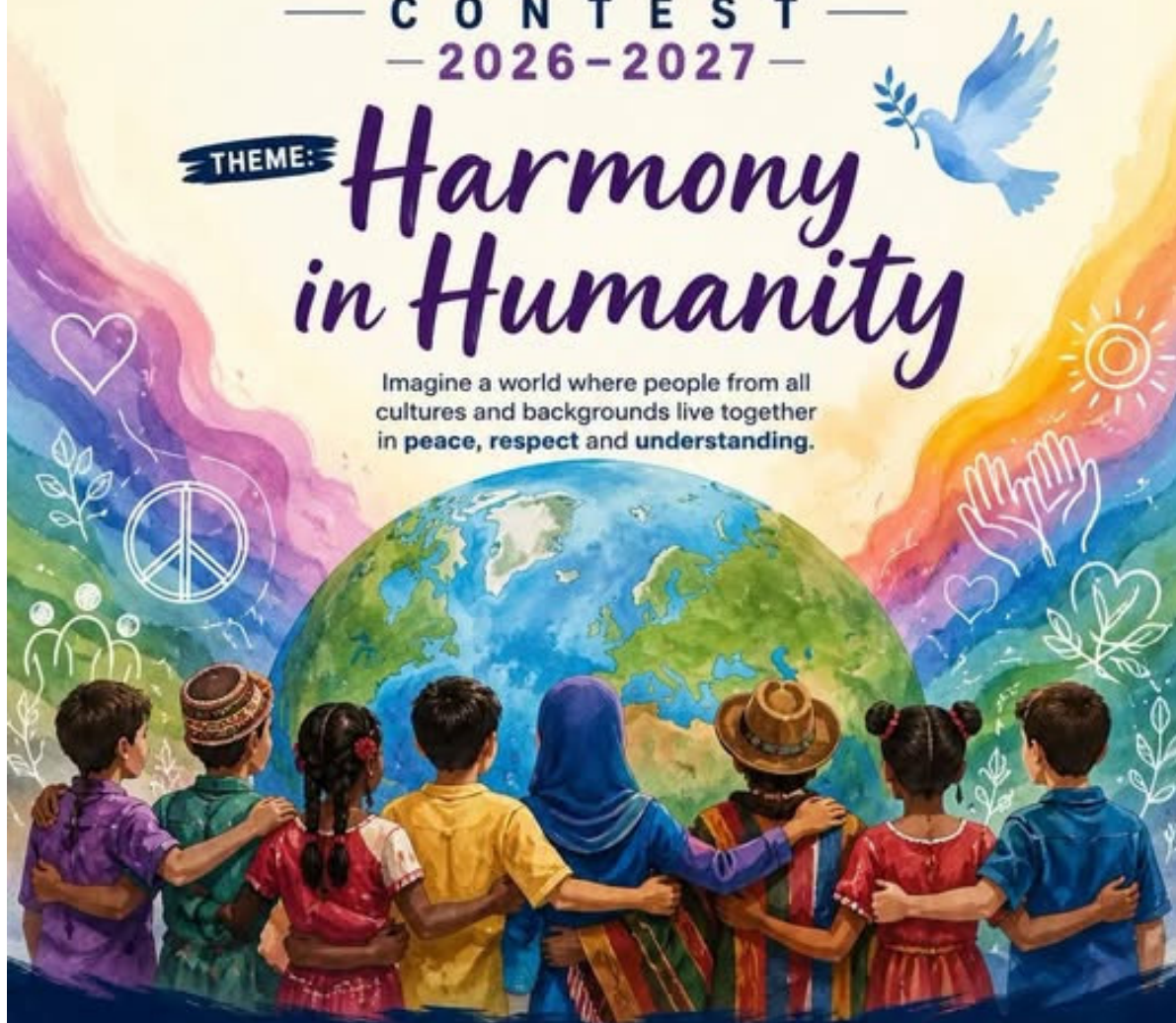
It's always a pleasure to celebrate lions in your District ! Waterville Lions recipients showing their support of 35 years each. Times three. One recipient was busy and couldn't attend but the wives had them covered!!! Love this club!!
- Roger Yost



LIONS INTERNATIONAL
PEACE POSTER
CONTEST
— 2026–2027 —

THEME: *Harmony
in Humanity*

Imagine a world where people from all
cultures and backgrounds live together
in peace, respect and understanding.



**WHO CAN
PARTICIPATE?**

Children who are
11, 12 or 13 years old
as of November 15, 2026



**CREATE
WITH HEART**

Use your imagination
to express peace
through art.



**SPONSORED BY
YOUR LOCAL
LIONS CLUB**

Ask your art teacher
or local Lions Club
for details.



**YOUR ART CAN
INSPIRE THE WORLD**

Your poster could be an
international winner!

CREATE PEACE. *INSPIRE THE FUTURE.*



One World. One Dream. One Peace.



DIPS FOR TIPS!

Support the
EUDORA LIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

Join us at
MAIN STREET SCOOPS AND SWEETS
714 Main Street, Eudora, KS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

★ **EVERY TIP SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS!**

★ **ALL tips earned during this event will benefit the Eudora Lions Scholarship Fund, helping provide a scholarship to a graduating Eudora High School senior.**

★ **Your Eudora Lions Club members will be serving ice cream for the evening!**

★ **Come enjoy a delicious treat, support your local Lions, and help us continue growing this scholarship fund for future Eudora graduates!**

Bring your family, your friends, and your sweet tooth!

EVERY SCOOP HELPS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

COME SUPPORT YOUR EUDORA LIONS!

MAIN ST. SCOOPS & SWEETS



Woodbine Lions making kids smile with train rides at Tri-County Fair Harrington Kansas



Topeka Club officers Installed

Lions International
Kansas Lions District 17A

We support our global causes

Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision, Youth



July 26th Lions Clubs are riding the train!
Come join us for a fun afternoon!
We will have a box lunch with drink and entertainment!
Abilene Smoky Valley Express!
Departing Abilene at 1pm

If this is on your bucket list what a great time to ride the train for a special Lions rate \$35
325-669-0406 spechter16@gmail.com
RSVP by July 25



Lion Katrina presented Eudora High School senior, Bella L. with the Eudora Lions Earl R Slapar Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations, Bella!



Sabetha Lion Dave Herbster receiving his State Lions Prize for the Environmental Photo Contest, by the environmental chair, Terry Weldin.



The Topeka Sunflower Lions Club celebrated its annual Installation Picnic this evening, recognizing outgoing President Sarah Gordon and welcoming incoming President Pam Failor. The installation ceremony was conducted by PDG Gene Vogel and included Treasurer/Secretary Bobby Duvall along with several other officers who will serve during the upcoming year.

A special highlight of the evening was the presentation of the prestigious Melvin Jones Award to club member Ann Turner by the Topeka Sunflower Lions Club, recognizing her outstanding dedication and service to Lionism and the community.



Hello from the Kansas Lions in Atlanta GA attending the Mission 1.5 2026-2027 Summit! DGE'S and GMT's and GET's gathered for training for our upcoming with our CA 1-G GAT team leader PCC Lori Langley



Overland Park Host Lions Club

July 10 at 2:34 PM · 🌐

Lion Steve Day receiving a Bill and Dorothy Wunder Fellowship for continuing the club's vision screening program that screens about 3500 pre and elementary school children each year. The award was presented by club secretary Lion Kim Baker. [See less](#)



LION PORTAL

CLUB LEVEL ACTIONS & PERMISSIONS

by Official Title



✓ The Lion Portal empowers our clubs. *Know who can do what!*



1 VIEW, MANAGE, FINANCIAL & EXPORT

ACTIONS	Club President	Club 1st Vice President	Club 2nd Vice President	Club Secretary	Club Administrator	Club Treasurer	Club Membership Chairperson	Club Service Chairperson	Club Marketing Chairperson	Club IT Chairperson	Club Protocol Chairperson	Club LCIF Coordinator	Club Director	Guiding Lion
VIEW DATA: Member detail data, membership(s) detail Branch Club data, members, officers Leo Club general data, member count Service Activities	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & INVOICES	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NEW CLUB APPLICATIONS (Your club is sponsoring)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
EXPORT DATA: Member contact data, Officer contact data, Member full data, Service Activity data	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
MANAGE CLUB MEMBERS: Add, Reinstate, Transfer, Drop, Edit Member data, Sponsor and membership type	✓			✓	✓									
MANAGE CLUB INFORMATION: Edit, Meeting information, local language data fields	✓			✓	✓									
MAKE PAYMENTS: Dues, other fees, supplies						✓								



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MANAGE, SERVICE & OFFICER ACTIONS

ACTIONS	Club President	Club 1st Vice President	Club 2nd Vice President	Club Secretary	Club Administrator	Club Treasurer	Club Membership Chairperson	Club Service Chairperson	Club Marketing Chairperson	Club IT Chairperson	Club Protocol Chairperson	Club LCIF Coordinator	Club Director
 MANAGE OFFICERS: Add/End current and next year "Official" officers Add/Edit Officer address Manage Titles <i>LOCAL</i> to your club only													
 MANAGE CLUB BRANCH: Create Application, edit details, add/remove branch members and officer	✓			✓	✓	✓							
 NEW CLUB APPLICATION: Start application, edit club information, add pending members, add/remove officers	✓			✓	✓								
 PAY CHARTER FEES	✓			✓	✓	✓							
 MANAGE CONVENTION DELEGATES: Add/Remove delegates for conventions	✓			✓	✓	✓							
 SERVICE ACTIVITIES AT CLUB LEVEL: Create/edit, enter metrics, venue data Manage images (add, download, delete)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
 REPORT SERVICE ACTIVITY COMPLETE	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓		



3 OTHER ACTIONS

ACTIONS	Club President	Club 1 st Vice President	Club 2 nd Vice President	Club Secretary	Club Administrator	Club Treasurer	Club Menbrng Chairperson	Club Vice Chairperson	Membrng Chairperson	Club IT Chairperson	Club 3 rd Chairperson	LCIF Coordinator	Club Director	Guiding Lion
OTHER ACTIONS: View Reports, Print Membership Cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



**EMPOWERED LEADERS.
STRONGER CLUBS.
BETTER COMMUNITIES.**

We Serve!



VIEW
Access &
view data



MANAGE
Update &
manage
information



FINANCIAL
Handle
payments &
statements



SERVICE
Create & report
service
activities



OFFICER
Manage officers,
branches &
delegates



OTHER
Reports &
print cards



District and Multiple District Administrators can perform Club Administrator actions on behalf of the Club.



If you have questions or need help with the Lion Portal such as downloading your dues statement, modifying club meeting dates/times/locations or other questions, please reach out to our District Administrator, Rick Dodson.
His contact email is always on the front page of the newsletter in the left column.