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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 Lions,

I hope that everyone is still healthy and practicing good social distancing plans. We are here for you. If you or you know of anyone needing help, Please let me know. Now is the time to make sure we practice "We Serve".

We still are having our Monday night Zoom meetings, if you need an invite please contact me. We would love to hear from you.

There are clubs meeting via Zoom, Conference calls and outdoors all while practicing Social Distancing, we are here for you. If you are your club needs anything, please contact us.

We had a Thank a Healthcare worker parade last Saturday and it was a huge success. If you need help setting up a parade or feeding people in your area, please contact us.

I hope and pray that we start to get back to the swing of things in a month or so.

Let's stay strong and beat this together.

Lion George Winkeler, Jr.

District Governor

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District 26-M2 1st VDG Sandee's Message

Hello Lions!

Can you have CABIN FEVER in the Spring? I think we all do as we follow safety guidelines and our own consciences during this stressful time. I am excited to hear of ways that our Clubs are staying in touch with their members and still finding ways to SERVE our communities.

In the following pages, you will see photos and descriptions about our first "Lions Care" parade on Saturday, May 9th. If you missed this wonderful experience, look for details coming about another parade to be held in the southern part of our District. A big Lions' round of applause to Lions Ed and Pam Manual (Pacific) for organizing everything! If you would be interested in holding a parade in your hometown, I'm sure they would be glad to share what they've learned. And if you do plan an event, let the District know so we can join in and help out.

One thing that I think we have all learned is the importance and value of communicating in a personal way with all of our members whether or not they are regular meeting-goers. That is something that I hope continues long after the virus is managed.

Stay safe,

Lion Sandee Marshall
District Governor-Elect

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District 26-M2 2nd VDG Devin's Message

Dear Lions Friends,

Though we're still living under challenging times, things are finally starting to feel a little more "normal" when it comes to Lions. We're hearing about clubs meeting again. Some are meeting in person (with social distancing) and some are meeting virtually. Many of us even joined together this past weekend to put on a Lions parade for those who need encouragement the most.

As we move through the days ahead, please keep us posted with what is happening in your club. We want to know how you're meeting. What are you doing for your community? How can we help? We're also available to join you as a guest or provide a program. This can be done virtually.

If your area has not been significantly affected by COVID-19, and your club still wants to do something, we can point you to a club who can use your support. There are many clubs with projects underway now.

Thank you for all you're doing. Thank you for remaining a Lion during these tough times. Most of all, thank you for all you will do in the future. We can do great things together.

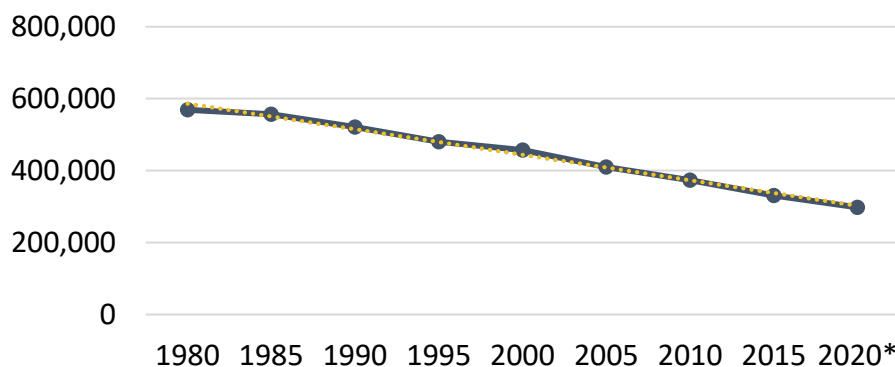
Lion Devin Struttmann
1st Vice District Governor Elect



You Are Part of NAMI!

NAMI is the **North American Membership Initiative**. Get ready to put your thinking caps on. Very soon, hopefully in person, we will meet to discuss ways to reverse a 38-year history of membership loss in the United States.

Constitutional Area 1--USA



This is **NOT** a plan given to us by LCI but a way to create a plan that we think will be effective in District 26-M2. Everyone's suggestions are needed. Over the years I have heard many Lions complain that an exclusive group runs our District. This is your chance to change that. We need Lions at **ALL** levels of our organization to share thoughts and be the change that we want to see. For more information, contact DGE Sandee Marshall at LionSandee2020@gmail.com. She is waiting to hear from you!

Zoom Meetings

District Governor George Winkeler, (26-M2) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: District 26-M2 meeting

Time: Apr 20, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, until Jul 6, 2020, 12 occurrence(s)

Apr 20, 2020 06:30 PM

Apr 27, 2020 06:30 PM

May 4, 2020 06:30 PM

May 11, 2020 06:30 PM

May 18, 2020 06:30 PM

May 25, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 1, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 8, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 15, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 22, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 29, 2020 06:30 PM

Jul 6, 2020 06:30 PM

Please reach out to a Cabinet Member or Zone Chair to obtain the Zoom information if you did not receive it in the email-version of the Newsletter.

If help needed to know how to join the zoom meeting. Looking forward to hearing or seeing everyone on the meeting.

The District now has its own Pro Zoom account, contact me to schedule a meeting.

"Aspire to Inspire"

DG George



COVID-19 & the State of Affairs with 26-M2 Clubs & LCI

Monday April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 pm ZOOM Meeting via Call-in or Video appearance

Sign on info:

Meeting Facilitator: DG George Winkeler

Electronic Note Taker: PDG Eugene Taylor

Participants: Cabinet, GAT, Zone & Committee Chairs, PDG(s), Lions of the District, Guest(s)

Purpose of Meeting: What the Clubs are doing / meeting / electing of officers / reporting to District & LCI; Community Outreach, Service, Fundraisers, How are we Serving others? WHAT are the NEEDS ?

Meeting Agenda

" Welcome, Please Mute your feed, lower left corner & space bar "

"This is Zoom" Q&A: _____

DG opening remarks: _____

Lion, Club, Zone Chairs reports: _____

PR / Committee's / Q & A: _____

GMT & New Voices, NAMI remarks: _____

Cab. Secretary / Cab. Treasurer: _____

DGE & 1st VDGE remarks: _____

State GLT remarks: _____

PDG remarks: _____

LAS: _____

District Lion Remarks: _____

HOW can We Serve & what can we do Together: _____

Wind up by DG and Marching orders: _____

Next Meeting: _____, _____, _____, 2020 @ _____: _____ am/pm Meeting Via: _____

Who to invite next time: _____

Pacific Lions Club

Pacific Lions Club has been busy helping our neighbors during the COVID pandemic. We have spent about 40 hours so far delivering groceries, medicine and pet needs and we have taken a couple of people to Dr. visits. We sanitize our cars and wear gloves and masks as to keep these vulnerable people safe. We are looking forward to the organizations that have driven our clients pre pandemic to start back up soon. (Left photo)



Pacific Lions has also served nearly 200 free meals to health care workers, 1st responders, needy families and those laid off from work due to the virus. This has been a true joy! We have delivery service that drops meals off at the Police Station, Fire Station, Ambulance House, CVS Pharmacy, Dr. Meyer's office and Clarkson Eye Care. We have gotten so much support from our little community. With donations, no club funds have been used yet, so we decided to have another free meal give away this coming Friday, May 15th from 11 AM – 1 PM. Feel free to stop by and grab a jumbo hot dog with all the fixings! (Right photo) --- Lion Pam Manuel



The Lions “WE CARE” Parade

The Lions “WE CARE” Parade was so fun. It was the first time doing something like this, so I can’t say it went off without a hitch, but we kept going and were able to spread cheer from North County to South County! I would like to personally thank Lion Geoff Mees for his help and advice in planning this parade. Lion Geoff spent much of 2 weeks working on the Mehlville firetruck, then when he went to pull out of the driveway to head up to the Missouri Veterans Home, he could not get the truck to go into gear. Being the great Lion that he is, as well as the other wonderful Mehlville Lions that participated, they jumped in their cars and met us at the Veteran’s Home and the parade went forward! I also want to thank my husband, Lion Ed Manuel, for putting up with me during the planning stages and being a very patient chauffeur and to Governor George for his support!

I am so excited for our next parade that Lion Nikki is planning, tentatively on Father’s Day weekend. --- Lion Pam Manuel







Did you know?



The Union Lions Club has wanted to help our community during these difficult COVID times. We recently started holding our regular meetings virtually via Zoom. This has allowed us to conduct business again.

We recently made a donation to our local food pantry when we heard they were running low on food. We know the need is great and we want to be there to support them.

We are next looking at supporting our local school backpack program. We provided some of the original funding for this program and we want to make sure we're able to help the kids especially now when they need us the most.

Like many clubs, we're anxious to start fundraisers again. However, all of our Summer events have been cancelled in Union. So, we will need to be creative in how we stay active and engaged in the community.



Eye Wrap Postponed

The District 26-M2 Eye Wrap, originally planned for May 16, has been postponed. We don't have a new date yet. However, we hope to reschedule this event for Summer or early Fall. Please continue to hold all glasses until the new date. If you have a storage situation, or need help picking up glasses from a retail location, please let us know. We definitely feel the future need for these glasses will be great. We don't expect mission trips to pick back up until next year at the earliest.

PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich
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1st VDGE Lion Devin Struttmann
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Club Officers for 2020/2021 & Member Information

Now is the time to make sure your next officer slate is entered on the LCI website. We also need this information within our district. We use this information to complete the new District Directory. If you have questions on how to complete an election, please reach out to us. Or, if you have an issue entering the information on the LCI website, please let us know.

If you know your officers but can't get the information entered for some reason, feel free to send the officer slate directly to us.

Now is also the perfect time to make sure each member's information is correct on the LCI website. Please make sure home phones are deleted if they no longer exist, add new cell phone numbers, and record any address changes. Thank you for your help.

1st VDGE Lion Devin Struttman

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Stuffed Animals Available for Children and their Families

Lions, I have an abundance of stuffed animals available to any club working with children and their families for any reason, virus related or not. Now is a very scary time for people of any age. I know a stuffed toy isn't much, but something to hug sometimes helps. Just let me know what you need and I'll get it together for you.

Lion Sue Templeton

1440 Yale Ave

Richmond Heights, MO

suetempleton@live.com

314-644-1915.

Please don't hesitate to call me.

(Please don't call on the cell, I can't hear a thing on it.)





Dear Kathy (Pusateri)

Yesterday was a phenomenal day! Together, you and our amazing supporters raised over \$5,700, meeting both match challenges for \$2,500 and exceeding our \$5,000 goal for the day. Thank you so much for the generous support of the Fenton Lions and for your personal contribution. It means so much to see this outpouring of support, not just to MindsEye, but to all the other nonprofits in our region. Your kindness shines bright through these uncertain times, and your generosity fills our hearts.

Thank you for thinking of MindsEye,

Angela



LEADER DOGS COMING TO TOWN

Looking for a new and different way to support Leader Dogs for the Blind?

On Saturday, October 17th, puppies from homes in the surrounding area will meet at the Missouri School for the Blind for a puppy raisers training day. These puppy raisers will need to be fed lunch at the event. Your Club(s) could cook and serve a meal or order meals and deliver them. Approximately 30 humans will attend. For more information or to volunteer, contact our District Leader Dog representative Lion Devon Marshall at dmarshall316@hotmail.com or 314-498-0657.

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

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The Lions of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska
invite you to be a participant in a great learning
opportunity.

Attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Don't miss out on this sweetheart of a deal! The 2020 Great Plains Lions
Leadership Institute is scheduled for July 24-26, 2020 at Northwest Missouri State
University. The Great thing is that you can receive a
scholarship from your multiple district to cover most or all the cost!
Ask your Area Coordinator for all the details in your area.

YOU WILL LOVE  it !

For additional information, contact your Area Coordinator PID Gary Fry

Go to <http://gplli.com/GPLLI/files/2020> to get the
GPLLI Registration form.

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GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



This is a three-day training curriculum that will teach you every aspect of leadership you can imagine; starting from the minute you arrive.

The institute is filled with seminars, workshops, and lectures on subjects such as time management, team building, delegation, management of change, leadership styles, public speaking, motivation, goal setting, and working in teams just to mention a few.

What: GPLLI is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have served as District Governor within the last five years. You will learn about your community and church, as well as personal development.

When: Registration is from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 26, 2020. The institute runs from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Sunday, July 26, 2020. Lunch on Saturday, July 26, 2020.

Where: The institute will be held in Maryville Missouri.

Cost: Cost is \$150.00. Registration on or before May 1, 2020. Cost includes registration, double occupancy room, and breakfast. If single occupancy rooms are available, require an additional \$50.00. Lunch will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International participating in the institute from multiple districts.

Who: Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has served as a District Governor in the past five years is eligible without prior approval of the Institute.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 38 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide modules on communication skills, team building, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please go to the GPLLI website, <http://gplli.com/>, or contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygi35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.





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Kentucky Host Committee

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- Visit Fourth Street Live
- Shop in the numerous downtown shops
- Taste some of Kentucky's finest bourbon
- Take a stroll in the wonderful city parks (most within walking distance of the convention center)
- And so much more awaiting your arrival!

Don't Delay...Register Today!

Our USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee, along with the Kentucky Lions Host Committee, are working very hard to provide you with three (3) days of a great leadership experience!

We welcome all Lions, Leos & Guests to our Forum!

Here are just a few events planned for the Forum:

- **Walk 1/2 mile, one mile, or 1 1/2 miles in our Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness**
- **Receive certification from Lions University**
- **State-of-the-Art motivational speakers**
- **Quality entertainment**
- **Informative sessions to enhance your leadership role in Lionism**
- **Attend a first-timers class; and be recognized**
- **Purchase the latest gifts and Lions merchandise from the store**
- **Numerous exhibitors (including a display of this year's peace poster winners)**
- **Design a derby hat (or bring your own); enter it in a contest to win FREE registration to the 2021 Forum in Des Moines, Iowa.**
- **Actively participate in the service project**
- **Most of all...come have FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and LEARN to be the best leader in Lionism you can be!**

Be involved in our Forum!



We are looking for numerous volunteers, whether it be for one (1) hour or all day to help make this Leadership Forum run smooth and be successful.

Volunteers will be needed in the following areas (to name a few):

- **Forum Store**
- **Registration**
- **Strides Walk**
- **Supply truck Unloading/Loading**
- **Compile Registration Packets**

If you would like to help with one of these areas, please contact Host Co-Chair Lion Bob Swett at 207-239-4766 or bobswett51@gmail.com.

Register NOW!!!

(Prices will increase in the spring)

To register, visit <https://lionsforum.org/>



See y'all in Louisville!



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You're Going to Love Louisville

Overall

- "Top 10 U.S. Destinations for 2018" (Bourbon Country) – Lonely Planet
- "The 10 Coolest U.S. Cities to Visit in 2018" – Forbes
- "11 Cities on the Rise You Can't Pass Up" – Smart Meetings
- "3 Hottest US Cities for Events" – Experient
- "29 Best Small Cities in the US" – National Geographic
- "30 Best US Summer Travel Destinations" – Travel Pulse
- "America's Best Cities for a Long Weekend" – Pure Wow

Eat & Drink

- "The Best Drinking Neighborhoods in the Country" (Downtown/Nulu) – Thrillist
- "The World's Top 10 Beer Destinations for 2018" – Vinepair
- "Most Romantic Restaurant in Kentucky" (English Grill) – Food & Wine
- "Cities with an Unexpectedly International Food Scene" – Fodor's Travel
- "12 Foodie Cities to Discover Before Everyone Else" – Where Traveler
- "The 10 Fastest-growing Beer Destinations in America" – AirBnB



Bourbon City – Louisville's first distillery since Prohibition opened in the heart of downtown in 2013 signaling a new era in Bourbon in its native home.



The Even Williams Bourbon Experience became the first distillery the public could tour in Louisville as other brands have joined the Urban Bourbon renaissance. The picturesque Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Experience, rock 'n' roll brandy distillery Copper & Kings, and father-son craft distillery Kentucky Peerless Distilling Co., were soon to follow. The Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse opened a micro distillery and visitor experience at Fourth Street Live!

The Frazier History Museum on Museum Row is the official starting point for the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® with a Welcome Center & Exhibit.

As Louisville's reputation as a food destination has come to garner worldwide recognition, local chefs and entrepreneurs have taken culinary experiences beyond the dining room. Bourbon-themed tour company Mint Julep Tours offers customizable Culinary Artisan Tours to either sample Kentucky's staple dishes or to experience tasting dinners, chef's table experiences or mixology classes.



The accolades continue to grow – from the World Food Travel Association's grand prize award for "Best Destination Experience" to Zagat naming Louisville "one of the top eight 'awesome foodie getaways in the world'" – the only US destination.



You'll love Louisville... There are endless things to do and see.



The Big Four Pedestrian Bridge opened in 2014, connecting Louisville's award-winning Waterfront Park to the town of Jeffersonville in Southern Indiana. Jeffersonville is dotted with restaurants and breweries and has become a hotspot for locals flocking to places

like Portage House for oysters, Parlour for pizza and Flat 12 Bierwerks for local brews. A walk or bike ride across the bridge offers magnificent views of the Louisville skyline, the Falls of the Ohio and the Indiana waterfront. Bike, surrey and Segway rentals are at the base of the bridge, as well as Stand Up Paddle Boarding with Endless Summer Paddle Company.

In September, free music concerts are held at the base of the bridge attracting regional and national musicians, vendors and crowds.

Footsteps of Greatness – Muhammad Ali's legacy comes on in the Champ's Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky. Follow Ali's footsteps of greatness on a self-guided tour around Louisville. The Muhammad Ali Center was created in the vision of the Ali family to celebrate the legacy of Ali as a world-class boxer and global humanitarian.

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The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum...

To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.



The 44th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville will offer a unique style as we move forward. In our endeavor to create better leaders and educate you on building leadership within your multiple, district and club membership.

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Special Louisville Forum Events

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- Lions University Graduation
- Leo Day
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Opening Day... Thursday Evening

It's a fun time welcome to Louisville featuring "Hat Night" and a Live Rock Band for dancing including a dance floor!

It's high energy and classic entertainment for great leaders like you!



Friday Lunch... Katherine Greenland



Katherine Greenland is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.

She speaks to businesses, non profits and universities on

millennial mindset, diversity and inclusion, women's empowerment and transformation leadership.

Her expertise will help you engage your community, build team work and maximize impact with synergistic solutions.

Saturday Evening... Striker Corbin

As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist*, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

Optimistic, passionate, motivated individuals enjoy each day and contribute to the direction, success, and ultimately the prosperity of their family and/or business. Mr. Corbin stimulates self-improvements through the use of humor, presentations, life coaching, and hypnosis.



Striker has appeared on NEWS12 Long Island and the WBLI Morning Show. As the chosen EXPERT for Longisland.com and the author of **THE CODE: 49 Rules for Living A Happy Life**, Striker conveys the strategies for success and the methodology to turn success into a habit.



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

Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at
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