



District 17N Newsletter

68 Lions Clubs serving communities in southcentral and southeast Kansas



February 2024

It's District Convention Time!

Come to Ottawa March 1 & 2 for fun & fellowship!

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Now is the time to make plans for the District 17N Convention in Ottawa, March 1 and 2.

Be ready for a weekend of fun and fellowship—with a little bit of business thrown in—as Lions from across the district gather to play, learn, and be inspired.

The fun starts Friday evening at **Prime Time Grill**, 2204 S Princeton Circle Dr., with food, bowling, and more fun and games.



Saturday events will be at **The Bottle House**, 202 S Walnut St., with registration open at 9 a.m., Convention activities begin at 10 a.m. and include the annual district convention meeting, learning opportunities, vendor exhibits, silent auction and more.

Special guests are **International Director Marie Cunning** and

her partner in service Rosemarie Gabriel. ID Cunning will deliver the keynote address at lunch on Saturday.

Maria T. Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international



International Director
Marie T. Cunning

director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts in July 2023.

Director Cuning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development.

Director Cuning is

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Coming Up

Third District 17N Cabinet Meeting

February 17

Via Zoom

Watch email for more agenda, link

District 17N Convention

The Bottle House

Ottawa

March 1 & 2

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Kansas Lions State Convention

May 31-June 1

Lawrence

Kansas Lions District 17N

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Governor's Message

District Convention right around the corner

Greetings Lions! What a beautiful winter day it is today...the sun is shining, the roads are mostly dry from the current thaw of ice and snow, and temps are in the 50's! I need to hurry up and fill all the bird feeders around our yard in anticipation of the cold temperatures and wintry weather returning sometime soon. One thing that is always certain...change is bound to happen.

I first want to share with all of you that our Second Vice District Governor, Lion Ronald Colbert, regrettably resigned from his position in early January, due to ongoing health issues and under the advisement of his health care provider. I want to thank 2VDG Ron and Lion Dorothy for all they did for District 17-N while he served and wish him a speedy recovery.

Due to Lion Ron's resignation, all Past District Governors of our district were contacted and invited to attend a special meeting following the Third State Cabinet Meeting at Mid-Winter Rally to appoint a Lion to fill the Second VDG position. Lion Clark Lindstrom, President of the Wichita Downtown Lions and currently serving our district as Zone Chair for Zone 7, was appointed to serve as the Second VDG. Congratulations Lion Clark! Find out more about him in this newsletter.

This nice weather reminded me that the Environmental Challenge deadline is fast approaching and due on February 15 which is also the deadline for registra-



tions for our upcoming District 17-N Convention "When Lions Serve...the World Changes!!" in Ottawa Kansas on March 1-2.

Come and meet our International Director Marie Cunning, from Arizona, and her Partner in Service, Lion Rosemarie Gabriel as they share their insights and experiences serving on the Lions Club International Board of Directors. Join us for a fun get together Friday evening March 1 at "Prime Time Grill" for fun, food, bowling, fellowship, games... and just a good ole' time!! March 2 is our Convention Day at "The Bottle House."

On this day Lions will: elect our District Governor's for 2024-2025 Lion year, select our "Environmental Challenge People's Choice" winning club, participate in a silent auction to raise funds for our sight screeners, celebrate special achievements made by Lion Clubs and members, donate food to our District Hunger project, visit with exhibitors who have great information on a number of different topics, meet Leos from our District and hear how they serve, vote on constitutional changes, help honor and celebrate the Lions we have lost this past year, meet our Peace Poster winners and families, and enjoy a delicious luncheon banquet meal from Smoked Creations and much, much, more. Come join us and help us welcome ID Marie and Lion Rosemarie to Kansas. I encourage each club to have at least one member attend the convention. More information is included in this newsletter.

Congratulations to Goddard Lions for adding four new members, Madison Lions for adding two new Lion members and the Altamont and Augusta Lions who each added one new Lion members to their clubs. I look forward to see which clubs will be adding new members to our District family this next month and share the joy of being a Lion with another.

I had the opportunity to visit the Derby Noon Lions and Columbus Lions in January and present membership chevrons.

Remember to record club activities and events on MyLion. Thank you Lions for all the ways you shine the light of Lionism in your communities and are bringing change into the lives and world around you.

*In Lionism,
Pam Bilyeu,*

17N District Governor



DG Pam Bilyeu, center, at Mid-Winter Rally with, from left, District A Acting DG Margy Sundstrom, Council Chair Lori Horton, and special guests PID Debra Wasserman and PDG Steve Wasserman.

First Vice District Governor

Serving on the District 17-N Cabinet

As Lions, we understand the Lion's motto, "We Serve," for that simple phrase was the first thing we learned about being a Lion. Two simple words, the first word (We) can be easily explained, but the second word (Service) at times can turn into a varied meaning discussion.

We: That is, you, me, and all of our fellow Lions around the world. But if we look at the second word, Service, now the real discussion begins. Merriam Webster Dictionary has several definitions for the word service (both as a noun and a verb). One of the definitions simply reads, contribution to the welfare of others.



Service: As it pertains to Lions, it can be a single act of one individual to another, a program or assistance to a whole community, or on a grand scale, a far-reaching way of helping others all over the world.

Each Lion or club can have unique ways to provide service, for there are no hard-set rules that we must adhere to. Given the fact that we all can provide service in different ways, is a key factor for having the various services recorded online in MyLion.

From simple acts of service to complex long-term acts of service, you/we are making a positive difference. Remember that Changing the World, together the sum of our efforts makes the world a better place, one life, one relationship, and one community at a time.

To maximize service efforts, any organization needs good leadership, structure, and sound planning. On the club level, that is accomplished by your President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Board of Directors, etc. As we move up in the Lions hierarchy structure, the District Governor and District Cabinet fill those three categories (leadership, structure, and planning).

As we are in the final five months of the current Lion's year (2023-2024), we need to fill the various positions within the District Cabinet for the coming year, so that training and pre-planning can be accomplished.

Part of my duties in preparing to move up to being your District Governor next year, I must fill the various cabinet positions.

Several Lions have already stepped forward and accepted "opened" positions. However, there are still many positions and opportunities remaining for District 17-N Lions.

Zone Chair positions open are: Zone 3 (Caney, Coffeyville, Coffeyville DD, Fredonia, Independence, and Neodesha); Zone 8 (Bel Aire, Benton, Pleasant Valley, Potwin, Towanda, and Valley Center); Zone 9 (Burlington, Colony, Garnett, Kincaid, and Westphalia); Zone 11 (Emporia, Eureka, Lebo, Madison, Neosho Rapids, and Olpe); Zone 12 (Halstead, Hesston, Hillsboro, Newton, and Walton). Note: to be a Zone Chair, you must have been a Club President.

Other positions are Global Leadership Team, Marketing & Public Relations, Peace Poster, Reading Program, Vision Screening (east end of district), Eyeglass Recycling, and Family Members & New Voices.

District 17-N is an outstanding district, please help us continue our success by volunteering to fill one of the vacancies. If you have any questions, contact me and I will try to answer any concerns you may have.

I leave you with this inspirational quote by Mother Teresa, "*We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.*"



Lion Shari Neidhardt
17N 1st Vice District Governor

Second Vice District Governor

Introducing new VDG Clark Lindstrom

“The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard, but must be felt with the heart.”

Helen Keller

As you can tell, I'm not Lion Second Vice District Governor Ron. After his recent resignation due to health reasons, I was voted in to fulfill the remaining six-month term at Mid-Winter Rally. I humbly and appreciatively accepted the vote of confidence and endorsement by the Past District Governors of our district and by my own Wichita Downtown Lions Club members. I'm here to listen, learn, and lead.



I realize many reading this don't know me, so the following is an abbreviated narrative of my 40 years as a Lion in District 17N. I have received my Club's Lion of the Year four times. I am a recipient of the Claude M. DeVorss Fellowship from the Kansas Lions Sight Foundation. Only recently have I gone from just being a member of the Wichita Downtown Lions Club to being an actively engaged Lion in the state. After my retirement as a Certified Property Manager (CPM®) and an executive real estate investment manager for 45 years in December of 2022, I agreed to serve as club president.

I've always helped with many club fundraisers and projects and was chair of our infamous Pancake Day. My consistent past service projects for the club were chair of the Salvation Army Bell Ringers for more than 30 years, chair of the Parade Float Committee many times, chair of the various membership committees.

In the late 80s, I was encouraged by the late PIP Claude DeVorss to work my way up to club president and I served as the First, Second, and Third VP and then club secretary, but was not able to forgo my obligations to my employers and a family of three—now grown and on their own—two boys and a girl. My wife Cher and I have been married for nearly 49 years. We have 11 grandkids, four boys and the rest girls, ranging in age from 2 to 23 years; which takes up any of our spare time babysitting the littler ones whenever possible. I enjoy hobbies of flower/vegetable gardening and traveling to locations with warm sand and palm trees.

As far as formal Lion leadership training, last year, I attended RLLI's GPLLI. It was a great Lion experience for me and I highly recommend it for every Lion whether you intend to move into leadership roles or not. In July of 2023, I was honored to accept the appointment by Lion District 17 N DG Pam to be the Zone 7 Chair and have studied the leadership documents provided to oversee five Lion Clubs in Wichita, Maize, Park City, and Derby. During this six-month term, I'll continue to be President of the Wichita Downtown Lions Club and District Zone 7 Chair.

Since becoming Club President, I have strived to attend all the state and district meetings and engage with the many committees and projects. I have volunteered with the State Fair Health Screening for the past two years. I also volunteered to help Lion State Secretary Dan with the Alert trailer after the Andover tornado disaster in April 2022. I have always promoted the coalition of other area clubs with WDLC efforts and volunteered to help other area clubs in their projects, events, and activities so we can do even more together. In 2022, we hosted a meeting where PID Deb Weaverling was our guest and invited all the other area clubs to attend. Five years ago, I co-chaired and emceed the Club's 100th Anniversary dinner event where International First Vice President Haynes Townsend spoke. This past year, the Downtown Club brought the Doc Sevin Parade Float back to Wichita and we are beginning a campaign to repair and paint it to promote Lionism by offering its use to area clubs for parades, events, or projects.

Next month, my newsletter article will be about “Why be a Lion?” Is it to help your community and the world with what Lionism has to offer? Is it service to others in need? Is it filling a community service void to do good for people in need? Please email me your answer to this question at: cflindstrom@yahoo.com and I might include it in the article to qualify you to receive a special Clark candy treat from yours truly.

In closing, I've decided to live the rest of my life based upon the Lions Ethics and Purposes and to serve whenever and however I can, whether it be Local, District, State, Nationally, or Internationally.

*Yours in Lionism,
Clark Lindstrom,
17N 2nd Vice District Governor*

December Membership Challenge

Madison Club has big impact in community

Madison Lions Club is 25 members strong with a long history of service in their community.

Chartered in 1928, the club continues its legacy of service with a variety of projects, including an

annual banquet recognizing local high school athletic and academic achievements.

In December, the club welcomed two new members and made a \$1,000 donation to the

Jump Start Program at Madison High School. USD 386 Superintendent Tammy Baird, guest speaker at the meeting, said currently there are 25 juniors and seniors taking advantage of the program by taking college credit hours. The community support of this program allows students to take these college classes at no cost to them.

Four members of the club recently received Membership Chevrons: Lion Evan Wagner – 30 years, Lion Bob Robison – 40 years, Lion Harvey Lynn Meyer 50 years, and Lion Harold Luthi – 55 years.

Madison Lions meet the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Madison United Methodist Church, 316 W. Sherman.



Madison Lions receiving milestone Chevrons with First VDG Shari Neidhardt.



Madison Lions club president Brad Williams presents a check to USD 386 Superintendent Tammy Baird to support the Jump Start program at Madison High School. The program allows juniors and seniors to take college credit classes at no cost.

Welcome to the Pride

New members
in December



Altamont

Jack Leake Jr
Sponsor: Jack Leake

Augusta

Kenneth Brinkman
Sponsor: Philip Courtwright

Goddard

Jayden Devoll
Sponsor: Anthony Devoll

Kim Devoll

Sponsor: Anthony Devoll
Judy Gutierrez

Sponsor: Dan Funke
Sarah Hutchinson

Sponsor: Amanda Treadwell

Madison

John Higdon
Sponsor: Harvey Meyer

Susan Higdon

Sponsor: Mary Meyer



We Serve

Around the District

Submit your club activities to newsletter17n@cox.net

Deadline is always the 20th of the month



We Serve

Members of the Neosho Rapids and Olpe Lions Clubs assisted students from Southern Lyon County schools to raise more than \$4,000 for Honor Flight. The Lions volunteers cooked up pancakes with students serving donors as part of the USD 252 Honor Flight fundraiser.

Lyndon Lions served up a spaghetti supper before a recent high school basketball game.





Celebrating 15 years of service

Bel Aire Lions celebrated the club's 15th anniversary in January. Current president James Schmidt, left, with charter members Grace Kneil, Gary O'Neal and Jackie O'Neal.



At left: Brock Apel, student at Augusta Middle School, receives his certificate and monetary prize for placing third in the state level of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

Below: Peace Posters on display at Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City, January 19-21. Brock's entry is at the far left.



Addressing hunger in our communities

Welcome to winter, Leos and Lions! As the weather changes, gardeners begin to dream of warmer weather and getting their hands in the dirt again! They begin to plan their summer gardens. You can help local food banks by planting an extra row to provide fresh produce for them. "Plant a Row" has been a popular slogan for an excellent reason! As Lions, we want all Kansans to have enough food!

According to the Kansas Health Foundation, "greater than 800,000 Kansans lack easy access for fresh affordable food." One in six Kansans live in a food desert. Children without healthy meals suffer poor long-term health and do worse in school.

There are a number of ways we can assist fellow Kansans with food needs. The Kansas Food Bank (316-265-3663); Harvesters Topeka (785-861-7750); and Second Harvest Community can always use volunteers, donations of nonperishables foods, or cash donations.

Another way clubs can assist their communities' hungry is by stocking blessing boxes with ready to eat foods like raisins, fruit cups, granola bars, pudding cups, and cereal. Hygiene items such as bars of soap; feminine hygiene products; and shampoo are also welcome items in blessing boxes as those items can't be purchased with food stamps. Having hygiene products provided leaves more money to be spent on food.

Spring is the time of new beginnings! Let all of our Lions Clubs assist our fellow Kansans by decreasing hunger in our communities!

*Peggy Dilsaver-Custer
District 17N Hunger Chair*

District & Community Impact Grants

LCIF grant opportunities

For the remainder of this Lions year, I'm going to provide a newsletter article each month that will list all of the types of LCIF grants and highlight one or two of them.

This month it will be the District & Club Community Impact Grant (DCG).

This grant offers districts and clubs an opportunity for Lions to support humanitarian activities in their own communities. The DCG initiative is provided to districts and clubs using a portion of the qualified funds they contribute to LCIF. Fifteen percent of unrestricted donations from districts and clubs are set aside for DCGs. Unrestricted means the funds cannot be specified to be used for disaster, sight, youth, etc.

The total donations must meet or exceed minimum amounts each Lions year to qualify for a DCG for that year:

-For a club to receive the grant, it must donate \$5,000 or more of

unrestricted funds.

-For a district to receive the grant, it must have aggregate donations of \$10,000 or more of unrestricted funds from all the clubs in the district minus those clubs that qualify for their own DCGs.

Districts and clubs that qualify, can use their DCG for a local project or accumulate DCGs from multiple years for a larger project. DCG funds must be used within 15 years. The funds must be obtained using the LCIF grant application process.

All three districts and the following clubs have qualified for the DCG at least once: Goodland, Baldwin City, Lansing, Leavenworth, Manhattan Sunflower, and Topeka Sunflower.

For additional information on the grants, contact me or **District 17-N Coordinator** PDG Richard Caldwell.

*PDG Rick Dodson
MD-17 Coordinator*

Lions Health Program Notes

Remember February is Childhood Cancer Month as proclaimed by Lions Club International.

What is your club doing to learn more about childhood cancer?

Did you know every two minutes a child is diagnosed with cancer? One in 285 children in the USA will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 20. In 2020 there were an estimated 11,050 new cases in the USA and 1 in 10 will die from cancer.

What is your club doing to help lower these statistics? Look on the

LCI website—there is a whole page of projects your Lions Club could do to help with this project.

Diabetes Alert Day is always in March each year and this year that is March 27. We challenge your club to have a diabetes program as near as possible to this day.

American Diabetes Association operates two camps in Kansas. Ask for information on how your club can send youth to camp. Contact Lion Vern Failor at 785-272-6102 or vlfailor@gmail.com.



Council Chair Comments

A challenge to grow our service with new members

Greetings Kansas Lions!

It's hard to believe that we are over the halfway mark for the year and well into 2024. It was great to see many of you at the Mid-Winter Rally in Junction City, I know the weather was questionable, but the warm hearts of many Lions made it a great weekend!

PID Debra and PDG Steve Wasserman were amazing guests, and her message and reminder of our long history was right on point. It was inspiring seeing how she dealt with her own visual impairment and did not let it hold her back from doing the service she wanted.

Now that we have seen the results of the mid-year drops, we all have to focus on a plan and goal for the next five months to turn these numbers around. The state of the state is that we have over 4,000 members serving over 200 communities. That's amazing and I thank every one of you for sharing your heart to serve with your club!

However, there are so many areas that are without a club to help fill a need. The simple solution is to help your club stand up and be a sponsor to one of those neighboring areas that is without a club.

We cannot grow this state without new or renewed clubs to gain more members. More hands to serve is a priority and you are the key to making that a reality! If we do not make every effort now to

slow the decline of membership, the needs that we are currently being met within our own beloved towns will go unfilled and that is a tragedy that we can stop. I under-



stand that this is a big ask, we need clubs that are willing to step up and do some hard work, to nurture and provide an example of what a Lions Club can do. Members that want to be leaders and devote that extra time required to make a club thrive. These people are out there, we have to seek them out and show them the value of joining the most amazing service organization in the world.

I CHALLENGE EVERY LION IN KANSAS TO THIS:

before the end of February, you personally ask ONE person in your life about joining your club. AND put a membership application IN THEIR HANDS!! Then, within one week, you follow up and ask if

there are questions, share your clubs Facebook page with them or the Kansas State Lions website, show them that we are active and what we are all about. There are over 4,000 members, if 10% of you are successful, that's 400 new Lions!!!!

Please share this challenge with your club members, if you are a club of 15 members and everyone asks that ONE person... who wouldn't love to see 1-2 new members in the next few weeks??? I know it seems simple and you have heard it before, but are you doing it? There's no time like the present!

I will close by saying how proud I am of all three of our District Governor's teams, we have had our challenges this year, but they have risen to the occasion and shown leadership and a spirit of cooperation that is exactly what was needed. Remember, just like you, they are volunteers, giving of their time and talents freely and without need for reward. Remember that when you see them around your district! To quote the author Bill Ivey, "*Misery might love company, but so does joy. And joy throws much better parties.*" Let's try harder to spread joy wherever we go!

Respectfully submitted

Lori L. Horton,

Multiple District 17 Council

Chair 2023-2024



MISSION 1.5



Fun and fellowship at the District Convention

Why come to the District Convention? It's always a good time to recharge your Lions batteries, enjoy fellowship with old friends and meet new, and learn from Lions around the district—someone may have a service project that would benefit your community or a new fundraising idea.

Our visiting guest from Lions International always has an inspiring message. And maybe you can get an answer to your question about Lionism and the workings of LCI in a Q & A session.

Other highlights of the district

convention include the convention business session where the DG team and foundation directors will be elected. Your vote does count! See more information on the following page.

Bring your checkbook and plan to bid high and bid often in the Silent Auction to benefit the district's Sight Screener program.

There's always something fun to bid on.

Bring non-perishable food



or hygiene items to contribute to the district service project. The items collected will be sorted and distributed to programs in the Ottawa area.

Clubs from around the district were invited to participate in an Environmental Service Challenge this year and provide a display at the convention for a "People's Choice" award. Be sure to cast your vote!

And food — enjoy pizza and snacks at the Friday night event (included in your registration) and a lunch from Smoked Creations, a local Ottawa restaurant.

Meet International Director Marie Cunning

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She currently manages and operates three companies. She is president and CEO of Arista Development, Inc., she is the owner and a designated broker for Altair Realty, LLC and she is the owner of Arizona Discount Flooring, LLC.

Among her many notable projects are the construction of over 100 custom homes and a 120-unit apartment complex in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas.

She speaks three languages—English, Filipino and Spanish. She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service and going on medical missions. She joined the Phoenix Barangay Lions Club as a charter member in 1996 and has served with them ever since. Additionally, she has served as guiding Lion for two clubs in the Phoenix area.

Director Cunning has held a number of offices within the association including district Youth Exchange chairperson and multiple district youth coordinator. She has

served several years as multiple district membership chair and is currently the district 21-N membership chair.

She has served multiple times as LCI Tel-a-thon fundraising chairperson and has been a speaker at the USA-Canada leadership forum and for LCIF Foundation Fridays. She was also a task force member for the North American Membership Initiative. Additionally, she participates in the Global Service Missions and "A Ball for All" initiative for sight impaired children.

In recognition of her service to the association she has received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She is also a LCIF Progressive Lead Donor and a LCIF Legacy Society member.

In addition to her Lions activities, Director Cunning is active in numerous professional and community organizations. She is currently the national president for the

Federation of Philippine American Chambers of Commerce (FPACC), president of the Filipino American Business Chamber of Commerce of Arizona, Board of Trustees for the National Federation of Filipino American Associations and is director at-large for the Arizona Asian American Association.

Director Cunning has received a number of civic awards for her kindness and service including Outstanding Asian American Citizen awarded by former US Senator Jon Kyl, the International Global Leadership Excellence Award, as well as the Excellence in Community Leadership award given by Filipino American National Historical Society. She was also honored as Woman of the Year in 2017 for Chicago by the TV Hall of Fame Awards.

Director Cunning has two adult sons and hopes that grandchildren are in her future. Her hobbies are service, recruiting new Lions and travel.

Elections, constitutional change on ballot

Voting delegates at the 2024 District 17N convention will elect the 2024-2025 District Governor team, fill seats on the three Kansas foundations and vote on a constitutional amendment.

Bring the completed Delegate Form (below) to be a voting delegate.

Declared candidates for the Governor’s team are Shari Neidhardt for District Governor, Clark Lindstrom for First Vice District Governor and Melanie Snider for Second Vice District Governor.

Anyone interested in the Second Vice District Governor position should contact Lion Doug Gatewood, district nominations chair for information on qualification requirements.

The District has two open seats on the Kansas Band Foundation. That two-year term runs from 2024 to 2026. The district has one open seat on the Kansas Lions Foundation, serving a three-year term from 2024 to 2027. There are two open seats on the Kansas Sight Foundation, serving a three-year term from 2024 to 2027.

Interested candidates for the foundation positions should contact Lion Doug Gatewood to be put on the ballot. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the convention meeting.

Delegates will also vote on a constitutional amendment and by-laws changes.

At the International Board of Directors Meeting held March 13-16, 2023, the Constitution & By-Laws Committee passed a resolution to update the duties of the district governor, the first vice district governor, the second vice district governor, the region chairperson and the zone chairperson. In addition several other areas were updated—see list below.

Lions Clubs International recommends changing the following section in the Constitution

Article VI Section 2 District Cabinet

Lions Clubs International recommends changing the following sections in the By-Laws

Article III Section 1 District Governor

Article III Section 2 First Vice

District Governor

Article III Section 3 Second Vice District Governor

Article III Section 5 Global Service Team District Coordinator

Article III Section 6 Global Membership Team District Coordinator

Article III Section 7 Global Leadership Team District Coordinator

Article III Section 8 Global Extension Team Coordinator

Article III Section 9 District Marketing Chairperson

Article III Section 10 LCIF District Coordinator

Article III Section 12 Region Chairperson

Article III Section 13 Zone Chairperson

Article V Section 7 Regions and Zones

If approved by the District 17-N Cabinet at the third cabinet meeting the amendments will be placed on the ballot at the District 17-N Convention. The full text of the amendments is attached as a pdf with this newsletter.

DELEGATE FORM

Club Name _____ Lion _____

This certifies that the above named person is a duly elected

Delegate Alternate

To the District 17-N Lions District Convention in Ottawa, KS on March 2, 2024

And said Lion is in good standing with their club.

The Club President or Secretary attests to this appointment.

President or Secretary Signature

Delegate/Alternate Signature

NOTE: This form must be presented upon registration at the District Convention. Clubs are entitled to one voting and one alternate delegate for every 10 club members, or major part thereof.

All Past District Governors have a vote, independent of club delegates

PLEASE HAVE THIS FORM COMPLETED AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE CONVENTION

When Lions Serve...The World Changes!!



KANSAS LIONS DISTRICT 17-N CONVENTION



MARCH 1-2, 2024 OTTAWA KANSAS

Special Guest Speaker: International Director MARIE CUNNING of Arizona, with Partner in Service, Lion Rosemarie Gabriel

Friday, March 1 - Prime Time Grill - 2204 S Princeton

6-9pm: Pre-Convention Social Fun and Games! Join us for Pizza, Appetizer Snacks, Soda and Water Provided, cash Bar on premises for cocktails and beer. Enjoy Games including Corn Hole Competition and Bowling. RSVP for (Food preparations and reserving Bowling Lanes)

Saturday, March 2 - The Bottle House - 204 S Walnut

Breakfast on your own

- 9am Registration begins, Delegate Certification opens
- 10am Convention Activities Begin
- 11am Elections & Voting on Bylaws Amendment
- 11:30 Memorial Service
- 12pm Lunch: BBQ provided by Smoked Creations
Music: Travis Marvin
- 1pm Key Note Speaker: ID Marie Cummings
(Q&A with the ID following)
- 2pm District Awards and Recognition



Silent Auction
Bring gift baskets and other items for the Silent Auction to raise funds for the District 17N Sight Screener program
Auction opens at 9:30
Bidding ends at NOON

Service project of filling Blessings Boxes with donated food following.

- Convention Registration ___ @ \$5 per person(Leos Free) ___
- Friday Social Gathering ___ #Attending/ Bowling Y/N
- Saturday Lunch Buffet ___ @ \$15 per person ___
- TOTAL DUE (make checks payable to Lions MD 17N) ___
- Meal reservations due by February 15 — no exceptions*

Service Project
Our Service Project for the Convention will be collecting non-perishable food items to distribute to local Blessings Boxes and to Osage County Help House in Lyndon
We appreciate your donations for these pantries.

Name(s) _____

Club _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Send registration to Barb Schattak | 330 Washington | Lyndon Ks 66451

Convention Hotel Information
Holiday Inn Express & Suites • 2340 S. King Street • Ottawa, KS • 1-785-521-7009 • Lions
Convention Room Rate \$129.00+ taxes.
Make room reservations by February 1 for Lions Block Rate.
NOTE: There are several other activities happening in Ottawa this weekend, make your reservations ASAP to guarantee availability

DISTRICT 17 N CONVENTION - EXHIBITORS FORM

MARCH 1-2, 2024

When Lions Serve...The World Changes!!

JOIN US AND BE A PART OF OUR CONVENTION FESTIVITIES



STARTING WITH OUR
FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER
AT PRIMETIME GRILLE
2204 S PRINCETON CIRCLE DRIVE
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM



FOOD * GAMES * BOWLING * FELLOWSHIP * FUN!!

CONVENTION DAY
SATURDAY MARCH 2, 2024
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
“THE BOTTLE HOUSE”
204 S WALNUT STREET

(SET UP BEGINS AT 8:00 AM - PLEASE BRING YOUR TABLES)

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

LIONS PROGRAM/ORGANIZATION: _____

EMAIL: _____

ANY SPECIAL NEEDS: _____

Please Submit Completed Form by February 15 to:
Lion Barb Schattak, Convention Co-Chair
ksyorkies@gmail.com



DISTRICT 17-N ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE



- ❖ COMPLETE A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PROJECT AND SUBMIT TO DISTRICT GOVERNOR PAM BILYEU BY FEBRUARY 15, 2024.
(THE PROJECT MUST BE ONE THAT THE CLUB HAS NEVER PROVIDED BEFORE.)
- ❖ COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND SUBMIT A DESCRIPTION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT INCLUDING BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER PICTURES (CAN BE PRINTED ON COPY PAPER)
- ❖ EACH LION’S CLUB WHO COMPLETES THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE WILL RECEIVE THE “DISTRICT 17-N ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE AWARD” AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION IN OTTAWA KS ON MARCH 1-2, 2024
- ❖ EACH LION’S CLUB PROJECT ENTERED WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION AND CONVENTION ATTENDEES WILL VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE! THE CLUB RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES WILL RECEIVE “DISTRICT 17-N ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD!”
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#CHANGING THE WORLD



Lion Club: _____ City: _____

Environmental Project Description: _____

Submitted By: _____ Contact # _____

Submit To: DISTRICT GOVERNOR Pam Bilyeu

22690 Melody Lane, Vassar KS 66543 Email: bilyeuskies@hotmail.com

Rescheduled!

Lyndon Lions Club
will hold a reception.

for their

70th Anniversary



on

February 18, 2024

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Lyndon Community Center

204 Topeka Street



Lions Pancake Day

Pancakes, Bacon, Eggs, Sausage, Orange Juice, Milk, Coffee

Sat. February 10, 2024

McCune Community Center

Time: 7 am-Noon

Adults \$10

Kids 10 and under \$7

**Wichita Northwest
Lions Club**

ANNUAL Chili FEED

**SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 10, 2024**

11 AM - 3 PM
ABILITY POINT / 2919 W. 2ND

Ticket price includes:
All you can eat chili,
condiments, 1 dessert,
coffee, tea, or 1 soft drink.

Additional desserts and
soft drinks are extra.

10 years and older:
\$10.00

Children 6-10:
\$ 5.00

All You Can Eat

PROCEEDS BENEFIT
VARIOUS COMMUNITY
SERVICE PROJECTS
AND ORGANIZATIONS.

WELLINGTON LIONS CLUB

FRIED TACO DINNER

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

WELLINGTON CRUSADERS VS ANDALE INDIANS

**\$8 INCLUDES:
2 TACOS, CHIPS, SALSA & DESSERT**

WHS COMMONS
5:00PM UNTIL SOLD OUT

**THE WELLINGTON LIONS CLUB
HAS BEEN PROUDLY SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY FOR OVER 100 YEARS!**

GO BIG RED!

The 3rd Annual

LARRY LEE MEMORIAL CAR SHOW

GODDARD, KANSAS

Saturday, April 6, 2024
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 7

11 AM - 4 PM Main Street | Downtown Goddard

GODDARDLIONSCARSHOW.COM

2024 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 26-28, 2024. Check-in at the dormitory will take place from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 26, 2024. Adjournment and checkout, by Noon on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

WHERE: Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2024. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2024. Registration covers single occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Mail completed application and full payment to PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169

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 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.

Curriculum Coordinator:

ID Hans Neidhardt
7400 NW Ayr Road
Potwin, Kansas 67123
hnwizardefoz@gmail.com

Secretary/Registrar:

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REGISTRATION FORM

2024 GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO

July 26-28, 2024

Name (Last, First, MI): _____ Badge Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Club Name & Club Number: _____ LCI Member #: _____

Sub District #: _____ Joined Lions (Yr.): _____ Highest Position Held: _____

Please Mark All That Apply:

- Double Occupancy Requested Roommate Name: _____
- Diabetic Diet Vegetarian Diet Vegan Diet
- Vision Impaired Hearing-Impaired Mobility Challenges
- Wheelchair Access Required

List special accommodations that you require: _____

Registration Fee is US \$220 if received by April 30, 2024. Fee increases to US \$240 starting May 1, 2024. Your fee includes seven meals, Institute costs, and dormitory rooms (single occupancy). Lions may request to room together. Check-in at the dormitory is permitted between 9:00 – 11:00 AM, on Friday, July 26th. Attendees may purchase a GPLLI embroidered polo for an additional US \$25. Shirts run a little large. To ensure receiving a polo, please order it on this form & increase the fee accordingly. **Shirt Size:** _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

The following information will be used in case of an emergency arising during the 2024 GPLLI Institute. The Emergency Information will be shredded at the conclusion of the course.

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Contact Phone #s: Home: _____ Cell: _____ Work: _____

Medical information to be shared with EMS: _____

NOTICE: Please provide complete information on the entire application before submitting it.

2024 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 Secretary/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 25-28, 2024. Registration is from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 25, 2024. Classes begin at 8 A.M. sharp on Friday, July 26. Checkout by 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 28, 2024.

WHERE: Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2024. Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2024. 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 to PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169.

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