



THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

District Governor Margy Sundstrom

May 28th is World Hunger Day. The Lions International webpage provides ideas of opportunities for your community. I believe each club knows their own community and knows what the needs are. Example, in Tonganoxie, The Good Shepherd Thrift Shop and Food Bank provides food along with clothing etc to those in Tonganoxie that need a helping hand. We proudly assist them with those needs.

There are several types of foundation grants available to support hunger relief service. Go to www.lionsclub.org and search for World Hunger. Find where your needs are and help.....



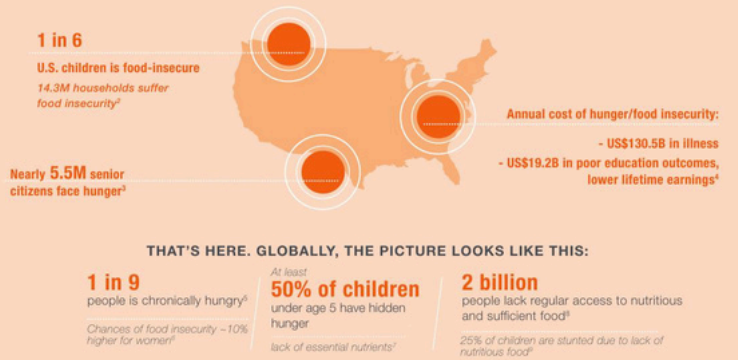
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Congratulations, 17A! In mid-April we reached an impressive +19 members in the district, a notable surge from +7 members in March!!!

Your relentless efforts and those of your club members to expand local clubs are truly paying off. Keep shining!!

Hunger... a Complicated Challenge

Despite global production sufficient to feed the entire population, chronic hunger remains a chronic problem. Political and economic instability, rising food and energy prices, and climate change all contribute to this sad truth: Hunger-related challenges are urgent – even in this part of the world.



LCIF AND LIONS lcif.org/hunger

Funding Service, Delivering Solutions

Hunger is increasing steadily. LCIF, funding Lions' global humanitarian work since 1968, is there and part of the solution.

HUNGER GRANTS support school feeding programs, food banks, feeding centers, etc. US\$10,000 - US\$100,000	MATCHING GRANTS fund construction and equipment costs US\$10,000 - US\$100,000	DISTRICT AND CLUB COMMUNITY IMPACT GRANTS apply to local district and club projects GRANT AMOUNT VARIES	LEO SERVICE GRANTS fund Leo-led projects US\$1,500 - US\$5,000
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SOURCES/NOTE: *Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; **Iowa Food Banking Association; ***Feeding America; ****World Health Organization; *****WhyHunger; *****UNICEF; *****United Nations



LCIF is the grant-making body empowering Lions to create greater impact in their communities and around the world. The vast majority of funding LCIF receives is from Lions; one hundred percent of every donation supports Lions service through LCIF grants and programs. Hunger is just one cause area supported by LCIF and Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service. With financial support from Lions and clubs worldwide, Campaign 100 is empowering Lions to increase service impact in vision, youth, disaster relief, and humanitarian efforts; fight the global epidemic of diabetes; and make important progress in expanded cause areas of childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment.

SUPPORT YOUR SERVICE BY SUPPORTING YOUR FOUNDATION

lionsclubs.org/donate

First Vice District Governor Irene Haws



Fellow Lions. I don't know which is busier, Fall or Spring.

This Spring really seems to be moving fast. A number of clubs are reviewing scholarship applications and hosting fundraisers while continuing to ask others to join Lions. If you have not reported your service hours please do so and if you need any help let me know or contact the District Administrator, Rick Dodson on page 52 of the Blue Lions Multiple District 2024-2025 Directory.

Thank you for your vote as incoming District Governor starting in July. There are a number of trainings and assignments the I am working on in preparation for the year again. Our district is in good shape at the moment with position member growth. Let's continue to look for those new members that we can add to our clubs, because with more Lions we can do more service.

Now is a good time to measure your club progress on the qualifications for the Club Excellence Award. Learn more on the Lions Website:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/club-excellence-awards>

In March I visited with the Washington Lions and Bennington Lions, attended the District 17N Convention and District 17A Convention. In April I attended the District Convention for District 17K in Liberal Kansas and presented a session on Club Marketing then made a trip to the Leonardville Lions Club. I really enjoy being on the road and visiting the Lions and seeing their communities and learning about what each club does in support of their hometown. Thank you Lions for all you do. You're amazing! If you have an event coming up, please invite me, I'd like to go if I can. irene@idesignGS.com or textme at 785-249-1913.



Topeka Lions adopted Washburn Park. Once a month we clean up trash and pick up fallen limbs at this park. We report our progress monthly to the Shawnee County Parks and Rec. Parks and Rec posted the sign that the park was adopted by the Topeka Lions Club.

Irene Haws



A visit to the Leonardville KS Lions Club. Established in 1971. They are a mighty group. Several members were not in attendance because they were busy with their Spring Burn. All along I 70 towards Manhattan, you could smell the prairie fire burn.

Kansas State School for the Blind, how Lions Can Help

In my last article I wrote about ways that District Clubs might get involved with the KSSB. I want to continue that line of thought.

The KC Blind All-Stars is a non-profit committed to support the Kansas State School for the Blind. Their signature event is the 5K RUN/1 mile WALK. It will be September 20, 2025. The proceeds from this event provides support for the Extended School Year (ESY), STEM activities like Space Camp, the Mobile Accessible Sports Unit, Athletics and requests from teachers.

My club, KC Downtown Lions, have participated over the years. Organize a team from your club and join us for a fun experience (we do the 1 mile Walk). To register your team check the web site kcblindallstars.org

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<https://runsignup.com/kcbas5K>

Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost



The wife and I went out for a Chinese lunch as we had some time alone and needed a change of pace. As always at the end of the meal comes the customary fortune cookie! The wife's said: Doors will be opening for you in many areas of your life. Just a week or so prior, the wife (Lion Terri) asked me if I thought if she could do okay if she ran for an open position on our Lions Band Foundation Board. Out of her box and into District service, now looking forward not back. My cookie said: Be prepared to accept a wonderful opportunity in the days ahead! As we looked at each other not saying anything, my thoughts were going into orbit. My opportunity began earlier this Lions year as 2VDG 17A and now 1VDG 17A.

I would hope this to be a position to help people look beyond their present but more to their future in Lions. What can each and every Lion offer? Opinions, ideas, experiences, how about their understanding, open minds and willingness to change. Think what younger Lions and generations may offer.

We should all support and encourage our future leaders and members as we grow in Lionism. Welcome the change, learning as we grow by listening.

REMEMBER, WE SERVE

Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing.
~Hellen Keller

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Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Great Plain Lions Leadership Institute
(GPLLI)

Where: Baldwin City, Kansas
Date: June 27-29, 2025

GPLLI Location: Baker University, Check-in at the Harter Student Center, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 27, 2025. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received by April 30, 2025. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2025. Registration covers lodging (Friday and Saturday nights), seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired.

Mail completed application and full payment to ID Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123.

Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri)

Go to <https://kansaslions.org/gplli> to download the application and get more information about GPLLI.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at margaret1226@gmail.com or 940-390-7430.

Learn new things and make new friends....
DG Margy Sundstrom

LCIF Challenge

As Multiple District 17 LCIF Coordinator, I'm issuing a challenge to Kansas Lions. One of the State LCIF goals this year is to increase the number of individual Lions making personal recurring LCIF donations. Hopefully, my challenge will help us meet this goal. The challenge for first time recurring donors, not current recurring donors. I made a similar challenge at the Mid-Winter Rally, and we've already presented a MJF to the winner.

The challenge is for Lions to pledge a recurring donation to LCIF for a minimum of 2 years. Preferably, these will be monthly or quarterly donations. For those that make the pledge before or during the State Convention in late May, I will put your names in a drawing. There will be 2 winners drawn at the convention. I will match the winners' total first year donations and will send them to LCIF in your name. For example, if you pledge \$5/month for two years, your total 2-year donation will be \$120 and your first year's total will be \$60. I will match your total of \$60 for the first year with a lump sum \$60 donation. If you pledge \$100/month, your 2-year total would be \$2,400 and your first year total would be \$1,200.

In the latter case, that would qualify you immediately for a Melvin Jones Fellow/Progressive MJF. Based on your desires, I will submit you immediately for a MJF/PMJF and put the balance of \$200 into your credit balance. Your donations in the second year will qualify you for a PMJF. I hope all of you who pledge will let your recurring donations continue past the second year, but that is your choice. I will help you complete and submit the recurring donation pledge.

Please call me or email if you have questions. Again, you can start your recurring donations immediately, but winners for my lump sum donations will not be determined until the State Convention. Thank you for support for our great Foundation.

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DISTRICT 17A NEW MEMBER INCENTIVE

May 1 - May 31

New members can get their \$35 entrance fee **reimbursed!**

Clubs, please send confirmation of your new member(s) to District Treasurer Ron Nichols ASAP at coachronnichols@gmail.com



Make Your Mark!



Join us for the 103rd
Kansas Lions State
Convention at the
DoubleTree by Hilton
in Wichita Kansas

May 30 and 31, 2025

Everywhere we serve, every time we give, we bring kindness and compassion, change and hope. And we make our mark on the lives we touch, the communities we serve and the world we share.

First time participants pay no Registration Fee

Our Global Causes allow us to serve so many!



Fun

Entertaining

Enjoyable

Learning

Convention Hotel Information

DoubleTree by Hilton, 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS Reservations
for rooms call 316-945-5272

Convention Room Rate is \$112.00 plus tax. Mention Lions Rate!

All reservations for rooms must be made by May 7, 2015

FOOD REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15

Email Food Reservations to kansaslionsoffice@gmail.com or call 316-773-2100 or for

Check your email for registration information and links or contact the State Office at 316-773-2100

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation at Kansas State Fair



Lions you are needed! Volunteer at the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) table at the Lions State Convention in late May AND volunteer for the Health Screenings Booth at the Kansas State Fair (KSF) in September. Read on for the details.

To minimize cost KLSF is asking for donations of vinyl gloves in S, M, L, XL, (No one-size-fits-all will work) and money. To make a donation please contact Lion Vern Failor to see what is needed at 785 231 3960 or email vlfailor@gmail.com.

The fair dates are September 5 - - 14, 2025. We will be offering 2 shifts per-day, 9:30 am to 2 pm and 1:30 pm to 6 pm. Lion Jackie O Neal from the Bel Aire Lions Club is the registrar that maintains the Lions volunteer list. Several Lions have already signed up for their favorite spot so contact Jackie and get your spot. She can be contacted at 316 734 2176 or email at glammother@yahoo.com.

Please make an effort to help. Lion Vern can be reached at 785 231 3960 or email him at vlfailor@gmail.com For more information contact either one of us and we can find a place for you and your Lions Club.

We have the nurses and their instructors ready to help us again this year 2025.

To get the Lions and nurses to volunteer, we will be providing a Gate Pass for each day they volunteer. If your Lions Club group comes in one car or van, KLSF will provide a parking pass for that vehicle to park on the fairgrounds. It costs you nothing to volunteer at the fair as Lions only serve 1 shift per day so that leaves ½ day to visit the fair.

Several Lions Club have submitted a list of businesses and their address where they have Glasses Collection Boxes. Lion Vern Failor wants these by the Lions State Convention so he can get them in a standard form to be used as handouts at the State Fair.

As the current IP says "MAKE YOUR MARK ". A Lion can do this one person at a time by volunteering to operate the Health Screening Booth at the Kansas State Fair September 5 -14, 2025.

We hope to see all of you there in September.

Lion Vern Failor
Director District 17-A
Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

FUN at 17K CONVENTION



AROUND THE DISTRICT



The Miami Country Traveling Lions, DG Margy Sundstrom, Lion Michael Sundstrom, the Johnson County Family Lions Club, and Leo Brooklyn Wolfs, folded bags for Harvesters' "Stamp Out Hunger" project. When they were finished they had folded 2000 bags!!



**Eudora Lions
Scouting for Food**



**Egg My Yard
preparations in Eudora
Our bunnies were busy
getting eggs filled for
our 4th annual "Egg
my Yard" fundraiser!
All money raised is
used for an annual
scholarship given to a
Eudora High School
senior!**





The Lions 17A District Convention service project was to collect twin bed sheets, blankets and pillows for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace organization. The 17A District silent auction also raised \$845 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Jim Peek, Chapter President spoke to the convention attendees about building beds for kids in need. He accepted the silent auction check at The Topeka Lions 5th Monday social on 3/31/25.



Lions Eric Tweedy and Carol Shaffer join other community members to learn adult Mental Health First Aid, Being a Lion is about serving those in need and this will be one more tool in the toolbox to be able to properly listen and encourage those in a mental health crisis to seek professional help. For more information on mental health first aid, visit:

**<https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>
Thank you Anchored Collective Inc for hosting this much needed workshop.**

