



Call for Convention

DISTRICT 17A

APRIL 10-11, 2026

Manhattan KS, Double Tree by Hilton



Join Lions from around Kansas as we welcome **Past International Director Bruce Beck and his wife Lion Erin Beck** to the District 17A Convention! This convention will be a fun time to connect with your friends, meet new Lions, and even learn how use a Spot Screener and become a Certified Guiding Lion led by **Past International Director Bob Block**.

Conventions mean elections! We'll elect our District Leadership Team and Board members for the Kansas Lions Foundation, Kansas Lions Sight Foundation and the Kansas Lions Band Foundation. Club delegates, be ready to cast your vote representing your club.

The fun starts with a Friday night social, after dinner on your own, join us at the Hotel for light snacks, some fun games and a little music. Saturday events feature a presentation on LIONS USA, Peace Poster Winners, educational information, Lion's Portal Help session, vision screener demos, raffles and an awards and recognition banquet on Saturday Night (non-formal).

Friday –	April 10th	DoubleTree by Hilton Convention Center, Manhattan KS
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Certified Guiding Lions Training</i>	<i>Regency B (Pre-registered only)</i>
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Social: light refreshments, fun and musical entertainment	Regency A
Saturday –	April 11th	DoubleTree by Hilton Convention Center, Manhattan KS
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	Registration and Delegate check- in	Convention lobby area
8:00 AM – 11:15 AM and 1:30 PM – 4 PM	Hospitality Room <u>open</u>	Conference Room V
9:00 AM – 4 pm	Silent Auction Baskets	Regency A
9:00 AM – 4 pm	Table Top Displays	Convention Lobby area
9:00 AM – 9:40 AM	Welcome Session/Introductions and New Voices Nominee recognition/LCIF	Regency B
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM	PID Bruce Beck & Lion Erin Beck Lions USA	Regency B
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Native Plants & Pollinators	Regency B
11:05 AM	Dist. Cabinet meeting/Elections (by ballot)	Regency B
11:30 AM	Seating for Lunch	Regency A
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch Served/Election Results & Acceptance/Peace Poster Recognition	Regency A
1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Necrology Service	Regency A
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Past District Governor Pound Auction	Regency B
2:50 PM – 3:00 PM	Branson Getaway Drawing/Basket Auction Closes – Pay at Registration	Regency B
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	<i>Day 2 – Certified Guiding Lions Training</i>	<i>Regency B (Pre-registered only)</i>
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	eyeglass sorting/Spot Screener Demo Lensometer Demo/Lions Portal Help	Regency A or Conference Room IV
5:45 PM	Seating for Dinner	Regency A
6:00 PM -7:45 PM	Buffet Dinner/Keynote address PID Bruce Beck/Awards and Recognition	Regency A

Silent Auction Basket proceeds benefit the 17A Diabetes Camp Fund

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Staying in Manhattan?

We have blocked a certain number of hotel rooms at the special rate of \$109.00

(Double Queen room or a King Bed Room) – Last day to book at the special rate is Friday, March 30, 2026 Buffet Breakfast is included for Registered Hotel Room Guests

Not staying at the hotel? – breakfast is available at the restaurant to pay out of pocket

Hotel Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=MHKRDDT&arrivalDate=2026-04-10&departureDate=2026-04-12&groupCode=kld&room1NumAdults=1>

Or Call the hotel and ask for the KS Lions 17A Convention Rate: 785-539-5311 Group Code KLD

There are other nearby Hotels also available in Manhattan, KS

REGISTRATION FORM

DISTRICT 17A CONVENTION, APRIL 10-11, 2026

All Convention reservations must be received by Monday, March 30 (New date) by Noon

Registration (Leos Free) _____ tickets @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

Friday evening Social # attending: _____ FREE = \$ _____ 0.00
Assorted Cookies and water station with select flavorings you can add.

Saturday Luncheon Plate Served: _____ tickets @ \$15.00 = \$ _____
Deli Sandwich (specify meat) Mayo & mustard packets, Potato Salad, Brownie, coffee, tea and water
_____ Ham _____ Turkey _____ Beef
Dietary options: _____ Gluten free _____ Vegan

Saturday Night Buffet:
Non-formal attire
Herb Roasted Chicken, Pot Roast, Green Beans Almondine, Au Gratin Potatoes, Rolls, Butter, Coffee, Tea and water
_____ tickets @ \$30.00 \$ _____
Dietary Options: _____ Gluten Free _____ Vegan

Total: \$ _____

Name(s) of Lion/Guest: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Club Name: _____

Payment information: Send Registration form

With check payable to: **District 17A Special**

Mail to: PDG Rick Dodson,
306 Bambi Court, Lansing, KS 66043

Or email the registration form to

dodsonr23@gmail.com

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(FORMERLY THE FOUR SEASONS)



Information Table Reservation

There are **8 tables available** for information booths at the District Convention.

Please make your reservation asap if you would like to have a table reserved.

There is no cost. Please provide your own tablecloth, if needed.

Table topic: _____

Electrical outlet (limited availability) [☐] **Yes, I need electricity**

Name of person making the reservation: _____

Contact email: _____ Phone: _____

For quicker reservation e-mail this reservation form to:
Rick Dodson, **dodsonr23@gmail.com**

or Mail a hard copy to:
Rick Dodson
306 Bambi Court
Lansing, KS 66043

Table reservations are available on a first come basis.