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District 26-M2

April (Convention) 2014



District 26-M2 Governor Sharyn's Message

Fellow Lions:

The District Convention is now over and I hope everyone had a great time. I thought the venue for the Hospitality Night was great. Everything worked out well. The Sheraton Hotel did a great job with the meals – or so I have been told. Of all times to come down with the flu – I missed most of the convention. I want to give a big THANK YOU to 1^{st} VDG Lion Missy for filling in and to all the others who helped with various tasks. I also would like to thank the convention committee for doing a wonderful job. I would like to congratulate the 13 clubs that received the Victory Award and the Lions who received the Lion Victory Award.

The year is not over yet and we still have a few months to turn the membership numbers around. Currently we are down a -2, which is not bad, but we need a positive growth. I know that all the clubs are working hard toward this goal.

I want to congratulate the following on being elected for the following offices:

District Governor-Elect Lion Missy Carr

- 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lion Joe Foster
- 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Lion Jack Lenk

The state convention is coming up soon. It is being held in Sedalia, Missouri April 25-26, 2014. The council of governors meeting will be held on Thursday April 24, 2014.

There is still time to make hotel reservations and get your registration in. I hope to see many of you there. If you would like more information on the State Convention please visit their website at www.molionsm5.org/stconv14.htm.

Don't forget the cabinet meeting in May and we will be honoring all the Past District Governor's. You will be notified of where it will be held in a couple of weeks.

Remember "It is the Soul that See's" so that you can "Follow your Dream" to make your club and our district better and stronger.

Yours in Lionism,

D G Lion Sharyn Scheidt District Governor 26-M2

Calendar of Events

April

- 18th, Friday: Valley Park Lions Club Texas Hold~em @ Valley Park Lion's Den 1001 St. Louis Avenue Valley Park, MO 63088. Sign In 6:00 pm. Games Start 7:00 pm. \$20.00 Buy In \$5.00 Bounty Optional. Information Call: Lion Bobbie Sue 314-327-4199 or Lion Matt 314-255-3354.
- 18th, Friday: Maplewood Lions & American Legion Post 103 Fish Fry @ American Legion Hall, 2312 Sutton Ave., Maplewood, MO. Every Friday during Lent. 12 noon to 7pm.
- 19th, Saturday: The Maplewood Lions Cub's annual Easter Egg Hunt at Deer Creek Park on Laclede Station Road - Egg Hunt kicks off at 1 PM sharp. Great prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny.
- 19th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd. Starts at 1 pm SHARP!! For more information call Lion Rick Krenning at (573)-234-4958.
- 20th, Sunday: Valley Park Lions Club has All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8:00 am. to 11:00 am. Adults \$8.00 Kids \$5.00(8yrs.& under) Breakfast Items Include: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patties, Pancakes, Bacon, Biscuits & Gravy, French Toast, Orange Juice, Coffee& Milk. Location: Valley Park Lion's Den 1001 St. Louis Avenue Valley Park, Mo. 63088. Information Call: Lion Kaye 314-698-0700
- 24th, Thursday: Missouri Lions Council of Governors' Meeting, Sedalia, MO
- 25th 26th, Friday Saturday: 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention & Council of Governors' meeting, Sedalia, Missouri. More information and registration can be found at <u>http://www.molionsm5.org/</u> <u>stconv14sched.htm</u>
- 25th & 26th, Friday & Saturday: West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions Annual Barbecue, Eureka Hwy 109 At Central Ave. (On The Spur 4 Blocks South Of Hwy. 44). 10:30 AM till Sundown. Ribs, Pork Steaks, Chicken, Bratwurst, Sandwiches and Dinners. On Fridays you can call 636-388-5775 to order a lunch delivery.

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- 3rd, Saturday: The Maplewood Lions Club is hosting an Eye Wrap at the American Legion Post #103 at 3212 Sutton Avenue in Maplewood from 10 AM until 3 P.M. Food and drink will be available. Any questions, contact Lion Joe Kurkowski.
- 4th, Sunday: Richwoods Lions Annual Spring Auction @ Richwoods Lions Club, 10645 Hwy A Richwoods MO, Doors open at 11 auction begins at 1. Many used and new items to bid on. Refreshments available. All donations accepted of new and used items. Contact Lions Toni Mahoney 314-805-7391 tkmahoney54@gmail.com or Doris Cardwell 573-678-2405
- 6th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit @ Maplewood Lions Club @American Legion Post #103, Maplewood, MO
- 9th & 10th, Friday & Saturday, Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.
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- 10th, Saturday: House Springs Lions BBQ Make it easy on yourself and come by today to pick up your dinner for Mom tomorrow! The House Springs Lions will be serving some delicious BBQ at Buchheit's in House Springs, 4550 Gravois (Highway MM), House Springs, MO. For more information contact Lion Ken Bougeno at 314-971-3949
- 14th, Wednesday: 23rd Annual West St. Louis County Lions Club Benefit Bowling Tournament @ West County Lanes, Ellisville, MO. Entry fee \$25.00. Leave entry at the desk at West County Lanes or mail entry form to: West County Lions Club Benefit Bowling Tournament, c/o Shelter Insurance, 142 Enchanted Pkwy, Ste 101, Manchester, MO 63021-5412. Please make check payable to West St. Louis County Lions Club. Must have entries in by May 2nd.

Message From 1st Vice-Governor Missy

Happy Spring,

I Wasn't sure that it was ever going to warm up and quit snowing, but I think at last it has. The trees are blooming, the grass is growing and yesterday I was lucky enough to get out for a round of golf. I actually played fairly well for my first time out this year. I even managed to tie Lion Kevin for 9 holes, but let's keep that our little secret because he wasn't too happy about it.

I would like to thank everyone who was able to make the district convention. It was a wonderful weekend. Friday night I seemed to have a problem staying out of "jail", but luckily there were enough Lions to keep bailing me out. Saturday night I had the honor of filling in for Governor Sharyn at the banquet. What fun that was getting to give out awards to some very deserving Lions! Also a big congratulations to Lion Joe Foster and Lion Jack Lenk who successfully became our First Vice and Second Vice District Governors. I look forward to working with them next year. I would like to thank the Washington Lions Club and President Nell Redhage for the nomination and support they have given me. I couldn't do this without them.

Governor Sharyn has done a great job this year, but she isn't finished yet. She still has three months to go. I say we help make her year even better by finishing strong with new members. Adding one new member to every club would be a great way to thank her and I'm sure would put a smile on her face.

Yours in Lionism,

District Governor Elect Missy Carr

Calendar of Events

(Calendar Continued)

May

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- 17th, Saturday: The Maplewood Lions Club will sponsor a game booth at the Taste of Maplewood Festival beginning at noon, on Sutton Avenue.
- 24th, Saturday: Maplewood Lions Club Community Day at Deer Creek Park on Laclede Station Road from 10 AM until 2 PM. There will be eye screenings for both children and adults, games, literacy book giveaway, membership drive, food and drink. For more information, contact Lions Dawn Sweeney or Barb Kurkowski.

June

- 1st,Sunday: The Maplewood Lions Club will sponsor a BBQ at the International Car Show on the parking lot of Frontenac Plaza beginning at 10:30 AM. For more information, contact Lion Jean Martin.
- 3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ TBD. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
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- 7th, Saturday: Richwoods Tractor Pull @ 10645 Hwy. A, Richwoods, MO 63071, Gate opens 11am, pulls start at 1pm, food available, contact Lion Mike Rulo 573-678-2060
- 13th 14th, Friday Saturday: Mid South Sight and Hearing Fourth Quarterly & Annual Membership Meeting, Comfort Inn - 100 N Front St, Memphis, TN & Hamilton Eye Institute.

Convention Highlights, Awards and Recognition





Banquet Was Time for Food, Beverage and Fellowship



Telephone Services (Hot Line) and District Sight One

As of July 1, 2012 these two committees were merged. It was agreed upon that the two committees work closely together, so why not make it one committee.

When the Hot Line receives a call from someone needing eye examination and glasses we will then mail an application to them. When the application is received back – we look over all of the information and then it is either approved or denied according to Federal Guidelines.

We will still need financial help from the clubs to help pay these expenses.

District Sight Committee

Wildwood Area Lions Celebrate Fifth Anniversary



Five years ago, the Wildwood Area Lions received its Club Charter. Pictured above (standing) at the presentation are then-IPDG Debbie Blumenberg (House Springs); Don Gosen, president of the Wildwood Area Lions; David Politte (president of the Washington Lions Club, sponsoring club), and Dennis Donze (MERL Extension Chairperson, Webster Groves Lions). Seated are then-Vice District Governor Kimberly Taylor (Brentwood) and PDG Eugene Taylor (Brentwood). The Taylors continued their service to the Wildwood Area club by being its Guiding Lions for the next two years. All District 26-M2 Lions are invited to celebrate the Wildwood Area Lions Club's 5th Anniversary picnic in June.

"In a season when we celebrate our sponsoring club of Washington's 75th and Gerald's 60th, five years doesn't seem like much, but we are very proud of our status," says President Lion Sandee Marshall.

When the Wildwood Area club was chartered in June of 2009, she says, we were so eager that we didn't realize what a superb opportunity it is to be a part of the District's community of clubs. "We have been blessed with encouragement and friendships."

In order to thank District Lions, all are invited to join in the Club's informal summer picnic on Sunday, June 22, at 2 p.m. at Ellisville's Bluebird Park, Lions Shelter. The Club will provide meat and drinks; guests are asked to bring a side dish and lawn chair.

RSVP to Lion Leslie North, phone or text 314-494-1025 or e-mail leslienorth@allstate.com.





Wildwood Area Lions with recent birthdays were feted at the Club meeting on March 13, thanks to Chair of the Social Committee Lion Leslie North.

From left, Treasurer Devon Marshall, Becky Kranz, Lion Tamer George Koob, Corryne Sontag (accepting on behalf of her father Vice President Larry Sontag) and Board Director Gloria Ventura. None agreed to give a new age!

Delta Gamma Report

Delta Gamma is starting a new service of vision screening.

They are still looking for volunteers for their Buddy Program on the first Wednesday of the month and the Grad program on Saturdays.

They are having a run for sight on May 4 th at 8'30 am at Union Station.

There is a wonderful article in the Insight hand out, { Why isn't she looking at me.} Written by a mother of a sightless child, it is very heart warming. There is also a very interesting article of the history of the white cane.

Lion Georgia McGuire.



Opportunity to Participate in Local Health Fairs

District 26-M2 owns two Field of Vision machines and, thanks to the Eye Foundation, a new Reichert Model 7 noncontact tonometer. Washington has been using this equipment to screen citizens at the ECC Senior health Fair for the past four years and has also participated in the City of Washington Health Fair screening both adults and children with the help of Saving Sight. Several hundred people have been screened and several have been found to have problems ranging form just being near sighted up to already in the beginning stages of glaucoma. At least two people can thank the Washington Lions for retaining at least a portion of their sight.

St. Clair Lions will be using the equipment for a health fair in their area May 13 and 14. Union Lions have also expressed interest as has Lemay Jefferson Barracks Lions.

Almost every community has one or more health fairs during the year. Your club can participate using the district equipment and continue meeting Helen Keller's challenge to become "Knights for the Blind" and practicing the Lions motto "We Serve". Operating the equipment is not hard and most screenings do not take a lot of manpower. Saving Sight will be more than happy to help with their camera and their non-contact tonometer. Your club can gain some publicity and perform a service to your community at the same time. Contact Lions Leon Hove or PCC Charlie Hartmann for more information.

Making Measles History

In November 2013, one of the strongest typhoons ever to make land devastated parts of the Philippines. Tens of thousands became homeless overnight and thousands more lost their lives. Lions around the world responded with generosity, raising more than US\$1 million in the first two weeks following the disaster. Yet there is another disaster that takes place each day that may not make headlines, but it takes the life of 335 children every day – more than 122,000 a year. And it's completely preventable. This disaster is measles – and Lions have vowed to continue the fight against it. Measles is one of the most infectious diseases known to humankind, and people who aren't protected have a high risk of infection. When one person has measles, 90 percent of the people they come into close contact with will become infected, if they are not vaccinated or have not previously contracted the disease.

For US\$1, a child can be vaccinated against measles making it one of the most cost-effective health interventions available. Vaccines have the power not only to save but also transform lives by protecting against disease – giving children a chance to grow up healthy, go to school, and improve their lives. In many parts of the world, parents do not have access to immunization services that could protect their children from measles. Factors such as poverty, poor health systems, and a lack of information can make it difficult for families to secure preventative vaccinations for their children.

Through our partnership with GAVI Alliance, Lions have committed to raising US\$30 million by our 100th anniversary in 2017 towards the fight to eliminate measles. The funds raised by Lions will be matched through the GAVI Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, bringing the total to US\$60 million. Through our joint efforts with GAVI and other partners, we will help immunize more than 114 million children and increase access to quality immunization services to benefit children throughout the world.

World Immunization Week is April 23-30, 2014. Throughout the month, Lions in measles priority countries will be out in their communities encouraging their neighbors to participate in vaccination events and serving as volunteers at vaccination centers. Lions are essential partners in immunization campaigns throughout the world helping to make measles history and the results are remarkable. Since 2010, Lions have helped to contribute to the vaccination of 200 million children against measles.

In celebration of World Immunization Week and Lions social mobilization efforts around the world to eliminate measles, all donations for measles during the month of April will be matched dollar for dollar by Lion Aruna Oswal and her family, up to a total gift of US\$500,000. This means that during the month of April, your contribution will save four times the number of children from the potentially devastating effects of measles.

In honor of World Immunization Week and Lions commitment to making measles history, consider making a donation to LCIF to help eliminate measles. For additional information about LCIF and our commitment to the global elimination of measles, please visit <u>www.lcif.org</u>.



2014 COLLEGE OF KNOWLEDGE District 26-M2 Club Officer Training

THREE DATES TO CHOOSE FROM

Tuesday May 20 – House Springs Lions Hall @ 7:00PM

6482 Highway MM, House Springs, MO 63051

Wednesday May 21 – Beaufort Lions Hall @ 7:00PM

2041 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, MO 63013

Thursday May 22 – Overland Lions Hall @ 7:00PM

2358 Lackland Road, Overland, MO 63114

Who should attend????

Any incoming club officers including presidents, vice presidents, treasurers, secretaries, and membership chairs

Please RSVP to Lion Missy Carr - lionmissy14@yahoo.com

or by phone 636-667-6630





MISSOURI LIONS 2014 STATE CONVENTION



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APRIL 25 - 26, 2014

Convention Center - MO State Fairgrounds

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Make check payable to: "Missouri Lions 2014 State Convention" Or register on-line at http://www.molionsm5.org/stconv14.htm Mail to: Lion Donna Jungerman 8627 Three T Rd. Mayview, MO 64071

Phone 660-237-4239

jungerman@ctcis.net

Advance registration deadline, April 15, 2014

MAKE ROOM RESERVATION DIRECTLY WITH HOTEL

Best Western State Fair Inn, 3120 S. Limit (S. 65 Hwy), Sedalia, MO Phone (660) 826-6100 www.bestwestern.com Single/double \$87.80 - Suite \$107.80 Rate includes breakfast, served in breakfast area 6:30-9:30 a.m.



23rd ANNUAL WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY LIONS CLUB **BENEFIT BOWLING TOURNAMENT** MAY 14, 2014 6:30 PM



WEST COUNTY LANES ELLISVILLE, MO

TROPHIES & PRIZE MONEY FOR HIGH SCRATCH & HANDICAP SERIES 3RD-\$100 4TH-\$75 5TH-\$50 6TH-\$25 1ST-\$500 2ND-\$250 \$50 EACH GAME SCRATCH & HANDICAP

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MUST HAVE ENTRIES IN BY MAY 2nd, 2014

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THE WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY/EUREKA LIONS ANNUAL BARBECUE EUREKA HWY 109 AT CENTRAL AVE. (ON THE SPUR 4 BLOCKS SOUTH OF HWY. 44)

The West St. Louis County/Eureka Lions will start the BBQ season on the followings dates. This is always a good time to enjoy the spring weather with great barbecue.

Friday April 25th and Saturday April 26th Friday May 2nd and Saturday May 3rd Friday May 9th and Saturday May 10th Friday May 16th and Saturday May 17th

10:30 AM till Sundown 10:30 AM till Sundown 10:30 AM till Sundown 10:30 AM till Sundown

As always we will be have Ribs, Pork Steaks, Chicken, Bratwurst, Sandwiches and Dinners. On Fridays you can call us at 636-388-5775 to order a lunch delivery.

Proceeds from this event go towards charitable needs in our area such as the Missouri School for the Blind, Lions Eye Research and Eye Clinic, JDRF, college scholarships to Eureka high school seniors, care packages to our troops overseas, and the Lions summer youth swimming program for children in our community.











District Speakers Available

Lion Toni Mahoney is available to speak at your Lions Club on OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH call 314-805-7391 or tmahoney@dishmail.net. Call Lion Governor Sharyn 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 May 10. 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.