

The LI NS That **ROAR**

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District 26-M2

February 2025



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Lion Michelle Foster

1st Vice District Governor
Lion Wally Brumfield

2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Jeff Rackovan

Cabinet Secretary
Lion Ruth Boyer

Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Joseph Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Michelle's Message

Greetings Great Lions!

Great things are happening and exciting things are approaching so don't miss out. The passions are burning and lots of new things are approaching. Make sure you watch the calendar of events and don't miss out. I'm just going to name a few District and State Events, but don't forget about all the great events that the clubs have going on as well.

- KidSight Mystery Mentalist Night – Thursday, March 20th – see the flyer.
- District Convention – March 21 – 23. – Sign Up now. Dine in Dark Luncheon!!
- Mid-South Lions Weekend – April 4-5 – Learn all about it and meet the doctors.
- School For The Blind Lions Open House – April 6th – see the flyer. (Kids want to share with us)
- Blind Bowlers – April 26 – Come Laugh at me bowling Blindfolded.
- State Convention – In St. Louis – May 2-4 – Sign Up now.

I could go on and on so don't miss out, making new friends, meeting old friends, and learning something new, reignite an old or new passion. It's all about fun and serving. As we serve, have meetings, or make donations please post these services on the Lions Portal. If you have issues, please reach out and I will help. All lions can post and then the president or secretary can approve the posting. It is truly a lot easier than before and it helps the Lions organization.

Keep doing everything you are doing and tell Your Community what you are doing!

The campfires will be burning at the District Convention so come tell or hear the stories and Reignite Your Passions!

Reigniting Passions!

***Lion Michelle Foster,
District Governor***

District 26-M2 2nd VDG Jeff's Message

Season's Greetings Lions of 26M2!!!

The new Calendar Year is upon us!!!

It's been quite challenging to say the least, dealing with our St. Louis weather!!!

Even though the weather challenges us we can't forget the reason we do what we do. At our last Cabinet meeting, we learned of just a few folks we assisted. We received letters and comments of pure gratitude. Even though we don't hear from everyone we help, we Lions know what we have done and shine brightly at the services we perform.

We have many opportunities for service to our communities and I am so very proud to be a part of a Lions club and District, that has the Heart for Service.

Many events are on the Calendar for this month and beyond to serve our fellow man. Let's not forget our District Convention and special event to help Kids Sight preempting our convention. If you haven't registered for the Convention, TODAY IS THE DAY!! We have some exciting things to share with all the Lions in attendance!

Our district is sponsoring the Missouri Lions State Convention as well. Register today to celebrate the great things being accomplished at the District and State!!!

To Make a difference, we need to Continue to "Be the Difference".

Yours in Service,

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
2nd Vice District Governor*



District 26-M2

2024-2025 Calendar of Events

DG Lion Michelle Foster

Updated 02/04/2025 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

February 2025

- *23rd, Sunday: Pacific Lions & Tri County Senior Center Pancake Breakfast @ 800 W Union St., Pacific, MO 63069. All you can eat. 7:00 am – 11:00 am. Adults \$8, kids \$5.
- *28th, Friday: Rock Community Lions Club 9-pin No Tap Bowling @ Imperial Bowl, 6045 West Outer Road. 7:00 pm. \$25/bowler. Lanes of 4-6 . Shoes included. Three games. Prizes to the best bowlers. More info : 314-374-4317 or 636-464-6396 Rockcommunitylions@gmail.com Space limited! Call/email to Reserve lane.

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District 26-M2
2024-2025 Calendar of Events
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March 2025

- *2nd, Sunday: Cuba Lions Chicken Dinner @ Cuba Lions Hall, Cuba, MO. 11:00 am – 1pm.
- *2nd, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO. Starts at noon. Free Meal for Each Paid Shooter.
- 3rd, Monday: Global Action Team (GAT) Meeting @ TBD.
- *4th, Tuesday: New Haven Lions All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner @ St Peter's UCC, 607 Maupin St, New Haven, MO. 4:30pm – 7:00 pm
- 21st – 23rd, Friday – Sunday: 26-M2 Annual Convention @ Doubletree Hilton Westport, St. Louis, MO. <http://lions26m2.org/convention.html>
- *28th, Friday: Webster Groves 100th Anniversary Party @ Tapawingo Golf Course. Please contact Lion Sandy Halama 314-795-7456, halamas@sbcglobal.net for details.
- *29th, Saturday, House Springs Lions Mouse Races. Doors open at 6pm. Races start at 7pm. \$30 per person; \$240 per table. Open bar: beer, wine, mixed drinks, soda. Bring your own snacks for your table. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051. For information contact Lion Gary at 636-222-0949 or Lions Al at 636-606-5568. Enter the KC Hall from Dulin Creek Road.

April 2025

- *4th – 5th, Friday – Saturday: 2025 Mid-South Visiting Lions Weekend @ 930 Madison Ave, Hamilton Eye Institute. Memphis, TN 38103. \$50 registration includes 2 meals. Holiday inn express 1180 union Ave. is our HQ hotel \$130 per night. Room, breakfast, tax, parking included. Call 901-276-1175 for reservations. Ask for the Lions rate. Call 888-546-6042 for more information.
<https://midsouthlions.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2522668>
- *6th, Sunday: Cuba Lions Chicken Dinner @ Cuba Lions Hall, Cuba, MO. 11:00 am – 1pm.
- *6th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO. Starts at noon. Free Meal for Each Paid Shooter.
- 7th, Monday: Global Action Team (GAT) Meeting @ TBD.
- *11th-12th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves barbeque and fish fry at General Grant Shopping center
- *13th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO. Starts at noon. Free Meal for Each Paid Shooter.
- *19th, Saturday: Webster Groves Easter Egg Hunt at Eden Seminary.

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District 26-M2
2024-2025 Calendar of Events
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April 2025
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*26th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club Trivia Night for Camp Jump Start @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Trivia starts at 7:00pm. \$10 per person. THEME: Movies and TV. Contact Lion Ruth Boyer 636-283-1224 or Lion Katie Monzyk 314-435-2814 to reserve a table.

May 2025

1st, Thursday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Jefferson City, MO.

1st – 4th, Thursday – Sunday: MD26 State Convention (Hosted by District 26-M2) @ Doubletree Hilton Westport, St. Louis, MO. <http://lions26m2.org/stateconvention2025.html>

*2nd, Friday: Missouri Lions State Convention STRIDES WALK for Diabetes Awareness.

Starting at 11:15am at the Westport Plaza pond in between WWT Headquarters and Sheraton Westport.

*9th – 10th, Friday – Saturday: Webster Groves barbeque and fish fry at General Grant Shopping center

12th, Monday: Cabinet Meeting @ Elks Lodge, 19 W. 1st Street, Eureka, MO 63025. 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm , Meal at 6:30 pm.



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.
(December 2024 - January 2025)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

JUDY RUDZINSKI

GERALD LIONS CLUB

JAMES A. HACKSTEDT

JOSHUA HARTMANN

LUKE RUSSELL

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

SUZANNE BARNES

DAVE DELANEY

CALVIN LABOUBE

LISA M LABOUBE

RANDY SADDLER

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB

DIANNE ACCOLA

RAY STEINHOFF

POTOSI LIONS CLUB

JAMIE L FRYMAN

JENNIFER L FRYMAN

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

THOMAS M. BRUNE

**VISITING LIONS WEEKEND
&
L. B. BAKER HALL OF HONOR 2025
APRIL 4-5, 2025**

Mid-South Lions is hosting VISITING LIONS WEEKEND and L. B. BAKER HALL OF HONOR Induction on **April 4-5, 2025**, at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis.

On April 4-5, 2025, you can see for yourself how Mid-South Lions works with the medical professionals and facilities at Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis to make MIRACLES for your patients.

Beginning at 5 PM on Friday, we'll have some great food, fun, and fellowship including food, drinks and games booths from each state, an auction and some other fun fundraising activities plus an opportunity to visit with Lions from all four states.

And as a special added attraction, we will induct three GREAT Lions into the L. B. Baker Hall of Honor. Dinner will begin at 7 PM in the Freeman Auditorium and the ceremony will follow.



Dr. Natalie
Kerr

Dr. Elliott
Kanner

PCC Matt
Webber

Dr. Natalie Kerr, Dr. Elliott Kanner, and Past Council Chair Matt Webber will be inducted. These outstanding Lions have dedicated their lives to service and have helped hundreds of patients regain the gift of sight.

Saturday sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM with events starting at 8. Your tour will include our operating room suites, the one-of-a-kind pediatric floor and our research facilities. World-renowned ophthalmologists and outstanding Lions will lead your tours. For more info go to www.midsouthlions.org We should adjourn about 2 PM. Afterwards we will hold a special in-person meeting of the 2026 USA/Canada Forum Memphis Host Committee. We expect that meeting to last about 90 minutes.

COST FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND IS \$50 PER PERSON. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SATURDAY ONLY, THE COST IS \$20 PER PERSON.

See next page for more information on location, registration costs, and hotel rooms.

VISITING LIONS WEEKEND

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APRIL 4-5, 2025

Location

Memphis
930 Madison Ave
Hamilton Eye Institute
Memphis, TN 38103

Selections

FULL REGISTRATION GUEST	\$50
VOLUNTEER HELPER	\$50
SATURDAY ONLY	\$20
Friday Night ONLY	\$30

For more information go to:

<https://midsouthlions.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2522668>





BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO

MEAT SHOOT

2024

October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st (1:00 Start)

2025

January 5th

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th

April 13th



Free Meal for Each Paid Shooter
No Scopes, All Guns Gauged, Free Standing Only



The Webster Groves LIONS Club

invites you to join us as we celebrate 100 years of service



Friday, March 28th, 2025

6 - 10 PM

Tapawingo National Golf Club

13001 Gary Player Dr.

St. Louis, MO 63127

Buffet and open bar

Reservations by March 19

\$35 per person

Mail check to: Sandy Halama

943 Blase Avenue

Des Peres, MO 63131

halamas@sbcglobal.net 314-795-7456



1949 LIONS Carnival - Lockwood & Big Bend



ROCK
COMMUNITY
LIONS PRESENT

PROCEEDS
GO TO
LOCAL EYE
CARE
PROGRAMS

MULTIPLE
STRIKEBALLS!

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FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 28

RAFFLES!
50/50!



BRING
CANNED
FOOD,
GET
FREE SOFT
DRINK!

7 P.M. IMPERIAL BOWL, 6045 WEST OUTER ROAD
\$25/bowler. Lanes of 4-6. Shoes included. Three
games. **PRIZE TO THE BEST BOWLERS!**

MORE INFO : 314-374-4317 OR 636-464-6396

ROCKCOMMUNITYLIONS@GMAIL.COM

Space limited! Call/email to
reserve lane.

UNION LIONS CLUB ANNUAL

St. Patty's

PUB CRAWL



MARCH 15

STARTING AT 3PM

\$20 ENTRY

PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE A
COMMEMORATIVE TSHIRT,
PLUS FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS
AT SEVERAL GREAT UNION
RESTAURANTS & BARS

**TO RESERVE YOUR
TSHIRT**

EMAIL

JESCHROEDERLLC@GMAIL.COM

OR HANNAH_12407@HOTMAIL.COM

****ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL UNION LIONS CHARITIES****

House Springs Lions

Legendary

Mouse Races

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Races start at 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs

Enter from Dulin Creek Road

\$30 per person - \$240 per table

Open Bar—Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks and Soda

Bring your snacks for your table



- Track Races
- 50 State Wheel
- 50/50s
- Silent Auction
- DJ

For info: Gary 636-222-0949
Al 636-606-5568

Missouri School for the Blind

3815 Magnolia Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63110



Dinner, Tours,
MSB-Made Merch,
Music Program
and more!

LIONS NIGHT

Sunday, April 6, 2025, 4-8 P.M.

RSVP by March 31!

RSVP in one of the following ways:

- ❖ Scan the QR code below with your smartphone camera
- ❖ Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/MSBLionsNight2025
- ❖ Email Carlie.Lee@msb.dese.mo.gov
- ❖ Call (314) 633-3942



Lions Night is free to attend
Dinner: \$15 for Adults (13+)
\$8 for Kids
Cash and Checks are accepted
at the event. Sorry, no Credit
Cards are accepted at this time

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

Lions Mystery Magic for KidSight

Thursday, March 20 at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport

Join us for an evening of laughter, amazement, and wonder
with Magician and Mentalist
Daniel Schaffer.

Daniel has been performing for more than 15 years and conducted more than
3,000 performances.



Ticket Options

General Admission - \$35
VIP Ticket - \$50
VIP Backstage Ticket - \$100



Times

Doors open - 6 pm
Show time - 7 to 9 pm with
30 minute intermission
Post reception - 9 to 10 pm

A Silent Auction and cash bar will be available.

Sponsorships will be available and posted on the KidSight.

All proceeds benefit KidSight.

Tickets available on the KidSight website. <https://kid-sight.org/events/>

Use the QR code to purchase tickets.



**Missouri Lions
26-M2**



KidSight

A CALL FOR THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held March 21st - 23rd, 2025

DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion Hans Neidhardt.

Lion Hans Neidhardt from Potwin, Kansas, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the 105th International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts in 2023.

He is a retired Colonel with 39 years of service in the United States Air Force. After retiring from his career in the military he served another eight years as a special education paraprofessional/substitute teacher. Director Neidhardt and his wife, Shari, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Tentative Schedule of Events - *****Subject to Change*****

FRIDAY, March 21 st	SATURDAY, March 22 nd	SUNDAY, March 23 rd
Club Officer Training..... TBD	Registration..... 8 AM – 10 AM	Breakfast.....8:15 AM
Registration..... 3 PM – 5 PM	Q/A with ID Neidhardt.....8:30 AM	Closing Business Session &
Hospitality.....5:30 PM – 11 PM	Morning Business Session.....9:00 AM	Memorial Service.....9:00 AM
Parade of Banners.....6:30 PM	“Dining in the Dark” Lunch.....Noon – 1:15 PM	Club Officer Training..... TBD
Live Music, Dancing &	Afternoon Business Session..... 1:30 PM	
Party Time.....7 PM – 11 PM	Voting..... <i>Immediately following session</i>	
	Dinner Banquet.....7 PM	

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 is holding a block of rooms and is taking reservations at a discounted price of \$95 + tax for a standard room. Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the **DoubleTree Hotel** and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention. Direct Booking Link: <https://group.doubletree.com/fpldhv>
After **February 27, 2025** the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2025 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form March 21st – 23rd, 2025

Name of Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Full Convention Package:

(Hospitality, “Dining in the Dark” Luncheon, Dinner Banquet, Breakfast & Wrist Band)

Number attending _____ X \$110 = \$ _____

*** OR ***

“Dining in the Dark” Luncheon Only:

Number attending _____ X \$32 = \$ _____

Dinner Banquet Only:

Number attending _____ X \$55 = \$ _____

Breakfast Only:

Number attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

After February 27, 2025 - ADD \$10

Number attending _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Please indicate how many of each meal choice for DINNER so we can make sure to give an accurate count to the hotel.

Dinner Banquet - *Beef* _____ Dinner Banquet – *Chicken* _____ Dinner Banquet – *Salmon* _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to:
26-M2 Convention Fund

No refunds after March 17th, 2025.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 19, 2025.
Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

Mail to: PDG Devin Struttman
770 Oakmont Lane
Union, MO 63084

*** **Please use spaces provided on the back or attach a list of all persons and their meals.** ***



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Missouri Lions District 26-M2
2025 Convention Committee

August 5, 2024

Attention Lions!!

As the 17th annual District M2 Convention approaches, now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be March 21st – 23rd, 2025.

The entire Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. The Friday night Hospitality will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We are planning on being able to accommodate as many hospitality booths in one large area as we have in past years, including entertainment and a dance floor.

There will be a theme this year – CAMPFIRE PASSIONS!
More information will be shared as it becomes available!

We will be assigning the booths based on the postmark date and if we need to reduce the number of booths, we will accept the earliest registrations; **SO REGISTER EARLY.**

Hospitality will be free to all fully registered Convention attendees, who will be given an arm band to wear that evening. Non-registered guests/Lions will be charged a small entrance fee of \$3.00 to receive an arm band, or two arm bands for \$5.00.

The cost of a hospitality booth this year will stay the same as last year at \$190.00. This will include hospitality booth/tables (approx. 16' x 8' made with three 8-foot tables, tablecloths, trash service and chairs. In addition, your booth will receive 5 additional arm bands, FREE! Please bring your own 'startup ice' when you set up your booth. It will make it easier for us and the hotel and your Club(s). You will be able to refresh your ice during the evening as needed from the hotel cooler outside.

This year we are allowing Clubs to share a single booth for the \$190 cost, if they would like. We believe this will allow more fellowship and sharing and not make the Hospitality event too much work for just few Lions in a single Club.

Please submit your reservations and special request as soon as possible. Please make your payments payable to: District 26-M2 Convention Fund and mailed to PDG Devin Struttman, 770 Oakmont Lane, Union, MO 63084 devin@admr.com. The Convention Committee will then assign all hospitality spaces.

As in the past, we strongly encourage the Clubs that are participating to provide food and beverages to share. To help offset the expense of this event, you will be allowed to conduct a fundraiser in your booth if you desire.

We hope to see everyone there! For more information or to obtain additional registration forms, please visit our District website at www.lions26m2.org.

Yours in Lionism,
2025 District Convention Committee

**17th Annual District 26-M2 Convention
Hospitality Night Reservation Form
Friday March 21st, 2025**

CLUB(S) NAME(S) _____

CONTACT NAME _____ PHONE _____

CONTACT EMAIL _____

Hospitality Booths include the following: Approx. 16' x 8' booth, made with three 8-foot tables), ice service, tablecloths, trash service and chairs.

In order to help us better coordinate the event, we would like to know what food and beverage you might be planning on sharing during the hospitality event:

Sandwiches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Desserts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheese/Crackers/Sausage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hot Dogs/Hamburgers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snacks (chips, pretzels, etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

Soda	<input type="checkbox"/>	Beer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alcoholic Drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Alcoholic Drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you need electricity? _____

Extra Tables @ \$10 each _____

We have enclosed a check for \$190 to reserve a hospitality booth.

We understand that we **cannot** have any confetti or glitter decorations of any kind or any popcorn, and **only "painter's tape"** may be used to hang any decorations, per the master contract agreement with the DoubleTree Hotel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please send reservation form and check to
PDG Devin Struttman, 770 Oakmont Lane, Union, MO 63084**

Please Remember These Lions

(October 2024 - January 2025)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

WILLIAM MUELLER

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

ALVIN KNAPPMILLER

GERALD LIONS CLUB

DEVONA "DEE" LEICHT

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

DONALD E. MASSON

LEMAY JEFFERSON BARRACKS LIONS CLUB

KAREN A TEGELER

ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB

BILL GOFORTH



Deadline for the next scheduled issue of "The Lions That Roar" is **April 12, 2025**. 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 2024 – 2025. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

April	2025
June	2025

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor