

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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**District Governor**  
Lion George Winkeler Jr.



**1st Vice District Governor**  
Lion Sandee Marshall



**2nd Vice District Governor**  
Lion Devin Struttman



**Cabinet Secretary**  
Lion Michelle Foster



**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Dennis Hemsath

## District 26-M2 Governor George's Message

### Merry Christmas and Happy New Years,

Lion Jennifer and myself hope and pray that this time of the year brings you and your families many Blessings and a new energy for the New Year.

During this time of the Holidays, don't forget when someone asks "What's New?" Talk and Brag about Lions, inform them on what we do, how we help our Communities and the World. Invite them to join our winning team. LCIF also needs our support. When we call on LCIF for help during a Natural Disaster or with Help with a Grant to support our Lions' Needs...They are always there for us. Join Lion Jennifer and myself in donating to LCIF, every dollar helps. Together we can conquer the World's problems.

My year as your Governor is approaching its 1/2 way point. I cannot be more proud of each and every one of you that works so hard in changing the World one person at a time. Your efforts allow me to Brag about our District wherever we go. Thank You for being my Inspiration.

Our District convention is approaching fast. Please join Lion Jennifer and myself on February 28th, 29th and March 1st as we welcome ID Gary and Lion Barbara Brown to our lovely city. Our convention this year will consist of Friday Hospitality featuring a live band, a caricature artist and hospitality booths by our clubs and committees. Saturday "Leap Year" will start out with a Leap get together featuring a few beverages to start you day out right. We will continue with club reports, a Melvin Jones/LCIF luncheon, committee reports, a service project, a fun game/activity, voting and finish up with a Banquet. Sunday will be our District breakfast, a Remembrance Service and then closing remarks and the end of the convention. Get your club together "TODAY" and book a hospitality booth. Make your reservations to come and stay with us.

Thank you for being part of my Lionistic life and remember I am here for you 24/7/365. Let's finish strong and if you need my help PLEASE contact me.

*DC Lion George Winkeler Jr.*

## District 26-M2 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Sandee's Message

**Fellow Lions,**

Holiday wishes to all of our District Lions family from Lion Ed and I!

Tis the season of giving. In the tradition of the Magi and Santa Claus, people give gifts at Christmas to those important to them. Lions give gifts all year long to those we don't even know.

We give the gift of sight to those with vision problems. Our Clubs give food to the hungry and comfort kits to children with cancer. We give the gift of kindness to our planet through our environmental projects. We give the gift of international understanding through the Lions Clubs International Foundation and our youth exchange program. And many more gifts!

Lions also give the gift of friendship—to those in need and to each other. Thank you all for that gift and for accepting the same from me! Let's celebrate that friendship at the District convention! Don't miss out on the fun!

Merry Christmas to all,

*1<sup>st</sup> VDG Lion Sandee Marshall*



## District 26-M2 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Devin's Message

**Greetings 26-M2 Lions,**

As we reach the middle of the Lions year, I want to thank all the Lions clubs and members for their dedication. When you visit clubs, you discover there are many great things being accomplished. Sometimes these accomplishments are publicized and sometimes not.

Governor George has talked much about the need to brag about our accomplishments. Of course, he doesn't mean to do this for vain reasons. He simply knows it's important that we get the word out to our fellow Lions and those in our communities. We do such great things, and have so much to offer, why let it be a well-kept secret?

We know people are attracted to service. When we share what we do and how we make a difference, we motivate others to join and imitate us. That then leads to more great things being done in the name of Lionism.

As we head into a new year, reach out to us and let us know what you're doing. Use the district newsletter. Use social media. Use your local media. Use every resource and tool available. Let's all commit that we will not be a well-kept secret in 2020.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours!

*2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Lion Devin Struttmann*

## *Calendar of Events*

### **January 2020**

- 5th, Sunday: Beaufort Lion Club Meat Shoot @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013. Starts @ 12 pm (Noon). Rain or Shine. Will be serving a FREE dinner plate at each match. Questions contact Terry @ 573-777-2270 or Kevin @ 573-484-3350.
- 6th, Monday: District GAT (Global Action Team) Meeting @ The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Elevators directly inside front entrance. Start 7:00 pm
- 7th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Maplewood and Midtown Lions Clubs.
- 9th, Thursday: District Governor Visit with Eureka Lions Club.
- 14th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Pevely Lions Club.
- 18th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Osage Beach, MO.
- 20th, Monday: District Governor Visit with St. Clair Lions Club

### **February 2020**

- 2nd, Sunday: Beaufort Lion Club Meat Shoot @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013. Starts @ 12 pm (Noon). Rain or Shine. Will be serving a FREE dinner plate at each match. Questions contact Terry @ 573-777-2270 or Kevin @ 573-484-3350.
- 3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Elevators directly inside front entrance. 6:30 pm – Start, 6:45 pm -Informational Program, 7:00 pm – Dinner, 7:20 pm - Cabinet Meeting. Meeting will be over no later than 8:55 pm. RSVP your dinner reservations prior to meeting only \$13; no dinner reservations prior to meeting pay \$16 at the door.
- 7th, Saturday: Rock Community Lions 9 Pin Bowling Tournament @ Imperial Bowl starts at 7:00pm, cost \$20 per bowler includes shoes. Call 636-525-1757 or email RockcommunityLions@gmail.com to get your reservation. Teams of 4. Bring a nonperishable food item and receive a free soda.
- 10th, Monday: District Governor Visit with Cuba Lions Club
- 25th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Washington Lions Club.
- 28th, 29th & March 1st, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: District Convention @ Doubletree Hotel Westport, Maryland Heights, MO.



## **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.**  
(Oct 2019 - Nov 2019)

**EUREKA LIONS CLUB**  
KEVIN A BLAESING

**ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB**  
LARRY P MAYTON

**NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB**  
BRADLEY QUICK  
BRYAN QUICK  
RACHEL L. TERBROCK

**WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CLUB**  
SHAYLA WILLIAMS



## **MESSAGES FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM**

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### **A Tip from Your Global Membership Chair**

When I was young I had my hobby that I really enjoyed. As I became older and entered the work force my adult life got in the way of my hobby. When I settled down in my life I started to have the time and finances to get back into that hobby I loved so much. Well, not many hobbies are fun without others, so I set out to start a club.

How did I go about finding others with the same passion for my hobby you may ask? Well I approached it by advertising to the people that may have my same interest. I thought of where these targeted people would be and I set out to advertise for possible members to my new club. I started by approaching the hobby shop owners to put fliers in their front windows. These would be my HELP WANTED signs. They stated that I was going to be starting a club in this hobby and if interested please contact me. I was successful in starting this club that attained in the neighborhood of 20 members. I found people that I did not know existed with the same interest as I did. Today over thirty five years latter there are still three of us that get together as great friends with solid interest in that hobby.

So, you may be asking why I told that story. It's because LIONS cannot sit back and wait for a new member to walk thru the door. They need to take the initiative as I did then and start looking for people that have the same interest that they have as a Lion.

Lions have to look at perspective members as a business owner would look for those employees that will make the business operate and prosper. With that in mind, a business will not spend time and resources looking where those people are not. As a small LIONS club that may not have much money to spend on advertising this is really important to target those possible members.

The opening for membership really needs to be described for that member to understand what it is they are joining. What would be the description for that lion in your club? Is the club just looking for bodies to fill a meeting room? Will that person be asked to work certain fundraisers? And most of all will that person be able to help the causes that they are most interested in helping. Remember that they want to know what is in it for them. I know you will say that it's that warm feeling you get when helping others but they need to know what is in it for them now, as soon as they join. Then they will learn to get that warm fuzzy feeling later from helping others. The great feeling of helping others will keep them in the club.

After creating a job description of what the Lion would be, then it is time to start advertising. Think about where you would look for a job in your field today and apply that to where you would advertise for that Lion. Would you look in the newspaper or some other place for that job? Maybe, but today there are so many places on the internet for employers to post the job openings that can be effective. Lions clubs should use the internet to place the help wanted sign.

The idea here is to advertise for members and do it where it can be seen by others that possibly have the same interest as LIONS. Some of the places that come to mind are church bulletins, school bulletins, local newspapers and the already mentioned fliers posted in the view of the public. Local newspapers are always in need of fill articles to keep on file when needed. Write up a short article for them about your clubs need for new members. Face book and other internet media are out there to be taken advantage of for free. Almost all small communities have some kind of Face book page to stay connected are a community web site. In the Webster-Shrewsbury cities there is a Face book page set up called Webster Connect. The Webster Lions club posted on that page their help wanted poster; The Webster Groves Lions are in need of a few new members. The Webster Groves Lions club is made up of a few good men and women of all ages coming together to do one thing, and that is to help the community of Webster Groves. If you think that you may be interested in becoming one of the folks that helps their community and want more information on becoming a lion, please go to our website [webstergroveslions.org](http://webstergroveslions.org). Are come to one of our monthly barbecues and speak directly to a Lion.

Club members liked that post so much that they are now sharing it with their connections and have suggested making a poster to put up at all their functions.

The idea is that there are future LIONS members out there that may not even know that there is an active Lions club in their community that is looking for new members. Never assume that everyone knows that there is a Lions club in their community and most of all looking for new members. There are so many places and ways to advertise for a new lion that there is no reason not to.

If you like some of my ideas of how to go about new members please invite Lion Vicky and me to come speak to your club membership at a meeting or we can come to a zone meeting.

**Lion Mike Swederska**

314 799-1998 cell

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## New Voices Spotlights!

### New Voices Spotlight for November

#### **Hello from New Voices!**

As I mentioned last month, LCI changed the focus for the New Voices program to include young adults and other underrepresented populations. The November Spotlight highlights one of our



newest district members and his sponsor. To hear Lion **Asher Mitchell's** story is exciting and encouraging as we think about bringing new members to our clubs. And of course, his sponsor, Lion **Kimberly Taylor** has a story to tell of her own!



Here is the November New Voices Spotlight – Lions Asher Mitchell and his sponsor Kimberly Taylor (who has held almost all positions, the highest being Past Council Chairperson for MD26!)

#### **What made you join Lions?**

##### Lion Asher:

I'm a Mississippi native and began my association with the Lions Club in 2012; through the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. The band, composed of high school students from across the state, represents the Lions of Mississippi in the "Parade of Nations" at the international convention almost every year, and they've taken home the 1st place title every year in which they've competed since 2003. It's a truly remarkable group. I had no knowledge of what the Lions Club was; as a saxophonist, I just wanted to be in that band. I earned a spot in the band in 2012 and again in 2013. The band chose not to attend the convention in South Korea in 2012 (opting instead to participate in a parade in Honolulu, Hawaii), but we took home an international title again in Germany the next year. Both years gave me the two best summers of my life so far, and I'm extraordinarily grateful for the opportunity.

Since 2013, I intended to get involve with the Lions Club, learn more about its mission, and give back a little bit of the generosity it gave me. Having lived in a rural Mississippi town of 200 people with no Lions Club chapter around, I waited until I moved to St. Louis for law school to find a chapter in which I could get involved. The Brentwood Lions have been an incredibly welcoming and hospitable group, and I am so glad I joined.

##### Lion Kimberly:

I was a friend of the Brentwood Lions, working at their events, inspired by the work and wanted to be recognized as a Lion.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *When interviewing Lions Asher and Kimberly, I asked what the Brentwood Lions did, to not only install Lion Asher, but keep him enthusiastic. Oftentimes, clubs can get new members to join, but they don't necessarily stay in the club. The answer was eye opening, although not unexpected. The timing of Lion Asher's installation was perfect. The club was able to immediately give him a job with their upcoming Trivia event as well as have him involved in an eye wrap event. Had he not gotten involved right away, he may not have found the purpose he was looking for and gone elsewhere.*

Lion Kimberly:

In my opinion, getting new members involved immediately helps them gain a purpose and feel like part of the club sooner rather than later.

### **What project(s) or event(s) stand out as making you proud to be a Lions?**

Lion Asher:

Being a freshly minted member, I have only participated in organizing one project so far (the Brentwood Lions trivia night in October), and I can't claim to have contributed much. But it was a great experience to meet other Lions in the district, and I look forward to many more meaningful experiences and opportunities to fundraise and serve.

Lion Kimberly:

I think my most proud moments are when I've been on eye mission trips. Seeing patients that are seeing clearly again because of our donated glasses and our work, makes me proud of what we do as Lions.

### **What challenges do you/have you faced as a younger person/woman/minority in Lions?**

Lion Asher:

A great thing about the Brentwood Lions is that they were incredibly welcoming of me. As a twenty-five-year old, there's an obvious discrepancy between my age and the median age of your typical chapter's membership, but this chapter took my interest as seriously as I intended to show it. I'm certain that any issues with retaining younger members is not a result of poor reception of those members into the club.

Lion Kimberly:

When I joined Lions, there were many young people and women already in Lions. So I had a lot of people to look up to and follow, including my husband, Eugene.

## **What inspires and excites you most to keep serving?**

Lion Asher:

I honestly just feel blessed beyond belief. Coming from a rural, poverty-stricken part of the Deep South, I have received opportunities through education and music that folks where I come from don't typically receive. I feel like that gives me a personal obligation to serve others in some capacity.

Lion Kimberly:

Almost all of my friends are Lions, so I get to hang out and work while serving with friends.

## **What advice do you have for young adults or those of other diverse backgrounds thinking about joining Lions?**

Lion Asher:

While I can't speak for anyone but myself, I imagine if you ask young folks whether they intend to get involved in service at some point in their lives, most of them would reply enthusiastically positively. The more interesting question is "When?" This is understandably more difficult: young folks are busy setting up their careers, establishing personal relationships, and sweating all kinds of small stuff. I think young folks too often think of service as something to do after settling down. This might be a tempting reason to hold off, but consider going to a meeting anyway. I'm confident that most young folks interested in Lions would find it contributes much more to their lives, and others' lives, than it detracts from their time.

Lion Kimberly:

Join! We are getting more/different people in our organization!

## **What one thing would you change to give others "their voice"?**

Lion Asher:

I want everyone who is a Lion, thinking about becoming a Lion, or has no idea what the Lions Club is or does, to know this is an organization for you, and every diverse background and unique perspective only enhances the work we do.

Lion Kimberly:

Listen more!!! Everyone has a voice, but sometimes they are afraid to speak. Keep listening!

## **Any other thoughts?**

Lion Asher:

I'm grateful to be one of the district's newest members, and I plan on continuing service with the Lions wherever I may find myself in the years to come. Bob Dylan rolled through St. Louis in

October, and I'm reminded of a lyric of his: "All you can do is do what you must. You do what you must do and you do it well."

**Lion Sandy Halama,**  
New Voices Coordinator

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### **New Voices Spotlight for December**

Lion Gina Boettcher, Past Council Chairperson, has been a Lion since March 1999. 20 years! She has held numerous positions in two clubs, District and State Level. To say she is a very active and involved Lion is an understatement! Just look at her accomplishments:

**Gerald LIONS Club – Tail Twister, Board Director, Secretary, Vice President, President, Immediate Past President**

**Beaufort Lions Club – Treasurer**

**District Level – Candy Day Chairperson, Directory Chairperson, Mid-South LIONS Sight & Hearing Chairperson, Zone Chairperson, District Convention Chairperson, Constitution and By-Laws Chairperson, Past District Governor Organization Chairperson, District Sight Chairperson, State & International Convention Chairperson, State Convention Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, 2nd Vice District Governor, 1st Vice District Governor, District Governor (2012-2013), Immediate Past District Governor**

**State Level – Vice Council Chairperson, Council Chairperson (2013-2014), State & International Convention Committee, Constitution & By-Laws Committee**

**Served on the Missouri LIONS Eye Research Foundation/Saving Sight board for 2 years as Vice Council Chairperson and Council Chairperson**

**Served on Mid-South LIONS Sight & Hearing Service – 4th Vice President, 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President, President, Secretary of the Past President Committee, Case Services committee, Governance Committee, Meetings committee, Chairperson of the Past Presidents Committee**



Although Lion Gina was challenged from the start by a club that would not allow women to join, her desire to be a Lion persevered, and we are grateful these 20 years later!

"My husband Terry (PCC) was a Lion in District 26-J (Owensville). I worked with him at several events and wanted to join. Unfortunately, at that time Owensville LIONS did not accept women. Terry sponsored me into the Gerald LIONS Club and transferred once the fiscal year ended in 1999."

When asked about a stand-out project, Gina tells the story that is one we all hope to experience, because it highlights the wonderful work of LIONS. As incoming President, Lion Gina attended a Mid-South LIONS Sight & Hearing Service for LIONS Leaders Weekend.

“The tour of the facility was remarkable. PCC Terry and I went to a quarterly meeting in Memphis at Methodist Hospital and PDG Bud Dean asked Terry to serve on the finance committee. We were hooked! This organization helps the four state area (Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Western Tennessee). At one of the quarterly meetings I met one of our patients. Her name was Marissa. When she was a younger she was bitten by a dog. She lost her eye and it left her with a horrible scar. One day her teacher asked her what she wanted to be when she grew up and she said I want to be pretty. Now if that doesn’t make you feel horrible. Mid-South was contacted and we were able to provide her with a prosthetic eye and corrective surgery for her eye socket and forehead. I had tears running down my face when she spoke and told us “thank you for making me pretty”. That’s when I knew I was doing the right thing!”

In addition to her early challenge with joining a club, LION Gina describes the personal challenges which LIONS have helped to overcome.

“My challenges have been, I was a very shy and quiet person. I hated to be picked to speak at school, I sat in the back of the room and tried to be a shadow. When I started getting involved with my club and the district giving reports, I would stutter and shake. As time went by it got a little easier. I still have some fears especially in front of a lot of people. But going through the steps to be District Governor, allowed me to break personal barriers pushing myself to speak to large groups. Being short you’re always teased to stand up, now I can laugh with them.”

As LIONS we strive to find that “button” that continues to inspire us to keep serving. Lion Gina found her inspiration in young girl.

“Those Marissa’s out there. The ones who are less fortunate than ourselves. Every time I hear stories about children or adults who can’t see. We perform surgery to help them and they come back to a meeting and tell us that we are the best thing in their lives.”

What advice does Lion Gina have for young adults, or those of other diverse backgrounds, either who are currently LIONS and may need a little extra inspiration, or those thinking about joining LIONS?

“My advice is get involved, find a mentor, ask questions, no question is stupid. We think everyone knows what we know. But that’s not true. I’m horrible about not informing LIONS about what I’m doing, or what needs to be done. If you don’t like what you are doing, and prefer to do something else, talk to someone. The worse thing that can happen to those we serve, is for a Lion to quit.”

Lastly, the one thing Lion Gina suggest to help give others “their voice” is “From the top down, we need servant leaders instead of authoritarians. We are all here, as volunteers, to serve others and we need the same from our leadership. No hidden agendas, no personal gain, simply, what can I do for you? This allows “their voice” to be heard, if no one listens, there is no reason to speak.”

*I'm sure you will all join me when I say both our November and December spotlights are inspirational and motivating. If we all take one thought from these stories, it should be as a LION, no matter the position, we should do more listening, mentoring, and involving of ALL LIONS, not just new members. I think I will end this article with Lion Gina's words, which for me define New Voices...*

***"If no one listens, there is no reason to speak."***

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

**Lion Sandy Halama**  
New Voices Coordinator



# Did you know?



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## **You can go on a mission trip in 2020.**

The Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation can use you as a volunteer. We provide Lions and optometrists in Missouri with the opportunity to go to Mexico, Panama, and other developing countries on mission trips to provide eye exams and glasses to needy and low income citizens of those countries.

We have dates for our first trip of 2020. We will be going to Mazatlan, Mexico. The dates are June 11-14 (with an optional day for sightseeing on June 15). We will serve approximately 800 people on this mission and we need technicians and doctors. From those who express interest, we plan to select a combination of experienced and new participants.

If you wish to participate, please contact Lion Devin Struttman at [devin@admr.com](mailto:devin@admr.com) for more information.



## **Delta Gamma Center Annual Shining Light Tree Lot**

Delta Gamma Center is seeking groups and/or individual volunteers to sign up for a shift during our **68th annual Shining Light Tree Lot** season. This year, the season **begins November 29 and closes December 22.**

Jobs include greeting and helping customers select the perfect Christmas tree, making a fresh cut (only for those handy with a chain saw), and securing tree to top of vehicle. Volunteers 18 years and older are needed during the following shifts:

### **Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday**

3:45 PM – 6:00 PM

6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

### **Saturday**

9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

12:30 PM – 4:00 PM

4:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### **Sunday**

10:45 AM – 1:30 PM

1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

To sign up for a shift, or for more information, please contact Ebony Sherod at [esherod@dgckids.org](mailto:esherod@dgckids.org) or 314-776-1300, ext. 108

**" Save the Date "**

# **District 26-M2 Convention**

**February 28, 29 & March 1, 2020**

*District Governor George & Lion Jennifer Winkeler  
along with the Lions of 26-M2,  
Host*

*International Director Gary & Lion Barbara Brown,  
Guest Speaker*

*The Double Tree Hotel by Hilton  
St Louis at Westport*

**Make your Reservations Now**

**[WWW.lions26M2.org](http://WWW.lions26M2.org)**  
**or call 314-393-7733**



**"Aspire to Inspire"**

# House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

## December 14, 2019

Line up on church lot at 5 pm.

Parade starts at 7 pm.

This year's theme is



For more information contact  
Kim at 314-422-8788  
[kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net)



## Important



Please register your float or group at  
the Lions Hall on

Wednesday, December 4 from 6 pm to 8 pm,  
Saturday, December 7 from 10 am to 1 pm,  
Sunday, December 8 from 11 am to 2 pm,  
or  
Wednesday, December 11 from 6 pm to 8 pm.

Registration is \$15 per entry.



Bring can goods.  
We donate them to pantries in our area.

## Hillsboro Lions Peace Poster Winner



Pictured is the 2019 Peace Poster winning artist **Scarlette Hasty** and Hillsboro Lions Club President **Lion Jennifer Brody**. Scarlette is a student at Hillsboro Jr. High who participated in the Peace Poster contest with her art class.

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**"Royal" Governor's visit to the Hillsboro Club on November 6.**

# Did you know?



## **Hillsboro Lions Partnered with DRA to Build Ramp**

On Saturday, October 19, members of the Hillsboro Lions Club partnered with Disability Resource Association (DRA) to build a ramp for Mr. Rob Saffo. In one day, the efforts of the club made Mr. Saffo's home accessible to him once again. Even with a grab bar installed at his side entrance, Mr. Saffo's severe arthritis made it difficult for him to pull himself up the stairs to enter his own home. His new ramp makes it possible for him to easily enter his front door so that he can safely enter and leave his home. We are Lions. We serve!

See photos below.







## NEW SPOT CAMERAS



From left to right - PCC Charlie Hartmann, DG George Winkeler, Jr.,  
PDG Elmer Weinrich, and PID Don Noland

Lions, at our last cabinet meeting we were introduced to our New Spot Cameras, made available through a matching LCIF grant and cost over \$8,000.00 a piece.. These cameras have been named "Jackie" and "Elmer" after two lions that have made a HUGE difference in the World of Youth and eyeglass recycling, because of their efforts we are inspired daily. Join us become a certified volunteer and a certified camera tech and join the district in screening the children. Let's Make a Difference Together.



## District 26-M2 Peace Poster Contest Winner



Scarlette Hasty's Peace Poster titled, "A Journey to Peace Takes Time"

Lions, this year we had six entries to the Peace poster contest. I hope next year we can have 60. After going over the posters we have a winner and her poster was sent to the State of Missouri for final judging.

Scarlette Hasty of the Hillsboro R-3 school district was our winner. She is in 7th Grade and is 12 years old. Her quote of her poster is "A Journey to Peace Takes Time".

Congratulations Scarlette and I hope that your poster continues to win.

(See Hillsboro's previous article)

MISSOURI LIONS  
MID-WINTER FORUM



# A MAGICAL EVENING

FEATURING

*Daniel Schaffer*

JAN 31st &  
FEB 1st, 2020

CAMDEN

ON THE LAKE RESORT

LAKE OF THE OZARKS



**JANUARY 31  
and  
FEBRUARY 1, 2020**



**MISSOURI LIONS**

Hosted at:  
**CAMDEN**  
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**LAKE OF THE OZARKS**  
2359 Bittersweet Rd • Lake Ozark, MO 65049

## Mid-Winter Forum 2020 Registration

- Breakfast & Lunch - on your own
- Workshops throughout the day
- other information to come!

### FULL FORUM REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Friday evening Hospitality
- All Saturday Workshops
- Saturday Dinner: "Ozark Buffet" at 6pm
- Entertainment featuring Daniel Schaffer at 7pm

*(Anyone planning on attending any of the workshops will need a Full Registration)*

• Registration & payment to:  
"Missouri Lions" MUST  
be postmarked by **Dec. 15th, 2019**  
*for Early Bird Discount*

• NO tickets are needed or issued  
for any of the events.  
--Your Name will be included on a list.

• Please be sure to wear  
your Name Tag at all times.

*Note: Complete only one section below per person.*

### FIRST REGISTRANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion?: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_

*Special Program Needed?:  
(if so, please circle one)*

Large Print *or* Braille

Early Bird Registration.....\$49 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(must be postmarked by Dec.15th)*

After Dec. 15th.....\$59 \_\_\_\_\_

### SECOND REGISTRANT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion?: \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum?: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_

*Special Program Needed?:  
(if so, please circle one)*

Large Print *or* Braille

Early Bird Registration.....\$49 \_\_\_\_\_  
*(must be postmarked by Dec.15th)*

After Dec. 15th.....\$59 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail to:

Missouri Lions  
2415B Hyde Park Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
(Mail Registration Form and Check)

### Hotel Reservations:

Please call **Camden on the Lake** at 573-365-5620  
A block of rooms has been set aside for this event.  
*(held until 1/16/20)*

Rooms are available on a space & rate available basis.  
You must tell the reservations associate that you are  
with the Missouri Lions Forum to get the special room rate.

Lions District 26-M2

Lions Assistance and Service (LAS)

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Correct Operating Procedures for this year for processing requests. The Correct Operating Procedure is noted as follows:

1. The call comes in to the Hot Line and the requestor is directed to the 26M2 Lions website <https://lions26m2.org/resources.html> for eye care and hearing resources.
2. The requestor completes the required form and sends it to the address noted on the form.
3. Request is received at the LAS Post Office Box.
4. The request is reviewed for completeness.
5. The reviewed request is logged and forwarded to the LAS to be assigned to a local club.
6. The LAS chair forwards the request to the club or club closest to the geographical location.
7. The assigned club reviews and accepts the request to be processed (or denies due to budgetary issues)
  - a. If denied by the Local Club the LAS will direct to the closest club in that geographical area.
8. The assigned club reports back to the LAS regarding the status of the request.
  - a. Assigned
  - b. In progress
  - c. Forwarded
  - d. Closed (Complete)
9. If ANY Lions club receives an independent request OUTSIDE of the LAS line, please contact the LAS chair with the following information.
  - a. Date received
  - b. Requestors Name
  - c. ZIP CODE
  - d. Club Name assisting
  - e. Date of completion

We would like to hear from everyone and to recognize the great work that you are doing in your community.

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Chair – Lions Assistance and Services (LAS)

Las@lions26M2.org

12th ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION  
To Be Held  
February 28th - March 1st, 2020  
Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport  
1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146

As the 12th annual District M2 Convention is **only 206 days away**, so **NOW** is the time for your Club to make plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport Plaza.

This is where all the Saturday business meetings, luncheon, voting, banquet and Sunday memorial service will be held.

You will get to select your entree (Beef or Chicken or Salmon) for the dinner meal.

The Hospitality night will be on Friday night also at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport Plaza. It will be open to all registered attendees, who will be given an arm band to wear that evening. Non-registered guests/Lions will be charged a small entrance fee (\$2.00) to receive an arm band. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We will be able to **accommodate lots of Clubs'** hospitality booths in one large area, including entertainment and a dance floor with lots of room for socializing with Lions and friends.

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$92 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Club Convention. After FEBRUARY 7, 2020 the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

The Doubletree Hotel is looking forward to hosting the Lions in 2020.

**Make your plans now so that you don't miss any of the fun and fellowship.**

You can find this and more information on our website

<http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html>

Contact any of the following 2020 Convention Committee members if you have any questions or need further information.

PCC Lion Gina Boettcher

PCC Lion Kimberly Taylor

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Lion Jennifer Winkeler

*2020 District 26-M2 Convention Committee*

DISTRICT GOVERNOR GEORGE WINKELER, JR. HAS ISSUED  
A CALL FOR THE  
**TWELFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION**



To Be Held February 28 - March 1, 2020  
DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



**Our International guest for the weekend will be Gary F. Brown - International Director.**

Gary F. Brown, from Cape Vincent, New York, USA was elected to serve as International Director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 101st International Convention, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

Director Brown has worked in the field of investment management for the past 37 years. He has owned his own branch and mentored several successful reps. He is currently an independent contractor and registered representative for Essex Securities.

Director Brown is a Melvin Jones Fellow. His wife, Barbara, is also a longtime Lion and a recipient of the Robert J. Uplinger Distinguished Service Award.

**Tentative Schedule of Events - Subject to Change**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 <sup>TH</sup>	SUNDAY, MARCH 1 <sup>ST</sup>
Registration..... 3 PM – 5 PM Hospitality ..... 5 PM – 11 PM Parade of Banners ..... 7:30 PM Live Music, Dancing & Party Time..... 8 PM – 11 PM	Registration ..... 8 AM – 10 AM L.E.A.P. .... 8 AM – 9:15 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Business Session..... 9:30 AM All Lions Lunch ..... 12 Noon – 1:15 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Business Session..... 1:30 PM Voting ..... <i>Immediately following session</i> Dinner Banquet..... 7 PM	Breakfast..... 8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service ..... 9:00 AM

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$92 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the **DoubleTree Hotel** and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention or book online at [doubletree3.hilton.com](http://doubletree3.hilton.com) group code **LCI**. After **FEBRUARY 7, 2020** the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

**2020 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form**  
**February 28<sup>th</sup> thru March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Package:**

(Hospitality, LEAP, Luncheon,  
Dinner Banquet & Breakfast)

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* OR \*\*\*

Luncheon Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Banquet Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After February 14, 2020 - ADD \$10

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many of each meal choice for DINNER so we can make sure to give an accurate count to the hotel.

Dinner Banquet - *Beef* \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Banquet - *Chicken* \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Banquet - *Salmon* \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**  
26-M2 Convention Fund

No refunds after February 24, 2020.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after February 24, 2020.  
Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

**Mail to:** PCC Kimberly Taylor  
15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO  
63026

\*\*\* **Please use spaces provided on the back or attach a list of all persons and their meals.** \*\*\*

	COUNT				
Name	Lunch	Dinner Banquet BEEF	Dinner Banquet CHICKEN	Dinner Banquet SALMON	Breakfast



# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Missouri Lions District 26-M2  
2019 - 2020 Convention Committee

July 30, 2019

Attention Lions!!

As the 12th annual District M2 Convention quickly approaches, now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events. The Convention will be February 28 through March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

The **ENTIRE** Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. The Friday night Hospitality will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We will be able to accommodate lots of Clubs' hospitality booths in one large area, including entertainment and a dance floor with lots of room for socializing with Lions and friends.

It will be open to all registered attendees, who will be given an arm band to wear that evening. Non-registered guests/Lions will be charged a small entrance fee (\$2.00) to receive an arm band.

The cost to your Club to have a hospitality booth this year will still be \$185.00. This will include hospitality booth/tables (approx. 16' x 8' made with three 8-foot tables, ice service, table cloths, trash service and chairs. In addition, your booth will receive 5 additional arm bands, FREE!

Please submit your reservations and special request as soon as possible. Please make your payments payable to: District 26-M2 Convention Fund and mailed to PCC Kimberly Taylor, 15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. The Convention Committee will then assign all hospitality spaces.

As in the past, we strongly encourage the Clubs that are participating to provide food and beverages to share. To help offset the expense of this event, you will be allowed to conduct a fundraiser in your booth if you desire.

We hope to see everyone there! For more information or to obtain additional registration forms, please visit our District website at [www.lions26m2.org](http://www.lions26m2.org).

Yours in Lionism,

Convention Committee

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Lion Jennifer Winkeler

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Cell: (314) 952-4891

**TWELFTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION  
HOSPITALITY NIGHT - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2020  
RESERVATION FORM**

CLUB NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB CONTACT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB CONTACT PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CLUB CONTACT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Hospitality Booths include the following: Approx. 16' x 8' booth, made with three 8 foot tables), ice service, table cloths, trash service and chairs.

We would like to request the following, if possible:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need electricity? \_\_\_\_\_

Extra Tables @ \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_

We have enclosed a check for \$185 to reserve a hospitality booth for our Club.

We understand that we **cannot** have any confetti or glitter decorations of any kind or any popcorn, and only "painter's tape" may be used to hang any decorations, per the master contract agreement with the DoubleTree Hotel.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send reservation form and check to  
PCC Kimberly Taylor, 15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026**



**Looking for  
someone to  
conduct your next  
Trivia Night?**

**Saint Louis University Lions Club is  
offering to:**  
**Make and Conduct Trivia Games**  
**Sell 50/50 Raffle tickets**  
**Organize Auctions**  
**All for just \$400!**

**For more information please contact  
[slulions@slu.edu](mailto:slulions@slu.edu)**



# HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL

## TRIVIA NIGHT



**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**  
**HILLSBORO COMMUNITY CIVIC CENTER**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM**  
**QUESTIONS BEGIN *PROMPTLY* AT 7:00 PM**

**Bring Your Own Snacks for your table.**  
**CASH BAR AVAILABLE**

**FUN PRIZES awarded to RACE WINNERS between rounds**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$120.00 (per table of 8)**  
**\$140.00 AT THE DOOR**

**Call (636) 789-2029 for reservations**

*Proceeds fund college scholarships given to Hillsboro and Grandview seniors in memory of  
Lion Troy Brody and Lion Frank Roland as well as the ongoing benevolence of the Club*

## Missouri Lions 98th Annual State Convention

The Missouri Lions 98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention will be held from April 16-19<sup>th</sup> 2020 at:

Margaritaville Lake Resort

494 Tan Tar A Estate Drive

Osage Beach, MO 65065

[margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com](http://margaritavilleresortlakeoftheozarks.com)

1-800-826-8272

**Room Rate is \$109.00 + tax (promo code LIONS)**

**A FREE LUNCH FOR first timers** to our State Convention April 16-19<sup>th</sup> 2020. All you pay is the \$30 registration fee. Mark your registration 1st timer to receive the discount. Full registration for 1st timers is \$65.

A registration form is attached for your convenience. **PayPal** is available check [Missourilionsorg.org](http://Missourilionsorg.org) for instructions.



### 2020 Missouri Lions State Convention Registration

Lion, Leo, Guest	Name (as wanted on name badge) _____		
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone (    ) _____	Email _____		
District _____	Club _____	Title (PCC, PDG, President, etc.) _____	
Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details _____			
Lion, Leo, Guest	Name (as wanted on name badge) _____		
Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Phone (    ) _____	Email _____		
District _____	Club _____	Title (PCC, PDG, President, etc) Choose. _____	
Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details _____			
Mail Registration form & payment to:		Convention Fees per person:	
Make Checks payable to:		Full Registration \$75 x _____ = _____	
MO Lions 2020 State Convention		(Includes registration, luncheon & banquet	
Mail to: Lion Sherl Horton		Registration & Luncheon \$50 x _____ = _____	
311 Birkhead Rd.		Registration & Banquet \$60 x _____ = _____	
Winfield, Mo 63389		Registration only \$30 x _____ = _____	
Online payments available on		Total \$ _____	
<a href="http://www.missourilions.org">www.missourilions.org</a>		<b>Late fee after 3/15/2020</b> \$10 x _____ = _____	
No refunds after March 15, 2020		Leo registration includes lunch \$20 x _____ = _____	
		Grand Total \$ _____	

## Friday Night Hospitality Party



Join us for a Garden Party Friday night as we celebrate Singapore as a Garden City. Lions state planning what type of hat and outfit you will wear. We will have a district and state outfit contest benefitting LCIF. We will also have a silent auction that evening where we will need your help in bringing items for this event.

Districts will be able to get into this area to start preparing their area for the party at 3 pm in the lower level ballroom. There are no restrictions on bringing in food or drink for this event if kept in this area.

Please bring your own ice.

For more information contact: Sandy McCann [mccannsandy1@gmail.com](mailto:mccannsandy1@gmail.com) or John Clark [lionclarkm3@gmail.com](mailto:lionclarkm3@gmail.com)

# Leo Rally



The state convention will include Leo events and service projects. The events will be planned by our Leo clubs for their members. For more information check back on the state convention website for these events for 13-18 year olds. Contact Sandy McCann [mccannsandy1@gmail.com](mailto:mccannsandy1@gmail.com) or John Clark [lionclarkm3@gmail.com](mailto:lionclarkm3@gmail.com) for more details and if you want to be on the planning committee.



### **Pediatric Service Project**

We will be collecting items for Women's and Children's Hospital in Columbia.

**Items needed:** Books for Babies- When a child arrives in the NICU, his or her parents receive a children's book. At the start of every month, the parents receive another new book. The baby's footprints are on the inside cover of each book, giving the parents a way to see their baby's growth. Golden Books are perfect donations for this program. Other items needed stuffed animals, games, birthday balloons, party hats, birthday plates and napkins, treats and toys.

The district who brings the most items will be our VIP's for the weekend. More information of details of the contest will be on our website in 2020.

# 2020 Missouri Lions State Convention Registration

**Lion**      **Leo**      **Guest** *(Choose a type.)*

**Name** *(as wanted on name badge)*

**Address**

**City**

**State**

**Zip**

**Email**

**Phone**

**District**

**Club**

**Title** *(PCC, PDG, President, etc.)*

**Special Dietary Needs** *(Explain, if needed)*

## Mail Registration Form & Payment:

Lion Sherl Horton  
MO Lions 2020 State Convention  
311 Birkhead Road  
Winfield MO 63389

Make checks payable to:  
MO Lions 2020 State Convention

Online payments available on  
our website at:  
[www.missourilions.org](http://www.missourilions.org)

**NO REFUNDS AFTER 3/15/2020**



## CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON:

**Full Registration**      \$75 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

*(Includes Registration, Luncheon & Banquet)*

**Registration/Luncheon** \$50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration/Banquet** \$60 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Only**      \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**SUB TOTAL**      \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Fee after 3/15/20** \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**Leo Registration/Lunch** \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL**      \_\_\_\_\_

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## Missouri Lions 98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

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### Margaritaville Lake Resort

494 Tan Tar A Estate Drive, Osage Beach, MO 65065

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“Tantara” Blares the Trumpet! The Lions are coming to the heart of Missouri, Margaritaville Lake Resort, **April 16-19, 2020!**

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Experience the Lake of the Ozarks, the site of our 2020 State Convention, and learn how much it has in common with **Singapore**, the site of the 2020 International Convention! Experience the **Magic Dragon** that IS the Lake of the Ozarks

- See the **Marina** come to life in spring
- View the **lush spaces**, wild landscapes and state parks of the Ozark Hills
- Socialize while you enjoy a signature beverage - a local “**Margarita**” or the international favorite “**Singapore Sling**”
- Try OUR **world class shopping**.

**Come enjoy old friends and make some new ones right here in Missouri.** Spend time in the heart of Missouri where you can go golfing, boating, fishing and enjoy all the amenities of Lake Resort life.

Put your feet in the water, pour yourself a “Tall One” and celebrate another great Lion Year in Margaritaville (*where chewing gum is always legal*). Join us April 16-19, 2020 and Party Like a Lion!

### Did you know?

- The name “Singapore” comes from a Malay name derived from Sanskrit meaning ... **Lion City!**
- Singapore is the **land of luxury shopping malls** for locals and tourists alike. Almost every district has a mall of its own.
- A rule was implemented in 1992 to ban gum chewing in certain areas. Generally, you will not find gum sold except in pharmacies with a prescription for nicotine or dental gum.



### Welcome our Lions Clubs International Vice President Haynes N. Townsend

Lion “Judge” Haynes serves as Second Vice President as of May 2019. He is in line to become First Vice President in July 2019 and **International President** in Singapore in 2020.

We are thrilled to be making arrangements to welcome him to our 98<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in 2020!

Watch for confirmation of our Lions International guest and more information in the months ahead.

**For more information contact**  
Lion Sandy McCann  
[mccannsandy1@gmail.com](mailto:mccannsandy1@gmail.com) or  
Lion John Clark  
[lionclarkm3@gmail.com](mailto:lionclarkm3@gmail.com)

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## **Please Remember These Lions**

(Oct 2019 - Nov 2019)

### **ELLISVILLE LIONS CLUB**

WILLIAM GAMLIN

### **HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB**

ERNEST C RILEY

### **KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB**

BEN J GUIRE

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

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is **February 12, 2020**. Now is the time for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Do you have a "Did You Know" article? Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

**Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at  
[editor@lions26m2.org](mailto:editor@lions26m2.org)**