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District 26-M2

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District Governor
Lion Sandee Marshall

1st Vice District Governor
Lion Devin Struttman

2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Jeff Rackovan

Cabinet Secretary
Lion Toni Mahoney

Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Dennis Hemsath

District 26-M2 Governor Sandee's Message

Fellow Lions,

This Lions' year began with a very discouraging outlook but with the support and dedication of our M2 members, it is ending in a very positive trend. Clubs are meeting in person again. Fundraising and service are ramping up. Clubs are helping other clubs. New members are being inducted. Our brainstorming session to "Build A Vision" and increase membership generated new enthusiasm. And our first all-District BBQ was a major success with 15 clubs represented and having fun together.

We won't forget the Lions that we lost during this year but we will carry on our mission in their honor.

This is not an ending but a new beginning! DG-E Devin Struttman has recruited a great team to move the District in an even more positive direction. I am certain that you will give him the help and determination needed to further enhance District 26-M2.

Thank you to everyone who advanced the **20/20 Vision of Service!** I look forward to continuing to serve together in 2021-2022 and beyond....

District Governor Sandee Marshall

"A 20/20 Vision of Service"

Lions District 26-M2

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District 26-M2 DG-Elect Devin's Message

Hello Lions,

Summer is finally here... definitely my favorite time of the year. I hope everyone has some fun events, outdoor activities, and vacations planned.

It's definitely been fun to be in-person with the Lions of the district. We've been busy visiting clubs and it's great to see all the club activity. Upcoming activities include picnics, fairs, festivals, carnivals, BBQs, etc. Please keep us posted with all of your service projects and fundraisers.

Also, keep us posted as you plan new member inductions, officer installations, or any award presentations. We'd love to be involved and participate should you desire. We definitely want these to be special events for your members.

As this Lions year comes to a close, I want to thank Governor Sandee Marshall for her leadership. It has been an honor to serve with her and learn from her. Things were certainly not "normal" this past year but she always kept the Lions of our district first and foremost. She plans to remain active in the district and we're extremely grateful. Governor Sandee, thank you for sharing your "20/20 Vision of Service."

Happy Summer!

*Lion Devin Struttmann,
District Governor-Elect*

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District 26-M2 1st VDG-Elect Jeff's Message

Happy Almost Summer Lions!!!

As we move into the last few weeks of our current Lionistic Year, I would like to thank you all for your support and dedication for service!! It has been a very, VERY different year for our organization and district. District Governor Lion Sandee is ending her year in a positive note!!

We have adapted and have overcome our service offerings during this pandemic. We have gone through lockdowns all the while missing our personal interaction as Lions. So many Zoom meetings and finally now back to meeting in person. It was a great day spending time with each other at the District Picnic over the weekend. It was well attended, and we had a great time visiting and just being Lions! Special thanks to the Wildwood Area Lions for doing the cooking!

It has been a privilege and pleasure to spend this past year serving as your 2nd Vice District Governor.

Many thanks to our leadership for adapting and keeping our organization viable and engaged.

Leadership from the state, district and global levels has helped us keep on track and the ability to move forward during these trying times.

I am truly excited as we move into the new Lionistic Year under the new leadership of District Governor Elect Lion Devin. I see great things on the horizon!!!

Special congratulations to the recipients of the awards this past year. Such a special honor!

Please remember to support each other as we migrate out of the pandemic and keep your eyes on the service(s) we provide to our communities.

To make a difference as Lions, we need to “Be the “Difference”.

Yours in service,

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
1st Vice District Governor-Elect*



REMAINING UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

6/25 – 6/29	LCI Virtual Convention
7/22 – 7/25	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute
7/24 10AM	District Eyewrap, Wildwood Community Park
9/9 – 9/11	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Des Moines, IA
11/12 – 11/13	Mid-South Sight & Hearing Meeting, Overland Lions Hall

Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.
(April 2021 - May 2021)

GERALD LIONS CLUB

JOE W BAUER II
KEITH C BAUMBACH
ANGELA L CARLIN
JERRY D CARLIN
TIFFANY A CLARK
GEORGE M COBBLE
COURTNEY E COX
DAVE R DE FRENNE
DAVE R DEFRENNE
AUSTIN GLANDON
PAIGE L GLANDON
ALISHA M GRUBE
NICHOLAS L GRUBE
AMANDA C HACKSTEDT
BRADLEY J HACKSTEDT
MATTHEW J JASPER
MYLES B KAUFMAN
LAURA A LINK
MIKE J LINK
DARLENE E MALONE
ERIC K MALONE
JACK C MESSEX
JIM L MESSEX
TAMMY J MESSEX
RONALD D PARMENTIER
JODIE M RIEGEL
KENNETH J RIEGEL
SUSAN WHITWORTH

CUBA LIONS CLUB

DAVID L. WHEELER

FENTON LIONS CLUB

STEVE P. MAGINNIS

GRAY SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

MARY DYE
JENNIFER JOHANNES
CHRIS ROSE

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

LISA SEEGER

MEHLVILLE LIONS CLUB

BRIANNA M BROWN

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

SHIRLEY A. MANESS

ROCK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

JENNIFER BEERS
MATTHEW DONZE

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

VICKI L. FRITZ
BRANDON T. SCHMIEDEKE

MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

New Voices Spotlights!

Our May New Voices Spotlight provides a look into the life of a mom, and dedicated Lion. Lion Jennifer Brody of the Hillsboro Lions Club has been a member since 2014, and their President for 3 years.



Lion Jennifer's journey started when her husband's childhood memories caused him to reach out to LIONS here in Missouri. *"My late husband found the Hillsboro Lions Club. He was from the East Coast and remembered going to Lions Clubs meetings with his grandfather in New York City as a child. When he heard there was a Lions Club in Hillsboro he went to check it out. The group was so welcoming and fun and friendly that he wanted to join and convinced me to do so also. He passed away very suddenly in 2015, and this Club was so gracious to me. After becoming an active part of the club for a few years, they welcomed me to help lead the group."*

LIONS have come a long way since the days when women were not allowed to join many clubs. Fortunately, Lion Jennifer doesn't face any challenges as a woman in LIONS. *"I am very welcome to lend my voice and my energy to our effort to serve and even lead our service. As a busy mom, I am challenged to fit in a life of service to my community with all of my other responsibilities, but the Lions' Clubs are a good way to stay involved in my community and teach my boys to do the same."*

The Hillsboro Club has completed a number of projects and fundraisers that make Jennifer proud and enthusiastic to be a Lion. From creating and maintaining a legacy project Butterfly Garden, in honor of the former first lady of Hillsboro, Audrey Vreeland, to providing eye exams and glasses. This is a busy Club.

"I was very proud of our Club and our community who held an impromptu bar-b-q that raised over \$4,000 for the Detter family this past year after a tragic house fire took the lives of several members of their family. I was proud to help coordinate a food drive this past January that brought in much needed donations and cash to our local food pantry."

Being a Lion is not just always about serving, but it is about fun, fellowship, and friends. Keeping LIONS involved and excited is important for all Clubs. According to Lion Jennifer, the Hillsboro Club is on top of it! *"Our Club has so much fun and works together so well to serve in our community and to be there for each other. There is so much to do, so many ways to serve and a whole next generation of young people who will want to serve alongside us! I am proud to serve with a group of people who are really here to serve where needed."*

When it comes to helping others find their "sweet spot" in volunteering, Lion Jennifer has some great thoughts that everyone should hear as we emerge from a pandemic, and begin to get back to "normal". *"Serve with what you have. It doesn't really take that much to make a big difference sometimes. It just takes a willingness to help and an eye for what is needed. There is room for everyone to help and be involved. Make room for new people, new ideas and new ways to serve. We need all of us working together to serve well."*

"You never know what another person is going through. Behind their smile may be a lot of pain. So be kind. Always. Also, do not ever think you know how a person will act or behave before you even give them a chance to be themselves. God uses those we might think of as "unqualified" to do amazing things. We'd be best to stay out of His way to use them. "

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For the final New Voices Spotlight in this Lionistic year, I thought what better way to celebrate the future of LIONS then to highlight a young girl who comes from a long family history of Lionism. Although not yet old enough to be a LION, Daisy Bradford is the essence of our youth, so willing to volunteer and give back to her community. As we embrace the coming year, let's think about how we can continue to cultivate our youth into becoming long term LIONS.



Daisy Bradford started volunteering with the Webster Groves LIONS Club in 2019 by helping at the Club's largest fundraiser, the 4th of July Carnival and BBQ. However, it was not her first introduction to LIONS. You could say Daisy is part of a family legacy. *"My aunt, Denise Yost, and my grandpa Marshall Yost, were Lions. My grandpa had been a LION for over 40 years. He loved volunteering and serving others. He was the one who taught me how important it is to help others. He spent all of his free time dedicated to the LIONS and he rose to be a district governor. He is a huge inspiration and I hope to honor him by serving as he did. Maybe even longer!!"*

Keeping volunteers engaged and welcome as part of the Club is the key to their continued participation. Volunteering at the Webster Groves club events, recurring projects, and fundraisers, brings a feeling of pride and satisfaction to Daisy, which only makes her want to continue volunteering more. *"The monthly BBQ's and the service project meetings where we make blessing bags and do other projects to help those in need."* However, even though Daisy is eager to volunteer, she finds it challenging to get new young adults interested in volunteering. With our youth involved in so many activities through school, church, and many extracurricular groups, finding extra time to volunteer is difficult. Daisy has this advice for LIONS leaders to help encourage other youth to join. *"Be more active on social media sites and reach out to schools and other youth groups and talk about LIONS."* Lions know the power of knowledge, getting our story out to more youth groups is good advice and a challenge to all.

And when reaching out to those young adults, she wants them to know, *"All are welcome and more diversity is needed in the LIONS. Find little ways to celebrate yourself. Congratulate yourself for all the ways you have adapted and persevered."*

Celebrating all LIONS, LEOS, and volunteers, young and old! Let everyone find their "voice" and enjoy being a part of an organization that embraces and welcomes everyone!

Lion Sandy Halama
New Voices Coordinator



NAMI

North American Membership initiative or NAMI is a focused program designed to address and reverse the 40 year decline in Lions membership in North America.

This Global Membership Approach begins with looking at our District and Club's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats or SWOT.

Our first step in identifying these was at the cabinet meeting June 7 held at the House Springs Lions Club.

Six groups discussed and identified what they thought were the short, one-line answers in each area. They are listed below for all to review, contemplate and perhaps add more as we build a team, build a vision, build a plan and build for success.

More information will be forthcoming as we build a team and plan.

SWOT Results from Cabinet meeting June 7

Strengths:

- Lions passion for helping others.
- Largest service organization in the world
- Diversity
- Good leadership
- Have fun
- Help each other within District
- Some excellent communication
- Good newsletter
- Core people in each club
- Variety of opportunities
- Service to people
- Every dollar goes back to help others
- More service than just sight

Weaknesses:

- Don't let public know what we do
- Meetings
- Membership fees
- Resistance to change

Non-active members
Aging members
Sponsors not acting as mentors
Poor communication
Poor communication with young people
Poor engagement with schools
Cliques, “old boy” networks
Too many chiefs and not enough chiefs – equalize distribution of responsibility
Lack of social media presence
Don’t ask enough or follow through, member involvement
Repeat leadership, don’t promote advancement, training, education

Opportunities:

Expose Lions to communities
Share service
Ask how others want to serve
Do service at fundraisers – combine both
Use social media to promote – tell story
Talk about Lions, service, projects – invite to help/join
Invite community leaders/other organizations to speak at meetings
Set up informational booths, have handouts at events

Threats:

Competition from other non-profits
Lack of promotion – telling about Lions
Inflation/cost of membership or volunteering
Community not allowing certain events or fundraisers (gun raffles)
Changing attitude on volunteerism
Competition for time
Targeted social media/account deletions
Blame others – not my fault
Can volunteer without membership costs – don’t join

What are your thoughts?

Lions District 26-M2 Picnic Awards and Ceremonies

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Tri-County Omega LEO Club



(Left photo) At the District Picnic held June 13th at the Wildwood Community Park Stephanie Ham, President of the Tri-County Omega LEO Club, was presented with the Tri-County LEO Club banner by District 26-M2 Governor Lion Sandee Marshall.

(Right photo) President Stephanie Ham was also presented with the **C. Wayne Henderson Memorial Youth Service Award** by Lion Toni Mahoney. This award is in honor of PID Wayne Henderson to recognize individuals actively involved in Youth Services.

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St. Louis Downtown Lions Club



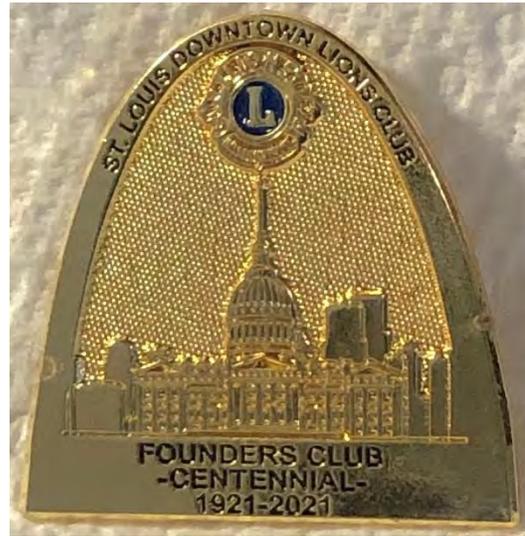
The St. Louis Downtown Lions Club will be celebrating their 100th year Centennial on June 28, 2021. In honor of this centennial St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones has issued a Proclamation stating that June 28 is St. Louis Downtown Lions Club Day in the city of St. Louis.

Pictured here are Secretary Lion Eugene Morris (left), President Lion Melvin Roll (right), and DG Lion Sandee Marshall (center) holding the Proclamation.



In recognition to their Centennial the St. Louis Downtown Lions Club also received the International President's Certificate of Appreciation from Lions Clubs International President, Dr. Jung-Yul Choi.

Pictured here are Secretary Lion Eugene Morris (left), President Lion Melvin Roll (right), and DG Lion Sandee Marshall (center) holding the International President's Certificate of Appreciation.



To commemorate their Centennial the St. Louis Downtown Lions Club had a special pin made for their club (See photos above).

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Fenton Lions Club's Newest Member



Lion Steve Maginnis was voted into the Fenton Lions Club as their newest member during the April 13th Business Meeting. He was officially inducted into the Fenton Lions by DG Lion Sandee Marshall at the District Picnic.

Pictured here are Sponsor Lion Kathy Pusateri (left), Lion Steve Maginnis (center), and DG Lion Sandee Marshall (right).



New Haven Lions Club



On May 15, 2021 the New Haven Lions Club helped with a community Food Pantry. Pictured above are (from left to right) Lions John and Rosa Berger, Lion Jim Batterson and Lion Don Schowe. Lion John Berger is President of the New Haven Lions Club.

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The New Haven Lions Club continued its tradition by presenting two, five-hundred-dollar scholarships for their local New Haven High School students. This year the recipients are Riley Klekamp (left) and Caroline Otten (right). Presenting the scholarships is Lion John Berger (center).

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On Wednesday June 2, 2021, KidSight volunteers from the New Haven Lions Club were guest speakers at the Hillsboro Lions Club. The Hillsboro Lions are interested in starting a Team working with KidSight and doing vision screening in their area.



Gerald Lions Club



On Tuesday, June 8, 2021 the Gerald Lions Club inducted 26 *new* members and installed their new officers for the upcoming Lions year. (See New Members list on page 4).

Bonhomme Lions Club

District Governor Lion Sandee Marshall made the annual Governor's visit with the Bonhomme Lions Club on May 18, 2021. It was her honor to present two Melvin Jones Fellowship awards to recipients Lion Fred Jackson and Lion Robert Ell. Congratulations!



DG Lion Sandee Marshall (left) and Lion Fred Jackson (right).



DG Lion Sandee Marshall (left) and Lion Robert Ell (right).



Tailgate and Crafter Sale



Sponsored by
House Springs Lions
6482 State Hwy. MM
House Springs, MO



June 27, 2021

Set-up begins at 8:30 am
Sale is from 9 am to 2 pm

\$15 for a space

Contact Ken at 314-971-3949
to reserve a space or for additional information.



Pancake Breakfast

Fundraiser

Come out and support 2 great community icons

The Tri County Senior Center

&

The Pacific Lions Club

Breakfast includes:

ALL YOU CAN EAT

pancakes, eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, coffee, milk & Juice

Sunday, July 25th

7 am - 11 am

Adults \$8.00

Kids 12 & under \$5

Tri County Senior Center

800 West Union

Pacific

1st Responders Eat Free



Eureka Lions Club Swim Program 2021

Thanks to the Eureka Lions Club, children ages 5-12 can participate in FREE swim lessons at the Wildwood Family YMCA. This program is for beginning swimmers and not for intermediate-to-advanced swimmers. The class session is two weeks with four classes per week, Monday-Thursday, for eight total classes. Five different class times available.

Swim Level Descriptions:

Terrified of Water: For children ages 5-12 years who are fearful or timid about swimming, or have never swam before. The class will work on basics such as a float, treading water, kick and basic paddle stroke. Safety and rescue skills will be taught as well.

Beginner 1: For ages 5-12 years who are comfortable in the water and can do some swimming on their own. Focus is on the basics of freestyle, backstroke, and treading water. Safety and rescue skills will also be taught.

Beginner 2: For children ages 5-12 years who have some knowledge of swim technique, but need to continue to work on their skills, endurance, confidence and treading water. Safety and rescue skills will also be taught.

Registration opens April 1, 2021. Register online, in person at the Wildwood Y or call 636-458-6636.

Online Registration Instructions:

1. Go to www.gwrymca.org
2. Choose "My Account"
3. Sign in or choose "I don't have an account but I want to create one" and follow prompts
4. Click on "Swimming"
5. Click on "Swim Lessons - Youth"
6. Click on "Register for this program"
7. Pick Location (Wildwood)
8. Click on "Group Swim Lessons"
9. Click on "Lions Club Swim"
10. Complete registration information and hit "Submit"

If you have questions please contact the Y Welcome Center or Aquatic Director Jen Humphrey at jen.humphrey@gwrymca.org.

Dates: June 14-24, Mon-Thurs for 2 weeks. Register child for one session only.

Times:

- Session 1: 9:00-9:30 am
- Session 2: 9:45-10:15 am
- Session 3: 10:30-11:00 am
- Session 4: 11:15-11:45 am
- Session 5: 12:00-12:30 pm

Maximum:

25 children per session

Cost: FREE



WILDWOOD FAMILY YMCA 2641 Highway 109 • Wildwood MO 63040



DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP

Hosted by
Used Eye Glasses Committee

Saturday, July 24, 2021

**Community Park Pavilion
17155 Pond Grover Parkway
Wildwood, MO 63038**

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Social distancing and face masks encouraged

If you need glasses picked up - Call or Email:

PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt at 636-343-5268 or bernjl@sbcglobal.net

PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at 314-378-4758 or eljanwein@aol.com

Lion Devin Struttmann at 314-277-8292 or devin@admr.com

**PLEASE BRING USED EYE GLASSES
AND HEARING AIDS**

Boxes that reams of copy paper come in are needed. They are the perfect size for storage of recycled eyeglasses. If you have any to donate please contact PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich, eljanwein@aol.com.

Thanks for your time! Lion Toni Mahoney

Lions District 26-M2

Lions Assistance and Service (LAS)

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Correct Operating Procedures for this year for processing requests. The Correct Operating Procedure is noted as follows:

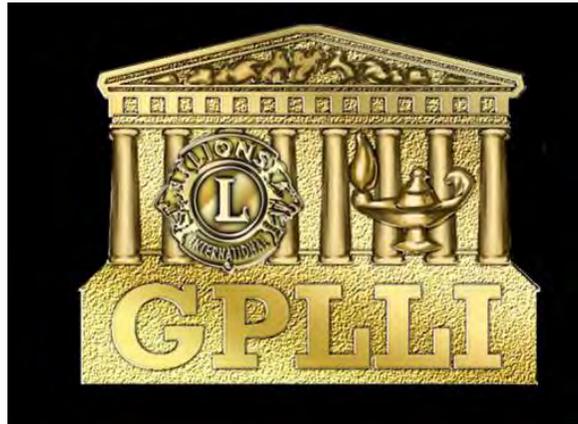
1. The call comes in to the Hot Line and the requestor is directed to the 26M2 Lions website <https://lions26m2.org/resources.html> for eye care and hearing resources.
2. The requestor completes the required form and sends it to the address noted on the form.
3. Request is received at the LAS Post Office Box.
4. The request is reviewed for completeness.
5. The reviewed request is logged and forwarded to the LAS to be assigned to a local club.
6. The LAS chair forwards the request to the club or club closest to the geographical location.
7. The assigned club reviews and accepts the request to be processed (or denies due to budgetary issues)
 - a. If denied by the Local Club the LAS will direct to the closest club in that geographical area.
8. The assigned club reports back to the LAS regarding the status of the request.
 - a. Assigned
 - b. In progress
 - c. Forwarded
 - d. Closed (Complete)
9. If ANY Lions club receives an independent request OUTSIDE of the LAS line, please contact the LAS chair with the following information.
 - a. Date received
 - b. Requestors Name
 - c. ZIP CODE
 - d. Club Name assisting
 - e. Date of completion

We would like to hear from everyone and to recognize the great work that you are doing in your community.

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Chair – Lions Assistance and Services (LAS)

Las@lions26M2.org



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- WHAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not attended a GPLLI within the last five years. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 23-25, 2021 Registration is from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 23,2021 Adjournment and checkout is by 3:P.M. Sunday, July 25, 2021 Lunch on Friday, July 23, 2021 is at 12:00 noon sharp.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri
- COST** US\$190 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May1, 2021. Cost increases to US\$210 beginning May 2, 2021. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, are available, and require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, or Leo who has attained majority and who has not **attended a GPLLI in the past five years** is eligible. No previous attendees are eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Ardie Klemish.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on diversity; goal setting; Lions fundamentals; local issues; mission statement; motivation; public speaking; time management; and working in teams.

For additional information please contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE



TO DEVELOP LEADERS, MOTIVATE AND EDUCATE ATTENDEES, PROVIDE AN OPEN EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND GOALS OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

(See Registration Form on next two pages)

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Des Moines, Iowa

Opening Sessions - Thursday, September 9, 2021

Closing Banquet - Saturday, September 11, 2021

The Forum will end after the banquet on Saturday night.

Registrant A

SUB-DISTRICT

 LION LIONESS LEO NON-MEMBER

Name _____
First Last Mid Initial Nickname (Titles will not be included)

Mailing Address _____
Street Number/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone (_____) _____ (_____) _____ E-Mail _____
Primary Phone Alternative Phone Please print clearly

This is my First Time Attending a Forum I was invited to the Forum by _____
(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)

_____ Forums attended Highest Office Held _____ Past Present

Please check all that apply:

Special Meals: Diabetic Vegetarian Hindu Vegetarian Other _____
(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)

Hearing Challenged Visually Challenged Physically Challenged Specific needs _____
(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)

I am a Pin Trader I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed
(Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)

I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 9, 2021. (Cost of \$25 per person includes t-shirt)
T-shirt size _____ (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)

Registrant B

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HOUSING

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. **Do not register directly with the hotel.** Please Indicate 3 choices in order of preference. **Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US deposit.**

	HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE TO CENTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hilton Downtown (Headquarters)	\$169	1 block ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Des Moines Marriott Downtown	\$165	6 blocks ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renaissance Savory Hotel	\$165	4 blocks ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Inn Mercy Campus	\$129	3 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$140	1 block
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hampton Inn & Suites	\$149	6 blocks *
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence Inn by Marriott	\$159	6 blocks *
<input type="checkbox"/>	Embassy Suites by Hilton	\$165	4 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Inn Express	\$129	8 blocks

*** Connected by skywalk

* 1 block from skywalk

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

in Room _____ # of Beds _____

Sharing Room with _____

Special Room Requests:
Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

I will be arriving by:

- Air RV Undecided
 Car Other

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. **Any cancellations received between July 1, 2021 and August 1, 2021 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2021 no refunds will be issued.** Cancellation notification must be received on or before **August 1, 2021.** Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; E-Mail: registrar@lionsforum.org

REGISTRATION FEE covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. **Individual meal function tickets will NOT be available.**

Hotel rooms CANNOT be assigned until registration fee and hotel deposit are received. ALL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

Please note: The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be documenting the Forum for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed, photographed, or recorded at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images and recordings by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Registration Fees (US \$)

Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US Deposit

	Early Bird	Postmarked after May 31, 2021	Postmarked after July 31, 2021
Registrant A	\$285 \$ _____	\$320 \$ _____	\$345 \$ _____
Registrant B	\$285 \$ _____	\$320 \$ _____	\$345 \$ _____
Leos	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____	After 9/1 \$175 \$ _____
Hotel Deposit	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____	\$150 \$ _____
Strides Walk			
Reg A	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____
Strides Walk			
Reg B	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____	\$ 25 \$ _____
Pin Trading per Table	\$60 \$ _____	\$ 60 \$ _____	\$ 60 \$ _____

Total Amount Due Now

\$ _____

PAYMENT

By Credit Card:

I authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my credit card. Signature _____

_____ card number

_____ exp date

_____ security code (3 digits on back)

I have included check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

Please direct any questions to the Forum office: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723; Phone (605)723-4007; Fax (605)791-0950; Email: registrar@lionsforum.org
Online registration available at: www.lionsforum.org



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Please Remember These Lions

(April 2021 - May 2021)

BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB

LAVERNE A KERKOSKI

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

RICHARD WAGNER

CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB

PAUL W KOPSKY

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

JUDY ABELL

MARIBEL RICHARDSON

Please Continue to Keep These Lions and All Who Have Passed Before In Your Prayers

Deadline for the next scheduled issue of "The Lions That Roar" is **August 12, 2021**. Now is the time for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Do you have a "Did You Know" article? Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at
editor@lions26m2.org

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August	2021
October	2021
December	2021
February	2022
April	2022
June	2022

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor