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District Governor
Lion Sandee Marshall



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Devin Struttman



2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Jeff Rackovan



Cabinet Secretary
Lion Toni Mahoney



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Dennis Hemsath

District 26-M2 Governor Sandee's Message

Fellow Lions,

If you missed the District convention, you missed a REALLY good time. In addition to our International Director Geoff Wade from Port St. Lucie, Florida, and his partner-in-service Lion Nancy, District Governors and Vice District Governors from all corners of the state joined us for parts of the 3-day event.

A good time was had by all at hospitality on Friday night. The convention committee kept things running seamlessly all weekend. The hotel staff was very helpful. Presentations were informative and inspirational; some were even heart-wrenching. And if you ever wanted to see how a tailtwister enlivens the room, you could learn a lot from PCC Joe Foster and timekeeper PDG Eugene Taylor (see photos.) Along the way, we raised \$500 for Mid South Sight & Hearing.

I hope this signals the beginning of the end of the pandemic lockdown. I miss seeing your smiling faces! And we aren't finished with this year yet. Check out all of the events posted in this edition of the ROAR.

District Governor Sandee Marshall

"A 20/20 Vision of Service"

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District 26-M2 DG-Elect Devin's Message

Greetings Lions!

First, I want to congratulate Governor Sandee on the recent district convention. The entire convention committee did an amazing job. The weekend was full of fellowship, information, and service (not to mention food, drinks, music, raffles, tail twisting, etc.). After a LONG year of the pandemic, it was great to see many people for the first time in a long time. It was also great to spend time with International Director Geoffrey Wade and his lovely wife Lion Nancy. They immediately became one of us.

I also want to congratulate those who were recognized with awards. You deserve to be honored and we appreciate your service. You inspire all of us.

I especially want to thank all the new Lions members who participated in the convention for the first time. Your enthusiasm and passion are contagious. We have already learned so much from you and we can't wait to see the great things you do for our organization. Thank you for jumping in feet first.

I look forward to seeing you soon at your club visits, service projects, and fundraisers.

With Gratitude,

*Lion Devin Struttmann,
District Governor-Elect*

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District 26-M2 1st VDG-Elect Jeff's Message

Happy Spring Lions of M2!!

Just coming out of our District Convention, I find it to be extra exhilarated to be a Lion!! When Lions gather in large numbers, I always find it refreshing to see everyone getting back to our normal service activities. BBQ's, Movie Nights, Pub Crawls, Bingo, you name it, we are almost back to normal!

A VERY Special thank you!! for our Convention Committee in preparing an awesome entertaining event! The reports were fun and informative, and it was awesome to meet and get to know ID Geoffrey Wade and his partner in service Lion Nancy! The new format for our memorial service was very special. We had lost some amazing Lions this past year. We will always remember them and the fantastic meaningful service they provided to their communities.

As we move into the next few months of District Governor Sandee's leadership, we remain focused on building our image, membership and service offerings to finish out the 2020-2021 Lionistic Year on a positive note! We have more work to do to bring our teams and communities together. Let's have some fun doing it!!

Please take an opportunity to review the Training Modules in the MyLion app. These can be found under the LEARN tab. There is a lot of amazing opportunities to learn new roles, or even to review the office you are currently serving in or would like more information of a new role!

Please stay healthy, safe and enjoy the weather!!

Thank you all for "Being the Difference"

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
1st Vice District Governor-Elect*



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.
(February 2021 - March 2021)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

DWIGHT D CHATMAN
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ALLEN B HALL

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JOHN EMMONS
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MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

New Voices Spotlights!

NEW VOICES LION SPOTLIGHT

Although New Voices was originally intended to bring an emphasis to women LIONS that felt they couldn't voice their opinion or be recognized for whatever reason, the focus changed later to include all genders and ethnicities. However, as we think about what New Voices intends to do for women and others, sometimes that spotlight should go to those that know the history, have personally felt some of the challenges and came out a better LION on the other side. We all know understanding history helps us to not repeat the same mistakes, therefore, we need to learn as much as possible from the past. So this month, our New Voices Spotlight is not someone new but someone who has history to share that can only help all of us understand what it is like to not have our voice heard.



Lion Sue Templeton has officially been a LION in the Maplewood Lions club for 16 years. She chaired many service events and fundraisers, club Secretary ("I was terrible at that"), district zone chairperson and published the Lions Roar. Unofficially, she is Queen of the basket raffle (and loves doing it) at the district convention."

Although only a member for 16 years, Lion Sue has been a LION "in her heart" since 1972. At that time, Lion Sue's husband Bob was a Rock Hill Lion. Hearing the great things LIONS accomplished set the path to Lion Sue's membership.

"Bob, my husband, joined Rock Hill Lions. I attended a "Ladies Night" in where a young man spoke about his experience of having a cornea transplant. He ended his speech telling us that the next year the cornea in his other eye had also been transplanted. PDG Chuck Bovier spoke about a Lions Club that bought him and his siblings shoes so they could

attend school, I've been a Lion in my heart ever since. Bob became ill and dropped his membership. After his death in 2002 I volunteered at Washington University in studies on ageing for several years and then at the urging of several friends joined Maplewood Lions. I Love Being a Lion."

Although women were not allowed to join, Sue was very active with the other wives, helping at events and fundraisers. Many of us today, have a hard time understanding how difficult and challenging the time was for women. It took the strength and courage of men and women to overcome idea that only men should serve. To hear the story, and how LIONS lost clubs and members due to denial of women is interesting and sad. Here is Lion Sue's story:

"Just becoming a Lion was a challenge. As most wives at that time, I worked beside my husband. In the heyday of huge BBQs the women ran the serving lines, the men barbequed. A new member asked me to introduce his wife to the other women as she would be joining Lions soon. I had to inform him that women weren't allowed membership. Several weeks later he told me he wanted to put my name before the State Convention for membership. I thanked him, said I was sorry, but I couldn't do that. He resigned, saying he couldn't belong to a group who didn't allow women.

The District also lost a club over women's membership. The St. Louis Deaf Lions Club was organized in 1981. They bought a building, held a huge Charter Night and then dropped a bombshell; their wives were ready to join. When told this wasn't allowed, the club sold their building and turned in their Charter.

Female membership was discussed at an International Convention in the early 80s. Questions were taken from the floor at the end of the presentation. I repeated the female membership rules being discussed; women would meet separately, any project, event, or fundraiser would have to be approved by the male club and we would pay the same dues the men paid. He said he wouldn't put it quite like that but I was correct. I thanked him and told him I wasn't interested in a women's club.

Women were given full membership in 1985," WE'VE COME A LONG WAY GIRLS".

Many Lions can pinpoint one project, event or fundraiser that stands out as the one that's makes them most proud. When Lion Sue was asked, it is not surprising that she gives the credit for most projects to others and it shows how proud she is of her fellow LIONS. "It's hard to pick one thing. I'm proud of the things Bob did with Rock Hill Lions and the District did in the seventies and eighties, great strides were made in eye research then. I'm proud every time I pin on that pin, I'm proud of Maplewood Lions collecting coats and blankets; that Lion Leslie and husband Tony handed out directly to the homeless street people. I'm very proud of Lion Teddi's comfort bags. I'm proud every time I see CC George stand up in that orange coat, I was so proud when he presented me with a Melvin Jones Award I thought I'd pop. I'm proud of Maplewood's Little Libraries and their founder Lion Georgia Maguire. I'm very proud to be a part of Maplewood Lions who manage to be active, caring and fun in trying times. Maplewood is an awesome Club."

Lion Sue is definitely not one to back down from a challenge or a tough job. The interesting part, the tough job, Zone Chair, happens to be Lion Sue's favorite part of being a LION.

"I love going to their meetings helping wherever I can. I really missed the Christmas Party this year, we always raise so much money for a needy cause with our desert raffle and have so much fun doing it. When PDG Debbie Blumenberg was Gov. in 2008 our district was being redistricted by LCI for the second time. District A became A1 and A2. Knowing how hard this was the first time when Bob was a member, I volunteered to be a Zone Chairperson. I had 9 clubs that first year. Unfortunately, we lost many of those clubs. PDG Debbie was beside me every step of the way. DG Debbie and Creve Coeur Lions are working on building a club in the Florissant area. PDGS Debbie and Al and Kimberly and Eugene have helped me and taught me so much and have become dear friends. Their dedication to Lions is awesome."

Inspiration can often come in the smallest of places. Lion Sue has learned to grasp the warm feeling from so many of those places to stay inspired and motivated to continue her LION journey. "The honest gratitude people feel for your smallest help. That surprise in a child's eyes followed by that huge smile the first time glasses are slipped on his face. When she offers you one of her Easter eggs or seeing our VIP members filling those same eggs with candy for the Hunt."

At a time when membership is struggling and attempting to spread the LIONS mission to new potential LIONS, Lion Sue some suggestions on giving young adults or those that need just a little inspiration. "Gather a couple of friends together and volunteer at your local club's event, BBQ, Carnival, Egg Hunt, and do some of the heavy work and cleanup. Before you know it you'll see how much fun you're having with the "old folks" and how good it feels to help.

Attend another club's meeting, volunteer to help at their event. Attend cabinet and zone meetings. New friends, new projects. Invite those volunteers to join Lions."

In a year that kindness matters more than ever, words and gestures are so important. Lion Sue has proven to us just how much she cares about her fellow LIONS. "So often we have our group of Lions we work a project with just because it's the way we do it. New ideas make more new ideas and before you know it you have a new project and a new work buddy.

A phone call saying I was thinking about you and how nice it would be to hear your voice. I know I love those calls. We are here, we care, how can we help? This will be over!"

Thank you Lion Sue for such great inspiration!

NEW VOICES 2020/2021 AWARDS

Our New Voices Spotlight for April is not one but four great individuals who have been recognized by District Governor Sandee for their outstanding work in Service, Membership, Leadership, and Communication/marketing. New Voices awardees have shown their enthusiasm to be innovative, inspiring and motivated. New Voices share great ideas and encourage others to try something new to grow personally and within their club. They are known for being inclusive and hearing the voices of others.

The 2020/2021 New Voices Awardees are: (drumroll please!)

Service: Lion Sue Templeton, Maplewood LIONS Club

Lion Sue is “that” LION whom everyone knows her name. Lion Sue is always ready to support a service project, both in Maplewood and the District events. During the Pandemic, Lion Sue reported 19 service projects in the first 6 months of the Lions’ year. She is the initiator, the planner and the doer.

Lion Sue regularly performs service that reaches a diverse group of people and shows excellence in service through notable service projects. The Maplewood LIONS club gives Lion Sue credit for initiating new projects and continuing existing projects during COVID-19 including, but not limited to, 4 food collections, MSB students gifts and local family adoptions at Christmas, little libraries, participating twice in District collections for the homeless, donating to Santa’s Helpers, 3 collections of school supplies, a USO visit, comfort bags for Children’s Hospital and others. Lion Sue is the initiator, the planner and the doer!

Membership: Lion Pam Manual, Pacific LIONS Club

Lion Pam Manuel is one of those energizer bunnies, always ready to take on the club projects, talk about LIONS and get the word out to potential members. As a result, in a club of 26 members, Lion Pam has recruited 5 new members this year. Not only does Lion Pam ensure the new member is comfortable, but she gives them major responsibilities and puts them to work so they feel needed and part of the team. That is the key to keeping members, make them feel useful and needed

If enthusiasm and dedication were the only things needed to grow membership, Lion Pam would have the biggest club in the district. Under her leadership, the club offers new members both established service projects and the opportunity to implement new projects.

Leadership: Lion Becky Speeler, Webster Groves LIONS Club

Lion Becky Speeler has held the position of Carnival Chair for the Webster Groves club since 2017. The 2020 Carnival was cancelled due to the pandemic. In 2021, the city of Webster Groves chose not to allow the carnival to come back to its original space on Memorial Field and the School District was unable to support the carnival due to construction. Lion Becky faced the challenge of finding a new location, preferably in Webster, for the club’s largest fundraiser. Lion Becky has worked tirelessly with the WG Parks Department to find an alternate location, while contacting individuals of private property within Webster, as well as, Mayors and Alderman in surrounding cities. As a result of those discussions Lion Becky negotiated with the Carnival operator to absorb some of the new additional costs. Her endless hours has resulted in the very high possibility of new better location which the club will be able to utilize years to come. Without her leadership, people skills and critical thinking, the Webster Groves LIONS club would not be having a Carnival. Our budget and our ability to help so many organizations, would have been drastically reduced.

Communication/Marketing: Lion Dan Haire, Washington LIONS club

Lion Dan has served as the Chairman of the Marketing Committee to advertise the Club. Lion Dan has made sure each of the Washington Lions Club events were advertised in all media including utilizing video boards at local bank facilities, arranging interviews on local radio stations and getting ads placed in the local newspaper. Lion Dan has also made sure the Washington Lions Club was properly recognized in pursuing signage for a recently completed disc golf course for which the Washington Lions Club had donated funds to the City for the establishment of the course.

It was a great year to be a LION. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our winners and all who were nominated! Stay tuned for the next New Voices article to read the stories of the runner ups!

Lion Sandy Halama
New Voices Coordinator



UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES:

4/30 – 5/2	Lions MD 26 State Convention, Independence, MO
5/3 7PM	GAT Meeting, Meramec Heights Hall
5/19 7PM	Club Officer Training, The Timbers in Eureka <i>Open to all Lions</i>
5/24 7PM	Club Officer Training, The Timbers in Eureka <i>Open to all Lions</i>
6/3 7PM	Club Officer Training, The Timbers in Eureka <i>Open to all Lions</i>
6/13 4PM	ALL-DISTRICT BBQ and CEREMONIES Wildwood Community Park (Large pavilion)
6/25 – 6/29	LCI Virtual Convention
7/22 – 7/25	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute
7/24 10AM	District Eyewrap, Wildwood Community Park
9/9 – 9/11	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Des Moines, IA
11/12 – 11/13	Mid-South Sight & Hearing Meeting, Overland Lions Hall

Pictures from the 13th Annual District 26-M2 Convention



1VDG-Elect Jeff and Lion Kelly with
ID Geoffrey and Lion Linda Wade



Beaufort Lions Club members at
District 26M2 Convention this past weekend.



DG-Elect Devin and Lion Marci with
ID Geoffrey and Lion Linda Wade



The ladies in blue...
Missouri District 26-M2



Advanced tail twisting...







Lion Ed Marshall, District Governor Sandee,
International Director Geoffrey Wade, Lion Nancy



Team New Haven from New Haven Lions Club was honored at the 26-M2 Lions District Convention in St. Louis on Saturday evening, April 10, with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award. The Team has been working throughout the District with KidSight conducting vision screening and at times going outside the District helping where the need is needed. They have also helped with training other upcoming screeners.

Members of the Team are, Lion Audrey Freitag, Lion Rosa Berger and Lion John Berger.

More about Team New Haven



New Haven Lions Honored

Three members of the New Haven Lions Club were recognized for their outstanding service screening children for amblyopia at the Lions District 26-M2 annual convention April 10.

Team New Haven has screened 978 children at 15 different screening events from January 2020 through this February despite the pandemic limiting their access to schools. Utilizing the SPOT Vision camera, they take an electronic picture of the child's eyes and get an instantaneous reading showing any eye problems. The primary purpose is to detect amblyopia or lazy eye since that can be corrected without surgery in children below the age of 7-8 but other problems can be detected as well. Children with problems are referred through KidSight with follow up exams by an ophthalmologist.

Lion John Berger, President of New Haven Lions Club, his wife Rosa Berger and Audrey Freitag were all recipients of a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Melvin Jones was the founder of Lions and the Fellowship is considered the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Lion recognizing their exemplary service to humanity.

Presenting the award Lions Club International Director Geoffrey Wade, Lions District 26-M2 Governor Sandee Marshall, Charlie Hartmann, Lions District 26-M2 Eye Foundation President and Leon Hove Lions District 26-M2 Eye Foundation Treasurer.

The "team" visited 7 childcare centers, 4 elementary schools and worked two health fairs to screen the 978 children and referred 109 for potential vision problems.

Lion Audrey Freitag also worked with the Hermann Lions screening an additional 214 children at 2 elementary schools and 2 child development centers.





Lunch on Thursday with ID Geoff.
Do you know where we were?



While touring St. Louis with our guests, we found this mural along the Walk of Fame in the Delmar loop.

As part of club reports at the District convention, we mingled and completed this quiz. Here are the answers. Congratulations to the clubs for continuing to serve!

District Governor Sandee Marshall

WHAT CLUB. . . ?

HILLSBORO	joined with 7 local organizations for a community food drive = \$440 & 3,100 food items.
RICHWOODS	held the charter night for the Tri-County Omega Leos.
BRENTWOOD	worked the gate for the Xmas lights displays at Tilles Park.
MEHLVILLE	is giving away bikes to kids on April 17 th .
PEVELY	sponsored two COVID-19 vaccine clinics.
FENTON	continued with some of our car shows and BBQs.
HOUSE SPRINGS	organized a gun and meat raffle along with our annual car show.
MERAMEC HEIGHTS	provided Xmas decorations and gifts for locked-in residents of a local nursing home.
ROCK COMMUNITY	made a significant donation to Camp Jump Start for a security gate.
BEAUFORT	had our first “drive thru” chicken dinner and BB shoot.
NEW HAVEN	sponsored local HS students for MO Boys State and Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership.
WASHINGTON	adapted our annual Super Bowl BBQ for COVID-19 restrictions.
EUREKA	offers free swim lessons for children at the YMCA each summer.
UNION	is purchasing a new park bench to boost community awareness.
ST L SOUTH SIDE	distributed \$4,000 in Schnucks’ gift cards to needy families at Christmas.
FERGUSON	donated toward a handicap walkway and restroom in our community.
MAPLEWOOD	provided socks & underwear to Joe’s House for homeless boys.
ST L MIDTOWN	continues to support the US Association of Blind Athletes.
BONHOMME	gave out five \$1,000 scholarships to students graduating from the Special School District.
CHESTERFIELD	plans to hold their yearly trivia night on November 6, 2021.
KIRKWOOD	held a 50/50 raffle at \$20 per ticket and netted \$3,000 for community projects.
WILDWOOD AREA	donated iPads to assisted living centers so that residents could FaceTime with families.

Washington Lions TV Raffle

The Washington Lions Club raffled a 70 inch smart TV Friday night at the District convention. The lucky winner was Matt Holtmeyer from New Haven. He purchased the winning ticket at the Washington Lions Trivia Night last month.



Matt Holtmeyer of New Haven, winner of the Washington Lions TV Raffle. He purchased the winning ticket at the Washington Lions Trivia Night. The raffle proceeds were used to help defray the costs of Washington's hospitality area at the district convention.



Join us for a Paint n Sip evening!

April 26

6:30 to 8:30pm

Hagies (Back Room)

618 N Washington Ave, Union, Missouri 63084

Cost \$25 per painter

Appetizers, tea and water included until they run out!

Alcoholic beverages available for purchase at the bar

Fundraiser for Union Lions Club

**Space is limited due to socially distancing. Please RSVP
to Lion Hannah at: hannah_12407@hotmail.com**

*You can pay that evening, but we just want to
have a head count beforehand...*



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Monday, April 26th
6:30pm-8:30pm



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EUREKA LIONS

BAR - B - Q



Fridays and Saturdays

April 16th – May 8th

Serving 10:30AM to Sundown

Eureka – Hwy 109 ½ Mile South of I-44

	<u>Sandwich</u>	<u>Dinner</u>
PORK STEAK	\$10	\$11
HALF CHICKEN	\$10	\$11
BRATWURST (2)	\$9	\$10
BABY BACK RIBS	\$11	\$12
DINNERS INCLUDE: BAKED BEANS & COLESLAW		
BRATWURST INCLUDE A BAG OF CHIPS		
BABY BACK RIBS	\$22	
FAMILY PACK	\$45	
FAMILY PACKS INCLUDE: 4 MEAT CHOICES, 2 QT. SIDES		
Quart Individual Side	\$4	

Call (636) 283-3557 for order delivery (5 order minimum) for Eureka Area schools and businesses. Cash, credit and check accepted.

Proceeds fund: \$10k Donation for the Eyesight Program – The Missouri School for the Blind - \$10k for Scholarships at Eureka High School – Free Swim Safety Programs – Local Charities – US Troop Care Packages

The Lions Thank You for Your Support

Lions Movie Night

Join Lions in Zones 4 & 5 for a great evening of fellowship.

For \$10 you can see the movie "Radio", enjoy popcorn and a drink at the Great 8 Cinema in Union (**the large auditorium**) ,
5 Prairie Dell Plaza, Union, MO

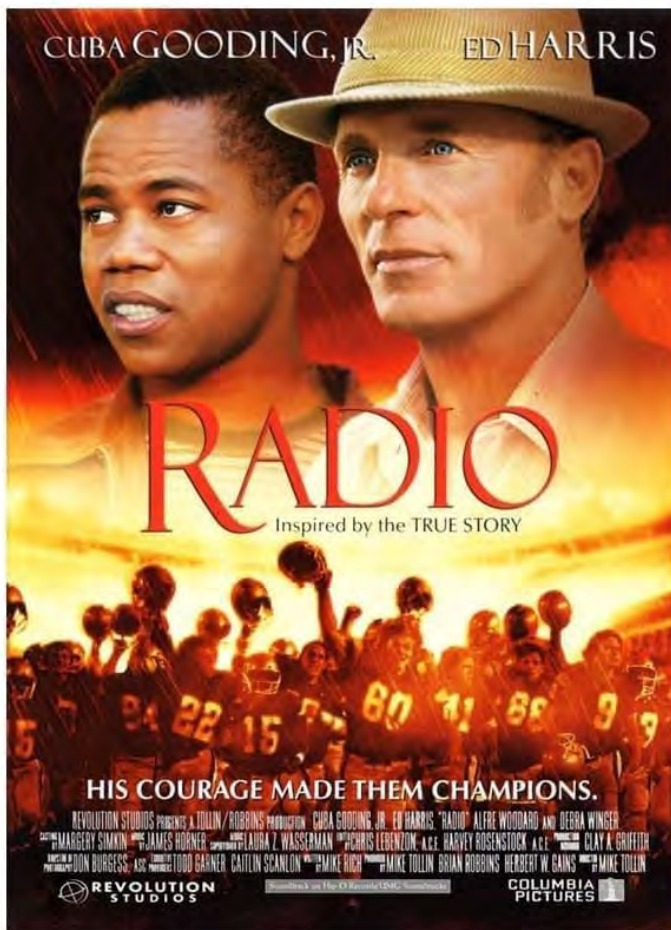
When: Wednesday, May 12th

Time: Social 6:30 PM, Movie 7 PM

RSVP by Friday, May 7th

Lion Pam 636-675-3186, typamed@gmail.com

Lion Leon 314-249-5138, hove128@charter.net



About Radio

Radio is a 2003 American semi-biographical sports drama film directed by Mike Tollin, and inspired by the 1996 Sports Illustrated article "Someone to Lean On" by Gary Smith.[1] The article and the movie are based on the true story of T. L. Hanna High School football coach Harold Jones (Ed Harris) and a mentally handicapped young man, James Robert "Radio" Kennedy (Cuba Gooding Jr.). The film co-stars Debra Winger and Alfre Woodard.



BEAUFORT LIONS SPRING CHICKEN DINNER

(DINE IN OR DRIVE THRU)

DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

PLACE: BEAUFORT LIONS HALL

TIME: 11AM TO 4PM

PRICE: \$12.00

**4- PIECE FRIED CHICKEN- MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY- GREEN
BEANS-SLAW-BISCUITS-DESSERT
*DRINKS- DINE IN ONLY***



For More Information call Lion Zack Boyer @ [636-283-1322](tel:636-283-1322)



Eureka Lions Club Swim Program 2021

Thanks to the Eureka Lions Club, children ages 5-12 can participate in FREE swim lessons at the Wildwood Family YMCA. This program is for beginning swimmers and not for intermediate-to-advanced swimmers. The class session is two weeks with four classes per week, Monday-Thursday, for eight total classes. Five different class times available.

Swim Level Descriptions:

Terrified of Water: For children ages 5-12 years who are fearful or timid about swimming, or have never swam before. The class will work on basics such as a float, treading water, kick and basic paddle stroke. Safety and rescue skills will be taught as well.

Beginner 1: For ages 5-12 years who are comfortable in the water and can do some swimming on their own. Focus is on the basics of freestyle, backstroke, and treading water. Safety and rescue skills will also be taught.

Beginner 2: For children ages 5-12 years who have some knowledge of swim technique, but need to continue to work on their skills, endurance, confidence and treading water. Safety and rescue skills will also be taught.

Registration opens April 1, 2021. Register online, in person at the Wildwood Y or call 636-458-6636.

Online Registration Instructions:

1. Go to www.gwrymca.org
2. Choose "My Account"
3. Sign in or choose "I don't have an account but I want to create one" and follow prompts
4. Click on "Swimming"
5. Click on "Swim Lessons - Youth"
6. Click on "Register for this program"
7. Pick Location (Wildwood)
8. Click on "Group Swim Lessons"
9. Click on "Lions Club Swim"
10. Complete registration information and hit "Submit"

If you have questions please contact the Y Welcome Center or Aquatic Director Jen Humphrey at jen.humphrey@gwrymca.org.

Dates: June 14-24, Mon-Thurs for 2 weeks. Register child for one session only.

Times:

Session 1: 9:00-9:30 am
 Session 2: 9:45-10:15 am
 Session 3: 10:30-11:00 am
 Session 4: 11:15-11:45 am
 Session 5: 12:00-12:30 pm

Maximum:

25 children per session

Cost: FREE



WILDWOOD FAMILY YMCA 2641 Highway 109 • Wildwood MO 63040

House Springs Lions Ride for KidSight

Cars Welcome



Poker Run

Saturday 6/19/2021

Registration 9:00am



Buffet Breakfast
available at Slo Odies
12.95 per person

28 Gravois Station Rd House Springs, MO 63051

Stops

1. Slo Odies - House Springs
Kick stands up 10:22am
- 2. Steve's Place** - Cadet
3. Holeshoots - Dittmer
4. Slo Odies - House Springs
5. Hot Spot - High Ridge
Awards, Dinner and Music

\$25.00 Per Rider

- 1 Poker Hand
- Free Dinner &
Draft Beer after ride
- Live Music after ride
- Free Ride Shirt for first
50 Riders

For Info Call : Paul 636.384.6656 Cyndi 314.805.8157



DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP

**Hosted by
Used Eye Glasses Committee**

Saturday, July 24, 2021

**Community Park Pavilion
17155 Pond Grover Parkway
Wildwood, MO 63038**

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

Social distancing and face masks encouraged

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 Struttmann at 314-277-8292 or devin@admr.com

**PLEASE BRING USED EYE GLASSES
AND HEARING AIDS**

New Haven Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

The New Haven Lions Club had our Easter Egg Hunt on April 3rd with a great turnout of 100+ kids. It was a wonderful day and everyone has a great time finding the over 90 dozen eggs that we hidden by Lions Club members. The kids enjoyed getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, who was a local high school student, Kyra Mauntel who did an awesome job. THANK YOU Seitters Market in New Haven who donated the plastic eggs and candy for this event.

Regards,
Lion John Berger President



Progressive Melvin Jones Awards

The Webster Groves Lions had the privilege of presenting Lion Greg Gossage and Lion Vicki Gossage with Progressive Melvin Jones Awards for all their hard work and dedication to our club. These two have gone over and above to help us at our monthly BBQS during the pandemic and the continued support over the years at our carnival.

I also had the privilege of presenting an outstanding Lion award to both of them from my term as President in 2019-2020.

Thank you so much for your service!!

Lion Becky Speeler



District Governor's Visit to the Pacific Lions Club.



District Governor inducted six new members of the Pacific Lions Club. Five members were present and one member joined virtually. The induction took place at the club's Governor Visit on Thursday, April 15, 2021. All members were sponsored by Lion Pam Manuel.

KidSight Executive Director Honored with Lions' Award

KidSight Executive Director, Katherine Patterson-Paronto, was recently presented with the Melvin Jones' Fellowship Award. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, The Melvin Jones' Fellowship is the Lions Club Foundation's highest form of recognition acknowledging an individual's dedication to humanitarian service. The honor is presented to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. It is a tremendous contribution to humanity and a representation of generosity, compassion and concern for the less fortunate.

KidSight board member and Missouri Lion, Al Blumenberg, presented the award to Katherine on behalf of the KidSight board. Lion Al said, "Lions from around the world have used the Melvin Jones Fellowship as a way to recognize individuals who have shown commitment to projects or causes that help the community. Lion Katherine is just that person. Her tireless efforts to stabilize and grow KidSight is commendable. The Board was more than excited to be able to present her with the MJF."



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:

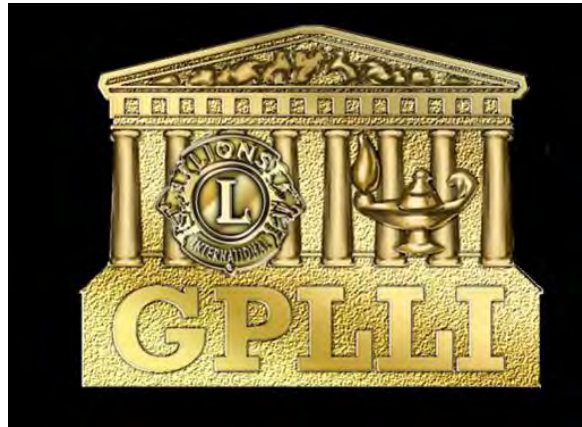
1. The call comes in to the Hot Line and the requestor is directed to the 26M2 Lions website <https://lions26m2.org/resources.html> for eye care and hearing resources.
2. The requestor completes the required form and sends it to the address noted on the form.
3. Request is received at the LAS Post Office 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



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- WHAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not attended a GPLLI within the last five years. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 23-25, 2021 Registration is from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 23, 2021 Adjournment and checkout is by 3:P.M. Sunday, July 25, 2021 Lunch on Friday, July 23, 2021 is at 12:00 noon sharp.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri
- COST** US\$190 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May1, 2021. Cost increases to US\$210 beginning May 2, 2021. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, are available, and require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, or Leo who has attained majority and who has not **attended a GPLLI in the past five years** is eligible. No previous attendees are eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Ardie Klemish.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on diversity; goal setting; Lions fundamentals; local issues; mission statement; motivation; public speaking; time management; and working in teams.

For additional information please contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at frygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

19th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Northwest Missouri State University
Maryville, Missouri
July 23-25, 2021

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ **Badge Name** _____ **Gender** ____
 Last First Initial

ADDRESS _____
 Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE () _____ () _____
 Home Bus/Cell Email

Home Club. _____ **Sub District Number** _____ **LCI #** _____
Years in Lions _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US\$190 if received by the Registrar by May1, 2021, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning May 2, 2021, the base fee increases to US\$210. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to Registrar PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment.

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Northwest Missouri State. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on Friday, July 23rd and check out must be completed by 3:00 P.M. on Sunday, July 25th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
_____ Diabetic Diet requested
_____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required
_____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Gary Fry, Registrar, PO Box 606 Mitchellville, IA 50169 or 515-967-4645 or frygj35@msn.com.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2021 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Relationship** _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: Please feel free to use the back.



TO DEVELOP LEADERS, MOTIVATE AND EDUCATE ATTENDEES, PROVIDE AN OPEN
EXCHANGE OF IDEAS, AND SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND GOALS OF LIONS CLUBS
INTERNATIONAL

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

(See Registration Form on next two pages)

USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

Des Moines, Iowa

Opening Sessions - Thursday, September 9, 2021

Closing Banquet - Saturday, September 11, 2021

The Forum will end after the banquet on Saturday night.

Registrant A

<input type="text"/>	SUB-DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> LION	<input type="checkbox"/> LIONESS	<input type="checkbox"/> LEO	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER
Name _____					
First	Last	Mid Initial	Nickname (Titles will not be included)		
Mailing Address _____					
Street Number/PO Box		City	State/Prov	Zip/PC	
Phone (_____) _____					
Primary Phone		Alternative Phone	E-Mail	Please print clearly	
<input type="checkbox"/> This is my First Time Attending a Forum I was invited to the Forum by _____ (name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)					
_____ Forums attended		Highest Office Held _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Past <input type="checkbox"/> Present	
Please check all that apply:					
Special Meals: <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Hindu Vegetarian <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ (Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Challenged <input type="checkbox"/> Visually Challenged <input type="checkbox"/> Physically Challenged Specific needs _____ (Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Pin Trader <input type="checkbox"/> I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed (Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to participate in the Strides walk on Thursday afternoon, September 9, 2021. (Cost of \$25 per person includes t-shirt)					
T-shirt size _____ (S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4X)					

Registrant B

<input type="text"/>	SUB-DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> LION	<input type="checkbox"/> LIONESS	<input type="checkbox"/> LEO	<input type="checkbox"/> NON-MEMBER
Name _____					
First	Last	Mid Initial	Nickname (Titles will not be included)		
Mailing Address _____					
Street Number/PO Box		City	State/Prov	Zip/PC	
Phone (_____) _____					
Primary Phone		Alternative Phone	E-Mail	Please print clearly	
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HOUSING

Hotels: Reservations must be made with this form. Do not register directly with the hotel. Please Indicate 3 choices in order of preference. Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US deposit.

	HOTELS	RATE	DISTANCE TO CENTER
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hilton Downtown (Headquarters)	\$169	1 block ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Des Moines Marriott Downtown	\$165	6 blocks ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renaissance Savory Hotel	\$165	4 blocks ***
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Inn Mercy Campus	\$129	3 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Comfort Inn & Suites	\$140	1 block
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hampton Inn & Suites	\$149	6 blocks *
<input type="checkbox"/>	Residence Inn by Marriott	\$159	6 blocks *
<input type="checkbox"/>	Embassy Suites by Hilton	\$165	4 blocks
<input type="checkbox"/>	Holiday Inn Express	\$129	8 blocks

*** Connected by skywalk

* 1 block from skywalk

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you must cancel your registration and/or room, notification must be in writing to the Forum Registrar. Any cancellations received between July 1, 2021 and August 1, 2021 will be subject to a \$50 per person cancellation fee and forfeiture of the Hotel Deposit. After August 1, 2021 no refunds will be issued. Cancellation notification must be received on or before August 1, 2021. Please send cancellation notice to: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709. Phone (605) 723-4007; FAX (605) 791-0950; E-Mail: registrar@lionsforum.org

Registration Fees (US \$)**Rooms cannot be reserved without \$150 US Deposit**

	Early Bird	Postmarked after May 31, 2021	Postmarked after July 31, 2021
Registrant A	\$285 \$	\$320 \$	\$345 \$
Registrant B	\$285 \$	\$320 \$	\$345 \$
Leos	\$150 \$	\$150 \$	After 9/1 \$175 \$
Hotel Deposit	\$150 \$	\$150 \$	\$150 \$
Strides Walk Reg A	\$ 25 \$	\$ 25 \$	\$ 25 \$
Strides Walk Reg B	\$ 25 \$	\$ 25 \$	\$ 25 \$
Pin Trading per Table	\$60 \$	\$ 60 \$	\$ 60 \$

THESE ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ROOM RESERVATIONS CAN BE FINALIZED!!

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

in Room _____ # of Beds _____

Sharing Room with _____

Special Room Requests:

Room requests will be made on a first come-first served basis

HELP US BETTER PLAN FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

I will be arriving by:

☐ Air ☐ RV ☐ Undecided☐ Car ☐ Other

REGISTRATION FEE covers the cost of the seminars and four designated meals (Thursday evening banquet, Friday noon lunch, Saturday noon lunch, Saturday evening banquet). All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in any of the meals or seminars. Individual meal function tickets will NOT be available.

Hotel rooms CANNOT be assigned until registration fee and hotel deposit are received. ALL REGISTRATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS ARE MADE ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

Please note: The USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be documenting the Forum for promotional purposes. Your participation may be filmed, photographed, or recorded at this event. Your registration is your consent for use of these images and recordings by the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.

Total Amount Due Now

\$ _____

PAYMENT**By Credit Card:**

I authorize \$ _____ to be charged to my credit card. Signature _____

card number _____

exp date _____

security code (3 digits on back) _____

I have included check # _____ in the amount of \$ _____

Please direct any questions to the Forum office: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, PO Box 723, Rapid City, SD 57709-0723; Phone (605)723-4007; Fax (605)791-0950; Email: registrar@lionsforum.org
Online registration available at: www.lionsforum.org



Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion,

Due to the continuing concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the board of directors voted to transition the 2021 Montreal Lions Clubs International Convention to a virtual event that will be delivered totally online. This decision was made with the health and safety of our Lions, staff and vendors in mind as limiting international travel and large gatherings is key to global containment strategies.

Although we are disappointed that we won't be able to host this event in person, we are excited about hosting our first virtual international convention that can safely connect Lions from around the world. We are still finalizing the details of your new convention experience, and will share those with you as soon as they are ready.

Here are some important details about the 2021 virtual convention we'd like to share with you:

- **Everyone's invited** – Our 2021 convention will be a virtual event that's open to all Lions and Leos around the world.
- **Registration fees** – The registration fee will be US\$50 until March 31, then US\$75 beginning April 1. The registration fee for Leos will be US\$30 regardless of date. Convention is currently scheduled for June 25-29. Additional event and registration details will be provided soon.

- **Current registrants** – Lions who are currently registered for convention will receive an email soon with more information about their registration options.
- **Elections** – Executive officer and international director elections will be conducted electronically, and voting procedures will be forthcoming.
- **Convention updates** – Check our convention website [LCICon](#) for convention updates and details as they become available.

This global health pandemic has forced us all to make decisions and changes that place health and safety first. However, we are optimistic that with each new day there is hope, and as Lions, we continue to find new ways to stay connected, safely serve our communities and continue our global mission of service.

We appreciate your understanding during this challenging time for our organization and the world, and thank you for your incredible service as a Lion.

Regards,

Dr. Jung-Yul Choi
International President

Please Remember These Lions

(February 2021 - March 2021)

DE SOTO LIONS CLUB

DONNA M RASMUSSEN

ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB

KEN BURNETT
CHARLES BUTLER

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

BARBARA BOUGENO

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

ANTHONY J BOMMARITO

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

Deadline for the next scheduled issue of "The Lions That Roar" is June 12, 2021. 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**

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the District 26-M2 "The Lions That Roar" newsletter is published bimonthly. Following is the "ROAR" schedule for the remaining current Lion year of 2020 – 2021. Unless otherwise noted **above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

June, 2021

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor