



District 17N News



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

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Celebrating a Century of Route 66

Members of Baxter Springs Lions Club were part of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Route 66 with Fox News personality Steve Doocym center. From left: Debbie Hopkins, Rhanda Andrews, Melanie Snider, Marla Larison & Connie Way

All roads lead to Hutchinson for 104th State Convention

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 29 and May 30 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. Friday, May 29 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.

After the meetings, we'll board a bus and travel to the famous Strataca Kansas Underground Salt Museum, where we'll descend 650 feet underground for our evening meal. Tours will be available for those who sign

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Save the Date!

104th Kansas Lions State Convention
May 29-30, 2026
Hutchinson

Convention information and registration on pages 11 & 12

4th District Cabinet Meeting
June 13
Burlington

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and Faculty Development Institute
July 16-19

Baker University
Baldwin City, KS
See page 13 & 14 for more information or at kansaslions.org

USA Canada Lions Leadership Forum
September 3-5
Memphis, TN
Register now at lionsforum.org



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Clark's Comments: An update on district goals

"Embrace each new day with an open heart and clear mind. Welcome each challenge as a positive opportunity for growth and be grateful for all you have and all that is yet to come." Harry Edwards



As we head into the last two months of the Lion 2025-26 fiscal year, I reflect upon what we have achieved in District 17 N since last July. I'm still as revved up as ever about what we can potentially achieve by the last day of June that could be considered successes.

The LCIF Action plan submitted to Lions International was to achieve fundraising goals and increase global impact by way of Club donations to the Bag of Bucks during District Governor Team Club visits. We've have "FUN"draising at the three Cabinet meetings as well as the State Convention. We still need improvement to increase the individual club member giving 20%, so please give what you can when you can. I continue to request each District level leader to give at least \$1 to LCIF to achieve 100% giving to lead by example.

The Mission 1.5 Action Plan continues to challenge 17N and the rest of the state. I am reminded that success is really a journey rather than a destination at a point in time. We still need at least two new clubs of 20 members each to bring our membership number back to where we were this same time last year.

On the positive side, we have begun rebuilding clubs in Maize, Potwin, and Hesston and with a goal of 10 new members each, we would actually be well ahead of the membership game.

What we do now can have lasting impact on the future and the lives of people we serve. More members means more hands to serve as many as 1 billion people if we reach the 1.5 million members globally.

Together, with you and the present and future District Leadership Team, we have continued possibilities to learn, to grow in the amount and types of service, and made strides of self improvement. All this has taken hard work, patience, determination, and sometimes a test to one's self confidence.

The Leadership Development Action Plan was to have 75% of Club Officers and 100% of Zone Chairs

trained and we continue encourage club leaders and district leaders to take advantage of the training available in the Lions Learning Center. During the District Governor Team club visits, we have surveyed membership satisfaction to provide data about what we are doing well and hopefully reveal ways we can improve the member experience.

The Service Activities Action Plan emphasizes the need to report club services in the Lions International portal and focus on environmental and diabetes awareness service projects. Clubs have been encouraged to complete at least one new environmental service project to enter a drawing for a art quality desk sized Lion statue. More information on page 10.

The Making Change for Diabetes change jar campaign has netted almost \$3,000 thus far and growing. We also plan to continue the cloth caps sewing project to benefit kids with cancer at the last cabinet meeting in Burlington, KS on June 13. Non-perishable food donations were a blessing to the Food Pantry of the Goddard Church after the District Convention. The personal hygiene product donations during the first Cabinet meeting in Valley Center were much appreciated by those who could not afford them.

Additionally, we have a substantial LCIF matching grant to purchase and install a refrigeration unit is about to be considered by the LCIF Board that will benefit food relief efforts in Montgomery County. The District Cabinet recently approved to support applications for a \$3,000 District and Club Community Grant and a \$60,000 matching grant from LCIF to update, refurbish, and enhance an accessible playground in Westphalia to benefit Anderson County.

One of the most important lessons I have learned over the past ten months is that one act of service can inspire many others to do the same and even more. The past few months, we have been striving to create a ripple of positive impact in LCIF, Mission 1.5, Leadership Development, and Service Activities. Some days have been hard, but confidence grows with time and effort as well as from asking others for help. Everyone's voice matters and I still hope and plan to achieve some levels of success for the goals I set for the District one year ago this month. Focusing on the results can make us sometimes forget how important the effort was and the progress made along the way.

So, I continue to enjoy the journey as District

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Diversity – what does it mean?

Diversity has been one of the topics of Lions Training that has concentrated on the obvious – gender, ethnicity, age, religious faiths, physical abilities, race, and economic status. Training has centered on acceptance of differences and on welcoming those that are not like us to enrich our life and the life of our club.



Through an innocent conversation with my granddaughter last week, I became keenly aware that

diversity is about each one of us. Diversity includes inherited traits, talent and skills. We talked about her friends who do not think like her; who do not enjoy the same music, sports, or TV programs; who have fractured families or non-traditional families; and who

may not have the support systems she has.

From our conversation my “AHA” moment was I need to expand my outlook on diversity. I have envied others that have talent or skill in areas which I struggle with. I have been non-accepting to those because I did not want to appear less, instead of appreciating their special-ness.

Each of our Lions clubs are diverse – in the ways they serve, in valuation of new members, in number of years of service, in openness to new ideas, and in their membership.

I am changed by my Lions membership. I am learning the true meaning of diversity and acceptance. Thank you for helping me grow.

*Melanie Snider
District Governor Elect*

Good housekeeping for Lions

It is that time of year when new club officers are elected for the 2026-2027 Lion year. Officers need to be updated in the Lions Portal each year so they may receive important messages from Lions International, Kansas Lions Foundation, Kansas Lions Band Foundation, Kansas Lions Sight Foundation, the State Office, and from your District



Governor.

Also, it is important for information about club

members to be correctly reported in the Lions Portal. The district newsletter is emailed to all 17N members who have an email address in the portal. They could also receive information from Lions International in the form of the District Digest, LCIF News, or LCIF Disaster Response.

When you are updating the portal with new members or officers, take a moment to review all club members’ information. Ask the following questions:

- Is the member’s name spelled correctly?
- Is the Email Preference correct – Personal or work?
- Is there an email for each member? Is it current?
- Does the member have both a mobile and a home phone?

Should the phone number designated as a home number actually be listed as mobile number?

When the member has both a mobile and home number, is the correct designation listed as the preferred phone?

Is the phone number in the correct format: XXX-XXX-XXXX?

With the correct information available in the Lions Portal everyone will feel involved in their own club, district, and international Lion family.

*Barb Schattak
First Vice District Governor-Elect*

Clark’s Comments

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Governor. The true success comes from improving our memberships’ Lion experiences, helping our Clubs to grow in service (hopefully in numbers too), moving our District and State bravely forward into the future, contributing whatever we can to the global causes of Lionism, and never giving up when we can help serve others in need while learning lessons along the way.

DG Clark Lindstrom

How KLF responds to disasters in our state

After the recent storm damage in District N and A last month, it became clear there was some confusion regarding what is covered by Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Emergency Grants versus district and club responsibilities.

ALERT Program Procedures

In the event of a disaster (tornado, flood, fire, or other emergency), the following steps should be taken:

The District Governor or District ALERT Chair should assess damage through local contacts

The State ALERT Chair should be notified

Additional verification may be conducted through state contacts

Response Criteria

If a disaster affects:

50 or more homes

100 or more individuals

An ALERT trailer may be deployed once the need is verified.

The State ALERT Chair will:

- Coordinate with organizations such as the Red Cross or United Way
- Arrange trailer placement
- Request volunteers through the state office
- Assist with LCIF grant applications

Grant Information

LCIF Emergency Grants

Provide up to \$15,000 for immediate needs such as:

Food

Water

Clothing

Medical supplies

No match required

Important: These grants

do **not** cover supplies distributed from ALERT trailers.

Disaster Preparedness Grants

Range: \$5,000–\$15,000

Require a 25% match

Cannot be used to restock trailers

May fund equipment such as generators, trailers, and grills

KLF (KLAT) Grants

Assist families displaced from their homes

Provide \$250 matching grants

Requires coordination with the ALERT Chair

Applications are available on the KLF website

Funding

KLF maintains:

Reserve funds through the Manhattan Community Foundation

Regular operating funds within KLF accounts

These funds may be used to support disaster response efforts if needed.

WHY IT MATTERS

A strong club is built on respect, belonging, and psychological safety. When members don't feel safe or valued... **we lose good people, strong leaders, and meaningful impact.**

MICROAGGRESSIONS THAT PUSH MEMBERS AWAY

- "You speak English so well."
- "Where are you really from?"
- Talking over someone or dismissing their ideas
- Mispronouncing names without trying
- Assuming roles based on gender, age, or background
- "You're too young to lead a committee."
- "Isn't there someone who can help you lift that?"
- Teasing about being new to the club: "Is this your first meeting?"
- "We tried this before, what do you know that's different?"
- "You don't look like a Lion."

Small moments can create big barriers.

HOW WE COUNTERACT & LEAD WITH INCLUSION

- Instead of:** "You speak English so well." **Do:** "I'm glad you're here—your voice matters."
- Instead of:** "Where are you really from?" **Do:** "Tell me more about yourself—I'd love to learn."
- If someone is talked over** **Do:** "Let's pause—I want to hear what (Name) was saying."
- If names are mispronounced** **Do:** "Can you say your name again? I want to make sure I get it right." Practice it!
- If roles are assumed (age, gender, background)** **Do:** "What role would you like to take on?" Offer leadership opportunities.
- If comments are made about ability/disability** **Do:** "Let's focus on strengths—how can we support each other?"
- If someone is new and feels excluded** **Do:** "I'm glad you're here—let me introduce you around." Assign a buddy/mentor.
- If ideas are dismissed** **Do:** "That's an interesting idea—can you share more?"
- If someone says: "We've always done it this way."** **Do:** "Let's stay open—new ideas help us grow."

DAILY LIONS ACTIONS

- ✓ Model respect in every interaction
- ✓ Invite, don't assume
- ✓ Listen to understand, not to respond
- ✓ Speak up when something doesn't feel right
- ✓ Make space for every voice

OUR COMMITMENT AS LIONS

We don't just serve communities—**WE BUILD BELONGING.**

Ensure that our Lions Club is a **SAFE** place where **everybody** feels they belong.

Lions Clubs International | **WE SERVE - WITH RESPECT, WITH HEART, FOR ALL**

State Convention

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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 30 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!

Registration deadline is May 15.

See pages 11-12 for convention information.



Two new members of the Maize Lions Club were inducted by DG Clark Lindstrom on April 9. Club President Larry Zimmerman, left, sponsored Maize City Manager Nick Gregory while Club member Carl Donham sponsored Mayor Patrick Stivers. A great start in the rebuilding of the Maize Lions Club.

Baxter Lions join in marking a century of Route 66

Baxter Springs Lions were among many that appeared for the celebration of Route 66 100th Anniversary and the ribbon cutting at the Heritage Spirit Park which is next door to the Baxter Springs 66 Station Visitors Center.

We had great time at Bricks & Brews Woodfire Pizza and at the ribbon cutting as Fox & Friends host Steve Doocy stopped by.

It is rewarding to see Kansas get national attention highlighting the history, pride and people of our community. Check out PDG Marla Larison's spot on the tv broadcast at <https://foxnews.com/video/639392847211>.

THE PARSONS LIONS CLUB

INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE

95 YEARS OF SERVICE

TUESDAY JUNE 16TH 6 PM

ST PATRICKS CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH HALL

1831 STEVENS, PARSONS KS

Cost \$22.50

RSVP BY JUNE 1ST TO: MAGGIE KEENE 620-423-9922
mkeene@stpatrikchurch.org

P.O.BOX 821 PARSONS, KS 67357



Welcome to the Pride

New members in April



New Member	Sponsor
Augusta Servant Steve Duncan Pat Knollenberg	Angela Duncan Thomas Smarsh
Madison Sam Davis Cade De Witt Christopher Dietel	Harvey Meyer Larry De Witt Harvey Meyer
Neodesha Alex Jones	Lee Steanson



Around the District

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



Valley Center Lions handed out children's books and helped with family fun at the community's Spring Carnival. The family event included an Easter Egg Hunt, kids games, a cake walk, face painting and much more! Lions Jerry Klutzke and Charlie Davis take a turn at the book table.



Wichita Northwest Lions Diana Kaufman and Lana Murphy pack food boxes at the Cargill Kansas Food Bank warehouse. Volunteering at the food bank is an ongoing service project of the Northwest Lions Club.



Parsons Lions pack personal care kits for the community's Care Cupboard. From left, Elaine Hudson, Tom Shaw, Rich Proehl and Maggie Keene.



Independence Lions served up 200 hotdogs at "Baseball, Apple Pie and Hot Dogs at the Central Park Sports Complex. Above left: Dr. Isaias McCaffery serves up hot dogs.



Wellington Lions honored 12 Wellington High School juniors at the club's annual Junior Lion Award ceremony. The students recognized are chosen by teachers, with the student then choosing a boy and girl as plaque winners. The students are selected because they exemplify the Lions Code of Ethics, showing strong character, loyalty, friendship and respect for fellow students, teachers, and other district employees.

Celebrating years of service



Chevrons for years of service were presented at Augusta, McCune and Ottawa. Above left, PDG Bill Kincaid presented chevrons to Bill Buggein (left) for 55 years of service and John Reid for 30 years. At left: DG Clark Lindstrom (center) presented chevrons to McCune Lions Justin Schaffer for 15 years and Terry Vaughn for 10 years of service.

Ottawa Lions Bruce Osladil (left) and Jim Tawney received 35 year Chevrons, presented by DG Clark at a recent meeting.





Derby Lions Club has had a great start to the year! Unfortunately we had to say goodbye to our Founding Lion, Charlie Cadwell (center). Charlie helped start the Derby Noon Lions Club in 2009. Since that time, he has provided guidance to the Club and has helped build it into what it is today. Charlie is moving to Minnesota to be closer to family. Lion Austin made this beautiful charcuterie board with signatures of our members as a going away gift for Charlie.



Bel Aire Lions helped out with a golf tournament to benefit Wichita Children's Home in April. Top photo: Lions Gary O'Neal, Ginny Caldwell, Richard Caldwell and Jackie O'Neal fill goodie bags for the golfers. On tournament day, Lions Richard Caldwell, Ginny Caldwell, Rusty Peterson, Jackie O'Neal, and Gary O'Neal, pictured above with other volunteers, spent a cold morning spotting balls. Lion Kenny Fischer, not pictured, worked the afternoon shift.



**We
Serve**



Wichita Downtown Lions Arlin Hill, Clark Lindstrom, Paul Pitman, pictured above, and Martha Ray, not pictured, participated in the Arkansas River Cleanup on April 25.



Humboldt Lions hosted the club’s sixth annual dinner for senior boys. Those attending from left to right were Avion Seamster, Mark McCullough, Taner King, Carson Russell, Mason Sterling, Layne Ellison and Carson Peters.

Humboldt hosts senior boys dinner

The Humboldt Lions Club hosted the 2026 senior boys to a meal at the HHS Sports Complex in the Storm Shelter. This is our sixth year doing this event. Out of the 19 senior boys we had seven attend. Each boy introduced themselves and told us about their future plans.

Joining the seniors were 10 club members. Our guest speaker, J.J. Davis head womens basketball coach at Neosho County Community College, gave a very inspiring talk about “Being Reliable, Be Consistent, Stay in the Fight, and Don’t Waste your Day.”

Enter your environmental project in district contest

Did your club do an environmental activity during the month? Have you sent a picture of your club’s activity to the newsletter? Have you submitted your entry into the District 17N Environmental Project Drawing?

Clubs that create a new, exciting or “fun” service project/event/fundraiser/activity – one that has never been done before by the Club need to complete an entry form (see below) for the District 17 drawing. The



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drawing winner is entitled to “Bragging” rights and will become the proud owner of an art quality tabletop Lion Statue.

The entry deadline is approaching - June 1.

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: _____

4. Submitter’s Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mail this entry form postmarked by June 1, 2026, to the District Global Service Team Coordinator Lion Kathy Pratt, PO Box 131, Towanda, KS 67144.

Please enclose a printed picture of Lions participating in the new environmental project.

All entries will be displayed at the District 17-N 4th Cabinet Meeting on June 13, 2026.

Contact us if you have any further questions; 316.932.2659 or DG Clark 316.258.2781.



Wearing the vest with pride

If you ever wondered why Lions around the world proudly wear the yellow (gold) service vest, the story goes deeper than just a uniform—it's a symbol of identity, visibility and unity.

From the earliest days of Lions Club International, the official colors were purple and gold, chosen in 1917 to represent loyalty, integrity, sincerity and generosity. Over time, Lions' branding materials shifted toward blue and gold for a more modern consistent look—but the meaning behind the colors never changed.

Gold naturally became the color most associated with service, and the gold vest emerged as the universal identifier for Lions at projects, fundraisers and community events. Members often describe it as something that instantly tells the public "A Lion is here to help."

As Lions Clubs grew worldwide, the vest became a practical way to create a consistent, recognizable look across thousands of clubs. It also evolved into a walking scrapbook, with pins representing years of service, conventions, achievements and club pride.

Whether your vest is simple or covered in decades of memories, it stands for the same thing: Service. Community. Pride. And the shared mission of Lions everywhere—We Serve.

*From Lions International Facebook Page
Michael S. Summers*



KANSAS LIONS 104th STATE CONVENTION

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: _____

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.

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.

DEADLINE FOR ADVERTISEMENT IS MAY 15, 2026

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 an Encourager

Bee The Change



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	_____ @ \$15.00	_____
Friday Dinner – At Strataca – BBQ	_____ @ \$15.00	_____
Saturday Lunch – Chef Salad Bar <i>FREE if paid Banquet Meal</i>	_____ @ \$14.00	_____
Convention Banquet – Chicken Marsala, salad & dessert	_____ @ \$20.00	_____
	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 Please Print
District K A N
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 provide a list names of family members that need
name badges for the Cosmosphere discount.*

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

PCC Pam Bilyeu

bilyeuskies@hotmail.com; 785-817-3644 or

PDG Gene Allen,

genelionsclub@gmail.com; 620-622-5290

Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar

PID Hans Neidhardt

2744 E. Ironstone St.

Park City, KS 67219

316-435-2800

hnwizardofoz@gmail.com

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.

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, nine meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together, if desired. Mail application and full payment by check or Venmo (@Hans-Neidhardt) to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219.

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