



# District 17N News

67 Lions clubs serving in south central and south east Kansas | December 2025  
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**Goddard Lions Club—with the help of 80+ volunteers—sorted thousands of non-perishable food items for the club's Mitten Tree program. This year Mitten Tree is serving 175 families with food at Thanksgiving and gifts for children at Christmas.**

## Clark's Comments

## Finding joy in service

*"Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day."* ~Henri Nouwen



Being a Lion should be joyful, just like the coming holiday season. The experience of joy is different for every person, but when you are a Lion, you have many opportunities to experience that feeling through service with purpose and pride. A Lion's joy is simple. We lift others, strengthen communities, and prove that kindness is a global language.

One thing that makes me feel joyful is visiting Lions Clubs in the District. The new Augusta Servant Club seemed overjoyed about the 50 lbs of food collected and donated to the Augusta Community Caring Center who they are considering beginning a long term collaboration to provide needed services and support in the future.

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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)

## 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, 2026

Baldwin City, KS

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## USA/Canada Forum

September 3-5  
Memphis, TN

## Kansas Lions District 17N Leaders

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# Clark's Comments

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I'm certain there was enjoyment and engagement with the Parsons Lions Club and Wellington Lions during their recent Strides Walks for diabetes awareness. The Wichita Northwest Lions had to have brought joy to twenty residents of Presbyterian Manor with gifts for the coming holidays donated by its members.

I certainly enjoyed helping the Goddard Lions Club with their annual free Thanksgiving luncheon for veterans, their families, friends, and Goddard residents. On election day, the Newton Lions had their annual Pancake Feed fundraiser and everyone was overjoyed to have them support the community in the many service projects they do. I personally enjoyed the Italian Food Feast by the Bel Aire Lions, a FUNdraiser and they had silent auction items too.

I can only imagine the joyfulness the Colwich Lions Club experienced with the donated fresh homegrown vegetables they provided. In cooperation with the Library, community folks took what they wanted throughout the summer. Everyone attending the Valley Center Lions 19th Annual Car Show was impressed with the size and quality of the event.

When Lions serve, compassion becomes action and the joy we give away always returns to us. One of the best feelings of being a Lion is knowing that someone is happier because you cared, you served, and you showed up to help. Do everything with a good heart. Any act of kindness goes a long way to experience joy as a Lion.

There's one more joyful announcement, the Augusta Servant Lions Club has earned the honor of getting the most new members in District 17 N for the fourth month in a row with four new members added. The District-wide membership challenge started with my District Governor term last July and I had to shell out \$40 out of my own pocket as a donation to LCIF's unrestricted fund in the Club's name. If you want to feel that joy too, then let's all get busy with recruiting at least one new member each while remembering to retain all the members we already have.

The Valley Center Lions and Lyndon Lions were a close second with three new members each in October. Your club can be next. YTD, District 17 N is plus eight members since we started July 1 of this year.

What's your joyful story to share with the District? Let me know by email at [cflindstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:cflindstrom@yahoo.com) or call 316.258.2781 or email Lion Becky Funke, at [newsletter17N@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17N@cox.net) to be included in a future newsletter. The greatest joy in Lion service is seeing hope return to someone who thought it was lost. Lions help light that spark. Enjoy the Christmas and coming Holiday Season. Remember the reason for the season. May you and your families have a blessed Holiday.

*DG Clark Lindstrom*



**Lions International**

## Club REBUILDING

Help your club reach its membership goals. Complete the Club Rebuilding Learning Path in the Lions Learning Center.

**The Learning Path features:**

- Specific tips for small clubs
- Clear action at each step
- Motivation for the whole club
- Certificate of completion
- Discussion forums

**TRY THE DEMO TODAY!**

**FLEXIBLE LEARNING, ENGAGING CONTENT**

**To register, contact:**  
District and Club Administration  
[clubstatus@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubstatus@lionsclubs.org)

This eight-course learning path with supplemental workbook can be done at the club's convenience and is self-paced while encouraging club involvement.





# Take time to remember community needs

Holiday Pause - a time to reflect upon our surroundings, our circles of support and our trappings of life.

As I pause - I am thankful that while I have almost always had a living wage job where I could provide the basics for my children and did not seek aid from community services, memories of lean years haunt me. The year Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners were plentiful at a family member's home where many others brought delicious, one-time-a year special foods to share. The year when my kids' Christmas gifts were one



piece of clothing they needed, crayons/colored pencils and paper from a friend, and maybe a gift picked up from a garage sale or thrift shop. The winter the kids got coats, but I didn't have one until someone provided gave me one. The times I felt guilty that soup or cereal was our meal until payday.

During the holidays, there are numerous appeals from organizations for donations - food, clothing,

toys, personal care products, and many other items that people need. We should remember that many of these are not a "once a year" need.

In January (Jan 3- 11) Lions will focus on the Global Service of Hunger because food insecurity is a constant challenge for many. Hunger continues even though the holiday season does not.

Kansas Lions give to food banks/pantries and shelters, to toy drives, to clothing drives, to community service organizations. District 17N Lions serve and share and care. Please as you plan your 2026 club service, consider how to continue to serve those that do not have sufficient means or resources to provide for themselves or the children.

I'm giving thanks for you, my Lions family, and your service response to contribute to our communities' wellbeing.

I wish for you a wonderful holiday season. I hope it is filled with family gatherings, school, church and community events, time with friends and colleagues, wonderful meals, and special moments.

*First VDG Melanie Snider*

## Don't forget end of year 'housekeeping'

This calendar year is fast coming to a close. For a club this means to make sure you have removed members which have passed, moved or are no longer with your club before December 31.



If you have not removed those members by December 31 before second half dues come out in January, you will be billed for those members on record in your club. Does your club want to continue to pay for members who do not pay dues? Lions International will continue to bill your club as

long as that member is on the roster. A club cannot be refunded for those members on the roster and not paying dues. The same happens at the end of the Lion year with the deadline being June 30.

If you have lost a member, invite someone else to join you in serving others. The more hands we have in service impact our communities in positive ways.

Please be sure you have reported your club services in the portal. Reporting your service will let Lions

International and your District Governor team know what you have been doing within your community. If you are needing assistance in reporting your service, go to YouTube, search for Lions International Portal; there are videos to show you how to report your service.

Please make sure all your members have their current address, phone and email in the portal and are correct. Lions International provides you with information through email and if you don't have an email registered, you are missing out on crucial information. Our district newsletter and state newsletter is sent out to everyone by email.

Also, update where your club meets and when. Having this information current will help others know when and where you meet.

Please remember this bit of housekeeping during this busy time of the year.

I pray you enjoy your time with family and friends, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Second VDG Barb Schattak*

# Quick tips for growing your club

As District Governor, the question I am most asked about as I visit Lions Clubs throughout the District, is how can we grow our club? The following is a suggested club membership growth check list to consider implementing.

- Make sure all your club members are prepared for the club to grow. This requires planning, educating, training, implementing changes, and leading the club to be as relevant in the community as possible through service.

- Make sure every member has a current membership application form. We have new business card sized application forms available. Get one by asking your District Governor and Cabinet leaders.

- Make sure every member has a list of the club's community service projects. The club could produce a simple brochure or one page flier extolling these services/projects with descriptions and photos to give to prospective members.

- Make sure every member knows and understands the process for joining the club such as how to fill out the application, history/background on the club, and Lions International, etc.

- Make sure every member knows how much it costs to join your specific club such as the registration fee and monthly/annual dues and when they are to be paid. Some clubs pay the fee. Some new member's sponsors choose to pay.

- Make sure every new member promptly receives a meaningful induction and thorough Club/Lions International orientation.

- Make sure you have a club brochure, mentioned above, or a service projects list available at each and every club service/FUNraising event the club does to share with like-minded people who may be willing to join your club.

- Make sure club meetings are efficient, informative, FUN, (do not last longer than one hour) and programs are informative with guest speakers, Lions training, or invite your District Governor, 1VDG, and 2VDG to visit, etc.

- Make sure all Lions club meetings are festive with seasonal decorations and have an element of FUN such as a contest, game, quiz about Lionism, prepared jokes, and including changing up how meetings are run from time to time.

*DG Clark*



## Learn how to grow Lions & our impact

Join Lions & Leos across the U.S. & its Affiliates for Let's Grow, a 4-part interactive workshop designed to help you start new clubs, rebuild existing ones & ignite unstoppable momentum in your community.

You'll learn proven strategies, share ideas & leave each session ready to grow your pride.

**BONUS:** All new success stories, inspiration & interaction!

### Our Focus:

- January 6: Process & Club Types
- January 20: Recruiting
- February 3: Marketing & PR
- February 17: New Club Application & Keep Growing

### Perfect for:

- GAT Coordinators & Team Members
- Lions & Leos hungry for growth & impact



**January 6 - February 17**

(Every Other Week)

8 pm EST / 7 pm CST

/ 6 pm MST / 5 pm PST

Register Now: <https://bit.ly/GrowthWkshp26>

?s [membership@lionsusa.org](mailto:membership@lionsusa.org)

# USA/Canada Forum in Memphis next year

The 2026 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is set to mark a momentous milestone next September, celebrating its' 50th anniversary. Scheduled to be held in the vibrant city of Memphis, Tennessee. Lions, Leos, and guests from across North America will gather at the Renasant Convention Center to honor five decades of leadership, learning, and service.

Since the very first Forum in 1976, the mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum has always been to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, as Lions continue to live by our motto: "We Serve."

True to tradition, the Forum will offer an extensive lineup of educational seminars, covering topics from club growth and leadership skills to digital engagement, global humanitarian impact, and of course opportunities for speed learning sessions, where presenters will deliver powerful takeaways in fast-paced, interactive formats.

Forum attendees will also have the opportunity to join in a Lions service project, making a tangible difference in the Memphis community and take part in the traditional Strides Walk, promoting diabetes awareness and healthy living.

Throughout the weekend, Lions will have the opportunity to meet and hear from Lions International executive officers and directors, as they share updates on global initiatives and celebrate the dedication of Lions across the U.S. and Canada.

During the Friday luncheon, Lions will hear from two outstanding speakers; Stephanie Krieger Graef and Leslie F. King, on human trafficking. Ms. Graef is the founder of S7 Consulting, a small business exclusive to anti-human trafficking engagement, instruction and prevention. Ms. King is a survivor of human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Utilizing her experience, she opened Sacred Beginnings, a safe haven that offers hope and healing to trafficking victims.

Special guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner will be singer, songwriter, and entrepreneur Floyd Armstrong. A former member of The Fifth Dimension, his high energy personality, will have the Lions out of their seats. If you attended the Reno Forum in 2023, you may remember this outstanding speaker.

Of course, Lions will have the opportunity to visit the Forum Store to purchase Lions apparel, pins, memorabilia commemorating the 50th anniversary,



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and so much more. Another highlight will be the exhibit hall, showcasing innovative service tools, partner organizations, Lions programs, hands-on experiences, and exciting new ideas to take back to their districts and clubs.

Beyond the Forum, visitors can enjoy exploring the sights and sounds of Memphis. From the soulful rhythms of Beal Street to the world-famous Graceland, local hospitality and Southern charm will make your entire experience unforgettable.

*PID Hans Neidhardt*

*Education Committee Member*

## Welcome to the Pride New members in November



### New Member

### Sponsor

#### **Burlington**

Gail Johnson

Ronda Gilbert

#### **Clearwater**

Bill Waring

Steven Hatfield

Julie Waring

Steven Hatfield

#### **Goddard**

Kevin Dir

Corey Dir

Matt Lee

Charles Presnal

#### **Neodesha**

Douglas Ramsey

Chris Bauman

#### **Wichita Northwest**

Debra Kite

Sandra Childs



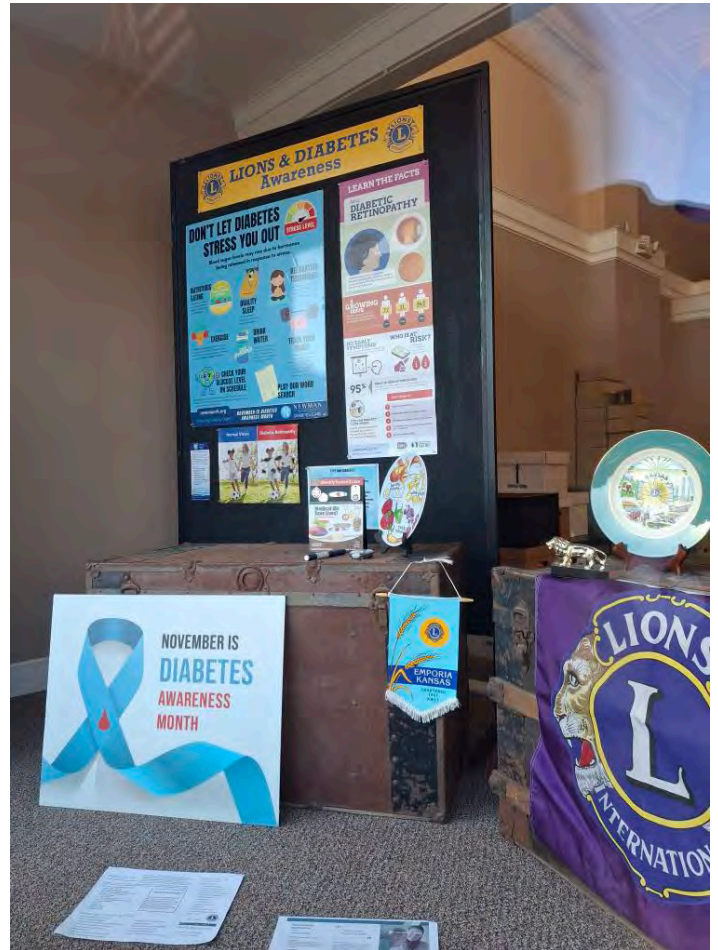


# Around the District

Submit your club activities to [newsletter17n@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17n@cox.net)  
Deadline is always the 25th of the month



**Wellington Lions were up early on Veteran's Day, placing flags in yards around the community.**



**Emporia Lions created a Diabetes Awareness display for the window at the Lyon County History Center.**

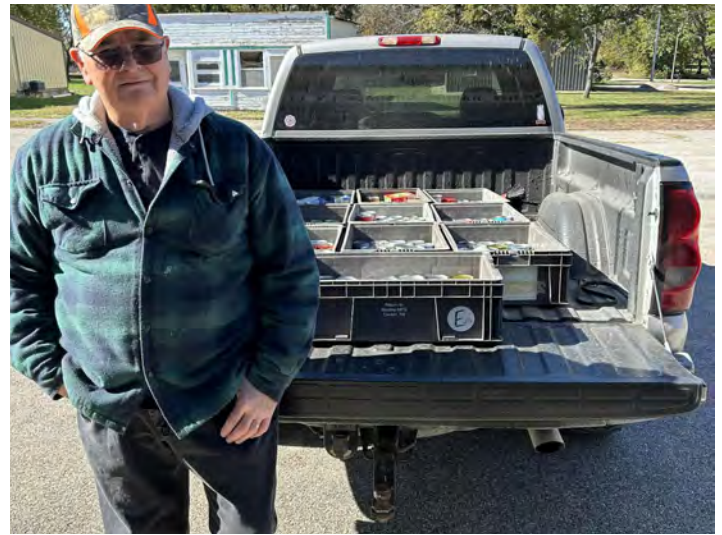


**First responders with the Lyndon Fire Department and EMTs, Lyndon Police Department and Osage County Sheriff's Department were guests at a Soup Supper hosted by the Lyndon Lions Club.**





**Newton Lions Halloween Walk**



**Food collected at the Neosho Rapids Lions Haunted House will stock blessing boxes and the Hartford Food Pantry.**



**Marquette Lion Craig Anderson received his 40-year Chevron from DG Clark Lindstrom at a recent club meeting.**

**Wichita Northwest Lions prepared a meal at a Wichita Ronald McDonald House.**





*Update club rosters in December*

## **Dues statements coming in January**

Clubs and District 17 N will be billed dues on January 1 based upon what Lions Club International has on record for each club's membership in the portal.

All clubs, specifically the club president or club secretary, should update their club membership roster in the portal to make sure new members are listed and dropped members aren't still listed because the club will be billed dues based upon membership list as of December 31.

Each club will be billed State/District dues based upon the total number of members in the club. Each club is to promptly pay the International dues and separately pay 17 N State/District Dues billed by the District Treasurer:

**Kathleen Burden**  
**4297 E Highway 268**  
**Vassar, KS 66453**

### **BURLINGTON LIONS CLUB**

## **SOUP SUPPER**

**THURSDAY, DEC 11**

**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

**School Little Gym**

Come and enjoy chili, chicken and noodles with dessert before the Burlington School Christmas Program!

*Donations Appreciated*

### **LCI payment instructions for United States Clubs:**

#### **Online Payment Options:**

Club Treasurers can visit the Lion Portal on the Lions International website. After logging onto the Lion Portal, choose My Club, Club Statements and select either 'Pay with PayPal' or 'Pay Now.'

#### **Check Payments Via Mail:**

You may pay the balance of your account with a US dollar draft drawn on a United States bank or branch. Please mail your check directly to the Association's Lockbox:

**The International Association of Lions Clubs**  
**35842 Eagle Way**  
**Chicago, IL 60675-1358**

Please allow a sufficient amount of time for the check to be received and processed to your account. Please include the top portion of your statement with your check or write the complete club name and club number on the front of your check. If we cannot identify a payment, there will be a delay in posting the payment to the correct account. **NOTE:** Please do not mail your checks to Oak Brook.

Please contact the Accounts Receivable & Club Account Services Department with any questions.

E-mail: [accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org](mailto:accountsreceivable@lionsclubs.org)

Phone: 1-630-203-3810

Fax: 1-630-571-1683

web: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)

Correspondence only should be sent to the address below:

Lions Club International  
 300 W. 22nd Street  
 Oak Brook, IL 60523

### **LCIF Donations**

Donations by check intended for Lions Clubs International Foundation should be mailed to:

Lions Clubs International Foundation,  
 Department 4547  
 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547

For LCIF donation options please visit [lionsclubs.org/waystogive](http://lionsclubs.org/waystogive) or make an online donation at [lionsclubs.org/donate](http://lionsclubs.org/donate)



# Leave A Legacy – A Lions Legacy



The Lions Legacy Society is LCIF's way of honoring those who commit future gifts — often planned or deferred gifts — that ensure the long-term sustainability of the Lions Clubs International Foundation. Rather than simply giving today, Legacy Society members pledge a portion of their estate, retirement assets, life insurance, or other assets so that LCIF can continue funding global service work well into the future. Your support of LCIF can last far beyond your lifetime — and it only takes a few minutes to make it happen. If your passion for Lions' service has inspired you and you want others to benefit from that passion well into the future, then becoming a Lions Legacy member is a great way to do so. Still uncertain that this is a program for you? Well let's take a look at three key elements (How, Who, and Why) of the Lions Legacy program.

**The How:** LCIF provides several flexible paths to becoming a Legacy Donor.

- **Bequest in a Will or Living Trust:** You can name LCIF as a beneficiary of a future gift, either as a fixed amount, a percentage of your estate, or specific assets.
- **Beneficiary Designation:** Designate LCIF as a beneficiary of retirement accounts (IRA, 401(k), etc.) or life insurance policies.
- **Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA):** You fund a gift now (cash, securities, real estate), and LCIF pays you (and optionally another person) a fixed income for life. The remainder supports LCIF.
- **Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT):** You contribute assets to a trust; the trust pays income to you (or others) for life or a fixed term, and after that, the remainder goes to LCIF.
- **Charitable Lead Trust (CLT):** A portion of your assets is put into a trust that pays LCIF income for a set number of years; after that, the remaining assets return to your heirs.
- **Real Estate or Other Tangible Gifts:** In some cases, you can commit real estate, securities, or other appreciated property.

**The Who:** So, if I become a Legacy Donor, who benefits by making this commitment and will it make a significant impact?

- **LCIF as an Organization:** Receives a reliable pipeline of planned support, which helps sustain and grow its grant programs (humanitarian services, disaster relief, vision initiatives, youth programs, etc.).
- **Lions Clubs Worldwide:** Legacy funds bolster the foundation that supports local Lions clubs' service

efforts and encourages continuity of mission and capacity for supporting large-scale service projects.

- **Communities in Need:** The real beneficiaries are people and communities around the world who rely on LCIF grants for vision care, disaster recovery, childhood cancer, diabetes programs, and more.

- **Future Generations of Service:** Legacy gifts help ensure that Lions' humanitarian mission continues for decades, enabling future Lions to serve with resources secured by earlier generations.

**The Why:** There are several compelling reasons for someone to choose to join the Lions Legacy Society. Here are just three reasons for your consideration.

- **Create a Long-Term Impact:** Legacy giving multiplies your impact over time. Even if you're not able to make a large donation today, a planned gift ensures your values and vision continue through future Lions service.
- **Peace of Mind:** Knowing that you have made a plan for your legacy can be deeply satisfying. It's a way to steward your resources responsibly and leave something meaningful behind.
- **Tax Benefits:** Depending on how you structure the gift, there can be significant income and estate tax advantages. For example, charitable gift annuities funded with appreciated assets can reduce capital gains liability. Designation via retirement accounts or life insurance can simplify giving and potentially reduce the tax burden on your estate.

The Lions Legacy Society is not just a recognition club — it's a powerful, intentional way for Lions and friends of Lions to plan for the future of LCIF and the humanitarian mission of the organization. By committing a future gift through an estate plan or other structured giving tool, you help secure the foundation's capacity to serve for generations. For the donor, it's an opportunity to leave a lasting legacy, receive recognition, and even enjoy financial benefits now or in retirement. Please consider this great opportunity for future generations to come.

"I may be here for a short while, gone tomorrow into oblivion or until the days come to take me away. But, in whatever part you play, be remembered as part of a legacy...of sharing dreams and changing humanity for the better. It's that legacy that never dies." - Anonymous

*PID Bill Phillipi and PID Hans Neidhardt  
Multiple District 17 LCIF Co-Chairs*

## Touching a life through vision screening

I enjoy helping other Lion Clubs do vision screening in their communities and often have that opportunity serving as the District 17N Co-Chair.

This fall, the East portion of the district has screened 1,363 students! Of those screened, 671 were 6 years old and under and 675 were 7 years old and up, with three adults also being screened.

Out of these numbers, we had 162 that did not pass and were recommended to make an appointment with an eye doctor for further testing. Ninety-one were from the 6 years and under group, and 70 were from the 7+ group. Twenty-four of those tested were non readable either because their pupils could not dilate enough to be assessed by the screener, or because they wore glasses that had tinted or coated lens.

We never really know much about the students once we complete our screenings in the schools. Recently that changed when I received a message that was passed onto me from Lion Teri Howard from the Ottawa Lions Club.

I assisted the Ottawa Lions with vision screening in three of their elementary schools this fall, along with 2VDG Barb Schattak who joined us for a couple of those screenings. The nurse from one of the schools shared with us a message a teacher had received from a parent of one of the students. It said, "Good morning! Wade has his new glasses today. Things definitely look different for him with them on! I'm glad he had the eye screening! Without it, we may not have known for some time that he needed glasses."

WOW!! WARM FUZZIES FOR SURE!!! That message means the world to me as a Lion and a screener. I am so very happy for him and his family.

Just a great example of... why we do what we do. THANK YOU to all the clubs that have been out in their communities providing this service. You are making a difference in the lives of others and exemplifying our Lion's Clubs motto..."WE SERVE!"

*IPCC Lion Pam Bilyeu  
District 17N East Vision Screening*

## Peace Poster Winners

Peace Posters were judged by attendees at the November 8 District 17N Cabinet meeting.



**First Place—Banks Davenport, Bel Aire Lions Club**



**Second Place—Kadye Schilling, Westphalia Lions Club**



**Third Place— Sophie Ewing, Augusta Lions Club**



# 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 Weldin, [terryweldin@gmail.com](mailto:terryweldin@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:** \_\_\_\_\_





# 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 ½" x 5 ½" 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)**