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District 26-M2 Governor George's Message

Hello District Lions and Friends,

This is a GREAT Time to be your District Governor. In the approximately 104 days you have trusted me to be your Governor I have had 81 days that were used for some type of Lions meeting, visit, fundraiser, function or the like; how cool is that? I wish I could be at every function but, I can't make them all. Which is why I ask to Get Your Club's Info Out. I really want to come to you club, other than just the Governor visits.

We are a positive 2 in membership as we speak, -28 for the State, and have a couple districts ahead of us in their membership numbers. I need your Help. I want everyone to know that our District is the Best for a reason, so please help me get out numbers up, I and the team are here for you 24/7/365.

The Committee heads and the GAT teams are going out to speak at club meetings, use them more. They would love to come and tell you about their committees. I'm also available if you just want me to stop by and answer questions, motivate or help, contact me.

Last but not least, it's time to start thinking about our convention and what 'WE" want to see there. The "Save the Date" is February 28, 29 and March 1st. I want to give what you want! Let me know YOUR ideas how we can change up the reports to make it interesting for everyone. Let me know if you want some type of class, service project, fun time, If I know what you want, we can work to get it on the Agenda.

Keep up the Good Work and remember to "Aspire to Inspire "

DG Lion George Winkeler Jr.

District Governor 26-M2

District 26-M2 1st VDG Sandee's Message

Fellow Lions,

As I write this, it is finally beginning to look and feel like fall. While nature goes dormant, Lions do not. Now is the time to evaluate what we have been doing, look at all possibilities and create a plan for future success.

A quote I really like says, "There's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windshield is so large. It's because where you're headed is much more important than where you've been. (Anon.)" Clubs are rightfully proud of their history but sometimes it holds us back. Kudos to the Saint Louis South Side Lions for being open to change and new ideas! After 70 years of producing the ROAR show, they acknowledged the need for something new and recently hosted a very successful and well-run trivia night. And it was a blast!

Spring will be here before we know it. What new ideas will "bloom" in your Lions Club? Let us know so that we can celebrate them with you! And speaking of celebrating, Lion Ed and I hope to see you all at the District Convention, February 28th, 29th and March 1st. DG George is planning a great event!

1st VDG Lion Sandee Marshall

1st Vice District Governor 26-M2



District 26-M2 2nd VDG Devin's Message

Greetings 26-M2 Lions,

It's hard to believe we're already a quarter through the Lions year. It's been fun visiting the clubs on our first Governor visits and we have many more coming up in the next couple months.

In September, some of us were lucky enough to attend the Lions USA/Canada Forum in Spokane, Washington. We enjoyed three days of fellowship, networking, and learning. The atmosphere is casual and loose. Lions get to mingle and hear from the International Presidents team, International Directors, and Past International Directors. Best of all, you get to meet other Lions from all over the United States and Canada. I'm already staying in touch with some and we're exchanging fundraising and service project ideas.

Have you ever wanted to spice up your induction and installation ceremonies? Pursue grants? Understand parliamentary procedure? Attract younger members? See how LCIF spends our money? Know where to buy vision screening cameras? Start a branch club? This is just a small sample of things you can learn when attending the USA/Canada Forum.

I have good news. Next year, the USA/Canada Forum will be held in Louisville, Kentucky. This is a short four-hour drive from St. Louis. The dates are September 17-19, 2020. Mark your calendar now and join us for a great time.

Yours in Lionism,

2nd VDG Lion Devin Struttmann

2nd Vice District Governor 26-M2



Calendar of Events

October 2019

19th, Saturday: Concord Village Lions Club Trivia Night @ St. Margaret Mary Alaquoe Parish Center, 4900 Ringer Road St. Louis, MO 63129 Between Forder Road and Mehl Avenue. DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 P.M. – TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00 P.M. \$25.00 per person, teams of 10. ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT LION LARRY BORNEMANN 314-892-5698 OR EMAIL larrybornemann@sbcglobal.net LION TOM HARPER 314-487-2993 OR EMAIL harpieharp@aol.com

22nd, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Brentwood Lions Club.

23rd, Wednesday: District Governor Visit with Ferguson Lions Club.

26th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Sikeston, MO.

26th, Saturday: Mid Town Lions Club BBQ

28th, Monday: District Governor Visit with Chesterfield Lions Club.

November 2019

- 2nd, Saturday: Ellisville Lions will hold their 17th annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction. The doors open at 6pm, trivia starts at 7 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd., Town and Country, (Southeast corner of the Clayton / Hwy 141 intersection). Beer, soda and water and 5 free mulligans are included in the entry fee of \$25.00 per person, \$200.00 per table of 8. Many attendance prizes and \$400.00 to the winning team, \$300.00 for second place and \$200.00 for third place. Bring your checkbook or credit card for a great silent auction. Call 636-227-7315 for reservations.
- 3rd, Sunday: Beaufort Lions 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.

- 4th, 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
- 9th, Saturday: District Governor Visit with Mehville Lions Club.
- 27th, Wednesday: Union Lions Club 1st Annual Thanksgiving Eve Cornhole Tournament @ KC Hall 700 Clearview Dr, Union, MO 63084. Registration at 6:30pm games start at 7:00pm. Cost is \$20.00 per person; teams are 2 players each. Its double elimination and cash prizes for 1St,2Nd and 3rd places. CASH BAR! Contact Tim 636-583-2675 for information.

December 2019

- 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.
- 2nd, 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.
- 3rd, Monday: Zone 7 Annual Christmas Party. SAVE THE DATE! More info later.
- 5th, Thursday: District Governor Visit with De Soto Lions Club.
- 10th, Tuesday: District Governor Visit with Creve Coeur Lions Cub.

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.
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- 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.

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.
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- 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.

(Aug 2019 - Sep 2019)

DE SOTO LIONS CLUB

KAMI DETTER
MELISSA FUDGE
ROBERT KING
BONNIE L. RUENGERT

UNION LIONS CLUB

PEVELY LIONS CLUB

ANTHONY RYAN COMBS

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

SCOTT BARTMELMASS

JOSEPH E SCHROEDER

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB

ROBERT WAGNER

WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB
DAVID A GUGLIOTTA
MIKE G SEDLAK

MESSAGES FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

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A Tip from Your Global Membership Chair

What I have learned over the years while in business would be that the list of accumulated customers could be one of the most valuable items that you create as you go in business. Having this list gives you the opportunity to stay in some sort of minor contact with your prior customers. You always want to stay in front of your customer but trick is to never to overdo it to the detriment of losing them as a customer.

Companies will buy a contact list that is compiled of people or potential customers that has an interested in needing their services. That company now can target the people on the list with advertising some may call it junk mail or spam. I am suggesting an approach from a different angle.

Quite simply, when your club holds any kind of fundraiser where the general public is invited. The possibility to acquire their contact information is there. Thus that LIONS club can build its own contact list compiled of people that already have knowledge of LIONS and what that club is doing. The way that I am suggesting to do this is holding some kind of raffle selling tickets. At that time you would have the contestant fill out a form with their contact information. This information could be taken in case they won and was not there during the function to collect their winnings. Contestants are willing to take the minute to fill out the form giving their email, phone numbers, and address.

Now you have this information, are you just going to throw it away? Most do throw this information away, but I suggest not. You now have possible lions members contact info in your hands. Remember that they are at a lions function already that is the targeted audience such as those companies purchasing that customer list.

There is one more thing the club must put on the form that they will check off when filling it out. That is a free membership to that LIONS club for a prescribed short length of time. It could be for a half year and that is the length that I suggest. The reason is now when you send them your newsletter and any other information about the club and its activities it really is not spam they are a member of that club.

I did speak with the Governor about doing this and there is no problem with a free membership to the club. By giving a membership for half the year will give the club the ability to send them enough newsletters and possible club meeting invitations to hopefully create enough interest that they may come to a function or meeting as a LION. Since this is a promotional give away I would not put anybody on the roster until they actually join the club.

The club membership chair may want to reach out to them every two months and ask if they would like to attend the meeting if they have not already done that or a future function.

Another possibility would be to wait until the end of the six months reach out and ask if they would like to come to a meeting but most of all open that dialog up without. It is important to not make them feel pressured in any way but haply want to learn more about LIONS

If you did this at every fund raiser and function the LIONS club holds in a year. The club could possibly interact with several hundred of the public. Just how large of a contact list could be created. Say you had 200 contacts on that list compiled from the fundraising raffle in a year. Maybe only 2% became interested and you acquired half that as positive members in your club. Do the math that would be 2 new members that are joining your club that came from a free customer list.

Another though is if they don't just delete it from their mail box or block the text that club has now made that person more aware of what the club is doing in the community. Remember that the person can always delete the information from the LIONS club.

I am available to all clubs to speak more on this and other ideas to help with membership.

Lion Mike Swederska

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New Voices Spotlights!

New Voices Spotlight for September

This month, we are talking about a Lion who broke one gender barrier by being the first female president of the Webster Groves LIONS Club. **Lion Vicky Swederska** was also the first female Carnival Chair in the Club's history. In addition to those positions, she was Club Treasurer twice, Past President, Director, District Treasurer, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice President, and is currently part of the District GMT team.

Lion Vicky has been a Lion for 15 years. She joined the LIONS because she was already attending meetings, and participating in the functions, and working fundraisers with husband, Lion Mike. Lion Vicky "felt strongly about the good that the LIONS did for our community and beyond."



As a Lion belonging to a hard-working, ambitious club, Lion Vicky is proud of the amount of money the volunteers earn and donate to great causes. The first project, which has become an even greater need than before, is through the Webster Groves School District. Members bring non-perishable food and can goods to meetings, or monthly barbeques. These donations are then put in to backpacks and sent home with the children that don't have enough food for a weekend, or even over one night.

The one large event/fundraiser that makes Lion Vicky extremely proud to be a Webster Groves Lion, is the July 4th Carnival. It takes hundreds of man hours to work this event and to make it successful, but the end result is more than worth it.

Lion Vicky was only the second female member of the WG Lions club. Her first challenge was to just fit in. She accepted the challenge, didn't let attitudes change her views, and continued to support the club. "When the "Old Guys" invited me to serve beer with them at our carnival, I knew I had arrived!"

Fellowship is a huge part of being a Lion. The friendships made as a Lion have inspired Lion Vicky to be a part of every fundraiser and function possible. To sum it up, Lion Vicky says "Coming up with new ideas or just building on someone else's idea can be exciting. Working together with fellow Lions creates bonds that will last forever."

So what advice does Lion Vicky have for potential and/or new LIONS? "One of the regrets that I personally have is not joining the Lions at a younger age. We all have other obligations that take up our time and energy, but if you just give what you can, it will make a huge difference in your outlook and your desire to help others. My advice to young women is to get involved. Find out how fortunate you really are, and how many others could use your help in making their lives better. To current women in LIONS, reach out and find out how the organization works. Find out where you fit in. Maybe take a position on the Board of Directors, or volunteer to be a chairman of a function. You may not know what hidden talents you have that can be very beneficial to the success of this organization".

If you would like to nominate a Lion for the New Voices Spotlight, please send their name and contact information to halamas@sbcglobal.net. I will take care of the rest!

Lion Sandy Halama, New Voices Coordinator.

New Voices Spotlight for October

Welcome to this edition of New Voices Spotlight! The October New Voices Spotlight is on a Pacific Lion that has an enormous amount of energy and drive. **Lion Pam Manuel.** She is married, raising young children and is involved in helping so many others. You can find Lion Pam at many Club fundraisers, not just her club, helping fill sand bags during floods, to delivering food to the food pantries.

Lion Pam Manuel has been a LION for 16 years. She has held positions as Secretary, President,



Tail Twister, Board of Director, Zone Chairperson, Global Membership Chairperson and Leo Chairperson.

To get Lion Pam on her path to Lionism, she looked to a gentleman, Phil Klemp, her boss, who was a dedicated Lion. Watching him helping people through the Lions and witnessing his commitment to serve inspired her to join. Within a couple of years, she was asked and enthusiastically joined!!!

Lion Pam's proudest event by far, was helping people during the flood. Thanks to an LCIF grant, Lion Pam and the Pacific Lions Club were able to help so many people whom some she still remain

friends. Lion Pam believes district 26-M2 is blessed to have many strong women leaders and they make women feel comfortable in joining. If there was one thing she would like to see, it would be for the wives of the all-men clubs to create woman branch clubs.

What inspires Lion Pam to keep serving? "I am inspired by my fellow Lions. Going to the different clubs and hearing about all the wonderful things they do for their communities is the ultimate inspiration!"

What advice do you have for young women joining LIONS? Current women LIONS? "Seek leadership responsibilities. Woman have a lot to offer in our district and state and our male counterparts are more than welcoming to have you serve alongside of them." Great advice from a great Lion!! Thank you Lion Pam for your service!

As many know, until now, New Voices emphasized celebrating women's contributions and promoting gender parity. With all new programs, time shows how to improve and expand and New Voices is no different. The initiative now has a broader focus that includes young adults and other underrepresented populations. I am excited about change and invite you to stay tuned for future District 26M2 Spotlights which will embrace the transition and broader focus of New Voices!

Lion Sandy Halama New Voices Coordinator



DISTRICT WIDE SERVICE PROJECT

Our fall District wide service project is Pediatric Cancer Bags. These bags will go to children suffering from Pediatric Cancer down at Children's Hospital. We will be assembling the bags on November 3rd at Delta Gamma (1750 S Big Bend Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63117) from 1pm-4pm. At this event we put all the items collected in reusable bags.

The items needed for the Pediatric Cancer bags

Shampoo and conditioner (in Ziploc bags)

Lotion

Kleenex

Hats/Scarves

Socks

Sleeping Masks

Blankets

Stuffed Animals

Books

Coloring books

Crayons

Headphones

Diaries

Pens

Chapter books

Cards

Games

Ear Buds

Socks

Personalize notes of encouragement

If clubs would like to donate items or completed bags for the project and can't make the bag stuffing event I can pick them up from your club. If your club would like to make monetary donations please make checks payable to the District or Lion Teddi Speeler (I will provide receipts).

If your club is purchasing single items for the bags such as shampoos or lotions please let me know what you're bringing so I know what I need to purchase.

If you have any questions please let me know.

District 26-M2 Service Coordinator Lion Teddi Speeler 314-724-3721 Speeler36@hotmail.com

District 26-M2 Summer Service Project Pediatric Cancer Bags





Shampoo & Conditioner (place in Ziploc bag)

Body Lotion

Facial Tissues

Stocking Cap

Blanket

Stuffed Animal

Reading Book (young child & chapter)

Coloring Book

Crayons

Personalized Note

Diary/Journal

Pens

Playing Cards

Game

Socks

Insulated Water Bottle

Sleep Mask

Pillow

Headphones/ear buds

Scarf



There will be a stuffing party on Sunday, November 3rd from 1 –4 PM at the Delta Gamma Center located at 1750 S Big Bend Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63117

If your club would rather make a monetary donation please make checks payable to: District 26-M2 Attn: Lion Teddi Speeler

Mail to: Lion Dennis Hemsath 207 Jefferson St., Washington MO 63050

Fellow Lions,

The Lions Eye Foundation is seeking nominations for two positions on the Board. One position is a five year term and the other is a one year term. Although investment knowledge is helpful, it is not a requirement.

Please contact District Governor George Winkeler, Jr. no later than 12/2/2019 via email at geo winkeler@sbcglobal.net or via phone (314) 393-7733.



"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 you Reservations Now WWW.lions26M2.org

"Aspire to Inspire

Maplewood Lions in the Community

Maplewood Public Library

The Maplewood Lions Club, in an effort to assist those with vision problems, has launched a new and unique project with the Maplewood Public Library.

A Lion Member approached Library Director, Terrence Donnelly, a few days ago with the idea, and he graciously provided a nice display area in the foyer. The Maplewood Lions Club set up the area with a sign reading "Forgot your reading glasses – try a pair courtesy of the Maplewood Lions Club", along with a selection of ten pair of reading glasses designed mainly for men and ten pair designed mostly for women. The strength of the glasses ranged from 100 to 325.

District Pediatric Cancer Project in Maplewood

Maplewood Lions Club shopping list:

980 latex free cartoon character band aids
1,400 sticks of flavored chewing gum
2 pounds of bubble gum
5 copies of the book "The famous hat"
5 copies of the book "The Puddle Jumpers Guide to Kicking Cancer

Maplewood Lions Club president Lion Judith Yingling and club Service Coordinator, Lion Verneal Barlow, delivered all these items to Jennifer Brandt, Senior Child Specialist, to be used by the pediatric cancer patients at Children's Hospital in St. Louis, MO. This is a part of the pediatric cancer program of the Maplewood Lions Club.

Ms. Brandt said the delivery was "very timely" as they had just ran out of chewing gum. According to Ms. Brandt, when the kids get a shot they like to pick their own cartoon-character band aid and during treatment they get a bad taste in their mouth and chewing flavored gum helps a little bit. The books are a teaching method for the kids as well as their families, as a way to understand what to expect during cancer treatment.

The Maplewood Club members had a good time looking for various flavors of gum and found over a dozen different kinds including watermelon, strawberry, and even mint chocolate chip. This was an interesting service project for the club.

More Maplewood Lions in the Community

Maplewood Lions have been busy this month as all of us have.





Our Little Libraries (3) are keeping 4 Lions (Leslie McIntyre, Onie Harper and Barb and Joe Kurkowski) busy replenishing and repairing them. We are happy so many children and adults are reading. Lion Georgia McGuire's idea has taken off Thru out Maplewood. Little house libraries can be seen all over Maplewood. Lion Onie fills them all any time he has books in his car.

VISION WALK







Vision Walk was October 5th and Maplewood Lions barbequed 400 hot dogs, wrapped them and along with chips and cookies, served the walkers and spectators. Maplewood has been serving food at the walk for many years. Lion Jean Martin started this annual partnering of service when the walk was at Tower Grove Park. Maplewood's crew and PDG Sharyn Scheidt in the Lions suit.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET ZONE 7'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING TUESDAY DECEMBER 3, 2019



ID LION DON NOLAN WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation was established as a Missouri Non-Profit Corporation in 2017. We became a 501 (C) 3 soon after making all donations fully tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Many District Lions have gone on mission trips to Mexico and Panama over the last 15 years or so including Lion Elmer. We had our first mostly Missouri Lions trip in 2016 and since then have had two trips a year composed of primarily Missouri Lions.

Trips are coordinated by Lions in Sight of California and Nevada who furnish a lead doctor, the recycled eye glasses, screening equipment and take care of all infrastructure problems such as getting everything through customs and on site.

Volunteers and doctors pay their own costs to get to the site country. Local Lions provide transportation, room and board and some entertainment while in country. Many of us take an extra day to sight see at our expense before returning home. Missions normally are either five or nine days including the sight seeing. A day of travel each way and two days of mission for the four day trips with two days of mission and a break for additional sight seeing or play then two more days of mission for the longer trips.

This year we had a trip to Poza Rica, Veracruz, Mexico in June where we served just under 900 area people with eye exams and recycled eye glasses.

The second trip was to Tuxtula, Mexico and was a real challenge. Location was changed several times with the first change coming even before tickets were purchased. The last change occurred on arrival when volunteers were told the local president had cancelled the mission But the had arranged for a new location. Volunteers ended up staying in the local presidents home inside a gaited area but that is another story. They still manage to serve just under 1,000 people under trying circumstances with experiences that made them appreciate what we have here.



Just one cute example of what you can expect to see if you go on a mission

Leo Report

Through the Leo Club Program, young people serve as positive agents of change within their communities. These young leaders develop valuable leadership skills, make new friends and have fun.

Consider sponsoring a Leo club in your community to engage youth and get the next generation of Lions ready to serve.

If you are interested in learning more about the Leo program, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. (Lion Pam Manuel).

Leo Club Objective

To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national and international community.

Leo Club Motto

Leadership – Develop skills as a project organizer, time manager and team leader.

Experience – Learn how teamwork, cooperation and collaboration can bring exciting changes to your community and the world.

Opportunity – Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

Leo Club History

Coach Jim Graver started the Leo ball rolling in 1957 and chances are that ball was a baseball. Graver was the baseball coach of the Abington High School in Pennsylvania, USA and an active member of the Glenside Lions Club. With help from his fellow Lion, William Ernst, the first Leo club was charted on December 5, 1957.

As the world's first Leo club, the Abington High School Leo Club created the Leo acronym – Leadership, Equality, Opportunity – and chose their school colors, maroon and gold to serve as the Leo club colors. Later, Equality was changed to Experience.

In October 1967, the board of directors of Lions Clubs International adopted the Leo Club Program as an official program of the association.

The Leo Club Program has continued to grow within the last 50 years. Leos now constitute an international network of over 6,500 clubs in over 140 countries. Community service remains the cornerstone of the program, fostering a lifetime commitment to helping others. Like their Lion counterparts, Leo club members enjoy serving their neighbors and watching positive results unfold.



People visit the virtual newsstand every day. By tuning into programming offered on the radio, internet, tablet or over the phone, they come away better informed by accessing information otherwise unavailable to the print impaired. Because of this they are energized, entertained and enlightened right at home.

Audio Description

Imagine trying to enjoy a work of art, a film, or a live performance with a visual impairment.

MindsEye translates vision into audio.

Whether in Shakespeare Glen, at The Muny, The Rep, a St. Louis Blues Hockey Game or outside sharing a day at the Zoo, MindsEye is committed to creating accessibility in every space and at every event in the Saint Louis area and beyond.

Audio description reveals crucial information in scenery, movement and artwork; it enhances and complements the work so those who are visually-impaired gain a complete understanding of what is before them.

Beepball

Described by blind athletes as "a dream come true," Beepball adds a spin on baseball that allows everyone to compete. Players are guided by sound, not sight - the sound of the beeping ball, buzzing bases, and cues from the pitcher. While the game provides unique opportunities for blind athletes, it also brings the blind community a step closer to ever sought-after acceptance and equality.

For the athletes, Beepball is much more than just a game. It brings together all people, personalities, and athletic abilities, and puts them on an even playing field.

Lion Nikki Hull and Lion Kathy Pusateri participated in the Minds Eye Fall Classic Beep Ball Tournament at Sunset Hills Athletic Fields. Although the Friends of Minds Eye Team lost both games, everyone had a fantastic time!!! And, the weather was great!



Ashley, pitcher for Rebird Team won the award for MVP. Considering Ashley had never pitched during a beep ball game previously, she did outstanding job! The Redbird Team only lost by one run for the Championship.

The services provided by Minds Eye are at no cost. Therefore, Minds Eye relies on donations from corporations and organizations, such as Lions Clubs. Please consider making donations to Minds Eye. Their address is 9541 Church Circle Drive, Belleville, IL 62223 and their phone # is (618) 394-6444. They are available to complete a presentation during your Lion's Club Meeting, as well as by contacting Lion Kathy Pusateri at (314) 249-7530. Website: www.mindseyeradio.org





The Firing Squad Team won the Championship, with a final score of 5 to 4!

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 <u>ANY</u> Lions club receives an independent request <u>OUTSIDE</u> 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 <u>DoubleTree Hotel</u> 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.

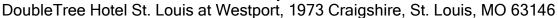
PCC Lion Gina Boettcher
PCC Lion Kimberly Taylor
Lion Kelly Rackovan
Lion Jennifer Winkeler

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







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 28TH SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST Registration......3 PM – 5 PM Registration 8 AM - 10 AM Breakfast......8:15 AM Hospitality 5 PM - 11 PM L.E.A.P. 8 AM – 9:15 AM Closing Business Session & Parade of Banners 7:30 PM 1st Business Session.......9:30 AM Memorial Service9:00 AM Live Music, Dancing & All Lions Lunch 12 Noon - 1:15 PM Party Time...... 8 PM – 11 PM 2nd Business Session......1:30 PM Voting Immediately following session Dinner Banquet......7 PM

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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 =	\$
Luncheon Only: Dinner Banquet Only: Breakfast Only:	Number attending Number attending Number attending	X \$30 = X \$55 = 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	e to give an	accurate count to the hotel.
Dinner Banquet - Beef	Dinner Banquet – Chicken	Dinner Ba	nquet – <i>Salmon</i>
Special Dietary Needs:			
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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.

The **ENTIRE** Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. The <u>Friday night Hospitality</u> 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.

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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

PCC Gina Boettcher lionbtkr@gmail.com
Cell: (573) 368-1333

PCC Kimberly Taylor lionkimberly@sbcglobal.net Cell: (314) 560-8383

Lion Kelly Rackovan
Lionkelly26m2@gmail.com
Cell: (314) 808-7638

Lion Jennifer Winkeler lionjenniferw@gmail.com

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 follow with three 8 foot tables), ice service, chairs.	
We would like to request the following	ng, if possible:
Do you need electricity?	
Extra Tables @ \$10 each	
We have enclosed a check for \$185 our Club.	to reserve a hospitality booth for
We understand that we <u>cannot</u> have decorations of any kind or any poperation be used to hang any decoration agreement with the DoubleTree Hotel	corn, and <u>only</u> "painter's tape" ons, per the master contract
Signature:	Date:

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

The South Side Lionettes 2nd Annual Chili Classic

Saturday, October 26, 2019 @ 2:30PM

The Club at Castle Bluff 8100 Fine Rd., St. Louis, MO 63129

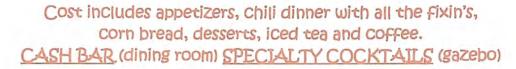
GOLF - \$35 w/cart

GOLF - \$30 w/o cart (have a cart at the club)

CROQUET - \$25

BOCCE - \$25

CARDS/GAMES - \$25



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2:30 – 3:00 PM - Registration Golf, Croquet, Bocce, Cards/Games 3:00 – 5:30 PM – Play 9 holes golf, Croquet, Bocce or Cards/Games 5:30 – 6:00 PM – Cocktails and 50/50 ticket sales 6:00 – 7:30 PM – Dinner, Dessert and 50/50 Drawing

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT the SOUTH SIDE LIONETTES CHARITY FUND

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED - RSVP BY 10/16/2019

RSVP to Lionette Terri Linek H-314/849-4230, c-314/346-3963 or wilinek@aol.com

Checks payable to "SOUTH SIDE LIONETTES"

Mail to: Lionette Terri Linek,

6472 Hagemann Rd.

St. Louis, MO 63128

ZONE 4 AND 5 ZONE MEETING

October 28, 2019

at



618 N Washington Ave, Union, MO 63084



6:30 PM.

Dinner \$10

Guest Speaker

"Hope Ranch of Missouri"

RSVP by October 23rd to:

Lion Pam 636-675-3186

typamed@sbcglobal.net

Lion Leon 314-249-5138

hove128@charter.net



ELLISVILLE LIONS CLUB

17TH ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2019

Trinity Lutheran Church

14088 Clayton Rd, Chesterfield, MO 63017

Free beer, soda and water

Bring food to share with your table.

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Each table receives 5 free mulligans

Teams consist of up to eight players

CASH PRIZES

\$400 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd place, \$200 for 3rd place team

Call (636) 227-7315 to reserve your table





Invite you to join us as

We host the annual Zone 7 Christmas Party

Hawkins House (Webster Lions meeting place)
1155 Rock Hill Road, Webster Groves, Mo. 63119
Tuesday December 3. 2019
Social Hour 6:30 PM Dinner 7:00 PM
Buffet Meal \$15 per person
Cash Bar available
If you wish to participate
Please bring a nonperishable food item which will
Be donated to MRH WOW program run by the students.
PDG Joe Detter will be auctioning deserts as we did last year
If you wish to donate a sweet
Money collected will be donated to the eye screening cameras.

Please RSVP to ZC Sue Templeton
No later than Dec. 1. 2018
suetempleton@live.com
Home phone 314-644-1915

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 regist

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 nam	ne badge)		
Address	CitySta	teZip	
Phone ()Email_			<u> </u>
DistrictClub	Title	PCC, PDG, President,	etc.)
Special Dietary Needs?Yes No De	etails		_
Lion, Leo, Guest Name (as wanted on na	me badge)		
Address	_ CitySta	teZip	
Phone ()Email			
DistrictClub	Title (F	CC, PDG, President, e	tcChoose.
Special Dietary Needs?Yes No De	etails		_
Mail Registration form & payment to:	Convention Fees per	person:	
Make Checks payable to:	Full Registration	\$75 x=	
MO Lions 2020 State Convention	(Includes registration, lund	heon & 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 <u>mccannsandy1@gmail.com</u> 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 w	anted on n	ame badge)			
Address					
City			State	Zip	
Email			Phone		
District					
Club					
Title (PCC, P	DG, Preside	ent, etc.)			
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Special Diet	ary Need	s (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



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Registration/Luncheon	า\$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



To purchase raffle tickets before they are sell out, contact Lion Keith Speckhals at (314) 698-7104

Please Remember These Lions

(Aug 2019 - Sep 2019)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

DARREL CLIMER

EUREKA LIONS CLUB ROGER J SOMMER

ST LOUIS MID TOWN LIONS CLUB
WM A BELL

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB VINCENT B BORGERDING

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 <u>December 12, 2019</u>. Now is the time to for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at editor@lions26m2.org