



Richard Hayden | Goodland Lions Club



District K August Newsletter



Jim Huenergarde | Hays Lions Club



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Karen Knaur | St. Francis Lions Club

Environmental Photo Contest winners for District K. Congratulations to Lion Richard Hayden from Goodland Kansas on getting first at state!



Goodland & St. Francis

It's fair time in Kansas and Lions are helping out amongst all of their communities. The Goodland Lions ran the Kiddie Carousel at the Goodland fair and the St. Francis Lions participated in the Parade and helped out during the fair.

Great Bend Evening

They have purchased a refurbished concession trailer for local celebrations and fairs. They hope to have it completed by Labor Day and will have it at the Hoisington celebration. Stop by if you are in Hoisington to check it out. The Great Bend Evening club can also help with Broom Sales or other items to help with your events. Contact jennblanc21@gmail.com to find out all the Great Bend club can do to help out it's fellow clubs.

Send us your stories and events. We will add them to our newsletter and post to both our social media

newsletter17k@googlegroups.com

Latest News from Clubs in our Area





3RD ANNUAL OBERLIN CARFEST & DRAG RACE

SEPTEMBER 19TH. 2026

BROUGHT TO YOU BY MOGA501

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- BEST OF SHOW
- PEOPLE'S CHOICE
- KIDS' CHOICE
- PRE-1949
- 1950-1959
- 1960-1969
- 1970-1979
- 1980-CURRENT
- TRUCK
- MOTORCYCLE
- RAT ROD
- CAMPER
- UP & COMING

(OWNER MUST BE 25 YRS OLD OR YOUNGER)



DOOR PRIZES

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

FOOD

VENDORS

DRAG RACES



MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

JASON: 785-626-2933

CHRIS: 785-567-3113

OBERLIN CARFEST



MUST BE IN CAR SHOW TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAG RACES

SCHEDULE:

8-11AM REGISTRATION

11-1PM VOTING

12-1PM LUNCH

2-3PM AWARDS

4-6PM DRAG RACES



\$25 FIRST ENTRY

\$10 SECOND ENTRY

\$5 FOR 3RD, 4TH, 5TH...

(MULTIPLE ENTRIES MUST BE REGISTERED TO THE SAME OWNER)

\$10 EACH DRAG RACE ENTRY

DRIVER MUST BE 18 WITH VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE
CAR MUST BE CURRENTLY TAGGED



UNITING IN
SERVICE,
BUILDING A
STRONGER
TOMORROW.

Fall Rally RED, WHITE, & ROAR



HONORING OUR PAST. SERVING TODAY. BUILDING TOMORROW.



LEARN

Gain Knowledge



INSPIRE

Spark Ideas



GROW

Develop Leaders



SERVE

Make an Impact



KLBF ***
BAND AUCTION

Help support local music
and our community!



**BRING
BASKET
AUCTION ITEMS**

Your donations help
make our auctions
a **BIG** success!

HOTEL INFORMATION



610 N. Main St.
McPherson, KS
(620) 241-2424



1408 N. Main St.
McPherson, KS
(620) 242-9292



2000 E. First St.
McPherson, KS
(620) 241-1200



2101 E. First St.
McPherson, KS
(620) 241-1900

LEARN

INSPIRE

GROW

SERVE

Save the Date!



OCTOBER
23RD & 24TH,
2026



McPHERSON,
KS



UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
1200 E. Kansas Avenue

\$25

FOR REGISTRATION
AND LUNCH!

Lunch Provided on
Saturday!



Zone Chairs

2026 - 2027



1

Powell J Sieck

Atwood
Brewster
Gem
Goodland
Hoxie
Oberlin
Rexford
St. Francis

2

1VDG Linda Chessmore

Hill City
Kirwin
Logan
Lucas
Moreland
Norton
Palco
WaKeeney

3

PDG Don Keihl

Downs
Jennings
Smith Center
Tipton
Waldo

Zone Chairs

2026 - 2027



4

Justin Burrus

Colby High Plains
LaCrosse
Otis
Ransom

5

Elwyn Maneth

Ellinwood
Great Bend Evening
Great Bend Noon
Jetmore
Larnerd
Rozel

6

PCC Randy St. Aubyn

Downs
Jennings
Smith Center
Tipton
Waldo

Zone Chairs

2026 - 2027



7

JC Smith

Barnard
Macksville
Pratt
St. John
Stafford

8

Vic Martin

Bunker Hill
Claflin
Glen Elder
Holyrood
Hutchinson Breakfast
Kensington
Plainville

9

Todd Hewitt

Dodge City
Elkhart
Hugoton
Liberal
Montezuma
Plains
Satanta
Ulysses

This year, the Kansas Lions Foundation (KLF) will periodically share information through our District and State newsletters about what KLF does and how it can help Lions throughout our great state. Let’s start with something that could be especially helpful to your club!

Helping Clubs Without a 501(c)(3)

Every Lion in Kansas MD17 is a member of the Kansas Lions Foundation. That gives your club access to a valuable resource when you are looking for donations to support your local Lions projects. Many businesses and individuals would love to support a Lions project, but they may require the organization receiving their donation to be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization so they can receive a tax deduction.

The Kansas Lions Foundation can help! KLF is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation and can establish a Club Project Account for your Lions Club. For a one-time \$5 service fee, your club can use this account to receive donations for a designated project.

So, How Does It Work?

- **Set up your Club Project Account.** Do this with KLF before accepting any donations.
- **Tell KLF about your project.** Explain the project and how you would like the funds handled.
- **Ask local businesses and individuals to help.** Invite them to support your project.
- **Have checks made payable to KLF.** All checks must be made payable to the Kansas Lions Foundation.
- **Put the funds to work.** KLF receives the donations and credits them to your club’s designated project account.

Don't Give Up on That Potential Donation!

So, the next time a local business tells you, “We’d love to help, but we can only donate to a 501(c)(3),” don't give up! The Kansas Lions Foundation may be able to help you turn that “maybe” into a donation.

More donations can mean more service—and more lives impacted by Lions!

Want to Learn More?

We encourage your club to take advantage of this valuable resource. Visit the Kansas Lions Foundation website for more information and the Club Project Account application:

**Yours in Service,
PDG Steve Langley
President, Kansas Lions Foundation**

Kansas Lions Foundation

DID YOU KNOW?

**The Kansas Lions Foundation can help your club
raise more money!**

ONE IMPORTANT REMINDER: The Club Project Account must be established before a donation is accepted, and all checks must be made payable to the Kansas Lions Foundation.

www.kansaslionsfoundation.org/support



GET YOUR LIONS MEMBERSHIP CARD!

Follow these simple steps on the Lions Portal

1

GO TO THE
LIONS PORTAL



Visit
lionportal.org

2

CLICK
"MY ACCOUNT"



Log in to
your account.

3

SELECT
"MY CLUB"



Choose
My Club.

4

VIEW CLUB
MEMBERS



Click on
View Club
Members.

5

FIND YOUR
NAME



Search for
your name in
the list.

6

CLICK 'VIEW'
OR 'EDIT'



Click View
or Edit next
to your name.

7

VIEW
DETAILS



Review your
information.

8

CLICK
"VIEW CARD"



Click on
"View Card".

9

DOWNLOAD
YOUR CARD



Download your
membership
card.

10

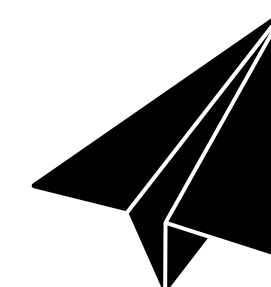
YOU'RE
ALL SET!



Show your pride.
Live your impact!

Last month, we looked at logging into the Portal. This month we are going to search around and find our membership card.

The instructions may differ based on your privileges. The District Governors is in a button called Membership Cards under the My Club button.



Contact
support17K@googlegroups.com
If you have any issues



PROUD TO BE A LION!
SERVICE. LEADERSHIP. IMPACT.



BE CONNECTED.
BE A LION.

Challenges

Print out your Membership Card



2026-2027 Calendar of District K Meetings

1st District K Cabinet Meeting

8/15/2026 - 11:00am to 2:00pm central time
The Breaks, 3203 Vine St, Hays, KS 67601

2nd District K Cabinet Meeting

11/17/2026 - 6:00pm to 7:00pm central time
Will be held digitally via zoom.

3rd District K Cabinet Meeting

1/26/2027 from 6:00pm to 7:00pm central time
Will be held digitally via zoom

District Convention with International Director Debbie Dawson

4/16/2027 to 4/17/2027 (Agenda will be provided ahead of time.)
Hays KS 67601

4th District Cabinet Meeting

6/12/2027 - 11:00am to 3:00pm central time
K18 Cafe, 5495 KS-18, Lucas, KS 67648

Calendar Download



Scan this with your phone or tablet.

It will take you to an .ics file in Google Drive.

Download it and follow the instructions to add all these dates to your preferred calendar automatically.

Zone Chair Training: Be Prepared, Build Connections, Make a Difference

As Zone Chairs, we have an important role in helping our clubs stay connected to district goals and leadership. Be prepared for every club visit by reviewing the club's information, understanding their current needs, and identifying the purpose of your visit.

Communication is key. Help clubs stay connected through service activity reporting, regular communication, and sharing district goals and opportunities. Just as importantly, take time to build relationships with club members. Our goal is to strengthen communication between clubs and district leadership and help every club feel valued, supported, and connected.

Before each visit, review the club's information and ask yourself: What is the purpose of my visit, and how can I best support this club?

Three Questions Every Zone Chair Should Ask:

1. What is going well in your club?
2. What challenges are you facing?
3. What resources would help your club right now?

A successful Zone Chair visit isn't just about checking in—it's about listening, connecting, supporting, and helping our clubs succeed. When we build strong relationships with our clubs, we strengthen Lions across the entire district.

Be prepared. Be present. Listen. Connect. Support. Serve.

Lion Linda Chessmore 1VDG





One more thing from your District Governor

As District Governor, my main goal this year is to improve communication with our clubs. One of the most important parts of communication is listening. At our recent cabinet meeting in Hays, I focused on getting our group into real table discussions rather than a string of speeches. It paid off with some great ideas that came out of it.

The GET (Global Extension Team) suggested running a service project in a community that doesn't yet have a Lions Club. One aspect is bringing in local individuals to help and showing them what Lions is all about. With a little luck, a project like that could turn into a new club down the road.

The GLT (Global Leadership Team) jumped straight into planning training for our area. This training would help strengthen our presidents, secretaries, and treasurers. The GST (Global Service Team) talked through projects the district is working on, including the Peace Poster Contest and the Environmental Photo Contest. One suggestion that stuck with me: spread the word further about who wins. Normally that news is shared at district and state convention, but we have plenty of Lions that are way out west who'd love to know too. This is why this newsletter's cover features our district photo contest winners, along with one Lion who went on to win at the state level.

A big part of listening to our clubs is our Zone Chairs. They visit you, listen, and bring what they hear. This includes the good news and the concerns and it all gets back to cabinet. They're a vital part of this organization, and I'm grateful to every Lion who stepped up to serve as a zone chair this year.

If you're interested in becoming a zone chair, let me know. It's a great way to visit clubs, build your leadership skills, and it's often a stepping stone toward District Governor and beyond.

Our Next Cabinet Meeting is November
17th on Zoom
Starts @ 6:00 pm Central Time