



# THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

## District Governor Margy Sundstrom

DISTRICT 17-A CONVENTION  
March 07-08, 2025

See ya' at the District Convention..... What a busy and exciting time we will be having at our District's convention on March 7-8, 2025. The complete registration is included in this newsletter.

- ID Chris Carlone and Lion Kathy will be visiting us from New Orleans, hence the Mardi Gras decorations.
- Three prizes to clubs entering the environmental contest. See the details for competing in this newsletter also.
- A great program from "Sleeping in Heavenly Peace" and donations of **new** twin bed linens will be collected from you or your club.
- A silent auction will be held. The theme is "Anything BUT a basket!" The details for this are in the registration packet.
- Elections will be held. If you have not sent your intent to run notification to Lion Leroy Johnson for 2nd VDG or any of the Foundations, do so quickly. Get registered and come celebrate 2024-2025 Lions year!



convention information and  
registration:  
<https://kslionsdistrict17a.org/>

Who is ready for a great time? Join Lions from around Kansas as we welcome ID Chris Carlone and Lion Kathy from Louisiana to the District 17A Convention! This convention will be a great time to connect with your friends and meet new Lions.

The fun starts with a **Friday FUN night**. We will have a meal, eating at 6:00pm and entertainment beginning at 7:15pm. Saturday will be filled with elections, speakers, and plenty of time to visit.

### District Convention Agenda Saturday March 08, 2025

- 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM Registration and Delegate check-in  
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM PDG Breakfast & Meeting
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM District Convention welcome  
Nominations for candidates  
Voting for Elections
- 9:00 AM Silent Auction bidding starts  
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Announcement of winners/District Meeting accepting election results
- 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM International Director, Chris Carlone**
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM Lunch Banquet and Program
- 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM Celebration of Life  
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM "Sleep in Heavenly Peace"  
Helping children sleep better
- 3:00 PM Silent Auction Closes  
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM PDG Pound Auction
- 4:15 PM – 4:45 PM Raffle drawing & closing remarks



Lodging is available at **Hilton Garden Inn Topeka**  
1351 SW Arvonian Pl Topeka, Kansas 66615 USA  
call

the Hilton Garden Inn directly at 785-350-2069 and  
ask for the District 17-A Convention Rate (\$110.00, no  
breakfast included)

## First Vice District Governor Irene Haws



Snow, Snow what can you do? So many club visits in December and January are now rescheduled and I look forward to seeing many more clubs in the coming weeks and months. The following clubs I plan to visit include: **Bennington** Mar. 3, **Marysville and Waterville** Feb. 3, **Leonardville** Feb. 17, **Delphos** Feb. 24, **Barnes** Feb. 20, **Gypsum** Feb. 8, and **Washington** Mar. 4. If these dates don't work for your club please call me asap! 785-249-1913 or email [irene@idesignGS.com](mailto:irene@idesignGS.com).

I was pleased to present a program at the Mid-Winter Rally on Marketing Your Club to Your Community. A recording along with the slides will be saved and available at a future date; Many of the resources I used for this session are available here: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-marketing>. Lion Eric Tweedy gave a program on Social Media for Social Good. If you need help getting a Facebook Page started reach out to Eric Tweedy, [erictweedy@icloud.com](mailto:erictweedy@icloud.com).

**Social Challenge:** District 17A Global Membership Team Coordinator has offered to reimburse the first four clubs for up to \$75 per club, that has a social activity in their community and invites the entire community to come learn about lions. For details reach out to Eric Strimple, [estrimp81@msn.com](mailto:estrimp81@msn.com).

I am looking forward to Spring and the final stretch of the Lions Year. Many plans are underway at clubs for Fundraisers, Easter Events, Scholarship Presentations and Pancake Feeds (Many I have seen promoted on Facebook). I know you are busy, however, please take a moment and register for **District 17A Convention** on March 7 & 8. Don't forget to buy your ticket for chance to win a 4 day/3-night vacation in Branson, Mo which includes \$200 Cash for travel or entertainment. Tickets are available from the Governor's Team: DG Margy, FVDG Irene or SVDG Roger. Or purchase virtual tickets online at [kslionsdistrict17a.org](http://kslionsdistrict17a.org) (scroll down toward the bottom of the home page). The winner will be drawn at the District Convention, and you do not need to be present to win. Proceeds help offset the district convention expenses. Anyone, anywhere can win if they buy a ticket.

If you have never been to a district convention since becoming a Lion, I challenge you to come for the day on Saturday, March 8th and say hello to the International Director, Chris Carlone from New Orleans, LA. Please help welcome him to Kansas and enjoy fellowship with all the other Lions in our District. District Elections will be held on Saturday March 8th too, so send your club's voting delegates and enjoy the day!

*Irene Haws*

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**2024-2025  
District  
Leadership**

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**2nd Vice District Governor Roger Yost**

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## Service Activity Reporting

**SERVICE ACTIVITY REPORTING at 38%**  
We can do much better. When we fail to report we, in reality, fail to promote the good works we do.

It is known that some of us shy away from technology. That's understandable. So, there is help for clubs to report the wonderful services the clubs of District 17A do for their communities. There is the SARs Card, a small business card size form. Information needed is the name of the club, person reporting with contact information; this goes on one side. On the other side the information is simple...what, where, when, hours of service, number of volunteers, and number of people served. Simple!

Ok, what do you do with the card? Again simple, mail it to the District secretary or district administrator to enter into the LCI system. 38% reporting can hopefully now be 83% reporting by the end of June.

A copy of the card is in this newsletter. Feel free to contact me for cards. My email is [dkhentges0503@gmail.com](mailto:dkhentges0503@gmail.com) and my phone number is 913-708-5323.

**PCC Diane Hentges, District 17A GST**

Once the card is filled out, clubs can mail it to the district secretary or district administrator to be entered into the system.

The card aims to remove the electronic barrier we see with some clubs. Also, these are great for the ZC/DG Team to have with them on visits. If a project is mentioned but not entered, the ZC/DG Team can fill one out with the club and get it to the district secretary as well.

Report on Behalf of = Club Name  
Reporter = Who is filling the card out  
Contact Info = Reporters Contact Info.

What? = What was the project  
Where? = Where did the project take place  
When? = What date did the project take place  
Hours Served? = Total hours served  
# Volunteers = How many helpers  
# People Served = How many benefitted

## Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost



Ho-Hum!

What do you do while you are snowed in? Sitting at Home? Activities canceled and roads are closed.

1. Drive the spouse crazy!
2. Try to stay busy with odd jobs – also known as chores or honey-do's.
3. Naps (could be several)
4. A good book.
5. Get Educated.

Let's just say I didn't do these in order, number 1 was guaranteed, number 3 as well. I finally quit putting off the Lions Learn pages. I had already completed my required courses, so I looked into the Lions University Bachelor's-Master's program. 15 units each didn't sound too bad. The first 10 units in each degree are required and the last 5 you can choose from a list. So, in 4 days, maybe a little longer, I completed the course work for both degrees.

Lion Terri and I have already registered for the **USA/Canada Leadership Forum 2025 in Atlantic City, New Jersey**. Attending a USA/Canada Forum is required to receive your Masters Degree. Courses are not required. The information given would be a good refresher for older Lions. New Lions can get acquainted with many other areas as they progress with their endeavor to serve.

A new year has snuck up and I will be starting the remainder of my Club visits, God willing and Mother Nature decides to allow it. Let's keep the last half of this Lions year headed in the right direction.

REMEMBER, WE SERVE.

*When you talk, you are repeating what you already know.*

*But if you listen, you may learn something new.*

*~Dalai Lama*

**Service Activity Reporting Card**  
for copies contact District 17A GST  
PCC Diane Hentges 913-708-5323

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[Yostfarms@hotmail.com](mailto:Yostfarms@hotmail.com)

620-397-3108 (leave msg I will return the call)



## WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB SERVICE PROJECT



**BEFORE**

**AFTER**



Several years ago, the Washington Lions Club decided the club wanted to be involved in a city park improvement. The club decided to inquire about replacing the east shelter house in the south end of the city park.

The original shelter houses included a kitchen area. The city wanted to eliminate the old kitchens that were obsolete and look in to other improvements. The new shelter house includes a serving counter with three electrical outlets and LED lighting. Wiring was completed by Corey Tegethoff.

Washington Lions Club recently completed a project in the south city park of tearing down and building a new shelter house this fall. In August, the east old shelter house was torn down by City of Washington employees, and the new shelter was built by Wolfgang Construction of Manhattan/Wamego identical to the north shelter houses. Kyle Wolfgang is a former resident of Washington.

This has been an on-going project for Washington Lions for the past three years. Fundraising started with a family who wanted to contribute towards the project for the community. Other fundraising activities has included softball tournaments and raffles. In May, 2023, the Washington County Community Foundation awarded a grant of \$ 1,000 for the shelter house project from the Washington County Opportunity Fund. Washington Lions would like to extend their gratitude towards the local foundation, individuals and businesses, those who attended softball tournaments and purchased raffle tickets, and the City of Washington for their support for this project.

A cedar sign designating the Washington Lions Club as the donor was created by TimberStruck Woodworks. Future plans may include improvements to the park benches and tables in the shelter.

Thanks to the City of Washington, the Washington County Community Foundation, and donors who made this project happen.

Pancake  
Breakfast



*L Silent Auction*

*Saturday March 15, 2025*

*7:00 am - 11:00 am*

**\$6.00**

*First Christian Church*

*1880 SW Gage, Topeka, Ks.*

*Pancakes & Sausage + a Drink or*

*Biscuits & Gravy + a Drink*



*Proceeds used for various Eye Care  
and  
Vision related projects*

*Sponsored by the  
Sunflower Lions Club of Topeka*

### District A Diabetes Camp

District A has a scholarship program to send youth to a Diabetes camp. The District is in need of funds to award these scholarships. Please consider donating any amount to this fund. Club and personal donations accepted.

1. Write a check to the District and on the memo write Diabetes Camp.
2. Send the check to your Health Program Chair Lion Vern Failor, he will record the amount and send the check to the District Treasurer.

Save postage bring your check to 17A District Convention and give it to

Lion Vern Failor

Thanks for donating

# Welcome New Members July 1 to December 31, 2024

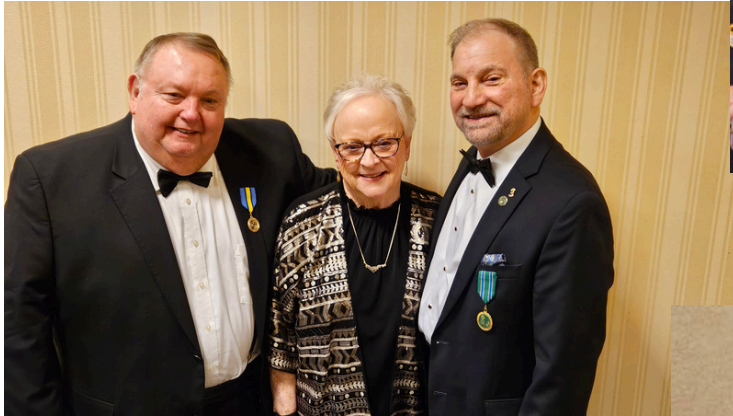
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BRIAN C GATES	BELLEVILLE	MIKEL HADACHEK
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CADENCE BILBREY	CONCORDIA	SAMANTHA PRESLER
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ALLISON ACKER	HOPE	TOM LORSON
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KEVIN J HISKETT	HOPE	DALE DAVIDSON
GENE KIRBY	LANSING	JANETTE HOLDEMAN
ANGELICA HALLS	LEAWOOD	JAYSEN VAN SICKLE
REBECCA A NELSON	LEAWOOD	KRISTA COX
MARY E WILCOX	LEAWOOD	JAYSEN VAN SICKLE
AMY HAGEMAN	MANHATTAN	DUAINE SHERWOOD
WILL HAGEMAN	MANHATTAN	DUAINE SHERWOOD
JULIAN BALART	MIAMI COUNTY TRAVELING	WENDY NIN
DIANE ROBERTS	MIAMI COUNTY TRAVELING	CHERYL KERNS
JIM ROBERTS	MIAMI COUNTY TRAVELING	CHERYL KERNS
CURTIS STEVENS	MINNEAPOLIS	SCOTT AUSERMAN
DYLAN BRETTON	MINNEAPOLIS EVENING	ETHAN KEATING
NOAH HELGET	MINNEAPOLIS EVENING	RICK JOHNSON
JANE SMALL	MINNEAPOLIS EVENING	ROBERT THOMPSON
PAUL SMALL	MINNEAPOLIS EVENING	JANE SMALL
SHANNON SPENCE	OVERLAND PARK HOST	HOLLY WORTHEN
HOLLY N. WORTHEN	OVERLAND PARK HOST	NEAL NICHOLS
CLARENCE RICK FORTHMAN	ROBINSON	JUDI BRUNING
BILL BROWN	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
JEROME BROWNLEE	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
LESLIE GALLAGHER	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
STACY NIEHUES	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
LOUISE WALL	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
ROB WILSON	SABETHA	TERRY WELDIN
CHRISTAL HANSON	SILVER LAKE	DI ANNA LITTLE
CURT GRAVES	TESCOTT	ROBERT MILLER
JAMES PETERSON	TESCOTT	THOMAS WEATHERD
RITA PETERSON	TESCOTT	THOMAS WEATHERD
COURTENAY VAN DOREN	TESCOTT	JEREMIAH VAN DOREN
EDNA DUNLAP	TONGANOXIE	CATHERINE NICHOLS
LINDA K SLOAN	TOPEKA	IRENE HAWS
ELAINE SHEA	TOPEKA	IRENE HAWS
THOMAS ROTH	TOPEKA SUNFLOWER	KATHY DAWSON
AMY SARAGUSA	UNIV. OF KANSAS EYE CENTER	SHANNON BAKER
JOAN BRABEC	WASHINGTON	ANNETTE HAWK
MELINDA CHRISTIE	WATERVILLE	ROD CHRISTIE
ISACC L. MEDINA	WATERVILLE	SHARON TEAGARDEN-KING
MARY T. MEDINA	WATERVILLE	DONALD KING
TRYSTA R. MEDINA	WATERVILLE	SHARON TEAGARDEN-KING



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



# Mid-Winter Rally



Past Council Chair Beverly Nichols posthumously received the Ambassador of Good Will Award at the Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City on January 18, 2025. The award was accepted by her husband Past District Governor Neal Nichols. Only 40 such awards are made each year.



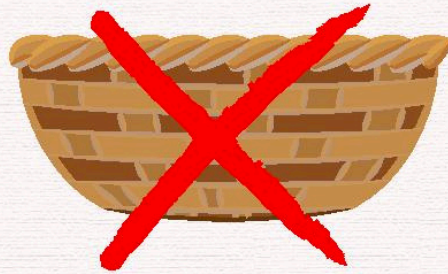
Highest honor in all of Lionism—Ambassador of Good Will



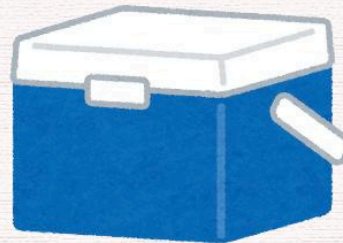
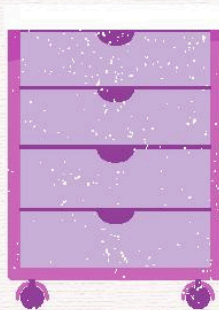
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Proceeds go to:  
Sleep in Heavenly Peace  
NE Kansas Chapter**



**Be creative!**



District 17A Convention  
March 7-8, 2025

**SERVICE PROJECT**

Collecting new twin size sheets, pillows, blankets for  
*Sleep in Heavenly Peace*  
*NE Kansas Chapter*

(a program about this group will be presented at the convention)  
<https://shpbeds.org/>



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

## Melvin Jones Fellows



**Bombas sock donation to Leavenworth VA Hospital**



**Valley Falls Lions**



## New Member Lenexa Lions



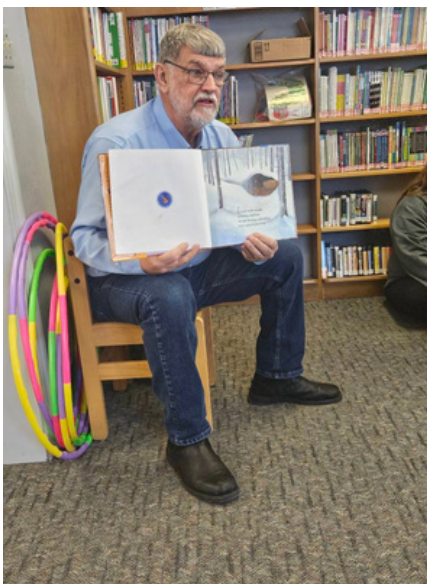
## Welcome Jackson Fager



**Lions Irene Haws and Robin Bonsall at the State Capital hearing to introduce senate bill 71, to make buying sexual relation in Kansas a level 9 felony. Stop the demand. Stop Human Trafficking.**



**Batteries for Childrens Center for the Visually Impaired**



**Lions of District 17A conduct storytime and vision Screening at Beck Bookman Library in Holton**



## DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM - 2025 17-A DISTRICT CONVENTION

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

This certifies that the above-named person is duly elected.

\_\_\_\_ Delegate \_\_\_\_ Alternate

To the 2025 17-A Lions Convention at Topeka, KS on March 8, 2025

And this Lion is in good standing with their club. The Club President or Secretary attest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President or Secretary Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Delegate/Alternate Signature

A club with 14 or less members have one voting delegate, clubs with 15-24 members two voting delegates

25-34 =3, 35-44 =4, 45-54 =5, 55-64 =6.

17-A PDG's have one vote, with identification at Registration Desk.

This form must be presented upon registration at the March 8, 2025 Convention.



## 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. We 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 – **Lion Ron Weaverling, 15101 Josh Street, Basehor, KS 66007, [rwwaverling@gmail.com](mailto:rwwaverling@gmail.com)**

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 us know if you have any further questions.

Lion Ron Weaverling And DG Margy Sundstrom



**MEMBERSHIP SOCIAL CHALLENGE**

**FEB 1 - APRIL 30**

**\$75 REIMBURSEMENT GRANT**

**(FOR GROWTH MEMBERSHIP SOCIALS ONLY - LIMITED TO 4 CLUBS)**

**HOST YOUR SOCIAL AT A FUN OR UNIQUE LOCATION**

**LET'S GET CREATIVE**

**MAKE IT UNFORGETTABLE**

**AND GROW 17A!**

**CONTACT GMT ERIC STRIMPLE FOR MORE DETAILS**

THE ROBINSON LIONS CLUB PRESENTS:  
Our 57th Annual Melodrama Event

# DOGSBREATH DEVEREAUX, THE DASTARDLY DOCTOR

...OR...

## NURSES! FOILED AGAIN!

BY BILLY ST. JOHN

# THE BIRDCAGE THEATER

Robinson, Kansas



SATURDAY MARCH 1ST @ 7PM  
SUNDAY MARCH 2ND @ 2 PM  
FRIDAY MARCH 7TH @ 7PM  
SATURDAY MARCH 8TH @ 7PM



General admission: \$8

Cash or Check Only

Table for 4: \$45

Table for 6: \$65

Call Judi for reservations: (785)741-2282 or (785)544-7739

A meal will be served at the Robinson Community Center prior to each performance  
(Free Will Donation)