



# THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

## District Governor Margy Sundstrom



*December 5th is International Leo Day.*

*Our district has a great example of what a Leo Club should/could be.*

*Below is the story of Blue Valley West Leo Club from Lion Cheryl Kerns:*

The Blue Valley West Leo Club was chartered in late 2001. This Leo Club is a school-based club and currently has 85 members.

Starting in the 2002-2003 school year, this club earned the Leo Club Excellence Award twenty-one years in a row! This award is given to less than 1% of the leo clubs. It is based on the number of projects and fundraisers.

Each month, this club creates a calendar of projects...some months have about 15 different opportunities. Members then select from the projects on the calendar and do their service projects around their other school commitments.

If throughout the school year, a member completes more than 80 hours of Leo service and has included projects that support their school, their community, the state, the nation, and the world, they earn a varsity letter in service!

Members of the Blue Valley West Leo Club have attended the Mid-Winter Rally, district and state Lions conventions, several Lions Club International Conventions, a few USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forums, and even a couple USA/Canada Leo Leadership Forums. Many stay active in service beyond high school and a few have become Lions as well.

**Mid-Winter Rally Jan 19-21 in Junction City. Register at [kansaslions.org/mid-winter-rally](https://kansaslions.org/mid-winter-rally)**

# First Vice District Governor

## Irene Haws



Greetings Lions,

Wow, I am so excited that our district is growing in positive membership numbers! Thank you for giving others the opportunity to make a difference in your community and inviting them to become Lions.

### Visits this month include:

**11/4: Randolph Lions** They had a Soup Supper coming up soon after the Veteran's Day celebration where they put up flags, and continue to sell nuts as a fundraiser.

**11/11: Clyde Lions.** They are challenged with a community population where 51% are at or under the poverty level. They volunteer at high school sporting games, hold blood drives, do highway clean up, and park cars for the Buddy Walk that brings over 1000 people to their community. There may be grants that can help with a food pantry or other service project to help serve the community members in need. I plan to reach back out to them with ideas and suggestions on marketing their club to their community. I hope to see some of their members at the Mid-Winter Rally. They are next door to Clifton, KS who used to have a Lions Club.

**11/16: Assaria Club** who are now meeting at 8:00 am instead of 7:00 am. They are planning to do Gift Boxes again for Christmas. They support a number of activities and scholarships in the community. And they have an ongoing fundraiser that one month out of the year a sorority helps them, and in return for receiving profits that month for their service projects.

**11/25:** I was delighted to join the **Miltonvale Lions** for their Thanksgiving Dinner. I learned about their very large community park and the Tootleville Playground their club constructed that now, many years later, needs to be re-built with more permanent material. Their community has a Turtle Race that's been going for 50 years. Near the restaurant where they meet, I visited a soon to come children's story time and community space that one of the Lions has been refurbishing. Dawn Phelps was especially excited about the Baldwin Piano that is now in the space. They presented me with a commemorative pin from when their club turned 75 years old. It was so wonderful to meet these Lions. I can't wait to come back to visit again in the near future.

**11/30:** I plan to attend the **Minneapolis Evening Club** Chili Supper.

As I speak to Lions Clubs around the district, I reference the Summer 2024 Printed Lions Magazine and page 12 which features a tear-out invitation. As a Lion, one of the greatest gifts you can give is an invitation. Being a Lion is fun. It's rewarding. It's life-changing. And it's an experience meant to be shared. When you invite someone to join your club, you're offering something special. You're giving them a chance to see what it's like to do good – and just how good it feels to be a Lion. To get this invitation template visit:

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/brand-guidelines> To download this Microsoft Word Template located in Brand Advance Kit, click on the green button that says: Small Print (US). I also created a cheat sheet. If you want my cheat sheet just email [irene@idesigns.com](mailto:irene@idesigns.com).

Yours in service,

*Irene Haws*

# Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost

## Season of Giving



The "Season of Giving" refers to the last two months of the year, when charitable giving is at its peak. Approximately 30% of annual giving happens in December for nonprofit organization, and 10% happens in the last three days of the year.

Often when people don't give, they say something like 'how could my \$5.00 possibly help this enormous problem facing the world?' So, the feeling of its just a drop in the bucket can prompt people not to give.

What can we as Lions Clubs, large or small, do to help? We give all year long, even small amounts multiply and do make a difference. Work as a team – find gratitude during the season, a donation of a small amount food, cash, gift cards or a helping hand, even cards of encouragement. Let's all bring a smile to someone this season.

REMEMBER, WE SERVE.

*Our prime purpose in life is to help others.  
And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them.  
~Dalai Lama*

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## LIONS USA VISION SCREENING

We are looking forward to starting off the year 2025 with a big LionsUSA splash!

Our goal is to make a huge nation-wide impact by performing Lions vision screenings in as many of our communities as possible during the week of January 12-19, 2025 as we celebrate the birthday of our founder Melvin Jones.

Imagine the difference that can be made for the visual needs of our preschool and school age students!

Imagine the public awareness of Lions in our communities when we do this collectively all across our nation!

Want to be part of the splash?

Contact Lion Terry Wedlin  
[terryweldin@gmail.com](mailto:terryweldin@gmail.com) for the project video and information on how to [Register](#) for the informational Q&A Zoom on Dec. 4, 2024 @ 7:00 PM CST

## Lions Health Program Team

Has your Lions Club "Made it's Mark" yet? If not your community needs you in December as almost every community has a program to help families in need at Christmas.

Now is a great time for helping others in ways that are different from the LCI's focus programs. Just look at your community and you will find a family that will not ask for help, but they need help. Quietly provide for them, your reward will be great.

In this holiday season we hope you all have a good and prosperous season. Remember WE SERVE and there is a Reason for the Season.



## From GST Diane Hentges

Wishing Lions of District 17A a meaningful Christmas. I know your clubs are serving your local communities to ensure that Christmas time is a joyful time. You have your plans to jump into the New Year celebrating the birthday of Melvin Jones and continuing his legacy of SERVICE.

February is Childhood Cancer Month. Does your club provide transportation or gas cards for travel to families with a child in need of cancer treatments? Some clubs provide meals for these families or gift cards for groceries. Other clubs make activity kits, blankets, or hats for children during their hospitalization. Share what your club does.

March is the month dedicated to Women. What does your club do to promote Women in Lions? A recruitment drive, an opportunity to promote women as members, team up with another club and provide leadership training for female Lions...what activities does your club do to recruit female members and then to develop women in leadership? March 8th is International Womens Day.

If you are having problems reporting your service, please let me know. PCC Diane Hentges...dkhentges0503@gmail.com or 913-708-5323.

### Upcoming Events

District Cabinet Meeting Jan. 25 at  
the First Christian Church, Topeka

Mid-Winter Rally Jan 19-21 in  
Junction City

17A District Convention,  
March 7 & 8 in Topeka



# PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT



**Effingham Lions at the Library**



**Leawood Lions Pancake Feed**



**Solomon and Chapman Lions**



**Woodbine Lions**



**Linwood Lions donate dictionaries to 3rd graders**



**Navarre Lions Club**



**Randolph Lions Club**



# PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Assaria Lions**



**Recycle for Sight**



**Tonganoxie Lions**

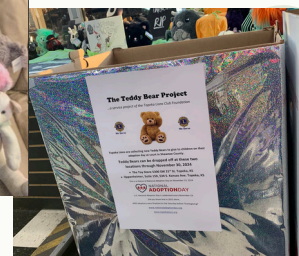
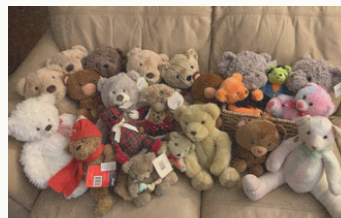


**Solomon Lions**



**Lawrence Noon Lions Peace Posters**

**Topeka Lions Teddy Bear Collection**



**Easton Lions Auction Fundraiser**



**Christmas Fair**



**Thanksgiving in Miltonvale**

