

**District 26-M2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016**

Hosted by the Maplewood Lions Club (VFW Post, 1717 Big Bend Blvd.)

- **Call to order** at 7:00 p.m. by District Governor Jack Lenk (Webster Groves)
- **Pledge** was lead by Vicky Swederska, Cabinet Treasurer (Webster Groves)
- **Song** was led by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto Lions Club)
- **Invocation** was led by Lion Kathy Pusateri, Cabinet Secretary (Fenton)
- **Moment of Silence**
- **Appointment of Tail Twister:** DG Jack Lenk nominated Lion George Winkeler, Jr. (House Springs Lions Club) as the Tail Twister. Lion Kathy Pusateri made a motion that the proceeds are to be given to LBOMB, which was seconded by Lion Lynda Heald. Motion passed.
- **Introduction of Guests/First Time Attendees:** Lion Maryville Abba (Maplewood), Lion Bob Jayco (Maplewood), Lion Visua Baldja (Maplewood), Lion Paul Johnson (Maplewood), and Lions Jeff and Kelly Rackoven (Mehlville).
- **Meeting was adjourned for dinner** and recovered at 7:45 p.m.

- **Secretary Report:** Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) reported that the minutes of the August 1, 2016 Cabinet Meeting had been emailed to the addresses available and copies provided at the information table. Lion Kathy asked for any corrections or additions; none were made. A motion was made by Lion Vicky Swederska (Webster Groves) to accept the minutes as presented, which was seconded 2nd VDG (DeSoto). Motion passed.

- **Treasurer Report:** Lion Vicky Swederska (Webster Groves) read the report. Lion Vicky asked for any questions; there were none. A motion was made by Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton), which was seconded by CC Joe Foster (Beaufort). Motion passed.

- **Zone Chairpersons Reports {led by 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto)}:**
 - **Zone 1: Lion Larry Bridges (DeSoto):** The DeSoto Lions Club has 53 members, plus 4 new members as of 10/6 and 6 new Leo's. DeSoto will have a bbq 10/15. The Hillsboro Lions Club has 40 members. They had a bbq in August and had a fall social 10/2. The Richwoods Lions Club has 26 members. They had a fall festival, provided train rides during the Old Mines Festival and they will be sponsoring a tractor pull. The Potosi Lions Club sponsored their county fair last month, had a road rally and are planning a BMW Cycle Race this month. Potosi has 31 members. The Valley Lions Club have a new member and are expecting another one in two weeks.
 - **Zone 2: Lion Jeff Rackovan (Mehlville):** The Concord Village Lions Club has 100 members. They recently sponsored the "Big Bass Bash", which raised approximately \$20K. On 10/4 will be a golf tournament, in which 100 - 120 golfers are registered to participate and 11/5 they are hosting a trivia night. The Mehlville Lions Club recently completed their fall fundraiser; "Big Brisket Feed", in which they served 150 prepared meals to surrounding businesses, including the K-Mart Employee Appreciation Lunch, which coincided with the South County Safety Fair. The club brought their 1957 LaFrance Fire Truck/smoker. The club consists of 20 members.
 - **Zone 3: Lion Lynda Heald (Fenton):** The Fenton Lions Club participated in the Fenton Days parade, in which the DeSoto Lions Club also volunteered their time and their train. Thank you Lion Larry Bridges and the DeSoto Lions Club! On 10/7 the Fenton Club will be selling bbq during the Memories Car Cruise. They are also selling raffle tickets for a rifle, a fishing rod and reel and a \$100 Denny Dennis gift card. The House Springs Lions Club sponsored a Car and Motorcycle Show. They are sponsoring a Tractor Show 10/15 and are providing their hall for the Northwest Jefferson Chamber of Commerce for a toy drive on 12/8. On 12/10 they will be participating in the Annual House Springs Christmas Parade. The Meramec Heights Lions Club sponsor Bingo at Delmar Gardens. They sold drinks during Arnold Days and have another bbq scheduled for 10/14. The Valley Park Lions Club sponsored a very successful blood drive, they have been hosting a horse shoe league, they are planning a Corn Hole event, hosting Cheeseburger Mondays and they will be hosting a Trunk or Treat.

• **Zone 4: Lion Tom Lagemann (New Haven):** The New Haven Lions Club held a Candy Days 9/30 and on 10/15 the club will be helping with the monthly distribution of food at the local food pantry. New Haven has one new member. The St. Clair Lions Club dedicated a new park pavilion they built, they participated in Operation Clean Stream and they purchased glasses for four children. St. Clair is starting plans for their Little Angles project for Christmas. The Beaufort Lions Club prepared and served 98 volunteers breakfast and 300 dinners or Operation Clean Stream. They sponsored their Annual Car Show, Silent Auction and Chicken Dinner. On Sunday they began their shooting match of the season, which takes place the first Sunday of each month until Palm Sunday. Beaufort will have Candy Days 10/28 - 10/29 and Trunk or Treat 10/31. On 11/27 will be Breakfast with Santa. The Washington Lions Club provided over 2,000 hours of volunteering during the Washington Town and Country Fair. The Washington Leo's Club held an organizational meeting 8/24 and they received their charter, dated 9/29. The Washington Club sponsored a youth Fishing Derby and served over 10 gallons of chili to 1,500 voters during the Annual Chili Cook Off for United Way. They sold pork burgers and hot dogs to aid three local food pantries and served participants and volunteers for Special Olympics. They provided glaucoma screenings and are having a rifle raffle. Washington has six new members. The Gerald Lions Club held their annual Krispy Creme sales, sold nuts during the Gerald Artisans and hosted their semi-annual Scrap Booking event. Gerald will be starting karaoke this month, will participate in Trunk or Treat and the city Christmas tree project.

• **Zone 5: Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific):** The Cuba Lions Club sold bbq during Labor Day weekend, they hosted their 7th annual Car Show and will provide glaucoma screenings during the Taste of Cuba and Arts and Crafts Fair. The Cuba Lions Club are in need of a different bbq trailer. If any club has one that they would like to sell, contact Lion Jerry McLain at (573) 205-4216. The Pacific Lions Club sold funnel cakes during the Heritage Festival and they sold roasted corn, chili and chili dogs during the Iron Horse Rodeo. They will be handing out candy during the Monster Fest on Halloween, will pick up trash on Osage Street for the Adopt a Highway program, participating in the annual Veterans Day Parade, place the Christmas Tree on the bluff at Blackburn Park, they will be having a rifle raffle and judging peace posters. The Union Lions Club will have Candy Days 10/15 & 10/16, a Poker Tournament 11/23 and a Thanksgiving Grocery Raffle. They welcomed a new member, Lion Karen Holly and the Union Lions Club celebrated their 75th Anniversary on 9/24. Thank you to the many area Lions who attended.

• **Zone 6: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves):** Two member from the Southside Lions Club went on a mission trip to Nepal to provide medical supplies. The club sponsored a Golf Tournament, in which the proceeds will be donated to Mo Children's Burn Camp and Midwestern Braille. Southside will participate in the Columbus Day Parade and they continue to provide transportation for the blind bowlers. They installed a new member in September. The Webster Groves Lions Club's last bbq for this year will be 10/14 - 10/15 and they will be hosting a Zone Meeting 10/27. Two Webster Groves schools will be participating in the Peace Poster Contest and the club will be hosting the award dinner 11/10. Webster Groves will be providing free hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies during the fire station's open house. They will providing a Turkey Day Luncheon for the Webster Groves football team, the cheerleaders and the coaches. Webster Groves will be hosting a Pancakes with Santa 12/18. Two new members were installed in September. The St Louis University Lions Club had their first vision screening, in which six people were referred to an optometrist. They sponsored a "Soaking Up the Suds" and sold grilled cheese sandwiches. The SLU Club is planning to sponsor a Hunger Banquet, as well as a health fair. The St. Louis Downtown Lions Club continually collect used eyeglasses and will be celebrating Founders Day.

• **Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood):** The Ferguson Lions Club will be hosting a Poker Tournament in November and will be honoring Lion Gene Keller's 50th Anniversary as a Lion during the DG Visit. The Maplewood Lions Club provided hot dogs for the Vision Walk and they sold bbq during a car show. Maplewood will be hosting a Christmas Zone Meeting 12/6 at the VFW Hall, 1717 S. Big Bend. Everyone is invited. Thank you, Lion Ron Nisbet, for donating toys for the Maplewood Lions Club's toy drive, for area children, for Christmas. The Mid-Town Lions Club have sold bbq during various events. The St. Ferdinand Lions Club have been working very hard to attract new members.

• **Zone 8: Lion Robert El (Bonhomme):** The Bonhomme Lions Club sold food and beverages during Manchester Days, during the Air Show at Bader Park, as well as for the 50th Anniversary celebration for West County Lanes. They will also be conducting their annual nut sales. The Brentwood Lions Club sponsored a WWII on an Honor Flight to Washington D.C. They also collected over 300 pair of eyeglasses. The Ellisville Lions Club donated \$1,000 to Ballwin Police Officer Flamion. A total of \$2,000 has been donated to Officer Flamion from Zone 8. They are preparing for their annual Trivia

Night, 11/5, at St. John's Church in Ellisville. There will be a joint Zone Meeting 10/20. Wendy Jackson, with Vision Rehabilitation Center will provide a presentation on Brainport.

- **Zone 9: Lion Sandee Marshall (Wildwood Area):** All four active clubs in Zone 9 were represented at the 9/20 Zone Meeting. Discussions centered around service, collaboration, training opportunities, Club Excellence Award, Quality Lions Awards and registration for the District Convention. The Chesterfield Lions Club are preparing for their 51st annual Christmas tree sale at the corner of Olive and Woods Mill. The SLU Lions Club will participate with them again. They had a successful Candy Days. The Crete Coeur Lions Club will be hosting a joint Zone 8 and 9 Meeting 10/20, which will include a presentation about Brainport. The Wildwood Area Lions Club have been approved for a grant for the Lions Anthem "Volunteer Days" project with Operation Food Search. Twenty Lions and Leo's will work alongside thirty Anthem employees to pack bags of food, sent home in weekend backpacks for children. The club has a new meeting place; Summer Classics store in Ellisville. They will host a Quarter Auction fundraiser, 11/4.

- **Committee Reports {led by 1st VDG Joe Detter (DeSoto)}:**

- **Centennial;** Lion Sandy Marshall: Lion Sandee has a decorative Lions Centennial cake available for Lions Clubs to utilize during District Governor's Visit and/or special events. Contact Lion Sandee to reserve it. Lions have already reached LCI's goal of serving over 100 million people. However, we are not stopping now. Lion Sandee made reference to a list of 100 projects Lions could consider, which she will make available to anyone who would like to have it. If we tell our story of meaningful service we will attract more Lions. It has been reported that each Lion has the capability of impacting 70 people in their community. Let's remember why we are doing this; it's about service and community awareness because, "where there is a need, there should be a Lion".

- **District Bulletin;** Lion Sue Templeton: The deadline for submitting articles is 10/6.

- **District Convention;** CC Joe Foster (Beaufort): TODAY IS THE TO REGISTER! The 9th Annual District 26-M2 Convention will be 3/24 - 3/26, at the Doubletree Hotel at Westport, 1973 Craigshire. Contact the Doubletree Hotel at (866) 786-8088 and state that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions prior to 3/4/2017 to reserve a room. Or, you can register online at <http://doubletree3hilton.com/en/index.html>. The group code is CLU. The discounted rate is \$89 per night plus tax. All activities will take place at the Double Tree Hotel. The cost for a hospitality booth is \$185 each. This will include 3, 8 foot tables, chairs, ice and trash service. The goal is to have a total of 12 booths. To offset the cost of the meals, the District is selling 50/50 tickets, as well as gift baskets. Last year, the 50/50 raffle winner received \$350. See PCC Gina Boettcher to purchase tickets. The deadline to register for the Convention luncheon, banquet and breakfast is 3/15/2017. The form to register a hospitality booth and for the Convention is available via the Lions District 26-M2 website: www.lions26m2.org.

- **Long Range Planning;** PDG Eugene Taylor (Brentwood): Previously, there were eleven districts in the state of Missouri; now we are down to seven. If the number of Lions in Missouri continues to decline in membership, there is the possibility that the state will be redistrict again, which will broaden the boundaries of each district. Where do you as a Lion, where do you want your club and where do you want our district to be in five years?

- **State Convention;** PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort): The State Convention will be 5/4 - 5/7/2017 in Osage Beach at the Tan-Tar-A Resort. The registration fee is \$30, \$15 for the luncheon and \$30 for the banquet. If you attend both the luncheon and the banquet, the fee is \$75 per person. The hotel rooms are \$92.00, plus tax and a resort fee of \$5.00. To make a hotel reservation, call the resort at (573) 348-3131 and mention that you are with the Missouri Lions State Convention; group code is LION. Further information, as well as registration is available via: molionstateconvention.org. PCC Gina made a motion that District 26-M2 host the 2018 State Convention, which was seconded by CC Joe Foster. Motion passed.

- **LCI Convention;** PCC Gina Boettcher: The LCI Centennial Convention will be 6/30 - 7/4/2017 in Chicago, IL. Registrations can be made via the LCI website: www.lionsclubs.org; click on the LCICON tab. The cost for early registration is \$130, available until 1/13/17. The hotel, which is designated for Missouri Lions is the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, which is located directly across from the McCormick Center, where the plenary session will be held. The hotel fee is \$190 plus tax.

CC Joe Foster is in the process of coordinating scheduling Amtrack, for transportation. Further information will be forthcoming.

- **Environmental Photo Contest;** Lion Barb Kurkowski (Maplewood): The judging for the Environmental Photo Contest will take place at the District Cabinet Meeting, 12/5. Only one entry per club is allowed. Photos must be original, unaltered, printed on 8 ½ x 10 photo paper. All photos should have a nature theme, such as plants, animals or weather phenomenon. Photos with people will be disqualified.
- **GLT;** PCC Kimberly Taylor (Brentwood): PCC Kimberly reported that the following Lions received degrees from Lions University: Lion Sandee Marshall (Bachelor & Master Degree), PCC Gina Boettcher (Bachelor & Master Degree), Lion George Winkeler (Bachelor) and PCC Terry Boettcher (Bachelor & Master Degree). The information for this program is available via the District 26-M2 website, www.lions26m2.org. PCC Kimberly provided the Zone Chairpersons with Lions handbooks and will be also providing those to the Cabinet Members.
- **GMT;** Lion George Winkeler (House Springs): District 26-M2 is at a positive seven in members. Lion George offered to provide all clubs with a presentation on marketing clubs, in order to obtain new members. As of 9/30, the LCI website reflects that there are 426 new clubs, 59,492 new members, 49,488 dropped members, with a positive 10,004 and a total of 1,390,494 total members. District 26-M2 is currently at a positive seven in membership. Lion George receives inquiries for people interested in becoming a Lion, via the District website. He has the names and contact information regarding several people who are interested in becoming Lions.
- **Delta Gamma Center;** Lion Barb Kurkowski: Delta Gamma Center is celebrating their 65th Anniversary. They need volunteers for their Grad Program, the first Saturday of each month. Delta Gamma Center is currently providing services for 300 children and their families. Their Christmas tree lot opens the day after Thanksgiving. They need volunteers to assist with this fundraising event.
- **District Sight Hotline;** Lion Mike Swederska (Webster Groves): Expenses were reported as follows: answering machine \$83 - \$86 per month, stamps \$94, envelope \$13, computer printer ink \$130, paper \$5 and eye exams, lenses and frames \$645. In the months of August and September, there were 55 calls received, of which 7 of these applications were returned and were approved for assistance.
- **LBOMB;** Lion George Winkeler, Jr.: The recent board meeting was very successful. There are currently 35 facilities, 26 blind vendor managers and 9 temporary employees. The facility at Ft. Leonard Wood serves approximately 36,000 meals per day, 7 days per week.
- **Midwestern Braille;** PDG Eugene Taylor (Brentwood): PDG Eugene reported that Lion Bob Jayco, a member of the Maplewood Lions Club is also a Board Member with Midwestern Braille. PDG Eugene encourages everyone that when they go to a restaurant, to inquire if they have braille menus available. If not, encourage them to provide them and reference Midwestern Braille.
- **Club Excellence Facilitator;** 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto): 2nd VDG Duane DeClue was recruited by LCI as chairperson.
- **Peace Poster;** Lion Becky Speeler (Webster Groves): The judging for the Peace Poster contest will take place at the 12/5 District Cabinet Meeting.
- **Diabetes;** Lion Ruth Boyer (Beaufort): Diabetes medications come with specific instructions for use. These medications can affect your body differently, depending on when and how you take them. You can work with your care team to make any necessary adjustments. Taking the right medications can lower your blood glucose levels, reduce your risk of complications and help you feel better. Your diabetes educator can teach you how to administer your insulin and help you understand how certain medications work in your body.

- **District Hearing;** PCC John Yount (Richwoods): Several applications for assistance have been mailed however, none of them have been returned. The Hearing Sweepstakes tickets should be sent the clubs by the first week of November.
 - **Opportunity for Youth;** Lion Toni Mahoney (Richwoods): I want to thank this district for their support from host families, individuals and clubs for their time, meals and monetary donations for the Multiple District Youth Exchange Camp. Our district has had 2 youths participate in the Youth Exchange Camp in the last 5 years, to Australia and Italy. The camp held in July was a success. We will be accepting 12 youths for camp, arriving 7/7/2017 to their first host families and transfer to their second host family 7/16 – 7/30, for a week at Camp Brim Shire, until 8/6. They will return to their first host families and return to their countries 8/7. I'm available to share detailed information about your family hosting a youth or your club sponsoring a Missouri youth attending a camp next summer. I encourage all Lions to attend the MD26 State Convention to learn more about Leos. We have three Leo Clubs in our district. I'm available for information about Leo Clubs.
 - **Old Business:** District 26-M2 was asked to support the State Band, in order to participate in the LCI Centennial Parade. CC Joe Foster reported that he is in the process of coordinating bus transportation to Leader Dogs to tour the facility, which is located in Rochester Hills, MI. The cost is \$90 per person, which includes the bus transportation and lunch. The cost for the hotel at Holiday in, located in Jackson, MI is \$110 per night (2 nights stay). A total of 60 rooms have been blocked. Reservations and the payment of \$90 for the bus transportation needs to be made with CC Joe Foster. Reservations are limited to 100 Lions.
 - **New Business:** DG Jack has accepted new employment, as President of Services for the Blind
 - **DG Closing Remarks:** DG Jack was impressed with the events and activities of the clubs, as reported by the Zone Chairpersons.
 - **VDG Closing Remarks:** none
 - **50/50:** \$126 was won by Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves).
 - **Cabinet Has Gas:** Winners were: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort), Lion Barb Kurkowski (Maplewood), Lion Joe Kurkowski (Maplewood), Lion Larry Bridges (DeSoto), Lion Kathy McCracken (Maplewood) and 2nd VDG Duane DeClue (DeSoto).
 - **Tail Twister:** Lion George requested that everyone donate \$1, which was donated to LBOMB.
 - **Next Cabinet Meeting** will be 12/5 at the House Springs Lions Club, registration to begin at 6:30 and the meeting begins at 7:00.
 - **Next GLT/GMT Meeting** will be 11/7 at Mike Duffy's Restaurant, Kirkwood, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- Adjourn Meeting: DG Jack Lenk adjourned the meeting.