

# The LIONS That **ROAR**

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District 26-M2

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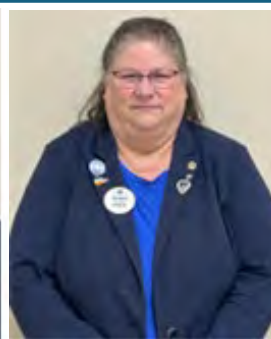
**District Governor**  
Lion Michelle Foster



**1st Vice District Governor**  
Lion Wally Brumfield



**2nd Vice District Governor**  
Lion Jeff Rackovan



**Cabinet Secretary**  
Lion Ruth Boyer



**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Joseph Schroeder

## District 26-M2 Governor Michelle's Message

### Hello Lions!

I first want to start with a Big Thank You for all you do as people and as Lions! This has been one of the best years of my life personally and with the Lions.

We are hanging strong at this moment with a positive one with membership. I hope we can keep growing strong with our passions to help others. Our District has been hit hard with the devastating storms this spring. I applied for and received an Emergency Grant from Lions Club International, and with the help of the lions of the district we have been helping when and where we can. We have supplied multiple areas items such as sheets, towels, cleaning supplies, deodorant, diapers, socks, underwear, cooked 368 meals, and more. Big Thank You to Lion Geoff Mees, Mehlville Lions for getting Fox 2 TV time to promote lions.

We still have some money left to help with if there is still need. Please reach out to me, and we will do what we can.

My year is coming to an end, and I am excited to keep serving with the incoming team District Governor Elect Wally Brumfield and 1st Vice Governor Elect Jeff Rackovan, and 2nd Vice Governor Elect Phil Karrer, as they will be bringing newer an exciting things to make this District the "Best in the State"!

Continue Reigniting those passions!

Truly has been Exciting Serving with You!

*Lion Michelle Foster,  
District Governor*

## District 26-M2 - DG-Elect Wally's Message

**Fellow Lions,**

The end of the current Lions year is here. What we have done in the past months we should be very proud. With all that we have done in the past is just a prelude to what we shall do in the coming months of the new Lions year.

Many will travel many miles in the service to those in need. Some will not be traveling far but will still be serving the needs of the community of man. If not for the people collecting used eyeglasses there would be none to distribute to those in need. We are all linked in some way or another. While there are many clubs in our District and in the state, we all share in our efforts to help those in need.

Working together as a team can be seen in the latest efforts to help those that have been affected by the recent destructive weather in St. Louis. LCIF money help replace many of the everyday items we take for granted. LCIF fund also helped pay for the hundreds of meals prepared and distributed. Melville Lions Club was the center of activity in preparing 300 meals for those in the area hard hit by the storms that moved through the St. Louis Area. This effort had many clubs coming together to help those in need. Many workers from many clubs made everything run smooth.

**ONE WORLD – ONE PEOPLE --- WE SERVE**

*Lion Wallace Brumfield,  
District Governor-Elect*

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## District 26-M2 - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-Elect Jeff's Message

**Greetings Lions of 26M2!!!**

The end of this Lionistic Year is approaching fast. Let's conclude this year on a positive note by supporting DG Michelle in reaching her goal of inspiring your passions, whatever they may be.

DG Elect Wally is preparing his year and is excited to get things moving!

It has been a busy springtime charge to obtain new membership in all clubs, doing some FANTASTIC service work! All the Health Fairs, Eye Missions and you name it, we are there making and being the difference! As of late supporting our communities in our district due to the disasters we have experienced in the past few Months.

As we turn the corner into a full and inspiring year under DG Elect Lion Wally, I am looking forward to learn and lead with Lion Wally! Supporting our newest District Governor for 2025-2026 to build and rejuvenate our service capabilities where possible. Let all Lions in the district get behind DGE Lion Wally and serve with him and our District. Let's all continue on with DG Lion Michelle's Vision and Passions

# District 26-M2 - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-Elect Jeff's Message

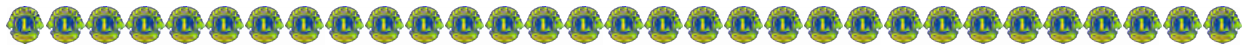
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I can't thank DG Lion Michelle Foster enough for the opportunity to serve with her on her journey to rebuild and ignite our passions with her amazing leadership! It just gives us that much more energy to go out in our communities and support those in need. Sometimes that challenge is tough, but we continue to keep our heads down, plow ahead and our hearts open to serve those in need.

To Make a difference, we need to Continue to "Be the Difference".

Yours in Service,

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



## District 26-M2

### 2024-2025 Calendar of Events

**DG Lion Michelle Foster**

Updated 02/04/2025 (\* denotes additions or changes)

[www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html](http://www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html)

#### June 2025

25th - Wednesday - Maplewood Lions are a sponsor of the Mid County Summer Concert series at 6 pm at Ryan Hummert Park - giving away books, puzzles and candy and promoting Lionism

27 – 29th, Friday – Sunday: **2025 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)** @ Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas. 615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006.

28th. Saturday: Midtown Lions Club BBQ at Missouri Council of the Blind, 5453 Chippewa. Serving at 4:00 pm.

#### July 2025

\*4th, Friday: The Kirkwood Lions will have a booth at the Kirkwood Park 4th of July celebration. They will be serving beer, Pretzel Boy pretzels and Ronnie's ice cream.

7th, Monday: Richwoods Lions Club Auction @ Richwoods Lions Club, 10645 Highway A, Richwoods, MO 63071.

13th – 17th, Sunday – Thursday: **Lions Clubs International Convention @ Orlando, FL**

21st, Monday: Richwoods Lions Club Auction @ Richwoods Lions Club, 10645 Highway A, Richwoods, MO 63071.

23rd - Wednesday - Maplewood Lions are a sponsor of the Mid County Summer Concert series at 6 pm at Ryan Hummert Park - giving away books, puzzles and candy and promoting Lionism.

26th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Jefferson City, MO

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**District 26-M2**  
**2024-2025 Calendar of Events**

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**August 2025**

4th, Monday: Richwoods Lions Club Auction @ Richwoods Lions Club, 10645 Highway A, Richwoods, MO 63071.

18th, Monday: Richwoods Lions Club Auction @ Richwoods Lions Club, 10645 Highway A, Richwoods, MO 63071.

23rd, Saturday: Midwestern Braille Volunteers 12th Annual Trivia Night @ Crestwood Community Center at Whitecliff Park, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Trivia begins at 6:45 pm. \$25/person includes beer, wine, soft drinks, No outside alcohol allowed. Bring your snacks. Visit [www.mbvola.org](http://www.mbvola.org) for fly or registration form. Or Contact Courtney or Loretta at [mwvbol@gmail.com](mailto:mwvbol@gmail.com) or 314-966-5828.

23rd - Saturday - Maplewood Lions are sponsoring a game day for visually impaired community at the MSB building on Chippewa. Doors open at noon, play begins at 1 pm. Snacks, drinks, attendance prizes, pot of gold available. Any questions contact lion Anna Schell - 314-647-7166

23rd – 24th, Saturday – Sunday: 1VDG Leader Dog Visit @ Leader Dogs Campus in MI. This is for the 1st Vice District Governors in MD26 Missouri.

27th - Wednesday - Maplewood Lions are a sponsor of the Mid County Summer Concert series at 6 pm at Ryan Hummert Park - giving away books, puzzles and candy and promoting Lionism.

\*30th, Saturday: The Freedom 13 Memorial Ride. Go to their website to get more information: <https://thefreedom13.org/>

**September 2025**

\* 7th, Sunday: House Springs Lions Car, Bike and Truck Show. 9 am-4 pm. \$15 per entrant. Dash plaque for first 100 in Show. BBQ, beer, music, raffles. Various trophy class categories (see flyer). DJ. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051 (enter from Dulin Creek Road). For information contact Lion Gary [garymeineke@aol.com](mailto:garymeineke@aol.com) (636-222-0949) or Lion Jim [jimm69.us@gmail.com](mailto:jimm69.us@gmail.com) (314-401-3964). RAIN DATE: September 14th.

\*11th, Thursday: Southside Lions Annual Golf Tournament @ Oak Valley Golf Course, 1230 Abbey Lane, Pevely, MO 63070. 10:30 am registration, 11:00 lunch, 12:30 pm Shotgun start. For more information, contact Lion Phil Johnson 314-882-7653 for [phljohnson08@gmail.com](mailto:phljohnson08@gmail.com) .

18th – 20th: **Thursday – Saturday: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** @ Atlantic City, NJ

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**September 2025**

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24th - Wednesday - Maplewood Lions are a sponsor of the Mid County Summer Concert series at 6 pm at Ryan Hummert Park - giving away books, puzzles and candy and promoting Lionism

26th – 27th, Friday – Saturday: Saving Sight Board Meeting @ St. Louis, MO

**October 2025**

25th. Saturday: Midtown Lions Club BBQ at Missouri Council of the Blind, 5453 Chippewa. Serving at 4:00 pm.

25th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ Jefferson City, MO



**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.  
(April 2025 – May 2025)

**BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB**

SETH PURSCHKE

**ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB**

DAN MCGRATH

**MEHLVILLE LIONS CLUB**

VINCE ROBERTIN

KELLY SAULTZ

WENDY SAULTZ

**VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB**

JACQUELINE M LAWRENCE

ADAM W WALLIS

ELLEN D WALLIS

**ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB**

DAVID MANISCALCO

NICHOLAS TIEPELMAN

**WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB**

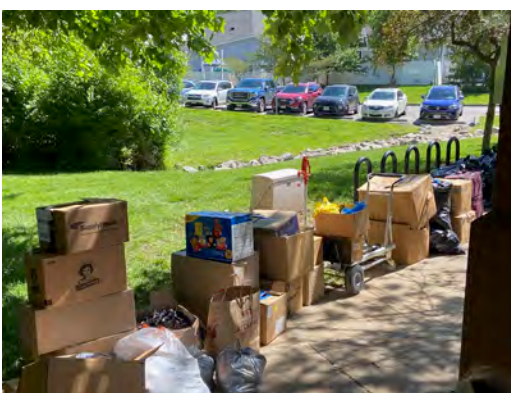
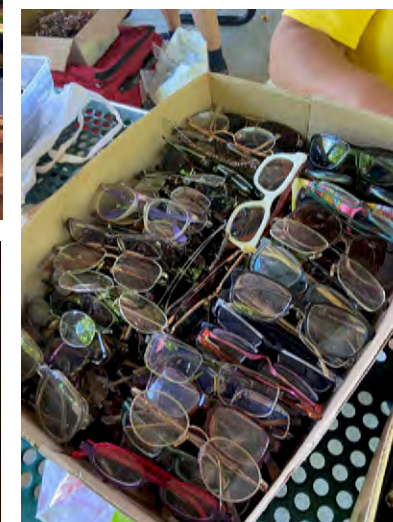
DREW M. HERRICK

SARAH B. HOPP

BRIAN WATSON



Pictures from the District 26-M2 Eye Wrap  
held Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Wildwood Anniversary Park.



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held Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Wildwood Anniversary Park  
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Pictures from the District 26-M2 Picnic  
held Sunday, June 8, 2025, at Wildwood Anniversary Park.



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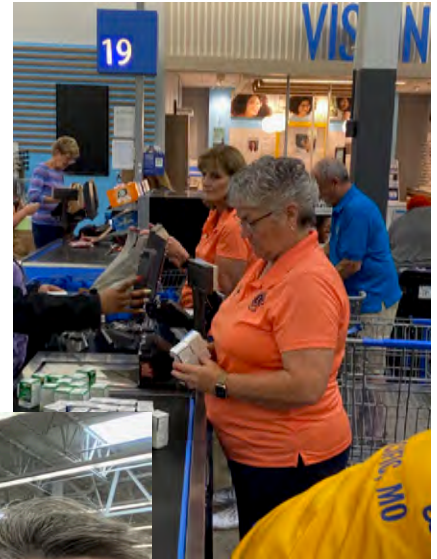


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## District 26-M2 Lions Tornado Disaster Relief

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And cooking 368 meals!



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# House Springs Lions Cruisin' for KidSight

Saturday, July 12

Register at 10 am at Hot Spot

Leave at 11 am

\$25 a rider

First 50 riders get a t-shirt

Biscuit & gravy breakfast, dinner, and a poker hand  
included in registration fee.



## Stops include:

- . Hot Spot
- . Dew Drop Inn
- . Kenny's Place
- . Bar Room 051
- . Hot Spot

Additional poker hands are \$5  
50/50 raffle throughout the ride

Contact Gary with questions at  
636-222-0949





# 5th Annual PDG Mystery Tour

The date is set for August 16, 2025, and we are planning another awesome trip to raise funds for KidSight.



In the past we've visited wineries, distilleries, had our picture taken with several historical statues, taken a behind the scene tour of Faust Park, and received updates from KidSight staff and board.

"An awesome time," said everyone who has been on prior trips.

We will have a great day on August 16 filled with fun and adventure.

**In addition to the mystery stops, we will have on-board snacks and refreshments, trivia, raffle baskets, and a lot of laughs.**

As in the past, there will be two pick-up and drop-off points. Depart Washington commuter lot next to 111 East 14th Street at 8:15 am and depart the commuter lot in Valley Park NLT at 9:15 am. The current plan is to arrive back in Valley Park no later than 8:00 pm.

Don't be left out — tickets are \$100 per person. Make checks payable to KidSight.

Tickets available on a first come, first served basis.

For tickets contact PCC Al Blumenberg @314-606-5568 or PCC Joe Foster @ 573-259-7700.

The Mystery Tour is sponsored by Missouri Lions MD26-2 PDGs.

You can also pay by credit card via through the KidSight website, [www.kid-sight.org/events/](http://www.kid-sight.org/events/)





# The Freedom 13

2025  
ANGELS OF  
ABBEY GATE  
MEMORIAL RIDE

SATURDAY AUG 30, 2025

(RAIN DATE 9/13/25) GO TO [WWW.THEFREEDOM13.ORG](http://WWW.THEFREEDOM13.ORG)

EVENTS PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION  
GET TICKETS BY SCANNING SCAN QR CODE)



TICKETS



MARINE LCPL  
JARED SCHMITZ



26 AUG 21



[www.TheFreedom13.org](http://www.TheFreedom13.org)

## COME BE A PART OF THE BIGGEST RIDE OF THE YEAR (CARS, TRUCKS, JEEPS & BIKES)

LIVE MUSIC: HORNS UP & TRIxie DELIGHT  
FOOD TRUCKS

DRINK TRUCK (ALCOHOLIC & NONALCOHOLIC)

50/50 RAFFLE & CRANE GOLFBALL DROP

PREREGISTRATION HIGHLY ENCOURAGED AS WE ONLY  
HAVE ROOM FOR 2,500 EVENT ATTENDEES

RIDE LAUNCHES AT ALL SELECT LOCATIONS (SEE EVENTS PAGE FOR FULL LIST)

ALL RIDERS CONVERGE ON JEFFERSON BARRACKS PARK AMPHITHEATER

RIDERS PRE-REGISTER \$30/PARTICIPANT (INCLUDES T-SHIRT WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

DAY OF RIDE REGISTRATION \$40/PARTICIPANT

VENDORS GATES OPEN NOON

RIDERS/PARTICIPANTS GATES OPEN AT 2PM

GENERAL PUBLIC \$25 GATES OPEN AT 3PM



# THE FREEDOM13

Veteran's .ORG

## Recreational Retreat

### OUR MISSION

50 CAMPS IN 50 STATES

50,000+ TOTAL ACRES

650 HOMES

ALL FOR VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

Please consider  
joining our  
monthly giving  
program for  
only \$13/mth



USMC LCPL Jared Schmitz  
KIA 8.26.21 only 20 yrs old  
Abbey Gate  
Kabul, Afghanistan





## Hillsboro Lions Club Events

### HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB BBQs

2nd Friday of each month

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (or sell out)

200 Main St., Hillsboro, MO (Chuck Telle Parking Lot)

Friday	Jun 13
Friday	Jul 11
Friday	Aug 08
Friday	Sep 12
Friday	Oct 10



### Hillsboro Lions Club World Sight Day

Saturday, September 27

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

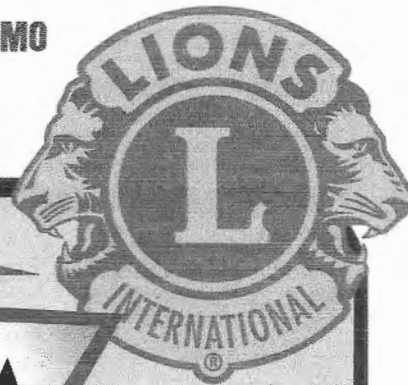
Hillsboro Civic Center

10349 Bus 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050

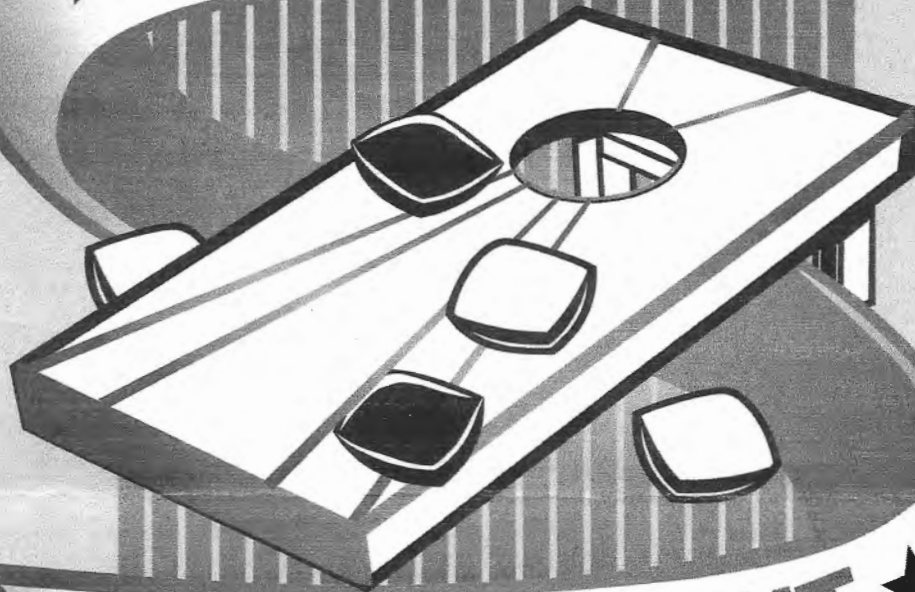
Includes a District Eye Mission and Peace Poster Contest



**BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB** 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT**



★ **CORNHOLE** ★



★ **TOURNAMENT** ★

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:15PM**  
**PLAY STARTS AT 7PM**



**BRING YOUR OWN BAGS**  
**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!**  
**\$5 LAST MAN STANDING**  
**6 GAME GUARANTEE**  
**AIRMAIL TICKETS TO BE SOLD**

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCOREHOLIO APP - TOURNAMENT WILL BE RUN OFF THIS APP.**  
**FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT SETH PURSCHKE AT 314-852-4753**





# **BINGO** IN **BEAUFORT** *Every Friday Night*

THE GAMES  
BEGIN AT **6:30 PM**

FULL BAR & FULL MEAL AVAILABLE  
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT  
COFFEE & SOFT DRINKS  
AND FINGER FOODS TO ORDER

**BINGO**  
**PULL TABS**  
**PROGRESSIVE**  
**QUEEN OF HEARTS**



**BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB**

2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013  
(573) 484-3790





# House Springs Lions Car, Bike, & Truck Show

The Show will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs.

**Note:** Enter the Knights of Columbus Hall from Dulin Creek Road.

## Trophy Classes

### Cars Non-Stock/Non-OEM

A	1931 thru 1969
B	1970 thru 1989
C	1990 thru 2010
D	2011 thru Present

### Cars Stock-OEM

E	1931 thru 1969
F	1970 thru 1989
G	1990 thru 2010
H	2011 thru Present

### Trucks Non-Stock/Non-OEM

I	1931 thru 1969
J	1970 thru 1989
K	1990 thru 2010
L	2011 thru Present

### Trucks Stock-OEM

M	1931 thru 1969
N	1970 thru 1989
O	1990 thru 2010
P	2011 thru Present

### Special Classes

Q	Corvette up to 1982
R	Corvette 1983 thru 2004
S	Corvette 2005 thru Present
T	Mustang up to 1978
U	Mustang 1979 thru 2004
V	Mustang 2005 thru Present
W	Special Interest
X	Street Rod
Y	Rat Rod

### Motorcycle Classes

1	Up to 2000
2	2001 thru Present

### Additional Trophies for

Ladies Choice (Car or Motorcycle)
Best of Show (Car)
Best Engine (Car)
Best Interior (Car)
Best of Show (Motorcycle)
Best Chrome (Motorcycle)
Best Paint (Motorcycle)

## SUNDAY

## 9/7/2025

## 9:00-4:00

Rain Date - 9/14/2025



**\$15.00 Entrant Fee for Show**  
**Dash Plaque for 1st 100 in Show**

**BBQ • Beer • Raffles • Music**

**For information contact**  
**Gary 636-222-0949 or email at [garymeineke@aol.com](mailto:garymeineke@aol.com)**  
**OR**  
**Jim 314-401-3964 or email at [jimm69.us@gmail.com](mailto:jimm69.us@gmail.com)**



FOR MIDWESTERN BRAILLE  
VOLUNTEERS & OTHER  
SIDESIDE LIONS CHARITIES

**THURSDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 11, 2025**

**OAK VALLEY GOLF COURSE**

1230 ABBEY LN • PEVELY, MO 63070

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS



SCAN QR CODE TO  
**REGISTER**  
OR VISIT  
[SOUTHSIDELIONS.COM](https://southsidelions.com)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT  
LION PHIL JOHNSON AT 314-882-7653  
OR EMAIL AT [PHLJOHNSON08@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PHLJOHNSON08@GMAIL.COM)**



## THE DETAILS

### 4-PERSON SCRAMBLE

10:30 AM • REGISTRATION

11:00 AM • LUNCH

12:30 PM • SHOTGUN START

### ENTRY INCLUDES

LUNCH • REFRESHMENTS ON COURSE • DINNER  
A-B-C FLIGHTS • \$10,000 HOLE-IN-ONE • LONGEST  
DRIVE • CLOSEST TO PIN • STRAIGHTEST DRIVE

### HOLE SPONSOR

ADD A SIGN ON THE TEE OR GREEN WITH YOUR  
COMPANY LOGO OR AD COPY

**AD COPY** \_\_\_\_\_

**BUSINESS CARD PROGRAM AD: \$75.00**

YOU CAN SUBMIT A BUSINESS CARD SIZE AD (3.5" X 2")  
TO BE FEATURED IN THE PROGRAM





**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
**CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB**  
**TRIVIA**  
**NIGHT**  
**& SILENT AUCTION**



**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**14088 Clayton Rd.**  
**Chesterfield, MO 63017**

- **\$30 PER TICKET / \$240 PER TABLE (8 PER TEAM)**
- **DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7PM**
- **FREE DRINKS**
- **ATTENDANCE PRIZES**
- **CASH PRIZES**

**All proceeds go toward providing assistance in our community & supporting local organizations such as:**

- Circle of Concern
- Lafayette Industries
- St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf
- Delta Gamma Foundation
- the St. Louis Eye Care Committee
- And More!



**Call 636-733-0425**  
**to Reserve Your**  
**Table Now!**

**Mail Checks To:**  
**Janet Weinrich**  
**15201 Olive Blvd. Apt. 425**  
**Chesterfield, MO 63017**

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



## **Please Remember These Lions**

(April 2025 – May 2025)

### **FENTON LIONS CLUB**

KEITH D SPECKHALS

### **MEHLVILLE LIONS CLUB**

DEANNA FEY STARK

DONALD J. PALUCZAK

### **NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB**

DAVID L STEIGER

### **PEVELY LIONS CLUB**

WILLIAM J HUTCHINGS

**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 **August 12, 2025**. 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](mailto: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 2025 – 2026. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month of publication.

August	2025
October	2025
December	2025
February	2026
April	2026
June	2026

Thank you,  
Lion Dave, Editor