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Volume 32 Number 7 District 26-M2 June 2014 **1st Vice-District** 2nd Vice-District District **Cabinet Treasurer** Governor Governor Governor **Cabinet Secretary** Lion Michelle Foster Lion Sharyn Scheidt Lion Missy Carr Lion Joseph Foster Lion Kathy Pusateri

## **District 26-M2 Governor Sharyn's Message**

Fellow Lions:

WOW, what a year. I first want to thank Lion Kathy, Lion Michelle, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE Lion Joe and DGE Lion Missy for a great year. We have had lots of laughs and some tears. I want to thank each and every one of you for your guidance and help to make this past year a great year for me. I appreciate every one of you! I would like to thank the Maplewood Lions Club for allowing me to take on this adventure. I would also like to thank my family and especially PDG Roger for giving the courage to take on this adventure, for listening when I would rant and rave because something did not go as I thought it should. PDG Roger and my family were the ones who kept me going when I wanted to throw in the hat when our granddaughter passed away.

These last few years have been an adventure and I would not have missed it for the world. I have enjoyed meeting new Lions and visiting all the Lions Clubs. I again want Thank you all for a most enjoyable and memorable year.

On June 27<sup>th</sup> PDG Roger and I will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We have had good times and some no so good. Most important is that we have supported each other no matter what was happening. PDG Roger Happy Anniversary and I Love You.

Yours in Lionism, **D** G Lion Sharyn Scheidt District Governor 26-M2

## **Clipping Coupons**

I first want to Thank Council Gina and her mother Janet for clipping, sorting, counting and mailing all of the coupons. I also want to thank all of those Lions who have saved and turned in coupons. As of the end of May Council Chair Gina and her mother have mailed over a total for the year 158,004 coupons for a potential savings of \$274,161.49. Great Job everyone!!!!

Yours in Lionism, **DG Lion Sharyn Scheidt** District Governor 26-M2

#### Calendar of Events

#### June

- 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.
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday & Saturday, Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday & Saturday, Meramec Heights Lions BBQ at 141 & Astra Way
- 15<sup>th</sup>, 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
- 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- 21st, Saturday: Maplewood Lions Club Candy Day Schnucks Market in Richmond Heights on Clayton Road from 10 AM - 4 PM.
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday: Maplewood Lions Club 5K Fun Run @ Deer Creek Park, 3200 Laclede Station Rd., Maplewood, MO 63143. Packet pickup at park 7:00 AM, Race starts at 8 AM, Registration is \$25.00 adults and \$15.00 for kids, Advance packet pick up at Maplewood Bicycle Shop 7534 Manchester on June 20th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Registration is \$25.00 for adults and \$15.00 for kids. Register on-line @Maplewoodlions5krun.org or call 314-646-1237 for more information.
- 22nd, Sunday: Wildwood Area Lions 5th Anniversary Picnic @ Bluebird Park Lions Shelter in Ellisville. 2 p.m. All District Lions invited. Club provides meat and drinks; guests please bring a side dish and lawn chair. RSVP to Lion Leslie North, phone or text 314-494-1025 or e-mail leslienorth@allstate.com

#### July

- 4th 8th; Friday Tuesday: 97th Lions International Convention @ Toronto, Canada.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday Saturday: Webster Groves Lions Club Annual Community Days Carnival @ the corner of Glendale and Elm South of Highway 44. Fireworks on both the 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2nd-5th, Wednesday-Saturday: The Maplewood Lions Club will sponsor a game booth at the Webster Groves Lions Community Days.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Fenton Lions Club will be selling BBQ at the Memories Car Cruise @ Faith Church on Rahning Rd just off of Hwy 30 near I-270.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: House Springs Lions will be hosting the International Exchange Students at a "Welcome to Our District BBQ and Program" starting at 1:00. Please come and support the exchange students program.
- 11th, Friday: The Maplewood Lions Club's Literacy Committee will have a booth at the Maplewood "Let Them Eat Art" festival in the park on Sutton Avenue and will give free books to the public along with a membership drive. For more information, contact Lion Leslie McEntire or Lion Georgia McGuire.
- 20<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Valley Park Lions Club has All You Can Eat Breakfast. 8:00 am. to 11:00 am. Adults \$8.00 Kids \$5.00 (8 yrs.& 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

#### August

- 1st, Friday: Fenton Lions Club will be selling BBQ at the Memories Car Cruise @ Faith Church on Rahning Rd just off of Hwy 30 near I-270.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, August: District Cabinet Meeting @ Mike Duffy's, 24 W. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122. We will be offering the opportunity to eat a buffet meal BEFORE the meeting. The pizza/pasta/salad buffet will start at 6:30 pm and will end at 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$15 per person and will include a soft beverage or tea or water. If you do not plan on eating the buffet, you should plan on arriving at Mike Duffy's NO EARLIER than 7:00 pm. The Cabinet meeting will start at 7:15 pm and will proceed through the agenda with no additional break.
- 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday & Saturday, Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.
- 19th, Tuesday: Region 3 Zone Meeting hosted by the DeSoto Lions @ the Bistro on the Square, Jefferson Square Plaza, Hwy. 21, DeSoto, MO 63020. Arrive at 5:30, order off menu, average dinner \$10. Meeting will start at 7 pm.

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## **Message From Governor Elect Missy**

Fellow Lions:

23 DAYS!!! That is all that is left until I board the plane for Toronto, Canada to attend the Lions International Convention and return as your District Governor. I am so excited to explore Toronto, learn more about Lions, and of course to visit with Lions from around the world. Before I leave however, I have to get my other Lions traveler out of the house. My son Alex is also leaving this month. He is going to northern Italy for four weeks as part of the Lions Youth Exchange. He is so excited, and I'm sure a little nervous to be traveling out of the country for the first time. You will all be able to hear about his adventure at the August cabinet meeting.

What a great Lions year we have had. We all need to thank Governor Sharyn Scheidt for the time and leadership that she gave to us this past year. A lot of people and a lot of communities have been touched by all of the hard work and service that continues to come out of this district. I am so proud to be a part of it.

Planning is underway for another great year. I have a new district service project and some other new ideas that you will begin to hear more about in August. As Lions we always work hard, but this year we are going to throw some fun fellowship opportunities in too. Also, when we come to your clubs this year for visits you will be seeing some new faces on the cabinet. Be patient with us as we all learn our new duties.

Thanks again for all you do.

Yours in Lionism,

#### District Governor Elect Lion Missy Carr

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#### Quotes

Tolerance is the greatest gift of the mind; it requires the same effort of the brain that it takes to balance oneself on a bicycle. — **Helen Keller** 

The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision. - Helen Keller

### **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.

#### GERALD LIONS CLUB PEGGY L. SCHMIDT

#### OVERLAND LIONS CLUB ELIZABETH BECKER

RON ENGLISH CHRIS FRIEDHOFF TODD B GILLIAM MICHAEL MCCLINTOCK

WEST ST LOUIS CO. LIONS CLUB MICHAEL P SISCO

#### ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

ANN M BAKER AMANDA N BEETZ PATRICIA A BEETZ NATHAN D FRIEND

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB MEGAN S HAMILL EDWARD H LUEPKER

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## Wildwood Area Lions Help Ronald McDonald Care Mobile

Members from the Wildwood Area Lions Club saw a need in the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® program and decided to fill it. The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile provides on-the-spot eye exams and glasses to children. The program is a partnership between the Ronald McDonald House Charities of St. Louis and the Eye Care Charity of Mid-America (ECCOMA). The Eye Care Charity operates the program and schedules its visits to elementary and middle schools. Since its arrival in March 2013, the program has served more than 1,500 children with eye exams and dispensed more than 1400 glasses at no charge to the schools or children.

Wildwood Lions Club members (left to right) Jim Kranz, Randy Ladd, Kay Ladd, Becky Kranz and Mike Klein deliv-

ered their club's donation of 500 eyeglass cases to ECCOMA executive director Lora Mather (far left) on May 15. These members serve as student escorts and provide one-to-one education about good vision habits to the children. Every child who receives glasses also receives a hard shell eyeglass case. Having a safe place to keep their new glasses is a good vision habit that will prevent breakage or damage to their new glasses.

Providing free eye care and vision correction to children through the St. Louis Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® improves their ability to fully participate in the everyday education process as well as their quality of life. Through the volunteer efforts of eye care professionals, the generosity of Lions Club volunteers, and grants from Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Greater St Louis Health Foundation, Missouri Foundation for Health, Ex-



press Scripts and the Emerson Charitable Trust, this much-needed program is building a brighter future for more children.

For more information about the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®, contact Lora Mather, Executive Director, Eye Care Charity of Mid-America, at <u>loramather@eccoma.org</u> or 636-778-1022.

## You Are Invited to Pacific Lions Installation June 19

Everybody's invited to Pacific Lions Installation of Officers on June 19th at 6pm at the Lions Den 319 W Meramec.

\$10 or \$12 for dinner - choice of Steak or Chicken with all the fixings.

Installing Officer... The one and only John Tumbleson!!!! RSVP Lion Myrta Pittman <<u>mitpit@pittmaninv.com</u>> or Lion Pam 636-675-3186 <u>typamed@sbcglobal.net</u>

Hope to see everybody there!!!

### **HELP! HELP! HELP! PLEASE**

Fellow Lions I'm in need of your help!! I have 2 young ladies and 5 young men seeking Host families from July 9-20 These families don't need to be Lions What a great way to share our culture with the youth of the future and learn about theirs For more information Please contact Lion Toni Mahoney 314-805-7391 tkmahoney54@gmail.com





# MAPLEWOOD LIONS 5K FUN RUN FOR SIGHT

Help us help the visually impaired community here in Maplewood and around the world! Visually impaired are encouraged to run with us!



DEER CREEK PARK (Home of the Rocket Slide for kids) 3200 Laclede Station Rd. Maplewood, MO 63143



June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 Packet pickup at park 7:00 AM **Race starts at 8 AM** Registration is \$25.00 adults and \$15.00 for kids

> Advance Packet Pick-up at Maplewood Bicycle Shop 7534 Manchester Rd. Maplewood MO 63143 June 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 P.M

Register on-line @ Maplewoodlions5krun.org

Family, Friends, And Fun For All



## **USED EYEGLASSES REPORT June 2, 2014**

On April 30, we held an Eye Wrap at the Ferguson Lions and we collected 2,300 pr. of used eyeglasses. Eighteen Lions club members were present and five Clubs were represented.

On May 3, the Maplewood Lions hosted an Eye Wrap. We sorted approximately 27,000 pr. of used eyeglasses and had five boxes of junk. There were twenty-eight Lions in attendance and fourteen clubs, including District Governor Lion Sharyn Scheidt and Past District Governor Lion Roger.

PDG Lion Elmer delivered 20,239 pr. to Nina Keller, PDG Lion Roger Scheidt took 3,600 pr. and boxes of junk in his car to give to Lion Elmer at the May Cabinet Meeting. Lion Elmer delivered the 3,600 pr. plus the 8,000 pr. that he had stored in his basement to Saving Sight in Columbia, MO.

For the year 2013-2014, we collected a total of 45,043 pr. of glasses. The five boxes of junk were sent to ReSpecs. We will receive the money in September. The cost to ship was \$237.17.

Since we have been collecting glasses, starting in 2007 we have collected as follows: 2007-2008 - 39,698 pr.; 2008-2009 - 40,971 pr.; 2009-2010 - 44,730 pr.; 2010-2011 - 51,506 pr.; 2011-2012 - 45,993 pr.; 2012-2013 - 49,113 pr., 2013-2014 - 45,043 pr.; totaling 317,054 pr. of used eyeglasses. The Pacific Lions have asked to host the Eye Wrap in 2014-2015.

PDG Lion Elmer gave four people 6,195 pr. of used eyeglasses to take to Costa Rica, Mazatlan, Mexico, El Salvador and Honduras, for 2013-2014.

Thank you, Lion Governor Sharyn for allowing us to serve for you.

Yours in Lionism,

PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich, PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt, Lion Devin Struttmann

## **Telephone Services (Hot Line) and District Sight**

From July 1, 2013 to May 30, 2014 we have received 618 requests for assistance. Approximately 276 of these requests were sent to local Lions Clubs. The balance of the requests was sent out by the district. At the same time we had 13 requests for hearing aids and they were turned over to PCC Lion John Yount.

There were close to 305 applications sent out by the district. Out of the 305 applications 34 were referred to either the Optometric Center on Lindell or UMSL on Natural Bridge. There were 6 that were sent to Crown Vision – various locations. Another 41 were denied either because they were over the Federal Guidelines or they had insurance. The remaining applications that were sent out were never returned.

There were 24 calls that were turned over to the Eye Care Committee.

We as Lions were asked to help the visually impaired by providing eye exams and glasses. I have been on this committee for 6 years and have enjoyed working with people to help them get exams and glasses. I also would like to thank the clubs for helping those that live outside their area.

PDG Lion Roger Scheidt

#### **Please Remember These Lions**

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB CARL L STRIEDER

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB CHARLENE M SMITH Please Continue to Keep These Lions and All Who Have Passed Before In Your Prayers

## **Maplewood Lions Busy With Children and Glasses**



Maplewood Lions sponsored Maplewood Lions Community Days at Deer Creek Park in Maplewood. Sonya screened children for amblyopia (lazy Eye) The Lions provided Free hot dogs, drinks, face painting, ring toss, bean bag toss, and a cookie walk for the Kids. The eye screening was very successful and everyone had a great time

The District Eye Wrap hosted by Maplewood Lions and the Ferguson Lions Eye Wrap collected, sorted and boxed a whopping 28,000 pairs of eyeglasses. Let's

give our selves a BIG HAND. We did have FUN!! We worked hard, had a few drinks, celebrated the Derby and ate some pizza. What more could a Lion want?

Maplewood held the annual Easter Egg Hunt with the help of Boy Scout Troop 301 at Deer Creek Park. The Scouts hide 500 dozen real

Eye Wrap colpping 28,000

eggs. The Hunt was over in ten minuets !! We have some really swift kids

In Maplewood. Maplewood :Lions along with the Parks Department, has been hosting this event for over 60 years They boiled and colored the eggs themselves until the late sixties. We had a blast this year. A big thank you to everyone who made this a very successful Egg Hunt.

## Lions Mints No Longer Available From District

District Governor Elect Lion Missy Carr has requested that I chair her Candy Day program for the year 2014-2015.

I have been buying candy form Smith Bros. Candy in Chicago, I called them and they told me that Lions Clubs International does not want them to sell candy with the Lions logo on it, so they are no longer selling the mints.

If we buy the candy through Lions Clubs International, a case of 576 rolls of candy in \$135.00 per case. We have been getting a case of 480 rolls for \$75 per case through Smith Bros.

Lions Clubs International told me that each club that needs candy will have to order with their club number. The page in the 2014 merchandise book is #83, Sayklly's Candy.

I recommend to all clubs that if you want Lions mints, you will need to order them direct, or you buy regular candy from Sam's or Costco.

I am sorry. If you have any questions, please contact me at 636-458-0113.

Yours in Lionism, PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich, Candy Day Chairperson

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#### September

- 5th, Friday: Fenton Lions Club will be selling BBQ at the Memories Car Cruise @ Faith Church on Rahning Rd just off of Hwy 30 near I-270.
- 11th 13th, Thursday Saturday: 38th USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum @ San Juan, Puerto Rico. www.usacanadalionsforum.org

12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, Friday & Saturday, Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ 8400 Watson Road.

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### Washington Lions Build Float For City of Washington 175th Anniversary

Washington, MO was founded in 1839 and Washington Lions Charter was issued August 28, 1939 100 years later.

The City of Washington celebrated their 175th anniversary with a banquet in March and a parade and family picnic on Saturday, May 24.

Seven theme floats were designed by local students and local volunteer organizations were chosen to build the floats by lottery. The Lions were chosen to build the Industry float.

Garry Sullentrup became a member of the Washington Lions January 28, 2014 and took the reins as chairman, building the float and creating a masterpiece that received rave reviews from all who saw it.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH YOUTH CAMP & EXCHANGE**

Mark your calendar and join the 16 youths from 12 countries July 6, 2014 1:00 pm House Springs Lions Hall 6482 Hwy. MM House Springs, Mo. 63051 RSVP for meal @ \$7.00 Lion George Winkeler Jr. 314-393-7733 geo\_winkeler@sbcglobal.net Lion Toni Mahoney 314-805-7391 tkmahoney54@gmail.com



## **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 August 9. Now is the time to for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

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