

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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**District Governor**  
Lion Gina Boettcher



**1st Vice-District Governor**  
Lion Sharyn Scheidt



**2nd Vice-District Governor**  
Lion Missy Carr



**Cabinet Secretary**  
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**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Michelle Foster

## District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

Fellow Lions:

There is a chill in the air and the trees are turning beautiful colors, I think fall is among us. This has started off to be an exciting year. Governor's visits are full speed ahead. Our newest club in the district, the Saint Louis University Lions Club, had its charter night October 4, what a great group of young adults! They are the 6<sup>th</sup> largest club in the district and they are aiming to be #1.

This year has been quite busy; I have visited 15 of the 49 clubs in our District. If your club has not scheduled their visit with Lion Kathy, please do so soon.

October is Membership Growth Month. As of October 5, sixteen clubs have sponsored thirty-one new members. Congratulations to each club! Unfortunately, we have dropped 58 members since the beginning of the year. Why is that? If we don't close the back door and retain our members our communities and those individuals we help will be at a complete loss. Most of our members are dropped for non-payment of dues. Is that truly the reason? Or are they unhappy with their club or someone in the club? Would they feel more comfortable moving to a different club? There are multiple answers to that question all we need to do is ask. We need to communicate with our members as if they are family, reach out to them if they haven't shown up to a meeting or a function, find out why and how can we help them. Our communities need our help. Remember we are all in this together, like President Madden says we need to run like a racing team.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month. This would be a good time for each one of us to get our blood sugar tested. Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness.

At the next Cabinet meeting, December 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be voting on a winner for Peace Poster and Environmental Photo Contest.

Update on our District Wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for Our Troops. As of this newsletter we have mailed 4,052 coupons for a grand total of \$6,121.47. WOW, doesn't that make your heart skip a beat. That's one way were "Lighting the Heart of Lionism in You". Keep up the good work and bring those manufactures coupons to the cabinet meeting or give them to your zone chair.

Your zone chair has district pins available for sale \$3 each.

We are going to present a District Lion of the Year award out this year at the district convention banquet. In this newsletter on page 12 there is a form to complete to nominate someone for this award.

PCC Terry, Lion Thomas, and I want to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours In Lionism

*Lion Gina Boettcher*

District Governor26-M2

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 11th, Thursday: Governor's Visit with the Webster Groves Lions Club at Hearthroom & Hawken House, 1155 S. Rock Hill Road, 63119, social hour will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00
- 12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.
- 12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Meramec Heights Lions BBQ @ 141 & Astra Way.
- 15th, Monday: Governor's Visit with the Chesterfield Lions Club at Old Spaghetti Factory, 17384 Chesterfield Airport Road, Chesterfield, 63005, social hour will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00.
- 16th, Tuesday: Governor's Visit with the Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, 63013, social hour will begin at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00.
- 18th, Thursday: Governor Visit with the Lemay Jefferson Barracks, Mehlville and St. Louis Carondelet Lions Clubs. Location: Crusoe's, 5591 Oakville Shopping Center (Telegraph Road), Social hour at 6:30, followed by a dinner at 7:00.
- 20th, Saturday: CANCELLED - Brentwood Lions Club 5th Annual Extravaganza Dinner and Talent Show.
- 20th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Poker Tournament @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Beverages and food available, doors open at 6:00pm and play begins at 7pm. For more information contact Lion John at 573-484-4290 or the club at 573-484-3790.
- 20th, Saturday: Governor's Visit with the Meramec Heights Lions Club, 1070 W. Outer 21 Road, Arnold, 63010, social hour will begin at 3:00, followed by dinner at 4:00.
- 20th, Saturday: Hillsboro Lions & Hillsboro Rotary Club present a Bike Ride and Chili Cook-Off, West City Park, Festus, MO 63028. Bike ride starts at 8:30am - Ride your bike thru the park! Ride Pre-Registration - 12 and under - \$10 per entry includes 1 shirt. 12 and up - \$20 per entry includes 1 shirt. Chili cook-off starts at 10:00 am judging begins at 2:00 pm. Chili cook-off Pre-Registration - \$25 per entry includes 1 shirt, if additional shirts are needed they are \$20.00 each, Late Registration - \$30 per entry includes 1 shirt.
- 21st, Sunday: Ferguson Lions train ride in Eureka 2:30 pm Call Lion Ginny 314-522-8971.
- 22nd, Monday: Governor's Visit with the Valley Park Lions Club, 1001 St. Louis Avenue, Valley Park, 63088, social hour will begin at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00.
- 23rd, Tuesday: Governor's Visit with the Brentwood Lions Club at the Goff Moll American Legion Post 101, 2721 Collier Avenue, Brentwood, 63122, social hour will begin at 6:30, followed by dinner at 7:00.
- 24th, Wednesday: Governor's Visit with the Ellisville and the Town & Country/Wildwood Lions Clubs at Lester's Restaurant, 14810 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, 63017, social hour will begin at 7:00, followed by dinner at 7:30.
- 27th, Saturday: Creve Coeur Lions are hosting a Wine Tasting @ Viviano's Deli and Restaurant, 150 Four Seasons Shopping Center (at Olive and Hwy 141) from 6:00-8:30 P.M. \$25 a person advanced tickets or \$30 a person at the door. For advanced tickets, call Lion Jeff at 314-922-9449.
- 27th, Saturday: Meramec Heights are hosting a Texas Hold 'em @ Meramec Heights Lions Club House, 1070 W. Outer 21, Arnold, Mo. 63010. Doors open 6PM, Game Starts 7PM, \$30.00 buy in. Food provided.
- 29th, Monday: Region 3, Zone 1 Meeting hosted by the Potosi Lions Club at their Lions Hall located at Highways 8 and 185 in Potosi, MO 63664, phone 636-931-2796. Meeting at 7pm with snacks available. Contact Lion Duane DeClue [duanedecclue@earthlink.net](mailto:duanedecclue@earthlink.net)
- 31st, Wednesday: Beaufort Lions "Trunk or Treat" at Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Pictures will be taken of your little ghost and goblins. Starts at 5pm til 8pm. For more information contact the club at 573-484-3790.

### November

- 1st, Thursday: Governor Visit with the De Soto Lions Club. Starting at 6:00pm.
- 2nd, Friday: House Springs Lions Texas Hold'em @ House Springs Lions Hall, Highway MM, House Springs. Doors open 6PM, Game Starts 7PM, \$30.00 buy in. \$5.00 High Hand, \$5.00 Bounty, NO RE-BUYS, food and beverages available.
- 3rd, Saturday: The Ellisville Lions will be hosting their annual trivia night and silent auction @ the Ballwin VFW Hall. Eight players to a team, cost is \$15 per player. Each table receives five free Mulligan stickers. There will be attendance prizes, two 50/50 cash raffles and great silent auction items. Cash prizes will be given to the top three trivia teams. Call Lion Bill Gamlin 636-227-7315 for questions or to reserve your table.
- 4th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Sign up at 11:45am shooting starts at 12 noon. For more information contact Lion Kevin Boyer at 314-578-9940 cell or 573-484-3350 home.

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# Message From 1st Vice-Governor Sharyn

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Since the last newsletter PDG Lion Roger and I traveled to Leader Dog in Rochester, Michigan. It has grown since PDG Lion Roger and I were there in 1993 when he was District Governor. Leader Dog for the Blind is so impressive. I was blindfolded and walked with a guide dog. Wow, what an experience!!! If anyone has a chance to visit Leader Dog please do so, it will be an experience you will not forget. We heard from men and women who have Leader Dog's and their experiences with them. We also met and heard from the gentleman who road across the northern part of America on a bicycle to get donations for Leader Dog. So far he has given Leader Dog over \$100,000 through donations.

In September a group of Lions went to Tampa, Fla. for the USA/Canada Forum. We had a great time going to the various seminars and listening to the various speakers during the lunch and dinner sessions we attended. I believe we all came back motivated and rejuvenated as Lions. On Friday evening all the Lions from District 26-M2 went out to dinner at the Columbia. It is the oldest restaurant in Tampa, dating over 100 years old. It was a great time for laughter and fellowship. We are looking forward to the next USA/Canada Forum which will be held in Overland Park, Kansas next September.

We have had a whirlwind past couple of months, but have met so many wonderful Lions not only in our District but across the United States and Canada. I believe in what we do for the visually impaired in providing eye exams, glasses and much more.

PDG Roger and I would like to wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Lionism,

*1st V-DG Sharyn Scheidt*

## Region One Zone One Meeting Monday, November 5

Harmony Lions Club will host Region One Zone One's first meeting of the year @ Petro's Restaurant. The cost per person is \$26.00 and includes a choice of three entrees, vegetable, pasta, salad, bread and butter, soft drinks, ice tea, coffee and a cash bar. Contact Lion June Lenk [junelenk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junelenk@sbcglobal.net) or (314) 351-2814 or ZC Sue Templeton [suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com) or 314-644-1915 for reservations.

Zone One is collecting Christmas gifts for children and clothing for infants. Rita Swiener started Santa's helpers in 1968 and will be the guest speaker for the evening. We will be helping sort and wrap toys in the ware house located at 5835 Manchester. Everyone is invited to help. If you're interested contact me (ZC Lion Sue 314-644-1915). Rita helped over 2000 children last year. Let's help her do even better this year.

### Welcome These New Members

**Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!**

#### **Brentwood Lions Club**

Jaya P. Bijjiga

#### **Concord Village Lions Club**

Robert Marty

#### **De Soto Lions Club**

Jeff Valle

#### **Hillsboro Lions Club**

Mary Lynn Cates

Jonathan R Mcwhorter

#### **New Haven Lions Club**

Larry Kyle Williams

#### **Union Lions Club**

Angela Getman

Myron Stone

#### **Pacific Lions Club**

Gene D Withington

#### **Webster Groves Lions Club**

Vickie S Collyer

Muhrukh Khan

Gary D Parks

#### **Wildwood Area Lions Club**

Kim E. Folwarski

Kay Ladd

Randy L. Ladd



DISTRICT GOVERNOR GINA BOETTCHER HAS ISSUED  
A CALL FOR THE  
**FIFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION**  
To Be Held March 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Holiday Inn - St. Louis Southwest/Viking Hotel & Conference Center  
**INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR BRIAN E. SHEEHAN**



Brian E. Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011. Director Sheehan is the founder and CEO of Rural Computer Consultants, a software development company. A member of the Bird Island Lions Club since 1991, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, Webmaster tech advisor, leadership chair, membership chair, retention chair, district convention chair, vice district governor, district governor, council chair, long range planning chair, membership chair, retention chair, women's initiative chair and multiple district convention chair. He also served as GMT liaison and as a presenter at numerous Lions events, including the USA/Canada Forum. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, the District 5M 4 Diabetes Awareness Award, the MD 5M Web Site Appreciation Award, the MD 5M Al Jensen Leadership Award, the Founders Membership Growth Award, three International President's Certificates of Appreciation, an International President's Leadership Award and an International President's Medal. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Sheehan is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as president of Bird Island Civic and Commerce, director of the Learning Funhouse and as a member of various school committees. He also received the 2011 U.S. Small Business Association Minnesota Small Business Person of the Year Award. Director Sheehan and his wife, Lori, also a Lion, have two sons and two daughters.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22 <sup>nd</sup>	SATURDAY, MARCH 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SUNDAY, MARCH 24 <sup>th</sup>
Registration..... 2 PM - 6 PM	Registration ..... 8 AM - 10 AM	Breakfast.....8:15 AM
Hospitality Rooms ..... 5 PM to Midnight	1 <sup>st</sup> Business	Closing Business Session &
Parade of Banners ..... 8 PM	Session ..... 8:30 AM	Memorial Service .....9:00 AM
Dancing &	All Lions Lunch ..... 12 Noon - 1:15 PM	
Party Time.....8:30 PM - 12:00 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Business	
	Session ..... 1:30 PM	
	Voting ..... Immediately following session	
	Banquet..... 7 PM	

The Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking at 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of **\$79 + tax** for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at **800-682-6338 (website [www.hiviking.com](http://www.hiviking.com) - group code LCC)** to make your room reservations and mention that you are with the **District 26-M2 Lions Convention**.

**After February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.**

**2013 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form**  
**March 22<sup>nd</sup> thru March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking**

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

All Lions Lunch:	Number attending _____	X \$22.00=	\$ _____
Banquet:	Number attending _____	X \$35.00=	\$ _____
Breakfast:	Number attending _____	X \$18.00=	\$ _____
<b>3 Meal Discount per Person</b>	Number attending _____	X \$ -5.00=	\$ _____
<b>After March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 - ADD</b>	Number attending _____	X \$10.00=	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL EVENTS:</b>			\$ _____

**Make checks payable to: 26-M2 Convention Fund**  
**Mail to: IPDG John Yount**  
**P.O. Box 138, Richwoods, MO 63071**

No refunds after March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

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





# Texas Hold'em Tournament

**Friday December 7, 2012**

To be held at:

**The Hawkins House Hearth Room**

1155 South Rock Hill Road

Webster Groves, MO 63119

Check-in starts at 6:00pm Games start at 7:00 pm

**\$\$ Reserved Seating \$\$**

Suggested Donation \$45.00

To benefit the Webster Groves Lions Club and all those that we serve:  
Backstoppers-Leader Dogs-D.A.R.E.-Young Life-US Troops-MO School for Blind  
to name a few

**Make checks payable to "Webster Groves Lions Club"**

**To reserve your spot at the hottest game in town**

Call

Lee Scherzer at 314 968-2115

First place payoff \$500.00

Fifth place payoff \$90.00

Second place payoff \$250.00

Sixth place payoff \$80.00

Third place payoff \$150.00

Seventh place payoff \$70.00

Fourth place payoff \$130.00

Eighth place payoff \$60.00

Prizes are based on 80 players and maybe adjusted based on actual attendance

**Make checks payable to "Webster Groves Lions Club"**

Sorry, must be 21 to participate!

# Growing Membership Targeting Different Groups

Growing your Membership while using different demographics can give you the opportunity to expand your member base with a variety of different ideas and enthusiasm from new members. Lions Clubs International suggests that we give each month a different membership demographic within our community. For example, October is “*Traditional*” membership growth month while using November and December to concentrate on your family members. Target demographic groups in January, women in February and March, and so on. Establish your own target areas within your community and focus on them monthly.

A successful key to maintaining your membership is to make sure your members are “involved” and “informed”. The District will be holding a District wide Membership Orientation for both new and old members at 1:00 p.m. on January 13, 2013 at the Beaufort Lions Club. The importance of member orientation cannot be emphasized enough. The information presented will help each member understand how the club functions, what their role can be and gives them an understanding of our district and the association. An informed member will be more likely to feel comfortable with your club and become more actively involved in your club activities while remaining a good lion for many years to come.

For more information regarding the Membership Orientation, contact Lion Joe Foster, District GLT Coordinator ([jmcd4@hughes.net](mailto:jmcd4@hughes.net)) or PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg, District GMT Coordinator ([alndebbie@sbcglobal.net](mailto:alndebbie@sbcglobal.net)).

## Visit to Helen Keller Festival near By

Sometimes you get the opportunity to visit someplace just because it’s nearby. Lions Kimberly and Eugene Taylor had that opportunity recently when they went to Tuscumbia, Alabama. While on a visit to Tennessee, they learned that the Helen Keller Festival was taking place in nearby Tuscumbia, Alabama. Neither had ever had the opportunity and it seemed like a good idea. The town is a quiet town with a still small town feel. After parking the car, they walked the streets enjoying the festival activities. There was a car show filled with all types of cars. The shops in the town had hauled their wares out to the street and signs proclaiming “Sale” were everywhere. It seemed the whole town was there. On the courthouse square was a stand and an announcer was announcing winners from numerous raffles.

After strolling around awhile, they decided to walk the 4 blocks to the edge of town and visit the home of Helen Keller, Ivy Green. It was a pleasant walk past yard sales and other walkers. The home is within the city limits even though it was once on over a 600 acre farm. It was a plain unassuming place and felt quite homey. Interestingly enough the house was set as a museum with guided, or self guided tours. The home was filled with period relevant furniture including many original items. There were pictures of many famous people posing with Helen Keller, one among them was Alexander Graham Bell. The water pump we all know about was there and like all tourist Eugene had to give it a test pump. Anne Sullivan’s house was immediately adjacent to the main house. It was a relatively small structure yet looked very comfortable. The huge trees provide much need shade and created a feeling of being in a cool glade.

Interestingly enough there were no signs of Lions involvement or activities in the main house or adjacent structures. However, there was a special area in the adjacent garden area dedicated to Helen Keller’s relationship with the LIONS. The walkway was filled with bricks with names engraved representing those who had donated to the project. Lions Eugene and Kimberly were excited when they were able to find the names of Missouri Lions Alice and Jerry Hagler on one of the bricks. There were plaques, banners, pins and awards of all kinds in the display cases. It was a very honorable tribute to the legacy of the Lions’ relationship with Helen Keller.

After spending several hours touring the entire place, even as small as it was, it was time to go. As they walked back thru and to town, Lions Kimberly and Eugene reflected on how amazing it was to see such a tribute to a great American woman. How fortunate that it was “nearby” and how fortunate that the time was taken to see it.



## CC John Yount Recognized



Lions International Immediate Past President Wing-Kum-Tam recognized Council Chair Lion John Yount for his service as District Governor District 26-M2. Lion Gina Boettcher, DG presented the certificate to Lion John at the October cabinet meeting.

## St. Louis University Lions Club



Chartered Thursday night, October 4, St. Louis university Lions Club became the newest and sixth largest Club in District 26-M2. They have fifty-one charter members.

Charter President Lion Jessica Liu, proudly displays the Clubs new banner. Lion George Winkler, Jr. reports they have more enthusiasm that a barrel of monkeys and are already making contact with students at Washington Ubniversity to try and charter another new club.

Lion George also said they are looking for opportunities to help other clubs, particularly any project dealing with vision.

Do you have a college or university in your area? These new Lions might be able to help you establish a Lions Club at your school.

This is a perfect opportunity for "old" Lions to gain form some of our District's newest Lions. Check with Lion George Winkler, Jr. for contact information.

## Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Lions now is your chance to submit an original, unaltered, black and white or color photo (without people) of your environment to Lions International. Categories are:

- Animal Life
- Landscape (urban or natural)
- Plant Life
- Weather Phenomenon
- Beauty of the rural environment: photos celebrating our natural surroundings

The impartial judging of photos should focus on originality, artistic merit, and portrayal of the environmental theme.

Pictures should be brought to the December 3 cabinet meeting for selection by those attending that meeting. The multiple district will select a picture from those from each district and submit it to International for those attending the convention to vote on their favorite photo in each of the five categories.

Photos become the property of Lions Clubs International. Lions Clubs International reserves the right to disqualify entries that do not meet contest criteria or that may be viewed as inappropriate or objectionable.

## Please Remember These Lions

**Fenton Lions Club**  
Jim D Thale

**Ferguson Lions Club**  
Arthur Meierotto

**Richwoods Lions Club**  
Maggie S Smith

**St Louis Cheltenham-  
Chouteau Lions Club**  
Charles Crespi

**Washington Lions Club**  
Harry T Limbert

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



# Lions: Celebrating World Sight Day in October

Like millions of children around the world, Handapangodage Perera, a fourth-grader at St. Johns School in Panadura, Sri Lanka, did not realize that he could not see well. His vision simply was as it had always been. He had difficulty seeing the teacher at the front of the classroom and focusing on words while reading. He shied away from many outdoor games with other children because his vision prevented him from playing well. Like other children with uncorrected vision problems, Perera's opportunities to succeed in school and at play were limited. More seriously, if not corrected early, some conditions can lead to severe vision loss or even blindness as he grows.

"We are very grateful to the Lion's program," said Perera's father. "The specialist told my son that he would have gone blind in one eye, if not for the timely medical attention provided by the Lions." After multiple screenings, Perera was transferred to a hospital where an eye specialist for children patched his good eye. His vision was soon restored, almost matching his healthy eye. Lions also provided him with free glasses.

"This has made our lives happy, especially for all the service we received from the Lions hospital free of cost. We could not have afforded the specialist treatment, medicines and glasses," said Perera's father. "We wish all success to the Lions who are saviors of children's sight."

Stories like this can be heard around the world each day thanks to Lions. In a more public celebration, Lions will officially mark **World Sight Day** in Istanbul, Turkey on October 11, 2012. International President Wayne A. Madden will lead the events, which will include screenings focusing on diabetic eye diseases, including diabetic retinopathy. Lions have decades of experience in lifting the veil of blindness and improving the lives of people with low vision. Lions also lead the charge around the world to ensure that no people suffering from vision-related ailments are left behind. Thanks to the thousands of Lions who supported this work during Campaign SightFirst II, Lions will remain at the forefront of vision care. The three goals of the SightFirst program reflect the growth of Lions' impact:

1. **Eliminating major causes of blindness** like cataract, trachoma, and river blindness
2. **Combating new threats to sight** like low vision, childhood blindness, uncorrected refractive error, diabetic retinopathy
3. **Providing "Vision for All"** through vision rehabilitation and education of the blind as well as research for new conditions and therapies

Beyond SightFirst grants, LCIF awards additional grants for Lions' projects that make a difference in the lives of people with vision problems. This month, consider joining the World Sight Day celebration by making a donation and directing that funding to Sight Programs. For more information about the [impact](#) of LCIF sight grants or LCIF [Areas of Giving](#), please visit [www.lcif.org](http://www.lcif.org).

## Washington Lions Raise Most Money for United Way

Washington Lions participated in the United Way Chili Cook-off again this year and once again the judges didn't vote their chili the best but the public did by their donations to the "United Way Tip Can" placed at each booth to indicate how the general public felt about the chili. This year's theme was the Olympics and Washington chose to be the "Jamaican Bob Sled Team."

Their "tip Can" contained over \$200 more than the nearest competitor. Sponsors said this was a continuation of the Lions performance in past years.

Washington Lions also made this month's **Lion** under the "By the Numbers" column on page five for their trip to Joplin helping to rebuild after the 2011 tornado earlier this year.



## Ferguson Lions Train Ride Rescheduled

Ferguson train ride in Eureka for Sunday, Oct 7th is moved to Sunday Oct 21st. Train is the Wabash, Frisco, & Pacific 12" gauge steam railway in Glenco which is a mile or two north of I-44 on route Hwy 109. The ride is a 2 mile round trip along the Meramec River and through the woods. A fun time!

Lion Ginny's phone is 314-522-8971. Other Lions and guests, grandkids, etc. are welcome to join the Ferguson Lions for this outing.

## Do You Have An Old lion To Turn Into a "LION"?

Hang on to those 30-plus year-old toys! Little did Wildwood Area Lions Club past president Jim Kranz realize that hoarding was a plus. In the early 1980s, he purchased a rather large stuffed lion as a Christmas present for his 2-year-old son Brandon, back in Seattle, Washington. Lion Jim was NOT a capital "L" lion at the time -- he just really liked the size and quality of the lower-case "lion." So did Brandon. "Mister Lion," as he was known, traveled to Wildwood with the Kranz's years later. In 2009, Jim Kranz first discovered International "capital L" Lions when the Wildwood Area Lions Club was chartered and he was its first treasurer. "Mister Lion," in its crouch atop Lion Jim's corvette, was a major hit with youngsters along the City of Wildwood Founders Day Parade -- just as it had been 30 years ago with his own son. (Photo from Eureka- Wildwood Patch.)



## District Membership Growth Awards

In addition to the various awards that Lions Clubs International has to offer for growing membership in the association, our District has implemented two new awards that each Club and Member are eligible to receive.

The **District Victory Award** will be given to any Lions Club that has a plus 1 or more in membership for the period beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 through February 28, 2013. According to the September 2012 Club Health Assessment Report that I receive from Lions Clubs International, 13 Clubs are showing a positive net growth since March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Club Health Assessment Report is based on WMMR's that were completed by the last day of each month. *PLEASE NOTE*.....if your Club does not file the monthly WMMR, then the information for your Club is not accurate and therefore your Club may not be eligible to receive the District Victory Award.

In addition, the District will also recognize one individual Lion member who sponsors the most new Lions within this same time period with the **Lions Victory Award**. Both the District Victory and Lion Victory Awards will be given at the District Convention.

For more information regarding these awards, contact your Zone Chairperson or PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg, District GMT Coordinator.

## What Have You Done to "Serve" Today, This Week, This Month

### Joplin Calendars

**Joplin is still rebuilding and in need.  
Please consider making a donation**

**For every \$10 donation you will receive an 18 month calendar**

**Our goal is to distribute 700 calendars state wide for a total \$7,000 improvement for Joplin**

**Please help us**

**Calendars are available through Lion Toni Mahoney**

**tmahoney@dishmail.net or 314-550-7391**

## Free Vision Screening Puts Infant on the Path To Better Vision

Early detection is key to preventing vision loss due to amblyopia and other sight-stealing conditions. And the earlier a condition can be diagnosed, the sooner a child can receive the treatment he or she needs to restore vision.

At only seven months old, Natalea received a free Children's Vision Screening (CVS) from the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation at her daycare. When her mother, Amanda, received the screening results, she was devastated.

Natalea received a referral for hyperopia, or farsightedness, in both eyes. In fact, according to Jennifer Gallihugh, vision screening specialist for the Foundation, the readings were far over the referral criteria. While Natalea never displayed any signs of a vision problem and she had no known genetic predisposition to hyperopia, her family was all too familiar with the condition.

At 16 months old, Natalea's older brother was diagnosed with both hyperopia and amblyopia, otherwise known as lazy eye, and underwent surgery after glasses and patching failed to correct the conditions. Although it was difficult for Amanda to accept the referral, she went ahead and brought Natalea to St. Louis Children's Hospital for a full dilated exam. Three doctors agreed Natalea required an eyeglass prescription of +8.50 for each eye – twice her brother's prescription.

While the news was shocking, the doctors believe that Natalea's hyperopia was caught early enough that with eyeglasses and treatment, her vision can be preserved and she can likely avoid surgery in the future.

Said Amanda, "I am so thankful you came to our daycare. Without your screening, we would have been in the same boat with Natalea as we were with her brother. We had no clues there was a problem, and if we had waited any longer, her eyes could have been crossed or she would have permanent eye damage. I would definitely recommend the program to anyone."

If you or your club would like to volunteer at an upcoming CVS, check out our calendar at [www.mlerf.org](http://www.mlerf.org) to find a screening in your area or join the Missouri Lions Listserv to receive a list of screenings by email every Thursday. If you're not a member of the Listserv, email PDG J.Y. Miller at [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net).

## Guess Who's Birthday Is November 15



She hasn't changed much over the years.

Why not send out District Governor a Happy Birthday wish on Face Book or even by snail mail. Maybe this will be the start of a

birthday segment in the newsletter. What do you think? We could run now and then pictures just like these.

**Today is The Day To Make Your Convention Reservations**



# Richwood Lions Sponsor Fall Festival

Richwoods Lions along with school PTO, ladies that provide funeral dinners at our club, volunteer fire dept., tables & tail gates of used items for sale, bouncy house, horse drawn wagon rides, barrel train rides, various games and others celebrating the 2nd successful Fall Festival. We are now considering a Spring Festival.

Lion suit provided by Maplewood Lions and worn by Lion Jean Martin along with Lion Donny.

The weather was colder than expected but home made ice cream, hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, popcorn and chili were enjoyed by everyone at 1980 prices.



## Together... We Can Fight Diabetes!

Every 8 seconds, someone in the world dies from the complications of diabetes. Raise awareness! Organize a **Strides: Lions for Diabetes Awareness** event.

- Mobilize your club
- Sponsor a family-friendly event
- Show your support
- Empower your community

For more information and resources about Strides, contact:  
Health & Children's Services  
[programs@lionsclubs.org](mailto:programs@lionsclubs.org)  
Download Strides publications at: [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org)



Promote the benefits of healthy exercise and help fight diabetes.

## **District Lion of the Year**

We are looking for a Lion in the district that has done something extraordinary.

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Because (give a brief description why):

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This award will be presented at the District Convention (March 23, 2013) during the banquet.

**Due to the District Governor by February 28, 2013**

DG Gina Boettcher, 209 North Walnut Street, Owensville, MO 65066

## ***Calendar of Events***

### ***November Continued from Page 2***

5th, Monday: Harmony Lions Club will host Region One Zone One's first meeting of the year @ Pietro's Restaurant. The cost per person is \$26.00. The price includes a choice of three entrees, vegetable, pasta, salad, bread and butter, soft drinks, ice tea, and coffee. Contact Lion June Lenk [junelenk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:junelenk@sbcglobal.net) or (314) 351-2814 or ZC Sue Templeton [suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com) or 314-644-1915 for reservations.

7th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with the Hillsboro Lions Club. Starting at 7:00pm.

8th, Thursday: Governor Visit with the West St. Louis County Lions Club. Starting at 6:30pm.

9th, Friday: Wildwood Area Lions will host a Paddle Party (aka Quarter Auction) @ Crestview Middle School, 16025 Clayton Rd., Ellisville 63011. 7:00pm - 9:30 p.m., doors opening at 6 p.m. Over 100 items from local businesses and home business vendors such as Mary Kay, Scentsy and Thirty One, 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Sandwiches, chips, desserts, soda and water available for purchase. To reserve a table for 8 to 10, call Lion Gloria Ventura at 636-391-9615 or 636-236-1077. This fundraiser is believed to be a first of its kind in District 26-M2.

13th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with the Southside Lions Club @ Pietro's Restaurant, 3801 Watson Road. Social hour to begin at 6:30, followed by dinner.

Thanks and have a great day! 21st, Wednesday: Union Lions Club Pre-Thanksgiving Poker Tournament @ Union American Legion Hall (downstairs), 205 N. Washington Ave., 7:00 p.m. (registration starts at 6:00 p.m.), \$30 at door (one rebuy), for questions call Lion Joe at (314) 952-3905.

25th, Sunday: 25th Beaufort Lions Christmas Pancake Breakfast, 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Santa will arrive 9am and pictures are available from 9am to 1pm. Serving breakfast from 7am to 1pm. All you can eat pancakes, whole hog sausage, scrambled eggs, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Adults \$8.00, children(6-11) \$4.00 and children 5 and under free. For more information contact Lion Jeanne Lauth at 636-234-7925 or Lions Hall at 573-484-3790.

28th, Thursday: Governor Visit with the Ferguson Lions Club. Social at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:15pm.

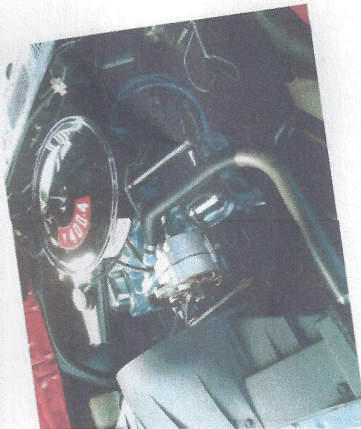
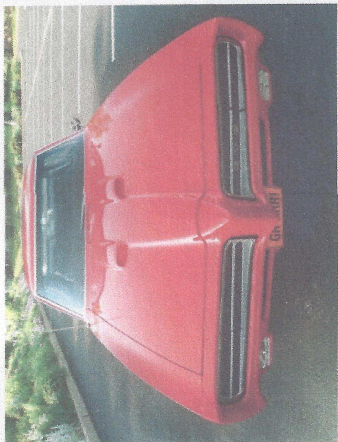
### ***December***

2nd, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Sign up at 11:45am shooting starts at 12 noon. For more information contact Lion Kevin Boyer at 314-578-9940 cell or 573-484-3350 home.

3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.

4th, Tuesday: The Maplewood Lions will host the annual Region One Zone One Holiday meeting @ the VFW Hall, 1717 South Big Bend, Maplewood. The Maplewood Lions will provide the main course, everyone else bring your favorite holiday dish. We will also be collecting toys for Santa's Helpers Inc. Everyone in the District and friends of Lions are welcome at this meeting - the more the merrier. Contact ZC Lion Sue [suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com) or 314-644-1915.





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**1969 GTO**  
**\$100 Per Ticket**  
**Only 300 Tickets to be sold**  
**Proceeds Support**  
**"Operation Home Front"**  
**Helping Veterans Everyday**

**Contact any Brentwood Lions**  
**Club member for tickets**

## Quotes of the Month

Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected. **Steve Jobs**  
 Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you. **Thomas Jefferson**  
 Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. **Helen Keller**



## Maplewood Busy With Activities

Maplewood Lions has had a busy, fun summer. We kicked off with 500 real eggs and an Easter Egg Hunt at Deer Creek Park in April. We had a float in Webster's 4th July Parade and a Hoopla booth at the fair. Lions Georgia McGuire and Jean Martin and Lion Georgia's family took part in the Walk for the Cure. Maplewood Lions and several volunteers from Washington University wrapped 7000 hot dogs for the Vision Walk, we had Hoopla again at Brentwood Days. Carondelet, Mid-Town joined Maplewood Lions for Gov. Gina's visit. We've had a wonderful evening.

Lion Leslie McIntire and her family hosted a young man from Ger-



many as part of the Lions Youth exchange. He took part in the Great River Raft race, attend baseball games, walked in Webster's 4th of July Parade had dinner with Maplewood Lions among many other items. We hope he enjoyed himself as much as we enjoyed him. This program is the hope of world peace.



Lion Georgia McGuire (Delta Gama Chairman) is collecting children's books for Delta Gama which will be brailed so that the parent and child may read together. Lion Georgia along with Lions Lyn and Leslie are setting up neighborhood boxes for books to be borrowed and returned (adult and children) as part of President Madden's literacy program. Delta Gama is also in need of beds and bedding. They have nine families in need. Two children in one family are sleeping on the floor. With the holidays coming up food baskets are need. Any help you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Maplewood Lions is planning a Casino Night for early November. Lots of different games, beer and snacks. Buy some funny money and have a great time while helping a great cause. Stay tuned for more info.



## District Sight and Telephone Service (HOT LINE) Report

At the beginning of the 2012/2013 Lionistic year District Sight and the Telephone services (Hot Line) were merged. From July 1 thru September 30th we have received 252 calls.

94 calls went to clubs. 6 were requests for Hearing Aids. 3 went to the Eye Care Committee. Leaving 140 for the District to handle; out of the 140 we approved 49 for eye exams and glasses. Lions we still need your financial help. Please consider District Sight in one of your fund raisers.

PDG Lion Roger and 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Sharyn Scheidt, District Sight and Telephone Services



## Former Member Visits From England

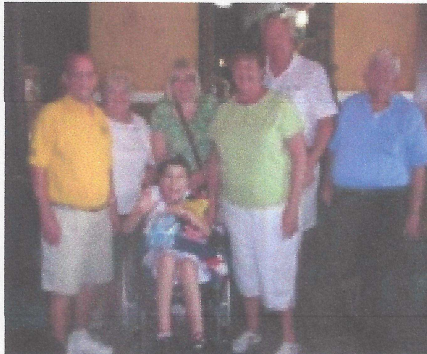
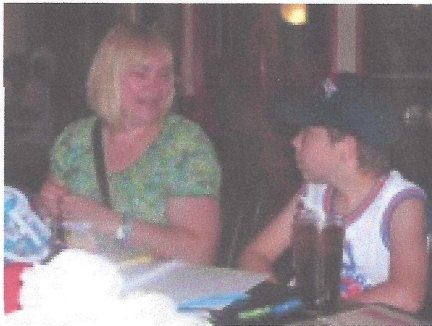
On Saturday, August 25, PDG Lion Oreon Farkas, Lion Connie Farkas, Lion Don Barr, PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich and Lion Janet Weinrich met and had lunch with Karen Stretton James and her son Joel, of the East Midlands, Lincolnshire, England, at the Old Spaghetti Factory.

Karen was a member of the Chesterfield Lions club in 1990 while she was in St. Louis. She was the first female member of the Club. She returned to England twenty-two years ago and planned to join a Lions Club there but was not able to because she was only eighteen at the time, so she returned to her Leo Club.

She is now married with three children. Her youngest son, 11 yr. old Joel, suffers from Cerebral Palsy and uses a wheelchair. The local Lions and Leos in England helped them raise over \$50,000.00 for a special operation performed here in St. Louis at St. Louis Children's Hospital. The operation is called Selective Dorsal Rhizotomy, SDR for short. Joel had the operation and it was very successful. With therapy, he has taken his first steps and is doing well. He will have better posture and be free of pain. They returned to England on August 31 and will continue therapy there and eventually, doctors, say, he will be able to run.

He is a delightful young man and they were able to visit all the tourist attractions while here and attended a Cardinals baseball game. He had his Fredbird backpack and was given a Cardinal baseball cap and pennant at lunch. PDG Lion Oreon and PDG Lion Elmer also gave Karen their District Governors banners.

They will be coming back to St. Louis in a year for follow up of the operation and we hope to meet with them again and see Joel walking instead of using a wheelchair. Another reason to be proud to be a Lion - WE SERVE.



## Region One Zone One News

Region One Zone One is collecting toys for Santa's Work Shop. The Shop was founded in 1968 by Rita Swiener (ware house add. 5835 Manchester). She started with 2 families and last year helped more than 2000 children have Christmas. Rita will be our guest speaker at the November Zone meeting Hosted by Harmony Lions. Toys may be dropped off at my home, brought to a zone meeting or to a Maplewood Lion meeting. Give me a call, ZC Lion Sue Templeton 314-644-1915 or [suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com). See Flyer for more info.

Maplewood Lions will host Zone One's annual Christmas Party Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Hall 1717 So. Big Bend, Maplewood. Our guest speaker will talk about the Vision Walk.

Students from the Missouri School of the Blind will be our guests. This is an evening of comradelier and fun in Lionism. Everyone's invited, zone one member or not. The more the merrier. Bring your favorite holiday dish and a new toy or baby item for the Santa's Work Shop. Mark your calendars.

Happy Thanks Giving ZC Lion Sue Templeton

## District Speakers Available

Lion Toni Mahoney is available to speak at your Lions Club on OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH call 314-805-7391 or [tma-honey@dishmail.net](mailto:tma-honey@dishmail.net). Leader Dog, Braille, Eye Care, Eye Foundation, Global Leadership, Hot Line, L.B.O.M. and more are all available for a program at one of your meetings.

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is December 8. Now is the time to for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

**Send to Lion Leon Hove, editor at [hove@yhti.net](mailto:hove@yhti.net).**

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**7 PM**  
**Holiday Inn Viking**