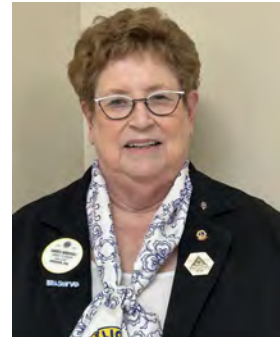


The LIONS That **ROAR**

Volume 18 Issue 6

District 26-M2

June 2026



District Governor

Lion Wally Brumfield

1st Vice District Governor

Lion Kelly Rackovan

2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Phillip Karrer

Cabinet Secretary

PDG Lion Sandee Marshall

Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Joseph Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Wally's Message

My Fellow Lions,

This past year has been a blast. Visiting so many clubs and meeting so many wonderful LIONS has been a great pleasure.

Some short notes and remarks about the future because the past is the past. We remember the past to learn about what works and what needs to be modified.

As LIONS we must always take care of each other, we must never lose the idea that we are family.

We must help those LIONS that may be thinking of leaving our family. Find the problem and then work to restore the flames that seem to be dimming.

Keep the FUN in fundraising, recruit new members not just new workers.

Let people know why we do the things we do. Car shows and mouse races are front and center, but do people know why we do these things and where the funds raised are going?

LCIF plays an important part in our organization, and our support must remain strong. We get so much more than what we give.

There are so many things that I could try to say here but I do not want to beat a dead horse so in closing I would like to just say that I have been proud to serve as you District Governor this past year.

ONE WORLD ---- ONE PEOPLE --- WE SERVE

*Lion Wallace Brumfield,
District Governor*

District 26-M2 – DGE Kelly’s Message

Hello Lions,

I can’t thank DG Wally Brumfield enough for the opportunity to serve with him on his journey! 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. Keep that momentum going.

Coming up June/July dates are being set for training sessions for Club Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretary's, Treasurer's and Club Administrators. Zone Chair training went great and such a great turnout. Thank you!!

Information will be sent out to Club Presidents and Secretary's as soon as the dates are confirmed.

The end of this lionistic year is here. So, everyone have a great summer and support other clubs with their activities. Hope to see everyone at the August 3rd Cabinet Meeting.

To make a difference, we, as Lions, have to BEE the Difference!!

*Lion Kelly Rackovan,
District Governor Elect*

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District 26-M2 – 1st VDGE Phil’s Message

Hi Everyone,

This year has gone by so fast. I am grateful for all of support I have received. It has been great getting to meet so many great Lions that I didn’t know before. Looking ahead we are in for a great year coming up with DGE Kelly coming in. If there is one thing I hope everyone took away from this year is the excitement and satisfaction you can obtain by being a Lion. On a personal note, I want to thank all of those that attended and helped put on a great district picnic. We had so much fun and fellowship. I would also like to thank Governor Wally for all of his efforts this past year and for allowing me to proudly serve by his side. Thank you all.

*Lion (pretty in pink) Phil Karrer,
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.

(April 2026 – May 2026)

FENTON LIONS CLUB

CHASE D SICKBERT

RICHWOODS LIONS CLUB

AN HUSKEY

MICHAEL HUSKEY

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

RUSS E BALLINGER

AMANDA B CARRASCO

JUAN CARRASCO

JOHN W DAINS

DONNA L DILL-DAINS

CURTIS L MOORE

CLIFF WILMS

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

ROSEMARY BRYANT

ROLAND MURE

LYNN J PELKER

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

BRITTA K BLECKMAN



District 26-M2

2025-2026 Calendar of Events

DG Lion Wally Brumfield

Updated 04/06/2026 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

June 2026

- *1st, Monday: Zone 7 Meeting and Dessert Bake-off @ Overland Lions Club, 2358 Lackland Rd. Meet and Greet 6:00 pm. 6:30 pm Meeting begins. Guest speaker from the Fischer House. Dinner \$5.
- 2nd, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.
- 5th, Friday: Mid-South Annual Golf Tournament @ Cherokee Valley Golf Club. 6635 Crumpler Blvd. Olive Branch, MS 38654. More details coming soon.
- 6th, Saturday: Mid-South Annual Board and Membership Meeting @ The Hamilton Eye Institute. 930 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103. More details coming soon.
- 6th, Saturday: Route 66 Cars & Guitars Festival. Kirkwood Lions will have a booth selling Ronnie's Ice Cream & Water.
- *6th, Saturday: Pacific Lions Trivia: Help us purchase a handicap ramp @319 W. Meramec, Pacific, MO 63069. Doors open at 6:30 pm. First question at 7:00pm. \$20 per person Beer and soda included. RSVP to Lion Pam 636-675-3186

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DG Lion Wally Brumfield

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June 2026 (Continued)

- *6th, Saturday: ACW Live Pro Wrestling Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. First match starts at 6:00p.m. Front row tickets \$10, General admission \$5. Get tickets at ACWTHESHOW.COM or at door on the night of the show.
- 7th, Sunday: District 26-M2 Picnic @ Tilles Park: 9551 Litzsinger Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124 - Windegger Shelter. 11:00 am - ????. Food (Burgers and dogs and water provided), Music, Activities Available. Everyone is welcome — bring your family and friends! Bring a dish or dessert to share. Coolers are welcome but no glass containers please. Please RSVP to 1VDGE Phil Karrer by June 1st at 314-397-1070 or Lionsphilandlyn@yahoo.com.
- 9th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.
- 14th, Sunday: Celebration of Life for PDG Leon Hove @ Washington Elks Hall, 1459 W. 5th St, Washington, MO. Time: 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Please RSVP to Lion Vickey Engel 314-435-5066 or Vickeye_Engel@yahoo.com.
- 16th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.
- 20th, Saturday: Gerald Lions Club 2nd Annual Fireworks Celebration @ Gerald City Park. Celebrating America's 250th Birthday! Starts at 9:30 pm Food trucks starting at 6:30 pm
- 23rd, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.
- 27th, Saturday: Cuba Lions Club Car Cruise In & Route 66 One Hundred Year Celebration. Food trailers, 50/50 drawing, silent auction, mural tours. At Cuba Lion's Den, 110 Buchanan, Cuba, MO. Starts at 11am.

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June 2026 (Continued)

30th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

July 2026

2nd – 6th, Tuesday – Monday: Lions Clubs International Convention @ Hong Kong, China

4th, Saturday: Kirkwood Lions are selling beer, Pretzel Boys pretzels, Ronnie's ice cream, soda, Gatorade & water @ Kirkwood Freedom Festival & Fireworks at Kirkwood Park. Time: 5 pm -10 pm.

4th, Saturday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be selling beer, soda, water, nachos and Ted Drews ice cream in Bluebird Park for the City of Ellisville's 4th of July Celebration. BBQ and drink vendors 7 - 9:15 p.m. Music by Well Hungarians. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

7th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

14th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

17th – 19th: Friday – Sunday: 24th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute @ Baker University, 615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006. Registration Fee is US \$220 if received by April 30, 2026, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning May 1, 2026, the base fee increases to US \$240. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to PID Hans Neidhardt, 2744 E Ironstone St, Park City, Kansas 67219. Application Deadline: June 1, 2026. Applications will not be accepted without full payment. Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (Friday and Saturday) at Baker University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in will take place at the Harter Student Union from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, July 17th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, July 19th.

<https://kansaslions.org/gplli-and-fdi>. (Continued on next page)

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July 2026 (Continued)

21st, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

28th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

August 2026

*8th, Saturday: St. Clair Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament @ Meramec Lakes Golf Course. \$90 per person – two-person scramble. 9:00 am tee time. Includes green fees, catered dinner, cart and multiple flights. Call Jay Rice 314-574-6420 to sign up.

11th, Tuesday: The Chesterfield Lions Club will be cooking hot dogs and brats to be sold at the Chesterfield Regional Chamber's 39th Annual concert Series in Faust Park, 15185 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield, MO. Free admission. Food and beverage available for purchase. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 6 p.m. Music from 7 to 9 p.m.

*14th, Friday: Mid-South Virtual Duck Races. To adopt a duck or for more information <https://ezvirtualrace.com/mid-south-duck-race/>.

22nd, Saturday: The Maplewood Lions are sponsoring a Game Day for the Blind community on Saturday, August 22nd. Doors open at 12, play begins at 1 pm at the MCB building on Chippewa. contact Lion Anna Schell with questions - 314-722-3138





Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Calendar of Events

- February 27 – M6 Eye Mission in Joplin (Joplin Assoc. for the Blind) – 10 AM-2 PM
- February 28 – M2 Eye Mission in St Clair (City Hall) – 10 AM-2 PM
- March 5 – M6 Eye Mission in Kimberling City (4 Ozark Seniors)
- March 12 – M6 Eye Mission in Branson (Our Lady of the Lake)
- March 14 – M5 Eye Mission in Liberty (Liberty Community Center) – 9 AM-1 PM
- March 21 – M4 Eye Mission in Maryville (St. Gregory)
- March 27-28 – MD26 International Eye Mission in Monterrey, Mexico
- April 7 – M2 Eye Mission in Bonne Terre (Rural Parish Clinic)
- April 11 – M2 Eye Mission in St Louis (SLU)
- April 18 – M5 Eye Mission in Nevada – 9 AM-1 PM
- April 20 – M4 Eye Mission in Keytesville
- April 21 – M5 Eye Mission in Raytown
- April 24 – M4 Eye Mission in St Joseph – 10 AM-2 PM (during Lions State Convention)
- May 23 – M5 Eye Mission in Lee's Summit
- May 30 – M4 Eye Mission in Kearney (M4 Cabinet Meeting)
- August 2 – M5 Eye Mission in Lexington
- August 29 – M5 Eye Mission in Kansas City (34th Street Festival)
- September 12 – M1 Eye Mission in Charleston (MS County Health Dept.) – 10 AM-2 PM
- November 7 – M1 Eye Mission in Waynesville (Waypoint United Methodist) – 10 AM-2 PM

Wildwood Area Lions Club

The Wildwood Area Lions Club is selling its Mouse Race Equipment shown below. All of the equipment is in good condition. The club will entertain all offers.

The Wildwood Club is also willing to show the buyer how to run a successful charity event using this equipment, from start to finish of event. This includes selling sponsorships, event program, betting calculations, payouts, mice handling, and MCing event.

For more details they can contact:

Lion Larry Sontag

314.503.0020



**Come Celebrate
Route 66's 100th Birthday
& Cuba Mural Day
with us!**



Saturday June 27th 11am

at the Lion's Den
110 Buchanan Cuba, MO

**Cruise In, Music, 50/50 tickets
Food Truck Roundup, and more!**

Sponsored by Cuba Arts Council and the Cuba Lions Club

BINGO

Night

**\$20 for
Adults
\$10 for
kids**

Brought to
you by your
**Wildwood
Area Lions**

Each ticket allows for 10 Bingo Cards and 1 free drink.

*We will be providing prizes for each round, 10 in all,
with the best prize at the end!*

WEDNESDAY

**REGISTRATION AT THE
DOOR 5:30 PM
BEGINS AT 6 PM**

**JULY
22**

**Good News Brewing
2603 West Ave.
Wildwood, MO 63040**



Virtual Duck Race

Aug 14th - Four State Races
Aug 21st - Championship Race

Adopt Your Ducks Now

\$5 - 1 Duck
\$20 - 5 Ducks
\$50 - 15 Ducks

Proceeds Help
Provide
Sight & Hearing
Care for Those
In Need!

Visit Website
to Enter the Race
and to View
Prizes!



MidSouthDuckRace.com



MidSouthLions.org



Thank You Sponsors!



No Purchase Required to Enter. Official Rules Online.



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

9/13/2026

9:00-4:00

Rain Date - 9/20/2026



A special award will be given to the Club with the most entries.

\$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
OR

Jim 314-401-3964 or email at jimm69.us@gmail.com



Join Us for the

6th Annual

MYSTERY TOUR

A KidSight Fundraiser, sponsored by PDGs

Saturday, September 26, 2026

A Day of Fun, Adventure and Mystery!

- Mystery Stops!
- On-Board Snacks & Trivia!
- Raffles & Laughter!

📍 Depart Washington Commuter Lot
next to 111 E. 14th St. at 8:15 AM

📍 Depart Valley Park Commuter Lot
no later than 9:15 AM

TICKETS: \$100 Per Person (Make Check Payable to KidSight)

DON'T MISS OUT! Call for Tickets:

- PCC Al Blumenberg: 314-606-5568
- PCC Joe Foster: 573-259-7700



Returning to Valley Park by 8:00 PM!



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

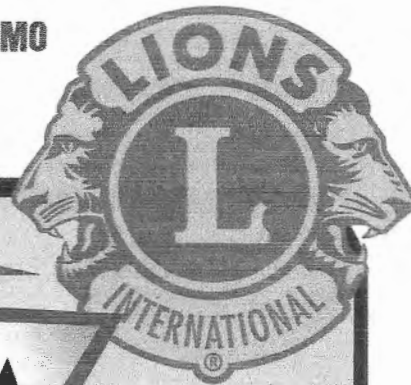
BINGO
PULL TABS
PROGRESSIVE
QUEEN OF HEARTS



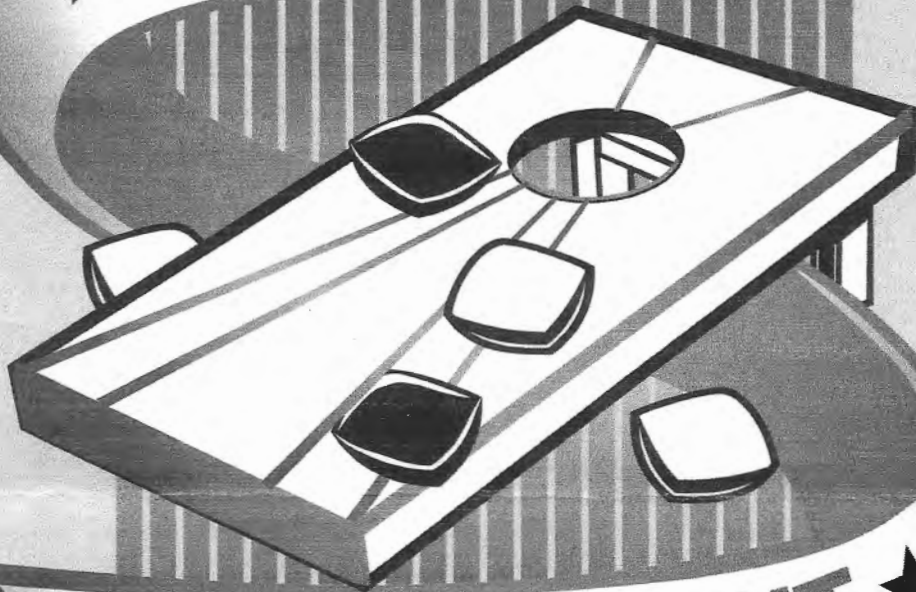
BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

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

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

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 2026 – May 2026)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

KENNETH R GAPSCH
ARTHUR R PALECEK

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

GEORGE R ALBIN III

DE SOTO LIONS CLUB

HAROLD P REES

ST CLAIR LIONS CLUB

JOSEPH DAVIS

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

JOSEPH P KURKOWSKI

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

RUDOLPH H JOHNSON

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, 2026**. 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” ***tentative*** schedule for the Lion year of 2026 – 2027. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

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| August | 2026 |
| October | 2026 |
| December | 2026 |
| February | 2027 |

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor