

The LIONS That ROAR

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District 26-M2

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District Governor
Lion Paul Carr



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Michelle Foster



2nd Vice District Governor



Cabinet Secretary
Lion Sandee Marshall



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Joseph Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Paul's Message

Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,

If you missed the USA/Canada forum this year, September 21-23, 2023 in Reno, NV, I encourage you to attend the USA/Canada forum in September 5-7, 2024, in Louisville, KY. The USA/Canada forum is a wonderful time, as you get to learn all kinds of things that help with Lions, Home Life, and can apply to your work. There are seminars for all kinds of things like Marketing, Emergency planning, LCIF Grants, Servant Leadership – Inspiring your members, to Serving together and much more. Check out the USA/Canada forum website for more details at www.lionsforum.org the forum will have over 80 seminars and four motivational speakers during the event. Louisville is not that far away and is 4-hour drive away from St. Louis!

Our first quarter State of the District address was conducted, and the focus is providing the district status on our goals and objectives. **Goal on Service:** By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will increase the percentage of clubs reporting service (meet or exceed last years' service reporting numbers). Our team will ensure 65% of clubs in our district report service. As of the state of the district address, 35% of our clubs are reporting service, now showing 38% as of 10/8/23. Keep up the great work on reporting service and if you want to know more on how to report. **Here is a Link on how to report service activities.** <https://vimeo.com/showcase/digital-products> Then select "How to: Report Service Activities in MyLion" length of time is 08:23 minutes long. The next State of the District address will be on Sunday January 7, 2024, and special guest will be our International Director Lion Lee Vrieze (Join our meet and greet before our district convention).

Reminder: there is a change in location for Cabinet Meeting December only. I look forward to seeing you at the next Cabinet Meeting which will be held on Monday December 4, 2023. The location will be Giuseppe's Restaurant in Fenton, MO. More information to follow for RSVP.

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I continue to look forward to serving with you in this great district MD26-M2 and seeing what we can do to “Be More, Do More and Serve More!” You know that I am “Excited to Serve!” this year!!!

*Lion Paul Carr,
District Governor*

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District 26-M2 - 1st VDG Michelle’s Message

Greetings Lions!

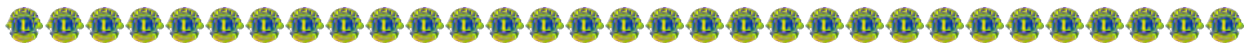
The leaves are changing and the ghosts and goblins are coming alive! September went fast and those that were able to make it traveled to Reno, Nevada for the USA/Canada Form. It was great to be in attendance, as I was able to meet First Vice International President Fabricio Oliveria, and listen to his encouragement moving forward next year. We also were able to listen to Current seated International President Patti Hill speak with excitement. Attending the forum is a whole lot of everything, meeting old friends, and making new friends, sightseeing Reno, attending superb learning sessions. USA/Canada next year will be in Louisville, Kentucky and registration is open now. I’m registered, are YOU?

This month is going to be hopping with club visits with District Governor Paul Carr. I hope you have your Governors Visit scheduled as it’s so exciting to hear or see what everyone is doing. Make sure your events are posted on the District Calendar or on Facebook as in my spare time, I’m trying come visit and or participate in your events.

Remember, I am here for the Clubs, and You! There is no silly question, except an unasked question. If I don’t know the answer, I will find it out for you. A Club is a club, and a lion is a lion, and therefore we are all Lion Members to Serve Others it doesn’t matter where we are from. We all want to serve for the betterment of Our Communities and Countries! WE SERVE!!

Passions lead to Performance!

*Lion Michelle Foster
1st Vice District Governor*
mlfoster569@gmail.com



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.
(August 2023 - September 2023)

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

CORNELIUS SCHAEGLER

GERALD LIONS CLUB

RHONDA WOOLERY

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL A COLLINS

DOMINIC M. LEONHARDT

RICKY D LYNCH

SHAUN N. PERDUE

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

BECKY BLAKE

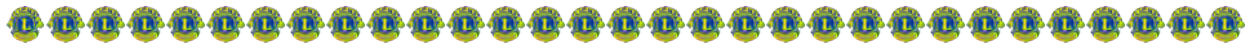
LESTER E. BLAKE

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

ALAN K. BROWN

WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CLUB

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District 26-M2

2023-2024

Calendar of Events

Updated 10/18/2023 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

October 2023

26th, Thursday: Maplewood lions club will be handing out candy, books and necklaces at the downtown Maplewood Halloween event from 5-7:30 pm in the park on Manchester and Marshall

26-29, Thursday – Sunday: Missouri Lions Eye Mission 2 Day Eyeglass Mission @ Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico. If interested in going on this trip, please contact PDG Devin Struttman. devin@admr.com

November 2023

4th, Saturday: Chesterfield Lions Annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction. It is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO. Doors open at 6 p.m. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Each table receives 5 free mulligans. Teams consist of up to eight players. Individuals Welcome. Call 636-733-0425 to reserve your table.

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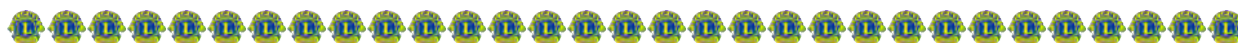
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November 2023

- 4th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Trivia Night benefiting KidSight. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. \$30/person. \$240 for a table of eight. 10 trivia rounds, 50/50s, raffle, lotto boards, silent auction, DJ. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051 (enter from Dulin Creek Road). Open bar-beer, wine, mixed drinks, soda. Bring your own snacks for your table. BBQ, beer, raffles, music. For information contact Lion Pat pm46441@aol.com.
- *5th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club. Starts at 12 pm til ???. Free meal for each shooter. For more information contact Lion Roy Brunkhorst at 573-459-2029 or Lion Kevin Boyer at 636-283-1321.
- *22nd, Wednesday: Union Lions Club Thanksgiving Eve Cornhole Tournament at Union KofC – Hwy 50. Cash bar & food available for purchase. ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNION LIONS CHARITIES. Starts at 6:30pm.\$25 per person/ 2 person Team. Double elimination & Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.
- *26th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Breakfast with Santa, all you can eat, bring your camera to take pictures with Santa. Starts at 8am til 12 pm. For more information contact Lion Kevin Boyer at 636-283-1321.

December 2023

- *9th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Annual Christmas Parade in House Springs MO, Hwy MM, 63051. Line up at Faith Community Church starts at 5pm. Parade thru House Springs starts at 7pm. \$15 entry fee for a float or group. This year's theme is "It's A Charlie Brown Christmas". For information contact Kim 314-422-8788 or email Kim at kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net
- 10th, Sunday: Gray Summit Lions Club 9 pin/No tap Bowling Tournament in memory of Lions Pat & Gene Cowsert. Location: West County Lanes, 16727 Manchester Rd, Ellisville, MO 63011. 1pm – 4pm. \$25/bowler 5 bowlers/lane. Top 3 payout. RSVP to Lion Michele Obert 314-386-0084 or Lion Jeff Scherr 636-386-4421 or Lion Vince Sherr 616-386-4420.



District 26–M2 of the International Association of Lions Clubs
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2023
Timbers of Eureka

Call To Order at 6:30 p.m. by District Governor Paul Carr.
Pledge was led by Past District Governor Sandee Marshall.
Song was led by 1st Vice District Governor Michelle Foster.
Prayer was led by District Governor Paul Carr.

Moment of silence for those suffering and in need of healing.

Appointment of Tail Twister: Motion by 1st Vice District Governor Michelle Foster to appoint Lion Dennis Hemsath (Washington) as the Tail Twister; second by PCC Kimberly Taylor. Motion passed. Motion by Lion Pam Manual to donate proceeds to Operation Christmas Child: second by 1st Vice District Governor Michelle Foster. Motion passed.

Introduction of 1st Time Attendees/Guests: Shelly Dale of Samaritan's Purse; Lion Russ Rosener (Chest).
6:35 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner.

Guest Speaker : Shelly Dale is the Community Relations Coordinator for Samaritans Purse, a non-denominational Christian organization providing physical and spiritual aid in more than 170 countries and in 97 languages. She explained Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest program of its kind having distributed 209 million boxes to unique individuals since 1993. After a video of the program in El Salvador, she discussed packing the boxes provided with school supplies, hygiene products and a WOW item.
Reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Secretary's Report: PDG Sandee Marshall reported that the minutes of the August 7, 2023 Cabinet meeting had been distributed and were also sent with the meeting notice. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by 1st Vice District Governor Michelle Foster to accept the minutes as presented; second by Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves). Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Joe Schroeder reported a balance of \$31,354.18 in the Service Activity account and \$56,712.80 in the Administrative account. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by PDG Sandee Marshall to accept the report as presented; second by IPDG Leon Hove. Motion passed. The treasurer will investigate rates for putting some of the service money in Money Market CDs.

Governor's Opening Remarks: DG Paul Carr reminded everyone that emphasis this year is on service and service reporting.

GLT: No report

GMT: Lion Vickey Engel reported that the District is at -4 members for the year. She pointed us to the 3-year retention rates in our clubs. More information will be given at the next meeting on Mission 1.5.

GST: Lion Pam Manuel thanked our guest speaker and announced an eye mission in conjunction with the Little Sisters of the Poor in early 2024. PDG Sandee Marshall spoke about our Fall/Winter service project—filling Easter orders--at Canterbury Industries, a workshop for differently-abled adults. They desperately need help filling eggs and baskets. Sit-down jobs are available. Flyer/sign up to be sent out shortly.

Zone Chairperson Reports called by DG Paul Carr (House Springs):

Zone 1: Hillsboro has invited both Missouri senators to their World Sight Day event (10/14).

Zone 2: Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves): Webster Groves is +1 in membership. The Vice president of the Lemay JB Lions Club, Lion Karen Hoy, has become President.

Zone 3: Lion Wally Brumfield (House Springs): Club activities

Zone 4: Position vacant: Club activities

Zone 5: Lion Jennifer Sinn (Union): Club activities

Zone 6: Lion Jeanne Carton (Chesterfield): Club activities

Zone 7: Position vacant

Committee Reports called by 1st VDG Michelle Foster (Beaufort):

KidSight: Lion John Berger (New Haven) reported that we have three active screening teams and 2 more in training.

LCIF: PDG Devin Strattman reported that he and IPDG Leon Hove are both actively working as co-chairs. They are happy to schedule club presentations. He spoke about the travelling lion “fun”raiser and District pins available for a \$10 donation. After a period of discussion, a motion was made by IPDG Leon Hove to write a District Community grant request for \$1300 to advertise along I-64 in Chesterfield for one year; second by Lion Jeanne Carton (Chesterfield). Motion passed. Work is continuing on a grant proposal for the Missouri Eye Mission Foundation for vision screening equipment and storage.

Diabetes: Lion Ruth Boyer (Beaufort) gave information on day-to-day care for diabetes and practical food tips when eating away from home. She reminded older adults to be sure they are getting enough vitamin D.

Mid-South Sight and Hearing: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort) reported that donations from our District last year totaled \$11,645. 93 patients are on the waiting list including 45 awaiting cataract surgery. So far \$54,000 has been raised toward the \$80,000 goal to apply for an LCI matching grant to buy surgical equipment. Mid-South wants to honor Lions and volunteers who have served our country; email names to MidSouthLionGreg@gmail.com by October 31st. The next quarterly meeting is November 4th, the MECA cataract-a-thon will be in January and visiting Lions Day is April 12th and 13th.

District Convention Committee: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort) reported that there is no registration form yet for the 2024 District Convention to be held April 5th through 7th at the Hilton DoubleTree Hotel. The 2024 State Convention will be held at Old Kinderhook in Camdenton, Missouri, April 18th thru 21st.

District 26-M2 Eye Foundation: PCC Charlie Hartmann presented a Progressive Melvin Jones Award to Lion Michael Hamm (Maplewood).

Long Range Planning: PDG Eugene Taylor asked Zone Chairs to inform Club Presidents to expect a phone call to discuss future plans for each Club.

Old Business: DG Carr asked for any completed Quality Lion Award forms. Submissions for the Peace Poster contest must be in the District Governor’s hands by November 1st.

New Business: PCC Joe Foster (Beaufort) gave statistics of children who have received vision screenings since January 2020 using the Spot vision screeners obtained with a grant from LCIF. In our district, 17,014 children were screened according to KidSight and 2,202 were referred to eye doctors. In District 26-M3, 25,328 children were screened with 3,335 being referred. Further discussion estimated that an additional 350 people have been screened at health fairs and eye missions. Motion by Lion Pam Manual to close out LCIF grant #MAT16919-26M2 approved on May 10, 2019: second by IPDG Leon Hove. Motion passed unanimously.

PDG Sandee Marshall recounted many of the problems that have been encountered with offering a catered meal at Cabinet meetings. Motion by PDG Marshall to encourage Lions to bring their own food to the Cabinet meeting to eat in fellowship with their Lion family, beginning with February 5th meeting; second by Lion Teddi Speeler. Motion passed.

1st VDG Closing Remarks: 1st VDG Michelle reminded us that we all joined Lions Clubs because we had a passion for something. She urged us to rediscover that passion and not be timid about asking for help.

50/50: Did not happen

Tail Twister: \$104 was collected and donated to Operation Christmas Child.

DG Closing Remarks: DG Paul Carr urged us again to promote and advertise the service performed by our Clubs. The goal for this year is for 65% of the Clubs to be reporting.

Deadline for submissions to the next issue of the newsletter is October 12th.

Next GAT Meeting will be November 6th at the Timbers in Eureka.

Next Cabinet Meeting (Christmas Celebration) will be December 4th at Guiseppe’s in Fenton at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. by 1st VDG Michelle Foster, second by Lion Jennifer Sinn.

Respectfully submitted,

Past District Governor Sandee Marshall

Cabinet Secretary 2023 – 2024

Lion LCIF

Do you Remember Lion Friendly?

Several years ago, Lion Friendly traveled throughout our district from club to club. Some say he got mange; others dressed him up and one Lions even built him a cage. No one knows where he is today but we now have a new traveling Lion.

Lion LCIF exists thanks to Lion Eugene Morse's wife who gave him and a few other things to us to see if we could raise money for the Lions from them. He is rather large with a 38" neck. He has started his travels around the district with the Union Lions who plan to help him along the way with a visit to Wildwood Area Lions.

There are two purposes behind Lion LCIF.

One: To raise money for LCIF. If a club keeps Lion LCIF longer than two weeks after having received it from another club, they are "assessed a fine" of \$25 payable to LCIF. Lion Leon Hove or Lion Devin Struttman will be happy to take the check. Each additional period results in another "fine". Of course, all are encouraged to make a "fine" donation to LCIF even if they help Lion LCIF along the way in his travels before the two weeks.

Two: Encourage interaction between clubs and members. Hopefully when a club brings Lion LCIF to another club they will have a delegation and the members of the two clubs will exchange ideas.

LCIF has given our district grants to purchase SPOT vision cameras, a tonometer and peripheral vision equipment, several disaster grants to various clubs including St. Louis, Union, Pacific, Valley Park and De Soto. The Springfield area just received a matching grant of \$100,000 for an all-abilities park. The Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation is preparing a grant request now for new and additional equipment.

LCIF does not just distribute money overseas and in third world countries. We receive much more here in the USA than we contribute. Please consider a contribution on a personal level. Why not commit a dime a day or just \$3.00 a month. You could set that up as a regular deduction out of your bank account or on your credit card.

There are more new things coming regarding LCIF. Watch the newsletter and check facebook for exciting ways to help LCIF.



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation Mission Report

The Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation continues to be busy. The requests for our services continue to come in and we're expecting a busy and productive 2024. We need to expand our volunteer base and equipment in order to serve more people in need.

- **International Missions:** We have a group of five from Missouri traveling at the end of this month to Casas Grandes, Mexico. This is our second and final International trip for 2023. We look forward to hearing their reports. Interested in going on a trip in 2024? Make sure your name is on our list and we'll include you when we recruit volunteers.
- **Local Missions:** Since our last report, we held an event in M5 (Kansas City) with the Catholic Charities. We also held two events in M2 (one at the Covenant House Homeless Youth Shelter in St. Louis and the other at the World Sight Day event in Hillsboro). Looking ahead, we have events planned for M3 (Columbia) and M6 (Lebanon), both in January. We hope to reschedule the postponed mission in M6 (Springfield). We're also excited to be working on a new mission in M5 (Pettis County).
- **Improvements:** We have successfully found an external storage unit to hold our equipment and glasses. This has allowed us to move all items from our personal homes. This will allow us to maintain a larger selection of glasses. (Reminder, these are used glasses collected by our Missouri Lions.) We have also purchased a hunting blind for screening at our local mission events.
- **Future Needs:** We took an extended time to review our future equipment needs and compile a desired list. We plan to submit a grant application to LCIF to help us procure these items. We understand that it's difficult to find funding for all of our service areas and committees. However, please keep us in mind if your district or club can provide any financial support. Our program is still new but it's extremely active as we try to expand. We feel that what we're doing is a perfect representation of Lions at work.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any desire to get more involved with our mission work, we have a spot for you.

Devin Struttman

Yours in Service,
Devin Struttman
PDG Lion Devin Struttman
President, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

PROJECT EASTER EGG

The District 26-M2 Fall/Winter Service Project

is a unique opportunity to develop an ongoing service partnership with

Canterbury Enterprises, Inc., (A Workshop for Individuals with Disabilities)

7228 Weil Avenue, 63119 (Shrewsbury)

Canterbury *desperately* needs help filling their contracts for Easter eggs and wrapped Easter baskets. There is no heavy lifting involved. Some positions require standing but anyone can fill eggs while seated. 20 or more Lions and friends can work at a time.

We would like to help them on every Saturday in January and February from 8 to noon.

If you wish, we can also schedule on weekdays this fall.

These are the Saturdays we are really trying to fill:

January 6th, January 13th

January 20th, January 27th

February 3rd, February 10th

February 17th, February 24th

Contact: PDG Sandee Marshall with questions or to schedule

LionSandee2020@gmail.com

314-498-0659





CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB

TRIVIA NIGHT

AND SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

**Trinity Lutheran Church
14088 Clayton Rd.
Chesterfield, MO 63017**

**FREE DRINKS
Attendance Prizes**

Doors open at 6 p.m. Trivia starts at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$30.00 per person

Each table receives 5 free mulligans

**Teams consist of up to eight players
Individuals Welcome**

CASH PRIZES

Call 636-733-0425 to reserve your table



**House Springs Lions Club Trivia Night
benefitting KidSight**

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Doors open at 6 pm

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

10 rounds of Trivia, 50/50s, Raffle, Lotto Boards,
DJ, and Silent Auction

\$30 a person or \$240 for a table of 8

Open bar - beer, wine, mixed drinks, and soda

Bring your own snacks for your table.

Knights of Columbus Hall

6800 Knights of Columbus Lane

House Springs, MO

Enter from Dulin Creek Road

House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

December 9, 2023

Line up on church lot at 5 pm.
Parade starts at 7 pm.

For more information contact Kim at
kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net or
314-422-8788

The theme is “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”



Registration is \$15 per group.

Important

Please register your float or group on
Tuesday, November 28 from 5 pm to 8 pm
Saturday, December 2 from 10 am to 2 pm

or

Wednesday, December 6 from 5 pm to 8 pm
at

Jefferson County Library - NW Branch
5680 Highway PP
High Ridge, MO



Bring canned goods. We donate them to
pantries in our area.

UNION LIONS CLUB ANNUAL

Thanksgiving Eve

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

NOV. 22 - KC HALL, UNION

REGISTRATION at 6:30PM

GAME STARTS AT 7PM

\$25 PER PLAYER

(2-PLAYER TEAMS)

Double elimination &

Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Cash bar & food available for purchase

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNION LIONS CHARITIES



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

Please Remember These Lions

(August 2023 - September 2023)

CUBA LIONS CLUB

WILLIS W. CRAFT

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

DONNA L KOHL

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 **December 12, 2023**. 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

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the District 26-M2 “The Lions That Roar” newsletter is published bimonthly. The following is the “ROAR” schedule for the Lion year of 2023 – 2024. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

December	2023
February	2024
April	2024
June	2024

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor