



# District 17N News

67 Lions clubs serving in south central and south east Kansas | January 2026  
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## Clark's Comments

### Shining bright in service

*“Coming together is the beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.”* ~Henry Ford

First, let me offer up a very warm Happy New Year to you, Lions all.



The past year brought its ups and downs, but there were many moments that reminded me of how important it is to come together, laugh, learn, and support one another.

The year behind us also taught us many lessons about the challenges of membership and club growth, patience, and resilience. Some moments made us proud, others made us stronger, and hopefully wiser.

Now, we stand at the half way point of the Lions year and we have many goals, projects, and service opportunities waiting to be explored to successfully complete our goals.

A central value we share as Lions is selfless service without the expectation of any reward or recognition. True service doesn't seek attention; it seeks change for the better. From fighting hunger, to supporting better vision and hearing, to empowering youth, to helping with natural disasters, to promoting diabetes awareness, to helping those deal with childhood cancer, to protecting the environment, to supporting humanitarian needs; Lions across the world prove that true Lionism shines brightest in our service to others in need with purpose and pride.

When you get right down to it, these causes are the motivation of people to do service in the first place that is important to them and where results matter to those receiving it. Where there is a need, there is a Lion, so let's remain united in our purposes and causes.

Decide to make a difference every day. Every Lion needs to lead by example by stepping forward to serve and inspire others to do the same

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### Save the Date!

**Hunger Week of Service**  
January 4-11, 2026

Resources at  
[www.lionsclubs.org/weeks-of-service](http://www.lionsclubs.org/weeks-of-service)

**Third State Council Meeting**  
January 24 on Zoom

**District 17N Cabinet Meeting**  
January 30 on Zoom

**District 17N Convention**  
with ID Bert Nelson  
February 27-28, 2026  
Goddard

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**104th Kansas Lions State Convention**  
May 29-30, 2026  
Hutchinson

**Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute**  
July 16-19 • Baker University  
Baldwin City, KS

More info at  
[kansaslions.org/gplli-and-fdi](http://kansaslions.org/gplli-and-fdi)

## Kansas Lions District 17N Leaders

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# Clark's comments

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by just asking like-minded people to become Lions and join a club. When we get together, it is what we do to help others in need that unites us.

Together, by upholding our mission for kindness, unity, and service; through supporting one another, we can continue to strengthen our communities and promote worldwide understanding and peace.

The new year is not just about changing the calendar, but about renewing our mindset to grow the Lion Association. It's a chance to dream bigger, work harder, support one another, and become better versions of our Lion selves. Let us move forward with confidence, kindness, and determination. May this coming year bring success to our efforts, peace to our hearts, and happiness and joy into our lives. Together, let's make

this year meaningful, memorable, and fun while we are at it.

I am extremely grateful for my Lion friendships and the outstanding Lion leaders serving on the MD 17N Cabinet. I am looking forward to more great memories as we continue our mission to make kindness count one community, one act, one heart at a time. Through every act of compassion, Lions and their Clubs prove that even the smallest gesture can create hope for people in need that will make a real difference and may last a lifetime.

Let's come together with fresh hopes, renewed dedication to District goals, and with positive energy as we step into this new year. Here's to wishing you a bright, prosperous, and again, Happy New Year!

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." ~John Wesley*

*DG Clark Lindstrom*

## Time for reflection and exploration

As the calendar year winds down and a new year is embraced, people tend to take stock and make resolutions for the upcoming year. Future opportunities and threats to our wellbeing are easily identified. As humans, we tend to focus on our weaknesses and have difficulty identifying our strengths – our value, but both are necessary for an honest reflection. After our lists are prepared, we plan how to overcome the threats and our weaknesses to maximize opportunities utilizing our strengths. This process seems like a personal SWOT analysis.

It's easy for us to apply the principles of SWOT analysis to our personal journeys, but we resist applying the process to our Lions clubs. Why?

The process is HUGE and overwhelming, sometimes paralyzing the club. Club members have many drains on their time and this process appears daunting. Taking an in-depth honest look at our club requires members to take risks. Also needed is an environment of non-judgement – every member's concern needs to be voiced; every idea is considered.

Wisdom suggests that all big tasks need to be broken down into smaller manageable pieces. Could



that principle be applied to this analysis? Clubs could take 15 minutes at a meeting to address one of the elements of SWOT. The acronym is a good guide to approach the process. Start with club strengths and then contrast them with club weaknesses. Next identify opportunities within your community and then the threats to the club.

After completion of the SWOT – **the reflection** – all the inputs are compiled and shared with club members. Next step – **the exploration** – planning to seize opportunities and overcome the threats/weaknesses through the strength of your club.

The plan can be approached in the same manner. Take one opportunity at each meeting and form a plan. This process has the potential to explore new service projects, encourage membership growth, and expand club operational traditions. Enjoy the journey to a stronger vibrant club!

*1st VDG Melanie Snider*



# Growing your club in the new year

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year! I know I had a wonderful spending time with family for Christmas.

In December we finished the year losing 43 members due to drops in membership. Now that we are in 2026 it is time to start working on asking individuals in our communities to become involved in Lions.

Ask individuals anywhere you are in your community. You never know where you may find a potential member, it may



be at the voting polls, a soup supper, doctor's office, post office, or even standing in line paying taxes. Wherever you are there is potential for a new member to your club. Remember, "more hands mean more service" you can do for your community, your district, and your state.

So, my challenge to you, ask those you meet to become a Lion. If you get a yes to be a member, celebrate it! Let us continue by getting more members for our district and our state and have a positive end to our Lion year. Again, Happy New Year!

*2nd VDG Barb Schattak*

## Statewide project benefits veteran organizations

Kansas Lions from all three districts—17-K, 17-A and 17-N—are being asked to support the following Kansas veterans facilities:

- 1) Kansas Soldiers Home in Ft. Dodge
- 2) VA Eastern Ks. Health Care System in Topeka and Leavenworth
- 3) Robert J. Dole Dept. of Veterans Affairs in Wichita.

Each of these groups draws veterans from throughout Kansas.

Basically, Lions will have an opportunity to support the needs of a veterans' home in their own district by purchasing items locally or ordering online with all items delivered to a designated Lion in his/her own district.

Having one Lion collect items will give Lions a better idea of the number of individuals or clubs that participate—no matter whether one item or 100 items are donated. Delivery will be an opportunity to garner publicity for the facilities and Lions.

Lions Kathy and Mike Bell will handle delivery to the Kansas Soldiers Home.

Lion Rick Dodson will deliver to the VA Eastern Ks. Health Care System facilities. He will co-ordinate with Lion Bobby Duvall to deliver in Leavenworth and Topeka.



## We Serve

PID Hans and CC Shari Neihardt will deliver donations to the Robert J. Dole Veterans Hospital in Wichita.

Choose what and how many of the items to send and have them delivered to the address of one of the designated Lions by January 16!! (Martin Luther King Day).

Many small donations can make a big impact! Make a difference!

*Carleen Rajala,  
MD-17 Service Chair  
913-481-7328  
lioncarleen@gmail.com*

**Requests for the Robert J. Dole facility in Wichita are:**

Sweat pants (sizes med to XL)

Briefs or boxers, (sizes 34-40)

White t-shirts (sizes med to XL).

Mail or deliver donations to:

Hans and Shari Neidhardt  
2744 E. Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219  
Please call first—Hans (316) 435-2800;  
hnwizardofoz@gmail.com or  
Shari, (316) 304-3644; 19faith 58@gmail.com.

## District elections set for February convention

The new year is here and it is time to prepare for our annual District elections, to be held during the District Convention on February 28 in Goddard.

We will have the District Governor, First Vice-District Governor and Second-Vice District Governor up for election.

Each of those positions requires you to have served as a Club President and Zone Chair, as well as a Vice District Governor for the Governor position.

You must submit a letter announcing your candidacy as well as a letter of recommendation from your home club to Nominations Chair Doug Gatewood at [doug.gatew@gmail.com](mailto:doug.gatew@gmail.com).

In order to be on the ballot you must have your information turned in by February 21 for ALL offices and foundation positions.

Also on the ballot on Feb. 28:

**Kansas Lions Band Foundation:** two positions 2026-2028 (2 year term). Completing their terms and going off are PCC Harry Stockwell and PDG Stuart Tolle.

**Kansas Lions Foundation:** one Position 2026-2029 (3 year term). Completing her term and going off is PCC Helen LeBlanc.

**\*\*Kansas Lions Foundation One Position\*\*** 2026-2027 (one year). Completion of unexpired term creat-

ed by the resignation of Don Sefers (2024-2027).

**Kansas Lions Sight Foundation:** two positions 2026-2029 (three year term). Completing their terms and going off are PDG Gene Allen and Lion Ginny Caldwell.

**\*\*Kansas Lions Sight Foundation One Position\*\***

2026-2027 (one year). Remainder of unexpired term created by the resignation of Don Sefers (2024-27).

Per bylaws, appointments to open Foundation positions may be made only until annual conventions at which time those positions will be filled by election.

Currently serving in those seats left open by the resignation of Don Sefers are Lion Jon Freund on KLF and Lion Scott Helmke on KLSF.

Please submit a letter announcing your intent to seek any of these foundation positions to [doug.gatew@gmail.com](mailto:doug.gatew@gmail.com) before February 21, 2026. No letter of recommendation is required for a foundation position.

PDG Chris Bauer will be handling credentialing and elections so please remember to go straight to the credentials table when you register so you will be able to vote on Saturday. Delegate forms will be published in the February district newsletter.

*Lion Doug Gatewood  
Nominations Chair*

## Five amendments proposed for District Constitution

Delegates at the District 17N convention will have the opportunity to vote on five amendments to the District 17N Constitution.

Voting will take place during the Convention meeting on Saturday, February 28. Delegate forms will be published in the February district newsletter.

### Amendment 1—Current Wording

“His/her” in 59 locations replace with “Their” and “He/she” in 14 locations replace with “They”

**Rational:** LCI has made this change in the standard district constitution and by-laws.

### Amendment 2—From Current Wording of the 17N's MISSION STATEMENT

TO EMPOWER volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

### Change wording to match LCI's MISSION STATEMENT Wording

TO EMPOWER Lions clubs, volunteers and

partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding.

### Amendment 3—Delete wording in italics

ARTICLE III: Section 8. GLOBAL EXTENSION TEAM COORDINATOR (*if the position is utilized during the district governor's term*).

**Rational:** The GET position was originally optional.

### Amendment 4—LCI's wording update on this position adds wording in italics

ARTICLE III: Section 11. LEO/ LEO-LION CABINET LIAISON (OPTIONAL). The district governor, in consultation with the district Leo chair, may choose to appoint a Leo or a Leo-Lion to serve a one-year term in an official non-voting capacity.

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## Constitutional amendments

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The Leo/Leo-Lion cabinet liaison shall represent the interests and perspectives of Leos and Leo-Lions and facilitate communication and connection between Leos and Lions. In areas with a Leo district, the role shall be filled by a Leo-Lion or Leo, who is a current or past Leo district president, vice-president, secretary, or treasurer *unless otherwise approved by the Membership Development Committee*. In areas where no Leo district has been formed, the role shall be filled by a Leo or a Leo-Lion who is a current or former Leo club president *unless otherwise approved by the Membership Development Committee*.

### Amendment 5—Current wording

ARTICLE IV: Section 2. DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM. Chaired by the district governor and includes the GMT district coordinator, GST district coordinator and GLT district coordinator.

### LCI adds the district global extension coordinator

ARTICLE IV: Section 2. DISTRICT GLOBAL ACTION TEAM. Chaired by the district governor and includes the district global membership coordinator, district global service coordinator, district global leadership coordinator and district global extension coordinator and is supported by the district marketing chairperson.

**Rationale:** This role was officially added to the standard district organizational chart around June 2022 and became a mandatory requirement for the 2025-2026 Lions year.

## Welcome to the Pride

New members in December



### New Member

### Sponsor

#### Altamont

Kris Graves  
Dyllon Stafford

Jeff Bohnenblust  
Jeff Bohnenblust

#### Clearwater

Terry Sullivan

Robert Smith

#### Scranton

Emily Alvarez

Gerald Fischer

## Lions International has gone paperless

Club dues statements will no longer be mailed. Club secretaries and treasurers will need to log into the Lion Portal and navigate to My Club - Club Statements to check the club's balance and make payments.

Reviewing and paying your club's balance regularly helps keep your club in good standing.

For questions regarding your club's statement, please contact Membership Billing at [membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org](mailto:membershipbilling@lionsclubs.org).

Club presidents and secretaries, it is important to review your club's roster at least monthly. By reviewing the club's roster, you are ensuring that it is up-to-date, and your club avoids being billed for inactive members. Log into the Lion Portal reporting system to update.

## The December membership blues

Looking at the December 26 My Lion Global Dashboard for Lions Membership for District 17N, there was a considerable, sharp drop in membership.

The highest figure for this year was in May where the total number was 1,388 members. On December 26, the membership totaled 1,310. Eighty-seven members have been dropped during 2025 Lions year with 44 new members added. This has resulted in a -43 or a -3.28% net growth so far this Lions year. The District had been holding its own until November where there was a slight downward trend of 1,351.

Probably the most glaring problem is that clubs might be dropping non-paying members before the December 31 deadline. They may have been carrying to where they cannot afford before they are charged. Also, the District

lost clubs that carried at least ten members on their rolls. The other factors have members moving from that community, death, possible dissatisfaction, and again non-payment of dues.

If the will is there, this can be built back to an upward swing. Clubs and their members will need to recruit new members and find ways to retain the members they have. The Global Extension Team for the District will need help from members and their clubs to find and form potential new clubs. Remember, the more that is lost in membership, the quality of the service provided by Lions will suffer.

*PDG Richard Caldwell  
District 17N Global Membership Team Chair*



# Around the District

Submit your club activities to [newsletter17n@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17n@cox.net)

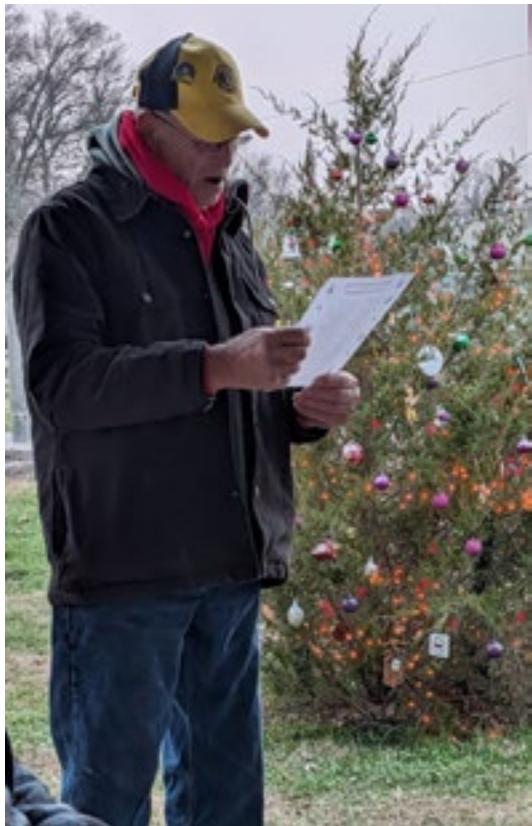
Deadline is always the 25th of the month



**Valley Center Lions helped with the community's "From the Ground Up" Christmas project. Lions assembled "Meal in a Bag" for the Hornets Holiday distribution and worked in the Hornet's Hanger clothes closet.**



**Derby Lions celebrated the club's 16th anniversary at the Derby Historical Society's Christmas Tree Gala.**



**Westphalia Lions' Memory Tree provides a unique way community members can remember a loved one during the holidays and support for the Lions Club.**

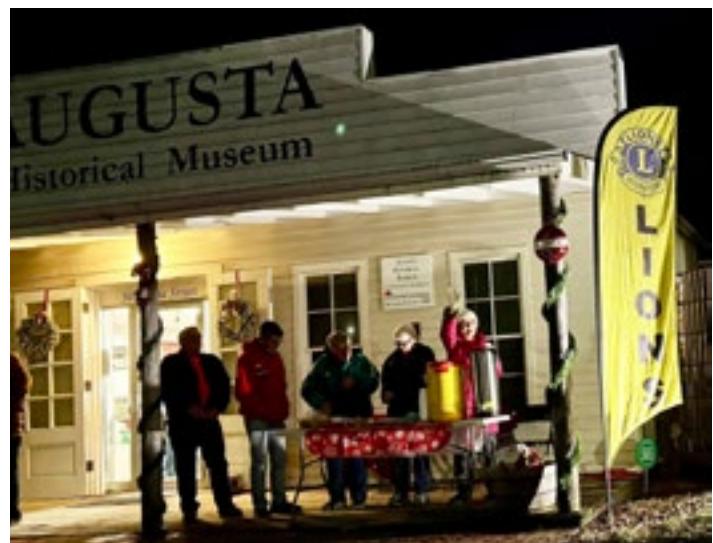


**Emporia Lions Treasurer Cole Cassity was surprised with a made-up Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque—and the funds ready to order the real thing—during the club's Christmas party.**

**Humboldt Lions Club President Chris Bauer, right, honored Lion Bob Krone by presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship during the club's annual Christmas dinner. Lion Bob has been a member of the club for 32 years. He was recognized for his exceptional dedication and outstanding service to the community with the highest recognition from Lions Clubs International Foundation.**



**Wellington Lions** had a busy December, organizing Operation Holiday (left) to bring Christmas cheer to families in need in their community and serving up a fried taco dinner fundraiser (right) at a Wellington High School basketball game.



**Augusta Lions** served cookies and cocoa for Santa's visit to Augusta Historical Museum.



**Goddard Lions** assembled and delivered more than 100 fruit baskets for elders and others in their community.

**Baxter Springs Lions** (from left) Marla Larison, Josh Ames and daughter Charleigh Ames and Melanie Snider presented Peace Poster recognition at two Baxter Springs schools.

# Band Camp registration opens this month

We are so very excited to share information regarding this year's Kansas Lions Band Camp, May 26 through 30, hosted at Hutchinson Community College.

Professor Eric Stambaugh and his musical staff are elated to share in a musically rewarding camp for each and all.

Registration for this year's camp opens January 15. Find more information and registration forms at [kansaslions.org/kansas-lions-band](http://kansaslions.org/kansas-lions-band).

During the week, the students will participate in sectionals, chamber ensembles, and a very well-staffed concert band! This camp showcases the efforts of musicians from across the state.

There is a place for everyone at our camp and we focus on cultivating a positive environment where students will cultivate meaningful friendships through music. Every student will audition for concert chair placement, and those



seeking participation in the jazz band will audition separately for an invitation into the ensemble.

Families, community members, and Lions are encouraged to attend two performances. Friday evening will feature performances by each section, followed by the famed Kansas Lions Jazz Band. Saturday morning's performance will feature the entire Kansas Lions Band Camp in a concert setting. In previous years, this performance has exceeded more than 185 student musicians. This will no doubt be a performance to remember!

The Kansas Lions Band Camp is the most cost effective camp across our state! The \$300 fee covers the entire camp experience. In recent years, 92% of the students that participated were sponsored financially by Kansas Lions Clubs or Lions members.

Every student that applies within the application window (January 15 - March 15) is accepted, regardless of their years of experience or playing ability. (Late applications will be considered based on availability of facilities.)

*Galen Whisman*

*Kansas Lions Band Committee Chair*

*Shawnee Mission North - Band Director*

*gwhismanklb@gmail.com ; (785) 737-3183*

## Lions Health Program

# Hunger focus of Week of Service

January 2026 is Hunger Month as proclaimed by Lions Clubs International and January 4-11, 2026 is a special push by the International President AP Singh to fight World Hunger.

IP Singh is asking each club to provide a meal for a group in your community or some kind of a project that promotes community hunger relief.

There are many ways to do this and it is a requirement to receive the Club Excellence Award this year. Look at the LCI web site for information to help with a project.

Please look in your community and find a project that you think will work, plan it, take pictures of it, write a story about it and submit it to LCI through the Projects in the Lions Portal.

To me Lions Clubs go about their community service and do not promote the project well enough. So let's get the community involved and see what you can do for relieving World Hunger in your community. If you need help please contact Lion Vern.

*Lion Vern Failor  
vlfailor@gmail.com*




**Come to the Swather Power Club and  
74th Annual Hesston Lions Club  
Community Pancake Feed!**  
Meal includes pancakes, sausage, eggs, and beverage

**When: Saturday, January 17, 2026  
Serving Time: 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Where: Hesston High School Commons  
Address: 200 North Ridge Road, Hesston, KS**

**Cost: Free Will Donation\* for all you can eat pancakes**

**\*All proceeds split equally to benefit the Swather Power Club and the Hesston Lions Club's various community service projects.**



# Taking Oz by Storm



District 17N Annual Convention

February 27-28, 2026

at The Goddard Church, 300 N. Cedar St, Goddard

## Convention Registration

Help us celebrate a great year of Lions service and welcome International Director Bert Nelson and Lion Pamela to Kansas.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional attendees:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Convention Registration Fee \$5 \_\_\_\_\_ # attending \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night social no charge \_\_\_\_\_ # attending

Saturday lunch \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ #attending \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Smoked meat (brisket and chicken), smoked mac and cheese, green beans, corn, garden salad and dressings; homemade bread; dessert.

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail registration form and payment to:**

**Lion Kathleen Burden**

**4297 E Hwy 268 | Vassar KS 66453**

**Registration deadline is February 15, 2026**

## Hotel information

**There are two hotels in Goddard**

**Hampton Inn, 455 N Crowne Dr.; 316-453-0444**

*Note: Waterpark admission is not included in room rates*

**Rodeway Inn, 19941 W Kellogg Dr.; 316-794-3366**

**Many lodging options around Eisenhower Airport  
are less than a 15 minute drive from Goddard**



# Taking Oz by Storm

District 17N Annual Convention  
February 27-28, 2026



## Convention Program Advertising Order

Help us celebrate a great year of Lions service and welcome International Director Bert Nelson and Lion Pamela to Kansas with an ad in our Convention Program. The 2026 District 17N Convention Book will be printed as an 8 1/2" x 5 1/2" format booklet and included in each of the convention packets.

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Ad size and cost (please indicate your choice):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Full page (4.5 wide x 7.5 tall): \$50**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Half page: (4.5 wide x 3.7 tall): \$35**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quarter page: (2.75 wide x 3.75 tall): \$25**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Signature on a Welcome page: \$10**

**We can create your ad for you! Please tell us what you want your ad to say:**

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**Please make my signature (eg: Lion Becky Funke):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send specific logos or artwork in jpg format to [newsletter17n@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17n@cox.net)**

*Note: I have Lions Club logos*

**Have something ready to print? Send it to [newsletter17n@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17n@cox.net)**

**Deadline for ads is February 1, 2026**

**Mail payment and ad form to:**

**Lion Becky Funke**

**9 Argon Dr | Goddard, Ks 67052**

**Questions? Call Lion Becky at 316-650-5824  
or email [newsletter17N@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17N@cox.net)**

# Environmental Photo Contest deadline Feb 1

Keep your eyes peeled and your camera or phone handy, the MD-17 Environmental Photo Contest returns for 2025-2026.

Contest rules are on the entry form below. Deadline for

entries for each district contest is February 1, 2026. The first round of judging will be at the District level. District winners will advance to the statewide competition, with winners announced at the state convention in Hutchinson.



## MD-17 KANSAS LION OR LEO 2025-2026 ENVIRONMENTAL PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

LION/LEO NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE SPECIFY PHOTO CATEGORY:

ANIMAL LIFE       PLANT LIFE       WEATHER PHENOMENON

URBAN OR NATURAL LANDSCAPE (No people can be shown in picture)

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE PROJECT (People/Lions/Leos can be in photo)

1. All photos must be taken in Kansas and be your original work, i.e. taken by you.
2. Please submit this form with each category entry.
3. All submitted contest photos become the property of Kansas Lions.
4. MD 17 Kansas Lions reserve the right to disqualify entries that do not meet the contest criteria or that may be considered inappropriate.

### DEADLINES FOR CONTEST

1. Submit/email the digital photos and entry form to your respective district environmental chairperson before **February 1, 2026**. District K: Louise Greenberg, [gberg@ruraltel.net](mailto:gberg@ruraltel.net), District A: PDG Terry Weldon, [terryweldon@gmail.com](mailto:terryweldon@gmail.com), or District N: Kathy Pratt, [kpratt558@gmail.com](mailto:kpratt558@gmail.com)
2. Each district will select their contest winners in each category and then submit them to the MD 17 Environmental co-chairs by **April 20, 2026**.
3. MD 17 Lions will vote to select the final winners during a period of April 25 through May 15 by either paper ballot or by electronic means. Paper ballots will be sent out by email from the State Office.
4. To increase participation, a Lion may only win in one category.
5. Don't forget to enter photos of Lions doing service in the community.
6. Winners will be recognized and awarded at the MD 17 State Convention May, 2026. By submitting photos, the photographer gives the Kansas Lion MD 17 permission to use the photos in any publications, social media, websites, displays and other places without payment or other consideration. Additionally, by submitting a photo that includes human subjects, the photographer is indicating that they have obtained full permission from those subjects for the photograph to be used in department medium as well.
7. We ask that all photo submissions are **not digitally manipulated or enhanced**. Photos that have been altered will be disqualified. Photos that have been edited using Instagram filters will not be accepted. Normal cropping, color correction, etc. are acceptable. **Please remove watermarks/trademarks before entering.**

# 2025-26 District 17-N Environmental Project

*and Random Prize Drawing at the  
District Convention February, 28, 2026*

It's time for each and every Lions Club in the District to be thinking of, planning, and participating in one new, never-done-before environmental service project for 2025-26. This year there is an emphasis on "new." We look forward to having many, if not all, of the District 17 N Clubs participate this coming year.

The purpose is to increase the impact and relevance of Lions Clubs' service in the District, raise awareness of Club environmental activities, and potentially attract environmentally like-minded new members. This will also hopefully increase the number of Lion and Leo members reporting community service from 40% to at least 50% or much more.

District Club members and their leadership are being challenged to create a new, exciting, and "fun" environmental community service project/ event/ fundraiser/ project/activity that has not been done before by the Club based upon your community needs.

After doing so, you are to promptly provide the needed details and information below. Then mail this entry form postmarked before February 1, 2026, to the District GST (Global Service Team) Lion Kathy Pratt, P.O. Box 131, Towanda, KS 67144.

Also, please enclose a printed picture of the club Lions participating in the new environmental project. All entries will be displayed at the District 17-N Convention in Goddard for Lions to view.

There will be a random drawing of all entries for the artful desk-sized Lion statue pictured. Submissions may also be displayed at the MD-17 2026 State Convention on May 29 & 30 to hopefully learn from each other and share ideas.

Contact us if you have any further questions; Lion Kathy Pratt at 316.932.2659 or DG Clark at 316.258.2781.

By the way, Lions International has just announced a special service week for clubs worldwide to address the critical cause of helping the environment to coincide with Earth Day from April 18-26 in 2026.

The theme is "Protecting Tomorrow, Today!" By participating, Clubs and members will become part of creating positive change and making a difference in communities around the globe together. So get involved, plan another Club environmental service project, and help drive collective action for a better future April 18-26!



## **Please complete the following and send with your entry:**

**Club Name and City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Concise Description of Environmental Project with Date Service Project Was Entered in the Portal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Lion Submitter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone # & Email of Submitter:** \_\_\_\_\_