



# Lions District K17-K Newsletter

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**Lions and Tigers and Bears – OH MY! (Mainly Lions)**  
 We are off to see the Wizard – or maybe Dorothy, um DG Diana! Please join us in Liberal for our 17-K Convention on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Liberal is known for it's Air Museum, Pancake Race, Dorothy's House and of course, the Liberal Lions Club! We are in the middle of planning for fantastic seminars, food and great fun. There will be learning opportunities and networking with Lions that we do not see often. If you would like to help with the Hospitality Room, please let DG Diana, 1VDG Lou or 2VDG Jeremy know.  
 We hope to see all of you there!

## Childhood Cancer Drive!

We are low on supplies for our Cancer Bags that we give to the child with cancer and their family. Please see the information included in this newsletter on what is needed for the bags. **We will have someone on hand to report this service project when you drop it off!** They will also be available to report all your projects this year.

DG Diana will be delivering home-made goodies soon to clubs with the most new members in a month. Earning yummy treats are Great Bend with 7 for the year so far, Lucas with 6, and Kirwin and Pratt with 3. DG Diana will be contacting you soon!

## DISTRICT 17-K CONVENTION

Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at Seward County Community College in Liberal (Union Bldg)  
(1801 N Kansas Ave) from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Come dressed as a Wizard of Oz character for a chance at prizes or just come to enjoy the fun!**

**We have a surprise game planned that will be a ton of fun for everyone!**

Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> Liberal Conference Center  
503 Hotel Dr. (Next to Fairfield Inn)  
Registration starts at 8:00 a.m.  
Convention starts at 9:00 a.m.

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Fairfield Inn. A discount rate of \$104 is being offered to Lions members and family. Be sure to ask for the Lions Club Block.

**Please have at least one person from your club at the convention.**

We are excited to welcome **International Director Guy Hollander and his wife Carol** to our convention. More information on ID Hollander on the following pages.

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## District Governor Diana Baumann

Hello Lions,

It is great to finally have some time to sit down and put together a newsletter. I hope this finds you all doing well and planning your Spring activities. Spring will not come fast enough for me this year!

I have had a great time visiting clubs. ***I always enjoy a short trip over to Palco to see what the Lions there are doing now.*** They always have new and exciting projects for their community. They are key to keeping that community growing and active. And they have a wonderful turnout for the Christmas Potluck Meal.

***I got to go back to Bunker Hill Lions this year!*** They were the first club I ever visited, and I was SO nervous. Of course, they were amazing and gave me the courage to go on. I found the Lions in our District to all be so welcoming and listening to them talk about the projects and all they do made this journey one to remember forever. Thank you Bunker Hill for allowing me to come back in my final months as DG.

***Natoma had a wonderful Christmas meal.*** I very much appreciated the company and getting to know the Lions even better. Natoma is always looking for something new as well. They continue to be thankful for the help the district gave them in revamping their Lions building after the flood and I appreciate all their efforts to help their community.

Oh, my goodness and the food was amazing! **Thank you Lions. You are such wonderful hosts as well as stewards for your communities.**

Weather and illness kept me away from ***Kensington, Kirwin and Great Bend Noon Lions*** so I will be seeing them soon. I also look forward to taking goodies to ***Lucas, Great Bend Evening Lions, Kirwin and Pratt.*** ***Great job on your new Lions! I am SO proud of you and all clubs who added members this year!!! Membership numbers show us as -29 for the year. My goal overall is +1.*** I am asking you to help me make this happen. Thank you to the clubs who are adding members! I know we can do this! I firmly believe after meeting the Lions in our District that we must find a way to increase membership to keep doing what we do. This is a way to show our children what they should be doing as adults. Help others.

It is the best feeling in the world, and it helps set up our world the way we want it to be when our children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc. are growing up. ***If we do not do it – who will?*** Thank you to all the Lions who have brought their children into their clubs. Who show them the way, encourage them along the way and help them learn to lead as they serve. Some pay the dues for their children for a while as well. They are showing them how to be a good citizen not just telling them to. Way to go Lions!

***I am SO excited about the upcoming District Convention.***

This year is extra special as the **Liberal Lions** have stepped up and asked to have the convention in their community. They are working hard to make this one of the best. **AND, Hays Lions** want to help as well. They always do so much for us, and I thought they might like a break but they are jumping to help by making the decorations and getting vans so they can travel as a group. I LOVE teamwork and this year is going to be all about that! Clubs helping clubs. **WOW!!! I challenge your clubs to do the same – ride together.** Maybe come down the night before and spend the night. Bring your club closer together as a family and just have fun. So many good things going on that it is hard to wait for April 11<sup>th</sup>!!! And it is all because of YOU!

***You are sure to enjoy International Director Guy Hollander and his wife Carol!***

I was able to meet them at the USA/Canada Forum this year and enjoyed talking with them. I appreciate both finding time to talk during their very busy schedules and very much look forward to their visit. ID Guy is from Lawrenceburg KY, so he must be a great person! 😊

***Will I be making dessert for you next?*** Just ask and get those members in. Have you had a membership drive this year? Do you need help with ideas? Let your Governor's Team know, and we will answer questions and/or visit to do whatever we can for you.

***Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Liberal with us!***

***See you Soon,***

***DG Diana***





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## NATOMA LIONS CHRISTMAS PARTY



## BARNARD LIONS



## PALCO LIONS CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



BUNKER HILL LIONS WELCOME DG DIANA



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## 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lou Morgan

Happy New Year Lions,

**Well, it sure is cold outside but as a Lion we all have warm hearts.** I hope everyone in District 17-K is ready for the cold weather that is on its way.

**Just to let you know - I spent a week in St Charles, Illinois at the Q center with over 700+ 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governors from over 68 countries** and I will soon share with you what we learned. It was a learning experience to meet so many other 1st VDGs/DGEs from all over the world, and to meet the incoming **International President AP Singh.**

**I would like to ask all Lions in 17-K to try and get at least one new member to join your club in the next few months.** The new member will add two more hands to help with service your club can and will offer to your community.

I hope to see you all come to our **District Convention in Liberal April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.** Come down and join in the fun and meet and talk to other Lions in and around the state. We will be doing a service project there also!

**The team is working on getting 5 new Clubs** going in our District so if you know anybody that would like to become a Lion please ask them. **Remember that you will not know if you do not ask.** It takes all of us to make this organization what it is today, but we need more members like you to keep helping your community strive in so many ways to be better. Every Lion counts!

**If you would like some training on anything reach out to one of us.** Make sure that you report your service projects, so your clubs get the credit they are due and make our district look great. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you one way or another.

If you are a 17-K Lion, let's give a big ROAR so the other Lions all cross the state can hear District 17-K!

See you all real soon.

1st VDG Lou Morgan

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*Elkhart Lions (above) and Ulysses Lions (below) welcome 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lou Morgan.*



### District 17-K adds 9 new Guiding Lions!

**Congratulations to the following new Guiding Lions: PDG Tom Baumann, Linda Chessmore, Steve Chessmore, Jim Huenergarde, Vic Martin, 1VDG Lou Morgan, Patty Morgan, 2VDG Jeremy Skrdlant and PCC Randy St. Aubyn.**

**They join current Guiding Lions, DG Diana Baumann and PDG Don Keihl and are ready to help any club that may be struggling or will help you set up a new club!**



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## District Photo Contest Winners

Submitted by: Louise Greenburg

Here is the list of winners for the District K Environmental Photo Contest. Be sure to vote for these and other photos for state winners at:

(Only vote once by clicking the circle next to the photo you choose for each category. Vote by 4/30/25.)

Landscape: Kathy Davis, Atwood Lions Club

Weather: Tom Baumann, Hays Lions Club



Service: Tom Baumann  
Hays Lions Club



Plant: Diana Baumann  
Hays Lions Club

Animal: Jim Hundergarde Hays Lions Club



Vote for your favorites at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ee6lIEtuY6vo3LMYrr0NNw6XKZaGKv-RQY2yjsEgB7U/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1Ee6lIEtuY6vo3LMYrr0NNw6XKZaGKv-RQY2yjsEgB7U/viewform?edit_requested=true)



# DISTRICT 17-K Call to Convention



***DG DIANA INVITES YOU TO FOLLOW THE YELLOW  
BRICK ROAD TO LIBERAL:***

**Friday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**LIONS MEET & GREET: 6:30 PM**

**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR GUY HOLLANDER AND CAROL  
SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ROOM C/D (MAPS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE)**

***COME DRESSED AS A WIZARD OF OZ CHARACTER  
and we will see if ID Guy knows who you are!***  
**GAMES AND PRIZES AND LOTS OF FUN WILL BE INVOLVED**

**Saturday April 12th**

**LIBERAL CONFERENCE CENTER - LIBERAL, KS. (503 Hotel Drive)**

**REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM-9:00 AM**

**New Member Meeting: 8:10 AM-9:00 AM**

**BUSINESS MEETING: 9:00 AM-9:20 AM**

**SEMINARS: 9:20 AM-11:20 AM**

**MEETINGS INCLUDE:  
HOW TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE TO CLUB PROJECTS  
PORTAL TRAINING/AI TRAINING  
AND MUCH MORE!**

**CHILDHOOD CANCER: BRING ITEMS TO REPLENISH THE CANCER  
BAGS GIVEN TO CHILDREN IN TREATMENT**

**AUCTION: 11:30 PM-12:50 PM**

**GOVERNOR'S BANQUET: 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

*Wizard of Oz Colors: Green for Emerald City, Yellow for the brick road, Blue for the Munchkins, Purple for the Horse of a Different Color, Red for the color of Glinda's hair.*



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## Facebook Fun

**Glen Elder Lions Club**  
Sep 1, 2024 · 🌐

On August 31, 2024 during the 17th Annual Glen Elder Lions Club Tractor Cruise, time was taken to admire the 1870's stone barn of Dale Konzem. An original building from the early days of the farm, Dale graciously allowed the drivers and their rides to take a glamour shot. Thank you Dale, drivers, and all the people who made this Tractor Cruise a great success!



**Atwood Lions Club, Atwood KS**  
Nov 11, 2024 · 🌐



We joined with Sam Hubbard American Legion Post 49 this year to help with the Veteran's Day Community meal! Lots of great food and desserts! 100+ to socialize and eat!



**The Ellinwood Kansas Lions Club 1**  
Dec 7, 2024 · 🌐

We are at the christkinder market to sell tickets for a gift card to the Ellinwood packing plant 500\$ come by and buy tickets.



**Brewster Lions Club · Follow**  
19h · 🌐

Pancake Feed

**Fred Juenemann**  
19h · 🌐

A special thank you to everyone who braved the weather this morning to support the Brewster Lions Club pancake feed.



**Barnard Kansas Lions Club**  
Dec 22, 2024 · 🌐

Another successful pancake day in the books! Thank you to all who came and supported the community. From all of us here in Barnard, we wish you and your famil... See more



**Downs Lions Club**  
Aug 27, 2024 · 🌐

Downs and Glen Elder Lions Clubs getting ready for the Lakeside sports kickoff!



**WaKeeney, KS Lions Club**  
Dec 18, 2024 · 🌐

The WaKeeney Lions Club has completed the 2024 Christmas Food Baskets and Christmas tree Angels.

62 food baskets were dispersed and 46 kids received toys and clothing as a part of this years campaign.

Thank you to everyone that made this year possible! Those who donated and adopted an Angel. We are blessed with such an amazing and generous community!!

A big thank you to the following businesses who graciously host the Christmas Angels for pick up and drop off: Malay's Market, Gibson Health Mart, Lyons First Federal Bank, Solutions North Bank, Keyser Hardware & The Well. Thank you to our local Dollar General for collecting so many Toys for Tots. Also could not do this without the help of our KAY group who play a big role in sponsoring a food drive to help fill the food baskets and adopt angels.

We are always looking for new people that want to be a member of WaKeeney Lions Club! If you would like more information, feel free to reach out to this page.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the WaKeeney Lions Club!

**Goodland Police Department · Fc**  
Jan 23 · 🌐

🇺🇸 Good afternoon, Goodland 😊😊

We hope everyone is staying warm and having a fantastic day 😊😊. We recently applied for a grant with the Goodland Lions Club, which was approved for \$470.00. A huge thank you to the Goodland Lions Club. You all absolutely rock 🙌🙌. We were able to purchase a "Skim Scan" device. This device is inserted into ATMs, Vending Machines, and gas pump card readers. The skim scan device can tell us if the card reader has a skimmer device. 😊😊



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Garden City Lions Club

THANKYOU to all of our sponsors for our Lions Sight project!



Hays Lions Club  
Dec 18, 2024

Hays Lions spent 2 hours with Santa at the Hays Medical Center. We handed out candy canes and home made cookies and water. The children received a ziplock bag from Santa that contained crayons, coloring books and other fun things.



## Lane County Kansas Lions Club's posts

Lane County Kansas Lions Club  
Nov 14, 2024

Photos from the 2024 Annual Halloween Parade. Lane County Lions Club sponsored 'Best Dressed' and judges selected 2 winners from each age group to receive a GIANT candy bar. The winners in the 8 years old and over got to lead the parade down Main & Lane Streets!!



Great Bend Noon Lions Club  
Jul 16, 2024

Several of our club members volunteered last Saturday to help the Barton County Historical Society Museum clean up their outdoor grounds. The Barton County Historical Society Museum and Village solely relies on community volunteers for assistance with maintenance needs. Another clean up day is planned for this Saturday. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to help improve the appearance of our local museum.

**NCLE: Museum Work Day**  
Saturday, July 20th  
7am to 11am

Bring Weed eaters, rakes, shovels, hedge trimmers, tree saws, other yard tools, gloves, etc.

We will have various tasks inside and outside that need to be accomplished to have the village looking its best for the summer months.

Stafford Kansas Lions Club  
Jan 25

Doing a concession stand at the Rec basketball games



Oberlin Lions Club  
Jul 12, 2024

Ready for pork burgers but can't wait for The Fair? Come see the Oberlin Lions club at the Decatur County Farmers' Market! Tonight!

Pork burgers, chips, and a drink for free will donation! Proceeds help community projects, support, and scholarships!

Free will donation

**Pork Burgers**  
At the  
**Farmers Market**  
Centennial Park, Oberlin KS

JULY 12  
STARTING AT 5 PM  
TIL SOLD OUT!

## Hoxie Hotrodders Lions Club of Hoxie, Ks's posts

Hoxie Hotrodders Lions Club of Hoxie, Ks  
1d

Soup'er Bowl event Feb 9th, 2025



Larned Noon Lion's Club  
Dec 21, 2024

We had fun helping The Fort Larned Lions and United Way of Central Kansas this morning. We helped pack boxes and we also delivered to Pawnee Plaza and Four Seasons.

This is the last year that the Fort Larned Lions will head this up. United Way is taking over next year. We look forward to helping you next year.

United Way of Central Kansas · Follow  
Dec 21, 2024

This year we have partnered with the Fort Larned Lions Club to take on their Christmas food basket project, with 69 families including 113 adults and 7... See more





# DISTRICT 17-K CONVENTION REGISTRATION

You must be registered to attend any meals and/or functions.

I am a/(We are) member(s) of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Friday Evening Meal at Seward County Community College:

IF PAID BY 3/15/25: \$13.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAID AFTER 3/15/25: \$17.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# attending) (Total)

(Auntie Em's Famous Meatloaf and all the fixin's)

If you are Catholic and need fish please check here \_\_\_\_\_.

## Governor's Banquet Saturday at the Liberal Conference Center:

IF PAID BY 3/15/25: \$15.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAID AFTER 3/15/25: \$20.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# attending) (Total)

(Uncle Henry's prize-winning Pork Steak and beans along with Dorothy's cheesy potatoes and dessert)

\*\*\*\*\* Deadline for meal Reservations is March 28<sup>th</sup> \*\*\*\*\*

**If you are a vendor, please contact the District Governor for space.**

Thank you for attending the District Convention!

District Governor Diana Baumann liondianab@yahoo.com

### Make checks out to Lions District 17-K

**Please send this Convention Registration Form and payment to:**

District Treasurer Diana Baumann  
2005 Northglen Lane  
Hays, Ks. 67601

**Or Register and Pay Online at:**

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/2025-district-17-k-convention>

Zeffy will add a credit card fee. Be certain to **Change the Amount** to what you feel they deserve for helping us with payment.

# HOTEL ROOMS

Register Early!

## FAIRFIELD INN

501 Hotel Dr.

620-624-1200

Next to the Conference Center. We have 40 rooms blocked off at a rate of \$104. **Ask for the Lions Club Block to get the discount.** These will only be blocked off for a short time so book your room soon.

## Other Hotels Close By:

Hampton Inn Hotel & Suites

508 Hotel Dr.

620-604-0699



Holiday Inn  
412 Ziegler Ave.  
620-624-2485



## PURCHASE LIONS DISTRICT 17-K SHIRTS ONLINE

Polo shirts will have Lions Logo and say Kansas Lions District 17-K. Shirt on left is \$40 and shirt on right is \$35.

*Please remove bottom form and present when registering*

### DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM - 2025 17-K DISTRICT CONVENTION

CLUB NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LION NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

This certifies that the above-named person is duly elected

\_\_\_ Delegate

\_\_\_ Alternate

To the 2025 17-K Lions Convention at Liberal, KS. on April 12, 2025  
and Lion is in good standing with their club. The Club President or Sec. attest  
to \_\_\_\_\_

Pres. or Sec. Signature

Delegate / Alternate Signature

*A club with 14 or less members has one voting delegate, clubs with 15-24 members two voting delegates, 25-34 =3, 35-44 =4, 45-54 =5, 55-64 =6.*

*17-K PDG's have one vote, with identification at Registration Desk.*

***This form must be presented upon registration at the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Convention.***



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## February 2024 Lions 17-K Kids Chemo Care Bag Project



We are running low on supplies for our chemo Bags. These bags are given to clubs for them to give to families with children battling cancer. We start with the basics listed below and the club can add items to personalize it for the child receiving treatment.

Can your club or you help? Please bring your donations to the District Convention in April. If you would like to send a donation instead, please make the check out to Lions District 17-K and mail to Tom Baumann 2005 Northglen Ln. Hays, KS. 67601



Fluffy Blankets or Kids Blanket+

Fluffy Socks

Hard Candy

Cocoa Butter Lotion



Hand Sanitizer, preferably scent tree

Coloring Books with a full set of Crayons

Adult Coloring Books with Colored Pencils

Crossword/Sudoku Books with Pens

Water Bottle and Sippy Cup

Cards/Small Games

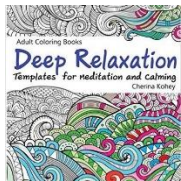
Toiletries (Include toothbrush for child and second for parent)

Small Special Notebook and Pen

Burt's Bees Lip Gloss

Books

Queasy Pops (Dillons)



DG Diana has donations for bags and stuffed Lions for the project.

Thank you all for making a difference! Most of us know of families going through this right now.

15,000 children in the USA will be diagnosed with cancer this year.



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## LCIF

By: **DG Rick Dodson** – MD-17 LCIF Coordinator

### *Melvin Jones Fellowships (MJF) and Progressive MJF (PMJF)*

**Melvin Jones Fellowships are the highest honor bestowed by Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).** A donation of \$1,000 (lump sum or aggregate installments) is required for a MJF or every increment of PMJF. Donations can come from the club treasury, personal funds, or non-Lion sources. If a MJF donation application by an individual Lion is completed properly, that Lion's club, district, and multiple district also receive credit for the donation.

**Accompanying the initial MJF is a beautifully engraved plaque.** MJFs are typically presented by clubs to honor a long time Lion with distinguished service to the club. A MJF can also be presented to non-Lions who provide exceptional service or support for Lions.

**Most PMJFs are provided to Lions after they receive an initial MJF and who continue to support LCIF with personal donations.** There are 54 levels of PMJF; the highest level represents aggregate donations of \$91,000 or greater.

**We currently have 1,598 MJF and 106 PMJF recipients in the Kansas.**

**When clubs or individual Lions make donations of less than \$1,000, those funds are held by LCIF in "accounts" for the clubs and individuals until subsequent donations are made to total \$1,000.** At that point, a Lion or club can request presentation of a MJF or next higher level of PMJF. In Kansas, we have over **\$400,000** in MJF installment funds at LCIF. That represents approximately **400** MJF/PMJF levels that could be presented if efforts were made to utilize the funds.

**During these last months of the Lions fiscal year would be a great time for a club to increase its club balance to \$1,000 to honor a deserving Lion while helping Kansas Lions reach their LCIF goal of \$119,869 by June 2022.** Note that donations made in June might not be processed in time to be reflected in this year's total. Recommend be made donations **NLT mid-May (preferably end of April)** to help ensure processing by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Similarly, individual Lions with installment balances could make a final donation to complete their MJF or next higher PMJF. Club members with small balances that do not desire or expect to ever complete donations for MJFs/PMJFs may transfer their balances to help their club aggregate enough funds for MJF/PMJF presentations.

**I or your District Co-Coordinators or District Governors can provide installment status to any club or individual wishing to honor someone with MJFs/PMJFs.**

**While we are mostly focused on service to our local communities, we are proud of the myriad charitable projects our Foundation does for the greater world-wide community. Your MJF/PMJF presentations are a highly visible reminder of the amazing things we accomplish across the globe.**

**Kindness matters, and we can show that by supporting our Foundation.**

PDG Rick Dodson  
MD 17 LCIF Coordinator  
dodsonr23@gmail.com



## On the Road with 2VDG Jeremy Skrdlant

Hello Lions,

**A little while back, I hopped on my motorcycle and started heading to the small town of Gem Kansas.** This was the first time I had gone to their Hog Roast, and I was a little worried about finding the place. I knew Gem was a small town, but I probably should have at least looked at a map ahead of time. But I decided to wing it!

It soon became apparent that finding the event would not be a problem once I got a little east of Colby Kansas. **There was a Kansas traffic jam with everyone going to this event. I had never seen so many cars on highway 24!** The cars in an orderly line all entered this tiny town and ended up at the place where everything was happening.

**I pulled up and immediately started hearing live music which is always a good time.** I was blown away at how big this event was and how organized it was. Walking in I could see all the Gem Lions happy to help you out. There was a singing group inside and a stage set up outside for aspiring guitarists. There were helpers all over to get you your pulled pork and most importantly homemade dessert.

Their program let **Colby High School band students get to play some songs for the large group.** I could tell they were a little nervous, but it was most definitely a great experience for them. Everyone needs a place to start, and this was an excellent opportunity for these students to get some time on a stage in front of an audience.

**I enjoyed my wonderful meal and got to visit with some new people.** Looking around I was in awe at **how many people this club had impacted** on this nice autumn afternoon. Kids were playing on the playground and there were folks playing horseshoes while others sat back and enjoyed the music. **Gem might be a small town, but they have a big sense of community.**

**Everyone's day was made better by the hard work of the Gem Lions Club.**

2VDG  
Jeremy



*Watch for the motorcycle with the Lion driving! You will know 2VDG Jeremy is in town when you see this!*

# New Website

**Check out the all-new District 17-K Website!**

**<https://www.kslions17k.org/>**

**It will BLOW YOU AWAY!**  
**Thank you 2VDG Jeremy for all your work on this!**



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## Welcome ID Guy Hollander & Carol

**Edwin Guy Hollander from Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International** at the association's 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA, July 7 through July 11, 2023.

Director Hollander is fully retired after more than 20 years of professional service in the field of environmental chemistry. Prior to his retirement he served as the organic preparation supervisor for the Natural Resources Cabinet of the State of Kentucky.

As a member of the **Lawrenceburg Lions Club since first joining in 1995**, Director Hollander has always worked to help his community with the knowledge, resources and enthusiasm that Lions are well known for.

**He has held several offices** within the association including district information technology chairperson and multiple district public relations & Lions information chairperson. He is an executive board member for the Kentucky Eye Foundation for which is has also held every office through president.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including an **International President's Leadership Award. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.**

In addition to his Lions activities, **Director Hollander is active in numerous professional and community organizations** including his past work as county coordinator for the American Radio Relay League. Additionally, his work with 4-H has earned him a Volunteer of the Year Award. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and certified single engine private pilot.

**Director Hollander and his wife of 38 years, Carol B. Hollander**, who is also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children who are both members of the Lawrenceburg Lions Club.

Director Hollander **prefers to be called "Guy" by his friends and fellow Lions.**

Welcome ID Guy and Lion Carol. We look forward to you joining us in Kansas. Thank you in advance for your time to travel our direction.



Diana Baumann

Just now · 🌐

Tom and I filled bags with Halloween cards, candy and a toy and delivered to Hays Med ER Department today. They will give them to all the kiddos in the ER on Halloween.



Satanta Lions Club

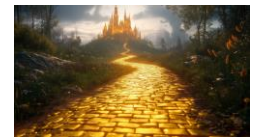
Dec 16, 2024 · 🌐

This morning, the Satanta Lions Club and Haskell County Rotary Club visited the Satanta Grade School to pass out books and dictionaries to the first and third-gr... See more





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## Lions Service with PDG Tom

**We Serve.** It's the Lions International Motto and it says it all. We exist to serve others in need.

**Most Lions clubs do a great job of serving the community.** Projects like eyeglass collection, vision screening, delivering meals on wheels, providing food and toys at Christmas are popular. Local clubs also participate in district and state level projects like sponsoring students to band camp, providing disaster relief, and many vision initiatives.

Lions International has designated eight global causes. **These are Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Humanitarian, Hunger, Vision and Youth.** Most of the community service projects done by Lions further one or more of the global causes.

Now is a good time to plan service projects for your club to do this Spring. In addition to continuing the service projects that your club is known for, I would like to challenge every Lions club to sponsor at least one new project. Here are a few ideas for you:

February 15 was **International Childhood Cancer Day** – Although that date was last week, February is a good month to do something for childhood cancer. You could make care packages for children receiving cancer treatment, provide funds for families to travel to treatment, etc.

**April 22 is Earth Day** – You could plant trees, clean up a park, or pick up trash along a highway.

May 28 is World Hunger Day – May would be a good month to do a project related to hunger. Sponsor a food drive for your local food bank. Take backpacks full of food and snacks to your school for children who don't get enough to eat at home.

I hope your club will take advantage of some of these opportunities to expand your service offerings. Doing more service raises your club's profile in the community and helps to recruit members. We need members to do more service, and more service encourages members to join us.

**As a state, we've done two service projects at Council Meetings this year.** At the October meeting, we made gift bags for children stricken with cancer which included a Halloween card, a toy, and sugar-free candy. These bags were taken to Children's Mercy Hospital in Topeka.

At Mid-Winter Rally we collected a lot of snacks and boxed them up to be shipped to active-duty soldiers all over the world. Additionally, we collected socks for veterans and each DG took them to Veterans Center in their district.

**We are also planning a project to do at our District Convention which will be held in Liberal April 11-12. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.**

**Please make sure that your secretary is reporting all service projects to Lions International. Reported service helps attract grants and donations to allow us to more and larger service projects.**

Yours in service,

PDG Tom Baumann



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## We Serve!

Your next newsletter will not be as long.

We are catching up with photos and recognition as well as lots of thank yous to our wonderful Lions in District 17-K.

Thanks for all you do for your communities each and every year!



Top: (L-R) Kensington, Norton, Hugoton  
Bottom Left and Middle: MWR Service Project.

Middle Right: Alert Trainer Inventory

Bottom Middle: Hays

Bottom Right: Hugoton





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## Kansas Lions Sight Foundation

### **"I Can See Clearly Now", Lions - the Knights of Vision, Continue Saving Sight**

During 2023-2024 fiscal year that ended June 30, ***Saving Sight distributed a total of 3,678 tissues for transplantation.*** Thanks to the gifts of donor heroes in Kansas, Missouri and Illinois approximately ***10 people each day benefited from restored vision*** thanks to a cornea transplant from Saving Sight.

During that same time-period, Saving Sight provided ***722 corneas for transplant and 40 scleral grafts to patients in Kansas.***

Join us in celebrating the gift of sight! ***This year, eye banks and the individuals who support our mission will observe eye donation under the theme, We Can See Clearly Now.*** Aligning with the lyrics to the iconic 1972 Johnny Nash song, "I Can See Clearly Now", the theme emphasizes the LITERAL outcome of eye donation – ***the ability to see, and the FIGURATIVE outcome of what people experience or "see now" as a donor family, recipient, or champion of eye donation.*** Combining these elements; actual vision, the metaphorical ability to see a new perspective of life and the world, and a distinctly, memorable song as a backdrop – we celebrate eye donations and spread the word about the transformative power of corneal donation and transplantation.

Lions also provide ***free vision screening*** and financial assistance for those unable to purchase their glasses.

For more information, Contact **Jim Huenergarde**, Hays Lions Club, 785-639-3430

### **THANK YOU JETMORE LIONS!**

**Jetmore Lions Club has made a \$150.00 contribution to the KLSF and is being presented with a Knight of Sight Pin in recognition of that donation.**

100 years ago, Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become the Knights of the Blind in the Crusade against Darkness. The Jetmore Lions Club has answered that call. Thank you Jetmore Lions and all Lions for your help to bring sight to those struggling to see.



PDG Terry Weldin  
Knight of Sight Pin Chair



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GREAT BEND NOON	Donald	Halbower	10/1/1959	65	HUTCHINSON BREAKFAST	Merlin	Trock	6/1/1965	60
KENSINGTON	Donald	Wiens	10/1/1964	60	LUCAS	James	Winkler	10/1/1964	60
BUNKER HILL	Richard	Whitmer	11/1/1969	55	KIRWIN	Kenneth	Jones	4/1/1970	55
KIRWIN	Ronald	Kester	4/1/1970	55	KIRWIN	Robert	Westbrook	4/1/1970	55
PALCO	Terry	Kortan	1/1/1970	55	ST FRANCIS	Elmer	Kellner	10/1/1969	55
BREWSTER	Albert	Rall	11/1/1974	50	GARDEN CITY	Daniel	Fankhauser	10/1/1974	50
KINGMAN	Merlin	Mc Farland	10/1/1974	50	LOGAN	Gale	Lohrmeyer	10/1/1974	50
PLAINVILLE	Duane	Harris	1/1/1975	50	PRATT	Denis	Rasmussen	6/1/1975	50
RANSOM	Charles	Toedman	1/1/1975	50	ROZEL	Robert	Hammeke	1/1/1975	50
ROZEL	Jerry	Knauf	1/1/1975	50	ROZEL	Galen	Wilson	1/1/1975	50
ULYSSES	Gary	Boldt	5/1/1975	50	CUNNINGHAM HUTCHINSON BREAKFAST	Don	Hellar	10/1/1979	45
GEM	Larry	Juenemann	3/1/1980	45	LITTLE RIVER	Mary	Coon	2/1/1980	45
LARNED	John	Albert	4/1/1980	45	WALDO	Kendall	Hodgson	11/1/1979	45
WAKEENEY	Randy	Gibbs	1/1/1980	45	HAYS	William	Murphy	3/1/1980	45
DOWNS	Kenneth	Lee	1/1/1985	40	KIRWIN	Dennis	Ernst	2/1/1985	40
KENSINGTON	Robert	Bearley	10/1/1984	40	MORLAND	Kenneth	Stockman	3/1/1985	40
LARNED	Dan	Sanneman	10/1/1984	40	RANSOM	Samuel	Atkins	4/1/1985	40
PALCO	Jeffrey	Mc Gee	5/1/1985	40	REXFORD	Marlin	Pfannenstiel	4/1/1985	40
REXFORD	Darla	Dible	5/1/1985	40	REXFORD	Betty	Carswell	5/1/1985	40
ST JOHN	Joe	Rosenberg	1/1/1985	40	REXFORD	Delores	Dible	5/1/1985	40
GOODLAND	Michael	Bretz	1/1/1990	35	BREWSTER	Robert	Lehman	1/1/1990	35
KINGMAN	Michael	Osner	11/1/1989	35	HAYS	Tom	Baumann	4/1/1990	35
LIBERAL	Carl	Holmes	7/1/1989	35	LA CROSSE	Ross	Wilson	12/1/1989	35
NORTON	John	Engelbert	10/1/1989	35	MONTEZUMA	Sherry	Brown	9/1/1989	35
SATANTA	Bill	Anton	11/1/1989	35	PLAINS	Rock	Ormiston	10/1/1989	35
COLBY HIGH PLAIN	Mary	Hurt	12/1/1994	30	ATWOOD	Jim	Beamgard	4/1/1995	30
KISMET	Gary	Wyrick	11/1/1994	30	HILL CITY	Duane	Patterson	11/1/1994	30
NORTON	Duane	Mc Ewen	10/1/1994	30	LA CROSSE	Lynn	Enslinger	3/1/1995	30
NORTON	Edward	Witt	10/1/1994	30	NORTON	Rick	Schwab	11/1/1994	30
BUNKER HILL	Bernard	Bohnen	8/1/1999	25	TIPTON	Adrian	Arnoldy	4/1/1995	30
GEM	Charles	Saddler	4/1/2000	25	COLBY HIGH PLAIN	Melinda	Morton	1/1/2000	25
HAYS	Donald	Barton	2/1/2000	25	GLEN ELDER	Mike	Stauffer	4/1/2000	25
LARNED	Mark	Bauer	4/1/2000	25	HAYS	Gregory	Daughhetee	11/1/1999	25
DOWNS	Brett	Doane	2/2/2005	20	SMITH CENTER	William	Phillips	8/1/1999	25
GEM	Pete	Ziegelmeier II	5/1/2005	20	GARDEN CITY	Matt	Johannes	2/23/2005	20
GLEN ELDER	Elizabeth	Marak-Chance	5/1/2005	20	GOODLAND	Hazel	Estes	10/25/2004	20

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GLEN ELDER	Sandra	McBlair	7/1/2004	20	GOODLAND	Hazel	Estes	10/25/2004	20
GREAT BEND EVENING	Donny	Gotchall	9/1/2004	20	GREAT BEND EVENING	Shelley	Gotchall	9/1/2004	20
GREAT BEND EVENING	Roger	Guthals	10/1/2004	20	LARNED	Travis	Thompson	10/1/2004	20
LIBERAL	Cory	Barnett	4/1/2005	20	NORTON	David	Davis	2/1/2005	20
WALDO	Marlene	Murphy	12/1/2004	20	WALDO	Rhonda	Murphy	12/1/2004	20
BREWSTER	Alan	Query	5/12/2010	15	ELKHART	Marla	Houtz	12/7/2009	15
ELLINWOOD	Michael	Westerman	9/17/2009	15	GARDEN CITY	Dick	Fankhauser	2/24/2010	15
GARDEN CITY	Mike	Shook	2/24/2010	15	GREAT BEND NOON	Jan	Westfall	9/8/2009	15
HAYS	Diana	Baumann	7/1/2009	15	HAYS	David	Cushing	9/15/2009	15
HILL CITY	Dennis	Reynolds	12/5/2009	15	JETMORE	Doug	Chaney	12/9/2009	15
KENSINGTON	Galen	Larson	11/2/2009	15	KIRWIN	Jeri	Hunter	3/1/2010	15
LA CROSSE	Ronald	Sandstrom	11/10/2009	15	LA CROSSE	Cole	Vap	2/9/2010	15
LIBERAL	Brian	Mannel	11/30/2009	15	NORTON	Melissa	Schoen	10/1/2009	15
NORTON	Darel	Boston	9/1/2009	15	RANSOM	Virginia	Toedman	12/31/2009	15
RANSOM	Darrell	Ary	9/21/2009	15	RANSOM	Alouise	Zordel	9/22/2009	15
RANSOM	Albert	Zordel	9/22/2009	15	ATWOOD	Kathy	Davis-Vrbas	4/13/2015	10
ATWOOD	Bob	Steele	1/1/2015	10	BREWSTER	Aaron	Luckert	3/11/2015	10
BREWSTER	Jeffri	Rall	5/27/2015	10	CIMARRON	Dwight	Berry	1/14/2015	10
CLAFLIN	Murine	Prosser	8/27/2014	10	COLBY HIGH PLAIN	Don	Morton	9/22/2014	10
GARDEN CITY	Tyler	Whitham	5/19/2015	10	GLEN ELDER	Craig	Slate	4/13/2015	10
GLEN ELDER	Kyla	Slate	4/13/2015	10	GREAT BEND NOON	Aaron	Emerson	12/1/2014	10
GREAT BEND NOON	Melinda	Harter	9/16/2014	10	HOLYROOD	Tiffeny	Harders	1/1/2015	10
HOLYROOD	Norma	Zajic	1/1/2015	10	JENNINGS	Stanley	Shimek	11/1/2014	10
JETMORE	Brad	Shank	4/1/2015	10	KENSINGTON	Greg	Billings	6/1/2015	10
KENSINGTON	Robin	Billings	6/1/2015	10	KINGMAN	Peter	Bedford	2/25/2015	10
KINGMAN	Dick	Neville	12/17/2014	10	LARNED	Melvin	Murphy	12/1/2014	10
LINCOLN	Susan	Marshall	10/1/2014	10	MEDICINE LODGE	Brian	Withrow	12/1/2014	10
MEDICINE LODGE	Lisa	Withrow	12/1/2014	10	MORLAND	Billy	Wicks	11/3/2014	10
PLAINS	Terrance	Shinogle	1/8/2015	10	PLAINS	Roberto	Sigala	10/20/2014	10
SMITH CENTER	Bruce	Lehman	1/1/2015	10	TIPTON	Randall	Joslyn	12/16/2014	10
ULYSSES	Dewey	Middleton	8/18/2014	10	ULYSSES	Esther	Walker	12/8/2014	10
BARNARD	Trase	McQueen	11/16/2019	5	GARDEN CITY	Haley	Floyd	11/5/2019	5
GREAT BEND EVENING	Steve	Korbe	9/2/2019	5	GREAT BEND NOON	Dennis	Neeland	11/26/2019	5
HUGOTON	Carrie	Baiza	1/10/2020	5	JETMORE	Robert	Crabill	6/23/2020	5
JETMORE	Mike	Thornburg	4/1/2020	5	LANE COUNTY	Terry	Moomaw	1/1/2020	5
LARNED	Tyson	Steffen	10/16/2019	5	LARNED	Melanie	Urban	12/4/2019	5
LITTLE RIVER	Randy	Burdick	5/14/2020	5	LITTLE RIVER	Cody	Rine	3/12/2020	5
MEDICINE LODGE	Yvonne	Burden	1/9/2020	5	MORLAND	Brianna	Wicks	7/1/2019	5
NORTON	Cindy	Lowry	2/11/2020	5	PLAINS	Suzanne	Eakes	9/12/2019	5
PLAINS	Allison	Nickelson	10/10/2019	5	PLAINVILLE	Richard	Reishus	3/12/2020	5
RANSOM	Rick	Kraft	10/7/2019	5	SMITH CENTER	David	Edell	3/1/2020	5
SMITH CENTER	Linda	Edell	3/1/2020	5 <sup>19</sup>	STAFFORD	Patricia	Morgan	3/23/2020	5



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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### ATWOOD LIONS CLUB

CHUCK LACERTE

Sponsor: JAMES BEGLEY

ELIZABETH SABATKA

Sponsor: JEAN  
BEAMGARD

### CIMARRON LIONS CLUB

JACOB DECKER

Sponsor: ERIN MORTON

### CUNNINGHAM LIONS CLUB

MARLA KAY MCGOVNEY

Sponsor: MICHAEL MCGOVNEY

### DOWNES LIONS CLUB

HOLLY MORENO

Sponsor: ALLEN DEBEY

### GARDEN CITY LIONS CLUB

GODWIN OSEZUA IZIBILI

Sponsor: RONALD CARLSON

### GREAT BEND EVENING LIONS CLUB

SAM BEVOELSDDK

Sponsor: ELWYN MANETH

DYLAN FRANK

Sponsor: ELWYN MANETH

FRANK P GUTIBBES

Sponsor: LARRY HOLTROP

ANDREA D JENNINGS

Sponsor: LARRY HOLTROP

CASSIDY MOOS

Sponsor: ELWYN MANETH

IAN P VEST

Sponsor: ELWYN MANETH

JENNIFER L VEST

Sponsor: ELWYN MANETH

### HAYS LIONS CLUB

FRAN BRETZ

Sponsor: BRENDA HERRMAN

DAN PARKS

Sponsor: GENE STRAMEL

REID PETTY

Sponsor: GERALD MORAN

### HOXIE HOTRODDERS LIONS CLUB

MAC MAYFIELD

Sponsor: VALA ALBERS

SETH SLAUBAUGH

Sponsor: RICK MOSS

### HUGOTON LIONS CLUB

KIMBERLY L SCHWERTNER

Sponsor: PAUL SCHWERTNER

### JETMORE LIONS CLUB

MARY JANE GOEBEL

Sponsor: MINDY CURE

MARIA GRIMM

Sponsor: SUSAN NUSS

### KIRWIN LIONS CLUB

MIKE NELSON

Sponsor: MELISSA JOHNSON

ASHELY ROTH

Sponsor: MELISSA JOHNSON

NATHAN ROTH

Sponsor: MELISSA JOHNSON

### KISMET LIONS CLUB

LINDA S WINTER

Sponsor: GARY WYRICK



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## LARNED FORT LARNED LIONS CLUB

JANE ZOOK

Sponsor: STEVE LEWIS

## LUCAS LIONS CLUB

GREG BOND

Sponsor: JAMES WINKLER

BRENT STEINLE

Sponsor: ADAM BAKER

CONNIE URBAN

Sponsor: RICHARD URBAN

## MEDICINE LODGE LIONS CLUB

DONALD RICKE

Sponsor: JOHN NIXON

## PRATT LIONS CLUB

REGINA GOFF

Sponsor: ANDREW LEE

## RANSOM LIONS CLUB

DAVID PALAZZOLA II

Sponsor: RAY WHIPPLE

## ST FRANCIS LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL

LARREA

Sponsor: DOROTHY KELLNER

## WAKEENEY LIONS CLUB

MADALYN GHUMM

Sponsor: NEVA HIRSCH

BLAKELEE FOOS

Sponsor: LARRY HICKMAN

BRIAN STEINLE

Sponsor: ADAM BAKER

JOHN WALZ

Sponsor: ADAM BAKER

CRIS SEIDEL

Sponsor: JENNIFER STULTZ

MARGIE THOMASON

Sponsor: CRIS SEIDEL

BRENDA HILMES (26803313)

Sponsor: NANCY FLAX

ABRAHAM PFANNENSTIEL

Sponsor: RICHARD FLAX

**Congratulations  
Lions!!**

Great job in getting  
new members!

Winners of Dessert so  
far are:

**Great Bend Evening  
Lions Club**

**Lucus Lions Club**

**Kirwin Lions Club**

**Pratt Lions Club**

**Keep asking! We  
have a few more  
months for you to  
make DG Diana bake!**



## We Remember



Member Name	Club	Date Joined
PDG Craig Donecker	Claflin	11/01/1988
PDG Sheryl Brenn	Colby	10/01/1998
PCC Les Herrman	Hays	07/01/1968
Charles Wagner	Hugoton	02/01/2004
ZC Ed Bible	Hutchinson Noon	09/01/2006
Jack Smades	Larned	05/01/1984
PDG Bill Fairchild	Larned, Fort Larned	02/01/1993
PDG Marvin Funk	Larned, Fort Larned	10/01/1977
David Ellenz	Tipton	01/01/1991
Joe Heskett	Tipton	04/01/1987