



District 17N News

67 Lions clubs serving in south central and south east Kansas | April 2026

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Clark's Comments

Survey shows: high member satisfaction with Lions clubs

I came across an anonymous quote the other day: "You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."

As you may or may not know, the District Leadership Team of DGE Melanie Snider, 1stVDGE Barbara Schattak, and I have been surveying membership satisfaction during official DG visits on a one page form we and PDG Steve Langley, District 17 Global Leadership Team (GLT), gleaned from the Lions International three page form.



Additionally, PDG Richard Caldwell, District 17 N Global Membership Team (GMT) and others have been attempting to survey dropped members using a form that is a revised one page version of the International Lions form.

We have also been looking into sharing the satisfaction survey electronically via SurveyMonkey to be more accurate in our survey data. There will be more on this later this year if we can do it.

Overall, with a majority of the district club members surveyed, there are an overwhelmingly high number of highly satisfied or satisfied number of members. The top two reasons for joining are community service and networking/friendships. There is a high level of satisfaction with club meetings, service projects and fundraising events. Further reviewing the satisfaction responses thus far, it seems to me we have misunderstood why people volunteer to serve. It isn't just to fill a club board or chair a committee. The point being made by members is to give Lions a sense of meaning to let them feel like they're making an impact in the community and possibly the world. District Lions are experiencing joy from serving others which is a fundamental human desire, but it seems we sometimes

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Save the Date!

**Environmental Week
of Service
April 18-26**

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

**104th Kansas Lions
State Convention**

**May 29-30, 2026
Hutchinson**

*Convention information and
registration on pages 14-16*

**Great Plains Lions
Leadership Institute and
Faculty Development
Institute**

July 16-19

**Baker University
Baldwin City, KS**

*Early registration deadline
April 30.*

*See pages 10-13 for
more information or at*
kansaslions.org

**USA Canada Lions
Leadership Forum**

**September 3-5
Memphis, TN
lionsforum.org/**

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Clark's Comments

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feel like we're inconveniencing volunteers when we ask them to serve on projects and help with club community events. We need to give club members more meaningful service to do and participate in fewer long meetings where decisions are often not made, and where committee meetings are often just talk. We need to seek to simplify any needed reports to avoid hours of preparation and effort that will generally not be read or understood.

The comments section of the membership satisfaction surveys and feedback from exit member interviews initially indicate a little dissatisfaction. Some of the basis for the decision to drop their Lion membership seem to come from feeling unheard, the lack of meaningful engagement and community involvement, clubs discontinuing service projects members joined to do, wanting more than regular standardized same old, same old meetings, poor communication or unclear direction within the club and leadership, unreported leadership issues, unresolved conflicts, burnout, and then there are certainly life changes without any offered flexible way to stay involved in the club or Lionism.

It is becoming clear that when Lions feel connected, valued, and see how their time and efforts make a real impact on the lives of people in need, they are happy to stay, even when life gets seemingly too busy. Busy people seem to get things done. How to increase membership is a primary ask, but the answer is in the constant and consistent inviting and asking of like-minded service oriented people to join the club at every opportunity. There also needs to be increased efforts to create healthier more inclusive club cultures thereby retaining members who feel they belong and can continue to contribute in ways that fit their lives and lifestyles. Meaningless stuff such as shopping,

binge watching a streaming show, or hours of needless phone scrolling need to be replaced with service projects that actually matter. Volunteers need more, not less, service that matters. If you give Lions

Club members more tangible projects and community service to do that makes a visible difference in their community or the world, they'll be thankful for it, and they will tell others who might join. I truly believe they will show up to help time and time again.

Lion volunteers don't seem to be quitting clubs because they're too busy. They quit because we might be wasting their valuable time with meaningless tasks and duties. Go ahead and ask and invite Lions to serve. Lions Club leaders need to stay focused on continuously developing and giving members service projects and opportunities that are tangible and real that are preferably visible in the community. Maybe it's figuring out how to set up vision screening events, start an annual Strides for Diabetes information event, walk, or pickleball tournament. Develop ideas how to start a relationship or collaborative efforts with local business and major employers who might produce potential club members. Again, give your members something meaningful to do and you might be shocked when they willingly show up.

It also helps to utilize social media with photos to market to the community that Lions Clubs matter. Too few clubs do this on a regular daily/weekly/monthly basis. Many, if not most clubs have not updated their social media pages. Google your club and see what type of information a prospective new member will read about it. We need to be the historians of our own Lions Clubs' legacies.

WE SERVE means doing something. Let's stop talking about what we think Lions Clubs should do, or what you think other clubs should be doing, or how something should be done. Instead, let's start sharing what our clubs did, are planning to do, and always invite other area club members to help or participate. Always be sure to share something you've learned through your experiences in Lionism that might help another Lion or Club serve more effectively any way you can.

Another anonymous quote: "If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer will always be no. If you don't step forward, you'll always be in the same place." I'm asking each member within District 17 N to step forward so we can retain more members, increase club membership by inviting more people to join (use the new business card sized membership application), and so we can serve even more people in need. Thank you all for being a Lion and for your continued support.

DG Clark Lindstrom



Thriving with focused energy

Recently at a work meeting, the discussion was about a process that was not yielding successful results and how change might improve them. The group identified: how the current situation had evolved; how the present process worked (so why change); how change had been attempted before and failed; how each step of the process was draining staff energy; how changing the process could be an improvement; and how change was a risk. During my drive home, it occurred to me that all the responses voiced could be applied to my personal life including my Lions Club.



I then wondered – “Is my investment of energy helping my Lions Club thrive?” Sadly, my answer is not always Yes.

Thriving for my Lions club has many elements. The way we meet; the ways we serve; the way we are perceived by our community; the ways we communicate with members and our community; and the ways we build membership?

I have struggled with how to build membership and am frustrated when my invitations to join receive a “NO” response. My first reaction is to escalate my

pitch with a list of what my club has done within the community, or to accept being “shot down” and move on. I’m thinking that I need to change how I invite prospective members. I see that a change of approach may be the key to attracting new members.

I need to ASK from a different point of view. I need to seek information about how the club could be meaningful and impactful in our community.

Possible questions for a prospective member:
 What would you like your Lions club to do to serve or help the community?
 What services or needs are important to you? How could Lions help?

What service gaps do you see within the community?

Now, the hard part – I must be an active listener; I must ask follow-up questions (How do you see that occurring; What would that service look like; How many could benefit; How do you suggest making it happen; etc.)

Lastly, I must make mental notes and share the information received with my club. Focusing our energy on the inputs of prospective members will hopefully help our club thrive with new members.

DGE Elect Melanie Snider

Let the winds of change lift you higher

March is always unpredictable, and this year feels like we are ending it as a lion. As 2nd Vice District Governor, I have felt the winds of change pushing me toward my next goal.



Club visits with Gary, or by myself, have been a highlight, allowing us to meet wonderful people, build lasting friendships, and experience incredible clubs. Being a Lion is about more than meetings and fundraisers. It’s about service, communities, friendships and families, especially through

involvement with our youth.

I have had the wonderful opportunity to induct members into clubs, assisted in a concession stand, help stack food for a food pantry, and listened to many

opportunities for our clubs to reach out and grow.

I hope to see our clubs prosper and the clubs being rebuilt grow in their communities. March is an opportunity to let the winds of change push you towards your next goal, whether it is being an officer of your club or taking a position within the district. You can do it; it is always possible to stretch your wings to glide on the wind of change.

Remember, there are other Lions who have vast experience and will help and support you. Let the wind help you rise to the opportunities presented before you in Lions.

*First VDG Elect
 Barb Schattak*



Come to the state fair with Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

Do you want to have an extremely rewarding time as a Lion? YES!! Then come help the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (KLSF) operate their Health Screening booth at the Kansas State Fair.

There is something for all of you to do, we do vision screening for children, blood sugar and blood pressure screening for anyone and vision screening for adults.

We need 10 to 12 Lions each shift at the fair—that is 120 plus Lions—to operate efficiently. ARE YOU ONE OF THESE LIONS? Remember “WE SERVE” that is what we Lions do best.

Come to the Lions State Convention and sign up to help or contact Lion Jackie O’Neal at glammother@yahoo.com or call her at 316-734-2176 or Lion Vern

Failor at ulfailor@gmail.com or call him at 785-231-3960.

If you would like to donate for this project KLSF we will always take money as we need lots of supplies. To donate material we need cotton balls, vinyl gloves S, M, L, XL (no one size fits all), bottles of 70% alcohol. If you would like to donate please bring these items to the Lions State Convention.

Remember “WE SERVE.” This will be the most rewarding project you will ever do as a Lion. Please come see for yourself!

*Lion Vern Failor
KLSF Director, Kansas State Fair Team*

District Environmental Project contest extended to June

The Global Service Team has extended the entry deadline for the Environmental Project Contest to June 1, 2026. The drawing for the art quality Lion statue will be at the last District Cabinet meeting June 13, 2026 in Burlington.

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 prospective members to join our clubs in the process. 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 Clubs are 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. After doing so, you are to provide the needed details and information on the form provided below. Mail this entry form, postmarked by June 1, 2026, to the District GST (Global Service Team) Lion Kathy Pratt, PO Box 131, Towanda, KS 67144. Also, please enclose a printed picture of the club Lions participating in the environmental project. All entries will be displayed at the District 17-N 4th Cabinet Meeting in Burlington on June 13, 2026. There will be a random drawing of all entries for the desk sized Lion statue pictured. Hopefully we can learn from each other and share environmental project service ideas. Contact us if you have any further questions; 316.932.2659 or DG Clark 316.258.2781. Please complete the following:



1. **Club Name and City:** _____
2. **Concise Description of Environmental Project** _____

3. **Date Service Project Was Entered in the Portal:** _____
4. **Name of Lion Submitter:** _____
5. **Phone # & Email of Submitter:** _____

Lions International’s special service week for clubs worldwide to address the critical cause of helping the environment coincides 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 new club environmental service project, help drive collective action for a better future April 18-26, and enter to win the artful desktop sized Lion statue!



Towanda Lions received a Lions Club International Foundation grant to purchase food for two community food programs.

Grant funds Towanda's 'Fighting Hunger' project

Towanda Lions Club Inc completed phase two of their three phase District & Club Community Impact Grant. The club spent \$1,000 of the \$2,700 grant, to purchase canned goods and non-perishable food items as part our "Fighting Hunger - Help Feeding our Community" project.

The food items were donated to the "Giving Tree" and "Mom's Pantry" local food distribution groups. Alecia Darrow (Giving Tree) and Linda Pierce and Tracy Tucker (Mom's Pantry) joined the Lions for dinner and to take photos of the food that was donated.

Five banana boxes and one small box contained \$400 of donated items that were donated to the "Giving Tree" program. Located at the Towanda Library, in an exterior wooden box, basic food items are always available to anyone in the community needing a little help.

Eight banana boxes and two additional boxes contained \$600 of donated items that were donated to the "Mom's Pantry" program. Mom's Pantry provides boxes of food monthly to local community and surrounding area individuals.

This Towanda Lions Club, through the Lions Club International Foundation District & Club Community Impact Grant (DCG), has been able to receive special funding to assist with this three phase project. The process is easy and expedient. If a club donates a minimum of \$5,000 annually to LCIF as unrestricted donation, they can request 15% to be returned to the club (a \$750 return).

Districts minimum donation is \$10,000.00, which includes unrestricted funds donated directly by the District and all of the various unrestricted club funds, if they do not meet the club minimum.

Reaching toward district LCIF goal

Thank you District 17N Lions for your donations to Lions Club International Foundation. Currently, we have raised \$18,649 of this year's goal of \$45,888. This is \$4,295 dollars short of being halfway to our goal! Fifty clubs have donated along with 56 individual club members.

Every club with an accumulation of \$1000 donated to LCIF can honor a member of your club or community with a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

LCIF Grants are available for clubs to apply for

and can be used in a number of different ways to help your community service projects or outreach (See how Towanda Lions used an LCIF grant in the article above.)

Contact us for more information on how to apply for either of these.



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17N LCIF Co-coordinators.*



Around the District

Submit your club activities to newsletter17n@cox.net
Deadline is always the 25th of the month



Wellington Lions helped with a community clean-up and had a little fun too!



St Patrick's Day Parades

Lions Clubs around the district participated in St. Patrick's Day Parades. Above, Parsons Lion Leprechaun Debra Shaw helps decorate their float for the Parsons St. Patrick's Day parade.

At right, Austin Ray and grandmother Martha Ray marched with Wichita Downtown Lions in the Delano District St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wichita.





A lotta pasta
 Girard Lions served up about 450 slices of lasagna for the club's annual fundraiser on March 18.



On the Gravy Train
 It takes a lot of gravy to serve hungry folks in Emporia. Emporia Lion Janelle is stirring it up!



Westphalia Lions hosted the annual community Easter Egg Hunt on March 28.



Hillsboro Lions ready to serve up some pancakes!

Review member info with officer reporting

It's that annual activity for our Lions Clubs to have officer nominations for the 2026-2027 Lions years. By May 15, newly elected officers are to be reported to Lions International via the Lions Portal by the club secretary.

When you are logged into the portal, it is a convenient time to review each club member's information for addresses, phone numbers and email addresses.

Areas to review and update include:

- Is the Lion's address correct?
 - Does each Lion have an email address listed that is unique to the club member?
 - * Are all email addresses current?
 - Please check all email fields.
 - Are phone numbers correct (XXX-XXX-XXXX)? Many Lions have discontinued having a home (landline) phone; however, there may still have a home number listed. Confirm that the "preferred phone" has the correct description – mobile or home.
 - Confirm that birth dates are accurate.
- Updating Lions' member information, ensures correct information will be included in the Lions Directory.

Have FUN!
See the Easter Bunny, The Crafts Booth, Be in the Great Easter Egg Hunt, And VC Fire Department "Touch A Truck"!

Even MORE FUN!
-Games, Prizes, Cake Walk, Cotton Candy, Gari Harper Face Painting, Meet "Leo The Lion" & "Troubles" The Clown! New This Year: -A Fun Petting Zoo!

For Students Pre-K thru 5th Grade
April 4th, 2026 1:00 to 3:00 pm
Valley Center Community Center

Valley Center Lions Club Children's Literacy Project
In Conjunction with the Valley Center Library
"Family Spring Party"

Come Get Free Books to Enjoy at Home

The Valley Center Lions wish to thank these Carnival Participants:

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| Anne's Attic | Steve Jacobs-PenFed Realty |
| Ark Valley News | Pizza Hut, Valley Center |
| Bryan's Heating & Air | River City Sweet Shop |
| Casey's Valley Center | The Hive Sports Bar & Grill |
| City of Valley Center | Valley Center Chamber |
| Conrade Insurance | Valley Center Police & Fire |
| Dillons, 21st/Amidon | Emergency Services |
| Eden's Auto Sales | Valley Center Boy Scouts |
| Edward Jones Investments | Valley Center Girl Scouts |
| Emprise Bank, Valley Center | Valley Center Rec Center |
| From The Ground Up | Wal Mart - Valley Center |
| Heartland Expressions & Crafts | Waters Hardware, Valley Center |
| Life Point Church | |
| Leeker's Grocery | |
| Paw Prints | |
| Sonic Valley Center | |
- and the Volunteers who make it happen!*

1st Annual BEL AIRE LIONS PANCAKE FEED

APRIL 25, 2026
7 AM TO 11 AM

GOSPEL ASSEMBLY CHURCH
4230 NORTH OLIVER, BEL AIRE

\$7 ADULTS • \$5 AGES THREE TO TEN

VC Lions Club 24th Annual PANCAKE Feed

Adults \$7
8 & Under \$3

Dine In or Drive Thru

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
7 AM - NOON

First United Methodist Church
560 N. Park Ave, Valley Center, KS 67147

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!
includes Sausage, milk, and coffee

It's official—District Election results

A short business meeting was held during the February 28 convention for the election of officers and foundation directors for the upcoming year, and also to vote on five amendments to the district's constitution and by-laws. District Governor Clark Lindstrom called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. Lion Doug Gatewood, nominations chairperson, sent in the list of names from the nomination committee. All were successfully elected.

District Governor Team for 2026-2027

District Governor

Melanie Snider, Baxter Springs Lions Club

1st Vice District Governor

Barbara Schattak, Lyndon Lions Club

2nd Vice District Governor

Joyce McDaniel, Valley Center Lions Club

Immediate Past District Governor

Clark Lindstrom, Wichita Downtown

Lions Club

Kansas Lions Foundation

Director - 3 Year Term 2026-29

Helen LeBlanc, Bel Aire Lions Club

Director - 1 Year Term 2026-27

Pam Bilyeu, Lyndon Lions Club

Kansas Lions Band Foundation

Director - 2 Year Term 2026-28

Harry Stockwell, Augusta Servant Lions Club

Director - 2 Year Term 2026-28

Stuart Tolle, Moundridge Lions Club

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

Director - 3 Year Term 2026-29

Gene Allen, McCune Lions Club

Director - 3 Year Term 2026-29

Ginny Caldwell, Bel Aire Lions Club

Director - 1 Year Term 2026-27

Joyce McDaniel, Valley Center Lions Club

NOTE The two one year terms were filling the unexpired terms of Don Sefers

All Five Amendments to District 17-N's Constitution & By-Laws Passed

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 17-N'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. 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.

As that was the only official business to be conducted, DG Clark adjourned the business section of the convention at 9:45 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
Chris Bauer
District 17-N Secretary*

2026 GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (GPLLI)

GPLLI Event Description: “Training to prepare Lions for leadership positions throughout the organization. The GPLLI program is customized to best accommodate the needs of the area.” Dynamic facilitators from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on diversity; goal setting; Lions fundamentals; local issues; mission statement; motivation; public speaking; time management; and working in teams.

GPLLI Candidate Description: “Qualified candidates are Lions ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities. Club Leaders would benefit from attending.” **NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible to participate without prior approval from the Institute Coordinator.**

GPLLI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 17-19, 2026. Check-in at the dormitory will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17, 2026. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

WHERE: Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2026. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2026. Registration covers single occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Mail completed application and check to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, KS 67219. You may also pay registration fee by Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt).

SPECIAL Needs: If you have special needs (meals, mobility, sight, hearing, etc.) please be sure to provide this on your application. Attached additional sheet if necessary.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: Please download the fillable PDF application from kansaslions.org and provide complete information to the entire application before printing and submitting it. If you are given a hard copy of the application, please print the information legibly. Application deadline is June 1, 2026.

Scholarships to pay for registration are offered by the District 17N Past District Governor's Club!

**For more information contact
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PDG Gene Allen,
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Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar

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2026 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FDI)

Purpose of Faculty Development Institute (FDI): As a train-the-trainer focused institute, the primary purpose is to enhance training delivery skills and training techniques that will increase the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs. Given the limited FDI slots, acceptance into the institute is not guaranteed. Each applicant will be vetted prior to final selection to attend the training. Accepted applicants will be notified by the Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar. Applicants not selected will have their course fees returned.

FDI Qualifications and Expectations:

- Current active member of a club within the constitutional area.
- Not attended an FDI within the last five (5) years. (International or Local)
- Have an interest in improving training delivery skills.
- In-depth knowledge of Lions' culture, Lions leadership experience, and comfort using PowerPoint is preferred.
- **Expectations: Upon acceptance, participants are obligated to the following conditions.**
 - **Attend all sessions of the 3-day institute.**
 - **Arrange personal travel to and from the institute.**
 - **Complete all pre-assignments prior to arrival.**
 - **Arrange to be observed and evaluated conducting a local training event within 6 months of attending the FDI. The evaluation will be certified by the GLT MD Coordinator and Council Chair.**
 - **Upon "certification", assist in facilitating leadership training at the District, Multiple District, and area levels.**

FDI Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

WHEN: July 16-19, 2026 Registration is from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 16, 2026. Classes begin at 8 A.M. on Friday, July 17, 2026. Checkout by 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 19, 2026.

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REGISTRATION FORM

2026 FACULTY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26, and 38
Baker University, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006

July 16-19, 2026

Name (Last, First, MI): _____ Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Club Name & Club Number: _____ LCI Member #: _____

Sub District #: _____ Joined Lions (Yr.): _____ Highest Position Held: _____

Please Mark All That Apply:

- Double Occupancy Requested Roommate Name: _____
- Diabetic Diet Vegetarian Diet Vegan Diet
- Vision Impaired Hearing-Impaired Mobility Challenges
- Wheelchair Access Required

List special accommodations that you require: _____

Registration Fee is US \$220 if received by April 30, 2026. Fee increases to US \$240 starting May 1, 2026. Your fee includes nine meals, Institute costs, and dormitory rooms (single occupancy). Lions may request to room together. Check-in at the dormitory is permitted between 3:00 – 4:00 PM, on Thursday, July 16^h. Attendees may purchase a GPLLI embroidered polo for an additional US \$30. Shirts run a little large. To ensure receiving a polo, please order it on this form & increase the fee accordingly. **Shirt Size:** _____

Mail completed Registration Form and full payment to FDI Registrar, PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. Applications will not be accepted without full payment.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

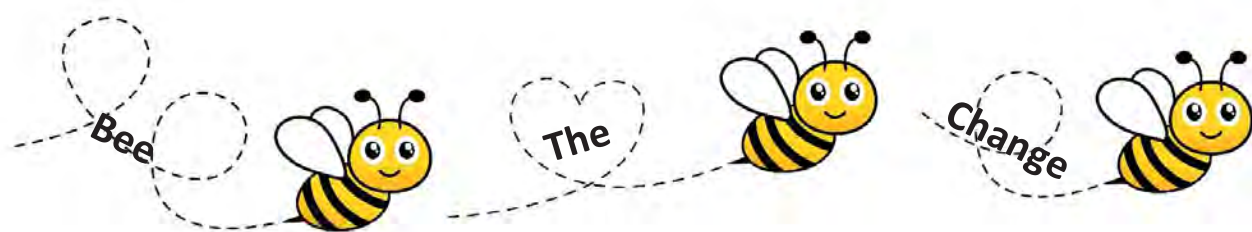
The following information will be used in case of an emergency arising during the 2026 Institute. The Emergency Information will be shredded at the conclusion of the course.

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone #s: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Medical information to be shared with EMS: _____

NOTICE: Please provide complete application information before submitting it. Application Deadline, June 1, 2026. You may also pay registration fee by Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt)



Welcome to Hutchinson for the 104th Kansas Lions State Convention!

Council Chair Shari Neidhardt and your State Convention Committee welcome you to another wonderful state convention on May 29th and May 30th at the Hutchinson Community College Stringer Fine Arts Center. The college and the city have been fantastic partners, warmly welcoming us and working with us to keep costs down for everyone attending.



Bring your family this year! ***The Cosmosphere International SciEd Center & Space Museum is located just one block from our meeting space.*** They will be offering \$4 off the Mission Pass and \$2 off the Museum or Documentary File to anyone wearing one of our convention name badges or lanyards. Your family can enjoy the museum during the day and then join us for the banquet in the evening. Discounts will be available on both Friday and Saturday.

Friday, May 29th will be full of fun and learning. We'll begin the day with state committee and foundation meetings, followed by the Lions State Council Meeting. ***Afterward, we'll board a bus and travel to the famous Stratoca Kansas Underground Salt Museum, where we'll descend 650 feet underground*** for our evening meal.



Tours will be available for those who sign up, and ***the first 30 people to register will receive their tour free!*** We'll finish around 7:15 p.m. and return to the college for an amazing jazz concert performed by our very own Lions State Band.

Speaking of the band, they will perform Saturday morning in the building just east of the parking lot next to our meeting space. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy the jaw-dropping performance by these talented young musicians.

Saturday, May 30th will feature fun and inspiring seminars, a performance by the Kansas Lions Band, a special luncheon speaker, and plenty of food and fellowship. The Saturday evening banquet will feature our ***guest speaker, Past International President Frank Moore—an outstanding Lion you won't want to miss!***

Throughout both days, we will also have informational tables, a hospitality room, and a PDG Silent Auction.

We look forward to seeing you there!



KANSAS LIONS 104th STATE CONVENTION May 29-30, 2026

All meetings and meals (except Friday night) will be held at
Hutchinson Community College 640 E. 11th Ave.
(Near 11th & Plum Streets)

You have your choice of hotels in Hutchinson!

- Hilton Garden Inn: \$139/night <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/hutwsgi-kslion-3b2bceab-7e13-4659-b787-27dcec881a5/>
- Hampton Inn: \$120/night [Hampton Inn](#)
- Fairfield Inn: \$129/night [Fairfield Inn](#)
- Holiday Inn Express: \$120/night [Holiday Inn Express](#)
- Comfort Inn: \$110/night <https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/SL72X2>

**Book Today to
Get These Rates!**

Registration:	_____ @ \$10.00 _____
Friday Lunch – Box Lunch (\$13 if returned by May 1)	_____ @ \$15.00/ \$13.00 _____
Friday Dinner – At Stratataca – BBQ (\$13 by May 1)	_____ @ \$15.00/ \$13.00 _____
Saturday Lunch – Chef Salad Bar (FREE if paid Banquet Meal, \$12 is paid by May 1)	_____ @ \$14.00/ \$12.00/FREE _____
Convention Banquet – Chicken Marsala, salad & dessert (\$18 if returned by May 1)	_____ @ \$20.00/ \$18.00 _____
	Total _____

Special Food Request _____

All meal reservations must be made by May 15, 2026
A reservation made but not paid will be charged to your Club.

Lions Name _____ Lion or Spouse Name _____
Please Print circle one Please Print

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # (____) _____ E-mail _____

Club Name _____ Please print **District K A N**
Please Print Circle One

For Reservations go to:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-kansas-lions-state-convention>
Please be sure to change the charge to what you feel is appropriate to pay Zeffy for their service.

Or send reservation form and payment to: “Kansas Lions” and mail to:
Kansas Lions State Office, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, Kansas 67209
***Please list names of family members on the back of this page that need name badges for the
Cosmosphere discount.***

Welcome to the Pride

New members in March



New Member	Sponsor
Goddard	
Mark Bauer	Chris Bauer
John Hernandez	Corey Dir
Micah Ramirez	Dan Funke
Halstead	
Ralph Mckay	Kent Haury
Maize	
Juan Salas	Larry Zimmerman
Patrick Stivers	Carl Donham
Westphalia	
Tim Comfort	Gaylon Corley
Brian Payer	Arden Payer
Ethan Pracht	Carl Nichols
Correction: In the new members list in the March newsletter, the following were incorrect:	
Coffeyville	
New member David Harbaugh	
Sponsor Darrel Harbaugh	
Derby	
New member Reagan Smith; sponsor Sean Smith	

KANSAS LIONS 104th STATE CONVENTION

Exhibitors / Vendors Table Request Form

Name of Exhibitor / Vendor _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Electricity Requested (Please Check if needed)

Lions Programs / Foundations and Pin Collectors (Please indicate if more than one table is needed)

For Profit Companies

Special Requests: _____

Exhibitor's Hours: Friday: May 29, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: May 30, 2026 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Area Description: One 8' table and two chairs. Electricity is Limited. First come first served.

Mail to: PCC Diana Baumann 2005 Northglen Ln Hays, KS. 67601
E-Mail: liondianab@yahoo.com
Phone: 785-202-1882

MUST HAVE TABLE(S) RESERVED IN ADVANCED

Bee Kind Bee a Good Example Bee Compassionate

Bee an Inspiration Bee a Supporter Bee The Change

Bee The Change Bee an Encourager



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 May 29th & 30th, 2026
 Hutchinson Community College
 640 E. 11th Ave.
 Hutchinson, Kansas 67501

STATE CONVENTION BOOKLET ADVERTISEMENT

This is your opportunity, as an individual or as a club, to be a part of the Kansas 2026 State Convention. Ad space is currently available for the convention booklet to welcome our Special guests, *Past International President Frank Moore and wife Lion Rita*, to Kansas; to promote a candidate; promote your club; or to advertise upcoming club activities and events.

Ad Size/Dimension	Rate
Full page -----(4.5" wide X 7.5" tall) -----	\$ 50.00
Half page -----(4.5 "wide and 3.5"tall) -----	\$ 40.00
Quarter page --(1.5" tall x 4.5" wide) -----	\$ 25.00

[All Ads are Printed in Color](#)

Yes, Place my ad in the 2026 Lions State 104th Convention Booklet.

Club or Business Name: _____

Contact person's name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Size of Ad: _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or e-mail a printed copy of your ad, and this form with payment to:

PID Hans Neidhardt
hnwizardofoz@gmail.com
 Phone # 316-435-2800
 2744 E Ironstone St
 Park City, Kansas 67219

Make checks payable to Kansas State Lions with "Advertising" in the memo field. *No ads can be published without payment.*

Payment can be made online when you register for meals.

You can design my ad! I am including the artwork/design with this form.

I am e-mailing a finished ad or artwork for an ad. Logos in JPEG format please.

A copy of your ad will be emailed when completed.

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENT IS MAY 15, 2026

NEW LIONS INDUCTION

WORLDWIDE LIVESTREAM!

TAKE YOUR OATH LIVE!

APRIL 25

1:30PM CDT
(CHICAGO)

formally approved new members only

Join Lions Clubs International President **AP SINGH** as he welcomes new Lions & Leos and **CELEBRATES SERVICE IN ACTION** during this special event.

#LIONSUSA #Volunteer #GiveBack #DoGood

JOIN US LIVE APRIL 25 @ 1:30pm CDT
<https://bit.ly/WWID2026>