



# District 17N Newsletter

68 Lions Clubs serving communities in southcentral and southeast Kansas



May 2024

From the Governor

## Lions answer need in Chanute

April Showers bring May flowers has never seemed more true than these last couple of weeks here in my area of our district! Just yesterday we



had over 2 ½ inches of rain and never-ending wind. We got a few good thunderboomers too! Last week there were tornado touch-downs outside Eureka and also in Overbrook. So please be up to date on your weather radios and tornado preparations to take shelter at a moment's notice. As we write this we are under a tornado watch...It is the season!

THANK YOU to all of the Lions in District 17-N and also the Lions from Districts A and K who contributed to the Kansas Lions Foundation to offer monetary assistance to the victims of the Cornerstone Apartment fire in Chanute, The cause of the fire, which occurred at 1:30 am on March 21, was determined to be a cigarette. Twenty-four apartments were destroyed, with occupants in 23 of them for a total of 41 victims. One woman lost her life on the morning of the fire, another woman was severely burned, and was taken to Wichita where she succumbed to her injuries a couple of days later. The 39 remaining victims form 21 families.

One couple, who lost their glasses, received assistance from Lion Vern

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### Coming Up! Club Officer Training

Via Zoom

May 15 | 6:30- 8:30 pm

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### Kansas Lions State Convention

Special guest:

International President Dr.

Patti Hill

May 31-June 2

Lawrence

Still time to register!

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### Recruiting & New Club Development workshop

June 8

Emporia

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## Kansas Lions District 17N

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Follow us on Facebook: [KansasLionsDistrict17N](https://www.facebook.com/KansasLionsDistrict17N) • Twitter: [@kslions17n](https://twitter.com/kslions17n)

District website: [kslions17n.org](https://kslions17n.org)

Kansas Lions on the web: [kansaslions.org](https://kansaslions.org) • Lions International on the web: [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org)

# Governor's message

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Failor, our State Health Chair, with vision vouchers for eye exams and new eyeglasses.

PCC Helen LeBlanc reported there were donations to the Kansas Lions Foundation for the fire victims that totaled \$6,050, plus the Chanute Lions have received another \$2,300, for a total of \$8,350! Thank you Chanute Lions Club President Lion Ronald Burkman, and the Chanute Lions for serving these families. Special thanks to Lion Sam Ward, Chanute Club Treasurer, for managing the donated funds and purchasing (21) \$400 gift cards, The gift cards are given to the families to help them begin rebuilding their lives following this tragedy. **YOU ALL ARE AWESOME...**and you have definitely helped to change the world around these families!!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming Kansas Lions State Convention on May 31- June 1 in Lawrence. Come and meet our International President Dr. Patti Hill. It's also time to get the Kansas Lions Band Camp students enrolled for this year's camp at Baker University. I am looking forward to the camp as well as to the great performances that we will have on Friday night and Saturday morning!

It is time to enter all of your new club officers for the 2024-2025 Lion year on the Lions International website. We are holding Club Officer Training by ZOOM on May 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. This training is for club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and club administrators, Whether you are a new officer or continuing in any of these positions, I highly recommend you attend this training, Here is the ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82435977647?pwd=NW5iTkdkGeHZ2NVpJRk5FZFA3cG9ldz09>

Meeting ID: 824 3597 7647

Passcode: 883461

Remember to report your club's service projects, volunteer hours and the number of people served on the Lions International website. Each month clubs are to report their membership, even if there are no changes. This helps us track where we are on our *Mission 1.5* goals. Completing these reports helps us know which of the global causes clubs are completing service projects on.

There are two months to go to complete this Lion year and we are moving closer to completing the goals we have set to achieve. Thank you for all you do to shine the light of Lionism in your communities.

*In Lionism,  
DG Pam Bilyeu*

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## Volunteers needed for State Fair health screens

I think of International President Patti Hill's slogan "Change the World" when I think about the booth at the Kansas State Fair. Do you want to help change the world as IP Hill envisions? If so volunteer for a day at the KLSF booth and you will experience or see life-changing situations.

We keep hearing "**It is too early for us to commit to the fair.**" Do you Lions realize it takes 120 volunteers (Lions) to operate efficiently at the Fair and we cannot wait until the last minute to get these volunteers.

The dates for the fair are Friday September 6, through Sunday September 15.

Here is what KLSF needs to operate efficiently. There will be two shifts per day 9:30 am to 2 pm and 1:30 to 6 pm. Each shift needs five to seven Lions to operate. Each Lion will get a Gate Pass and if the Lions come in one (1) car, that car will get a parking pass.

Here is how you as a volunteer can sign-up: contact Lion Jackie O'Neal at 316-734-2176 or email her at [glamother@yahoo.com](mailto:glamother@yahoo.com). Select a time and date you want to volunteer and contact her ASAP. Now is the time to contact Lion Jackie as most of the dates are still open but the prime dates will fill fast.

If you need more information you can contact Lion Vern Failor at 785-272-6102 or email him at [vlfailor@gmail.com](mailto:vlfailor@gmail.com). Lion Vern cannot sign you up but he is the general chairman for this KLSF project.

So remember IP Patti Hill's slogan "Change the World." Let's go one step farther and let's change the life of one person at a time with Health Checks at the Kansas State Fair helping the KLSF.

We hope to see all of you at the Fair.

*Lion Vern Failor  
Director KLSF*

## District Governor-Elect

# Burning the midnight oil

One of the hardest things a District Governor Elect has to complete is finding Lions to fill the Cabinet positions, especially the Zone Chairs. I was able to find Lions to serve in 10 of the 13 Zones. That stated, we still have openings; looking for awesome Lions to volunteer (Zone 3, Caney, Coffeyville, Coffeyville DD, Fredonia, Independence, and Neodesha; Zone 9, Burlington, Colony, Garnett, Kincaid, and Westphalia; Zone 11, Emporia, Eureka, Lebo, Madison, Neosho Rapids, and Olpe). There is still time to get additional Zone Chairs contact information into the Multiple District directory.

I want to pass along a big thank you to all the Lions who volunteered to fill next year's cabinet positions. To all the "new Lions" in our District, I would like to challenge you to consider potentially filling a cabinet position maybe even next year. There are so many opportunities to expand your role in Lionism.

In less than five weeks, Lions will have the opportunity to attend the State Convention in Lawrence Kansas, with International President Patti Hill and her husband Greg Holmes, from Edmonton, Alberta, Canada as our guests. The formal banquet on Saturday night may be filled with several surprise recognitions of well-deserving Lions. Help us by joining in on the celebration as we end another year and say thank you to CC Lori, DG Don, ADG Margy, and DG Pam for their outstanding leadership this year.

Also don't forget the Kansas Lions Band perfor-

mances. Friday night (May 31) Lions will have the opportunity to attend a BBQ with the band students, followed by the Jazz Band and Ensemble performances. Then on Saturday (June 1), Lions will be treated to a full symphonic band concert. The Saturday concert will be somewhat bittersweet, as ID Hans and I will turn over the Kansas Lions Band program to two of



our former band students. We have been "mom and dad" for 22 years and 20 band camps. If all goes as planned, Lions will witness the establishment of a virtual specialty Branch Club, made up of Kansas Lions Band students and band directors.

As we come close to the end of the year, we reflect on what was accomplished and what remains to be done. I look forward to sharing time with you at the convention.

I close with the following quote, *"Fun with friends is like a symphony of joy that fills our hearts with harmony."* – Author Unknown.

*Lion Shari Neidhardt*  
District Governor Elect



## Band Deadline!

There's still a few days to submit applications for Kansas Lions Band Camp at Baker University! Deadline is May 6!

Applications at

<https://kansaslions.org/kansas-lions-band>

**Come hear the band at Baker University  
in Baldwin City**

**Friday, June 1 | Jazz and Ensembles  
7 pm | Rice Auditorium**

**Saturday, June 2 | Symphonic Band  
10 am | Collins Center**

## First Vice District Governor-Elect

# Service ideas outside of the box

*"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do something I can do."* Helen Keller

What is your plan to do something you can do? Remember, Service IS our Local, District, State, and Global cause. Uniting all Lions is a shared mission to make the world a better place for others anyway we can. LCI's plan is to emphasize eight areas of focus ranging from vision and environment to hunger and childhood cancer, but these can be springboards for many service projects which could match up to the membership's talents, available time and resources.

In my journey as a Lion for over 40 years, I've found success in service projects outside the box such as recycling used eyeglass cases and turning them into first aid kits for people in need of basic hygiene products and materials.

I challenge each of you to reflect, think about, identify, and pursue causes that resonate with your respective Club's passions and meet those unique needs in your communities. The more you and your clubs emphasize these specific causes, the more creative we all can be to impact the lives of others for the better.

An example of this thinking outside the community service box is what the Maize Lions Club does with used and unwanted US flags. They accept donated flags from individuals, companies, and anyone who has a flag and doesn't want it anymore, or doesn't know how to properly dispose of it. Lion members collect the flags and determine if it can be reused, repurposed according to established guidelines, or destroyed properly with dignity and respect for the flag and our country. Those flags that are in good enough shape get cleaned and then become available for sale.

Just this last month, the Maize Club had a combination pancake day and garage sale. Included in the garage sale was a table full of flags of all sizes and types that were ready for a new lease on flag life.

The Maize Club identified a need to preserve unwanted flags and turned it into an opportunity for them and for those who desire to display our patri-



otic colors. These Lions do more than just serve the community, they create "community" for people and their club members who are passionate about what the US flag represents.

By the way, flags that are not in good enough shape to be reconditioned are disposed of with the help of the local veterans group who hold special ceremonies to respectfully destroy the flags according to written guidelines. If you don't know what those guidelines are, either GOOGLE it or email me at: [cfindstrom@yahoo.com](mailto:cfindstrom@yahoo.com).



I'll keep this article short and to the point. Lionism IS service to others. Being a member is truly an opportunity for service in one or more areas of our own choosing for the most part. Decide now to make your mark by doing something like Helen Keller stated above. Gladly and proudly continue your Club's present successful service and causes, but consider moving boldly forward with new envisioned activities and projects that are as diverse and dynamic as the communities, districts, states, and world we strive to make better for all.

Who knows we just might inspire and transcend traditional boundaries of service by inspiring a new generation of Lions to think outside the WE SERVE box. If we invite friends, co-workers, and peers to participate, these new activities will potentially lend themselves to everyone enjoying the joy of service firsthand and take us all to where our potential for positive change may know no bounds. Who knows, we might even start to get more new members and keep the ones we already have through active engagement in something new and exciting. You be the one that is open to accepting new members and the new ideas they bring.

Let's Roar More in 2024!

*Clark Lindstrom*  
*1st VDGE*

### Council Chair Comments

# Year-end challenge: add one new member!

Kansas Lions,  
 We are so close to seeing the end of the fiscal year, but we have to remember to stay focused on wrapping up this year with success! I hope you have completed your officer elections and are finding all the new twists and turns of the Lions Portal working in your favor. I know it's a little challenging but remember we have made it through many changes over the years and this one is no different. Give it some time and just get comfortable with it and you'll have it down in no time.



If you can't seem to get over that hurdle, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Zone chair, your District IT or Administrator, or a member of the Governor's team and ask for help. You won't be the only one! We still have a responsibility to enter our member info, new officers, service hours and all the usual things on this new format and we can do it!

With the changing of the guard so to speak, comes a new flow of ideas and I can't wait to hear them, a new perspective is always exciting. Seeing the things that we have done for many years from a fresh set of eyes is the best way to grow and improve and that's what LIONS are all about. We can celebrate and thank our outgoing team for their year of service while welcoming the new team with excitement and support.

I am thrilled that my predecessor as State Council Chairperson will be none other than District N Governor, Pam Bilyeu. She will do a great job and I am so proud of her work this year as

DG; I will be her biggest cheerleader.

So, one last challenge... get out there within your community and grab that ONE new member before the end of the year, invite to your car show, your pancake breakfast, your park clean-up, your concession stands, your 5k —whatever amazing project you do and sign them up!

We are here for SERVICE, and we cannot continue that if we do not continue to recruit fabulous members of all ages, all backgrounds, all races, all religions, we work for one goal and that is serving our towns in whatever capacity they need.

As I write this, my area is under a tornado warning, and I cannot help but be grateful knowing that our Lions are helping right now in Nebraska and Iowa where multiple tornados blew through last night.

I am only one person, but my reach and my service are magnified within the scope of the Lions Club, and we should never forget that. Be safe in this storm season, whichever part of the state you are in, and remember that we are all working towards the same end, and we are all on the same TEAM... Together Everyone Achieves More!

*Respectfully submitted*

*Lori L. Horton,*

*Kansas State Council Chairperson 2023-2024*

**Save the Date**  
**District Cabinet**  
**End-of-the Year Gathering**  
 Saturday, June 29 | 9 am to 3 pm  
 The Breadbasket | Newton  
 District awards and recognition  
 Environmental Challenge People's Choice Award  
 Watch for details in June newsletter



**Hosted by**  
**Moundridge**  
**Lions Club**  
**June 1, 2024**  
**Moundridge, KS**



**SAVE THE DATE**  
 SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH  
 CARBONDALE ELM BUILDING  
 8 - 10:30AM  
 INDULGE IN A BISCUIT & GRAVY FEED  
 BEFORE HELPING IN THE  
 CITY-WIDE CLEANUP DAY!  
 SPONSORED BY YOUR  
 CARBONDALE KANSAS LIONS CLUB!



**We Serve**

## *Around the District*

Submit your club activities to [newsletter17n@cox.net](mailto:newsletter17n@cox.net)

Deadline is always the 15th of the month

Wichita Northwest Lions Steve Fisher, Frank Petsche, Bill Murphy, Lana Murphy, Peggy Dilsaver-Custer, Marjie Helmke and Marcia Koester-Carter volunteered at the Kansas Food Bank on April 18. They filled more than 200 bags of food which included six cans of vegetables and fruit, one package of mac and cheese and two cans of tomatoes. Bags were then boxed for distribution.



Wellington Lions joined Wellington High School Students for a Day of Service. Volunteers pictured are scraping a house that will soon be repainted.



Lyndon Lions joined the Lyndon Tree Board to plant trees around the community on a crisp spring morning.

### Melvin Jones Fellowships



Inman Lion Bob Ratzlaff, right, was presented with an award for 35 years as serving as a Lions Club member.



Bel Aire Lions recognized Kenny Fischer, right, for his years of Service by presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. District Governor Pam Bilyeu presented the recognition during a recent meeting.



Julie McLain, right, Colwich Lions Club charter member, received a Melvin Jones Fellowship a from President Mary Ann Morrison during the club's April meeting.



Carbondale Lions welcomes new member Genevieve Fisher

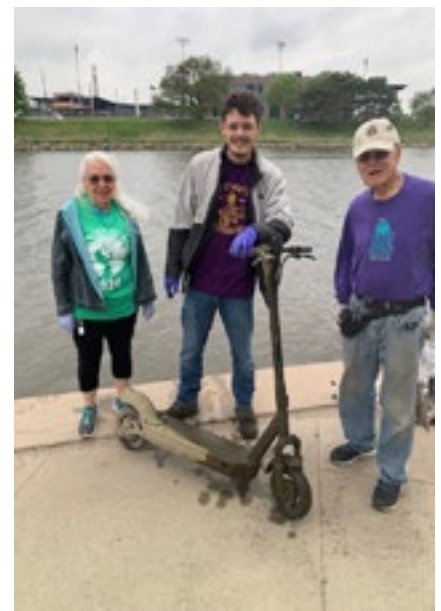




Goddard Lions served hot dogs and worked on various projects during Neighbors United, a community-wide day of service. Projects ranged from planting flowers, cleaning buses, yard clean-up, building beds in the community garden and many more. Approximately 150 volunteers came together for a morning of volunteering in the community.



Downtown Lions and friends have been working to refurbish the Lion float. Pictured at left are Lions Arlen Hill and Martha Ray and volunteer Reisha Jenkins. At right: Lions Martha Ray, Kameron Crim, and Bill Wynne were among a group of Downtown members participating in Wichita's recent Ark River Clean-up.



Newton Lions were involved in Harvey County United Way Serve Day 2024





# Eclipse Viewing

Lions Clubs across the district provided eclipse glasses in their communities. Clockwise from right: Wichita Peterson Elementary 5th grader from Wichita Downtown Lions, Hillsboro and Westphalia Elementary School.



Left: Lion leaders took a break from training to observe the eclipse from the parking lot of the state office in Wichita. From left: ID Hans Neidhardt, Council Chair Lori Horton, PID Bill Philippi, District N DGE Shari Neidhardt, District A DGE Margy Sundstrom, Ron Weaverling, PID Deb Weaverling, District K DGE Diana Baumann, Mike Sundstrom, District K 1st DGE Louis Morgan and State Secretary Dan Funke

# Sight First, Quest and Diabetes Grants help meet needs around the world

This month, I'm highlighting Sight First Grants, Lions Quest Grants, and Diabetes Grants.

**Sight First Grants** can help a child see the world for the first time. They can protect a community from a debilitating eye disease or intervene before someone goes blind due to diabetic eye disease.

They can upgrade hospitals and clinics in underserved communities by training doctors and nurses, distributing medicine, and raising awareness around the world.

SightFirst supports high-quality, cost-effective, equitable, and sustainable eye care projects that focus on infrastructure development, human resource training, eye care service delivery and eye health education.

Grants can be requested for comprehensive eye care or research. Applications for Sight-First grants are due no later than 90 days prior to the start of the SightFirst Advisory Committee meetings, which take place in January and August. Kansas received a SightFirst grant in 2011 for \$71,137 for our low vision



Lions Clubs International  
**FOUNDATION**

program.

**Lions Quest Grants** aid the implementation and expansion of Lions Quest in schools around the world. Typical project activities include workshops to train educators, the purchase of textbooks and materials for workshops, program evaluation and research. Grants can go toward the initial implementation of Lions Quest or the expansion of an existing Lions Quest program. These grants are up to \$50,000 for a District or \$150,000 for a Multiple District on a 3-to-1 matching grants, i.e., local organization must pay 25% of the total cost. Funds may be used to train teachers and trainers, translate curriculum and training materials, pay for a limited amount of administrative expenses. The most re-

cent Kansas grant was \$100,000 in 2012 for the MD to expand Lions Quest.

**Diabetes Grants** support diabetes youth camps and retreats, diabetes screening activities with comprehensive follow-up care plans, infrastructure and equipment acquisition for existing diabetes care facilities, and training of professionals and community diabetes educators. Districts are eligible for grants up to \$150,000; Multiple Districts are eligible for grants up to \$250,000, There is no record of a Diabetes Grant being provided to Kansas.

For additional information on the grants, contact **myself, District 17-K Co-Coordinators** PDG Kathie Bell or PCC Randy St. Aubyn, **District 17-A Coordinator** Lion Caroline Arter or PID Deb Weaverling, or **District 17-N Coordinator** PDG Richard Caldwell.

*PDG Rick Dodson  
MD-17 LCIF Coordinator*

## Other grant types:

- Childhood Cancer Pilot Grants (April)
- District & Club Community Impact Grants (February)
- Matching Grants (April)
- Hunger Pilot Grants
- Disaster Grants (March)
- Leo Service Grants



## Officer training this month on Zoom

District N officer training is May 15, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Zoom.

Training is for new and returning club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and administrators.

During the zoom session, hear from district leaders on the basics for your respective offices as well as a look at the new Lions Portal and how to report

club activities and use the other information now available.

The link for the Zoom is: <https://us-02web.zoom.us/j/82435977647?pwd=NW5iTkdkGeHZ2NVpJRk5FZFZA3cG9Idz09>

Meeting ID: 824 3597 7647

Passcode: 883461

## *Need help finding projects? Ask on Main Street*

Good day, Lions. As we know the future of all our Lions Clubs rests on the success of bringing in new members. I want to revisit an excellent presentation from the Reno US/Canada forum last summer. A club from back east told of an idea they have been employing with good success.

They have been going door-to-door to businesses in town and visiting the owners, to remind them that the first business of their local Lions club is to serve their community and the club always needs help to know where and what the needs are. Their local Lions Club has willing and talented hands available to address useful and needed things in town, as well as some pretty good resources, and they are always open to ser-

vice ideas that they may not have been aware of. A business owner naturally has the ear of a group of regular customers that can make them aware of needs.

They don't need to be big, mega projects. Simple things that mean a lot to people, like rides to doctor visits? A family struggling with a child with cancer, or diabetes, or needing help with vision concerns? Porch steps needing fixed? Broken sidewalk in front of house? Food needs? Need a handicap ramp? The list is endless.

Some Lions Club projects are a direct effort for community improvement projects, while other projects address the one-on-one needs of individuals. So for Lions it is not just, "We Serve" but rather "We Want to Serve People In Our

Community." The results of this kind of outreach can be very good.

All you are asking of the business owners is to help point your club to potential service projects. When an opportunity does occur, keep that business owner informed of the progress, and perhaps, maybe even enlist them to help. At the end, thank them with a 30-day free trial membership to the club, and perhaps buy their meal when they attend to thank them again for their service.

This approach has worked well with the club I heard from, and resulted in occasionally bringing in a local business owner to the club. Please let me know if it proves out well for you.

*Lion Jerry Bilyeu  
District 17-N GMT*

## *Is your club on the path to a Club Excellence Award?*

As the 2023-2024 Lions year comes to an end, has your club qualified for the Club Excellence Award?

The Club Excellence Award is the ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing.

The club will receive a banner patch and pin will be awarded to the club president. But more importantly, your club's membership will be revitalized, your service impact will grow and your members will see greater leadership opportunities.

To qualify for the Club Excellence Award, clubs must meet specific requirements in four categories: Membership, Service,

Leadership & Organizational Excellence, and Marketing.

### **Membership:**

- Achieved a new growth of one or more members or chartered a new Lions club or Club Branch in the current fiscal year.

### **Service:**

- Contributed to LCIF an amount equal to or greater than the club's membership total multiplied by \$5

- Started a new service project. Consider one of our Global Causes!

- List three service activities your club participated in that were reported to LCI.

### **Leadership & Organizational Excellence:**

- Club is in good standing; not in status quo or financial suspension; district dues paid and no unpaid

balance with LCI greater than \$50 outstanding 90 days or more.

- Reported club officers to LCI
- Key officers participate in club officer training

### **Marketing:**

- The club has published its service activities through local media and social media.

Links to resources from LCI are on the Club Excellence Award page on the website.

Applications for the 2013-2014 Club Excellence Awards are available on the lionsclubs.org website and are due August 31, 2024. Awards will be sent to the 2024-2025 District Governor.



# DISTRICT 17-N SPRING ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE #2



- ❖ COMPLETE A NEW ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB PROJECT AND SUBMIT TO DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR LION KATHY PRATT BY MAY 24, 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 GATHERING IN NEWTON KS ON JUNE 29, 2024
- ❖ EACH LION’S CLUB PROJECT ENTERED WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE STATE CONVENTION AND DISTRICT GATHERING. AT THE DISTRICT GATHERING LIONS WILL VOTE FOR THEIR FAVORITE! THE CLUB RECEIVING THE MOST VOTES WILL RECEIVE “DISTRICT 17-N ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE #2 PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD!”



#CHANGING THE WORLD



Lion Club: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Environmental Project Description: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Submitted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Submit To: DISTRICT 17-N ENVIRONMENTAL CHAIR, LION KATHY PRATT

PO BOX 130, TOWANDA, KS 67123 Email: kpratt558@gmail.com

### Calling ALL Lions...

Join MD 17 for an amazing training opportunity!

**Who:** International Director Marie Cunning (AZ) & your Kansas Global Action Team Leaders

**What:** Successful Recruiting, Club Formation and Learning about the amazing resources we have!

**Where:** Lyon County History Center ~ 711 Commercial St. ~ Emporia, Ks

**When:** June 8, 2024 10am-3pm (Lunch provided)

**How:** Fill out this form, follow instructions at the end and BE THERE!



9:30am-10:00am      Registration

10:00am-12:00pm      Recruiting and Club formation from someone who has done it!

ID Marie Cunning (IN PERSON!) will share her successes and help you brain storm within your area on how to have success in attracting new members and how to get over that hurdle of sponsoring a new club.



12:00pm-1:00pm      LUNCH (No charge!)

1:00pm-3:00pm      Who Ya' Gonna' Call?? Identifying the roles of the Global Action Team, who are they, how can they help you and what do they do. District and State GAT roles: GST, GLT, GMT, GET explained and identified.

\*Bring your best questions!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_

- we will try our best to accommodate.

**THERE IS NO CHARGE TO ATTEND THESE SEMINARS!! Please pre-register by mailing this form to: CC Lori Horton ~ 1015 N. Broadway ~ Pittsburg, Ks 66762 OR emailing it to CELEBRATIONSBYL@YAHOO.COM OR texting ALL this info to Lori at 620-235-1454 by JUNE 1, 2024**

# Convention Update

## Hotel Reservation Deadline Extended —Due Sunday, May 12

Hotel registrations can be made by calling the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Lawrence at 785-841-7077 or online at

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=LWCMDDT&arrivalDate=2024-05-30&departureDate=2024-06-02&groupCode=CDT9oB&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2CEN%2CDirectLink>

## Convention Reservations for Meals —Due Friday, May 17

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/c9e13dfc-f1ee-48eb-87db-fe85do4cfoe7>

This link will take you to register for Friday lunch, Friday Picnic, Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Crossroad Tours Charter Bus

**KANSAS LIONS STATE CONVENTION**  
MAY 31 - JUNE 2  
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON LAWRENCE, KANSAS  
\$139/INCLUDES BREAKFAST

**CHANGING THE WORLD**

**SCAN HERE TO REGISTER**

**SERVICE PROJECT**  
Filling 2,000 bags with soup ingredients.

**KANSAS LIONS BAND**  
Friday picnic. Saturday concert.

**BAKER WETLANDS**  
Sunday tour.

**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
Roger L. Boyd, PhD Professor Emeritus of Biology Baker University  
Wisconsin Council Chair BJ Blahnik - Leader Dog  
Lion Eric Tweedy - Fentanyl Crisis: A Call to Action  
Dr. Sharon Sullivan - Human Trafficking

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER**  
**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**PATTI HILL**

- ✓ FUN!
- ✓ SERVICE!
- ✓ CASUAL!
- ✗ No seminars!
- ✗ No committee meetings!