

The LIONS That ROAR

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District 26-M2

December 2022



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,

Happy Holidays! Celebrate the holidays in the manner your beliefs prescribe. If the period involves travel and parties please be safe and sensible. Most of all enjoy your family and friends as you celebrate.

We are fortunate and have much in the way of material goods as well as a safe environment and access to good health and care that many in the world do not enjoy. Remember those who are less fortunate than us as we go through this holiday season.

In November we had the first US eye mission at Sts Peter and Paul in Soulard. We were able to give recycled eyeglasses to 27 people and are removing the cataracts for two individuals, as well as getting medications for one person to stop the progression of their glaucoma. As a result of this mission, we are trying to establish a partnership with the St. Louis Archdiocese and their rural medical group. If all works out, we will accompany them on a medical visit to one of five communities once a month distributing recycled eye glasses to those who have no insurance or medical assistance. I believe there are pictures and more on this mission elsewhere in the newsletter.

Many of you gathered warm clothes, gloves, socks, blankets and other items for the homeless that we delivered to Sts Peter and Paul Saturday, December 10. Hopefully Lion Pam has sent pictures of the stacks of clothing you donated to the newsletter. Thank you for your work and donations.

Christmas bags for children in the hospital have also been collected and distributed. Lion Nikki has plans for lights at Children's Hospital December 15. If you have time bring your flashlight and light up some children's evening.

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Many of you have had Christmas parties and I wish I could have attended all of them. Unfortunately I missed several along with at least two parades because I haven't figured out how to split myself into several pieces so I can be in multiple places at once. I think there needs to be a "clearing house" established next year so there aren't multiple events including governor's visits held on the same nights.

SLU Campus Club has reached out and wants to reactivate. Lion IPDG Devin met with them in person Monday, December 5 and was impressed with their enthusiasm. Hopefully we can get this club back in the fold in early January.

Missouri School for the Blind has their Christmas Open House December 15, 1-5 pm. Thank you to all who adopted a student for Christmas. They have completed their new auditorium and we will be there to see their Christmas show. Lion PCC George has met with some of the people from the school who are interested in starting a Lions Club. Wouldn't that be great.

My year as governor is half over. We are still a little behind in membership but if things work out we will end up ahead. Keep asking those you know and meet to become Lions. You never know who might just say yes. I still want to get things moving with Special Olympics and hope the spring will be the time that is accomplished. Reporting service is still lacking. We need to report all service since that is one of the criteria other groups use to judge our efforts when deciding whether they want to donate to LCIF.

Please join me at the Mid-Winter Forum at the Double Tree in Westport February 3 and 4. I guarantee you will have a good time and learn more about Lions and ways you can improve your life.

Sign up now! TODAY is the DAY to make your reservations and register for the 26-M2 convention also at the Double Tree, February 17-19. Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina is our International guest, and he and his wife Juanita are great people. Come meet them, enjoy hospitality, dancing, partying and learning about Lions. Listen to what others are doing that you can copy — share what you are doing that others can copy. Meet old friends and make new ones. Washington Lions are known to "have a good time" and they have assured me this will be a convention no one will forget. Don't miss it.

Thank you for all that you do serving others,

*Lion Leon Hove,
District Governor*

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District 26-M2 - 1st VDG Paul's Message

Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,

Season greetings and it is that time of year to be Thankful for what we have. Thanksgiving is over and the next holiday is here shortly, as we gather for the festivities and fellowship in the upcoming month, I look forward to reflection of what we do as Lions. I want you to be inspired by the fact that you are a lion, and this is a great organization. We do wonderful things and events to promote what we do as a lion. What are we doing in service? We are doing great! We shall celebrate that fact and move forward in planning the next event! Make sure that you are doing your best at reporting your service and celebrate the fact through this newsletter or other methods.

Mid-winter forum is just around the corner, do you plan to attend? It is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience about what Lions Club International does throughout the world but also it is a wonderful opportunity to gain experience of what we do within our district and state of Missouri. I encourage you to attend this event for it is within our district this year, February 3rd through the 4th at the Double Tree at Westport St. Louis! If you need more information let me know at lionpcarr@gmail.com.

We are almost at the next convention for MD26-M2 which will be on February 17 through February 19th, make sure you check it out at <http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html> for I need you to help me get elected as your next District Governor! Will you help me? Come to the convention, have an enjoyable time, and learn what we are doing within the district. Plus, if you want to help me get elected as your next District Governor, I will need your vote. Remember to "Vote for Paul" at the convention! I look forward to serving you in this great district and seeing what we can do "Be More, Do More and Serve More"!

*Lion Paul Carr,
1st Vice District Governor*

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District 26-M2 - 2nd VDG Michelle's Message

Greetings Lions,

Where has the Time, Seasons, and Year gone? This Lion's year is approaching to be half over. The collecting, giving, and share that all the clubs have done this half of the year just bring a big smile to my face and enlarge the Joy in my Heart. I hope everyone has heard about the Eye Mission that several District Lions were a part of in right here in St. Louis, Soulard. It was a first for me, and it truly makes you a Lion if you weren't already one. Every Club that we have visited with in the past couple of months are truly Serving with their Hearts. Trying to fill the Food Pantries, making sure kids have coats, hats, and gloves, giving to the Veterans, the Nursing Homes, and the Homeless to just name a few. Many clubs have even been in their Town Holiday Parades! With all the activities going on please make sure to take pictures and share on social media, explaining and mentioning what the Lions have or are doing! We need to continue to tell the great news to family, friends, and strangers who and what great things the Lions do.

Don't miss out on some Great trips that the Lions have on the Calendar coming up in the next 6 months, Mid-Winter Forum (Feb. 3-4), at the Double Tree in St. Louis, Mid-South, Memphis, TN Bus Trip Weekend (Apr.14-16), PDG Mystery Tour (June 24), and District Convention Double Tree in St. Louis (Feb.17-19), State Convention (Branson, MO).

Thank You for all you do! Don't forget if you can't do it alone, reach out and ask for others to help as we are all Lions United Together far and wide!!

Merry Christmas and Many Happy New Year Well Wishes!

Lion Michelle Foster
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.
(October 2022 - November 2022)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

TIFFANY N BOYER

LEMAY JEFFERSON BARRACKS LIONS CLUB

TINA JAEGER

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

THOMAS BRINSON

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

JOHNATHON D. RICHARDSON

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

GREG WALLACH

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

KATHERINE ANNE HAMBY

ROBERT JASPER

MARK C SKORNIA

TERRY A WILLIAMS

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

ELIZABETH A. VREELAND



District 26–M2 Cabinet Meeting Minutes December 5, 2022 Timbers of Eureka

Call To Order at 6:30 p.m. by District Governor Leon Hove.

Pledge was led by 1st VDG Paul Carr.

Song was led by 2nd VDG Michelle Foster.

Prayer was led by PDG Sandee Marshall.

Introduction of First Time Attendees/Guests: Norma Martin, prospective member; Ann Vastmans, speaker

Appointment of Tail Twister: Motion by 1st VDG Paul Carr to appoint Lion Ed Marshall (Wildwood Area) as the Tail Twister; second by Lion Pam Manuel. Motion passed. Motion by 1st VDG Paul Carr to donate proceeds to the PDG Memorial Fund; second by 2nd VDG Michelle Foster. Motion passed.

DG Leon Hove announced that we have a new caterer—Guiseppe's in Fenton.

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

Guest Speaker: Ann Vastmans is from the St. Louis County Police Department Office of Emergency Management. Their mission is to work with the whole community to build, sustain and improve their capacity to mitigate, prepare, respond and recover from all hazards. She spoke of the three steps in the community education process: making a plan, having an emergency kit ready and being informed. Templates were available for home and vehicle use. The department can be followed on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Governor's Opening Remarks: DG Leon Hove Leon thanked our guest and thanked Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) for finding our new caterer and facilitating the meal.

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Cabinet Meeting Minutes

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Secretary's Report: PDG Sandee Marshall reported that the minutes of the October 3, 2022 Cabinet Meeting had been distributed and were also sent with the meeting notice. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Lion Pam Manuel to accept the minutes as presented; second by Lion Teddi Speeler. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Lion Dennis Hemsath reported a balance of \$27,729.99 in the Service Activity account and \$54,149.59 in the Administrative account. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by PDG Sandee Marshall to accept the report as presented; second by 1st VDG Paul Carr. Motion passed.

GLT Chair: No Report

GMT Chair: Lion Vickey Engel reported that there are ten new Lions since our October meeting. She urged their sponsors to mentor them along their journey. She reminded everyone that surveys are being sent to dropped members and new members in hopes of improving the experience for all. Please remember to talk to everyone you know about your club. She will create a tri-fold brochure for any club who supplies information about events and donations; photos are encouraged.

GST Chair: Lion Pam Manuel was overwhelmed by the response to our December service project: donations for the homeless. Too many items were collected to transport from this meeting. Arrangements have been made for delivery on Saturday (12/10). Our Convention service project will benefit the Bennett Project which gives various kinds of help to families with children undergoing cancer treatment. More information to follow. Our October service project netted \$307 to St. Baldrick's plus the Hot Wheel cars.

Zone Chairperson Reports called by 1st VDG 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: Lion Angie Sontag (Wildwood Area): Club activities

Zone 7: Lion Sue Templeton (Maplewood): Club activities. Zone Holiday Party, 12/13.

Committee Reports called by 2nd VDG Michelle Foster (Beaufort):

Audit: PDG Sandee Marshall read a report by Lion Robert Ell (Bonhomme). He concluded that the financial statements fairly presented the financial position of District 26-M2 as of June 30, 2022.

District Convention: PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort): The District 26-M2 Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel at Westport Plaza, 2/17 thru 2/19/2023. Full registration is \$95. Hospitality booth reservations will be \$190. Our State Convention will be at the Raddison Hotel in Branson on April 21-23, 2023. Registration is \$90 and rooms at the Radisson Hotel are \$129.95. She asked that the Cabinet approve the formation of a host committee for the 2025 State Convention to be held in District 26-M2 May 1st through May 4th, 2025.

Opportunities for Youth: The Leo program is 65 years old today. Peace Poster kits for next year will be available in late February, 2023, for \$11.95. Our Youth Camp Experience will take place from July 1st through July 30th, 2023. Host families are always needed. We should also promote the experience for our local youths to travel internationally. Look for more information at the District Convention.

District 26-M2 Eye Foundation: PCC Charlie Hartmann announced that tax documents have been filed and the next meeting is January 16th at Jay B. Smith Funeral Home in Fenton at 7 PM. Nominations are being accepted for the position of director for the term of 2023 through 2028.

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Cabinet Meeting Minutes

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Missouri School for the Blind: PDG Missy Maune reminded us of the Christmas Extravaganza to be held on December 15th from 1 to 5 PM in the new auditorium. The date for the annual Lions night and Open House will be March 12th.

Mid-Winter Forum: PDG Missy Maune announced that this year's event will be held in our District on February 3rd and 4th, 2023 at the DoubleTree at Westport. Registration is \$75.

Lions Assistance and Services: Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) thanked the clubs for following up on referrals. Lion Kelly Rackovan (Rock Community) will help her get caught up on the tracking sheet.

Old Business: There were only 2 entries for the Peace Poster contest. The entry sponsored by the Lemay JB Lions has advanced to the Multiple District judging. Seventeen volunteers participated in the Eye Mission in Souland on November 6th. Twenty-seven individuals received recycled eyeglasses, two are being referred for cataract surgery and one requires treatment for glaucoma. As a result, the Eye Mission Foundation has been approached by the Archdiocese of St. Louis to participate in their monthly 5-county medical and dental missions.

New Business: DG Leon Hove announced that he had received letters of intent to run for office from Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves) for the position of director of the Eye Foundation, 2nd VDG Michelle Foster for the position of 1st Vice District Governor and 1st VDG Paul Carr for the position of District Governor. No one has expressed intent to run for the position of 2nd Vice District Governor. Motion by PDG Sandee Marshall, second by Lion Teddi Speeler, to form a host committee for the 2025 State Convention to be held in District 26-M2 May 1st through May 4th, 2025. Motion passed.

2nd VDG Closing Remarks: 2nd VDG Michelle Foster announced that IPDG Devin Struttman was meeting that night with a group at SLU that wishes to be a Lions Club. It is hoped that we can still reactivate the original Charter.

DG Closing Remarks: DG Leon thanked everyone for being there. He mentioned that there was interest by some at MSB in forming a club there.

Tail Twister: \$66 was collected and donated to the PDG Memorial Fund.

Cabinet Has Gas: Did not happen

50/50: \$65 was won by Lion Bill Biele (Creve Coeur).

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

Next Cabinet Meeting will be April 3rd at the Timbers of Eureka, 6:30 p.m.

Next GAT Meeting will be January 9th, 7:00 p.m. at the Overland Lions Hall.

Adjourn Meeting: Motion to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. by 1st VDG Paul Carr; second by Lion Pam Manuel.

Respectfully submitted,

PDG Sandee Marshall
Cabinet Secretary



District 26-M2
2022-2023
Calendar of Events

Updated 10/03/2022 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

January 2023

- 1st, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. The matches will start at 12 pm. For more information contact Lion Roy Brunkhorst Jr. at 00(573) 459-2029 for Shooting Matches and Lion Darrell Glosemeyer at (573) 237-7029.
- *7th, Saturday: Gerald Lions Club 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament, 120 N. Bernhardt Ave, Gerald, MO 63037. \$40 per Team. Doors open at 11:00 am, Bags go live at Noon. Personal bags allowed. BYOB. Sign up by texting 636-649-8400. Pre-registration is required.
- 9th, Monday: Global Action Team Meeting @ Overland Lions Club, 2358 Lackland Rd, Overland, MO 63114
- *14th, Saturday: Kirkwood Lions Club 30th Annual Trivial Night @ the Kirkwood Community Center. Doors open at 6:15pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Cost \$120 per table of 8. \$10 discount if register by Dec 14th. Includes soda and water. 50/50, Raffles, Silent Auction, Wheelbarrow of Booze. For more information contact 314-717-1260 or trivia@kirkwoodlions.org or www.kirkwoodlions.org.
- *17th, Tuesday: Maplewood & St. Louis Mid Town Lions Clubs Governor's Visit

February 2023

- 3rd – 4th: Friday – Saturday: Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum (MWF) @ DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146.
- 5th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. The matches will start at 12 pm. For more information contact Lion Roy Brunkhorst Jr. at 00(573) 459-2029 for Shooting Matches and Lion Darrell Glosemeyer at (573) 237-7029.
- *5th, Sunday: Gray Summit Lions Club 9 Pin/No Tap bowling tournament @ West County Lanes, Ellisville from 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- 17th – 19th, Friday – Sunday: District 26-M2 Convention @ DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146. www.lions26m2.org/convention.html

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March 2023

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6th, Monday: Global Action Team Meeting.

12th, Sunday: Missouri School for the Blind Open House and Lions Night. More details and RSVP opportunities will be available after the New Year.

April 2023

2nd, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. The matches will start at 12 pm. For more information contact Lion Roy Brunkhorst Jr. at 00(573) 459-2029 for Shooting Matches and Lion Darrell Glosemeyer at (573) 237-7029.

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

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

May 2023

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

June 2023

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

*7th – 11th, Friday – Tuesday: Lions Clubs International Convention @ Boston, MA.
<https://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/>



'The Lions That Roar' Editor's Note

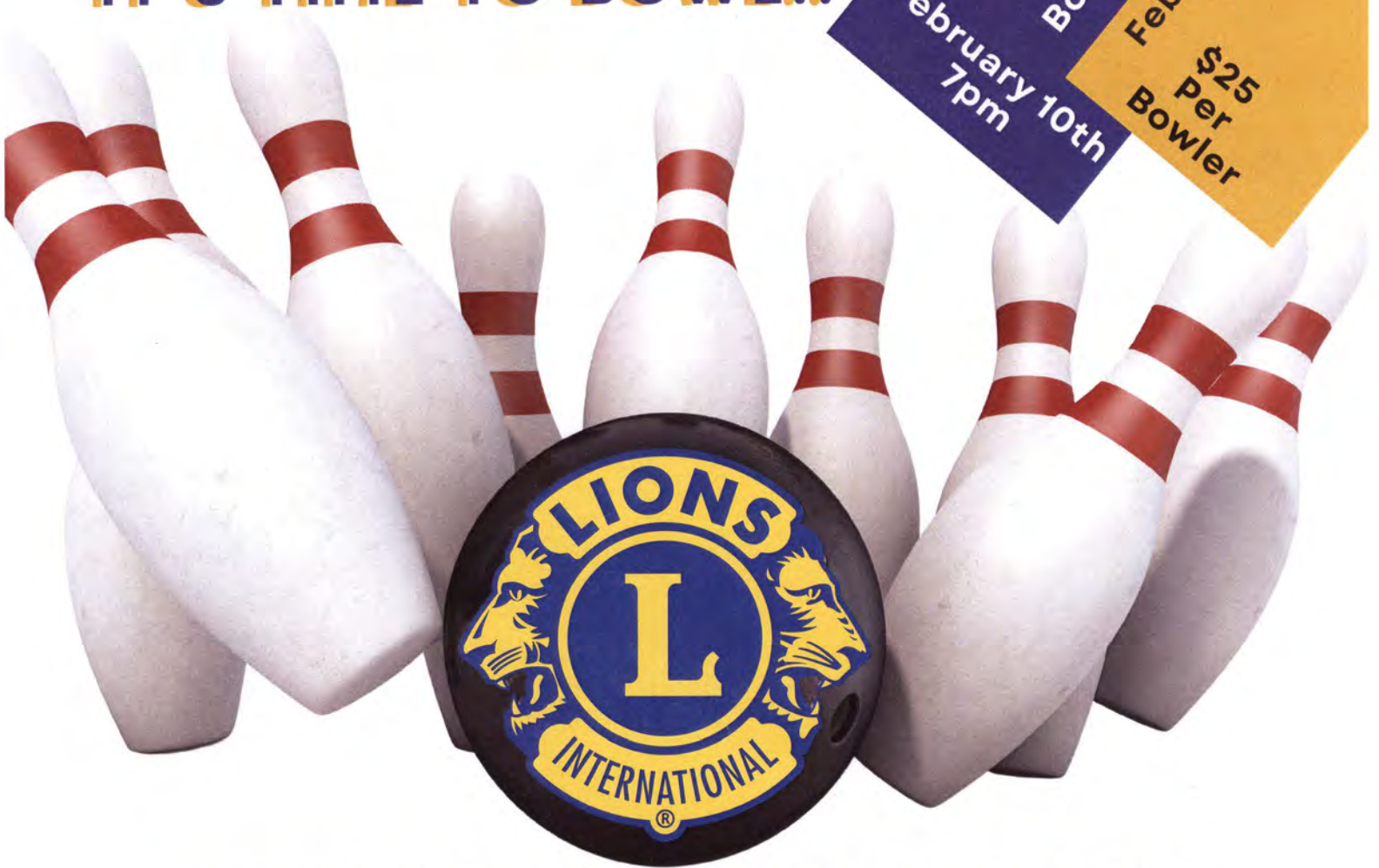
The February 2023 issue of The Lions That Roar will come out later in the month of February 2023. This will give Lions an opportunity to submit articles, photos, anecdotes, etc. from the District Convention for the February issue of the newsletter.

Please submit articles, etc. by February 23, 2023

Thank you.
Lion Dave,
Editor, TLTR

ROCK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

IT'S TIME TO BOWL!!!



\$25 Per Bowler
February 10th 7pm

\$25 Per Bowler
February 10th 7pm

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Space is limited please call or email to reserve your lane.
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PRIZE TO THE BEST BOWLERS.

Bring a non perishable food item and get a FREE soft drink!
Proceeds go to community eye care programs.

IMPERIAL BOWL
6045 West Outer Rd.
Imperial, Mo

February 10th
7pm

Come Early to Register!

30th Annual Lions Super Bowl



BAR-B-QUE

Sunday, February 12

ELKS CLUB

1459 West Fifth Street

Serving 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
\$13.00 in advance • \$15.00 at the door

Tickets Available from
Bank of Washington
Any Lions Club Member
call or email

636-667-9305

lions@lions63090.org

MENU

½ Chicken or Pork Steak
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw • Potato Salad

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THE 30th ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST

*** 100% of net proceeds go to support local charities! ***

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Saturday, Jan 14, 2023

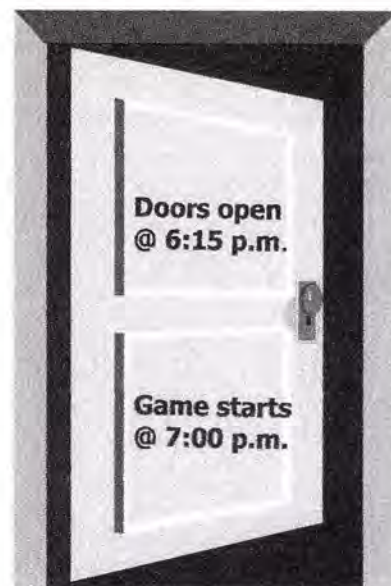
Kirkwood Community Center
111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO



Hosted by New Trivia Emcee **Shawn Sanner** of **Quest Trivia!**

Please visit www.kirkwoodlions.org or our Facebook page

- All proceeds benefit the Lions Club of Kirkwood to help toward their community and charitable works
- **Register by Dec 14th and save \$10 off registration!**
- 10 different categories of 10 questions each, a total of 100 questions.
- Each table of 8 will be scored as a team.
- Attendance prizes will be awarded.
- Complimentary soda and snacks will be served. You may bring appetizers or snacks.
- **NOTE: You may bring your own beer or wine. We will not be selling alcohol.**
- **Please drink responsibly!**
- Tables reserved on a first response basis. Please make your reservations early to guarantee a table.
- The Kirkwood Community Center is a non-smoking building.
- This is intended to be an adult only event. Please plan accordingly.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams
- Mulligans available - \$5 each or 3 for \$10 – maximum of 3 mulligans per table



QUESTIONS?? CALL 314-717-1260 or EMAIL trivia@kirkwoodlions.org

Please fill out the form below and mail with your payment

OR Register and Pay Online at <https://kirkwoodlions.ticketspice.com/kirkwood-lions-club-30th-annual-trivia-night>

(<https://tinyurl.com/27zrv85m> shortened)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____
Email _____

Please Reserve _____ Tables of eight (8) in my name at \$120 per table (**\$110 if paid by 12/14/2022**)

We would also like _____ mulligans (\$5 each or 3 for \$10 – max 3)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

I'm unable to attend, but would like to make a donation \$ _____ (Please also select one option below)

____ I would like my name listed on a donor list

____ I would like my name to remain anonymous

Your canceled check is your receipt. Original checks will be returned if there are no tables available.

Mail entry and check made payable to:

The Lions Club of Kirkwood
612 Rosewood Lane
Kirkwood, MO 63122

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



Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum

February 3rd & 4th, 2023

The GAT Team (Global Action Team) is so excited to announce the 2023 Mid-Winter Forum and we want to invite YOU! This Event will be held at the DoubleTree Westport Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri on February 3 & 4, 2023.

This is going to be an Event you won't soon forget! We will have a Hospitality Gathering on Friday evening and meaningful workshops during the day on Saturday. The cost is only \$85 per person which includes all workshops, a delicious buffet dinner Saturday night, and fabulous entertainment!

Our Early Bird Registration (@\$75) is only available until Dec. 31, 2022, so please do not delay. The registration price will be \$85 after Dec. 31st.

A block of rooms has been set aside until January 13, 2023. Please mention "Lions Mid Winter Forum" to receive a nice discount we have negotiated for the Lions. We have a fun-filled weekend planned and we want YOU to join US!

If you have questions please contact GST Coor., Lion Mary Jane Noellsch, GLT Coor., PDG Scott Sattler or GMT Coor., PDG Missy Maune ... your Missouri GAT Team! We are eager to talk to you about it! See:

<http://missourilions.org/organizations/global-action-team/gat-mid-winter-forum>

for more information

See registration form on following page!



Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum 2023 Registration

February 3rd & 4th DoubleTree Westport Hotel, St. Louis, MO 63146

Registration includes:

- Friday Night Hospitality
- Saturday workshops and speakers
- Saturday Dinner and Entertainment
- More information to come

****ANYONE ATTENDING ANY PART OF
THE FORUM WILL NEED A FULL
REGISTRATION**

**NO TICKETS ARE NEEDED OR ISSUED
BUT PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AT
ALL TIMES!!**

First Registrant

Name _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first MWF _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club _____ District 26 _____

Early Bird Registration ----- \$75.00 _____

Postmarked After December 31st ----- \$85.00 _____

Second Registrant

Name _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first MWF _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club _____ District 26 _____

Early Bird Registration ----- \$75.00 _____

Postmarked After December 31st ----- \$85.00 _____

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 DoubleTree Westport at 800-445-8667. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. They are being held until 1/13/22 at a rate of \$95.00. Make sure you mention **Lions Mid Winter Forum** to get the special rate.

15th ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held

February 17 – 19, 2023

Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport

1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146

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

The **ENTIRE** Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. 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. 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 to receive an arm band.

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.

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. Or you can book online at <https://group.doubletree.com/thrdyg> group code LIONS CLUB. After January 27, 2023, 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 2023.

Make your plans now so that you don't miss any of the **fun and fellowship**. The registration form is included in this email and we would love for you to register early so you don't forget it later and miss the great time we have planned.

You can find this and more information on our website <http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html>

2023 District 26-M2 Convention Committee

A CALL FOR THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
 To Be Held February 17th - 19th, 2023
 DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina. Director Tijerina is from San Antonio, Texas, USA and was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention in 2021. He has worked for 47 years as a professional educator and in school administration. He became a Lion in 1977 after joining the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club and continues to serve with them to this day. He and his wife, Juanita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 48 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

Tentative Schedule of Events - *Subject to Change*****

FRIDAY, February 17 TH	SATURDAY, February 18 TH	SUNDAY, February 19 TH
Registration..... 3 PM – 5 PM Hospitality 5:30 PM – 11 PM Parade of Banners 6:30 PM Live Music, Dancing & Party Time..... 7 PM – 11 PM	Registration 8 AM – 10 AM Q/A with ID Tijerina..... 8:30 AM Morning Business Session..... 9:00 AM All Lions Lunch 12 Noon – 1:00 PM District Service Project..... 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM Afternoon Business Session 1:45 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 is 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 <https://group.doubletree.com/thrdyg> group code **LIONS CLUB**. After **January 27, 2023** the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2023 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
February 17th – 19th, 2023

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 3, 2023 - 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 3, 2023.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after February 3, 2023.
 Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

Mail to: PDG Devin Struttman
 770 Oakmont Lane
 Union, MO 63084

*** **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

(October 2022 - November 2022)

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

JAMES CLINE

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 **Thursday, February 23, 2023**. Now is the time to 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.

February(23)

April
June

2023 (Later deadline)

2023
2023

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor