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District 26-M2

April 2023



District Governor
Lion Leon Hove



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Paul Carr



2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Michelle Foster



Cabinet Secretary
Lion Toni Mahoney



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Dennis Hemsath

District 26-M2 Governor Leon's Message

Fellow Lions,

Nine and a half months ago my ribbon was pulled at the Lions International convention in Montreal, and I officially became governor of our great District 26-M2. Many PDGs had told me the time would fly and it would be one of the best years of my life. I remember thinking sure, I looked at all the meetings, the things I wanted to do and thought no way will it be either. Boy was I wrong.

Yes, there have been a lot of meetings. Club visits where I met Lions that are excited about serving others and heard new ideas of ways to help in their community. I heard of unique fund raisers and was fortunate enough to install many new members.

Attending other district's conventions and meeting International Directors and Past Directors was exciting and I made friends with Lions I would never have met if not becoming governor. Every weekend beginning with February up until May has or will involve Lions with a break for the Masters and Easter and yes, my wife was not too happy about that but I wouldn't trade it for anything. Time has flown by but it has been an awesome experience.

My goals were and continue to be to make Lions fun and rewarding to members. I wanted to add a learning experience to cabinet meetings by bringing in speakers to tell us about their passions. I think that has made our cabinet meetings more interesting and informative.

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I wanted to gain at least one in our membership total for the district. We aren't quite there yet although we have been up as high as three for a short period. We still have time to reach a positive number in our district and in the Constitutional Area. SLU Campus Club will either be a new club or a branch club since LCI has denied our request to reactivate because of the fifteen-month lapse. We are meeting with them via zoom as this newsletter is being sent out and will have a determination before the end of April. Missouri School for the Blind and a new visually impaired club are still a possibility but will probably not happen until Lion Carr's year as governor.

Donations to LCIF have not reached last year's levels as of this writing but I hope we will make up this deficit before July 1. We all know there seems to be more natural disasters than ever where LCIF is helping. Matching grants, many in our own state, have helped build all abilities parks and furnished freezers for food pantries and enabled many clubs to help others with funds through LCIF. We know the funds are definitely needed and put to good use. Paton Lions are helping with the tornado that hit the Grassy, Glen Allen area costing five lives and much damage. LCIF is on the ground as well. See the flyer in this newsletter for a possible way to add your LCIF donation.

We have not been successful in collaborating with Special Olympics as I had hoped. We do have an event April 29th in Chesterfield that Lion IPDG Devin has coordinated that can be a start. Miracle League baseball buddies with the YMCA is for those who are handicapped. If you aren't already signed up come out and help.

Vision has always been my passion and on that front, we have definitely made progress. Lion Berger and "Team New Haven" have screened a tremendous number of children and have trained several additional volunteers. The Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation fielded a team of seven Missouri Lions on a trip to Morelia, Mexico giving 730 people vision through recycled eye glasses. The first US mission was held in November in Souldard fitting 30 homeless people with recycled eyeglasses and a second mission is scheduled for May 13. We have missions scheduled in Mexico, Missouri, Kansas City, St. Roberts, and Springfield along with possibilities in several other areas in the state and maybe Kansas and Illinois. We also have openings for volunteers to Mexico in June and Panama this September. Lion IPDG Devin or I will be happy to give you more information. I am excited to be able to bring vision to others with our recycled eye glasses and hope you are too.

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I know I wrote of our District convention in the last newsletter, but I want to mention once again how honored I was by the number of Lions who attended and how grateful I am for the support of the Washington Lions. I urge all of you to mark your calendars for next year and not miss what is a great weekend of fun and learning.

I am approaching the end of my term, but we still have a couple of months to go, and I hope *Together We Can* reach the goals I set that have not been achieved at this writing. I hope some of you reading this will consider taking up the challenge and moving into a position of leadership in the district. Until you have had the experience, you will never know the excitement and pleasure of the position. Contact Lion DGE Paul Carr to offer your services.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make the most of these next two and a half months.

Be FREE to Be a Lion.

Thank you for your support, Be FREE to Be a Lion.

*Lion Leon Hove,
District Governor*

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District 26-M2 - DG-Elect Paul's Message

Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,

It is spring cleaning time, time to get out those rags, gloves, shovels and whatever it takes to get cleaning. It is also the start of the spring events, what activities are you doing? What service projects are going on? Have you sent them to this District Newsletter? The Mid-South Event is going on this weekend, are you going? Also, it is time to collect those glasses, clean them up a bit and sort some out at your club, what a wonderful way to log some service hours for your club! If you do not want to do that, it is ok, bag them up, call a friend and make sure you get those glasses to the District Eyeglasses wrap on Saturday May 8th at the Wildwood Area Community Park at 17155 Pond Grover Pkwy, Wildwood, MO 63038. At this event, we will sort them, box them and load them up into vehicles to get ready for transport to the Eye Glasses Recycling Center in Jefferson City!

It is time for training as well, do you have your officers selected for your club? We will be having several training sessions this May/June period. There will be (2) Zoom sessions, which will be in 30-minute increments on May 31 and June 1, starting at 6:30pm. There will be in-person events as well at the Timbers in

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District 26-M2 - DG-Elect Paul's Message

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Eureka, on Thursday June 8 starting at 6:30pm and Sunday June 11 starting at 2pm. You might think, oh I have gone to these training sessions before, however, you might need a refresher, want to come talk to me, tell me a story about how you just could not get the service hours on the website, who knows what happen, "Just Do It" as the seasoned Nike slogan would say... You cannot knock it until you tried it... someone said...

Look forward to serving you in this great district and seeing what we can do to "Be More, Do More and Serve More"! Do you know that I am "Excited to Serve" this year?

Lion Paul Carr,
District Governor-Elect
lionpcarr@gmail.com

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

Greetings Lions,

Spring is here and so are so many the great FUNdraisers with all the Lions Clubs in the District. So now is the time to make sure you get all those BBQ's, Carnivals, Picnics, Music fests, etc. on the District Calendar so everyone when traveling around can come support you or help get the word out to friends to come support. If you need help at any of your Club events, please make sure you reach out to other clubs, the District Cabinet Members, and your friends as we would be glad to come help if Our schedules allow. Having extra bodies to help will give someone the opportunity to spread the word with the crowd what lions in your town do for Your Community!

As always it has been great visiting all the clubs and look forward to that throughout the next few years and beyond. If you have special questions or want a special visit, please reach out. We will be having lots of informational and knowledgeable zooms and in-person training talks scheduled in the next couple of months and hope to see as many present as possible. I'm looking forward to heading to Branson, MO on April 20th – April 23rd, for Missouri Lions State Convention, and continued my training to help me better serve you in the next coming Years.

Passion to Serve!

Lion Michelle Foster
26M2 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 2023 - March 2023)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

AMY J SCHENGBIER
JUSTIN A SCHENGBIER
ANTHONY A TAYLOR
TOM H VOSS

KIRKWOOD LIONS CLUB

PAMELA J SCHMIDT

ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB

DOUG CROW
JACK DIERKING
DAVE GARRETT
CLAYTON MCDANIEL
JOHN PELTON
NATHAN PULS
TOMMY RAMSEY
JEREMIAH ROST
SCOTT SEGGI

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

RON RUCKMAN
TRAVIS A. TOON

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

REBECCA RICHARDSON

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

TERRY F MOFFITT

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

DARLENE MALONE

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

JENNIFER L BAKER
MARK A HEIDMANN

WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CLUB

NORMA R WAMPLER

District 26-M2

2022-2023

Calendar of Events

Updated 3/14/2023 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

April 2023

15th, Saturday: Mid-South Lions is hosting VISITING LIONS DAY at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis. A brief general session will begin at 8:00 AM featuring a presentation by some of our world-renowned ophthalmologists, continuing with tours of the Operating Room Suites, Hands-On Skills Lab (shown at right), Pediatric Clinic and Research Floor. We will tour until lunch, which will be served while an informational session on Mid-South Lions is presented. We will adjourn about 2:30 PM. While there is no cost for attending, we ask that you register so we can plan our lunch count. ATTENTION MISSOURI LIONS: WE WILL BE RUNNING A BUS FROM WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON CITY AND ROLLA FOR OUR VISITING LIONS DAY. COST IS \$100 PER PERSON. (LODGING NOT INCLUDED). There are several hotels near the Hamilton Eye Institute and there's lots to do in Memphis so make plans to come. <https://midsouthlions.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1467553>. (Continued on next page)

Calendar of Events

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April 2023 (Continued)

*18th, Tuesday: Maplewood Lions Club is hosting a dine in fundraiser at Fortell's Pizza, 7932 MacKenzie Road at Heege from 4-9 pm. Flyers available on both the District and Maplewood Lions Facebook pages, along with the District Newsletter. Any questions, contact Lion Anna Schell 314-647-7166.

21st – 23rd, Friday – Sunday: MD26 Lions State Convention @ Radisson Hotel Branson, 120 S Wildwood Dr, Branson, MO 65616.

May 2023

6th, Saturday: District 26-M2 Eye Wrap hosted by Used Eyeglasses Committee @ Wildwood Community Park, 17155 Pond Grover Parkway, Wildwood, MO 63038.

10am – 1pm. Donuts provided. PLEASE BRING USED EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS. If you need glasses picked up - Call or Email: Lion Ed Marshall at (314) 498-0655 or elmwildwood@charter.net or PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at (314) 378-4758 or eljanwein@aol.com or IPDG Lion Devin Struttman at (314) 277-8292 or devin@admr.com

8th, Monday: 2022-2023 Zone Chairperson Training @ TBD

20th, Saturday: (*Rescheduled*) Zone 3 Event: Lions Day Out At The Zoo. Everyone is going to meet by the Lions at big cat country at 2 PM. Contact Zone Chairperson Lion Nikki Hull for more information angelswithwings@aol.com

June 2023

*1st – 4th, Thursday – Sunday: Missouri Lions Eyeglass Mission trip to Paracho, Michoacán, Mexico. If interested in going this mission trip, please contact PDG Devin Struttman for more information and an application. Preference will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. If we have more interest than spots available, we will create a wait list. Past experience has shown that not everyone who commits initially will be able to go on the trip.

3rd, Saturday: Zone 3 Event: swimming at the Arnold Rec Plex @ 2pm. Contact Zone Chairperson Lion Nikki Hull for more information angelswithwings@aol.com

3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting, The Timbers of Eureka, 6:15 to 8:45 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

24th, Saturday: 3rd Annual Mystery Tour hosted by M2 PDGs - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Everyone is welcome to attend this event to help raise funds for KidSight.

July 2023

*4th, Tuesday: Chesterfield Lions will have a booth and will be selling beer, soda and snacks at the Ellisville 4th of July Celebration in Blue Bird Park in Ellisville. This is a one-day event from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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Calendar of Events

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July 2023 *(Continued)*

7th – 11th, Friday – Tuesday: Lions Clubs International Convention @ Boston, MA.

<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/>

28th -30th, Friday – Sunday: Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) @ Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. <http://gplli.com/> .

This is a three-day training curriculum that will teach you every aspect of leadership you can imagine; starting from the minute you arrive. The institute is filled with seminars, workshops, and lectures on subjects such as time management, team building, delegation, management of change, leadership styles, public speaking, motivation, goal setting, and working in teams just to mention a few. The subjects are useful in every facet of leadership, not only as a Lion but also in your business and personal life. The institute will include dynamic presenters from across North America. They are well versed in the Lions organization as well as having the qualifications needed to facilitate the training for becoming a productive leader.

August 2023

September 2023

*9th – 17th, Saturday – Sunday: Missouri Lions Eyeglass Mission trip to David, Chiriquí, Panama. If interested in going this mission trip, please contact PDG Devin Struttman for more information and an application. Preference will be given on a first-come, first-serve basis. If we have more interest than spots available, we will create a wait list. Past experience has shown that not everyone who commits initially will be able to go on the trip.

October 2023

November 2023

*4th, Saturday: Chesterfield Lions Annual Trivia Night. SAVE THE DATE! It is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Road, Chesterfield, MO. More information coming soon.



District 26–M2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023
Timbers of Eureka

Call To Order at 6:30 p.m. by District Governor-Elect Paul Carr. This is a regularly scheduled cabinet meeting.

Pledge was led by PDG Sandee Marshall.

Song was led by 1st VDG-Elect Michelle Foster.

Prayer was led by DGE Paul Carr.

Introduction of First Time Attendees/Guests: Lion Monica Lawrence (Union), speaker

Appointment of Tail Twister: Motion by 1st VDG-Elect Michelle Foster to appoint Lion Sandy Halama (Webster Groves) as the Tail Twister; second by Lion Teddi Speeler. Motion passed. Motion by IPDG Devin Struttman to donate proceeds Mid South Sight and Hearing; second by PDG Sandee Marshall. Motion passed.

6:35 p.m. Adjourn for Dinner—Reconvene at 7:15 p.m

Secretary's Report: PDG Sandee Marshall reported that the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Cabinet Meeting had been distributed and were also sent with the meeting notice. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by 1st VDG-Elect Michelle Foster to accept the minutes as presented; second by Lion Dennis Hemsath. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dennis Hemsath reported a balance of \$35,034.51 in the Service Activity account and \$57,329.32 in the Administrative account. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Lion Karen Skornia to accept the report as presented; second by Lion Geoff Meese. Motion passed.

Governor's Opening Remarks: DGE Paul Carr referred to the meeting as a family dinner with hopes of having dinner table-like conversation. He also encouraged everyone to recommend guest speakers for next year.

Guest Speaker: Lion Monica Lawrence is in charge of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) in Franklin County. As a foster parent, she saw the need for a trained volunteer to develop a personal relationship with each child and become their advocate in court. Currently, she supervises 113 volunteers who are representing 150 children. They are always looking for compassionate adults to volunteer about 10 to 12 hours a month.

District Goals: DGE Paul Carr started a discussion of District goals for next year by stating his intent to raise the service reporting percentage by 30%. One incentive suggested was a free registration to a Lions event. It was noted that any service performed by a Lion outside of Lions can be entered by secretaries, service chairs and club administrators. It was mentioned that many struggle with the MyLion system but no one is asking for help.

Training: DGE Paul Carr announced the dates for upcoming club officer training. May 31st and June 1st will be Zoom trainings; times to be announced later. Two trainings will be held at The Timbers on June 8th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and June 11th, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The curriculum will be sent ahead. Retiring officers should encourage new officers to attend.

Changes to LCI and LCIF: DGE Carr shared a PowerPoint presentation called "Get Ready for the New Lions Experience" which will launch sometime after the International Convention. Lions should prepare by checking their information currently on file, especially ensuring an unshared email address. Officers for the new Lions year must be entered by May 15th.

Old Business: DGE Carr explained the advantages of completing the requirements for the Quality Lion award.

New Business: The following is a list of District 26-M2 officers elected at the District Convention on February 18, 2023, who will assume their new office on July 1, 2023:

Paul B. Carr elected District Governor

Michelle L. Foster elected 1st Vice District Governor

The following were appointed as District Officers who will assume their new office on July 1, 2023:

Sandra T. Marshall appointed Cabinet Secretary

Joseph E. Schroeder appointed Cabinet Treasurer

Also appointed to the District 26-M2 Convention Committee:

Devin G. Struttman appointed Convention Committee Treasurer

Motion by Lion Karen Skornia (Washington) to approve the above lists of names and positions; second by Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood.) Motion passed unanimously.

National Federation of the Blind of Missouri (NFB) is looking for a few individuals willing to present the colors at their state convention on April 15th at the Hilton Airport St. Louis Hotel.

Committee Reports called by 1st VDGE Michelle Foster (Beaufort):

MO Eye Mission Foundation: IPDG Devin Struttman reported on the success of the first eye mission in 3 years; 630 patients were served in Morelia, Mexico. Additional missions are available to Mexico in June and Panama in September. An in-state mission will happen in Mexico, MO on April 30th. The foundation has been asked to apply for a SavingSight grant.

MD26 Athletic Committee: IPDG Devin Struttman reported on the updated state athletic committee. There will no longer be a football game; the focus will be on all-ability sports. Miracle League Baseball is looking for 25 volunteers to be “buddies” at the event in Chesterfield on April 29th. The committee is selling a limited amount (210) of tickets for a meat raffle for \$25 each.

LCIF: IPDG Devin Struttman asked for ideas for grant proposals. He can tell anyone the amount of funds on an individual or club account.

District Eye Wrap: IPDG Devin Struttman reminded everyone of the annual eye wrap to be held on May 6th at Wildwood Community Park. Copy paper boxes are needed.

St. Louis University Lions Club: IPDG Devin Struttman reported that our request to reactivate the original charter has been rejected again. We will need to charter a new club or branch.

GST: (Read by PDG Sandee Marshall) Lion Pam Manuel reported that there are still Saturday shifts available to pack food for Feed The Need St. Louis, our April service project. Our second local eye mission will be held on May 13th from 8 to 11 a.m. at St. Peter and Paul in Souard. Volunteers are needed to help. Our fall service project will be Operation Christmas Child.

26-M2 Eye Foundation: PCC Charlie Hartmann announced that the annual meeting will be held on July 31st, at 7:00 p.m., at Delta Gamma.

Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind: PCC George Winkeler told us that LBOMB can always use funds; they are one of four organization invited to apply for a SavingSight grant.

Diabetes: Lion Ruth is willing to speak at club meetings.

Zone Chairperson Reports called by DGE Paul Carr (House Springs):

Zone 1: Position vacant

Zone 2: No report

Zone 3: Lion Nikki Hull (Fenton): Club activities

Zone 4: No report

Zone 5: Lion Karen Skornia (Washington): Club activities

Zone 6: No report

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Club activities.

Event flyers were available on the tables. If you are interested in serving in any district position next year, contact DGE Carr.

Secretary Comments: PDG Sandee Marshall thanked everyone who RSVPd for dinner in a timely manner.

Treasurer Comments: None

1st VDGE Closing Remarks: 1st VDGE Michelle Foster implored everyone to revive their enthusiasm for Lions by remembering why they became a member and rediscovering that passion.

DGE Closing Remarks: DGE Paul Carr urged everyone to continue to support DG Leon Hove and keep the momentum going. Thank you to Lions Kathy Pusateri and Nikki Hull (Fenton) for handling the food this evening.

Tail Twister: \$70 was collected and donated to Mid South.

Cabinet Has Gas: Did not happen

50/50: \$61 was won by Lion Dennis Hemsath (Washington).

Deadline for submissions to the next issue of the newsletter is April 12th.

Next Cabinet Meeting will be June 5th, at the Timbers of Eureka, 6:30 p.m.

Next GAT Meeting will be May 8th, 7:00 p.m., location to be announced.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. by PDG Sandee Marshall; second by 1st VDGE Michelle Foster.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Sandee Marshall
Cabinet Secretary
2022 - 2023

SILENT AUCTION

I have two collector's pins marking the 35th anniversary of women in Lions



The designers say the pin “represents feminism but also strength in leadership, professionalism, and service to Lions Clubs International.”

District Governor Jane Colona, District 35-N says, “I challenge you to take a walk in our stilettos for a day and you will understand how important women are to the strength of Lion(s).”

Actually, women could have been members in 1917 since there was no prohibition at Lions inception but that was later changed until the convention in Taiwan in 1987.

I recently auctioned off two of these pins at Washington Lions Honors Night getting \$320 for LCIF.

I am offering these to the two highest bidders that contact me by May 1 with all proceeds going to LCIF. If you bid and a higher bid is received I will let you know so you can raise your bid if you desire.

This is a great way to donate to LCIF and receive a collector's pin and credit for your LCIF donation if you wish.

Contact me with your bid.

Lion Leon
hove128@charter.net



Miracle League Baseball

Saturday, April 29, 2023 ● 8 AM- Noon

Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex

Miracle Field ● 17925 N Outer 40 Road
Chesterfield, MO 63005

We're forming a team of 25 volunteers to help support youth athletes with a disability by serving as Miracle League baseball buddies! Miracle leagues and adaptive sports teams help support the inclusion of children and young adults with disabilities into sports by providing a welcoming and encouraging team environment.

This volunteer opportunity is through the Gateway Region YMCA and brought to you by Missouri Lions District 26-M2.

For more information, contact Lion Devin Struttmann

at (314) 277-8292 or devin@admr.com



DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP

**Hosted by
Used Eye Glasses Committee**

Saturday, May 6, 2023

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

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

Donuts Provided

If you need glasses picked up - Call or Email:

Lion Ed Marshall at (314) 498-0655 or elmwildwood@charter.net

IPDG Lion Devin Struttman at (314) 277-8292 or devin@admr.com

PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at (314) 378-4758 or eljanwein@aol.com

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

O'Fallon's Lions Golf Classic

Saturday MAY 6th 2023

8am Shotgun start at St Peters Golf Club

Help Kids See and Succeed-Charity Golf Scramble

\$500 per team. Register by March 1st for \$40 Discount.

Includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf, cart, 5 Closest to the Pin, Prizes for Hole-in-1! Shoot-out at the end of Play.

Contests, Drinks and Snacks during play. Reception with lunch and raffle after tournament play. Skins, Mulligans, Cut a Putt, are available at registration. Pro through Senior Tees.

Earn a \$40 rebate by registering 2 or more teams.



Great sponsorship opportunities!

Discounts for Team with Sponsorship!

Tournament sponsors

Hole-n-One Sponsor

Shoot-out Sponsor

Player Cart Sponsors

Drink Cart Sponsors

Hole Sponsors

For more information either use the QR code or go to:

<http://golfscrambleforekids.com/>

Or contact Mike Lubiewski at

Email:

Golf.OFallonLionsClub@gmail.com

Cell: 636-293-2247



Please help us by sharing with friends and acquaintances!



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation April 2023

Your Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation has been busy. After a period of inactivity, we're thrilled and grateful to have much to report.

First, we accomplished our first international mission in March. We had seven Lions from Missouri go to Morelia, a beautiful city in the country of Mexico. We joined with four doctors from different parts of the U.S. and Canada, added a Past International Director from California, and made a great team. We had two days of clinic and served 630 people. I want to personally thank these Lions who joined me on this trip: Lion Ed Marshall, Lion Missy Maune, Lion Bob Noellsch, Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, Lion Mike Oldelehr, and Lion Pat Porterfield. I could not imagine a better group.

Next, we're trying to recruit volunteers for two upcoming International mission trips. We have a four-day trip going to Mexico on June 1-4. We then have a week-long trip going to Panama on September 9-17.

We often hear how much you desire to go on one of our mission trips. Well, now is the time to sign up. We haven't had much interest in these trips yet and we would be disappointed if we couldn't put together a roster. Please reach out to me, or anyone on the board, and we will cover the details.

Here are some of the most common details we get asked about:

- Volunteers are responsible for their airfare and personal expenses. Food and lodging will be covered.
- The duties of the technicians include working the cameras or matching prescriptions to the appropriate glasses. For those inexperienced, you will receive information prior to the trip and training at the clinic. You do not need previous experience.
- You will need a passport.
- We are also recruiting doctors for this trip and future trips. If you know someone, we appreciate any referrals.

On the local level, we continue to work on mission events within the state. Our next one will be on April 30 in M3 (located in Mexico, Missouri). We have several others in the works. To the leaders in each district, please work with us to secure a future date and location. Let's truly make this a state-wide project. Let's use all of those collected used glasses destined for the recycling center and give those to our fellow Missourians who need them.

Devin Struttmann

Yours in Service,
Devin Struttmann
IPDG Lion Devin Struttmann
President, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

**Missouri Lions Eye Glass Mission Trips
Volunteer Application**

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Birth Date: _____

☐ I am a Lion and belong to the following club: _____

☐ I am not a Lion.

☐ I have previously served on a Lions mission trip.

I'm interested in going on the following mission trip:

☐ Mexico (Paracho, Michoacán) - June 1-4, 2023

☐ Panama (David, Chiriqui) - September 9-17, 2023

☐ Future Trip (Location TBD) - 2024

Please note, travel days may extend beyond these dates.

I am interested in serving on an eye glass mission trip. I realize that I will be responsible for paying my travel and personal expenses (meals and lodging will be provided). I also state that I'm in good physical health. My signature does not commit me to going on a mission trip but indicates a sincere interest.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please send completed form to:

Lion Devin Struttmann, 770 Oakmont Ln, Union, MO 63084 or devin@admr.com



MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

IS HAVING A FUNDRAISER!!



DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

**WHERE: FORTHELLS PIZZA
7932 MCKENZIE ROAD
AFFTON, MO. 63123**

WHEN: APRIL 18, 2023

TIME: 4:00PM TO 10:00PM

**YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE THE FLYER IN ORDER
FOR THE MAPLEWOOD LIONS TO GET THE
PERCENTAGE.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS MEAT RAFFLE

**Donation \$10.00
each or 3 for \$25.00**

**Drawing: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at
House Springs Lions Meeting**

Prizes

1st Place - 75 pounds of meat - 5lbs bacon, 15lbs chicken fryers, 5lbs pork chops, 5lbs chuck roast, 5lbs pork ribs, 10lbs pork steaks, 10lbs sirloin steaks, 10lbs ground chuck, 5lbs brats, and 5lbs Italian sausage

2nd Place - 50 pounds of meat - 10lbs pork steaks, 10lbs sirloin steaks, 10lbs ground chuck, 10lbs chicken fryers, 5lbs brats, and 5lbs Italian sausage

3rd Place - 25 pounds of meat - 5lbs bacon, 5lbs chicken fryers, 5lbs pork chops, 5lbs chuck roast, and 5lbs ground beef

JUST IN TIME FOR MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUTS



LIONS BBQ

NEW SCHEDULE!

Second Friday and Saturday
of each month

April, May, & June

11 am to 5 pm

(or until we sell out)

General Grant Center

8400 Watson Road



2023 Dates

April 14/15

May 12/13 June 9/10



Webster Groves LIONS BBQ Fundraiser

Ribs, Pork Steaks, Chicken, Brats, Burgers, & Dogs

Dinners include 2 sides: Baked Beans & Potato Salad

You can also try our Corn on the Cob

Soda, water, and condiments, are available

- Carry out only -



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Help your community! Make new friends!

Interested? Contact Lion Pat Rabbitt: wglionpjr@gmail.com

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS POKER RUN RIDE FOR KIDSIGHT

Saturday June 10, 2023

Registration starts 9:00am

Hot Spot

2911 High Ridge Blvd.

Kick stands up @ 10:20am

Last Bike or car in 5:00pm



**Cars or Bikes
Welcome**

\$25.00 Per Rider Includes:

Free t-shirt to first 50

Dinner at Hot Spot after ride

Free Can Beer/Soda after ride

1 Poker Hand

Live Music after ride

Stops

Hot Spot - High Ridge

Steve's Place - Cadet

TJ's - Pevely

Salty Myke's - House Springs

Hot Spot - High Ridge

26-M2 PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR (PDG) GROUP



Mystery Tour

Saturday June 24, 2023

A Full Day of Fun, Friendship, Laughter, Surprises, and Mystery!

(Bus will pick up from Washington Commuter Parking Lot and Valley Park Commuter Parking Lot.)

Only 50 Seats Available. \$100 per Seat. All proceeds benefit Kids Sight!



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 (GPLLI)



Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI): “Training to prepare Lions for leadership positions throughout the organization. The GPLLI program is customized to best accommodate the needs of the area.”

WHEN: July 28-30, 2023

LOCATION: Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri.

COST: US \$220 per attendee if payment received on or before April 30, 2023.

Cost increases to US \$240 beginning May 1, 2023. Registration covers single occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Lion attendees may request to room together if desired. Course fee is due no less than six weeks prior to the institute starting date.

WHO: “Qualified candidates are Lions ready to pursue leadership roles within their Lions communities. Club Leaders would benefit from attending.” NOTE: Previous attendees are not eligible to participate without prior approval from the Institute Coordinator.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 3 (Oklahoma), 7 (Arkansas), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri), and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic facilitators 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 Curriculum Coordinator/Registrar PCC Hans Neidhardt at hnwizardofoz@gmail.com or (316) 435-2800.

Mail Applications To: PCC Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123. On-Line application: <https://forms.gle/7nXAc9djS7e7JYyx5> or download PDF version (see Applications Section below).

Mail Payments To: PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169

(See Application on next page)

21st ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 7, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Northwest Missouri State University
Maryville, Missouri
July 28-30, 2023

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** _____ **Member LCI #** _____

Years in Lions _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US \$220 if received by April 30, 2023. Beginning May 1, 2023, the base fee increases to US \$240. Make checks payable to GPLLI and mail to PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations. Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (single occupancy). Lions may request to room together. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 28th and check out must be completed by Noon on Sunday, July 30th. Attendees may purchase a souvenir GPLLI embroidered polo for an additional US \$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large). To ensure receiving one, please order with this registration and increase course fee accordingly.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment. The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Double Occupancy (Name of roommate) _____
_____ Diabetic Diet requested
_____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Vegan Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required
_____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Mobility challenges (List accommodation needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: Registrar/Curriculum Coordinator PCC Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123, (316) 435-2800, hnwizardofoz@gmail.com.

Mail Registration Form(s) to Registrar, PCC Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123.

Mail Course fees to PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606 Mitchellville, IA 50169.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2023 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.

Please Remember These Lions

(February 2023 - March 2023)

None!

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, 2023**. 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. The following is the “ROAR” schedule for the Lion year of 2022 – 2023. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

June 2023

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor