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## From DG Deb Weaverling



DG Deb Weaverling

Aloha Lions! Chicago was amazing and quite a learning experience. The 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration for thousands of Lions was an event to remember for everyone who attended. My training with 29 other DGE's for four days was rewarding and I shall use what I learned throughout my year as DG and throughout the rest of my life. It is never too late to share leadership tips with anyone

you encounter, they will be forever grateful. I had the pleasure of meeting our International President, Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his Lion spouse Navita. They are great Lions who want to make the world a better place to live and who want to give to those who are less fortunate than us. "Nameste" is an Indian greeting that says "I see the Divine in YOU". It is his message along with the "Power of We", the "Power of Action", and the "Power of Service". The "Power of We" suggests that with others we can achieve more. The more hands in service means more individuals we collectively serve. The "Power of Action" suggests that we should not set aside what we think we should do, but that we

should do it regardless. Nothing ventured equals nothing gained. The "Power of Service", we know this! We LIONS serve our communities in many projects and may even collaborate with other



District 17-A Lions with International Lions President Dr. Naresh Aggarwal and his wife Navita.

organizations to accomplish a need in our communities.

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## Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

- August 11-13, 10 a.m. 1st State Council Meeting, Best Western Hotel, McPherson
- August 19, 11 a.m. 1st District Cabinet Meeting, Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego
- August 26, 10 a.m. Club Officers' Training, NorthRidge Church, Sabetha
- September 21-23, Lions USA Canada Forum, Portland, Oregon
- October 27-29, 10 a.m. 2nd State Council Meeting, Best Western Hotel, McPherson
- November 4, 11 a.m. 2nd District Cabinet Meeting, Trinity Baptist Church, Wamego
- January 26-28, Kansas Lions Mid-Winter Rally, Four Seasons, Manhattan

## From DG Deb Weaverling continued...

My goals this year include 1) continue the 4 Primary Areas of Service; Vision, Hunger, Environment, and Youth. This year LCI added Diabetes; making this area of service LCI's #5. Our club secretaries should report the numbers served and the number of LIONS who worked each project on the MyLCI website. This is the only way LCI can count the numbers of individuals we serve and the number of LIONS who worked. This reporting is essential to reaching the goals set of serving 100 million this year. If you need assistance in accomplishing this task, please let me know and I will have someone who is very knowledgeable in this important area contact you. 2)



DG Deb Weaverling with members of the Auburn Lions Club, July 10.

to LCIF, Lions Clubs International Foundation. LCIF is the charitable arm of LCI which provides grants and aid to those who have a disaster such as a wildfire, tornadoes, hurricanes, tsunamis

to name a few. I believe we can help do our part to help by giving even a nominal amount from each club in our District. I would like to see 100% participation from our District. Every dollar contributed to LCIF goes to charitable work, one hundred

percent. Honor a club member with a Melvin Jones Fellowship; he/she will be forever grateful. Go to [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org) to find out more about a Melvin Jones Fellowship. 5) Get Online and check out LCI website. It has so much information for all LIONS and news from all over the world.

6) Increase women membership percentages. This is the fastest growing demographic in Lions membership. In a country where more

than 50 percent of the population are women, we can do better than our current 37 percent woman membership. 7) Open two new clubs/branch in 2017-2018. Together in the spirit of the Power of We and the Power of Action, we can accomplish these goals in all of our clubs in District 17A. I have the utmost faith in our LIONS. Keep up the great work.

I visited 10 Lions Clubs in the month of July, crisscrossing the District. I started my visits with Paola, then Wetmore, Auburn, Hiawatha, Miami County Trav-



DG Deb and Ron Weaverling (right) welcome Council Chair Linda Leander and her husband Ken, to the Leavenworth Lions Club, July 13.

eling Lions, Leavenworth, Highland, Clay Center, Abilene, and Wamego. Each club is unique in its own way, but always the focus was on service to their community. The LIONS I have met have been very gracious and welcoming to Ron and I and Margy. I am so proud to be a LION. These LIONS typify what we do best and that is by unselfishly serving others who are less fortunate. As a side note, I had the honor of inducting new officers for the Auburn, Hiawatha, Highland, and Abilene Lions Club.

### District 17-A Cabinet Meetings

- August 19, 2017
- November 4, 2017
- February 3, 2018
- June 9, 2018

Trinity Baptist Church  
16655 US Hwy 24  
Wamego, KS 66547  
11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



Kansas Lions MD 17 step off in the LCI Centennial parade at Chicago (photo courtesy of Rick Dobson)

End this LIONS year, 2017-2018, with a plus One member in each club. Our District is currently at a +12 as of July 27, despite losing some members at EOM June. Keep up the great work of getting more members to join the largest community service organization in the world. 3) Partner with another service organization, city/county, or other LIONS clubs near you to complete a project or conduct a fundraiser. 4) Donate



DG Deb and Ron Weaverling enjoyed the Wetmore Lions, July 8.

## From 1st VDG John Burns



1VDG John Burns

What a wonderful Centennial celebration we had! International President Bob Corlew gave a memorable farewell speech. He introduced the new International President Naresh Aggarwal. President Aggarwal challenged us to a new strategy, *LCI Forward* which was developed as a road map for Lions to plan, implement, and achieve our vision for the future and to meet the growing needs of the world.

The President introduced our new enhanced service framework with the addition of Diabetes.

New products, such as the new Lions mobile app, will provide our members the ability to connect with each other like never before allowing us to share service ideas, photos, videos, and information.

We were entertained by the Beach Boys, Chicago and Charlie Daniels band on three of the nights that we were there. A fun and learning experience was had by all.

During the month of July, I visited three clubs, the first was Manhattan. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Carol Ott welcomed us and I was honored to induct a new member to their club, Mark Musleh. The club announced that they had received a grant from the Caroline Pleine Charitable Foundation to help with the purchase of glasses. The club also sponsors a boys and girls baseball team. They made a special donation to LCIF that night.

My next club was the Gardner Lions club. Big Lion Judy Hadle and Ray Hess welcomed us. They have many projects ongoing among which is sanding and

painting the porch of the Gardner Historical museum. On their previous meeting, they introduced their scholarship recipient Madeline Allen who thanked the club and shared her plans for the future. A special donation was made for LCIF at this meeting.

My third club visit was the Valley Falls club. Big Lion Terry Metzger, Secretary Linda Durand and Treasurer Larry Springer warmly welcomed us. They had a very good attendance and are involved in many different projects. They will be participating in the 4-H fair this month. It was a pleasure meeting with them. They also made a special donation to LCIF.



## From 2nd VDG Diane Hentges



2VDG Diane Hentges

On July 1, 2017 in Chicago, Illinois, the Kansas Lions were well represented by the participants in the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Parade of Lions International. Lions, Leos, the International Band and, I can't forget, the wonderful Wizard of Oz characters who added a special interest to our contingency made for an impressive parade entry. Being part of this parade was an awesome experience.

As we make our way to our place

(#127) in the lineup, we walk by representative groups of the 1.4 million Lions throughout the world. Each group is so unique in their representation of their state or country. Hawaiian dancers, a Chinese snake, Indonesian warriors, chic Italians, Mardi Gras revelers too name just a few. Yes, each group was unique but as a whole this parade had one thing in common, the mission to SERVE. The POWER of WE vibrated through the throng of LIONS participating and those cheering on the parade marchers.

The Kansas Lions serve local communities in variety of ways. We do vision screenings, purchase eye glasses, feed the hungry, provide scholarships, build park shelters, plant trees, fix playgrounds and the list goes on. Our International President Naresh Aggarwal has challenged clubs worldwide to have each club member serve at least

10 people per month. This impact would mean that worldwide, LIONS would serve 200 million people. It sounds daunting.

Is it doable? Of course it is. The POWER of ACTION propelled by the POWER of WE will be realized in the POWER of SERVICE. Just think how many individuals a club serves at a vision screening? Our club of 16 involved LIONS needs to do 160 screenings in one month. That is very doable. How many individuals will be touched by your contribution to the local food pantry? How many picnickers will be sheltered by that Lions shelter? How will your club help Lions International meet the goal of serving 200 million people this year?



# Become a 2018-2019 2nd Vice District Governor Candidate

What's required? What do I need to do? Who do I contact? Read on, the answers are below.

Lions International By-laws, ARTICLE IX, District Conventions and Elections; Section 6 (C) states, "A candidate for the office of second vice district governor shall: (1) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in his/her single or sub-district. (2) Secure the endorsement of his/her club or a majority of the clubs in his/her single or sub-district. (3) Have served or will have served at the time he/she takes office as second vice district governor: (a) As president of a Lions

club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years; and (b) As zone chairperson or region chairperson or cabinet secretary and/or treasurer for a full term or major portion thereof. (c) With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

District 17-A Bylaws, ARTICLE 1, District Nominations, Elections and Appointments, Section 2, Sentence 1, states, "Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of district governor or first or second vice district governor shall file his//her in-

attention to so run in writing with the Nominating Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of his/her compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws."

A list of duties of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor is available. If you have questions or need more information, please contact PDG Al Kimmi, Nominations Chairman, 785-548-5744 or email [alimmi@rainbowtel.net](mailto:alimmi@rainbowtel.net).

## Kansas Service Dogs Update

KSDS was founded in 1987 through a 4-H dog project. The 4-H members from Cloud, Riley, and Washington counties began serving as puppy raisers for organizations in Ohio and California when they discovered there was a need for dog placements in the Midwest, specifically Kansas.

On January 1990 with the help of \$500,000 in start up funding from the State of Kansas Department of Rehabilitation Services and support from individual donors, KSDS was incorporated as a non-profit organization.

The Canine Housing Unit was built in 1991 and the first service class graduated and in 1992 the second service class graduated. KSDS was the first in the nation to provide both guide dogs and service dogs. The puppy unit was constructed in 1994 as an addition to the Canine Housing Unit.

KSDS implemented prison programs in 1996 at the Topeka Correctional Facility and Norton Correctional Facility using inmates to raise puppies and then later providing intermediate training

and skills.

The training center was constructed at KSDS with funding from private sources. Its name was changed from Kansas Specialty Dog Service Inc. because dogs were being placed throughout the United States.

Lions of District 17A, consider making a donation to KSDS this Lions year. They truly need your support. Contact Lion Deb Tegethoff of the Washington Lions Club if your club wants to learn more about KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc.



A few of the hundreds of thank you notes KSDS receives from dog owners.

## DG Deb Weaverling's August Club Visits



- August 3, Concordia, Marysville**
- August 8, Holton**
- August 9, Goff**
- August 10, Kansas City Downtown**
- August 14, Delphos**
- August 17, Topeka Sunflower**
- August 18, Sabetha**
- August 21, Chapman**
- August 23, Silver Lake**

# 1<sup>st</sup> 2017-2018 State Council Meeting is August 11-13

The first state council meeting of the 2017-2018 Kansas Lions Multi-District 17 will be held at McPherson in the Best Western Convention Center, Friday, August 11 through Sunday, August 13. Located at the junction of I-35 and U.S. Highway 56, the facility is regularly a site for Kansas Lions meetings and is easy to access. Rooms should have been reserved by July 28.

**All meal reservations are due August 4th.** Meals include Friday evening dinner (6:30 p.m.), \$17 each; Saturday evening dinner (6:30 p.m.), \$17 each. All other meals are on your own and/or breakfast is provided with your hotel room at Best Western. Please email your reservations/plans to Linda McCormick at [KansasLions@aol.com](mailto:KansasLions@aol.com) (you can pay at the door; no shows will be billed to your Lions Club). Checks or cash will be accepted; payable to Kansas Lions and mailed to 231 S. Tyler, Wichita, KS 67209. Questions? Call Linda at 316-773-2100.

All meetings will be held in the Holiday Center building at the back of the property (separate building from hotel). The hospitality room will be hosted by District N and will also be in the meeting area.

Sunday morning (8 a.m.) will feature a devotional time and meeting hosted by the Past District Governor's Club.

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The Saturday meeting agenda is as follows:

7:30 a.m., Kansas Lions Foundation (Harvest Room)

8:30 a.m. Constitution & By-Laws (Golden Room)

9:00 a.m., First Vice & Second Vice District Governors and spouses (Sunset, front)

9:00 a.m., Kansas Lions Band Foundation (Harvest Room)

10:00 a.m., Budget & Finance (Sunset, back)



2017-2018 Kansas Lions Council Chair Linda Leander

10:00 a.m., Audit (Golden Room)

11:00 a.m., Health Programs (Golden Room)

**Lunch – on your own; restaurant open or several fast food restaurants nearby**

1:00 p.m., GMT, GLT, GST District Chairs (Sunset, front)

1:30 p.m., Public Relations (Harvest Room)

1:30 p.m., LCIF (Sunset, back)

1:30 p.m., State and International Band (Golden Room)

2:30 p.m., Kansas Lions Sight Foundation (Harvest Room)

2:30 p.m., Long Range Planning (Sunset, front)

2:30 p.m., Budget & Finance (Sunset, back)

2:30 p.m., K-I (Golden Room)

3:30 p.m., Environmental (Sunset, front)

6:30 p.m., Dinner (Golden Room)

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Agenda for Sunday activities:

8:00 a.m., Devotional and Meeting by PDG Club (Harvest Room)

9:00 a.m., State Council Business Session (Harvest Room)

Call to Order: PCC Fran Smith

Introduction of 2017-2018 Council Chair, Fran Smith

Welcome/Remarks: New CC Linda Leander

Group Singing "America" led by Deb Weaving

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Randy St Aubyn

Invocation led by Indra Phillips

Introductions 2017-2018 State Council: Linda Leander

Introductions/Remarks Past International Family: Linda Leander

Introduction of 2017-2018 Vice District Governors: Linda Leander

Adoption of Agenda: Linda Leander

Parliamentarian Report: Chris Bauer

Adoption of Minutes of 2016-2017 Fourth State Council Meeting: Linda Leander

Adoption of SOP's: Linda Leander

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Adjournment



## District 17-A 2nd Lions Club Officers' Training

(recommended for Presidents, Secretaries/Treasurers & Membership Chairs)

Saturday, August 26

NorthRidge Church, 316 Lincoln Street, Sabetha

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Registration is 9:30-10 a.m. Training is 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Features the new E-book Training format

Presidents training with DG Deb & Ron Weaverling

Secretaries/Treasurers training with PCC Bobby Duvall

Membership Chairs training with PDG Carleen Rajala, GMT

### PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 23RD TO

PCC Bobby Duvall, GLT

17-A Global Leadership Team

785-608-1311

Email; terrybobd@aol.com



## District 17-A will again Participate in collection personal care items for Kansas school children

Please collect and donate: bars of soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, feminine care products, & shampoos. Bring to our quarterly meetings.

For more information and to see the complete listing visit [www.givingthebasics.org](http://www.givingthebasics.org)



For questions, contact  
Lion Margy Sundstrom  
[Margaret1226@gmail.com](mailto:Margaret1226@gmail.com)  
Cell 940-390-7430



Top photo left: DG Deb Weaverling visits the Abilene Lions Club, July 19; bottom photo left DG Deb installs the new Highland Lions Club president Chris Lackey (right) who takes the gavel over from his father Barton Lackey (left), July 17.



## August Club Anniversaries

Tescott Lions Club

August 1, 1945

72 Years

Olathe Lions Club

August 27, 1947

70 Years



## Upcoming District 17-A Events Sponsored by Local Clubs

(Listed in order by earliest date)

- Auburn Lions Club will stuff a school bus with school supplies for children in need of the Auburn Elementary School at the community's National Night Out Against Crime, August 5, 4-8 p.m., Auburn Civic Center parking lot.
- Olathe Lions Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Monday, August 21, 6:00PM, Golden Corral (Just north of Blackbob and 135<sup>th</sup>), guest speaker will be PID Ernie Young with club history by Lion Dan Hamblin. Cost is \$12.00 for buffet dinner; RSVP by August 7<sup>th</sup> to John Burns; [jwb101644@gmail.com](mailto:jwb101644@gmail.com) or text John at 913-558-7838.

## Using the MSU to Inform About Diabetes Awareness

When the current Kansas Lions Mobile Screening Unit (MSU) was put into service with funding assistance from the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation it was to help Kansas residents stay healthy by having free access to blood sugar, blood pressure, vision, and hearing screening. The MSU is available to all Kansas Lions to help identify medical concerns. The cost to schedule this unit in your community is \$300 for the first day and \$100 for each succeeding day in the same location.

A group of Lions Clubs may team together to use the MSU on consecutive days and share the cost. These clubs would need to be 60 miles or less apart and could not work a hardship on the Driver/Operator by scheduling screenings late in the day or early in the morning of the next day. One club would handle the scheduling and the cost equally shared by all the clubs involved. To schedule the MSU in your community contact Lion Dan Heersche at telephone 316-777-4060 (cell 316-249-7524) or e-mail [dheersche@cox.net](mailto:dheersche@cox.net).

Diabetes can take a toll on nearly every organ in the human body including the heart and blood vessels,

eyes, kidneys, nerves, gastrointestinal system, as well as your gums and teeth.

**Heart and Blood Vessels** – A diabetic is at least twice as likely to have heart problems and strokes as individuals who do not have this con-



dition. Blood vessel or nerve damage may also cause foot problems which in rare cases can lead to amputation of toes, feet, and even the legs.

**Eyes** – Diabetes is the leading cause of new vision loss in individuals ages 20 to 70 in the U.S.

**Kidney Disease** – Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure in adults in the U.S. and accounts for almost half of new cases.

**Nerves** – Over time high blood sugar levels can harm your nerves, commonly called neuropathy, which can lead to tingly or painful limbs, or even

the total loss of sensation. This can also affect the nerves that control your internal organs causing digestive issues and trouble sensing when your bladder is full. These types of nerve damage are experienced by as many as 70% of individuals with diabetes.

**Teeth** – Diabetes puts one at great risk for gum disease.

Approximately 30 million Americans have diabetes. Of this number statistics show 7.2 million of these individuals are undiagnosed. Diabetes is the 7<sup>th</sup> leading

cause of death in the U.S. and total costs of diagnosed diabetes is approximately \$250 billion dollars annually. The good news is that when diabetes is diagnosed it can be treated by eating right, exercise, and weight loss. Affected persons should avoid smoking, get high blood pressure and high cholesterol treated, visit with your health care provider and check blood sugar levels as recommended, and take prescribed medication as directed.

Submitted by Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, KLSF VP & 17-A Director

## A Rural Fight Against Low Vision and Hearing Loss

As rural veterans continue to age, so do their needs, awareness of available services in the Veteran's Administration (VA) and their communities are essential. Those challenged with low vision and hearing loss have limited educational tools available to learn how to live more independently.

To address this the Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center's Visually Impaired Services and the Dole Chaplaincy worked together to secure funds via a mini grant to provide two pilot workshops for Veterans, families and their communities. The workshops took place in the communities of Hutchinson and Salina on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The topic "*Confident Living with Low Vision and Hearing Loss*", was presented at Trinity United Methodist and Redeemer Lutheran church. Presenters were Beth Jordon and Mark Armstrong from Helen Keller National Institutes, Sharon Laughlin and Shea Klecka from Advanced Low Vision Clinic and Bob Hamilton from the RJD VAMC's Visually Impaired Services.

As the Veteran population ages issues with macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy continue to grow. *Macular degeneration* is the leading cause of vision loss in people over 60 years of age. It takes place at the small central portion of the retina, known as the



*macula*. This can lead to vision loss. Even the number of people with *Diabetic Retinopathy* is growing. High blood sugar levels can cause blood vessels to swell or leak in the retina which can "steal" your vision.

"More educational opportunities like this are needed," said Bob Hamilton, facilitator of the project. "The number of people with vision and hearing problems will continue to grow. For people in their golden years, this is a big problem."

Twenty-two people showed up at each event. Veterans, non-veterans showed up because they wanted to learn. Even Lions Clubs, which have for years supported people with low vision, showed up to lend support and learn from the subject matter experts.

The purpose of this workshop was to provide education and hands on experience for rural veterans, families and

communities confronted with challenges resulting from the disabilities of hearing and vision loss. Training and educational materials were available on Communication Strategies, Daily Living Skills, Assistive Technologies and Transportation. "You have to figure, if you have vision and hearing loss, how do you read your mail, listen for the doorbell, or make a telephone call?" Hamilton pointed out. "The VA, Hellen Keller, and the Lion's Club have ways for those with these disabilities to cope." These workshops allowed for community members to recognize the VA's commitment to Veterans in the rural communities. The workshops used an innovative strategy by engaging through rural faith communities and local social agencies and civic groups to get the word out to those in need.

"It's a real and worthwhile partnership," said Hamilton. "We hope to do this again. When you meet a totally blind Lion's Club member, *helping others*, while in the center of his own fight with blindness, you know you're doing the right thing."

Veterans in need of assistance should call Bob Hamilton at 316-685-2221, extension 53822 or email him at [Robert.Hamilton4@va.gov](mailto:Robert.Hamilton4@va.gov).

Submitted by Lion Sylvia Reinhardt, KLSF VP & 17-A Director

## Kansas Lions Represented at Chicago LCI Convention Parade

Kansas Lions were represented among the 150+ entries in the LCI Parade down State Street in Chicago on July 1. As the delegation marched up State Street, the Kansas Lions Band Members took front and center. They were led by their directors PCC Hans and Shari Neidhardt carrying the band banner while 45 members played the Wizard of Oz theme song.

Leading the Kansas delegation were PID Ed and Secretary Linda McCormick as well as PID Ernie Young, followed by the colorful Oz Characters. In perfect costumes were Dorothy-Michele Hufferd, Oz-Chris Bauer, Lion-Bill Kinkaid, Witch-Audrey Hentges, Emma-Helen LeBlanc, Scarecrow-Mary Sundstrom, and Tin Man-Jess Larrison.

Forty-two lions marched with their purple Kansas Shirts, khakis, and umbrellas, following them were 19 Kansas Leos. Leos first paraded with Leos of the World. Our own ID Bill Phillipi and his wife Vickie marched with the International Family.





# District 17-A Bits & Pieces of Information for Your Use

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the following deceased Lions and their families:

- Wynn Bauer, Clay Center Lions Club
- Richard A. McKittrick, Troy Lions Club

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Congratulations and welcome to the following new Lions:

- Joel P. Mason, sponsored by Dustin Miller...Clay Center Lions Club
- Mary G. Vogel, sponsored by Mary Gordon...Lawrence Lions Club
- William D. Smith, sponsored by Dionne Smith...Leavenworth Lions Club
- Katie A. Chaney, sponsored by Megan May Thomas...Oskaloosa Lions Club
- Thomas Moeller, sponsored by Ray Farmer...Oskaloosa Lions Club
- Kristi L. Peters, sponsored by Linda Wonnell...Oskaloosa Lions Club
- Jeri A. Greeve, sponsored by Pam Luthi...Topeka Lions Club
- Richard S. Avery, Wakefield Lions Club (Sponsor unknown)
- Bronsen W. Brown, Wakefield Lions Club (Sponsor unknown)
- Allison Copenhagen, Wakefield Lions Club (Sponsor unknown)
- Joshua J. Cullip, Wakefield Lions Club (Sponsor unknown)
- Rick Terrian, Wakefield Lions Club (Sponsor unknown)

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A reminder about how Lions dues are dissected: of the \$65 annual dues, Lions Clubs International takes \$43; Kansas Lions receives \$17 and the District collects \$5 of each member's dues

In addition, there is a one time membership initiation fee of \$35 (this is a change from last year \$25)

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Lion Cheryl was awarded the International President's Certificate of Appreciation at her last club meeting. The certificate was presented based on her being a seminar presenter at the 2016 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, prior excellent service as a Leo advisor, raising funds to support the Leos trip to the Lions Centennial convention, service as region coordinator for 14 states to organize and promote the first ever Leo Leadership Forum, raised funds to support Leo attendance for the first ever Leo Leadership Forum, served with distinction as a Kansas Lions Foundation director, state Leo Co-Chair and District Leo chair. She also escorted Leos to the Centennial convention at Chicago.

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Congratulations to Lion Cameron Thurner, President of the Concordia Lions Club. She is the new chair for Zone 11; this is an important leadership position and we are grateful to you for stepping up. Your clubs are Concordia, Delphos, Longford, Minneapolis, Minneapolis Evening, Miltonvale and Wells.

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The district website is under construction by Webmaster Dorothy Herring, Valley Falls Lions Club. This is an involved process so your patience will be appreciated. The address is [www.e-district.org](http://www.e-district.org) and please send photos/items to [dotherring@yahoo.com](mailto:dotherring@yahoo.com).

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DG Deb Weaverling and Lion Greg Ruff, both Leavenworth Lions, completed their Guiding Lions certification in June. If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact Lion Margy Sundstrom, district secretary, at [margaret1226@gmail.com](mailto:margaret1226@gmail.com).

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Congratulations to District 17-A Lions who recently completed training at the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute: Clifford Franklin and Daniel Martinez, Topeka Sunflower Club; Mike and Margy Sundstrom, Tonganoxie Club. They received their training July 21-23 at Marysville, Missouri. See photo of all Kansas Lions who attended on page 10 of this newsletter.

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**District 17-A clubs/members gave generously to LCIF this year to the tune of \$24,464.40; this is \$6,963.31 over last year's total. Our goal was \$310,000 and 91.54% is a great increase over last year. Our donations were 40% greater than Districts K & N combined. Everyone, keep up this GREAT work!**

# The Duties of Community and International Relations

Hello, and greetings, District A Lions! I am PDG Jerry Loney and I am the District Chair for Lions Quest as well as the District Chair for Community and International Relations for DG Debbie this year. I want to talk about Community and International Relations, as you know that I have been the District, as well as the State Chairman for Lions Quest for some time now, and you know about Lions Quest. But, maybe you don't really know about the chair duties of Community and International Relations.



I am requesting that when you go on vacation or business throughout the USA or travel to other countries this year, visit other Lions clubs. Let me know where you plan to travel and I will get information to you about a Lions club in that area for your visit. And, at your Lions Club board meeting you can consider trying to twin with another club, in another country. International Relations month is October; consider doing something 'internationally' in or near that month. Perhaps supporting a youth exchange or the Peace Poster Contest is a consideration as those are both international events. But, do something!

I am also asking that all clubs try to do something with another local service organization, such as Kiwanis, Rotary, Civitan, and other organizations, to strengthen ties in our towns and cities. Yes, we always do things individually for the local community, but let's work together to advance the quality of life in our communities. We will be better for it, that partnering organization will be better for it, and our communities will be better for it! A win-win-win situation!



And, remember when you are doing your projects to put signage out to let the community know that the Lions are working in the community. Don't be afraid to showcase the Lions logo on project publicity. Get the word out that Lions are here and working in the community.

Let me know if your Lions Club would like for me to make a presentation at a club meeting. Thank you, District A Lions. We are LIONS and we are Leaders, In Our Nations, Serving. And WE SERVE, Working Enthusiastically, Sending Energetic and Respectable Volunteers, Everywhere! We ROAR, we Reach Out And Respond! Take care! - PDG Jerry Loney



Pictured left are Kansas Lions who attended the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, July 21-23, at Marysville, Missouri.

From District 17-A were Clifford Franklin (top row, second from left); Daniel Martinez (second row, second from right) — both of the Topeka Sunflower Lions Club. Mike Sundstrom (top row, first person from left); Margy Sundstrom (bottom row, second from left) — both from the Tonganoxie Lions Club. And, Lee Schultz (bottom row, second from right) — Leawood Lions Club.

Congratulations to all!