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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

Hello to the Great Lions of M2,

It's February already and our District convention is approaching us fast. Please make plans to join us, it will be a fun experience for everyone.

We are starting to plan to come out of our Winter rest period and work on new ideas, fund raisers, membership drives and the like. Don't forget You and your club are not alone. The lions want to help you.

If you need help in a fundraiser, FUN-raiser, membership drive or just a speaker for one of your meetings ... reach out, we are here for you.

Let's go into Spring and Summer strong and ask someone to join our family. Let's "Aspire to Inspire" others and Make a Difference in our Communities.

See you all soon,

DC Lion George Winkeler, Jr.

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District 26-M2 1st VDG Sandee's Message

Fellow Lions,

This is a really exciting month for Lions—and me. We started out with the revived Mid-Winter Forum at Camden on the Lake. If you didn't attend, you missed a lot of exciting information and a truly good time. As I write this, I am in St. Charles, Illinois at 3 days of District Governor's training with over 730 new friends from around the world. And then comes our District Convention on the 28th. DG George and committee have planned a fabulous weekend and I hope to see you there. Let's celebrate everything wonderful in District 26-M2!

Thanks for all you do,

1st VDG Lion Sandee Marshall

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District 26-M2 2nd VDG Devin's Message

Greetings 26-M2 Lions,

It's hard to believe that it's almost time for our annual District Convention. It's the one time of the year where we get to see our friends and fellow Lions from the different clubs all gathered together in one place. Each convention takes on its own personality that is shaped by the District Governor, our International guests, the convention committee, and the planned events.

There are certain things that you can always count on, though. The hospitality night is always a great time. It's amazing how the clubs come together and generously provide an abundance of food and drinks. When you throw in the parade of banners, live music, raffles, and games, there is not a dull moment. For me, the evening always goes by in a hurry.

My favorite part is always seeing a Lion attending for the first time. They're usually amazed at the fun atmosphere and the large turnout. You can tell they're energized to see so many fellow Lions from so many different clubs. If you haven't attended before, make this the year you check it out. For those who have attended before, who do you know that you can bring for their first time?

I can't wait to see you at the convention. Let's make this a fantastic convention for Governor George.

2nd VDG Lion Devin Struttmann



Calendar of Events

February 2020

25th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Washington Lions Club

25th, Tuesday: New Haven Lions Club Pancake Supper at St. Peters UCC Dinning Hall, starts at 4:30 children 5 and under free, children 6-12 \$4.00 and adults \$8.50

28th, 29th & March 1st, Friday, Saturday & Sunday: District Convention @ Doubletree Hotel Westport, Maryland Heights, MO.

March 2020

1st, 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, Tuesday: New Haven Lions Club Health Screening with Kid Sight @ New Haven Elementary School from 8am-5pm

11th, Wednesday: New Haven Lions Club Health Screening with Kid Sight @ New Haven Elementary School from 8am-5pm

14th, Saturday: Union Lions Pub Crawl \$20.00 per person contact Monica 314-435-0291

April 2020

4th, Saturday: USABA Trivia Night @ 6596 Smiley Rd, St. Louis, MO 63139, doors open at 6pm with trivia starting at 7pm cost is \$20.00 per person contact 314-482-33295

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6th, 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.

10th/11th- Friday/Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ at General Grant Center 10am-7pm contact Becky Speeler 314-724-3735

16th, Thursday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach, MO.

17th – 19th: Friday – Sunday: MD26 State Convention @ Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach, 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.
(Dec 2019 - Jan 2020)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB
DARRELL A GLOSEMEYER

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB
CHUCK LISCHKO

DE SOTO LIONS CLUB
APRIL LABRUYERE
DON RHODES

**LEMAY JEFFERSON BARRACKS
LIONS CLUB**
HEATHER M. REED

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB
JIM MCDERMOTT

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB
DENNIS R HERRINGTON
PEGGY HERRINGTON



MESSAGES FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

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A Tip from Your Global Membership Chair

Here is a small tip that I suggest clubs should do to become noticed by the public. Hold a function that is very easy on the members and not very expensive. What I mean about easy on the members is that it would not take much effort and could be done by old and young members alike. Hold a **“Get to Meet the LIONS function”** someplace that is very visible to the public. Where I live that would be the Walmart or LOWES. I suggest any place that has decent foot traffic and would allow the club to set up a table with signage.

I know what you’re thinking, he is suggesting what we have done in the past and people just walk by without even stopping. Well this is where I am going to suggest something different, a sign, a very large sign that asks the question in big bold type. **“What can the LIONS do for you?”** That is all that it may take to get people to stop and talk. The hardest part of the conversation about LIONS in the public is getting the conversation started. Also don’t forget the LIONS logo. My club has saved those metal street signs after replacement over the years. Even though they are faded but legible the still work. The faded sign just shows that the LIONS club has been around for a very long time in their community.

This action would only take a couple of LIONS dressed in their LIONS apparel sitting at a table with notebooks to log the information that the public will give them. Have the LIONS business cards with the club information on them ready to give any person who stops. I don’t suggest the brochures, those just get tossed. Cards go into their pockets. Remember, this is not about

international but that community LIONS club. So, make sure the ones who stop with a possible need know that the LIONS do plenty more than just eye care.

I also suggest that it should be held outside the location because it is for less confusion and noisy, so good weather is a must. With spring just around the corner now is the time to start making those arrangements with the stores because people are much happier and forth coming during the changing of the winter to spring season.

This can be a win, win for the club and the community. Why? Because walking past the sign with the question, people cannot help but read it and be aware that their LIONS club is there for them. Once the club learns of what the needs of the people are they could pick the kind of help that is within their reach as a club. The LIONS members may get renewed ambition for their club by helping someone.

Now with all that said, I heard that there is a LIONS club that has older members and that there may be only six to ten of them. They are starting to get at the point of asking themselves why we should even have a club. This is what started me thinking about how a hand full of LIONS can get rejuvenated again. So I want to remind everyone in this district that we are all LIONS and if there is a club in need we are all in need. If a club does what I am suggesting and finds a real need but does not have the finances to follow thru. They could bring it to their Zone Chair. The ZC then could ask other clubs that may have the ability to help that club follow thru with the need.

Lion Mike Swederska

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Help us help others
as we LEAP into Spring!

February 28th - March 1st

LIONS International

District 26-M2 Convention

Please bring new, unused toiletry items

Male, Female, Youth, Adult

All donated items to benefit

26 - M2 area charities

Look for the  drop-off location at the convention

Contact Lion Sandy Halama at halamas@sbcglobal.net for info.
(Cash donations accepted)

New Voices at Mid-Winter Forum

On February 1, 2020, the Missouri LIONS Mid-winter Forum was held at Lake of the Ozarks. Among many other break-out classes, District Governor George presented a panel discussion on New Voices. In addition to DG George, the panel consisted of 26M2's own Lion Pam Manuel, Lion Toni Mahoney, and Lion Sandy Halama. From 26M6, Lion Theresa Kee rounded out the panel.

Each of the panel members presented the attendees with a little bit of their own Lions journey, describing why they joined, what they have worked on, and positions held. The meat of the discussions centered on challenges faced and overcome, inspirational thoughts and suggested changes to improve our clubs, district and state.

Although some things from our LIONS journey are similar, each panelist had a different message to share. PDG Debbie Cantrell, CA-1 New Voices Speaker summed up each panelist's story –



Lion Pam: "This is my Story!"

Lion Theresa: "Love and Open your hearts to your Lions"

DG George: "People like that wanted me to succeed. They wanted to hear me!"

Lion Sandy: "They finally saw us"

Lion Toni: "Every voice matters"

Attendees came to this break-out session to get a better understanding of what New Voices is all about. As a relatively new program, there is still a lot of misunderstanding about what and who it represents. DG George and the panelists provided a program that answered some of those questions. Feedback received was overwhelmingly positive.

If you didn't attend Midwinter forum and would like to hear more of these stories, please reach out to Lions Toni, Pam, Sandy or DG George. Anyone of us will gladly tell you our stories and what New Voices mean to us.

Yours in Lionism
Lion Sandy Halama
New Voices Coordinator

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Our February Spotlight is on an individual who started her LIONS journey as a young girl, following her mom to meetings and events, before she was old enough to actually become a member in June 2007. Since then, she has held almost every office and committee position in her club, to include Tail Twister, Secretary, as well as Carnival, Membership, and Peace Poster Chairs, and today is sitting in the highest position, President, as a Melvin Jones Fellow. Additionally, Lion Becky has held positions at the District level; Peace Poster Chair, Lion Tamer, Media Coordinator, and Convention Committee. At the State level, her positions have been Media Coordinator and Convention Committee.



Lion Becky Speeler started volunteering with the Webster LIONS at the age of 14. Lion Becky's mom, Lion Teddi Speeler, dragged her to her first Webster Groves LIONS carnival. *Dragged* is an important word because Lion Becky was not all that excited by the opportunity. At 14, she was used to spending fun time at the 4th of July carnival with friends and cousins, riding rides and watching the fireworks. This carnival was different. Lion Becky was assigned bean duty in the food tent. It is a grueling job and soon she was hot and grumpy, thinking "My time is more important than serving beans for hours!" However, during a much needed break, Lion Becky talked with some of the members about the things their club can do with the funds raised from this event. As it sounded pretty cool, she came back for the next four days. But this time, even working in the heat, she had more fun. From there, Lion Becky started volunteering at all the monthly BBQs and other events, eventually

joining the club in 2007 as the Tail Twister. "I soon realized how important being a Lion was. The more time I spent with them, the more I wanted my LIONS journey to continue and grow."

Considering all of the committees and projects in which Lion Becky has participated, one of the first projects that makes her proud was the "Rides for Guides" program, initially handled by the Creve Coeur LIONS. Two transfer members from Creve Coeur Club brought the program to Webster. Lion Becky and a few other members took visually impaired individuals Christmas Shopping with \$100.00 donated by the club. They were assigned three visually impaired roommates who wanted to shop at the Galleria. While shopping, the Lions found items from their shopping lists, described colors and sizes, allowing them to feel the items and decide if it was what they wanted to purchase. It was a learning experience for Lion Becky, realizing malls are not visually impaired friendly, dodging displays or maneuvering narrow aisles. "I am pretty sure I ran the guy into a display or two, we both laughed and I apologized. He laughed and made jokes the whole time." Upon returning home, the Lions wrapped the items. "The most heartfelt thing about this was that they couldn't see the items to wrap them themselves and they were so gracious that we took the extra time to wrap the gifts."

Another event that is near to Lion Becky's heart is the Peace Poster Contest and her first District position. Learning about previous contest winners, and seeing posters with stories at the USA Canada Forum, allowed Lion Becky to see the full impact the LIONS contest had on youth while giving them a voice". Proud and inspired, LION Becky has been the Webster Groves Club's Peace Poster Chairman every year since. In Lion Becky's words, "The youth is our future and the future

of LIONS. Getting them involved in this project is pivotal to the success of LIONS down the road. That is one of the many reasons why I love the peace poster contest.”

Being the youngest member in the club and be president has come with challenges. Lion Becky had to work hard to show that she was no longer that “little 14 year old girl” that worked in the bean tent, and she continues to work hard to gain the respect of everyone she meets.

In a world that can be tough, especially for young people, Lion Becky is inspired by the simplest truth, “I can’t picture a world where LIONS isn’t in my life.” Helping others is at the heart of her journey, knowing that even with all of the challenges, there is someone less fortunate who has benefitted from the LIONS. She sums up her feelings best about being a Lion, “It can only be felt from the HEART”. Something felt only when you are helping others in need.

To those individuals who are debating on joining the LIONS, Lion Becky encourages them to find a club, and try them on for size. If the club isn’t a good fit, or doesn’t have a projects that excite you, find another club. The right club will provide the necessary niche or passion for every individual.

And for those members who are struggling and need inspiration, “Please don’t give up, don’t throw in the towel. LIONS need you! Try starting a new project, try talking to those that you have helped in the past to spark that passion or to reignite the flame. Remember what Helen Keller said “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much”.”

If Lion Becky could change one thing it would be to get all LIONS to encourage each other to find their passion, speak their minds, and not let anything derail positive change. “I am so proud to be a Lion. It gives my heart such joy knowing that I can make such a difference in the lives of others. I know that I am a part of something so much bigger than myself.”

In a time when clubs are trying to engage the youth and target a younger demographic, having the youngest person from the club be President should be refreshing and good for the club. However, it also brings immense challenges. When you’re a 20 something, or a millennial trying to run a club with an average age of 65, you know there will be challenges. The biggest challenge Lion Becky faces is the people who think she is too young or unable do the job because of her age. There are some LIONS who believe the club is reserved for older people or some still think women don’t belong in Lions.

Although having our youth volunteer in clubs is a great way to get them involved and groom them for later membership, the challenge, as Lion Becky has experienced, is long time members who still see her as a little 14 year old kid. Lion Becky believes she has had to work twice as hard to prove to them she can do the job, and do it well. As a result of not getting the necessary respect, some club members circumvent her as their President. Instead of being the first point of contact for issues or problems, conversations and decisions occur without her knowledge. When trying to bring new ideas to her club, such as using power point presentations or videos to keep people engaged, she will get pushback and hear things like “Here we go again” or “How about we just adjourn”. Hearing her club respond in this manner would discourage any leader but Lion Becky remains steadfast in her pursuit of helping her club and LIONS. “Technology isn’t going anywhere, if we want to engage a younger demographic then we need to realize this. We need to adapt and understand the world is changing and we need to catch up.”



Did you know?



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 for more information.



Did you know?



The Washington Lions Club Sponsored Six Lion Clubs

UNION LIONS CLUB

7/19/41

WARRENTON LIONS CLUB

11/13/62

MARTHASVILLE LIONS CLUB

10/26/50

GRAY SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

9/19/70

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB

4/12/54

WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB

6/23/2009

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 26-M2 CONVENTION AGENDA

February 28th, 29th & March 1st, 2020

Friday February 28th – DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport

3:00 pm	Registration Opens
6:00 pm	Hospitality Rooms Open
6:30 pm	Parade of Banners
7:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Dancing & Party Time

Saturday February 29th – DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport

8:00 am	Registration Opens
8:00 am – 9:15 am	LEAP Party
9:30 am	Morning Business Session Starts
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lions Luncheon
1:15 pm	Afternoon Business Session Starts
	<i>Voting Will Follow Immediately After Business Session & Will Last 20 Minutes</i>
7:00 pm	Convention Banquet – International Guest speaker

ORDER OF REPORTS

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
Invocation
Introductions – Head Table & Guests
Opening Remarks..... DG George Winkeler
District Protocol PCC Kimberly Taylor

Club Presidents Reports 2 minutes each

Leo Club Presidents Reports..... 2 minutes each

Lions Opportunity for Youth

Peace Poster.....Lion Tori Vanderhaar
State Athletics PDG Missy Carr
State Band..... Lion Jeff Rackovan

Community Service & Activities

Blind Bowlers/Tournament..... Lion John Tumbleson

Sight & Hearing

DiabetesLion Ruth Boyer
Lions Assistance & Services.... Lion Kelly Rackovan
Lions Eye Care..... PDG Debbie Blumenberg
State & District HearingPCC John Yount

Service Organization Updates 10 minutes each

Camp Jump Start
Delta Gamma Center
KidSight.....
Leader Dogs for the Blind.....
Lions Business Opportunity for Missouri Blind (LBOMB).....
Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing Service.....
Midwestern Braille Volunteers (MBV)
Missouri School for the Blind (MSB)
Missouri State Youth Programs.....
Saving Sight.....
World Services for the Blind (WSB).....

Nominations

- District 26-M2 Eye Foundation Director(s)
- Second Vice District Governor
- First Vice District Governor
- District Governor

Screening Committee Report

Constitution & By-Laws PCC Gina Boettcher

Ballot Instructions..... PCC Gina Boettcher

Governor’s Closing Remarks

Voting *Voting closes after 20 minutes*

Sunday March 1st

8:15 am – 9:00 am **District Buffet Breakfast**

9:00 am **Memorial Service**

10:00 am **Closing Business Session**

Remaining Reports & Unfinished Business

Global Action Team (GAT) Reports

Global Leadership – Lion Jeff Rackovan

Global Membership – Lions Mike Swederska & Vicky Swederska

Global Service – Lion Teddi Speeler

Results of Balloting

State Hearing Raffle & any other Club Raffles

Unfinished Business

District Convention Report

Remarks by International Guest

Closing Remarks by District Governor Lion George Winkeler

DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION AGENDA
February 28th, 29th & March 1st, 2020

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Eureka Lions Club

Pastries

Brentwood Lions Club

Spotlight

Midwestern Braille Volunteers

Braille Transcription Services

Convention Committee

PCC Gina Boettcher

PCC Kimberly Taylor

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Lion Jennifer Winkeler

House Springs Lions Club

Support and Dedication

**And to all the Lions that
have made this year a success!**

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 TH	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 TH	SUNDAY, MARCH 1 ST
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 st Business Session..... 9:30 AM All Lions Lunch 12 Noon – 1:15 PM 2 nd 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

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2020 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
February 28th thru March 1st, 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 1st, 2020.

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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.

Yours in Lionism,

Convention Committee

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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**



We Serve

Pacific Lions Club



We Serve

68th Annual

pancake breakfast



February 23rd, 2020

7:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

Adults \$8.00—Kids \$4.00

Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, Juice, Milk & Coffee

1st Responders Eat Free!

**Pacific Senior Center
800 West Union, Pacific, MO**



Beaufort Lions MEAT SHOOT

Sunday, March 1, 2020

Beaufort Lions Club 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO

Starts @ Noon—Rain or Shine

Sign up's starts @ 11:30am

FREE Dinner Plate

(Free Dinner Plate Per Shooter)

Stock barrels & Legal chokes—If gauge fits .676 gauge (12 gauge) shoot it,
can also shoot 16, 20, and 410 – No Scopes

Other activities for the family :
Movie in hall for kids, 50/50, playground, pot shot

Contact for more information:
Terry @ 573-777-2270 or Kevin @ 573-484-3350

Follow us on Facebook @ Beaufort MO Lions Club





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 SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
REPORT 12/2/2019

I would like to give you a date to write down March 8, 2020. This is the date for the Lions Appreciation Night at the Missouri School for the Blind (sometimes known as MSB).

The school has been serving visual impaired and blind youth for over 100 years. In the past several years there have been many changes in the school. I would like to mention just a few of these changes.

For many years security at all schools have been a problem, MSB is no different. I would like to mention a few of them, there are plans to upgrade the security measures for the lobby entrance.

There are plans to, also, renovate the auditorium. They are also planning for a vegetable garden and tree house. There are plans to add a Zip line.

I would like for you to take this information back to your club and try to get some of your members and their families to attend the open house.

Where else can you go on a Sunday evening for a nice meal and super entertainment put on by the students at the school. I know some you as you are so often heard said "Been there and done that", but you all need to come again and see all these changes.

At one time the Lions used to fill the auditorium, District Governor George is hoping this will happen again. Remember March 8, 2020.

Thank you for your time,
PDG Lion Roger Scheidt

Missouri School for the Blind

Lions Night & Open House

Sunday, March 8th • 4-8 PM

Everyone Welcome!

- Musical Performance •
- Demonstrations •
- Silent Auction* •
- Dinner** •



For more information, visit www.msb.dese.mo.gov
Reservations strongly recommended. For questions or to RSVP, e-mail Carlie.Lee@msb.dese.mo.gov or call 314-633-1562

*Cash and checks only

**Dinner: Children 10 and under \$5, Adults \$10

DG Lion George Winkeler, Jr. at the Overland Lions Club



DG George Winkeler, Jr. installs three new members into the Overland Lions Club.



DG George Winkeler, Jr. presents a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship Award to Lion Terry Monroe of the Overland Lions Club



DG George Winkeler, Jr. presents Melvin Jones Fellowship Awards to Lions Matthew Hariss and Sherry Middlecamp.

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB
SPONSORS THE ANNUAL
DOG & CAT
RABIES CLINIC



Saturday, April 04, 2020

10am to 12pm

@

Beaufort Lions Hall
2041 Lutheran Church Rd.
Beaufort, MO

Services provided by "Tri-County Veterinary Service" of
Owensville, MO

For more information call Lion Rhonda Tumbelson @ [636-234-4746](tel:636-234-4746)

Missouri Chapter, Incorporated
USABA
United States Association for Blind Athletes
501(c3) registered charity

January 14, 2020

To whom it may concern:

The **United States Association for Blind Athletes (USABA), Missouri Chapter, Incorporated**, provides competitive and recreational athletic activities for youth and adults in Missouri who are legally blind. The camaraderie of training and competition and the thrill of achieving one's personal best provides an opportunity for our athletes that they would not otherwise enjoy. The competition is not restricted to Missouri – competition can span the world when an athlete competes in the Paralympics or the World Games or other national or international competitive venue.

Missouri USABA sends visually impaired and blind athletes to compete in track and field, swimming, power lifting, judo and goalball <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9UtVgzbVCNY> In 2017 David Brown won the gold medal in the World Games! This fall David was selected to be a competitor in Track for the upcoming Paralympic Games in Tokyo, Japan 2020. While training for this and other competitions, David is attending school to become a massage therapist. More about David Brown at the following site <http://www.nbcolympics.com/video/david-brown-how-worlds-fastest-blind-man-trains> Adnan Gutic, another of our athletes just won a Bronze Medal at the World Championship Games in Judo.

Missouri USABA supports other competitive teams such as the St. Louis Firing Squad Blind Beep Baseball (see an example, not our St. Louis team though, of beep baseball - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Un7f-3c8itk> and two bowling teams both of which have been quite successful. We have been a major sponsor of *Camp Abilities*, an educational sports camp for legally blind youth, held at the Missouri School for the Blind.

On Saturday, April 4, 2020 the Missouri Chapter, Inc. USABA will host our 16th Annual Trivia Night and Auction to raise funds to train, outfit and sponsor our athletes who are legally blind. **We hope that your organization will be able to help by providing us with either monetary support or merchandise, gift certificates or other promotional items. We are a 501 (c3) registered charity.**

Items may be mailed to 6714 Scanlan Avenue St Louis, MO 63139. If I need to pick up the item(s) please let me know. **Please feel free to call me at 314-482-3295 or contact me by email: mousaba@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions.** **Thank you for supporting blind athletes in Missouri – we truly could not support the athletes without your help!**

Sincerely,

Tom Culliton
President, Missouri Chapter, Inc. – USA

Missouri Chapter, Incorporated

USABA

United States Association for Blind Athletes

501(c3) registered charity

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION REGISTRATION

Saturday, April 4, 2020 7pm (doors open at 6pm)

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church Gymnasium
6596 Smiley St. Louis, MO 63139

Reservations accepted for tables of up to 8 @ \$20/per person (\$160/table).

(Checks made out to **Mo. Chapter, Inc. – USABA**)

You do not have to have a full table - you may connect with other partial tables if you like)

Reservations provide beer, soft drinks. Bring your own tasty food to enhance the experience.

Silent Auction Pot of Gold Trivia Oral Auction

Get your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers together for a very fun night!

For more information call 314-482-3295 or email: mousaba@sbcglobal.net

For more information about USABA check out: <http://usaba.org/>

Mission: United States Association of Blind Athletes enhances the lives of blind and visually impaired people by providing sports and physical activity opportunities for participants

Pre-registration preferred. Detach and mail your registration to 6714 Scanlan Avenue St. Louis, Mo 63139 Or
Fill out the form below – save and attach to an email to: Mousaba@sbcglobal.net
Thank you!

Table Captain							
	First Name	Last Name	Address	Email	City	State	Zip

If you are sitting with others – please indicate their names below

	First Name	Last Name	Address	Email	City	State	Zip
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							

BEAUFORT LIONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2020

TIME: 1PM (SHARP)

Children: 12 & Under



Beaufort Lions Hall
2041 Lutheran Church Rd.
Beaufort, MO

For More Information call Lion Katie Monzyk @ [314-435-2814](tel:314-435-2814)



DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP

**Hosted by
House Springs Lions Club**

Saturday, May 16, 2020

**House Springs Lions Hall
6482 Hwy MM
House Springs, MO 63051**

10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch Will Be Served at 1:00 p.m.

If you need glasses picked up - Call or Email:

PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt at 636-343-5268 or bernjl@sbcglobal.net

PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at 314-378-4758 or eljanwein@aol.com

Lion Devin Struttman at 314-277-8292 or devin@admr.com

**PLEASE BRING USED EYEGLASSES
AND HEARING AIDS**

Missouri Lions 98th Annual State Convention

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

Margaritaville Lake Resort

494 Tan Tar A Estate Drive

Osage Beach, MO 65065

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 16-19th 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 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 \$ _____	
www.missourilions.org		Late fee after 3/15/2020 \$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 or John Clark 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 or John Clark 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

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 _____

Missouri Lions 98th Annual State Convention

Margaritaville Lake Resort

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

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

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 98th 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 or
Lion John Clark
lionclarkm3@gmail.com

Please Remember These Lions

(Dec 2019 - Jan 2020)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

GERARD J SCHMIDT

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB

WILLIAM V CISSELL

ROCK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

JOHN V MORTON

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

BOBBIE FOWLER

RICHARD A MENLEY

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 **April 13, 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**