



District 17-K Preconvention

Newsletter

February 2024

Celebrate Lions!

It is time for the amazing District 17-K Convention!!!

What makes it so great is YOU! District Governor Don Keihl is dedicating the convention to the celebration of you, your club and your service! We are also celebrating our Peace Poster winner who has a poster is headed to LCI for international competition!

There are great things happening in 17-K! Please mark March 16th on your calendar to join us in Hays!

Meet PID Larry Edwards and his wife Lion Susan!

Friday, March 25th

Thirsty's - 2704 Vine St, Hays

Meet and greet with wonderful entertainment and fun times with Lions from around the state.

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NEW LOCATION:

**THE ROSE GARDEN
2350 E. 8th ST.**

One level building with large parking area. Map to facility included in this issue.

BRING YOUR BANNERS:

Help us line the way to the correct room and show your pride to others and PID Edwards. If you need a base, please let DG Don know.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday March 15th and Saturday March 16th

A block of rooms have been reserved at the Hampton Inn and The Avid Hotel. Please let them know you are registering for the Lions Convention.

Please have at least one person from your club at the convention if at all possible.

AUCTION!

We have some items for the auction, including a hand-made quilt!

You are welcome to bring more items and enjoy bidding on the wonderful array of goodies available.

SEE YOU SOON!



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District Governor Don Keihl

We have a winner! Darian Kearney of Stafford, KS

Darian's submitted a Peace Poster that won the District K Peace Poster Contest and then won Multiple District 17 Peace Poster Contest. His Peace Poster has been sent to Lions Clubs International to compete in the world-wide Peace Poster Contest.

The first half of this Lion Year has been an up and down escalator. The upside is 36 new members. Congratulations to Brewster, Dodge City, Elkhart, Hays, Jetmore, Kensington, Larned, Larned Fort Larned, Medicine Lodge, Natoma, Norton, Oberlin, Otis, Plains, Satanta, Smith Center, and WaKeeney reported their new members as of December 31, 2023. Thank you! I would like to have more clubs to report new members by June 30th.

The downside provides me the opportunity to improve our district's performance during the second half of this Lion Year.

The District Convention is March 15 & 16, 2024. It would please all district officers to have a huge attendance on Saturday the 16th. Past International Director, Larry Edwards, and wife Lion Susan from Altoona, Pennsylvania are our guests. Let's dazzle them with a full house of Lions at the convention.

Best wishes,

Don



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January 27, 2024

District Governor Don Keihl
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Lions of District K,

DISTRICT 17-K CONVENTION CALL
March 15 – 16, 2024 at Hays, KS

You are invited to attend our annual district convention. We have an opportunity to celebrate our 2023-2024 state Peace Poster winner, Darian Kearney of Stafford, and all the district Peace Poster contestants. **The specific convention information is part of the newsletter.**

I am looking forward to a full house at the convention to welcome the Peace Poster families and our visiting Past International Director, Larry Edwards, and Lion Susan from Altoona, PA.

I hope we have good weather this event.

Don

I HAVE A HEART OF A LION AND A LIFETIME BAN FROM THE ZOO.

NO LION STANDS TALLER THAN WHEN THEY STOOP TO HELP A CHILD.



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Time With 1VDDG Diana Baumann

Hello Lions!

I am SO looking forward to seeing you all at our District Convention in March! It has been TOO long! Visitations have been tough this fall with work and health issues but I am ready to go now! Please let me know if you have any activities coming up this Spring. PDG Tom and I love to attend all that we can.

As we finish up this 2nd half of the Lions year, please let me know if you would like me to visit your club. Please also feel free to give me a call any time you have questions or concerns. All PCCs, PDGs and current Governors are here for you. We are proud of all you do and will help in any way we can.

World Cancer Day is February 4th. Do you have any projects planned for Childhood Cancer this year? There are so many things you can do. We still have a few of the Lions Cancer bags full of things for the child battling cancer and their family. If you have someone in your community fighting cancer, please let me know. Let me know if they are boy or girl and their age. I will get a bag headed your way asap. This is a fight I hope none of us ever have to face, but you can help those who do with these bags, your thoughts and your visits.

I have started my preparations for the coming year and will be calling on leaders soon to help move our District forward in 2024-2025. If you would like to help lead or help work on any projects in the coming year, please let me know. We welcome new thoughts and ideas and I love working with the great Lions in District 17-K.

I am excited to be able to be your District Governor in a year without Covid. This will be my last year as LCI will not allow PDGs to serve again in the future as District Governor. That is fine as I know we have great leaders here in 17-K and I encourage you to step up and serve others through leadership. You will do a GREAT job!

Please see the following pages for thanks from the State Convention Chairs. We had an amazing event in Hays this year and owe our success to all of you!

Thanks for all you do to serve others! I hope to see you soon!

1VDDG Diana

17-K Elections

District 17-K Nominations

It is time to submit nominations or your intention to run for Directors or District and Vice-District Governor.

Kansas Lions Band Foundation – 2 Openings

PCC Randy St. Aubyn (Hutchinson) is running

PCC Diana Baumann (Hays) is running

Kansas Lions Foundation – 1 Opening

PDG Kathie Bell (Dodge City) is running

Kansas Lions Sight Foundation – 2 Openings

Lion Sylvia Reinhardt (Lucas) is running

Lion Jim Huenergarde (Hays) is running

District Governor

Diana Baumann (Hays) is running

1st Vice-District Governor

Lou Morgan (Stafford) is running

2nd Vice-District Governor

Jeremy Skrdlant (Goodland) is running

Elections will take place at the District Convention on March 16th in Hays. **Send your nomination or intention to run to DG Don Keihl at owetalee@hotmail.com**



Service Reporting

REPORT YOUR SERVICE

For our clubs, reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Reporting service can be a point of pride that can be celebrated and creates a database of the great projects done in a given community. Plus, clubs that report service become eligible for service awards and other forms of recognition.



Reporting Service Helps:

- Accurately measure our global impact
- Identify the best ways to work together
- Bring attention to the great work of Lions
- Ensure clubs' service is supported in the best ways possible



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Other News



Help us celebrate our Peace Poster winners this year! A session will be dedicated to them and how you can do this in your community.

We also want to celebrate Lions in general and will take time this year to mingle with other Lions.

We will then celebrate our knowledge as we have a Trivia Event that is sure to be fun for all.

Celebration Lions coming March 15th in Hays!

See you there!

State Convention:

May 31 - June 1, 2024, Lawrence State Convention

*Special Guest: International President
Patti Hill*

District 17-K Cabinet Meetings:

February 10, 2024 by Zoom

[Zoom Link](#) 1:00p.m.

June 2024 TBD



District Conventions:

17K – March 15–16, 2024 - Hays

17N – March 1-2, 2024 - Ottawa

17A – April 13-14, 2024 – Olathe



*Welcome Past
International Director
Larry Edwards &
Lion Susan*

Larry L. Edwards, from Altoona, Pennsylvania, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

Past Director Edwards retired in 2016 after working 45 years in the banking industry. As a former bank executive, he directed operational requirements for nine large bank mergers as well as developed new commercial banking product lines and their supporting technologies.

As a member of the Harris Township Lions Club since 2018, he first joined in 2005 as part of the Lakemont Lions Club. Past Director Edwards has held a number of offices within the association including multiple district council chairperson and as part of the multiple district State Convention Election Committee. He is also president of the Blair County Lions Sight Conservation Foundation.

In recognition of his service, Past Director Edwards has received numerous recognitions including several International President's Awards. Past Director Edwards is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Edwards is director of the Central Pennsylvania National Guard & Veterans Association, former treasurer of the Blair County United Way, and member of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. Past Director Edwards is also an Eagle Scout and past board member and district chairman for Boy Scouts of America.

Past Director Edwards and his wife Susan, a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lion of PA Fellow, have a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren living in Henderson, Nevada, USA.



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A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helped in some way to make the State Convention a success! That includes all clubs who helped with hospitality room items, who sponsored band members and helped give presentations as well as ALL those who helped decorate, feed, set up, tear down, and everything in between.

Here are some of the great things that happened at that time:

- We held the first State Convention in District 17-K ***in 20 years!***
- We were able to host our ***International President and his wife*** – both of whom were wonderful guests and dynamic speakers!
- All three districts gave very insightful talks on Saturday. Wow! Our President was impressed!
- Thank you ***Hays Lions*** for sponsoring breakfast! Yummy!! ***And to all of you for helping with food and goodies*** for the amazing Hospitality Room. District K always has wonderful food for our guests!
- Thank you ***Steve and Linda Chessmore*** for the great lunch Friday and to our other caterers. All the food was amazing. Lions made homemade penguin cookies and homemade desserts for all the meals. WOW!
- Thank you to the ***Decorating Committee and the Donation Committee*** for the great success! What beautiful decorations and unique decorating with the challenge of multiple meals and meetings in the same room.
- The ground floor main room made going to meetings very easy for all ages.
- ***The Boy Scouts did an amazing job serving.*** They were all ages, and ALL were so very professional and made sure we had everything we needed. We all loved them!
- ***Local leaders gave wonderful talks*** and we got to take part in our Foundation and Committee Meetings as well.
- Between the two days, ***we had 199 guests attend***, making it the largest State Convention in a while.
- ***WOW! The band!*** Did you attend the performances? ***They were amazing!*** We wanted to eat with them, but FHSU had to back out at the last-minute due to an organization that had not been there for three years, wanting the space that weekend and had a signed contract. We still loved the band and the Snow Cones for all band members were a hit! We hope we can spend time with them next time! What a beautiful place to perform and they filled the stage!
- Thank you one and all. ***You are what makes it great!***

There were so many people involved and if we forgot to mention you, please know that we are so very thankful and appreciate every one of you!

The State Convention Chairs and Committee



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**2023-2024 District Convention Agenda
Hays, Kansas**

March 14th: Meet & Greet PID Larry & Lion Susan Edwards @ Airport.

Casual dinner TBD (District Leaders)

March 15th: Casual Dress.

Guided tour for guests

6-PM Pre-Convention Party @ Thirsty's [2704 Vine St]

Entertainment

March 16th: Convention.

Place Rose Garden Banquet Hall [2350 E 8th St]

Lions: Please bring Club Banner and stand.

8-9 AM Registration and Breakfast.

9-AM Welcome and District Governor Report .

Hays Welcome – Guest Introduction – DG Report 10-

AM District 17-K Convention.

Election of 2024-2025 Governors & Foundation Directors.

11-AM Peace Poster Program.

**Peace Poster Awards – Louise Greenberg & PID Larry Edwards
Hays Arts Council Speaker 12-**

Noon Convention Dinner.

Call to Order – Flag Salute – Prayer – Mealtime

PID Larry Edwards Address 17-K

Awards – Gift Exchange

2-PM A Trivia Contest [Topic and guideline announced]

3-PM Necrology Service

3:30-PM Auction

Convention Close after auction is completed.

March 17th: PID Larry & Lion Susan to Airport.



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Hampton Inn

Rate is \$114 – Ask for the Lion’s Block

[Hampton Inn Hays, KS Hotel North of I-70 \(hilton.com\)](https://www.hilton.com) (Online Booking)

**4002 General Hays Road
785-621-4444**

Hilton Garden Inn

Rate is \$129/King, \$139 Double Queen – Ask for Lion Room Block ‘24

**221 W. 43th St.
785-727-7721**

Avid Hotel

Rate is \$124.99/King, \$134.99/Double Q – Use Lions Club District 17K Convention

**206 W. 43rd St.
785-625-1101**

Other Hotels Close By:

Holiday Inn Express

**4650 Roth Ave.
785-625-8000**

Best Western Plus Butterfield Inn

**1010 E. 41st St.
785-621-4337**

TownePlace Suites by Marriott

**4001 General Hays Road
785-261-9630**

Sleep Inn & Suites

**1011 E. 41st St.
785-625-2700**

Comfort Inn

**1001 E. 41st St.
785-625-9322**

Fairfield Inn

**377 Mopar Dr.
785-625-3344**

Days Inn

**3205 Vine
785-628-8261**



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2023 Lou Morgan

Hello Lions!

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to the Lions of District 17 K. My name is Louis Morgan from Stafford. I have been married to Patty Morgan 20 years and we have 7 children, 25 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. I have been a Lion for 5 years and have held the offices of Club President , Zone Chair and now I'm your 2nd Vice District Governor.

Lions members in 17K, do you like helping people and helping your community? We as Lions need to share the gratification of serving with others in our community and show them the heart of being a Lion! As we move forward, we need to get more people to become a Lion! If you know someone that would be a great Lion, Just Ask them to come to a meeting or help with a project so they can see what fun it is.

There are a lot of great members in this district! We also have great leaders so if you need any help just reach out to one of us and we will be glad to lend a hand.

As a leader, I would like to see more of our Lion members come to our Conventions. Just remember - every voice counts so let your voice be heard!

From the desk 2VDG Lou Morgan

DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM - 2024 17-K DISTRICT CONVENTION

CLUB NAME: _____ LION NAME: _____

This certifies that the above-named person is duly elected
___Delegate _____Alternate

To the 2024 17-K Lions Convention at Hays, KS. on March 16, 2024
and Lion is in good standing with their club. The Club President or Secretary attest

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
March 16th, 2024 Convention.***