



THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

District Governor Margy Sundstrom

Great Plain Lions Leadership Institute
(GPLLI)

Where: Baldwin City, Kansas

Date: June 27-29, 2025

GPLLI Location: Baker University, Check-in at the Harter Student Center, 615 Dearborn St, Baldwin City, Kansas will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 27, 2025. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received by April 30, 2025. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2025. Registration covers lodging (Friday and Saturday nights), seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired.

Mail completed application and full payment to ID Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123.

Sponsors: Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri)

Go to <https://kansaslions.org/gplli> to download the application and get more information about GPLLI.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at margaret1226@gmail.com or 940-390-7430.

Learn new things and make new friends.....

DG Margy Sundstrom



- The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you." - B.B. King
- "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." - William Butler Yeats
- "Change is the end result of all true learning." - Leo Buscaglia
- "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." - John C. Maxwell
- "Intellectual growth should commence at birth and cease only at death." - Albert Einstein
- "Learning never exhausts the mind." - Leonardo da Vinci
- "Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other." - John F. Kennedy

With that said, the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is a great way to continue to learn. This institute not only helps you in Lions, but it can be applied to your everyday life.

This year the class will be held at Baker University in Baldwin, City. There are several opportunities to receive a scholarship from the State PDG Club or our District PDG Club.

First Vice District Governor Irene Haws



It has been an exciting few months, even having to reschedule club visits because of the snow in January and then the freezing temperatures.

On Feb. 1 Topeka Lions kicked off the month with spot screening of 82 youth at the Kansas Kids Fest, the first since Covid. I was pleased to enjoy a wonderful meal with the Waterville Lions on Feb 3. They have music flowing through the streets. I have noticed this in other towns around the district too. I think it is very welcoming. Then on Saturday Morning Feb. 8th I traveled to see the Gypsum Club at their 7 am meeting, where I learned about their 100 year old auditorium and some of the history of their club.

The 2nd week of February was First Vice-District Governor/Governor Elect Training. I represented Kansas along with Lou Morgan from District K and Clark Lindstrom from District N in Kansas. I meet many Incoming District Governors from around the world. 750 ++ from 90 countries. I visited with Lions from Slovakia, Argentina, several from India, two Lions from Germany, two from Switzerland, one from Norway, several from Malaysia, and the Philippines, two from Nepal, many from Australia, Canada and from the US there were DGEs from Missouri, Nebraska, Utah, Texas and Wisconsin that I enjoyed seeing and getting to know.

Back to Kansas and busy with preparations for my own club's blood drive and assisting with the District Convention. I enjoyed seeing everyone at the convention in Topeka. I also shared a meal with the Sunflower Lions of Topeka and was sad to hear that one of their members, Beulah Carrington had passed away, she was a Lion for over 25 years.

It was my great honor to meet some of the newest members of the Delphos Lions club on Monday Feb.24. They are working to get a website and a Facebook page. At their first Saturday community breakfast event, children get to pick out a teddy bear to take home. This was a wonderful, busy, and active club with great representation throughout their community. If you need an example of how to promote Lions in your community, I highly recommend a visit to Delphos, KS.

If you have an event coming up, please invite me, I'd like to go if I can. irene@idesignGS.com.

Irene Haws

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**2024-2025
District
Leadership**

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Kansas State School for the Blind, how Lions Can Help

Lions in District 17A and the State have been involved over the years with the Kansas State School for the Blind; after all, the Lions are Knights of the Blind. The club I belong to meets on the campus of KSSB. I wanted to share information with clubs in 17A about some of the ways Lions might sponsor or contribute.

Every Spring the students have a Prom. A Lions club can sponsor a luncheon for Prom or treat the girls to a manicure. Oftentimes outings are planned to help the students navigate the events and happenings in the community or maybe even just a trip to McDonalds. A club can sponsor an outing. Sponsors are needed for on campus clubs such as a Bowling Club or a music club. The end of the academic year brings other opportunities for sponsorship. A club can sponsor a Senior Luncheon or even an end of the school year celebration. Donations of paper towels, baby wipes, or antibacterial wipes are welcome as the school plans for the June Summer school program.

Students learn life skills, the classroom would benefit from a large movable TV to help with instructions. Students would also benefit from interaction with farm animals or even animals from the jungle, forest or ocean. This might be a good opportunity to expose students to animals they do not normally encounter.

Other supplies that could be donated or contributions made to purchase include; kid safe knives, arts and craft supplies, soap dishes, spiral notebooks, underarm deodorant (male and female) and a Fugoo XL Speaker.

I will highlight volunteer opportunities at KSSB next month

Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost



March is the first month of spring in the northern half of the world. It's named after Mars, the Roman God of War. The birth flower of March is the daffodil. While March is usually associated with springtime, renewal, and new growth in the Northern Hemisphere, it marks the beginning of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere. (www.timeanddate.com and www.calendar.com).

Let's use this season to renew and grow our Lions Clubs in our towns, cities and communities! We as Lions sometimes need fresh ideas to refresh our clubs and members.

I challenge all lions to plant the seed of service and fellowship in our communities.

REMEMBER, WE SERVE.

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

~Confucius

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News From the Lions Health Program

Has your Lions Club "Made it's Mark " this year? Look in your community and find a project or program that needs some boosting. Then start working on assisting that program by asking what the program might need. There are many programs in all of our communities that just need a boost. One I am thinking of is the local Ronald McDonald House (RMD). Here in Topeka the playground perimeter has rotted away. So my Lions Club purchased some playground edging made from ground up tires. These will last forever. We will be installing these when the weather clears up. The RMD did not know how they were going to get their playground safe for their clients children to play safely. My club came to their rescue. A simple project but one that is meaningful to the RMD. So you never know when there is a need that just goes under the radar. Remember "if there is a need there is a Lions Club" that can fill that need. Good luck in your search

Congratulations Lions



PID Debra Weaverling presents
the Claude DeVorss Fellowship
to PDG Rick Dodson

ID Chris Carlone and DG Margy Sundstrom
presented
**Lions International Certificates of
Appreciation**
(the 4th highest honor presented by LCI)
to Lions Ron Nichols, Eric Strimple, and Eric
Tweedy Saturday at the Lions District 17A
Convention

LCIF Challenge

As Multiple District 17 LCIF Coordinator, I'm issuing a challenge to Kansas Lions. One of the State LCIF goals this year is to increase the number of individual Lions making personal recurring LCIF donations. Hopefully, my challenge will help us meet this goal. The challenge for first time recurring donors, not current recurring donors. I made a similar challenge at the Mid-Winter Rally, and we've already presented a MJF to the winner.

The challenge is for Lions to pledge a recurring donation to LCIF for a minimum of 2 years. Preferably, these will be monthly or quarterly donations. For those that make the pledge before or during the State Convention in late May, I will put your names in a drawing. There will be 2 winners drawn at the convention. I will match the winners' total first year donations and will send them to LCIF in your name. For example, if you pledge \$5/month for two years, your total 2-year donation will be \$120 and your first year's total will be \$60. I will match your total of \$60 for the first year with a lump sum \$60 donation. If you pledge \$100/month, your 2-year total would be \$2,400 and your first year total would be \$1,200.

In the latter case, that would qualify you immediately for a Melvin Jones Fellow/Progressive MJF. Based on your desires, I will submit you immediately for a MJF/PMJF and put the balance of \$200 into your credit balance. Your donations in the second year will qualify you for a PMJF. I hope all of you who pledge will let your recurring donations continue past the second year, but that is your choice. I will help you complete and submit the recurring donation pledge.

Please call me or email if you have questions. Again, you can start your recurring donations immediately, but winners for my lump sum donations will not be determined until the State Convention.

Thank you for support for our great Foundation.

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DISTRICT 17A

A BIG HELLO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!



Dyelan Reed, Bellville
Sponsor: Mikel Hadacheck

Olivia Bergmeier, Concordia
Sponsor: Cameron Thurner

Patricia Montoya, Concordia
Sponsor: Scott Montoya

Samantha Van Horn,
Concordia
Sponsor: William Van Horn

Deborah Aleman, Lansing
Sponsor: John Schukman

Gilbert Trill, Leawood
Sponsor: Herb Strain

Jackson Fager, Lenexa
Sponsor: Robert McKeighan

Eleyna Vazquez-Kimball, OPH
Sponsor: Kim Baker

Preston Cannizzo, Wakefield
Sponsor: Richard Avery

Tanner Cannizzo, Wakefield
Sponsor: Richard Avery

Kyle Murphy, Wakefield
Sponsor: Bronson Brown

Jeremy Smith, Wakefield
Sponsor: Richard Avery

Shannon Wilson, Wakefield
Sponsor: Bronson Brown



January 2025



DISTRICT 17-A CONVENTION



Peace Poster Winners!



AROUND THE DISTRICT



**Eyeglasses in storage,
ready to distribute**



Washington Lions Club

**Rhett Murphy
Jackson County Club
Branch**



New Members



**District A Lions at District N
Convention**



Tonganoxie Lions St. Patrick's Day Parade



Silver Lake Lions



New Vision Screener



**Silver Lake Lions
50 Year Members**



**Hiawatha Lions Club visits with Brock
and his family from Brain Surge
Coffee**

A colorful graphic with a pink and yellow background. It features a large white circle in the center containing text. To the left of the circle is a pink donut with sprinkles, and to the right is a glass of beer. At the bottom left are bowling pins. The text inside the circle reads: "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!", and "CONTACT GMT ERIC STRIMPLE FOR MORE DETAILS".

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Salina Downtown Lions Club Social

Mission 1.5 Challenge: Let's Grow the Pride!

We have 30 days left for your club to hold a membership social and be eligible for up to \$75.00 back on costs! Reach out to GMT Eric Strimple for details!



Eudora Lions Scouting for Food

Save the Date



Topeka Lions Club

Journey for Sight

5K Walk/Run and 10K Run

Combat Air Museum - Fast Flat Course

June 21, 2025, 8 am Start

Sponsorships Available:

Contact: irene@idesignGS.com

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Funds Raised help to support the vision assistance program
of the Topeka Lions Club

Check back for details: www.topekaliions.org



**** FOOD DRIVE ****

-APRIL 5TH, 2025-

**"TO HELP PROVIDE FOOD FOR
THOSE IN NEED"**

*PLEASE PLACE FOOD IN A BAG, OR BOX,
ATTACH THIS FLIER TO YOUR FOOD
DONATION, AND SET IT ON YOUR
DOORSTEP BEFORE*

***9 AM ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
WE WILL PICK UP FOOD BETWEEN
9 AM AND 1 PM.***

**FOOD WILL BE STORED & AVAILABLE AT
THE MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE FOOD
PANTRY AT THE ST. PAUL CHURCH OF
CHRIST- 8TH & CHURCH ST.**

**IF YOUR FOOD DONATION IS MISSED
ON APRIL 5TH, YOU MAY CALL
JOHN SCOTT AT (785) 542-3510.**

-THANK YOU!-

**EUDORA BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS,
CUB SCOUTS, LIONS CLUB, 4-H CLUB,
HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY &
VOLUNTEERS, METHODIST CHURCH
VOLUNTEERS, AND ST. PAUL CHURCH FOOD
PANTRY WORKERS & VOLUNTEERS!**



Lawrence Lions Club Fundraisers in April

Egg My Yard

Let our bunnies' do the work this Easter!

Order candy-filled eggs to be hidden in
your front yard the Saturday night before
Easter - April 19, 2025

Available in Lawrence city limits only.

Payment and order deadline:
Friday, April 11, 2025

Pricing

24 eggs for \$30

48 eggs for \$45

72 eggs for \$65

96 eggs for \$85

Scan the QR code to
place your order



Or visit
bit.ly/laweggmmyard



MULTI-FAMILY

GARAGE SALE

Proceeds benefit the
Lawrence Noon Lions Club to
help people in need here in
our community!



April 23 & April 26
8am - 1pm

4802 W 26th St.
Lawrence, Kansas