

# The LIONS 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**  
Lion Kathy Pusateri



**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Michelle Foster

## District 26-M2 Governor Gina's Message

Fellow Lions:

I would like to first thank each one of you for allowing me to be your District Governor. It was a great pleasure and I will treasure this year the rest of my life. When I started this journey I wasn't sure if I would be able to overcome some obstacles, with you help I feel that we have done our very best to make District 26-M2 better today than a year ago. We have lost membership but I feel we have also grown in membership.

We have had to close a few clubs that were not functioning. We are still struggling with membership, but we need to get out into our communities and start asking people. Tell them all the great things Lions do across the United States and all over the world. We need to stop keeping it a secret and start tooting our own horns. I am proud to call myself a LION! You should be TOO!

Update on our District Wide Service Project – Clipping Coupons for Our Troops. As of this newsletter we have mailed over 80,554 coupons for a grand total of over \$118,770.94 of potential savings for our troops and their families. This does not include what I received on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Cabinet meeting. I would like to thank my Mom, Janet Harris for all her work in clipping and separating those coupons. This is one way we're "Lighting the Heart of Lionism in You".

I would like to thank the Gerald Lions Club members for allowing me to serve as your District Governor. I would also like to thank my family especially PCC Terry and Lion Thomas for their help with this journey.

One chapter in my life may be finished but it has opened several other chapters to complete. I will be serving as President of Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing Service and Council Chairperson for Multiple District 26. I am very excited to have this opportunity to service the State of Missouri and Mid South Lions.

Yours In Lionism

*Lion Gina Boettcher*

District Governor 26-M2

## *Calendar of Events*

### **June**

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)

### **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.

### **August**

4th, Sunday: Washington Town and Country Fair Parade. Washington Lions selling pork burgers, soda and drinks at post parade party downtown Washington.

7th-11th, Wednesday-Sunday: Town and Country Fair, Washington Lions frozen drink stand at the Washington Fair Grounds, 4 pm to close each day.

### **OTHER GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Beaufort Lions Club has BINGO every Friday night. Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013. Early bird starts @ 6:30, regular games start @ 7:00 pm.

St. Louis Harmony will be having Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal on most Saturdays from 8 am to 5 pm.

## **Jake McEntire Takes Opportunity for Youth Exchange Trip**

Jake McEntire is pictured with back pack purchased with donations made to Opportunity for Youth Exchange.

Jake McEntire is the grandson of Lion Georgia McGuire, son of Lions Leslie & Tony McEntire, from Maplewood Lions. Their Lions Club has sponsored Jake to participate in Lions Opportunity for Youth Exchange program. Jake will leave for Australia June 30th, arrive in Sidney then travel to host family on Tasmania Island for awhile and then on to Camp Kanga.

Some of his adventures will be snorkeling on Great Barrier Reef, helicopter flight and ocean rafting.

Jake will share his adventures and pictures with us at the October 7, 2013 Cabinet meeting.

Our MD26 William C. Chandler camp has 12 youths from 8 different countries arriving July 5, 2013. House Springs Lions is providing a meet and greet on Sunday July 7th with dinner 2pm-6pm. RSVP required, 314-805-7391 or [tkmahoney54@gmail.com](mailto:tkmahoney54@gmail.com).



# Message From 1st Vice-Governor Sharyn

Greetings Fellow Lions,

I want to tell all the clubs in District 26-M2 to keep up the good work and to keep membership up and your clubs active. As you all know by now, 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>. We will not see many of you until after we return from Germany – so we want to wish you all a happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

As I have said previously I am looking forward to serving this District as your Governor. I would like to remind all the clubs that as soon as you receive the District Governor's Visit form that you return it as soon as possible. I have already received some request.

auf Wiedersehen until we see you again.

Yours in Lionism,

*1st V-DG Sharyn Scheidt*

## Union Lions Participate in Memorial Day Parade

Our District Governor Elect Sharyn Scheidt dressed in the Lions mascot costume to wave at the cheering crowds lining the streets of union for the parade.

We were preparing to take part in the Union Memorial Day Parade and DGE Sharyn was practicing her "parade wave".

During the parade, the Union Lions Club members and their families ride or walk in the parade passing out candy and cards with Lions information.



## CC, PDG John Yount Receives Past Council Chair Pin



District Governor Gina presents Lion John Yount CC, PDG with pin and certificate from state convention which he was unable to attend due to back surgery. He is on the mend and improving daily.

### Quotes of the Month

No one is useless in the world who lightens up the burdens of others.

Charles Dickens

The life you have left is a gift. Cherish it. Enjoy it now, to the fullest. Do what matters, now.

Leo Babauta

## Please Remember These Lions

St Louis Harmony  
Lions Club  
Edward Radford

Remember to Celebrate  
Those Who Made Us  
Independent  
July 4, 1776

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



## Webster Grove Lions Give \$17,000 in Scholarships

The Webster Groves Lions Club gave away 17 \$1000.00 scholarships to Webster Groves High School Seniors, May 23, 2013.

Previous scholarship helped result in a new Lions member. Webster had a recipient of a scholarship in 2008 come to us to join our club. He is now an Attorney and a member of the Webster Groves Lions club.

**Youth Are Our Future!  
What Does Your Club  
Do For/With Youth?  
They Are Future Members**



## Maplewood Lions BBQ for Annual international Car Show

Sunday, June 2nd, the Maplewood Lions Club provided BBQ for the Annual International Car Show and its over 200 participants and general public held at Plaza Frontenac's parking lot. Funds raised by the car show participants' entry fees were do-



nated to the local Shriner's to help defray costs of the Shriner's Hospital. Good weather and a large crowd of spectators enabled our club to raise some extra funds for those in need.

"Alone we can do so little --- Together we can do so much!" (Helen Keller)

## No Tears, But Close



District Governor Gina said, "no tears" as she gave her closing remarks at her last complete cabinet meeting June 3. She made it through but there was a glistening in her eyes as she finished thanking all the Lions for a great year

### COME ONE COME ALL LION'S

All Lions are invited as always to the annual Lions Eye Foundation of District 26 M2 meeting on

July 29 to be held on the 5th Monday in July.(No clubs meet on this Day) at 7:00 p.m. at the Delta Gamma Building, 1750 Big Bend Road.

Come early, there will be a tour of the facility to see what we the Lion's sponsored as well as how Delta Gamma works with the children and their families, these are children born with sight problems or born blind.

Voting delegate forms will be sent to each club. See you all there! Thank you.  
PCC Lion Charlie Hartmann -President



# Webster Groves LIONS

## 3rd Annual

### Wine Fest

August 24, 2013

20 Different Wines

Starts at 7 pm  
(Doors open at 6:30)

Beer sampling

Garland Wines

Silent Auction

II South Old Orchard  
Webster Groves

Wine Raffle  
with

\$20 in advance  
\$25 at the door

Ticket Purchase

*Garland Wines*  
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For information or tickets call:

Sandy Halama 314-795-7456 or Larry Suiter 314-993-0068





## Banner Presented to St. Louis Downtown Lions Club

The Bristol Brunel Lions Club in Bristol, England presented Lion Gene Morse their friendship banner on May 4<sup>th</sup> at a gathering in Bristol, England.

Lion Gene was recognized for offering hospitality to two families from England while their children were receiving treatment at St. Louis Children's Hospital in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

When Lion Gene and wife Lettie were visiting friends in England Lion Robin Young, of the Bristol Brunel Lions Club, organized a gathering of the families at a local hotel. PDG William O'Neill of the Bristol area district 105-W also presented his banner to Lion Gene.

It was a great joy to see the progress of the two children, Toby (9) and Abigail (12) who can now walk on their own because to the spinal surgery for their CP condition.

Lion Gene presented the St. Louis Downtown Lions banner to Lion Robin Young and wife Lion Alisa Young. The Youngs entertained Lion Gene and Lettie in their home as well.

The Bristol Brunel Lions Club had helped the English families with expenses for the surgery and then asked Lion Gene from the Downtown Club to "look in on them while in St. Louis". Lasting friends resulted.



## You Can Help With Oklahoma Disaster Relief Through LCIF

Dear Lions,

As many of you know, a tragic event occurred in the United States last month. A deadly tornado touched down in the state of Oklahoma killing over 20 people, including children, as well as destroying schools, a hospital and many homes in the town of Moore.

A donor in Vancouver, Canada, was so moved by the stories of individual bravery and survival from Oklahoma that he donated US\$1,000 to the disaster relief fund at Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) as a challenge to other Lions to match his donation. A match does not need to be the full \$1,000, but can be any amount - even US\$1. Through local Lions efforts, this money will be used for immediate relief and long term reconstruction. To match this donation, contact LCIF or donate at <https://www.lcif.org/EN/ways-to-give/lion-disaster-donation.php>. All donations to the disaster relief fund are Melvin Jones Fellowship eligible.

Many other Lions across the US and world have also responded to the devastation in Oklahoma. A club in Michigan had a club meeting Tuesday night where over US\$3,000 was donated with more on the way from clubs across the district. Districts in Florida and Virginia are sending truckloads of relief supplies to the scene. Donations have come in from Ontario and Prince Edward Island in Canada and from many clubs in the US.

Please be generous in your donations to assist disaster relief and reconstruction. Thank you from LCIF Development.

PCC Terry Boettcher  
LCIF District Coordinator



# MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB INSTALLATION

Lion Georgia McGuire was installed as Mapletwood Lions Club's new President Tuesday May 21st at the VFW Hall in Mapletwood. Lion Georgia has chosen "Gather Your Family Together and Watch Lions Grow" as her motto for the coming year. Georgia's daughters, Lion Lynn Sansone and Lion Leslie McEntire, are members of Mapletwood Lions.

Lion Lynn was installed as first vice president and Lion Leslie will be working at the Lions Youth Exchange Camp this summer. Lion Georgia's grandson, Jake McEntire, will be going to Australia this summer as part of the Youth Exchange Program. Seventeen members of her family were present to see her receive her gavel. Mapletwood Lions are looking forward to having many more of her family join us as Lions.

Lion Georgia was presented the Melvin Jones award for her work and dedication to Lions.

Lion Scott Young was the installing officer. Sec. Lion Barb Kurkowski declared all officers elect to be in good standing and they were therefore installed.

Mapletwood was honored to have members from five District Lions Clubs present as well as our own member District Governor Elect Lion Sharyn Scheidt and her spouse in service PDG Roger. Lions Sharyn and Roger are excited to be traveling to Hamburg, Germany where she will be installed as Governor of District 26-M2.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and shared in our celebration of our new officers.

ZC Lion Sue Templeton  
Mapletwood Lions Club

## District Eyeglass Committee Report

We would like to thank the Ferguson Lions for the use of their hall and hosting the first Eye Wrap on May 29. There were nineteen Lions in attendance.

We would also like to thank the House springs Lions Club for the use of their hall and hosting the second Eye Wrap on Sunday, June 2. There were twenty-one Lions in attendance. We collected and sorted 20,095 pair of Eye glasses that were delivered to Nina Keller. The Committee was disappointed that there were only twenty-one Lions in attendance, representing the whole District. "Thank You" to Kathy Pusateri, who was the only representative of the Cabinet.

When used eyeglasses are dropped off at the home of Past District Governor Lion Jim Bernhardt, he has to store them in his rented storage area at his expense. All clubs should be responsible for storing the used eyeglasses collected by them until the Eye Wraps.

The Committee and others collected the glasses that were delivered to Nina Keller, Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and VOSCH in Memphis. The grand total was 49,000 pair of used eyeglasses for 2012-13. We had five boxes of junk that was sent to Re-Specs in California. Shipping was \$204.77. It will take approximately four months to receive our check from Re-Specs.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich, PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt, Lion Devin Struttman.



## Meet Little Rodger Rojo

Rodger Rojo was born 5 years ago this July. He was born with Cerebral Palsy and a brain condition that left him blind. He requires constant care, such as diaper change, feeding of pureed food. He has had both legs operated on to insert rods in his legs and hips to keep them from crossing caused by the C.P.

He now needs to have the rods removed from the hips and legs but first must have his tonsils and adenoids removed. He possibly may face other major surgeries. This child was sent to me through the Hot Line and sent there from Delta Gamma Assn.

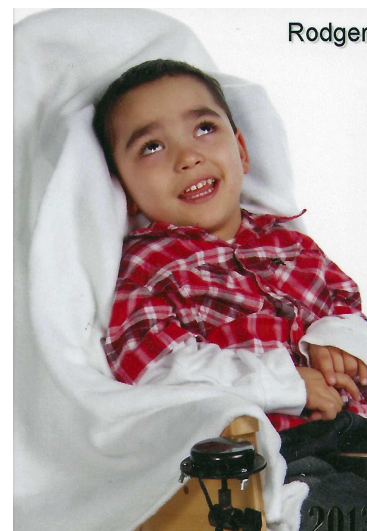
Little Rodger has outgrown his small wheel chair and car seat as well as his baby bed. He is in the custody of his Grandparents, Mary and Leon Goodwin.

His new special wheelchair is too heavy and large to fit into their vehicle and he will not fit properly in a car seat. They are in need of and are purchasing a handicap equipped van, trading in their present car and with the help of the Friends of Man, Cerebral Palsy Assn., Variety Club and our Eye Foundation this was possible.

Because of the low credit score caused by hospital and doctor bills, the large balance to be financed, by law requires the loan to be 18%. I did check with a credit union and our bank to see if we could lower this percentage and they said that is what they are required by the Government to charge.

I am therefore asking the clubs or individuals if they would be able to help to reduce this large loan to please send \$100.00, \$200.00 or more or any amount to the District 26 M2 Eye Foundation with Little Rodger or Rodger's Van on the memo line and these funds will be applied to the loan direct from the foundation. Any questions please call me - Cell number 314-229-9221. Send checks to PCC Charlie Hartmann, 317 Walworth Drive, St. Louis, Mo. 63125 or Eye Foundation treasurer Leon Hove, 128 Lake Washington Dr., Washington, MO 63090. Thank you.

Remember "We Serve",  
PCC Lion Charlie Hartmann -  
President of the Eye Foundation



## Lions "Tear Down the Wall" of Blindness

Special thanks to Lions at this year's state convention who helped us "tear down the wall" to blindness. To celebrate the international convention in Hamburg, Germany, the Foundation staff built a miniature Berlin Wall of cardboard bricks at the Friday evening social, and generous Lions tore down the wall, one \$10 brick at a time. It costs approximately \$10 to screen one child for amblyopia and other common types of vision loss, so the Lions' support of the fundraiser enabled us to screen more than 40 children in May!



Speaking of fundraising, the Lions fiscal year is drawing to a close this month, and the Foundation needs your help to meet this year's fundraising goal. The Lions Giving goal for FY12-13 is \$190,000. As of April 30th, Missouri Lions had raised \$136,364.51 for the Foundation. If your club has been waiting to send a donation or if your club has the ability to make one last donation for the fiscal year, please send it in by June 30, 2013 to help us reach this important goal for

the State Sight Project of the Missouri Lions.

And if you would like to make a personal donation to the Foundation, we encourage you to establish the gift that lasts all fiscal year long: a recurring monthly gift of \$20. To set up your donation, visit [www.mlerf.org/give](http://www.mlerf.org/give) or call 800-283-1982 x107, and help us preserve and restore sight year-round.





## Welcome These New Members

**Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!  
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.  
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.**

**Chesterfield Lions Club**  
Louise Zimerman

**Gray Summit Lions Club**  
Kathy Hackmann  
Irene Krause  
Ann Shultz

**Hillsboro Lions Club**  
Andrea Lynn Shores  
Michael K Shores

**Maplewood Lions Club**  
Calvin B. Sweeney

**West St Louis County Lions Club**  
Steve Quinlan

## Mid South Raising \$25,000 for LCIF Matching Grant

Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service would like to thank District 26-M2 for being the sponsor of a \$25,000 LCIF matching grant. The money will be raised by the Lions Clubs in Missouri, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee. We are continuing our "Freedom from Blindness" campaign this summer to raise the money to match the grant. We are asking each club to consider holding a special fundraiser this summer to benefit this campaign. The \$50,000 will be used to purchase equipment for the Surgery Center at the Hamilton Eye Institute. In return the Surgery Center will give us \$50,000 in credit for patient care at the Surgery Center which will allow us to reduce our patient waiting list. Thank you for all your support for this campaign and all the support you have given us in the past and in the future.

Council Chair-Elect Gina Boettcher will be installed as President of Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service on June 15th. I look forward to her leadership this coming year.

PCC Terry Boettcher  
Past President  
Mid South Lions Sight and Hearing Service.

## Lion Bill Rasmussen Honored for Fifty Years Service

Lion Bill Rasmussen of the Desoto Lions Club is honored for his 50 years of service to Lionism with proclamations from the city, county and state declaring June 6, 2013 as Lion Bill Rasmussen Day in Desoto, Jefferson County and the State of Missouri.

Lion Bill has served several terms as President, Secretary and Tail Twister of the Desoto Lions Club as well as being a Melvin Jones Recipient.

Pictured are Lion Bill and State Representative Ben Harris with the state proclamation.



## 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 August 5. 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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**7 PM**  
**Holiday Inn Viking**