

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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## District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

Fellow Lions:

This year is coming to a close, but we still have a month and a half to bring our membership back up into the black. We are currently down a -52, if every club in the district would bring 1 or 2 new members in before the end of June we would be at a positive number. We haven't seen a positive number in several years. I know that we can do this, ask your neighbor, co-worker, family, and your community individuals to join. We are the world's largest service organization and we need to stop keeping it secret we need to shout it out. Tell everyone what we do and who we are! Stop sitting in our clubs and get out into the public so they know we care.

Update on MOLATE (Missouri Lions Adopting Trees for Education) at Irving Elementary in Joplin, Missouri. At the State Convention, PDG Debbie Whittlesey reported that we meet our goal to raise \$15,000 to adopt the grounds at Irving Elementary. Further information will follow regarding the dedication of the grounds.

Also at the State Convention, the dues increased passed. As of July 2013 the State dues will increase by \$1.50 per year or \$.75 per billing cycle.

Update on our District Wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for Our Troops. As of this newsletter we have mailed over 56,000 coupons for a grand total of over \$83,000.00 of potential savings for our troops and their families. WOW, doesn't that make your heart skip a beat. That's one way we're "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.

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 Governor 26-M2

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## Quote of the Month

When faced with a series of great opportunities, brilliantly disguised as impossible situations. I like to see them as puzzles to be fixed rather than dumped on the scrap heap. *Barry Palmer, 1st Vice President, Lions international*

## *Calendar of Events*

### **May**

- 10th-11th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.
- 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Saturday: Come on out to the Washington Fair Grounds and enjoy the music of JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY (May 10<sup>th</sup>) and FOGHAT (May 11<sup>th</sup>). LAKESIDE MUSIC FESTIVAL event, Advance ticket price and gate ticket prices are the SAME. \$20.00 each day or \$30.00 for both days. Bring your lawn chairs if you prefer. Headliner acts are scheduled to start around 8:00pm. [www.lakesidemusicfestival.com](http://www.lakesidemusicfestival.com)
- 16th-17th, Thursday – Friday: Chesterfield Lions BBQ.
- 17th-19th, Friday-Saturday: Washington Art Fair and Wine Fest, downtown Washington. Lions world famous whole hog pork burgers and more.
- 19th, Sunday: District 26-M2 College of Knowledge. Location: House Springs Lions Hall, 6482 Hwy MM, House Springs. Time: 1:30 pm. There will be only one College of Knowledge. Whether or not you are a club officer, all Lions are encouraged to attend!
- 27th, Monday: Union Lions Club participating in Union's Memorial Day Parade, meeting at City Hall at 9:30 a.m., all participants welcome, parade starts at 10:00 a.m., for more information contact Lion Devin at (314) 277-8292.

### **June**

- 1st, Saturday: Lions Night at the Races with Webster Groves Lions. Time: we will leave the front of Hixson Jr. High School at 6:00pm please be on time. Cost: \$30.00 that includes dinner, Transportation, Drinks on the Bus, a program and good seating. RSVP by May 20th to Lion Teddi Speeler at 314-724-3721 or email to [speeler36@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com)
- 1st, Saturday: Union Lions Club selling Ice Cream at Union's Founder's Day, Union City Park, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- 2nd, Sunday: House Springs Lions Ride for Sight. Contact Lion Gary Bougeno @ 314-766-3975 for more information.
- 2nd, Sunday: 2nd District 26-M2 Eye Wrap, House Springs Lions Hall, 6482 Highway MM, House Springs, MO 63051. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m, refreshments will be available, Cash bar. If you need glasses picked up, contact PDG lion jim bernhardt at 636-343-5268 or [bernjl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernjl@sbcglobal.net) or PDG lion elmer weinrich at 636-458-0113 or [eljanwein@aol.com](mailto:eljanwein@aol.com) or Lion devin struttman at 636-583-8267 or [devin@admr.com](mailto:devin@admr.com) . Please bring used eyeglasses and hearing aids.
- 3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 13th-14th, Thursday – Friday: Chesterfield Lions BBQ.
- 14th-15th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.
- 21st – 23rd, Friday – Sunday: 2013 BVM (Blind Vendors of Missouri) Annual Meeting @ Inn at Grand Glaize, Osage Beach, MO (Lake of the Ozarks). For any Lion, Club or Officer it is the perfect time to understand what “LBOMB” does and how our funds and support are being used. Contact Lion George Winkeler for further information: 314-393-7733 or [geo\\_winkeler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:geo_winkeler@sbcglobal.net)
- 25th, Tuesday: Hemmings Motor News Great Race stops in Washington for lunch served by Washington Lions. Come out and see the antique cars making the race and have lunch with the Lions, drivers and support crew. 12 noon-3:00.

### **July**

- 3rd-6th, Sunday-Wednesday: Webster Groves Lions Community Days Carnival.
- 5th, Friday: Fenton Lions selling BBQ @ Memories Car Cruise at Faith Church on Rahning Rd just off of Hwy 30 near I-270.
- 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday – Sunday: Union Lions Club selling Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream, & Smoothies at Franklin County Fair, Union Fairgrounds.

# Message From District Governor Elect Sharyn

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Wow, the year has gone by way to fast. I have met so many Lions this year and am looking forward to seeing you all again this coming Lionistic year. Within the next month your club will receive the Official Visitation Form (Governor's Visit). Please take the time to fill it out and get it back in to Lion Kathy Pusateri as soon as possible. Lion Kathy will contact your club when I approve your date. As you know days fill up fast especially Tuesdays. I am hoping to have all the Governor's visits completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> week in March.

PDG Roger and I will be leaving on June 25 for Germany and will not be returning home until late July 10<sup>th</sup>. I am looking forward to the International Convention and meeting our new International President Barry Palmer who is from Australia; going to Governor's school (I need all the help I can get); listen to outstanding speakers and attend the International Show. We will be walking in the parade which is always amazing with the different countries in their traditional dress.

I am looking forward to serving this District as your Governor. We are a team and I may be the captain but I cannot do it alone and will need your help to make this district stronger than it is. My theme for next year is "It is the Soul that See's". This saying is above the stage at the Missouri School for the Blind.

I want to take this chance to Congratulate DG Gina for being elected to serve the State of Missouri as Council Chair for 2013-2014.

Yours in Lionism,

*1st V-DG Sharyn Scheidt*

## Wildwood Area Lions Provide Assistance to Parents

Lions are familiar with providing eye testing and eyeglasses for those in need. But the Wildwood Area Lions discovered a rather different need for a child with a rare genetic mutation.

Faith Wildschuetz, now age 3 ½, was born with a mutation of the SOX2 gene and with SOX2 anophthalmia syndrome – her eyes did not develop at all, thus rendering her completely blind.

The International Children's Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia Network (ICAN) provides a child in Faith's condition for reevaluation by a geneticist, oculoplastic surgeon, ocularist and physiatrist. Their parents, Mike and Bridget, if attending that conference this July in Chicago, will be able to learn about new treatment and research that has developed in the last couple of years. ICAN is also a support group made up of families and professionals for families dealing with issues such as Faith's.

Upon learning of Faith and ICAN, the Wildwood Area Lions provided a \$1,500 scholarship for Faith and her parents to attend this year's conference.



## State Dues Increase Effective July 1

As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, our dues (District & State) will increase from \$10.00 to \$10.75 per billing cycle. The yearly increase of \$1.50 was approved by the delegates at the State convention in Kansas City. Lion Michelle Foster will be mailing out statements for those dues sometime in late July, early August.



## Washington Lions Screened Eighty at YMCA Parenting Fair

Saturday, April 20 was busy at the Washington YMCA with parents and kids visiting the booths scattered around the gymnasium.

Sonja Buckley from MLERF assisted be the Washington Lions screened eighty children in the three hours the fair was open. Thankfully none of them appeared to have any serious problems although seven had some apparent minor vision problems and parents were advised to take them to see an optometrist.



## Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing Service

Our Annual meeting is June 14-15 at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis, Tennessee. We will be electing our officers for 2013-2014 and some changes to our by-laws. According to our charter, membership in the Corporation shall consist of the following classifications.

All Lions in Lions Clubs in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee, duly chartered or certified by the International Association of Lions Clubs (Hereinafter called Lions Clubs International) and in good standing with Lions Clubs International and their respective Multiple District.

The Board of Directors may elect to membership in the Corporation persons of integrity and good judgment who have demonstrated interest and commitment to the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the Corporation.

Proposed Slate of officers 2013-2014:

President – CC-E Gina Boettcher – Gerald, MO  
First Vice President – PDG Bill Norris, Water Valley, MS  
Second Vice President – DG-E Matt Webber, Cabot, AR  
Third Vice President – Lion Ken Ketcham, Germantown, TN  
Fourth Vice President – DG Walter Hamer, Monett, MO  
Treasurer – Lion Marty Greenberg, Germantown, TN

Trustees  
TN – Ron Foster, Germantown, TN  
Nominating Committee:  
AR –  
MS – PID Howard Jenkins, Columbus East, MS  
MO –  
TN –

Directors (nominated for a two-year term with will expire 2015):

PDG Bill Johnston, Van Buren, AR; PDG Bill Heywood, Columbus East, MS; Lion Larry Boettcher, Marceline, MO;  
DG Lisa Alexander, St. Charles, MO; Lion Michael Smith, Jackson Old Hickory, TN;  
Libby Douglas, Hattiesburg, MS; Lion James Griffin, Hope, AR; William Mertins, Arkadelphia, AR

We are looking for a nomination for the nominating committee for the State of Missouri and committee members. Please contact either CC-E Gina Boettcher ([lionbtkr@fidmail.com](mailto:lionbtkr@fidmail.com)) or PCC Terry Boettcher ([liontdb@fidmail.com](mailto:liontdb@fidmail.com)) if you are interested in any position.

## Union Lions in Memorial Day Parade

The Union Lions Club will participate in Union's Annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade is held Monday, May 27, and starts at 10:00 a.m. from City Hall. Lions and their families will gather around 9:30 a.m. We'll march in our Lions shirts and vests and pass out candy and information to all parade goers. We'd love to have other Lions join us so we can make a big impact in our community. We'll also have the Lions mascot participating thanks to the Maplewood Lions Club.

## Maplewood Lions Grill for Delta Gamma Client



Maplewood Lions Club barbequed hot dogs and hamburgers for 37 clients of Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Tony McEntire, husband of Lion Leslie McEntire, gave a few tips on grilling and received a few pointers from the teens on how they manage cooking. If you are looking for a place to volunteer Delta Gamma is a fun, rewarding place to start. Lion Georgia McGuire is the District's contact person for Delta Gamma, 314-484-0706,

## Washington Lions Screen for Glaucoma at ECC Health Fair



Forty-four people traversed the four stations set up by the Washington Lions and Laura Yohai From MLERF at the East Central College Senior Health Fair Friday, May 10.

Five of those screened were found to have possible vision problems including high pressure. Two of those had not visited an optometrist since high school and one had a pressure reading of 28 and promised to make an appointment with an optometrists next week.. If three hours of volunteer time by seven Washington Lions, one MLERF employee and two optometrists helped save the vision of only one person the time was a bargain.



2nd DISTRICT 26-M2  
**EYE WRAP**

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2013

HOUSE SPRINGS  
LIONS HALL

6482 Highway MM  
House Springs, MO 63051

10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
Refreshments will be available  
Cash Bar

IF YOU NEED GLASSES PICKED UP - CALL OR E-MAIL:

PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt at 636-343-5268 or  
e-mail [bernjl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernjl@sbcglobal.net)  
or PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at 636-458-0113 or  
e-mail [eljanwein@aol.com](mailto:eljanwein@aol.com)  
or Lion Devin Struttman at 636-583-8267 or  
e-mail [devin@admr.com](mailto:devin@admr.com)

**PLEASE BRING USED EYEGLASSES  
AND HEARING AIDS**

# **We've Nearly Reached our Goal!**

This fiscal year, we made it our mission to serve every community in Missouri that has a Lions club. And we're thrilled to say that we've nearly accomplished this goal. At this point, we've reached the communities of 346 out of 368 clubs – a total of 94% of Missouri Lions clubs. Our hard-working staff in the Children's Vision Screening and Healthy Vision Screening programs deserves much of the credit, having already screened more than 38,000 children and adults this year and detected 3,266 of them to have vision problems. That's an average of 9 families in every Lions club community receiving the information they need to preserve and restore sight. Missouri Lions clubs that volunteer at our screenings and make financial contributions to our mission can take pride in knowing they have made a direct impact on the vision health of Missourians throughout the state.

While we're proud of how close we've come to reaching our goal, we still have 22 communities to go before June 30<sup>th</sup>. If your Lions club has not worked with the Foundation yet this fiscal year to host a vision screening in your community, please contact Tamara Oberbeck, our Vision Screening Program Manager, at 800-753-2265 x8518 or toberbeck@mlerf.org. A full list of the 22 remaining communities can be found on our website at <http://www.mlerf.org/our-goal-missouri-lions-clubs>.

## **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 52 members. Need to start working HARD!!**

### **Beaufort Lions Club**

Zachary R Boyer

### **Concord Village Lions Club**

Robert Steffan

### **Ferguson Lions Club**

William Lamkemeyer

Henry L W

### **Hillsboro Lions Club**

Michele C Reehten

Frank A Roland Jr

### **Maplewood Lions Club**

Jessica J. Martin

Anne Volland

### **Mineral Point Lions Club**

James Micheal Belfield

Tammy R Drennen

Mike Sandeberg

### **Overland Lions Club**

Scott A Barthelmass

Todd R Gilliam

Wendy D Gilliam

Angi L Powell

Justin D Powell

### **St Louis Carondelet Lions Club**

Patricia A. Brand

### **St Louis Downtown Lions Club**

Ralph E Lewis

Henry W Plag

### **Union Lions Club**

Megan Goss

### **Valley Lions Club**

Thomas J. Tinsley

### **West St Louis Co Lions Club**

Kevin T Clark

William E Cooper

David J Engle

### **Washington Lions Club**

Eugene F Brez

Sara Hoerstkamp

Judy E Strauser

Daniel T Today

Deborah A Today

Sherry Wideman

Terry A Williams

### **Webster Groves Lions Club**

Christy Pershall

### **Wildwood Area Lions Club**

Jeanne M. Gosen

Carey A Hoerner

John L. Mcculloch

Kathy S Welsh





**Live a story. Give a story. Donate blood.**

This summer, when you give blood you could give someone time to make their own stories - watching fireworks, having a picnic, rooting for the home team.

What if you could give someone a summer of stories? With the Red Cross, you can.

► [redcrossblood.org/summer](http://redcrossblood.org/summer)

## **WEBSTER GROVES LIONS BBQ & BLOOD DRIVE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013**

**3:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**8352 Watson Road on the Red Cross Bloodmobile  
Located by former Sappington Farmers Market**

**To make an appointment, please call Mike Swederska  
at 314-799-1998 or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
(Sponsor code: WebsterGrovesLions)**

**Walk-ins welcome, appointments take priority.**

**All donors must present a photo ID.**

**American Red Cross**

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call **1-800-RED CROSS** today to schedule an appointment.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), meet weight and height requirements (110 pounds or more, depending on their height), and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive ID when you come to donate. © The American National Red Cross 2013 | APLORS 2141

### **Raising Dough Campaign**

**Wildwood Area Lions Club and Papa Murphy's Pizza**

**Sunday, June 23, 11 am to 8 pm**

**Buy a pizza to bake, mention Wildwood Lions and Club gets portion of proceeds**

**Wildwood Town Center, near Dierberg's, Taylor Road and Highway 100**

## PDG Night at Cabinet Meeting



All are PDG's and some are PCC's and of course all are Lions. From left to right

Debbie Blumenberg, Al Blumenberg, Terry Boettcher, David Leicht, Jim Bernhardt, Marvin McAdams, Roger Scheidt, Elmer Weinrich, Gina, Boettcher, Leo Bergeron and Charlie Hartmann. Also in attendance but leaving before the picture was Sam Murabito.

Rather a small group compared to other years.

Thanks to all of them and those who were not able to attend for their service to Lions and our District.

## Maplewood Lions Screen 112 at YMCA Day Care Center

Maplewood Lions Georgia McGuire and Sue Templeton joined Brentwood Lions Bob Hill and PDG Eugene Taylor in a morning vision screening at the YMCA Day Care Center in Brentwood. The babies loved Lion Eugene as much as all the ladies do. Not one little frown or cry. Sonja Buckley, the State Vision Screener, is wonderful with the children.

Two children out of one hundred twelve were referred to doctors. Sonja does many of these screenings alone, filling out the paper work and doing the screening herself. She travels the entire state screening at schools and day care centers, so when you receive information on upcoming screenings VOLUNTEER to help her. It's an easy, fun way to spend a few hours. You may help save a child's sight.



## Please Remember These Lions

**Brentwood Lions Club**  
Evelyn Evy Steinbrueck

**Concord Village Lions Club**  
Robert E Hauser Jr.

**De Soto Lions Club**  
Tom Crisp

**Meramec Heights Lions Club**  
Albert R Abrams

**Richwoods Lions Club**  
Bob L Wilburn

**Valley Lions Club**  
Jerry Rieffer

**Washington Lions Club**  
Vernon P Marquart

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



**Lions Night at the Races**  
**Let have some fun and Fellowship**  
**Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013**

**Time: we will leave the front of  
Hixson Jr. High School at 6:00 pm  
Please be on time.**

**Cost: \$30.00 that includes Dinner,  
Transportation, Drinks on the Bus,  
Program and good seating.**

**RSVP by May 20<sup>th</sup> to**

**Lion Teddi Speeler**

**314-724-3721**

**[speeler36@hotmail.com](mailto:speeler36@hotmail.com)**



## **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). 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 June 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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**June 3, 2013**  
**7 PM**  
**Holiday Inn Viking**