

The LIONS That **ROAR**

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District Governor
Lion Gina Boettcher



1st Vice-District Governor
Lion Sharyn Scheidt



2nd Vice-District Governor
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Cabinet Treasurer
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District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

Fellow Lions:

I can't believe its December already. I hope everyone had a fabulous Thanksgiving with their families. I enjoyed every bit of mine. I'm thankful for my family, friends and my extended Lions family.



Everyone said that your year as Governor will fly by, I believe them now. We have had a great time visiting different clubs hearing about their projects and visiting with members. It is very heartwarming knowing what we do for those less fortunate.



The Holiday season is upon us. It's during this time of the year that we begin to reflect more so, on those who are less fortunate. As you are aware of the months of December and January are President Madden Global Service Campaigns of "feeding the hungry".

Update on our District Wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for Our Troops. As of this newsletter we have mailed over 7,700 coupons for a grand total of over \$11,000.00. And at the cabinet meeting on December 3, I received more we are still trying to get them tallied and then mail them off. 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 manufacturer's coupons to the cabinet meeting or give them to your zone chair.

Don't forget that March 22-24, 2013, District Convention is fast approaching. So, **"TODAY IS THE DAY"** to register for the District Convention! Let's make this the best convention! During the banquet we will be presenting the District Lion of the Year. This is the first time we are recognizing a Lion of the Year. If you have a Lion in the District that you feel has done something extraordinary. Please complete the form in the newsletter on page six and mail it to me.

PCC Terry, Lion Thomas and I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Yours In Lionism

Lion Gina Boettcher
District Governor26-M2

Calendar of Events

December

- 11th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with the Fenton Lions Club. Social hour to begin at 6:30, followed by a dinner at 7:30. The other details are being finalized.
- 13th, Thursday: Governor Visit with the Wildwood Area Lions Club. Starting at 6:00pm.
- 17th, Monday: Governor Visit with the Potosi Lions Club. Starting at 7:00pm.

January 2013

- 4th, 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. \$100.00 buy in for special Texas Hold'em'.
- 5th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club are hosting a Poker tournament @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Doors open at 6pm, playing begins at 7pm and cost to play is \$35.00. For more information contact Lion John Tumbleson at 573-484-4290 or the club at 573-484-3790.
- 5th, Saturday: Mineral Point Lions will host a dance. The featured band will be Groove Juice a well known local band. Cost is \$10.00 per person which includes drinks
- 6th, 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 636-649-9081 cell or 573-484-3350 home.
- 13th, Sunday: District wide Membership Orientation @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, MO. 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Lion Joe Foster, District GLT Coordinator (jmcd4@hughes.net) or PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg, District GMT Coordinator (alndebbie@sbcglobal.net).
- *15th, Tuesday: Region 2 - Zone 2 Meeting @ Meramec Heights Lions Den, 1070 W. Outer 21, Arnold MO 63010, Social 7:00 PM Meeting 7:30, Contact Lion Toni Mahoney 314-805-7391 or tmahoney@dishmail.net
- 18th, 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.
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- *26th, Saturday: Meramec Heights Lions Trivia for Sight Night @ Meramec Height Lions Hall, 1070 West Outer 21 Road, Arnold, MO. Sign up 6:30-7:00pm. Starts at 7:00 pm, \$15/person (tables of eight), beer and soda provided, bring your own snacks. Raffles, Silent Auction, Smoke Free Event!! Tables are limited. For reservations, call Greg Gossage 314-856-2217.
- *26th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club will be hosting a Alaskan Mission Trivia @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Road. Doors open at 6pm and play starts at 7pm. Cost per person \$10.00, 1 envelope containing Mulligan stickers for \$5.00. Bring your own snack & popcorn will be available. For information call Lion John Tumbleson at 573-484-4290.
- 27th, Sunday: Governor Visit with the Pevely Lions Club. Starting at 6:30pm.

February

- 1st, 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, Sunday: Washington Lions Super Bowl BBQ @ Washington Fair Grounds. Pork Steaks or half Chicken with sides of bake beans, slaw, potato salad. 10:30to 5:00 \$8 in advance \$9 at the door.
- 4th, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 8th – 9th, Friday – Saturday: 2013 All Lions Mid Winter Forum, Grand Plaza Hotel @ 245 North Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616. Full registration includes all seminars, lunch/speaker and Friday evening hospitality. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed. Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 26, 2013. A Saturday night Dinner/Show is planned at the Grand Country Music Hall, 1945 West 76 Country Blvd - Buffet Dinner at 6:00 and Grand Jubilee Show at 7:30 - \$30.00 per person. (Additional charge.)

Message From 1st Vice-Governor Sharyn

Greetings Fellow Lions,



As always PDG Lion Roger and I ate way too much on Thanksgiving Day. I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

With the Holiday season approaching, I think of those less fortunate. Our district seems to always be thinking of those who are less fortunate by donating to food pantries or to the different organizations that take care of seeing that clothing and toys are distributed to those in need.

I am looking for dedicated Lions who would like to serve for this great district and to help our district grow into an even better district than it already is.

PDG Roger and I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year also to all the other Lions and families who celebrate this time of year in other ways.

Yours in Lionism,

1st V-DG Sharyn Scheidt



District Membership Growth Awards Update!

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 1st, 2012 through February 28, 2013. According to the November 2012 Club Health Assessment Report, 13 Clubs are showing a positive net growth *since* March 1st. Wouldn't it be great if every Club was eligible to receive the District Victory Award.....don't be the Club that's left behind, ask your friends, family and coworkers to join. For more information on the District Victory Award, contact your Zone Chairperson or PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg, District GMT Coordinator.

Welcome These New Members

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

Governor Gina's Goal is +40 with challenge goal of +60.

BEAUFORT
ESTELLE C BRUNKHORST

BRENTWOOD
SANDRA L. LIMING

CREVE COEUR
FRANCIS W ROTH

CUBA
DENNIS A. HATTERSLEY

DE SOTO
LARRY BRIDGES

GRAY SUMMIT
DOUG R ORPHAN

HILLSBORO
ROBERT M CASEY
DOUGLAS A DIECKMAN
RACHEL A DIECKMAN

LEMAY JEFFERSON BARRACKS
LISA ERNST

MAPLEWOOD
DAWN M. SWEENEY

MINERAL POINT
PAM DOWNEN

ST CLAIR
JACK E BIELEFELD

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE
DANIEL J KUHLMANN

WASHINGTON
JEFFREY D. JACKSON
JEFFREY A. PATKE
GLEN E. SANFORD
JARRIEL J SCOTT
MARK A. TREBACZ

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GINA BOETTCHER HAS ISSUED
A CALL FOR THE
FIFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
To Be Held March 22nd thru March 24th, 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 nd | SATURDAY, MARCH 23 rd | SUNDAY, MARCH 24 th |
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| Registration..... 2 PM - 6 PM | Registration 8 AM - 10 AM | Breakfast.....8:15 AM |
| Hospitality Rooms 5 PM to Midnight | 1 st Business | Closing Business Session & |
| Parade of Banners 8 PM | Session 8:30 AM | Memorial Service9:00 AM |
| Dancing & | All Lions Lunch 12 Noon - 1:15 PM | |
| Party Time.....8:30 PM - 12:00 AM | 2 nd 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 - group code LCC)** to make your room reservations and mention that you are with the **District 26-M2 Lions Convention**.
After February 18th, 2013, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2013 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
March 22nd thru March 24th, 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= \$ _____
3 Meal Discount per Person Number attending _____ X \$ -5.00= \$ _____
After March 1st, 2013 - ADD Number attending _____ X \$10.00= \$ _____
TOTAL FOR ALL EVENTS: \$ _____

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

No refunds after March 16th, 2013
No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 16th, 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.

New Haven Lions Candy Day Special Project



The **New Haven Lions Club** helped grant a special wish for an 8 year old girl from New Haven. All proceeds from the **New Haven Club's candy day** were given to "Claire's Wish". Claire was diagnosed with Aicardi Syndrome shortly after birth. Aicardi manifests through impaired mobility, low muscle tone, visual and sensory disturbances, and seizure disorder. Claire's only means of mobility was the use of her wheel chair or ambulating in her gait trainer. Because Aicardi affects muscle tone, there are few options to help increase her strength or improve her mobility. Claire's therapist recommended a therapeutic adapted tricycle called an "Amytryke". This special bike will help Claire increase her muscle tone and motor skills and will empower her with a sense of independence. As you can see from the attached picture Claire loves her new bike.

We've Lost a Pillar of Community and Lionism

Lion Dick (Richard) Andrews passed away on Monday, November 5 of a massive heart attack. Lion Dick was a stalwart of Lionism for 55 years. He was inducted into the Maplewood Lions in January, 1957 where he served for 32 years earning 25 years of perfect attendance. He transferred to the Ellisville Lions in 1987 and was awarded lifetime status shortly thereafter. Lion Dick was outgoing and popular, responsible for a very high number of new Lion members. He was less active in the Ellisville club but he always stayed in contact and was a wealth of ideas, experience and contacts. Lion Dick served the City of Ballwin as Mayor for 18 years preceded by 14 years as Alderman. His accomplishments are many and varied. He was a pillar of the community and of Lionism. He will be greatly missed.

Lion Paul McCool
Secretary

Kirkwood Lions to Host Annual Trivia Night

Saturday, January 19, 2013 - The Kirkwood MO Lions Club will be hosting their annual "Trivia Night" at the Kirkwood Community Center located at 111 S. Geyer Rd, Kirkwood MO 63122. Bill Clevlen of KTRS will be the Trivia Master in charge of the event. He has formulated the 10 categories of 10 questions each. Tables for 8 players are \$120.00 ea. Mulligans available \$5 each or 3 for \$10 max is 3. Cash prizes for top 3 finishers, 50/50 raffles, wheelbarrow of Booze, silent auction, door / attendance prizes, soft drinks and snacks provided. You can bring your own snacks or drinks as well.

This is a NO Smoking venue, BYOB allowed but be responsible. All entries must be mailed and checks payable to The Lions Club of Kirkwood, 612 Rosewood Lane, Kirkwood MO 63122. All proceeds are used to support Kirkwood Lions Projects and Charities. Doors open @ 6:15 PM Game starts @ 7:00 PM.

Harold watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked. 'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue. 'What's the matter, asked Harold 'Giving up?

Please Remember These Lions

ELLISVILLE
RICHARD ANDREWS

VALLEY PARK
JOHN BRUST

UNIVERSITY CITY HOST
CHARLES BRYANT
ESTELLE FRIEDMAN

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

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):

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

Two Washington Lions Celebrate 55 Years of Service



Dr. William Huber and James Feltmann Sr. were given Monarch Awards marking their fifty-five years of service to Lionism at the Washington Lions annual Thanksgiving dinner, Tuesday, November 13. Lion Feltmann was inducted February 26, 1957. His father, lion Jim and two of his sons have served as president of Washington Lions and one of his grandsons is now serving as third vice-president. Lion Dr. Huber was inducted May 21, 1957. Lion Huber has served in many capacities with the Washington Lions and has served as a councilman and member of several boards of the city of Washington. After fifty-five years of service both of these Lions serve as advisers offering counsel to Club leaders and actively participate in many of the Club projects lending their physical presence as well as their experience.

Register TODAY for 5th Annual 25-M2 District Convention

The 5th annual District Convention will be held on March 22 – 24, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Viking. District Governor Gina is looking forward to welcoming our guest this year, International Director Brian Sheehan and his wife Lori from Bird Island Minnesota. As of December 1st, only 6 Clubs have submitted reservations for hospitality rooms. To offset the expense of a hospitality room, many Clubs will be conducting fund raisers in their hospitality room. However, I must remind you that there is no fund raising allowed outside your hospitality room or in the Concourse area of the Hotel. If your Club wants to participate, but you feel you can't swing the full cost of hosting one on your own, perhaps you could partner with another Club in the District and share a room with them. To reserve your hospitality rooms for the convention, send your request along with your payment to CC Lion John Yount, P.O. Box 138, Richwoods, MO 63071. Registration forms for the Convention meals are available on the website at www.lions26m2.org. Remember....TODAY is the day to register for the convention!

Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. [Helen Keller](#)

Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear. [Mark Twain](#)



Lions Orientation

Future Members, New Members,
Long Time Members, All are Welcome!

DATE: Sunday, January 13th, 2013

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB
2041 Lutheran Church Rd.
Beaufort, MO 63013

Looking for an opportunity to learn more about our Lions Programs? Want to understand the operations of your Club, the District or Lions Clubs International, watch an amazing video about the adventure of Lion Mark Mansell, who bicycled across America representing Leader Dog or get a few tips on how to start pin trading with your fellow Lions? These are just a few of the programs that will be offered during this seminar.

Come join Lions from across our District and share your experiences and learn from others.

Popcorn and Soda will be available.

Call or Email: GMT Leader –PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg –636.274.5553
alndebbie@sbcglobal.net

Or

GLT Leader –Lion Joe Foster –573.484.4068 jmcd4@hughes.net

Join Donate Life in Honoring Donors & Recipients on New Year's Day

Tune in to the 124th Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2013 to witness a heartfelt tribute to eye, organ and tissue donors and transplant recipients across the nation. Donate Life America's entry into the Rose Parade, *Journeys of the Heart*, is inspired by the many journeys experience by families and recipients during the donation and transplantation process.

The family of John Lefferts, a Heartland Lions Eye Banks eye donor from Athens, Ill., will ride on this year's float sponsored by our organizational partner, Gift of Hope.



Engage Lions: Engaging Lions means to ask their opinions, come to consensus on decisions, and share ideas. Are you taking time at club meetings to engage all Lions? Involved and engaged Lions will continue to be active. Active Lions meet the needs of communities. Active Lions live the motto, "We Serve".

The world is a better place because of Lions. If we continue to think about what we do, why we do it, and how we can do it a bit better, than the world will be an even better place.

Register Now for 2013 Mid-Winter Forum

February 8th & 9th, 2013

Grand Plaza Hotel

245 North Wildwood Drive • Branson, Missouri 65616

* Full registration includes all seminars, lunch/speaker and Friday evening hospitality. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed.

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* A Saturday night Dinner/Show is planned at the Grand Country Music Hall, 1945 West 76 Country Blvd. Buffet Dinner at 6:00 and Grand Jubilee Show at 7:30 - \$30.00 per person.

(This is not included in the Forum registration fee; it is an additional charge.)

Registration Form available on District web site.

What will be included in the 2013 Missouri LIONS Mid-Winter Forum?

The planning for the 2013 All Lions Mid Winter Forum is shaping up. The site and dates have been selected, the prices have been confirmed, the registration forms ready to hand out. Now all we need is for the Lions to register and show up!! The Forum prices are still only \$35 per person, which includes the Friday evening hospitality event, an entire day of training and educational sessions and lunch on Saturday.

The Multiple District Global Leadership Team has been conferring and brainstorming ideas for what training and educational sessions the Lions of Missouri want and need. There will be over a dozen sessions to choose from and the topics are sure to be of interest of Lions of all ages, positions, and experience. They will offer ideas for finding keeping new members involved in their clubs, and tips on problem solving techniques

But there is no need to wait until the session list is finalized to sign up to attend the 2013 Mid Winter Forum. The sooner you sign up, the better for you and for the Planning Committee. You will make sure to guarantee yourself the low Lions rate the hotel and avoid any late registration fees. You will have an opportunity to joined with Lions from across the state of Missouri and renew acquaintances, make new friends and share your personal and Lions experiences with others. You will bring back enthusiasm from the Forum and some new ideas to share with the members of your Club that might not be able to attend. If you have never been to the Forum, this is the one you should go to. If you have been before, you need to come back this year and see what new stuff you can learn and bring along another Lion with you as well.

The Grand Plaza Hotel (245 North Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616) is taking reservations now for Feb 8th and 9th, 2013. You can call 1-800-850-6646. The rate for a regular room is \$65 + tax per night and mini suites are \$75 + tax per night. There is a complimentary breakfast buffet included with the room rate. Please let them know you are with the Missouri Lions Forum (LIONS13) when you call to make your reservations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your District GLT representative. Looking forward to another great Missouri All Lions Mid Winter Forum in February 2013.

PDG Eugene C. Taylor
MD26 GLT Chairperson

District 26-M2 LIONS TRANSPORTATION

RIDE TO THE MID-WINTER FORUM WITH LION FRIENDS!

“NO” WORRIES ABOUT THE WEATHER!!

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LEAVE FROM ST. LOUIS FRIDAY. LEAVE BRANSON SUNDAY AT CHECKOUT – 11:00 A.M.

\$60.00 PER PERSON ROUNDTRIP

BUS WILL BE PICKING UP AT COMMUTER LOTS ALONG I-44.

Includes ride to/from Saturday Night Dinner/Entertainment if forum ticket purchased.

Questions call: Lion Joe Foster 573-484-4068

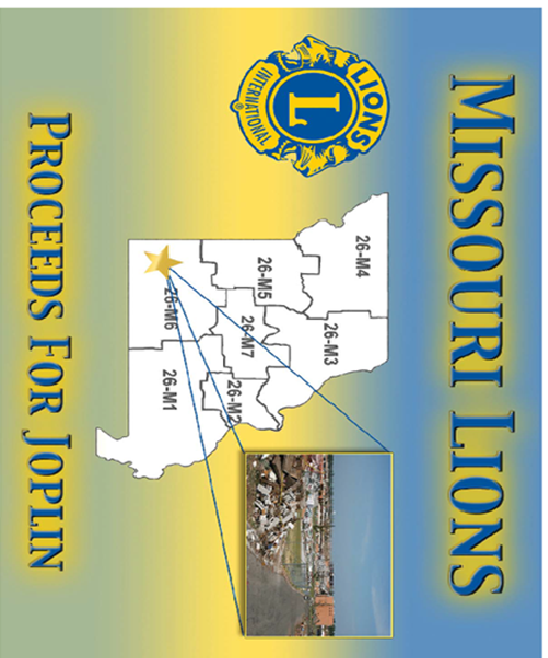
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• Please Make Check Payable to: Lion Joe Foster, 167 St. John's E.R. Church Road, Leslie, MO 63056

Please Help

*Missouri Lions Calendar thru 2013
to assist Joplin Tornado Victims*

Please Help



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PLEASE e-mail Lion Toni Mahoney
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or call at 314-805-7391

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December 2012

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WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**



This Flyer Created By CB Bonham

Wayne A. Madden, our International President for 2012 – 2013

Has a literacy program challenge for Lions this coming year.

Expanding Our Impact – Join the Reading Action Program

Education is the key to unlocking human potential. The acquisition of skills and knowledge enables people to overcome poverty, disease and other social ills. It empowers communities and gives individuals the confidence needed to shape their own future. The volunteer sector plays an important role in providing education –viewed by many experts – including the United Nations – as one of the root causes of the cycle of poverty. As a former educator, married to a career teacher, I place a high value on education and I consider the ability to read as the foundation to an education. It is a gift Lions can give to children and adults around the world.

If you can read this sentence, then you are not only literate, you are considered highly literate. The basic definition of literacy worldwide is the ability to write your name, and read at a 10 year old level. Yet even using that basic definition, nearly one billion people worldwide are illiterate. That's 26 percent of the world's adult population, or one out of four people of reading age. But illiteracy isn't a challenge just for developing regions. Even in the United States where I am from, one in seven persons can barely read a billboard sign or a recipe, which makes them functionally illiterate. Twenty-one million in my own country can't read at all. To reverse the situation we need to reach more children at risk.

According to the Gates Foundation, children develop the skills they need to succeed in school and life, during their first five years. Many children lack basic language and behavioral skills—such as knowing letters and colors, following directions, getting along with others, and exhibiting impulse control. Unfortunately, when children start behind, they often stay behind, leading to an achievement gap in elementary school and beyond.

Lions Can Help Through the Reading Action Program (RAP)

So Lions, are you ready to expand our impact by jumping on board the Reading Action Program? There are many ways Lions can help in their respective communities. Consider the following:

- Developing after school reading programs
- Reading to children at local libraries
- Contacting your local school and asking how you can help
- Donating books and/or computers to your local school or library
- Volunteering as tutors through a local school
- Working with local literacy experts and agencies
- Working to promote braille literacy
- (See the Reading Action Program guideline for suggestions and ideas)
- Or, perhaps your club can come up with its own program.

However you choose to approach the problem of illiteracy, be pro-active, not reactive.

Reading Action Program Awards

Each club that documents a reading or other literacy activity through the online service activity reporting system will receive a specially designed "Reading Action Program" club banner patch.

Each district governor whose district achieves at least 50% club participation in literacy programs will receive a "Reading Action Program" award to commemorate their success. In addition, artwork will be available on the LCI web site that will enable clubs to download diplomas and bookmarks for clubs to present to students and adults that participate in club sponsored literacy programs.

The "World of Service" Awards

Our world of service is as large as the number of communities we serve. I will be honoring Lions service across a range of service priorities through the World of Service Awards. The World of Service Awards, to be given at the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany, will recognize achievement by clubs and districts in the area of service. Categories include:

- Best Long-Term Reading Action Program Project (club, district or Leo club)
- Best Reading Action Program Rap Video (club or Leo club)
- Best Youth Engagement Project (by club or district)
- Outstanding Service to the Blind or Visually Impaired (club, district or Leo club)
- Outstanding Environmental Impact Project (club, district or Leo club)
- Best Hunger Relief Program or Activity (club, district or Leo club)
- Lion and Leo of the Year

See the World of Service Awards flyer on the LCI web site for more information.

MERAMEC HEIGHTS LIONS

1070 WEST OUTER 21 ROAD - ARNOLD, MO

TRIVIA NIGHT FOR SIGHT

SAT., JAN. 26TH

7:00 P.M.

Sign-up 6:30-7:00pm

\$15.00 per person/Tables of 8

Beer & Soda Provided

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

**50/50, Heads or Tails Game, Raffles
& Silent Auction**

Smoke Free Event - Tables are limited

For reservations call Greg Gossage - 314-856-2217

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. Call Lion Governor Gina or any cabinet member to arrange for a speaker on Leader Dog, Braille, Eye Care, Eye Foundation, Global Leadership, Hot Line, L.B.O.M. and more. Many topics on Lionism and our various committees are all available for a program at one of your meetings. Keep your members informed of our district and International activities. Call now to arrange a date for your club.

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is February 9. 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.**

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