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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,

As I write this, it is difficult to think of anything but the recent tragic deaths of Past District Governor Joe Detter, Lion Fran, their daughter and granddaughter. You will find a tribute to them later in this issue of the ROAR.

Recently, someone who came to my home to do some work said, "You used to hear a lot about Lions but you don't hear much about them anymore." Wow! Is that statement a wake-up call? We talk a lot about our social media presence but I wonder how much of it is directed to those who are already supporters of what we do. We really need to advertise ourselves to the general public. And what do we publicize? Fundraisers? Service projects? That is necessary but we need to advertise something else—who we are.

Imagine that you knew nothing about Lions or our focus service areas. When our communities support our projects, do they know where the money goes and what good it does? Perhaps you have a city newsletter or newspaper that will accept an article on your club history or a longtime Lion. Host a public meeting and present a Lions' program. Post a big sign at your events to enumerate your contributions locally and in the larger community. Encourage people to ask you questions about Lions, then brag, brag and brag some more.

Let's not be the best kept secret in St. Louis and surrounding counties.

We are all in this together!

Lion Sandee Marshall
District Governor

District 26-M2 1st VDG Devin's Message

Greetings Lions,

Well, we are already a quarter of the way through the current Lions year. As things pick up, I look forward to all of the upcoming Governor visits, zone meetings, and other events. It's certainly a privilege to be part of Governor Sandee's team.

I have been inspired by the creative ways our Lions clubs are staying active in our communities. Some are holding their normal activities (with social distancing and safe practices). Others are trying new virtual events. Others are simply filling the needs of those in need... in spite of the financial challenges our clubs have faced this year.

I have recently been reminded how fulfilling it is to be part of the Lions organization. It seems our world is often divided and we're surrounded by conflict. Isn't it great that in this setting we get to reflect a better way? When things seem dark, we have to power to shine a light. We can share kindness and compassion with others. We can do what Lions do... We Serve!

Best wishes,

*Lion Devin Struttmann,
1st Vice District Governor*

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District 26-M2 2nd VDG Jeff' Message

Greetings Lions of 26M2!!

It is hard to believe that we are already ¼ into the Lions Year! Much has changed since February. Zoom Meetings, social distancing, so much preparedness has been performed by the Lions of our District. We are what many say, "A year of Firsts". Many clubs are beginning to meet in person. Some clubs are searching for an alternate meeting place due to closures. Most clubs are meeting and that is a fantastic thing. Service Projects are starting to get back on track. A lot of clubs have transitioned with their service projects and have become accustomed to change. When Life gives you Lemons....

Take the opportunity to dig into MyLCI and review a few training options. GLT Coordinator Lion Michelle Foster can help point you in the proper direction for training whatever it is. For the Role you are serving in now or a role you would like to pursue.

To make a difference in our world through Lions, we as Lions must BE the difference.

Feel free to reach out and let's see what we can do for your club.

*Lion Jeff Rackovan,
2nd Vice District Governor*



Calendar of Events

October 2020

- 4th-Sunday: Beaufort Lions Meat shoot @ Beaufort Lions Hall starts @ 12pm rain or shine. For info contact Lion Terry 573-777-2270 or Lion Kevin 573-484-3350
- 9th/10th Friday/Saturday: Webster Lions BBQ from 11am-7pm
- 6th- Tuesday: New Haven Lions Governors Visit
- 12th- Monday: Brentwood Lions Governors Visit
- 18th- Sunday: Cuba Lions Chicken Dinner from 11am-1:30pm
- 19th- Monday: Potosi Lions Governors Visit
- 20th- Tuesday: Beaufort Lions Governors Visit
- 24th- Saturday: Beaufort Lions Craft Fair from 8-4, get a jump start on your holiday shopping, food and drink available for purchase. For questions contact Lion Ruth Boyer 636-283-1234
- 27th- Gray Summit Lion will be pulling the ticket for the gun raffle- tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00
- 31st- Saturday: Trunk or Treat @ 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013 from 5pm-8pm. Questions email Beaufortmolions@gmail.com

November 2020

- 1st- Sunday: Beaufort Lions Meat shoot @ Beaufort Lions Hall starts @ 12pm rain or shine. For info contact Lion Terry 573-777-2270 or Lion Kevin 573-484-3350
- 29th- Sunday: Beaufort Lions Pancakes with Santa @ 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013 from 8am-12pm. Cost is \$8.00 adults, kids 6-12 \$4.00 and kids 5 and under free. For info contact Lion Kevin 573-484-3350 or Lion Patty 573-484-4606

December 2020

- 1st- Tuesday: Zone 7th Annual Christmas Party
- 6th-Sunday: Beaufort Lions Meat shoot @ Beaufort Lions Hall starts @ 12pm rain or shine. For info contact Lion Terry 573-777-2270 or Lion Kevin 573-484-3350

January 2021

- 3rd -Sunday: Beaufort Lions Meat shoots @ Beaufort Lions Hall starts @ 12pm rain or shine. For info contact Lion Terry 573-777-2270 or Lion Kevin 573-484-3350
- 5th- Tuesday: Maplewood/ Midtown Lions Governors Visit



A Tribute to PDG Lion Joe Detter & Lion Fran Detter

Where does one start when paying tribute to PDG Lion Joe Detter? He was one of a kind, that's for sure. Of course, that is meant in the best of ways. Let's start with the basics. He was a kind, gentle, caring, honest, and giving man. He was friendly, warm, and easy to talk with. He was also a busy man. Who else stayed as active as Lion Joe? He worked hard all his life. He ran businesses. He retired from one career and jumped into another. He ran for public office. He worked for city and county governments. He was double-booked many nights and would fly from one commitment to another. In the middle of all this activity, he would also drop everything to help someone in need. That's simply the man he was... and it was genuine.

Most conversations with Lion Joe started with him saying, "Hey, what do you need?" He would be ready to help in any way or reach in his pocket and give you his last dollar. When you hear the cliché of someone giving you the shirt off their back, this would be the literal truth with Lion Joe. He reflected this in many various ways whether he was working a Lions service project or fundraiser, acting as an auctioneer, or helping flood victims.

Lion Joe served as District Governor for the 2017-2018 Lions year. He proudly wore his green jacket and represented our district well. Though Lion Joe may have seemed ambitious, he didn't seek out the position of District Governor. The district sought Lion Joe. When he saw there was a need, he stepped up to serve. He did this even though he wasn't sure he could devote the time or fully understood the obligations. He also didn't fully inform Lion Fran of what was ahead for her. She would have a few surprises over the next few years.

Lion Joe started his Governor year at the 100th International Convention in Chicago. There was a huge delegation from our district to witness this event. He fully enjoyed the experience and came back and went to work. He served on the Missouri Council of Governors and made new Lions friends throughout the state. Most important, he made sure he had a lot of fun along the way. One thing you could always count on was Lion Joe being in a good mood.

For those on the cabinet who served with Lion Joe, it was always an adventure. He definitely had a way with pronouncing names and it was a badge of honor when Lion Joe called you by the wrong name. On his Governor visits, he didn't use a prepared speech. That was not his style. He simply wanted to talk to his Lions friends. He wanted to keep it real. That meant we never knew what was coming. He would ask you to say a few words... or he might not. He might go in a new direction from one visit to another. Or, he might simply talk honestly about a topic dear to his heart... such as Diabetes. He displayed a great love for each club and they returned that love. By the time he left each visit, he had won them over and made a bunch of new friends.

Let's turn our attention to Lion Fran. When many of us first met Fran, she was not a Lion. That would come later. Lion Joe started bringing Fran around with him to all the various Lions events. She was quiet and reserved. She probably would have preferred to stay home but she supported Lion Joe and stood by his side. That doesn't mean she didn't

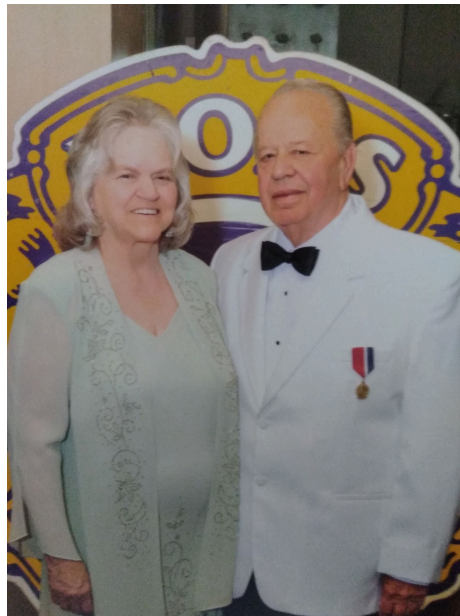
have an opinion. She did. Sometimes you could discern her opinion by the way she whipped her head toward Lion Joe when he said something "questionable." Or, she would roll her eyes at him... we're sure in a loving way.

An interesting thing happened over time, though. As we all spent more time with Lion Fran, we saw a different side. We think she saw a different side of us, too. We developed friendships. We were exposed to her wicked sense of humor. We even experienced her best grandmotherly hugs. When we felt accepted by Lion Fran, it was a bit like winning the lottery. It just felt good and right. She earned her "Queen Bee" nickname and wore it proudly.

Lion Fran was the type of woman who would make you your own pie if she heard you liked one of her famous desserts. Just don't try to praise or thank her too much. She was too unassuming for that type of thing.

Most of this tribute has been about their involvement in Lions. More importantly, Lion Joe and Lion Fran were the patriarch and matriarch of a large, close family. They were willing to do what was needed for any member of their family. They opened their home to those who needed a place. Now, you might wonder how they had time to put family first. They simply made time.

Sadly, a tragic event has taken our dear Lions friends from us. You might wonder how we will get through this. It's hard to even believe this is real. However, as deep as our pain feels, it's secondary to what the Detter family is going through right now. We must keep them in our thoughts and prayers in the days, weeks, and months to come. Most of all, we remain grateful for the presence of Lion Joe and Lion Fran in our lives and Lions family. We are all better for knowing and loving them.



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.
(August 2020 - September 2020)

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

BOB CISSELL

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB

JERRY BUETHE

PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

SCOTT L BRANDT
TERRY M EVERHART
JENNIFER A EVITTS
HENRY B HAHN
GENE A HILL
KATHERINE A HILL

POTOSI LIONS CLUB

PAULA J GLORE

ST LOUIS DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

NICKOLAS E WHITNEY

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

THOMAS CONWAY
THOMAS C PFEIL

VALLEY LIONS CLUB

SANDRA DALTON



MESSAGE FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

New Voices Spotlights!

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OCTOBER THOUGHTS

Although we do not have an October New Voices spotlight, I have some thoughts to share.

As the country gets ready to vote in November, we keep hearing how this election is “the most important election in our recent history”. Well I am not sure why, because in my opinion, EVERY election is the most important.

After all, on each election ballot, we voters get to have a say about what is important to us at that time in our lives.

Just like in our LIONS clubs and district, everyone should have the opportunity to speak their voice on items important to them. But more importantly, all Lions need to TAKE the opportunity.

Is your club aware of your passion or your ideas? Do you have opinions that you haven’t shared with your club?

Now is the time for each Lion to reflect on whether or not they have utilized their voice in their club or district.

Have you offered your service as an officer or member of the board, presented your opinion on a motion within your club, suggested a new event or fundraiser, or maybe just shared an experience that is important to you?

If you haven't yet, ask yourself why.

As a nation we take our right to vote, to express ourselves, very seriously. LIONS should do no less. There are many ways we can ensure our voice is heard. As we citizens consider the importance of the 2020 election, take the opportunity to reflect on how important your voice, your vote, is in your Lionistic life as well.

Yours in Lionism,
Lion Sandy Halama
New Voices Coordinator

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NEW VOICES SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our September spotlight tells a story about a “younger” LION that has a breath of fresh air to share. Lion Shanna Richardson has been a LION for 15 years and although she has not held any positions within her local club, she jumped right into District by serving as the Zone 1 chairperson for 26-M2 this past year. Her story is of passion, compassion for those in need and patriotism for our great country. Here is her story.



Lion Shanna joined Lions due to the experience of watching her husband and in-laws as LIONS. She loves serving other and finding new ways to reach people. “I have watched as Lions from all over have come together to help communities in need due to tornados, floods, and hurricanes. I have watched as these same Lions pull together to support our children’s hospitals. I have witnessed the selfless acts of generosity and kindness that come with each service project. I’ve seen people build up others, encouraging them to try new things, and supporting them the whole journey.”

Most clubs are in the same position with members getting older, struggling to entice new members and finding fundraisers and service projects that can be fulfilled by an aging membership. As a person of 36 years, Lion Shanna has faced the struggles of being young. Not always taken seriously due to age and gender, she feels the frustration. “Sometimes I feel my thoughts are not taken seriously because I am young. I have also come to see that there are still some Lions that feel women don’t have a place in LIONS. I struggle with that because I see the amazing ideas that have come from our female members. I strongly believe having a diverse membership brings life to the organization.”

Inspiration and passion come in many different forms to each individual. Lions, like Lion Shanna, that continue to serve for many years receive their inspiration observing people and the environment around us. “I am inspired by growth, by new ideas, by change. As

our world changes, so must we. I get excited to see how Lions adapt to new challenges and how they are constantly finding new ways to serve others.”

“I am also passionate about our veterans and our differently abled community. I am striving to find ways to connect with these communities. I would love to see our local Lions do more projects/outreach to our disabled veterans and differently abled individuals. We have a vast population of those with developmental disabilities and they are often “forgotten” about. I truly feel that Lions have the ability to reach them and meet some of their needs, but we have to take that leap!”

“In the world we currently live in, a world of fear, confusion, unrest and inequality, LIONS provides a culture in which all people, of all backgrounds and all abilities, can join together as one family with a common goal: to serve others. This, more than anything makes me proud to be a Lion.”

With her experience, Lion Shanna has some sound advice for young adults thinking about joining LIONS? “JOIN US! We need your thoughts, your ideas, your talents. As Lions, we serve people, ALL PEOPLE. And we need YOU to make that happen. There is a place for everyone within LIONS. Come find where you fit! Nervous? Unsure? Reach out to one of us, ANY of us! We can help! There is a famous quote (something like this) “You can’t expect to make the same choices and do the same things, but get different results.” Without your fresh thoughts and ideas, we won’t see change and growth! YOU ARE NEEDED AND WANTED HERE!”

In this year of inclusivity and kindness, LIONS must be open minded, welcoming and looking for that “new voice”. Lion Shanna has some great thoughts about giving everyone a voice. “I would love to be able to take away fear. I often see members that are “afraid” of speaking up with their ideas or suggestions. I see members that are “afraid” to step out of their comfort zone and step into the unknown. I get it; fear is scary! However, if we don’t take chances, we never know! I also wish that I could change the bias that still seems to exist among some of our members: The bias that women don’t belong, that diversity of races doesn’t belong, that young people don’t belong. The future lies in the hands of these very people! I personally feel that we have to quit silencing the voices of others! We have to listen. To those that are struggling to find their voice, remember this: YOU ARE A LION! YOU WERE MEANT TO ROAR!”





When was the last time that your Club reviewed your governing documents? Are your Constitution and By-Laws up-to-date? In recent years, the Standard Form Lions Club Constitution and By-Laws have been revised to include new positions added to the Club structure chart. More importantly, the revision contains language to allow important communication with members to be conducted by “**electronic means.**” This document can easily be downloaded from the LCI website resources. Just search for it by name or number (la2_en.docx) and edit it for the specifics of your club.



CORRECTIONS TO THE 2020 – 2021 DISTRICT 26-M2 DIRECTORY

- 1) Lion Dennis W. Hemsath's new mailing address is:
Dennis W. Hemsath
2335 Holtgrewe Rd.
Washington, MO 63090-2532
- 2) Lion Becky Speeler's preferred email address for the Directory is:
bspeeler10@gmail.com
- 3) PDG Carla & PDG Fred Prieese's nw email address is:
cfprieese@yahoo.com



Pediatric Cancer Comfort Bags - A District Service Project

Items needed - (New, Unopened—Please leave tags on)

Shampoos & Lotions (in sealed Ziploc bags) Blankets (in original package)

Pens

Journals

Books

Earbuds

Coloring Books

Crayons

Colored Pencils

Markers

Stuffed Animals

Hats

Socks

Eye Masks

Kleenex

Chapstick

Cards of Well-Wishes

The Details -

Where - Overland LIONS Hall 2358 Lackland Road When - Sunday, November 1st 1 PM - 4 PM

Contact - Teddi Speeler (to sign up to donate/fill bags) speeler36@hotmail.com or 314-729-3721

The Fine Print -

Masks **are** required and will be provided. Keep your distance!

Monetary donations for this project are accepted -

Please make check out to District 26-M2

With memo - "Pediatric Cancer Comfort Bags"

If your Club is stuffing, but cannot make the event,
a pick-up can be arranged.

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Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation Update

As all of you are aware, all eye missions for 2020 were cancelled due to COVID-19. However, we believe that Lions in Sight of California/Nevada will have at least six missions in 2021. At least one of these trips should be earmarked for us. They're ready to go and have millions of glasses in their warehouse.

Our representative in Panama is also anxious to host missions in 2021. Of course, it will depend on conditions there. Regardless of location, we expect there to be great need when we can finally resume our mission trips.

Decisions will hopefully be made a couple months in advance of a mission. 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.



PDG Roger Scheidt Receives a Progressive Melvin Jones

During the Annual Meeting of the Lion Eye Foundation on Monday, August 31, 2020, PDG Roger Scheidt received a Progressive Melvin Jones Award from the Lion Eye Committee



From left to right: PDG Roger Scheidt & PCC Charlie Hartmann

New Haven Lions Club's Governor's Visit

The New Haven Lions Club recently had their Governor's Visit by District 26-M2 Governor Lion Sandee Marshall (see photos below). During her visit Lion Sandee also installed the following Officers of the New Haven Lions Club.

President	Lion John Berger
1st Vice President	Lion Don Schowe
2nd Vice President	Lion Shawn Groppe
Secretary	Lion James Batterson

Not present was the newly elected Treasure, Lion Ryan Winters.

The New Haven Lions Club also has three members that are working with KidSight and have started doing some vision screenings meeting the guidelines of KidSight. These three members are Lion Audy Freitag, Lion Rosa Berger, and Lion John Berger.



Zoom Invitation

CC George Winkeler is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Council of Governors Meeting from Lake Ozark, MO

Time: Oct 24, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87481126592?pwd=b1JpUDRzRkxZeJlBXemEOL3g1WHJGQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 8112 6592

Passcode: 736211

One tap mobile

+13126266799,,87481126592# US (Chicago)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 874 8112 6592

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcwKHqI503>



November 2020 "Flight for Sight" Union Lions Club- Virtual Thanksgiving 5k

Run, walk, or stroll in support of kids with visual impairments. You can help these remarkable children see possibilities.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Run for Sight is entirely virtual.

You can run, walk, or dash anytime and anywhere you choose. Enjoy the beauty of a local park, the convenience of your neighborhood, or your home treadmill. Starting Nov.1 through the 30, 2020.

Please make sure to be safe and follow CDC recommendations for social distancing while out completing your Run for Sight event.

Make checks payable to: Union Lions Club

Mail: Union Lions Club, 1888 Krenning Rd. Beaufort MO 63013

Cost: \$15 (Includes T-shirt and chance to win our prize drawing)

T-Shirt Size: (Circle one) Adult S M L XL XXL

Participant must carefully read, understand, and agree to the following binding waiver and release of liability and authorization for use of image/ likeness. I know that running or walking is not without risk. I know that I must not participate in the Union Lions Club walk/ run unless I am medically able and properly trained in advance for the activity. I realize that participating in Lions Club activities is not risk free. Therefore, I agree to a full waiver and release of all liability that's bars myself and my heirs and assigns (including any minor-aged participant on whose behalf I have signed), agents and representatives, from any recovery from the Lions Club for injury, including death, loss or damage, to an anyone or anything, including but not limited to myself, the minor-aged participant on behalf of whom I am signing, property, and / or any third party, arising from the participation in the activity (including but not limited to pre and post-activity events). I acknowledge that this waiver and release applies to all acts and / or failure to act, whether intentional, reckless, or negligent, on the part of the Union Lions Club. I know that by signing this waiver and release, I am immunizing the Lions Club from all liability. I also understand that if I'm signing as the parent/ legal guardian of a minor aged participant, I am specifically waiving and releasing all the rights that the minor-aged participant might otherwise have had. I will not bring any legal action or assert any claims of any kind against the Lions Club for injury arising out of my or the minor-aged participant's participation in the activity. I sign this waiver and release liability voluntarily and with a full and complete understanding and knowledge of it's contents. My signature below certifies that I acknowledge that I am bound by such terms. Finally, I grant permission to the Lions Club to use, for any purpose, my likeness and any image and details of my participation.

Signature of Activity Participant _____

Date of signature _____

Signature of Parent/ Legal Guardian (if participant in under age 18) _____

Date of signature _____

***Please email race completion time and name BY NOV. 30, 2020 to christinafran@hotmail.com or text 636-584-3602 if you wish to have your results posted on our Facebook page and chance to be in our prize drawing.**



Thank you for supporting the Union Lions Club Flight for Sight 2020- Virtual Run

Please make checks payable to Union Lions Club

Return to Union Lions Club

Attention: Christy Machelett

1888 Krenning Rd.

Beaufort, MO 63013

You may give donation to a Union Lions Club member

**\$25 Sponsorship donation will put your business on the back of
our race shirts and recognition on our Facebook page.**

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Union Lions Club



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



All Hallows' Eve this year draws near.

We'll be ready for you, so have no fear.

When you've a craving for a tasty sweet

Come join us at our....

Trunk or Treat



We'll be at Hixson School, from 10 to 1.

Wear a costume, take a pic, have some fun.

Mark your calendar so you don't go astray.

It's the 31st, and it's a Saturday!



Hey Folks!
Don't forget your masks!



DESOTO LIONS CLUB

MOUSE RACES

NOVEMBER 7, 2020

VFW POST 1831

1651 VETERANS DRIVE DESOTO, MO 63020

DOORS OPEN @ 6PM RACES START @ 7PM

SPONSOR A RACE FOR \$100

***FREE ADMISSION**

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FOOD & DRINK AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

INFO: (JOE DETTER 636-232-3150 joseph_detter@yahoo.com) or (LARRY BRIDGES 636-208-6731)



Tri-County Leo's Present:

Community Chili Cook-off

When: November 13, 2020 4pm-6pm

Where: Richwoods Lions Club (10645 State Hwy A Richwoods, MO 63071)

Do you have a special family chili recipe you would like for others to try? This is your chance! Bring a pot of chili (already made) to be judged by people of the community and see if your chili is one of the top three in the competition. To enter your chili into the contest is only \$5! This is an outdoor event, so to keep your chili hot; you may want it in a crock pot. (Just a suggestion)

If you want to be a chili judge, all are welcome. It is only \$5 to judge. This fee gives you three tickets for your top 3 favorite chili options. You will taste each chili entered in the contest, and then place one ticket in each of your top 3 choices.

Top 3 winners will receive ribbons and a small prize.

*All proceeds go to the Tri-County Leo Club activity fund to be put back into the



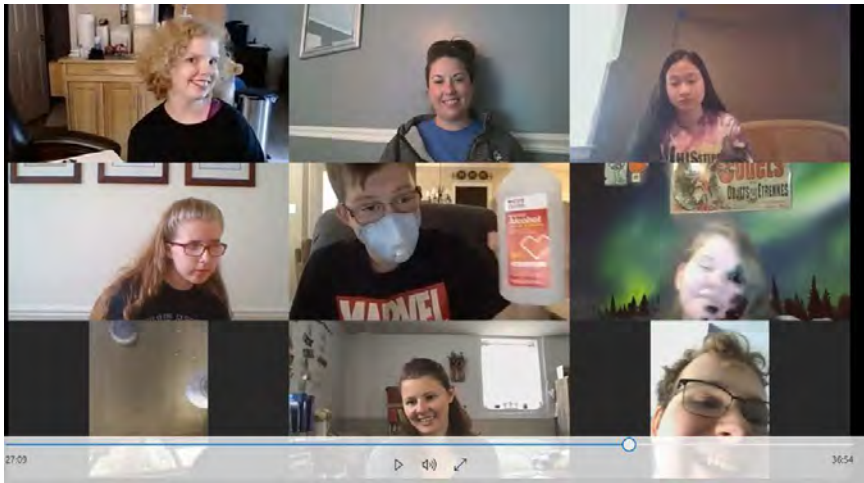
Please contact Stephanie Ham to reserve your spot in the contest and for more info at 314-602-9221



LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

LEADER DOG NEWS FOR LIONS – Sept 2020

Summer Experience Goes Bigger...& Virtual!



This year the orientation and mobility (O&M) team took summer camp online for our first ever Virtual Summer Experience Camp!

Forty-three teenagers from 21 states and 2 countries gathered around their tablets, phones and computers for a week filled with fun and bonding. Although we couldn't meet in person this year, the goals remained the same—to provide campers with opportunities to explore mobility options, build leadership skills and connect with their peers. The group met 11 times for activities that included Harness the Power of Leadership, an O&M scavenger hunt, a Q&A with some of our guide dog mobility instructors and a fun trivia night. We also had a private Facebook group where campers could keep the conversation rolling all week long.

Our staff had a great time getting to know our virtual campers and their feedback suggests they also had a blast! With the support of the entire organization and our generous donors, the O&M team was able to quickly adapt our traditional Summer Experience Camp to this virtual format. We are so grateful and proud that we were able to provide an exceptional experience to our youngest clients but missed being together on campus with campers and volunteers. We can't wait to be back together next year!

Above: A grid view of seven campers and 2 camp counselors in a breakout room for the O&M scavenger hunt. Everyone is smiling as campers show items they found around their homes.



IN EVERY LEADER DOG
LIES THE HEART OF A LION.

A Leader Dog partner since 1939.

Dollars for Dogs – Event-Free Fundraising!

With fundraising events being cancelled across the world, Leader Dog is introducing several non-event fundraisers for Lions to help support our mission.

“This is a great idea anytime...it doesn't matter if you have a small or large club, in the city or small town!” said Lion Beth Slade, director of philanthropy for Lions engagement.

Clubs order packs of “dog tags” (pictured below) to distribute to local businesses. At the check out, employees ask if they would like to make a \$1, \$5, or \$20 donation to Leader Dog. The club and the business get the credit.

It's a great way to connect Lions with their communities and the project they support!

To order free kits, go to:

<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/order-promotional-items/>
Or email Lion Kathleen Breen at Kbreen@LeaderDog.org.



BE OF SERVICE

LeaderDog.org/Lions

FOLLOW THE LEADER   

13th ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held

February 26th – 28th, 2021

Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146

NOW is the time for your Club to make plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport Plaza.

This is where all the Saturday business meetings, luncheon, voting, banquet and Sunday memorial service will be held.

You will get to select your entree (Beef or Chicken or Salmon) for the dinner meal.

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Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Club Convention. After FEBRUARY 4, 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.

You can find this and more information on our website

<http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html>

2021 District 26-M2 Convention Committee



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS**
Missouri Lions District 26-M2
2020 -2021 Convention Committee

October 5, 2020

Attention Lions!!

As the 13th annual District M2 Convention approaches, and now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events. The Convention will be February 26th through 28th, 2021.

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

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

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

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

Yours in Lionism,
2020-2021 District Convention Committee

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**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
HOSPITALITY NIGHT - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26, 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
DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



Our International guest for the weekend will be Justin Faber - International Director.

Justin K. Faber, from Deckerville, Michigan, USA was elected to serve as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 102nd International Convention, held in Milan, Italy, July 5 through July 9, 2019.

He became a Lion in 2001 after joining the Ugly Lions Club. Director Faber was instrumental in changing his club from an all-male club to a diverse club that is the pillar of the district today.

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Faber is also a member of the Thumb Veterans Organization, the Knights of Columbus, and the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions.

Tentative Schedule of Events - Subject to Change

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28th
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

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2021 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
February 26th – 28th, 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 February 14, 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 February 24, 2021.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after February 24, 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

Please Remember These Lions

(August 2020 - September 2020)

ST. CLAIR LIONS CLUB

LEWIS O KINSTLER

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

JOHN W BENNETT

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 **December 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
editor@lions26m2.org**

Correction: The Volume and Issue number for the August 2020 issue of The Lions That Roar newsletter should have been Volume 13 Issue 1.

The August issue had an incorrect Volume and Issue number.

. . . Ed, The Lions That Roar