

# DISTRICT DIALOGUE - September

## Northeast Kansas Lions District 17A

### Chart Your Course



#### We Serve

##### Cabinet Meetings 10 am to 12:30 pm

Nov 1 – Liquid Art Winery  
Manhattan (hybrid)

Feb 7 – Zoom only

Jun 13 – Salvation Army  
Worship Center, Olathe (hybrid)

##### District 17A Convention

Apr 10-11 \*\*\*NEW DATE\*\*\*  
Manhattan

##### Multiple District Events

Oct 24-25, 2025 – Fall Rally  
Lindsborg

May 30- 31, 2026 –  
State Convention  
Hutchinson

##### Zone Meetings:

##### DG Advisory Committee

Scheduled by the Zone Chairs for  
the clubs in each zone for club  
presidents & club secretaries. Club  
vice-presidents are also welcome.

##### District Officers:

##### Irene Haws

*District Governor*

##### Roger Yost

*1st Vice District Governor*

##### Cheryl Kerns

*2nd Vice District Governor*

##### Stephanie Heisler

*District Secretary*

*stephanierheisler@hotmail.com*

##### Ron Nichols

*District Treasurer*

*coachronnichols@gmail.com*

##### Rick Dodson

*District Admin*

*dodsonr23@gmail.com*



We are feeling the momentum as we sail even further toward our goals this year. Growing Lions Clubs with new members, starting new projects, growing existing projects, training our leaders, sharing the joy of service with others and reporting service on the Lions portal. If clubs need help reporting service projects, please reach out to District Administrator Rick Dodson – his email address is listed in the column to the left.

### \*\*\* A New Date for the District Convention, April 10 - 11, 2026 \*\*\*

The date has been changed to avoid the Easter Weekend.

#### Welcome new leadership:

**Daniel Martinez** of the Topeka Sunflower Club will fill the remaining term as Zone Chair for Zone 4, **Caroline Arter** of the Leavenworth Lions Club will fill the remaining term as Zone Chair for Zone 2, and **Bonnie Orzechowski** of the Overland Park Host Lions Club is coming on to fill the remainder of the Lion's Year as the Beverly Nichols Reading Action Chair. Thank you Lions for stepping up!

Keep doing what you're doing Lions and invite others to serve along beside you. Remember that family members in the same household can have a reduced membership cost.

#### See you at the Fall Rally in Lindsborg, KS on October 24-25.

Registration forms are at the end of this newsletter.

A special thanks to the District Governor Team, Global Action Teams, and Zone Chairs as we host district events/meetings, start club branches, start clubs, make club visits and endeavor to keep Lions members well informed of upcoming dates and opportunities. Share your club fundraising events on Facebook and send them to me as soon as possible for publication in the District Dialogue Newsletter.

Thank you to the many volunteers working at the State Fair this year. You are very much appreciated!

#### *Irene Haws*

District Governor

*irene@idesignGS.com*



Email news articles, photos and upcoming events to [17Anews@gmail.com](mailto:17Anews@gmail.com)

Deadline is the first of the month for publication at mid-month.

View the District Website here: <https://kslionsdistrict17A.org>



## Roger Yost 1st Vice-District Governor

### *Travels of Leonard the Lion*

How many Lions can remember when I was turned loose the first time? Along the way I got lost on my safari for a short time and found my way home for a short R&R.

Now its time to set sail and do what our new District Governor Irene wants and chart a new course! Traveling is what I do. Visiting all our clubs all over 17A, meeting new members, starting new clubs or embracing old lion friends all over Northeast Kansas. Who knows, I might even get to go on a vacation to 17K or 17N. Lets do what we do and visit club's around our area supporting all activities while restoring or district wide friendships.

The week of October 4th to the 12th, 2025 is Mental Health and Well Being Week. Everyone knows someone, heard of someone or suffered with a person that could use a helping hand. All communities have some type of resources to assist available, just ask.

International President A. P. Singh has asked that we as Lions help amplify this global impact during this week. As Lions, let's show our spirit and serve the communities by reaching out with a friendly hand and help as we can.



Remember, We Serve.

***The significant problems we face cannot be solved by the same level of thinking that created them.***  
~Albert Einstien

Roger Yost 1st VDG 17A  
Yostfarms@hotmail.com  
620-397-3108

Dist. 17A	Zone Chairs	
Zone 1	Sunshine Letsinger	Clubs: Effingham, Everest, Highland, Hiawatha, Horton, Lancaster, Robinson, Sabetha, Troy
Zone 2	Caroline Arter	Clubs: Atchison, Basehor, Easton, KC Downtown, Lansing, Leavenworth, Oskaloosa, Tonganoxie
Zone 3	Robert Jones	Clubs: Leawood, Lenexa, Louisburg, Miami County Traveling, Overland Park Host, Shawnee, University of KS Eye Center
Zone 4	Daniel Martinez	Clubs: Auburn, Lawrence, Silver Lake, Topeka, Topeka Sunflower, Valley Falls
Zone 5	Erik Bailey	Clubs: Baldwin City, Eudora, Gardner, Linwood, Olathe Noon, Olathe
Zone 6	Rich Webster	Clubs: Keats, Leondardville, Manhattan, Manhattan Sunflower, Onaga, Randolph
Zone 7	Bart Hettenbach	Clubs: Abilene, Chapman, Hope, Navarre, Solomon, Wakefield, Woodbine
Zone 8	Daryl McFarland	Clubs: Assaria, Bennington, Gypsum, Minneapolis, Minneapolis Evening, Salina Downtown, Tescott
Zone 9	Camey Thurner	Clubs: Clay Center, Clyde, Concordia, Delphos, Longford, Miltonvale, Morganville
Zone 10	Fred Arnold	Clubs: Barnes, Belleville, Marysville, Scandia, Washington, Waterville

**Welcome two new Zone Chairs: Daniel Martinez for Zone 4 and Caroline Arter for Zone 2**



## Cheryl Kerns 2nd Vice-District Governor

My last two club visits in July were to the Olathe Noon Lions and Silver Lake Lions clubs. Olathe Noon also awarded \$500 scholarships to each of the five Olathe high schools and I had the pleasure of meeting one of the recipients. The club described all the projects they are involved in and they are busy! They plan to contribute to both KLF and LCIF and will be voting in August as to amounts. Silver Lake had a meeting just for me! Two of their members had just returned from Lions International Convention. They donated \$50 to KLF and \$50 to LCIF.

So far in August, I have met with seven more clubs with three more before the month is up. Had a great meeting with the Lawrence Lions. We discussed at length starting a Leo Club at a local middle school. This club is predominantly female and a large percentage of Melvin Jones Fellows. Hiawatha Lions Club is active in their community and had a potential new member in attendance. They are currently selling chances to win a gun...contact John Wright to get your raffle ticket. They also donated to KLF and LCIF! Troy Lions just completed a huge project for their community...they run ALL the activities on the Fourth of July...from fishing to fireworks. Looking into partnering with another service club to take on larger projects. They, too, made donations to KLF and LCIF...I like this trend!

Miami County Traveling Lions and the Johnson County Family Branch completed a service project for Wayside Waifs and discussed ideas for the Mental Health/Wellness focus week coming in October. They are working toward their second TREX bench. Eudora Lions are a vibrant club! High energy, community engagement, and growing! Every meeting is FUN!! Highland Lions really take care of their community. They run concessions in the summer, participate in Trunk of Treat, give a \$1000 scholarship, and continue to meet many other needs in their town. All of these clubs jumped on the KLF/LCIF donation wagon! Thank you, again, for sharing your stories and your purpose.

Reminder to mark your calendars for the Fall Rally (replacing Mid-Winter Rally) in Lindsborg Kansas October 24-25. Learning, walking, dancing, eating, and great fellowship...you won't want to miss it!

## Lead to Serve. Serve to Lead.



### District 17A Global Action Team (GAT)

Vania Castro  
Global Leadership Team Coordinator

Eric Strimple  
Global Membership Team Coordinator

Rick Dodson  
Global Service Team Coordinator

Eric Tweedy  
Global Extension Team Coordinator

The GAT is a vast network of dedicated Lions — at all levels — who are focused on helping districts achieve their MISSION 1.5 targets.

This important team is positioned to help foster club membership growth, build strong, innovative leaders and increase Lions' visibility in the community through impactful service.

GAT leaders play a larger part in ensuring districts are held accountable in reaching MISSION 1.5 targets. By leading by example and providing the guidance necessary to navigate challenges and celebrate success, only then can Lions be successful.

Source: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/global-action-team>

## Lions Health Program News



International President A P Singh's slogan "Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead" is a catchy slogan that describes us Lions very well as we go about our communities doing service for others.

In many communities these very Lions are also the leaders in these communities. Great job Lions! The Lion Magazine just came and has 3 focus weeks October 4- 12 is Mental Health and Well-being week (the other two will come later) along with White Cane Day and Vision Awareness. Here are three themes for programs to help you find programs to help your community.

Get your Program Chairman to find a program on any of these and support IP Singh's slogan. All of our communities have people in them that would love to provide you with a program or project. Go for it then report to LCI what you did for the community.

If you need help in finding material just contact Lion Vern he can help you find more information.

Lions Health Program Lion Vern Failor  
785-231-3960, vlfailor@gmail.com

## COME TO THE PARTY

### TOPEKA SUNFLOWER LIONS ANNUAL STEAKS FRY



**THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, 2025**

**COST: \$15.00**

**SOCIAL TIME 6:00 PM**

**DINNER TIME: 6:30PM**

**WHERE: Shelter House #6,**

**3521 SE East Edge Rd**

**Lake Shawnee, Topeka, KS**



**8 oz STEAK, BAKED POTATO AND ALL**

**THE FIXINGS**

{Need to Bring Table Service + Steak Knife}

**RSVP: by September 28, 2025**

Call or text PCC Bobby Duvall 785-608-1311 or

E-Mail: terrybobd@aol.com



## Kansas Lions Band Foundation

**NEED LIONS AND LION CLUBS**

**TO PROVIDE**

**BASKETS, HAND MADE ITEMS, AND NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS**

**For the Kansas Lion Band Foundation Auction**

**At the**

**KANSAS FALL RALLY October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.**





## **Congratulations to the Leavenworth Lions and Tescott Lions!**

The District 17A "Fall into Service, Grow into Greatness" membership growth challenge is off to an exciting start! Since the challenge launched on August 9th, both the Leavenworth Lions and the Tescott Lions have already reached the very first milestone by welcoming two new members each into their rosters.

This achievement is a strong reminder that growth comes from dedication, outreach, and the desire to make a bigger impact in our communities. By inviting new members, these clubs are not only expanding their service power but also setting the pace for others to follow in this district-wide challenge.

**Congratulations again to the Leavenworth and Tescott Lions for leading the way and showing how service and growth go hand in hand!**

**-GMT Eric Strimple**

## **DISTRICT 17A A BIG HELLO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

MARY AGEE-MCCULLEY,  
EUDORA CLUB  
SPONSOR: ERIC TWEEDY

JOSEPH PINTER,  
EUDORA CLUB  
SPONSOR: ERIC TWEEDY

ANTHONY TAYLOR,  
GARDNER CLUB  
SPONSOR: JANIS OYER

TERRI TAYLOR,  
GARDNER CLUB  
SPONSOR: JANIS OYER

BROOKLYN BOHANNON,  
LEAVENWORTH CLUB  
SPONSOR: WENDY MIRANDA



BRIAN KEELY,  
LEAVENWORTH CLUB  
SPONSOR: NORMAN MCLEAD

GARY COLLINS JR,  
MIAMI COUNTY TRAVELING CLUB  
SPONSOR: MICHELE KERNS

NIKKI BALDEN,  
OLATHE NOON CLUB  
SPONSOR: STEPHANIE HEISLER

BLAKE MARTIN,  
WATERVILLE CLUB  
SPONSOR: DONALD KING

TIFANIE MARTIN,  
WATERVILLE CLUB  
SPONSOR: SHARON TEAGARDEN-KING





**On August 30, 2025, District 17A launched the first in-person Lions Portal Training Session**

The District Governor's Team was excited to welcome Lions representing **nine clubs** across our district: Ausburn, Lansing, Leavenworth, Leawood, Lenexa, Miami County Traveling, Overland Park, Topeka, & Topeka Sunflower. The Leawood Pioneer Library large conference room was filled with enthusiasm and collaboration as members explored how the Lions Portal helps us report, lead, and grow together.

- **Why This Training Matters:** LCI recommends that *all Lions take advantage of the full potential of this platform*—not just current officers.
- **Here's why it's important for everyone:**
  - **Leadership Readiness** – Any Lion may be called to step in when an officer is unavailable or resigns.
  - **Recognition & Awards** – Club activities recorded in the Portal count toward **Club Excellence Awards, grants, training credits, and recognition.**
  - **Leadership Development** – Accurate reporting builds the foundation for stronger leaders and stronger clubs.
  - **Today's participants are tomorrow's leaders.** By equipping all members, we strengthen our district, ensure continuity, and increase our impact.
- **Next Steps:**

This kickoff session was just the beginning!




- **The more Lions trained, the stronger our service becomes.**
- Every club is encouraged to send members—not just officers.
- Let's make sure **all Lions are Portal-ready** to support our service and success.

If you missed the kickoff, don't worry! Watch for upcoming announcements and bring a fellow Lion to the next virtual training. Stay Tuned - more opportunities to learn and grow together are coming soon!

**Leadership Resource Spotlight: *Strengthening Leadership with the Quick Highlights Guide***

As we continue building skills through Lions Portal training, it's equally important to strengthen our leadership foundation. Serving successfully as a club president—or preparing to step into that role—requires teamwork, planning, and access to the right resources.

That's why we are introducing the **Club President/First Vice President Quick Highlights Guide** - a **one-page hub** (found at the end of this newsletter) with a **master link** to all the essentials in one place:

-  **E-book** on leadership and governance
-  **Governance tools** and best practices
-  **FAQs** to guide you through common challenges and more

This Quick Guide is designed to **support you before, during, and after your training.** Most importantly, it will be your go-to reference throughout your year as club president.

In Service & Friendship,  
GLT & PDG Dr. Vania Castro

# Lions Club President - Quick Highlights Guide

GLT & PDG Dr. Vania Castro – 08/2025

Use the master link below to access all the key resources in one place — covering these topics and more  
**LionsPresident\_QuickGuide** <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-president-vice-president>

## 1. Role of the Club President

- Chief executive officer of the club.
- Presides over meetings, sets agendas, ensures decisions are carried out.
- Motivates and guides officers and members.
- Represents the club at all levels.

Club President Responsibilities – LCI Resource

## 2. Key Meetings & Agendas

- Prepare/distribute agendas.
- Run efficient meetings.
- Encourage participation and recognition.

Meeting Management Tools

## 3. Club Excellence

- Membership growth & retention
- Service projects
- Leadership development
- Financial transparency

Club Excellence Award Criteria

## 4. Membership Growth & Retention

- Invite new members
- Retain through engagement
- Promote diversity & inclusion Membership

## 5. Reporting & the Lions Portal

- Report service activities, membership, elections.

Lions Portal Login

## 6. Working with Your Team

- Collaborate with VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Service & Membership Chairs.

Club Officer Resources

## 7. Leadership Development

- Use Lions Learning Center.
- Mentor future leaders.

Lions Learning Center

## 8. Financial Responsibilities

- Oversee dues and payments.
- Ensure transparency.

Treasurer Resources

## 9. Service & Community Impact

- Lead impactful projects.
- Collaborate with Leos & partners.
- Promote via PR/social media.

Service Project Ideas

## 10. Recognition & Motivation

- Celebrate milestones.
- Nominate for awards.
- Foster fellowship and fun.

Awards & Recognition





## Global Extension Team Coordinator - Eric Tweedy

### Lions of Pride and Purpose Cyber Club Branch in Formation: First Service Project Completed



The Lions of Pride and Purpose Cyber Club Branch (an LGBTQIA+ and ally branch)—currently a forming branch that will be sponsored under the Eudora Lions Club—has hit the ground running with their very first service project.

Although not yet an official branch (a minimum of five members is required, and they currently have three), these Lions are already demonstrating the true spirit of “We Serve.”

Partnering with Half Price Books in Olathe, the branch-in-formation received a generous donation of 186 books. These books will soon find their way into Little Free Libraries stretching from Topeka to the Kansas City Metro area, helping children and families across our communities discover the joy of reading.

This first project showcases the commitment and creativity of the forming branch, as well as the impact that even a few dedicated Lions can make.

The Lions of Pride and Purpose Cyber Club Branch is actively seeking new members. With just two more passionate people, the group will be able to achieve official branch status and expand its service even further. If you're interested in joining this exciting new endeavor, now is the perfect time to get involved!

Contact Lion Eric Tweedy today.

[erictweedy@icloud.com](mailto:erictweedy@icloud.com)



### Speaking of Books:

**Welcome the New Chair for Beverly Nichols Reading Action program for District 17A:**

**Bonnie Orzechowski**  
**Overland Park Host Lions Club**  
**14107 W 139th Terrace, Olathe, KS 66062**  
**Ph: 913-850-8873**  
**Email: [bcoorzo@gmail.com](mailto:bcoorzo@gmail.com)**

**The District Pays 50% of the cost for clubs to buy books for service projects.**



**District 17A Lions Legacy Society Ambassador**  
**My Fellow Lions!**

As your new LCI Legacy Ambassador, I am beyond thrilled to address you and your club regarding the Legacy Program – future planning for yourself and your family. I can be reached at 515.554.1453 or [caroline.arter23@gmail.com](mailto:caroline.arter23@gmail.com) to set times and places.

Lion Caroline Arter





1. Reminder that the week of October 4-12 is the International week of service focusing on Mental Health and Well-Being.
2. Also remember that the Club Excellence Award for 2025-2026 has a change to the Service criterion that indicates that clubs must have related activities during this focus week and report it online in the Lion Portal.
3. Why is community service important for Lions?
  - a. Establishes the club as active community members.
  - b. Introduces the club to potential new members.
  - c. Gives members space to be active.
  - d. Teaches members more about community needs.
4. Service is easier if you partner with another organization to get more hands to serve. Another community service organization? Youth groups?
5. Service activities that can involve younger kids as volunteers.
  - a. Toy or game drive to donate to local organizations that serve kids in need.
  - b. Book donation. Give collected books to the local library or organizations that serve kids in need.
  - c. Penny war (coins or bills). Have a contest between school classes and give the winning class a pizza lunch.
  - d. Singing in nursing homes. Who doesn't like to hear a bunch of youngsters sing?  
Maybe coordinate with a school choir leader. Treat the kids to an ice cream cone afterwards.
  - e. Thank you cards for nurses.
6. Please share a photo(s) of your service activity along with a short description of the activity. Space permitting, I'll share those with DG Irene for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Rick Dodson

District 17A GST Coordinator, (913) 240-5302, dodsonr23@gmail.com

## SERVICE FOCUS WEEKS

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

October 4-12, 2025

*(Aligns with World Mental Health Day October 10)*

HUNGER: January 3-11, 2026

ENVIRONMENT: April 18-26, 2026

*(Aligns with Earth Day on April 22)*



**Miltonvale Lions in the Tootle Fest Parade in August**

## District Administtrator - Rick Dodson

1. After our in-person Lion Portal training on August 30th, we've had 11 club representatives attend either in-person or virtual. GLT Coordinator PDG Dr. Vania Castro will schedule other training opportunities and provide information on how to get training credit by watching the recorded session (to be uploaded) on the District web site.
2. Every club is (or will be) conducting community service. So far, 26 clubs have entered service and fundraising information on the Lion Portal. Thank you to those that have.
3. Remember that every Lion can set up an account to enter the Lion Portal. Every Lion can input initial information for a service/fundraising project in the Portal. Only the club President, Secretary, Club Administrator, and Service Chairperson have the authority to report a project complete and report the results to LCI. Another reason to have a Club Administrator to assist with some of the digital workload.
4. The Portal shows service activities for the current and prior 2 fiscal years. If clubs started a report and never completed them and reported the data to LCI, that data will never be recorded and used by LCI. Those drafts will fall off after 2 cycles of fiscal years and the data lost.
5. A question was asked at the recent training session about a capability to download the service reports so they can be shared with club members. I'm researching that and will provide feedback later.
6. Remember that I have the capability to enter or correct data for your club in the Portal, if you wish. I will also be glad to assist you on the phone or a Zoom meeting if you need help. If you cannot attend any of the in-person or virtual training session scheduled by PDG Vania, I will provide one-on-one training for you at our convenience.

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## From Around the District . . .

### KSDS will host their Fall Graduation on Saturday, October 11 starting at 9 am

Contact Deb Tegethoff for more information, C: 785-541-2595 W: 785-325-2256 email: nanadeb854@gmail.com

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Eudora Lions Host Mental Health First Aid Training



Margy Sundstrom

September 8 at 8:06 AM · 🌐

Kansas Lions Zones 2, 3, and 5 had a great zone meeting Saturday morning. Thanks to [Caroline Arter](#), Gary Sanden, Erik Bailey, [Robert Jones](#), [Kimberly Ann Smith Baker](#), [David Hentges](#), [Diane Hentges](#), Steve Pelz, Karen Harris, [Ron Nichols](#), [Cathy Nichols](#), [Carleen Rajala](#), Roger Yost, [Terri Yost](#), and [Michael Sundstrom](#) information was shared of what our clubs are doing to serve our communities.



**Linda Sloan**  
Admin · September 1 at 8:17 PM · 🌐

Lions district training on the portal was held Saturday, August 30 at the Leawood Library. 🌟 Clubs represented included, Miami traveling, Leavenworth Topeka, Lenexa , Leawood, Topeka Sunflower, Overland Park, Lansing and Auburn  
Bonus, we had a man come up to us afterwards seeking to become a member of Lions International! 😊

**Margy Sundstrom**  
August 23 at 7:34 PM · 🌐

**Tonganoxie USD 464 is with Tonganoxie Lions Club.**  
August 23 at 9:35 AM · 🌐

A huge thank you to Tonganoxie Lions Club members for their support with water distribution at our 2025 Tongie Tailgate! We wouldn't have stayed hydrated without you! ❤️ 🐾  
#tongienation #usd464

**Bart Hettenbach**  
August 23 at 7:34 PM · 🌐

Wakefield Lions hard at work serving a pulled pork meal and watermelon at the wakefield birthday bash.

**Topeka Lions**  
August 23 at 9:47 AM · 🌐

Kansas specialty dog services celebrated 35 years at their 35th anniversary celebration on August 22. Club president and district governor Irene Haws presented a \$200 check from the Topeka Lions Club in support of their services. We're all welcome to come back on October 11 for their graduation ceremony.

**See the Fall Rally  
Registration Forms at the end of this newsletter**





## Kansas Lions Band Camp May 26-30, 2026 Hutchinson Community College

Lions it is time to start contacting potential band students to attend the Kansas Lions Band camp next summer at HCC. The Band Committee will have more information available at a later date. Information will be sent directly to the Clubs. However, due to the increase in overall costs of the five-day camp, an increase in cost per student has been approved by the Band Committee. Cost of attending the camp next summer has been increased to \$300.00 per student. Even with this increase, the Kansas Lions Band camp is still below the average of other camps in Kansas. In 2003, the cost per student was \$225.00, then raised to \$250.00 in 2012.

The Band Committee is reviewing the on-line application process, looking at ways to improve the overall process. Students will be directed to make contact with their sponsoring club if they are seeking financial assistance. Payment to attend the camp needs to be sent to

PID Hans Neidhardt,  
MD 17 Treasurer



Kansas Lions Multiple District Event  
All lions are encouraged to attend

## Join Us in Lindsborg Kansas for our Fall Rally October 24 and 25



Get ready for an exhilarating change at this year's Fall Rally! We've waved goodbye to the lengthy Mid-Winter Rally and ushered in a fresh, exciting Fall Event that packs all the fun into a shorter time frame—no more three-night stays at \$130 per night or four hotel-catered meals!

Instead, why not kick off your weekend with some delightful scavenger hunts on Friday afternoon, or explore the charming and quirky shops that Lindsborg has to offer? Afterward, gather with friends at one of the fantastic local restaurants for a memorable evening, and then join us for the Kansas Lions Band Foundation (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) or the Kansas Lions Foundation on the Main Floor in the Sundstrom Center at 7:30 PM—because who doesn't love a good meeting with friends?

On Saturday morning, lace up your sneakers for our inaugural Kansas Lions **STRIDES Walk** at 8:00 AM and then dive into a day filled with engaging seminars that are sure to inspire! And let's not forget the Band Auction at 11:00 AM on the second floor of the **Sundstrom Conference Center**—your chance to support our Kansas Lions Band as they prepare for their performance in Hutchinson next May.

We'll have a wonderful meal at 12:15 with Swedish dancers to entertain us. We will finish our seminars and have our council meeting in the afternoon and then adjourn no later than 4:00 pm. Come one, come all, and experience the camaraderie, excitement, and community spirit that makes our Kansas Lions Multiple District 17 truly special.



visit **LINDSBORG**  
CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

# Reservation for Fall Rally 2025

## October 24-25 at 12 Lindsborg, KS

You have two options to register for Fall Rally at 102 North Main Street, Lindsborg

- Go to <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-fundraising-gala-1452> on Zeffy to register and pay by credit or debit card.
- Fill out the registration below and mail in. You can pay when you arrive.

**All registrations must be made by no later than October 15, 2025.**

**Those who register and do not show up will be charged.**

### Registration form for Fall Rally October 24-25

First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_, City and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of any additional Lions or guest in your party \_\_\_\_\_

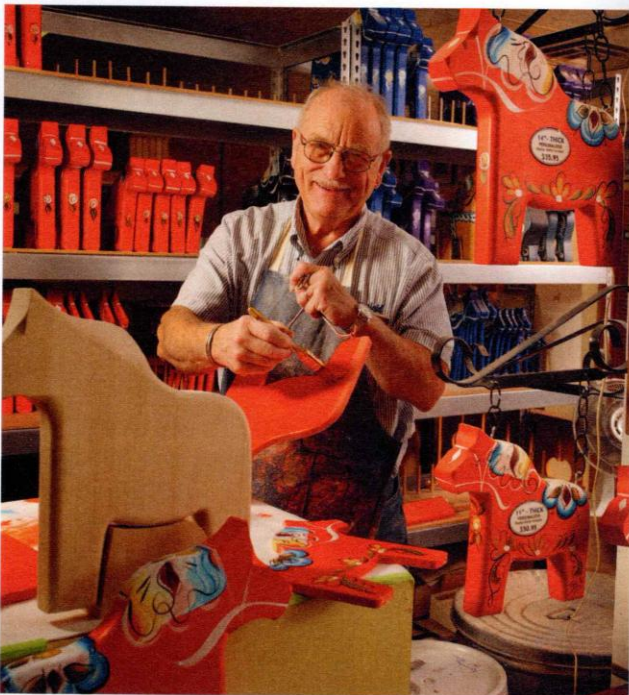
Noon Saturday      Cost per meal \$25.00      Number of Meals \_\_\_\_\_      Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Registration      Cost per Registration \$5.00      Number of Registrants \_\_\_\_\_      Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Leo Registration      Cost per meal \$12.50      Number of Registrants \_\_\_\_\_      Cost \_\_\_\_\_  
(Leos do not pay for registration. KLF pays for other ½ of meal.)

Total \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to Kansas Lions Office, 231 South Tyler, Wichita, KS 67209**  
**Registrations due no later than October 15.**



#### HEMSLÖJD

🏆 Winner in 8 Wonders of Kansas!

Offers Scandinavian gifts, crafts, and souvenirs.

201 N Main St. | 785.227.2053 | hemslojd.com

#### SMALL WORLD GALLERY

Displays photography and other works by local and visiting artists.

127 N Main St. | 785.227.4442 | smallworldgallery.net

#### COURTYARD

Houses multiple businesses offering local art and hand-crafted products. Located in Lindsborg's vintage movie theatre.

125 N Main St.

#### SMOKY VALLEY ARTS & FOLKLIFE CENTER

Celebrates Swedish heritage and folk art through exhibits and programs.

114 1/2 S Main St. | 785.227.7034 | sva.fc.org

#### LINDSBORG ARTS COUNCIL

Promotes art and cultural activities in the community.  
lindsborgarts.org

## Places to stay Friday night

The committee for Fall Rally does not have a headquarters hotel for Fall Rally. There are only two hotels in Lindsborg. **We recommend getting your hotel reservation in early.** We have also listed several hotels in McPherson and Salina which is just a short drive to Lindsborg. There are many more hotels in McPherson and Salina. We just listed a few. Please get on the computer and check other hotels out.

### **Viking Motel**

446 N Harrison St, Lindsborg, KS 67456  
(785) 227-3336

### **Hampton Inn McPherson**

200 N Centennial Dr, McPherson, KS 67460  
(855) 605-0317

### **Candlewood Suites McPherson by IHG**

2229 E. KS Avenue, McPherson, KS 67460  
(877) 859-5095

### **La Quinta by Wyndham, Salina**

201 East Diamond Drive, Salina, KS 67401  
(877) 548-4872

### **Coronado Motel and RV Park**

305 N Harrison St, Lindsborg, KS 67456  
(785) 227-3943

### **Best Western Plus McPherson**

200 N Champlin St, McPherson, KS 67460  
(833) 767-0630

### **Baymont by Wyndham Salina**

1740 W Crawford St, Salina, KS 67401  
(877) 584-481

### **Country Inn & Suites by Radisson**

2760 S. 9th St., Salina, KS 67401  
(785) 502-8062

## Places to eat on Friday Afternoon and Evening

Available Restaurants close to Sundstrom Convention Center.

### **Sale Barn**

**11a.m. – 12p.m.**

Burgers, sandwiches, and more! come hungry!

### **OI Stuga**

**11a.m. – 2 a.m.**

A legendary local tavern & college bar (est. 1977) ~ known for beer, cocktails & deli sandwiches! The OI Stuga is the "gem" of Lindsborg, Kansas with a rich history full of community & traditions for both locals & college students! A full bar that also serves the best deli sandwiches in the Midwest.

### **Jalisco (Mexican)**

**11a.m. – 9p.m.**

**Authentic mexican food for a good price with great service!** Try our daily specials or order your favorite food.

### **Crown Rye**

**11a.m. – 9p.m.**

Crown and Rye, where warmth, flavor, and unique experiences await. Nestled in charming Lindsborg, we offer more than just a meal - we cultivate memorable moments. Savor our locally inspired menu, where fresh ingredients are transformed into dishes that tantalize your taste buds. From modern creations to timeless classics, every bite promises a delightful surprise. Explore our enticing bakery selections, perfect for indulging your sweet tooth. And when planning a special event, let our catering services weave their magic. We curate custom-tailored menus, ensuring your celebration reflects your vision and leaves a lasting impression.

### **China Restaurant**

**11a.m. – 9p.m.**

China Restaurant of Albert Lea is a popular Chinese eatery in Lindsborg, celebrated for its delicious cuisine crafted from fresh, quality ingredients. With an extensive menu featuring a diverse selection of dishes at affordable prices, patrons are guaranteed a satisfying dining experience that keeps them coming back for more.

### **Blacksmith Coffee Shop**

**6:30 a.m. – 5p.m.**

This uniquely renovated blacksmith shop located in Lindsborg, Kansas is our home base for coffee and community. Located in the heart of downtown Lindsborg, we offer drip and pour over coffees, espresso drinks, teas, smoothies along with house mad pastries and a limited breakfast and lunch menu.



	Event	Moderator	Location
10:00am to 6:00 pm	Tour of the town of Lindsborg. Get a scavenger hunt from the registration table and do some exploring.		
3:00pm – 6:00pm	Scavenger hunt, Visit unique stores in the Lindsborg area <b>Registration in Sundstrom Conference Center</b>		Downtown Lindsborg
4:00pm - 6:00pm	GOVERNOR'S TRAINING – All Governors and 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Governors	IPCC/GLT Pam Bilyeu	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom
6:00pm – 7:30pm	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	LOCAL RESTAURANTS
7:30pm – 8:30p	KANSAS LIONS FOUNDATION	Foundation President PCC Dianna Baumann	Main Floor
7:30pm – 8:30pm	KANSAS LIONS BAND FOUNDATION MTG	Foundation President PDG Willie Tolle	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
8:30pm - 9:00pm	GOVERNOR'S REVIEW MEETING	CC Shari Neidhardt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom

## Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Moderator	Location	Event	Location	Moderator
7:45 – 12:00 noon	Registration		1 <sup>st</sup> Floor			
8:00am - 8:45am	STRIDES- SCAVENGER HUNT/WALK	GROUP ACTIVITY LIONS-LEOS	Outside	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
9:00am – 12:00pm 1:45pm - 2:45pm	HOSPITALITY ROOM	Lion Volunteers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
9:00am – 12:15pm	LEOS ACTIVITIES	PCC DeAnne Heersche	Main Floor West Side	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
9:00am - 9:45am	Portal Training/SCAM ALERTS	PDG/17N GLT Steve Langley	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Club Excellence Service Project Ideas	Main Floor	DG Irene Haws
10:00am -10:45am	AI – How to Use Facebook - Instagram	1VDG Jeremy Skrdlant	Main Floor	Mental Health Kids MH Kits Proj	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	IPCC/MD 17 GLT Pam Bilyeu
11:00am – 12:15pm	LIONS BAND AUCTION	PDG Willie Tolle & Auctioneer	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor East Side	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
12:15pm – 1:45pm	SWEDISH LUNCHEON & DANCERS	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	Main Floor	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
2:00pm – 2:50pm	LEOS-How to talk to youth about being a Leo CUBS – How to start a CUB club in your school	LEOS	Main Floor	LCIF 101 GRANTS	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	PDG Rick Dodson CA-IG LCF Co- Coordinator
3:00pm – 4:00pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> MD17 STATE COUNCIL of GOVERNOR'S MTG	CC Shari Neidhardt	2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX XX	XXXXXXXXXX

### Please Support the Kansas Lions Band Foundation Auction

Kansas Lions Band Auction is going to be held at Saturday at Fall Rally from 11:00 – 12:15 on the second floor of the Sundstrom Conference Center. The foundation needs your help by providing items to sell. Here is a suggested list. When you arrive take items to the registration table.

- Bake Goods
- Jelly and Jams
- Hand crafted items
- Theme baskets
- Sports shirts and other sport related items
- Wall hangings
- Art items and anything else that would sell

