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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
Lion Kathy Pusateri



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Michelle Foster

District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

Fellow Lions:

As we start the New Year 2013 we are over half way into this Lions year. Currently our membership is at a -65, not close to my goal of a +40, but there is still time we can turn this around. If each club would implement a plan to increase their membership by a +1, we would achieve the goal of +40 and be well on our way to meet my challenge goal of a +60. There are individuals out there that need our help, either buying them eye glasses or providing a food basket. We are a generous group and give more of ourselves than others do. So let's go out and invite as many individuals to join the best organization in the world.

Our District Convention is fast approaching, **"TODAY IS THE DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE DISTRICT CONVENTION"**. We have a wonderful speaker, ID Brian Sheehan, from Bird Island, Minnesota. Let's show ID Brian how we do things in the St. Louis area. We are going to have a wonderful hospitality night Friday evening including the parade of banners. On Saturday we will start out with the ID Brian speaking to the Presidents and then begin the Business session. Some of the organizations we donate to will have displays and give a brief update on what's going on with their organization. We will have a luncheon in which we will get an update on Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). In the afternoon we will vote on Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Board Member, District Eye Foundation Board Member, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor and propositions to add the Past District Governor Committee to the Constitution. Saturday evening we will have a banquet, where we will present Melvin Jones Fellowship, Presidential Certificates of Appreciation, victory awards, membership awards, and the District Lion of the Year award. On Sunday we will have a memorial session to remember those Lions we have lost this year, followed by voting results and closing comments.

I would like to encourage you to attend the State Convention this year in Kansas City, Missouri. It will be held on April 26-28 at the Holiday Inn (across from the stadiums). This is a wonderful opportunity to meet Lions across the State of Missouri. If you would like more information on the State Convention please visit their website at www.molionsm5.org/stconv.htm.

Update on our District Wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for Our Troops. As of this newsletter we have mailed over 25,000 coupons for a grand total of over \$36,000.00 of potential savings for our troops and their families. And at the cabinet meeting on February 4, 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.

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Calendar of Events

February

- 15th, 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.
- 19th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with Kirkwood Lions Club @ Mike Duffy's Restaurant, 124 W. Jefferson, Kirkwood, happy hour begins @ 6:00, followed by dinner @ 7:00
- 22nd, Friday: Washington Lions Poker Night @ Washington KC Hall 1121 Columbus Ln, Washington, MO. Both Texas Hold 'Em and Straight poker. Pizza and beverages available. 7 pm start. \$25 in advance \$30 at door. Call Don 314-753-9998 for reservations
- 26th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with the Washington Lions Club. Starting at 6:00pm.
- 28th, Thursday: Southside Lions present the 66th edition of the Lions Roar "The Gizzard of Oz – Dorothy comes of age...." @ St Mary Magdalen Gym, 4354 South Kings Highway, St. Louis, MO 63109. Starts at 7pm. Donations appreciated. Snacks included. For more information, www.southsidelions.org

March

- 1st, Friday: Southside Lions present the 66th edition of the Lions Roar "The Gizzard of Oz – Dorothy comes of age...." @ St Mary Magdalen Gym, 4354 South Kings Highway, St. Louis, MO 63109. Club Night. Starts at 8pm. \$25 per person. Snack & Beer/Setups included. 6:45pm Fish Fry included. For more information, www.southsidelions.org.
- 2nd, Saturday: Southside Lions present the 66th edition of the Lions Roar "The Gizzard of Oz – Dorothy comes of age...." @ St Mary Magdalen Gym, 4354 South Kings Highway, St. Louis, MO 63109. Lions District Governor Night. Starts at 8pm. \$25 per person. Snack & Beer/Setups included. For more information, www.southsidelions.org.
- 2nd, Saturday: Twentieth Annual Hillsboro Lions Club Trivia Night @ Hillsboro Community Center at the Hillsboro Fair Grounds, doors open at 6 Pm and questions commence at 7 PM. Cash bar available, you're also welcome to bring snacks for your own table. Roll back prices! Advance registration: \$96.00, \$100.00 at the door (per table of 8), call 636/948-3336 for reservations
- 2nd, Saturday: Washington Lions Trivia Night @ Washington Senior Center 1459 West Fifth Street, Washington, MO. Beverages available, bring your own snacks. Tables of eight only \$80, call Lion Karen Skornia 636-390-0020.
- 8th-9th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.
- 22nd – 24th, Friday – Sunday: 2013 District 26-M2 Convention @ Holiday Inn Southwest/Viking, 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis, MO 63127.

April

- 12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.
- 15th – 20th, Monday – Saturday: Lions Sight Week (LSW), a week-long observance celebrating the Missouri Lions' support of the Foundation's six programs that preserve and restore sight. For more, please visit www.mlerf.org/lionssightweek
- 19, Friday: Washington Lions Mouse Races @ Washington VFW Hall 813 Jefferson, Washington, MO. \$10 each, tables of eight \$80. Call 314-249-5138 for details. Food and beverages available.
- 19th-20th, Friday-Saturday: BBQ Tournament and Bluesdest, downtown Washington at Farmer's Market.
- 26th – 28th, Friday – Sunday: 91st Annual Missouri Lions State Convention, Holiday Inn SE, Kansas City, Missouri 64133. On line registration and even credit card payments: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=7hube4fab&oeidk=a07e6bvwzhzo4d71859f>

May

- 6th, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 10th-11th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.
- 16th-17th, Thursday – Friday: Chesterfield Lions BBQ.
- 17th-19th, Friday-Sunday: Spring Art Fair and Wine Fest, downtown Washington; pork burgers and soda, music.
- 19th, Sunday: District 26-M2 College of Knowledge. Location: House Springs Lions Hall, Highway MM, House Springs. Time: TBA

June

- 3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 14th-15th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.

Message From 1st Vice-Governor Sharyn

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Over the hills and through the woods to the Lions club we have visited.

PDG Lion Roger and I hope that everyone had a great Holiday season.

Now that the Holidays are over and the cold air seems to have settled in except for those few warmer days all of our thoughts have turned to District Convention on March 22-24. Of course the District Convention is always fun and educational. Everyone enjoys the hospitality rooms on Friday evening and the different reports are very interesting for learning what the different committees are doing.

I am still looking for Lions to fill a few of the committees.

I was in Dallas, Texas on January 4 & 5 for training. What a whirlwind trip that was. I flew out of St. Louis on January 4 and returned on January 5. The International was trying something new this year and the 1st Vice District Governors were the guinea pigs.

PDG Roger and I wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day
Yours in Lionism,



1st V-DG Sharyn Scheidt

PROUD TO BE A LION

I haven't been a Lion very long, but have been involved for many years with the Maplewood Club projects and have had several Proud To Be A Lion experiences during those years.

On Feb. 2nd, the Maplewood Lions Club held their annual Candy Day event at the Maplewood Shop 'N Save.

A woman came up to us and said (with tears in her eyes), "Your Lions' club saved my life back in the 70's. I am now 40 years old". She proceeded to tell us about the life threatening premature birth problems she experienced and the need for a breathing machine to both survive and later to enable her to go home from the hospital.

She left and returned with a newspaper article regarding her story and the Maplewood Lions' generous gift of \$375 for that machine. That was probably a lot of money back in the 70's. She then thanked us again and gave her donation. Her name is Tony Farley.

Because many of our club members came to volunteer that day, we were able to raise a good amount of dollars to help make it possible for trees to be planted at the new Irving Elementary school in Joplin, Missouri that was destroyed during the tornado.

Alone we can do so little-----Together we can do so much"

Lion Barb Kurkowski, Maplewood Lions

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.

We are currently DOWN 65 members. Need to start working HARD!!

GERALD LIONS CLUB

Dawn M Czeschin

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

Richard F Fetsch

James E Stiebel

ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB

Robert Dale Keen III

ST LOUIS S SIDE LIONS CLUB

David R Null

WEST LOUIS CO LIONS CLUB

Matthew J Burner

Terry Conner

Kelly R Garner

Ian B Grisbrook

Timothy J Phillips

Terry D Tribout

Joseph A Wallach

WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB

Ronald F Colletti

Teresa A Colletti

Leslie G. North

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
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.

District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

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Let's put our heart into growing our District and showing the world that District 26-M2 is doing its part to support International President Madden's theme "In a World of Service".

Yours In Lionism

Lion Gina Boettcher

District Governor26-M2

West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions take Christmas Gifts to Missouri School for the Blind

On December 4, 2012 the West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions went to the Wal-Mart and Dickey Bub's in Eureka to do their Christmas shopping for the annual Missouri School for the Blind Christmas party. Gifts of clothing and toys totaling more \$2,000 were purchased.

December 20, 2012 marked the tenth consecutive year that members of the West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions Club attended the "Christmas Extravaganza" program and party at the Missouri School for the Blind. All the gifts given to the students at the party were purchased at the Wal-Mart and Dickey Bub's in Eureka. In addition to the individual gifts the students opened, the Lions provided clothing which will be distributed as needed throughout the school year.

One of the major goals of the Lions is eye care and the prevention of blindness, as



well as support for youth activities. As one of our Lion member said, *"the best reward of being a part of this event was seeing the happy smiles and hearing expressions of thanks when the children opened their gifts--truly, a heartwarming experience."*

The West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions wish to thank citizens of the Eureka community for supporting the Lions' fund raising projects throughout the year. It is your support that makes events like this happen.

The Missouri School for the Blind (MSB), established in 1851, is a public school for legally blind Missouri children ages 5-21 operated by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). MSB, which is fully accredited by both state and national organizations, provides curriculum instruction that is fully aligned with state standards, as well as specialized classes in orientation and mobility, Braille, adaptive physical education, daily living skills, transition and adaptive technology. Students may attend MSB free of charge on a day or residential school basis or may attend KEYS - a short course program (3-18 weeks) for intensive instruction in a selected area. Students are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities such as music, swimming, cheerleading, goalball, wrestling, track and field, and special interest clubs. Missouri School for the Blind also offers, on an as-needed basis, physical and occupational therapy, nursing care, counseling and access to physicians and dentists.

The mission of Missouri School for the Blind is to provide individualized instruction, resources and educational services ensuring that students with visual impairments achieve the academic, social, employment, and life skills empowering them to enjoy full productive lives.

The Missouri School for the Blind is located at 3815 Magnolia Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110. For more information about the Missouri School for the Blind their phone # is 314-776-4320, and their website is <http://msb.dese.mo.gov>.



District 26-M2

2012-2013 Constitution and By-Law Proposed Changes

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A CHANGE TO THE CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PDG ORGANIZATION AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT CABINET.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article IV, Section 1 of the District 26-M2 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. CABINET AND OFFICERS. The District shall have a District Cabinet composed of the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, the First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), the Zone Chairpersons and a Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer or a Cabinet Secretary and a Cabinet Treasurer and the Chairperson of the 26-M2 PDG Organization. The members of the District Cabinet shall be the officers of the District. Each such officer shall be a member in good standing of a Lions club in good standing in the District.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS TO ESTABLISH THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE PDG ORGANIZATION AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT CABINET.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article II, Section 1(c) of the District 26-M2 By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

(c) Quorum and Vote. The attendance of a majority of the members of the Cabinet shall constitute a quorum for any meeting. In all such meetings, the voting privilege shall extend to the District Governor, the Immediate Past District Governor, First and Second Vice District Governors, the Region Chairpersons (if the position is utilized during the District Governor's term), Zone Chairpersons, Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Treasurer (or Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer) and the Chairperson of the 26-M2 PDG Organization.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article III, Section 1 of the District 26-M2 By-Laws be amended by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and substituting the following:

Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

(a) The 26-M2 Past District Governors Organization will appoint three of its members to serve as the District Nomination Committee for the offices of District Governor, Vice District Governor, and Second Vice Governor. The chairperson of Nominating Committee shall be determined by the chairperson of 26-M2 PDG Organization.

(b) 26-M2 Past District Governors Organization Chairperson will notify the District Governor by written or electronic notification, received at least sixty (60) days prior to the District Convention, the names of the members of the Nominating Committee, each of whom shall be a member in good standing of a different Lions club in good standing in the District.

(c) The District Governor shall send to all clubs in the District by written or electronic notification at least thirty (30) days prior to the convening day of the District Convention the names and addresses of Lions so appointed to the Nominating Committee.

(d) The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for encouraging qualified candidates for the above offices, reviewing the qualifications of each nominated candidate and rule on the eligibility of the same, and presentation for election.

Matter to be deleted is shown stricken through; new matter is shown underlined.

Delegates Decide Constitution/By-Laws Changes, Officers

At the 5th Annual District 26-M2 Convention on March 23, 2013, the eligible delegates from the clubs will be voting on the offices of District Governor 2013-2014, 1st Vice District Governor, 2nd Vice District Governor and a Representative to the District 26-M2 Eye Foundation for 2013-2018, and a board member for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation 2013- 2016.

There will also one Constitution and By-Laws issue on the ballot. These will be simple housekeeping changes give the PDG Organization certain rights and responsibilities at the District level.

The proposed changes will be placed on the District website www.lions26m2.org.

As a reminder, each club in District 26-M2, in good standing, shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of Lions International on the first day of February. Each Past District Governor and the current District Governor shall be entitled to be a delegate to and vote at the Convention, in addition to those delegates to which a club may be entitled.

The District Secretary will be providing a list of each club identifying eligible number of delegates and 'good standing' status of each club:

- 1) All District and International Dues must be paid in full
- 2) Old balances to Lions International of more than \$50.00, ninety (90) days past due, must be paid
- 3) Entrance fees for new members affecting voting strength of more than one (1) delegate must be paid.

Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification on March 23rd.

PCC Lion Kimberly Taylor
Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chairman

Mid-Winter Forum Great Learning Experience

Yes, it is too late for you to learn from the 2013 MF-26 Mid-Winter Forum in Branson, but it is not too late to start thinking about how you can be sure your schedule is clear for the forum in 2014. The dates are not available yet but it has always been one of the first two weekends in February so keep both of them open.

You could have learned a lot about how it feels to be blind and what to do and not to do for blind people from Lions Judith Hawley and Mary Pendleton. Do you know why a leader dog sniffs around their master's chair before laying down beside them?

Tips on how you can build a team for a successful fundraising event, your club or even your business were available to you if you sat in on Lion Tom Rayfield's session.

Keynote speaker Chris Robinson talked about how to influence up, across and down. (If you were there you would understand). He gave practical ways you could implement his ideas immediately in your Lion life and business life.

"Lying" Brian Busby told us why the sky gets a "greenish" cast when a major storm is approaching.

Best of all you could have partaken of the food and beverages provided by Webster Groves Lions in the hospitality room they hosted.

These are just some of the things you missed at the 2013 Mid-Winter Forum.

SAVE THE DATE
DOGAPAWLUZA 2013!!!!

SATURDAY MAY 4TH
NEW AND EXCITING CATEGORIES!



Sponsored by Pacific Lions Club



Message from President Madden



Dear Lions,

As I write this message to you I am visiting our headquarters in Oak Brook, IL, where the temperature outside is 12 degrees F (-11 C). But weather - cold, hot, rain, snow - has never stopped Lions. In a world of service, "We Serve" in every climate around the world.

One of our most significant service achievements this year has been the [Reading Action Program](#) (RAP). So far this year, there have been over 46,000 RAP projects completed. That means hundreds of thousands of people are either learning to read or receiving materials to better their education because of Lions efforts. At the same time, I was surprised to learn on some of my recent visits that Lions had not yet planned a project. RAP is a great way to engage a need that exists in virtually every community around the world, and since the Board has agreed to make RAP an extended service initiative for the next 10 years, now is the time to start a program in your community. It's easy, and so very worthwhile. Refer to the [RAP guide](#) to get started.

RAP and other service activities are a mainstay of who we are, and what we do, and also a requirement for both the [Club Excellence Award](#) and [District Governor Team Excellence Award](#). With 5 months left, there is still time to complete both. Two very important elements of The Club Excellence Award - the "*How Are Your Ratings?*" and the *Community Needs Assessment* - will provide your club with tools and information to help ensure continued success. Get started today.

Your [club](#) or [district](#) should also be preparing for the third "Pit Stop." Club presidents and district governors have indicated to me how valuable the pit stops have been so far this year. The March pit stop is a time for club presidents to, among other things, have their members register for district and multiple district conventions and district governors to ensure your clubs are in good standing in advance of our International Convention.

This is also the time for you to accelerate efforts in recruiting new members. So far this year we have 113,140 new members and 727 new clubs. District governors still have time to qualify for the [Winners Circle Award](#) (Gold, Silver or Bronze level).

Finally, I am proud to announce the winners of our annual Peace Poster and Blind Essay Contest winners. Congratulations to Peace Poster Grand Prize Winner Jenny Park, 13, sponsored by the Northridge Lions Club, California, and to Lions International Essay Contest Winner Maura Loberg, 11, sponsored by the Wayne Lions Club, Nebraska. Both girls have been invited to participate in the upcoming Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany.

Whatever weather you are experiencing, now is the time to rev up your engines as we race toward the finish line. The checkered flag will wave an end to this year in only five short months.

Sincerely,

Lion Wayne Madden

cc: Executive Officers
International Board
Multiple District Teams
District Teams
GMT/GLT

Honor a Lion or Club with MLERF Haywood Snipes Society

The Haywood Snipes Society is the most prestigious honor the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation can bestow upon a Lion or Lions club. The Society was formed in honor of the late Past District Governor Haywood Snipes of Poplar Bluff, Missouri. PDG Snipes chaired the Missouri Lions Sight Committee through the 1960s and early 1970s, during which time he helped raise funds to expand the Missouri Lions Eye Bank and build what is known today as the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.

We are happy to honor his memory and continue his legacy to the Missouri Lions through this distinguished award, which recognizes clubs that make exceptional financial contributions to the Foundation, the Lions' State Sight Project. Each time a Lions club accumulates \$10,000 in donations – since the program's inception on July 1, 1987 – a representative of the Foundation contacts the club about electing a person to this society. A plaque inscribed with the name of the honoree is then presented at a club meeting.

If you would like to find out how close your club is to electing a new inductee to the Haywood Snipes Society, please contact the Foundation's communications and development staff at pr@mlerf.org or 1-800-283-1982 x115. To see who from your club has been inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society, visit www.mlerf.org/haywood-snipes-society, where you'll find the list of honorees organized by district and club.

Lion Tony Mahoney Shares Phone Call

I received a phone call after Christmas from a fellow Lion. After reading his December 26-M2 Newsletter he wanted to obtain a Joplin Relief Calendar. His questions were how to obtain one, who to make check payable to (Missouri Lions), I explained the particulars and delivered one to his door. He explained he was pushing 90 years old, he was his clubs secretary and had received over 15 Free calendars from various businesses and organizations, of these he has 3 favorite calendars, D.A.V., Mo. Conservation and Armed Forces. He was excited to see a Mo. Lions calendar and presented me with a check for \$15. rather than the \$10. donation.

This is only one of many examples of generosity of our District 26-M2.

Loving	Liberty
Individuals	Integrity
Offering	Our
Needed	Nations
Services	Safety

Lions Appreciation night at MSB:

How would you and your family like to enjoy a Sunday evening of good food, entertainment and fellowship?? April 14, 2013 (day before tax day) is the date. The place: Missouri School for the Blind 3815 Magnolia Ave. St. Louis, Mo. 1 block west of Grand. The Lions Appreciation program has been going on for over 50 years. It is a great way to visit the school – take a tour or two starting at 4:00pm. The tours are very interesting. The program put on by the students is always entertaining. I am sure your children, grandchildren would enjoy this evening. I do not have any information on the cost of the meal as yet – but will get that out later. Tours start at 4:00pm – Dinner is at 6:30pm and the entertainment will follow dinner.

We have a lot of new members in our District this year and this would be a great opportunity for them to visit MSB. There was a time when we use to fill the auditorium – would it be great to do this again.

PDG Lion Roger, MSB Chairman

Please Remember These Lions

House Springs Lions Club
Edward Kemp

Overland Lions Club
Bernadine C Schulte

**St Louis Cheltenham-
Chouteau Lions Club**
Mark L Aiazzi

**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

CONFUSED!! Eye Care and District Sight Are Not the Same

There are some Lions in District 26-M2 who still think that the Eye Care Committee and the District Sight Committee are the same committee. This is far from being true. The Eye Care Committee strictly handles eye surgeries. The District Sight Committee handles eye exams and eye glasses for those living in areas where there is not a Lions Club. The Request for Assistance (Hot Line) telephone number is **314-645-3500**. I hope this helps clarify some of the confusion. If any club wishes to make a donation to District Sight it would be greatly appreciated.

PDG Lion Roger Scheidt
District Sight/Hot Line Chairman

Mineral Point and Valley Lions “Serve” Together

The Mineral Point Lions and The Valley Lions love to work to gather. It is always a welcome when the two clubs come to gather. The past two years the clubs have shared a visit with the District Gov. This year the visit was hosted by Valley at the club house in Belegrade. The visit was well attended and everyone had a wonderful time.

We love working with our fellow members in the southern part of Washington County. We hope that we can encourage other clubs to join to gather and work on projects to gather. When we as clubs come to gather and join in different community functions we show our communities that we are a united club and that is what makes us International Lions.



Pictured in our attachment is a picture of Lion President Jamie Nelson (Mineral Point) and Lion President Dave Ross (Valley) sharing the table at the Gov visit/dinner.

Quotes of the Month

The more you read the more things you'll know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. **Dr. Seuss**

Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired and success achieved. **Helen Keller**



MOLATE

(Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education)

Something BIG is "brewing" in Missouri!

Missouri Lions lets **FULLY** adopt Irving Elementary in Joplin, Missouri with trees for the grounds. This school is being built on the old hospital grounds. We need \$15,000.00 more to **FULLY** claim this Lions Project. Will you help? We can do this together **LIONS!!!!**

Mail all donations to:

PDG Bill Botzow, M6 Treasurer

8486 Lawrence 2194

Monett, MO 65708

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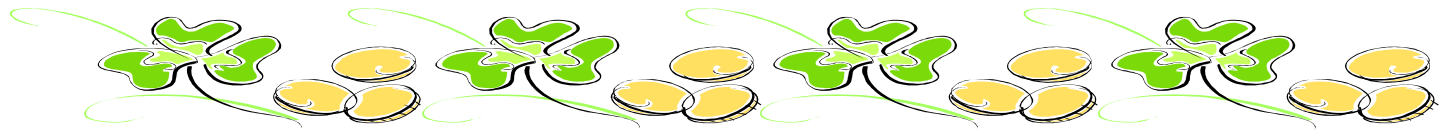
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Change Drop Off for Old Eye Glasses

Please do NOT drop off old eye glasses at the Fenton Lions Hall. The Lions Hall has been sold. You May drop off glasses at the home of PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt at #6 Deer Lodge, Fenton, Mo 63026. If you do not have storage space to keep the glasses until one of the two Eye Wraps and would like to have the glasses picked up, please call PDG Lion Jim at 636-343-5268, PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at 636-458-0113 or Lion Devin Struttman at 314-277-8292.

The District will have two Eye Wraps this year. One at the Ferguson Lions hall, 49 Clark Street, Ferguson, MO 63135 on Wednesday, May 29 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. They will have pizza and drinks to sell. The second one will be at the House Springs Lions Hall, 6482 Highway MM, House springs, MO on Sunday, June 2 from 10:30 am to 3 pm. Please plan on attending one of these dates. The more help we have the sooner we get done.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich, PDG Lion Jin Bernhardt, Lion Devin Struttman

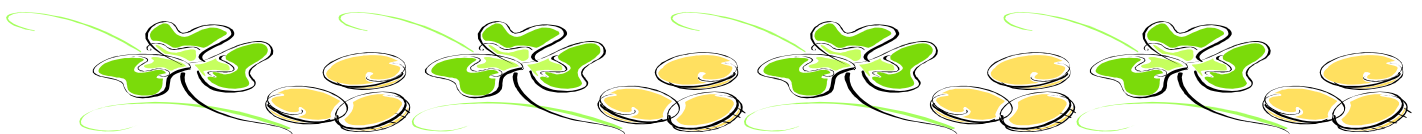


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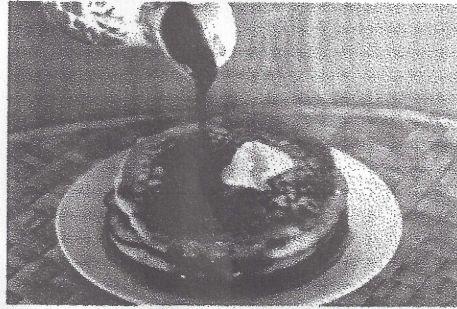
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61st Pancake Breakfast



Join Pacific Lions for a
complete breakfast featuring
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milk, and coffee

February 24, 2013
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Pacific Lions Den
319 West Meramec, Pacific

Adults -- \$8.00

Child -- \$4.00

Proceeds provide eye care for community residents in need.

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 March 30. 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.

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