



# THE SECOND TIME AROUND

Kansas Lions District 17A Newsletter

## District Governor Margy Sundstrom

I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season and you have your decorations down and all put away.



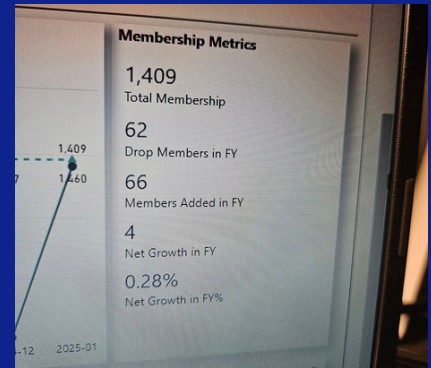
Let's turn our focus now to the District 17A Convention. It will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1351 Arvon Place, Topeka on March 7-8, 2025.

There will be the annual cabinet meeting with elections, seminars, silent auction, service project, and great fellowship.

Our special guest will be International Director Chris Carlone and his wife, Lion Kathy from New Orleans, Louisiana.

Hope to see you there.

DG Margy Sundstrom



**Yay! started the new year at plus 4 in membership. I am so proud of Lions District 17A! Happy New Year!**



Tickets for sale to Lions & the public  
Help support the 17A Dist. Convention

## BRANSON GET-AWAY

**4 day/3 night stay – June 5 to 8, 2025**

2 BR/2 BATH Sleeps 6/ Stormy Point Village - 132 Cape Cod Dr., Branson, MO 65616

**+ \$200 Cash - \$25 PER TICKET - \$1400 Value**

must have valid credit card and driver's license for check-in at the resort.



**Convenient Location near Branson's Entertainment District**

**Stormy Point Village** is located just minutes from Branson's famous entertainment district, making it easy to take in all the shows and attractions the city has to offer. The resort is also close to Table Rock Lake, so you can enjoy boating, fishing, and other water sports.

### Amenities Everyone in the Family will enjoy

In addition to the unique cottage setting, **Stormy Point Village** features a variety of amenities for guests of all ages, including swimming pools (one indoor and two outdoor), a kiddie pool, water park and hot tub, outdoor playground, fitness center, restaurant with bar, and swim dock at Table Rock Lake.

Vacation donated by Lion Irene Haws



**Winner will be announced at the Kansas Lions District 17A Convention  
March 8, 2025, in Topeka, KS**

(Need not be present to win)

Ticket will be drawn from all raffle tickets purchased whether it be a paper ticket or an online ticket from the website: <https://www.kslionsdistrict17a.org>

See District 17A Leadership Team (DG, 1VDG, 2VDG) to purchase a ticket or purchase online.

**To order by mail send check, Postmarked by 3/1/25**

1. Payable to: District 17-A Special Write your phone number and e-mail address on the check.

2. On memo line write: Branson Get-Away

3. Mail to: Rick Dodson, 306 Bambi Ct, Lansing, 66043

You will get confirmation of your ticket number(s) via email

Online orders: you will receive an email confirming your ticket number(s).



^ Scan to order online

*Winner will be notified by email and phone with details*



# First Vice District Governor

## Irene Haws



What a very busy time of year with many clubs serving their communities with Christmas events, service projects, parades, care packages and generally spreading good cheer in celebration of the season. Many clubs are active going into the new year with pancake feeds, soup dinners, nut sales and planning for summer activities that are annual events. I am reminded why I became a Lion, to help my community and make a difference. When it comes down to it, that is what the central message of Mission 1.5 is all about. As we grow new clubs and add new members to the current clubs, we have more Lions to help in the local community, plus we are investing in the future of those communities by bringing up the next leaders in Lions to serve. We also provide opportunities for community volunteers to be Lions and start an amazing service journey.

**Club visits: 11/30** Minneapolis Evening Soup and Chili Dinner following the Christmas Parade. President Robert Thompson was working the check-in table. Community members came with coats to donate to those in need, a new service project of the Women in Lions, that was added to their annual Soup and Chili Dinner. The cinnamon rolls were very good and so was the coffee. I went back for seconds on the chili. While I was there, I got to meet some of their new members including Noah- 2 months as a member, Mr. and Mrs. Small -1 month as members and Dylan Bretton another new Lion, Mrs. Belleville setup a Facebook page for the club. Their treasurer, Scott Ausherman, has been a member for a long time. Their club secretary, Ashley Johnson, has been a member just over a year. Part of the proceeds from the soup and chili dinner helps to fund local scholarships.

**12/2** Keats Lions Club visit. They were getting ready for their Community Christmas Dinner and program. They reported that their recent Pulled Pork Dinner was successful with some attendees coming in from Manhattan, Ks. They also voted to help a youth from Riley, KS that needed help to purchase eyeglasses. The mother reached out to the Keats Lions Club because there is no Lions Club in Riley, Ks. What a wonderful thing they did to reach beyond their city limits to help someone in need. They also received donations for the local food pantry. Their Tail-Twister had us all describe our First Car. It was fun to hear all the car stories briefly as we went around the table.

**12/16** Morganville Lions Club visit. It was a real treat to listen to members of the 4H Club give presentations on their activities in 4H, from caring for a cat, art projects, to showing cow & calf pairs at the fair and experiences with a bow and arrow. I learned about the 4H Talent Day too. They have been busy this fall with their Trunk & Treat, they provide smoke detectors for new residents, and batteries too. They host an annual Christmas in the Ville event on the first Saturday in December, plus a Party in the Ville event over Labor Day weekend. They do flag projects and provide scholarships for local students, plus they are involved in the Easter Egg Hunt. I really enjoyed meeting the members of the Morganville Lions!

**12/2** I returned to Keats Lions Community Christmas – what a heart-warming Christmas celebration, thank you PDG Rich Webster for your hospitality and all the members of the Keats Lions Club who always make me feel welcome.

Yours in Service,

*Irene Haws*

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## Overland Park Chamber recognizes Overland Park Host Lions with OP Award

Overland Park, Kan., December 4, 2024 – The Overland Park Host Lions Club was recognized with the OP Award by the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce at its Annual Meeting today. The Chamber established the OP Award more than 25 years ago to recognize ordinary people who do extraordinary things for the Chamber or the community.

The Overland Park Host Lions Club has been serving the community since it was chartered in 1957. As part of the world's largest humanitarian organization, it is primarily focused on eyesight preservation and activities supporting visually impaired individuals. However, the local club was recognized for a project that soon will mark its 60th anniversary – the Avenue of Flags the Host Lions Club has maintained along Metcalf Avenue on major holidays for decades. Beginning with 45 flags in 1963, club members now place more than 350 flags from Downtown Overland Park to south of College Boulevard.

The dedicated team of Lions volunteers is assisted by local Boy Scouts and veterans. Funding to support the flags, in-ground sleeves and maintenance is provided by sponsorships, primarily from businesses along the corridor.

Accepting the award on behalf of the Overland Park Host Lions Club were Lynn Wolfe, chair of the Avenue of Flags, and Neal Nichols, past club president. This is the first time the award has been presented to an organization instead of an individual.

Also during the lunch event, Greg Musil was recognized with the 2024 Richard A. "Rick" Worrel Community Legacy Award. 2024 Chamber Chair Cindy Rock reviewed accomplishments of the year and 2025 Chairman Josh Beck, MarksNelson; previewed Chamber plans for the year ahead. Presenting sponsor of the 2024 Annual Meeting was AdventHealth. Gold Sponsors were ALLO Business and Phoenix Home Care & Hospice. Silver Sponsor was Kutak Rock LLP and Bronze Sponsor was Association Insurance Services, Inc.



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## Second Vice District Governor Roger Yost



January Beginning of a New Year  
"Lets do a year in review"

This may only be half of our Lions Year, but it might be a good time to look back at the last 6 months, or first half of your accomplishments by highlighting the best of the best. Reflect and share why it was the best. Don't forget to examine those that were not as successful as well. You should have learned from them both.

Making a list of both may possibly give light to why these accomplishments did or didn't work out. Don't dwell on one particular reason but compare the successes as well as the not as successful. Now we can look forward to the last 6 months of our Lions' year. Make lists of upcoming projects and events. Are they in the planning stages? Are they realistic? Get a jump start and don't wait until the last minute. Let's finish the year positive!

REMEMBER, WE SERVE.

*Wisdom is knowing what to do next;*

*Virtue is doing it.*

*~David Starr Jordan*

Roger Yost 2nd VDG 17A

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620-397-3108 (leave msg I will return the call)

## News from The Global Service Team

Wow, its hard to believe it 2025. Your club has renewed your reolution to SERVE. The organizations, the people touched by servic and your community are forever grateful for your SERVICE.

I want to let you know that at our next district cabinet meeting on January 25, 2025, we will collect new packaged batteries for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired. The Center's mission is to prepare children with visual impairments to reach their highest potential in the sighted world. Electronic devises that are powered by batteries are part and parcel of education today. Needless to say the school needs batteries to keep the various devises running.

The biggest need is for AAA and AA batteries. They also use C, D, and the occasional 9volt, and also assorted button batteries. They will accept any of these batteries and put them to good use.

**Bring your batteries to the District Cabinet meeting January 25, 2025.**

Don't forget to contact your Zone Chair or me (Diane Hentges) if your club struggles with reporting service projects to LCI. My contact information is dkhentegs0503@gmail.com or 913-708-5323.



Lion Grant Rogers of Overland Park Host Lions delivers donated batteries following a tour of Childrens Center for the Visually Impaired (CCVI)

## News From The Kansas Lions Health Program

January is **Hunger Awareness month** on the LCI Calendar. Did you know that there are an estimated 2 billion people in the world that do not have regular access to nutritious and sufficient food? Some of these people could be in your community. What is your Lions Club doing to help with this food shortage? You could "Make your Mark" in your community by supplying food to your local food bank. One Lions Club supplies food to several Blessing Boxes each week and its members bring food to each meeting to help service these boxes.

Look up Hunger on the LCI website and learn more about the food shortage in the world. Over 30% of the food is lost or wasted globally. Look in your community and find a way to help Prevent Hunger. If you need more information please contact me for help.

Lion Vern Failor, Lion Health Program, vlfailor@gmail.com

### District A Diabetes Camp

District A has a scholarship program to send youth to a Diabetes camp. The District is in need of funds to award these scholarships. Please consider donating any amount to this fund. Club and personal donations accepted.

1. Write a check to the District and on the memo write Diabetes Camp.
2. Send the check to your Health Program Chair Lion Vern Failor, he will record the amount and send the check to the District Treasurer.

Save postage bring your check to MWR or the District Cabinet meeting in January and give it to Lion Vern Failor

Thanks for donating



# Mid-Winter Rally

**JOIN US in JUNCTION CITY at the SONESTA!!**

(Formerly Courtyard by Marriott)



**MID-WINTER RALLY 2025 &  
3<sup>rd</sup> STATE CABINET MEETING  
JANUARY 17-19, 2025**

**310 Hammons Dr  
Junction City, KS 66441**



**Phone: 785-210-1500**

Greetings Kansas Lions! We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Junction City for our Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally and 3<sup>rd</sup> State Cabinet meeting! What a great time for a getaway after the holiday season and during one of the cold winter months here in Kansas. You will enjoy seminars designed to share new technology, demonstrate the best use of social media, GAT, and much more to meet some of the needs we have in our Lion Clubs.

You will enjoy hearing our guest speaker, International Director Judge Anthony Paradiso from New York. Exhibitors are excited to share what they do and how it can benefit you and your clubs. Kansas Lions State Peace Poster winner's artwork will be on display and they will be recognized during the Kansas Lions Foundation Luncheon. Vote in the Kansas Lions Environmental Photo Contest entries on display in the hall.

Leos from around Kansas will be enjoying their own get-together as well as some shared time with Lions. Delicious menu items have been selected for our meals and you'll find tasty treats in the Hospitality Room too! Friday night's opening entertainment is another good reason to be here. The annual Kansas Lions Band Auction will occur Saturday afternoon with lots of great items to bid on with a very animated auctioneer!

The State Council Meeting will occur on Sunday morning with mid-year reporting and sharing the successes we have achieved here in Kansas. So join us in Junction City for FUN, FOOD and best of all...FELLOWSHIP with your Lion Family members!

**\*ROOM RESERVATIONS at the SONESTA MUST be made by JANUARY 7, 2025!**

Advance reservations are required. Call: **785-210-1500** to reserve your room. When calling for a room reservation, please ask for the LIONS BLOCK RATE. After JANUARY 7, rooms will be on a first-come, first-served basis and revert to the regular rate. All room reservations come with a FREE breakfast located in the motel lobby. Room rates are \$99.00 for King rooms and \$109.00 for Double Queens.

**\*\*ADVANCE MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL MEALS.** Meal reservations are **DUE by THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025.** All meal tickets must be picked up by 4 pm on Saturday at the reservation desk. Unpaid tickets that are ordered but not picked up will be billed to the individual Lion or club who made the meal reservation. To make reservations go to the MID-WINTER RALLY 2025 REGISTRATION FORM attached.

**\*\*\*Bring your eyeglasses to drop off for recycling collection.**

**Hotel Reservation  
deadline Jan 7  
call 785-210-1500**

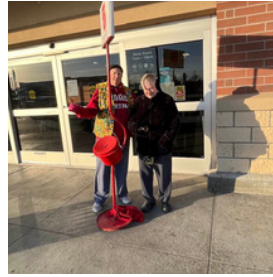
**Meal Reservation deadline  
Jan 9. Complete the  
reservation form on Kansas  
Lions Website**

**<https://kansaslions.org/mid-winter-rally>**



# AROUND THE DISTRICT

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing**



**New Member  
Olathe Lions**



**New Member  
Auburn Lions**



**Topeka Sunflower Lions**



**Holton Christmas  
Parade**

**Welcome Norma Carmichael**



**Vision Screening in  
Holton**



**Topeka Lions  
Christmas Party and  
Cookie Assembly**



**Eudora Lions Angel Tree Gift  
Assembly**



**Morganville Lions  
presentation from local 4-H  
members**



**Caroling at the  
Topeka VA Hospital**

## Environmental Project Contest

It is time to begin thinking of that new and exciting environmental project for 2024-25. The winners in the contest last year were **Concordia Lions Club** and **Eudora Lions Club**.

Congratulations to them! I look forward to having many more participants in the contest this year.

The environmental project contest will be per club:

SUBMIT A 1-2 PAGE DESCRIPTION OR WRITE-UP OF ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS THAT YOUR CLUB DOES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY. HIGHLIGHT ANY NEW EFFORTS. PICTURES OF EACH ARE ENCOURAGED, NOT REQUIRED.

ON YOUR SUBMISSION, INCLUDE THE NAME OF YOUR LIONS CLUB; CITY; PROJECT OR PROJECTS WITH A BRIEF, CONCISE DESCRIPTION OF EACH; NAME OF SUBMITTER WITH CONTACT INFORMATION.

SUBMIT TO ME - LION JOE PORTER, 17-A ENVIRONMENT CHAIR, AT porterc058@gmail.com or Mail to Ron Weaverling, 15101 Josh Street, Basehor, KS 66007 not later than **February 22, 2025**.

THE TOP TWO SUBMISSIONS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE 17-A DISTRICT CONVENTION MARCH 7-8, 2025. ALL MAY BE DISPLAYED, SPACE ALLOWING. **AWARDS OF \$100.00 FOR FIRST PLACE AND \$50.00 FOR SECOND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TWO WINNING CLUBS.**

SUBMISSIONS MAY ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE MD-17 CONVENTION.

I hope your club will participate in the Environmental adventure. Most of the clubs are already doing this without any special recognition. Let me know if you have any further questions.

Joe Porter  
District 17A Enviromental Chair  
PORTERC058@GMAIL.COM



### The third Wednesday of each month is “Wear It Wednesday”

Let’s all wear our Lions vests, shirts, caps, and pins and when someone asks about the logo, be ready to tell them all the wonderful things Lions are doing in your community, in Kansas and around the world.



Email your pictures to Lion Eric Tweedy (erictweedy@icloud.com) and to 17ANewsletter@gmail.com for publication in the Kansas Lions Facebook Group and this newsletter

