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Lion Sandee Marshall



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Devin Struttman



2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Jeff Rackovan



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District 26-M2 Governor Sandee's Message

Fellow Lions,

Do you believe that things will get better soon? I certainly do!

I see Lions continuing to give meaningful service during very difficult times.

I see clubs finding new ways, or tweaking traditional ways, of raising funds.

I see new members being recruited to service in Lions.

I see Governor's visits and events being scheduled again.

In this issue of the ROAR, you can see for yourself the great things that are planned in District 26-M2 this spring. And you can register for the District Convention (April 9th thru 11th) to celebrate our accomplishments and recharge our Lion energy. **Club Presidents**, prepare to attend a special session with our guest, International Director Geoff Wade, to discuss ways to improve club operations. Feel free to bring others with you, especially your incoming club officers.

See you there!

District Governor Sandee Marshall

"A 20/20 Vision of Service"

Lions District 26-M2

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District 26-M2 1st VDG Devin's Message

Dear Lions Friends,

As you read this, I'm starting to get excited about the arrival of Spring. I don't know about you but I can't wait for more sunshine, warmer temperatures, longer days, and outdoor adventures.

Even though we have less than five months left in this Lions year, it's important that we finish strong. Even with the pandemic, there are ways to stay connected. Your clubs can still find creative ways to provide service. Many clubs are even finding creative ways to raise funds. If you're looking for suggestions, please reach out to us.

I have talked to many Lions recently who are placing their focus primarily on their club. They want to make sure their club survives these challenging times and comes out strong post-pandemic. I'm encouraged by the dedication and determination throughout our district.

I can't wait for future days of being together again. We will never again take those BBQs, fairs, festivals, and picnics for granted.

Stay safe and healthy,

*Lion Devin Struttmann,
1st Vice District Governor*

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District 26-M2 2nd VDG Jeff's Message

Greetings Lions of District M2!!

Here we are, over half way through our 2020-2021 Lions Year. What a challenge it has been for everyone and continues to be. The Pandemic is calming down, Vaccines are available, and the numbers are leveling off! Good news!

As we move into the 2nd half of the year, I am reminded that our work is not done. There are service projects in action, Club Virtual Fundraisers, all proving you just can't keep a Great Lion Down! Membership numbers across our organization is waning. There are some things we just cannot help and there are others we have some control over. As our district begins to rebound with membership, two words pop into my head, is "Just Ask". Let's be vocal to those service minded folks outside of our organization about the FANTASTIC work we do as Lions!! Let's no longer be

the best kept secret and let our voices be heard, our defining Lion Moments be known! In person meetings are a tough sell. Virtual Meetings are now the GOTO to meetings. However, some clubs still meet in person and other chose the Virtual Route. Remind those that are interested that the International Initiation fees are being waved through June 30th! Quite a cost savings.

Our State Mid-Winter-Forum (MWF), at Camden On the Lake resort will be held February (19th and 20th). Now it the time register and to invite Club members to attend this Fun, Informative Celebration! Plenty of workshops are available to build upon to increase how clubs, Districts take care of business! BE careful, you just may Learn something 😊 The State GAT have a VERY FUN weekend of fellowship and learning planned. You don't want to miss it! Today is the day! Check the website www.missourilions.org and register. There is even some "Homegrown" entertainment planned. Come join the fun!

Everyone, please stay Safe and **HEATHLY!**

Here's looking forward to Spring!!

Thank you all for "Being the Difference!"

Yours in Service,

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
2nd Vice District Governor*



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.

(December 2020 - January 2021)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

JENNIFER C SINN

SCOTT A SINN

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

JACK E. ROBINSON

MERAMEC HEIGHTS LIONS CLUB

DAVID B ALLISON JR

MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

New Voices Spotlights!

New Voices Award 2020-2021

Calling all Club Presidents! Do you have someone in your club that has shown outstanding initiative and motivation to bring new ideas to the club? Maybe someone who stands out in leadership, service, marketing or membership? If so, this is your chance to nominate them for a District 26M2 New Voices Award.

District 26M2 wants to celebrate and spotlight one Lion in each of the New Voices categories of Leadership, Membership, Service, and Marketing. As Club President, you can nominate individuals from your club in each category.

With our clubs struggling through the pandemic and the lack of face to face events, this is the time to show we are still noticing the hard work and initiative of our Lions. Therefore, please consider nominating individuals from your club. Remember, nominees are all genders, races, old, young, new, and experienced. It is all about telling their story that will bring a smile, a head nod, or an idea to others in our district.

DG Sandee will review all nominees and choose one awardee from each of the four categories.

Below is a form which can be completed and emailed to halamas@sbcglobal.net or mailed to below address. Nominations need to be returned to me no later than March 15, 2021. If you have any problems, questions or issues, please call me and I will be happy to help.

Hope to hear from you soon!

Yours in Lionism

Lion Sandy Halama
New Voices Coordinator
943 Blase Ave
Des Peres, MO 63131
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2020/2021

NEW VOICES AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Leadership, Membership, Service, Marketing

A New Voice has inspiration, with the initiative and motivation, to bring new ideas and people into their club. New Voices are all genders, races, old, young, new, and experienced. When thinking about your nomination, below are some ideas for consideration, but not at all limited in scope:

- this Lion has an inspiring story or experience about Lionism.
- this Lion has new and innovative ideas for their club or district.
- this Lion may not have had an opportunity to lead but shows potential and drive for leadership roles.
- this Lion believes in the LIONS mission and continues to spread the word within and outside their club.

Name: _____

Club: _____

President: _____

Phone # _____

Email: _____

Nomination Category

___ Leadership ___ Membership ___ Service ___ Marketing

This Lion is deserving of a New Voices Award because _____

DUE NO LATER THAN MARCH 15, 2021

Email to halamas@sbcglobal.net OR

Mail to Lion Sandy Halama, 943 Blase Ave, Des Peres, MO 63131

January 2021

New Voices Spotlight

Our first New Voice Spotlight for 2021 has been a Lion for 15 years. In addition to serving in many positions in her Club from Tail Twister to President, she has left her mark at District level as well, holding positions as Zone Chair, Eye Foundation Board member, State Band Chair, District Convention Committee, and Global Action Team Service Coordinator. Most recently you know her as the driving force behind the District service projects, insuring, even during a Pandemic, those less fortunate get some much needed help.



Lion Teddi Speeler of the Webster Groves LIONS Club started her journey when her son and daughter were in high school, and in a place many Lions like to gather, a bowling alley!

"I bowled at Crestwood bowl on Monday nights, the bowling alley was split between a women's league and the Lions league. My kids were active with sports and their youth groups and they always had a fundraiser going on, or were selling cookies or candy bars for school. The Lions were always so kind in participating in whatever they were doing, pledging for the 30hr famine, or buying the raffle tickets. One night I asked Lion Scott Young how I could repay such kindness they had shown my children and his response was come volunteer. They had a BBQ that weekend, so I came and volunteered my time. I enjoyed it so much that I came back the next day. I started attending meetings and even brought my daughter and then I joined the club. I was

hooked and I loved it. I quickly came to realize that LIONS was so much more than volunteering and raising money for charity, its being a part of a worldwide organizations that's main goal is to help the less fortunate. "

Lion Teddi has held many positions, and has led or helped on numerous fundraisers and service projects. Closest to her are those projects that support children, from leading the District Pediatric Comfort Bag Project and Food Drive to supporting her own club's events, Pancakes with Santa, Easter Egg Hunt, and Peace Poster Contest. *"Knowing that the kids receiving the comfort bags are struggling and we can bring a smile or a moment of happiness to their bad day fills my heart. With the District Food Drive we supported area food banks; we helped with the backpack program at Affton School District providing meals for students over the weekend when food at home is scarce. The Peace Poster Contest has been a passion of mine for years; this is a great way to introduce Lions to our youth and their families. Pancakes with Santa is another project that brings so much joy to the children and families. Watching them get so excited to see Santa makes me feel like a child again, I love that so many of our clubs in our District host an event like this. The Easter Egg hunt is another fun project that is near and dear to my heart. I love watching the kids hunt for the eggs and seeing their big grins when sitting on the Easter Bunnies lap. All of these events are a great way to give back to the community."*

Continuing as a Lion, while staying inspired and enthusiastic, has been a challenge for many Lions this past year. Digging deep inside to find that which excites a person is more important than ever. Fortunately for LION Teddi, she has found her inner spirit that pushes her to continue. It is all about the people and faces. *"I think seeing someone's face after they have been helped by the LIONS is truly the most rewarding part. It makes those long hours at BBQs worth it, or the long hours spent stuffing Easter Eggs, or the long hours prepping for events worth every minute and hour spent."*

Everyone has a challenge to overcome, some bigger than others. Lion Teddi is no different, and she faced a challenge many people face as LIONS but don't really think about it when they join. Speaking in front of an audience. Whether a small group like a committee or Club or a large audience such as a convention, to some this is a major obstacle. Lion Teddi has a few words to share.

"I would say that my biggest challenge in LIONS has been public speaking. I never had much experience speaking publicly until I joined the Lions. Whether it was reading meeting minutes, or giving a report at a cabinet meeting or convention. I have steadily progressed in my public speaking. Knowing that I have the support of all those Lions in the room makes it that much easier to do. "

As we all have heard, membership is hurting. New members, new voices, are needed to keep our District strong. Lion Teddi has successfully brought new members into LIONS in the past, and has some words of wisdom to share when talking to prospective members, or even members who need a little push. *"Take the leap and give it a try. You don't know what you're missing. If you try a club and aren't excited or engaged try another club, the right club is out there for you."*

"Lions have been the best kept secret for years and it's time to change that. For those struggling to light the fire again we still need you! We have work to do and people to help. Try coming up with a fun idea or something out of the box. We need creative thinkers. To those we have lost but are considering membership again please come back! We need you as well. We have a membership that is growing older and need any and everybody that we could have."

In a year that kindness and inclusion are more important than ever, as LIONS we need to think about ensuring all of our members have the ability and tools to be heard. *"I would say courage. I would like to give other women, young people or minorities the courage to speak up within your club, or the courage to reach out to a Lion to ask for information about joining or the courage to ask other clubs for help. We're all in this together if this past year has taught us anything. We all have to support each other. Kindness cost nothing and does so much to help other people. Always be kind, you never know what someone else is going through. "*

"My favorite part about LIONS is helping people and doing Service Projects. I believe that service projects are just important as fundraising. Knowing what my club, district and state does to help those in need inspires me to keep going and to keep putting in those long hours because LIONS is so much more than just 1 individual. It's a group of us coming together for the common goal to help those in need."

Great thoughts from our January New Voices Lion! What is your favorite part of being a Lion? Start the New Year right by sharing your story with someone new! Wishing all of our Lions a Happy New Year filled with kindness and energy to serve!

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February 2021

NEW VOICES SPOTLIGHT

February stands for a number of things; heart health awareness, Black History, love, and valentines.

Spreading love and kindness are what Lions do, and when you can participate in a great organization, doing what you love, spreading the warmth and goodness to others, all while having your partner and friend by your side, well that's just "the bee's knees"!

In honor of Valentine's Day, and the month of goodness and love, our February New Voices spotlight is on a couple who choose to serve together, proving two can make any work not be work at all.



PCC Joe and Lion Michelle Foster started their journey in LIONS roughly 15 years ago. At the time, since their young sons' Cub/Boy Scout meetings were held at the Beaufort LIONS Club facility, Joe and Michelle were in the building once or twice a week. Having noticed the Lions, Joe asked the question "What do Lions do?"

Realizing, as many with young children do, they spent a lot of time with their boys, but did not have much interaction with other adults.

That is when the adventure began...

PCC Joe joined the Beaufort LIONS Club in 2005. He was so drawn into his Club and LIONS, that in a short time, he held an impressive list of positions, from Club level, to District and State; Club Vice President, President, Board Member, Boy Scout Liaison, District/State positions of Zone Chair, Region Chair, Global Leadership Chair (GLT), Vice Governor, District Governor (15/16, 17/18), Council Chair (16/17), and Band Committee.

Lion Michelle decided to join shortly after, in 2006. As another dedicated Lion, she too has held many positions at the Club and District level; Club Secretary, Vice President, President, and Membership Chair, as well as District Public Relations, Alert, State Athletic, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, and as Spouse of PCC Joe.

Although, in the beginning, PCC Joe was satisfied to serve within his Club's area, once they started venturing out, their adventure truly began. *"Once Joe decided that it was ok to leave our zip*

code, our eyes were opened wide. Our favorite part about being a lion is the friendships we have made around the World, and the places we have gotten to experience because of Lions. Because of these friendships from Past Council Chairs and Past District Governors and just plain Lions we are inspired to continue serving to hopefully make a difference in someone's life, whether it be donating eyeglass, giving food, or shelter."

In their Lionistic years, the Fosters have been part of many activities and events. Some events stand out with memories that instill the warmth and satisfaction all Lions cherish. *"Participating in things such as the Downtown St. Pat's Day Parade has been an event that has warmed our hearts to hear people yell out "Thank You lions for giving my child glasses to see better or eye surgery", or "hey my Son played football on the Lions Football team and it was one of the best weeks of their life". Operation Food Search was another heartwarming service project."*

To be as involved in LIONS as the Fosters, each person must find the Club that shares their interests and passions. As we think about increasing membership, and often wonder what are the right words to encourage a person to consider joining LIONS, PCC Joe and Lion Michelle have these thoughts for inspiration. *"When looking to join Lions or any other service organization, look into it first and make sure that it fits your needs. Reach out and visit multiple clubs and find the one where you fit best. Travel outside your zip code and experience what Lions truly can do and bring it back to your Community."*

And to those current Lions that may need just a little push of inspiration, or thought on how to enrich their own experience, here are some final thoughts from PCC Joe and Lion Michelle; *"As Lions look for new opportunities to meet incredible people, travel to fascinating places, and seek out to make it happen. A badge just hangs on your shirt, but being a Lion is about serving and caring for others, and that is why we are Lions."*

So, during this month of hearts, kindness, and love, may all of our LIONS find warmth and satisfaction from serving, just like PCC Joe and Lion Michelle.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Blessing Bags Service Project

Our next District Service Project will be making blessing bags.

Lions can do this at their club or individually.

Blessing bags are a ziplock bag filled with a pair of gloves, snack bars, small bottle of water, hand wipes, Kleenex and hand sanitizer. You could do beef jerky or a fruit cup or even a poncho.

Once these items are in the ziplock bag you can add a personal note of encouragement.

You can also add other items such a toothbrush and toothpaste or hand and feet warmers.

Once you have the bags to your liking carry them in your car and when you're at a stop light and see a homeless person you can hand them a blessing bag.

I have attached an Amazon wish list. You can get the items from Amazon or your local Walmart or Dollar Store, those options may be cheaper. You can use the Amazon list as a guide.

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/8BUAV4K122FB?ref=wl_share

Let me know if you have any questions.

Service Coordinator Lion Teddi Speeler

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **CHANGE OF DATE:** The Global Action Team meeting will be held on Monday, March 1 by Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86012474892?pwd=MlowakJZcUJXY1kvaThLKzdqS0E4Zz09>
- **MEETING CANCELED:** There will not be an April Cabinet meeting. We will see everyone at the Convention!!
- **REMINDER:** Club Officers for the 2021-2022 year are due to LCI by April 15th.
- Submit any changes to information in the District directory to editor@lions26m2.org.

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

2021 Hearing Sweepstakes

SIX TICKETS FOR \$5.00 DONATION OR INDIVIDUAL TICKET DONATION \$1.00 EACH

Dear Friend of Lionism:

The Lions Clubs of Missouri invite you to participate in the 2021 Hearing Sweepstakes to benefit the Lions Club Hearing Conservation program for children and adults in Missouri.

PRIZES

1st – one \$1,250 Cash

2nd – one \$500 Cash

3rd – three \$250 Cash

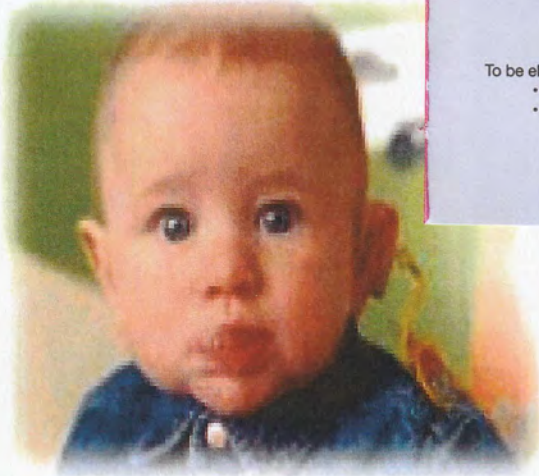
Drawing at each District Convention for \$25.00 Cash

To be eligible to win one of these valuable prizes: (No donations necessary to be eligible to win a prize.)

- Fill in your name, address and phone number on each stub
- Return the completed stubs and donations to your local Lions Club

Winning tickets will be drawn May 1, 2021 at the Lions Club State Convention at Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri.

One prize per person – You need not be present to win.
Donations are not Tax Deductible.



**Your
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benefits
Missourians
of all ages.**

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19th & 20th
2021**



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Mid-Winter Forum 2021 Registration

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

FULL FORUM REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Friday Night: Hospitality
- Saturday: "Powerful General Session" Workshops
- Saturday Dinner: "Ozark Buffet" at 6pm
- Entertainment at 7pm

******Anyone Planning On Attending ANY Of The Workshops Will Need A Full Registration******

- Registration & payment to:
"Missouri Lions" MUST
be postmarked by **Dec. 31st, 2020**
for Early Bird Discount

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

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

Note: Complete only one section below per person.

FIRST REGISTRANT

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

Special Program Needed?: Early Bird Registration.....\$49 _____
(if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)
Large Print *or* Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$59 _____

SECOND REGISTRANT

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

Special Program Needed?: Early Bird Registration.....\$49 _____
(if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)
Large Print *or* Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$59 _____

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

Mail to:

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

Hotel Reservations:

Please call **Camden on the Lake** at 573-365-5620
A block of rooms has been set aside for this event.
(held until 2/10/2021)
Rooms are available on a space & rate available basis.
You must tell the reservations associate that you are
with the Missouri Lions Forum to get the special room rate.



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS

Missouri Lions District 26-M2 2020 -2021 Convention Committee

January 19, 2021

Winter or Spring?
Locked in or Opening up?
Hurried preparations or Time to plan?
February or April?

We want our annual District Convention to be the same sort of celebration that it has been in past years.

So, it seems in our best interest to reschedule the Convention to
April 9th through April 11th, 2021.

We will still hold all activities at the DoubleTree Westport and are anxious to see everyone again. Come re-energize with the Lions of District 26-M2!

The Friday night Hospitality will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We are **ANTICIPATING** being able to accommodate as many Clubs' hospitality booths in one large area, as we have in past years, including entertainment and a dance floor. **HOWEVER**, in these days of unknowns and social distancing, the Committee needs to be prepared to possibly have fewer booths than normal, based on local guidelines and hotel requirements. We will be assigning the booths based on the postmark date and if we need to reduce the number of booths, we will accept the earliest Clubs' registrations; **SO REGISTER EARLY.**

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

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

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

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

We hope to see everyone there! For more information or to obtain additional registration forms, please visit our District website at www.lions26m2.org.

Yours in Lionism,
2020-2021 District Convention Committee

PCC Gina Boettcher
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PCC Kimberly Taylor
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Lion Kelly Rackovan
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Lion Jennifer Winkeler
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Lion Ruth Boyer
krboyer1989@gmail.com

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$93 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Club Convention. After March 19, 2021 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 2021.

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

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
HOSPITALITY NIGHT - FRIDAY APRIL 9, 2021
RESERVATION FORM**

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB CONTACT NAME _____

CLUB CONTACT PHONE _____

CLUB CONTACT EMAIL _____

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

We would like to request the following, if possible:

Do you need electricity? _____

Extra Tables @ \$10 each _____

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

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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

DISTRICT GOVERNOR SANDEE MARSHALL HAS ISSUED
A CALL FOR THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
To Be Held ~~February 26–28, 2021~~ **** April 9 - 11, 2021 ****
DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



Our International guest for the weekend will be A. Geoffrey Wade - International Director.
Geoffrey Wade, from Port St. Lucie, Florida, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's International Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, June 29 through July 3, 2018.

A Charter member of the Port St. Lucie West Lions Club since 1995, he has held many offices within the association.

Director Wade and his wife, Nancy, also a Lion, have two daughters, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Tentative Schedule of Events - Subject to Change

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

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$93 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the **DoubleTree Hotel** and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention or book online at doubletree3.hilton.com group code **LCI**.

After **MARCH 19, 2021** the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2021 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
April 9th – 11th, 2021

Name of Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Convention Package:

(Hospitality, Luncheon,
Dinner Banquet & Breakfast)

Number attending _____ X \$95 = \$ _____

*** OR ***

Luncheon Only:

Number attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

Dinner Banquet Only:

Number attending _____ X \$55 = \$ _____

Breakfast Only:

Number attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

After March 28, 2021 - ADD \$10

Number attending _____ X \$10 = \$ _____

TOTAL:

\$ _____

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

Dinner Banquet - *Beef* _____ Dinner Banquet - *Chicken* _____ Dinner Banquet - *Salmon* _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to:
26-M2 Convention Fund

No refunds after April 5, 2021.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after April 5, 2021.
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



ATTENTION MISSOURI BAND DIRECTORS!!!

The Missouri Lions All State Band (MASB) wants your school's marching band to take part in the **2nd Annual MASB Battle of the Bands** competition!



The winning band will receive a trophy as well as a **Scholarship Grant Match of up to \$8,000** toward a band sponsored trip. Voting for the competition will take place online and be open to all registered Missouri State Lions, with each Lion receiving one vote.

The competition will be held in the **spring/summer of 2021**. Exact details and dates will be announced in the coming weeks. We encourage you to submit your programs short video entry as soon as possible as space may be limited.

If you're interested in your high school marching band participating in the **MASB Battle of the Bands** competition, or have any questions, please contact Lion Jeff Rackovan at lionjeff26m2@gmail.com or by calling/text Lion Jeff at **314-374-4317** by **March 17th, 2021**.



House Springs Lions Car for Sale



1942 Chrysler New Yorker

Do you have memories of the House Springs Lion's car? Our annual Christmas parade, at car shows, cruising around Lions events or some of you may even remember the 1990 International Convention, here in St. Louis and our car being the last float in the parade. Some of you may even remember help push it through the last few blocks to finish the parade. Many PDGs have had the opportunity to ride in the House Springs Lions Car during our annual Christmas parade.

Would you be interested in having it for your own club? We will be accepting sealed bids for the car thorough March 1, 2021. For viewing or questions, please call :

Lion George Winkeler at 314-393-7733

Mehlville lions Club's Bike Giveaway

"The Mehlville lions Club is partnering with Sic Charlie Sycles for a Bike Giveaway. We will be providing a space and volunteers to create a safe, socially distant, and fun way for families to pick up bicycles they need. We need your help! The first way to help is by sending us some names. We need each club to send us between 6-12 names of children or families that may need a bicycle. The second way to help is by donating bike racks to not only store the many bicycles but to give away to families who may need them. The third is by joining us on April 17th from 9am-3pm to help us provide an amazing experience to kids who need a bicycle. Please contact our club via email if you are interested at mehlvillelionsclub@gmail.com"



Join the Mehlville Lions Club FOR A BIKE GIVEAWAY

We will be partnering with SIC
Charlie Sycles to give away
Bikecycles to Families in need!

Visit our clubhouse on

April 17th, 2021

9 AM - 3 PM

Come to a Safe and Socially
Distant Event!



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Rock Community Lions Donate to Camp Jumpstart



Camp Jumpstart is a health and wellness camp for Kids. The camp is located in the Immediate Service area for the Rock Community Lions Club. The Club recently donated to the Camp to assist with some funding for a new Security Gate to keep the campers and staff safe and secure while attending camp. Lion Tom and Jean are dedicated to the health and wellness of our youth. Due to the Pandemic, the camp has had a VERY lean year. The work that Lion Tom and Jean do produce AMAZING results for those that attend. Please support this camp. The rewards are astounding!!!

(Pictured L- R)

2nd VDG Lion Jeff Rackovan: Lion Tom Huelsing: Jean Huelsing: Rock Community Lions President David Ray:

Rock Community Lions, Vice President Lion Donald Kositzke

Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation Update

We sure wish we were recruiting volunteers for our next mission trip. However, trips for 2021 are still uncertain. Please know that we will be ready when it's safe and smart to travel again. We know the need will be great.

Have you felt a tug at your heart when thinking about a mission trip? Don't ignore that feeling. Reach out to us and let us know of any questions or concerns. We'd love to add you to our list for future trips.

We can also connect you with someone who has gone before. They will be happy to tell you how one of our mission trips changed their life.

If you have any interest in going on a future mission trip, please contact Lion Devin Struttman at devin@admr.com for more information. We will pass along any updates as we get them.



New Haven Lions Club

The New Haven Lions Club again is proud to sponsor a New Haven High School Student to attend HOBY. HOBY is a Missouri State leadership Seminar/Workshop designed to help high school student(s) to recognize their leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home school, workplace and community.

This year student from New Haven High School is Tressa Carver. Presenting Tressa with a check is Lion Ryan Winters and Lion John Berger of the New Haven Lions Club.





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

(December 2020 - January 2021)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

DON SAUDER

CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB

DONALD CASTILLON

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JERRY MOONEYHAM

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JACK E ROBINSON

PCC JOHN J YOUNT

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

DON C PFEIL

CLIFTON SELIGA

GERALD LIONS CLUB

(10/2020 - 11/2020)

MARVIN WILLIMANN

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 April 16, 2021 to accommodate any articles that you may want to submit concerning the District Convention.

**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 (**see above**), articles for publication must be sent by the 12th of the month of publication.

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Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor