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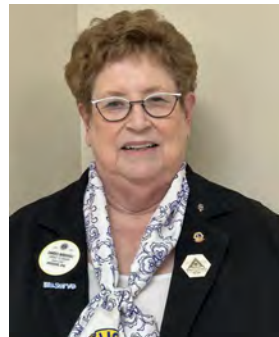
District Governor
Lion Kelly Rackovan



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Phil Karrer



2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Sandy Halama



Cabinet Secretary
PDG Lion Sandee Marshall



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Joseph Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Kelly's Message

Greetings Lions of 26-M2,

Here we are, a new Lions Year, making a lot of moves and initiating and maintaining fantastic service for our communities! The new Lions Year is in full swing!! There are a lot of activities, fundraising events and service projects in motion. A lot of clubs are wrapping up their summer events and services to only begin planning their fall programs. Summer will turn to fall soon but that doesn't limit us for the amazing service to our organizations and communities.

What a fantastic organization we all belong to. Let's all plan to move forward, establish membership, service and outreach. This is all so exciting! Let's keep the momentum going and make things happen!!

As we turn the corner into a full and inspiring year ahead. I am looking forward to leading and supporting our District to build and rejuvenate our service capabilities where possible.

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

Yours in Service,

*Lion Kelly Rackovan,
District Governor*

District 26-M2 – 1st VDG Phil's Message

Fellow Lions,

We are off and running to a new and exciting year. We will have lots of opportunities for Service in our communities. If you have time and are available, feel free to lend a hand with any other club's projects. We are all Lions working towards the same goal of serving. If the club doesn't need assistance, then you can participate and talk about Lions. Don't forget to wear your Lions pin proudly wherever you go or your Lions shirt or vest.

On a side note, Lion Lyn would like everyone to help out by submitting a recipe. She will be putting a recipe book together to be for sale to anyone with the proceeds to go to LCIF. As always thank you all for your hard work and support. Remember our new International Presidents Theme is "Rooted in Service".

*Lion Phil Karrer,
1st 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.
(June 2026 - July 2026)

BONHOMME LIONS CLUB

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DE SOTO LIONS CLUB

DANIEL SILLS

EUREKA LIONS CLUB

ANTHONY HARRELL
TERRY MOORE
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FERGUSON LIONS CLUB

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ROBERT BARGER
MARIA PAGE

PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

AMANDA SIMMS

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

AUSTIN N WEBSTER

District 26-M2
2025-2026 Calendar of Events
DG Lion Kelly Rackovan

Updated 07/28/2026 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

August 2026

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

*24th, Monday: Chesterfield Lions Club Annual Club Picnic @ Chesterfield City Park. More details to come.

*26th, Wednesday: Maplewood Lions will be giving away books, puzzles and candy at the Mid County Concert at Ryan Hummert park in Maplewood from 6-8 pm.

September 2026

3rd – 5th: Thursday – Saturday: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum @ Memphis, TN. Hosted by the Lions of Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, and Mississippi.

*10th, Thursday: Southside Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament @ Oak Valley Golf Course, 1230 Abbey Lane, Pevely, MO 63070. Check-in: 10:30 am, Shotgun start at Noon. \$150 per player/\$600 per team. www.southsidelions.com/golf-tournament

11th – 12th, Friday – Saturday: Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ General Grant Center, 8400 Watson Rd. 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

12th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Annual Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. \$20 registration fee. 9:00-11:00 am registration, judging starts at 11:00 am. 2:00 pm awards presentation. \$15 shine & show (not judged). Food and beverages available. Silent auction, 50/50 raffle. Rain date is September 19th.

13th, 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). 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 (636-222-0949) or Lion Jim jimm69us@gmail.com (314-401-3964).

*14th, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club. Time: 7:00 pm

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September 2026 (Continued)

- *19 September, **WORLD SIGHT DAY** for children and adults, sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions Club. FREE admission, FREE services, FREE picnic lunch, FREE eyeglasses provided by **The LIONS EYE MISSION**. FREE **LIONS HEARING TESTING**. Health and nutrition, wellness, happiness and transportation vendors will be show-casing their information and services. Location: The Hillsboro Community Civic Club, 10345 Business 21, Hillsboro, MO 63050. Contact Lion Janice or Lion Gary, gary9422@yahoo.com (636-789-2029) or Lion Elizabeth Vreeland, elizabethvreeland@att.net (636-7893334, ext. 5).
- *23rd, Wednesday: Maplewood Lions will be giving away books, puzzles and candy at the Mid County Concert at Ryan Hummert park in Maplewood from 6-8 pm.
- 26th, Saturday: Gerald Lions Fall Festival @ Legion Park, 430 E. Fitzgerald Ave, Gerald, MO 63037. Time: 11 am – 4 pm. Craft vendors, barrel rides, food and ice cream. Free admission. For more information: glcfallfestival@gmail.com or 573-617-7263.
- 26th, Saturday: 6th Annual Mystery Tour – A KidSight Fundraiser. A day of fun, adventure and mystery. Mystery stops. On-board snacks and trivia. \$100 per person (you can make the checks payable to KidSight). Call for tickets PCC Al Blumenberg 314-606-5568 or PCC Joe Foster 573-259-7700.

October 2026

- *5th, Monday: District 26-M2 Cabinet Meeting @ Elks Lodge, 19 W. 1s Street, Eureka, MO 63025. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm and break for dinner at 7:00.
- *22nd, Thursday: Maplewood Lions will be giving away books, puzzles and candy at the Maplewood Great Pumpkin Glow in Maplewood from 6-8 pm.
- *24th, Saturday: Southside Lions “Gus Heck Trivia Night” @ The Pavillion at Lemay, 305 Gregg Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Beer, wine, soda. \$200 per table. \$100/round sponsorship. www.southsidelions.com/trivia-night-and-affle/

Did you know?



DGCKids: Day of Giving

August 26-27, 2026

During this 32-hour Day of Giving, every \$1 you give = \$4 of impact, thanks to matching donors. Your generosity will turn into even more support for children with visual impairments and their families.

Lion Nikki Hull

NEW DISTRICT DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

District Governor Kelly Rackovan and Lion Pam Manuel have worked very hard to edit the 2026-2027 District directories and have them ready for distribution on August 3rd at the Cabinet meeting. If your club was not represented at the meeting, your club's copies were given to your Zone Chair. They are bright yellow and bear DG Kelly's theme: **BEE THE DIFFERENCE !**

Despite many crosschecks and collaborations, mistakes and omissions still happen. These are the needed corrections identified so far...

Note: The front pages of the book are numbered 1 through 26 and the back section is numbered 1 through 43.

Front Section

Pg. 14 Beaufort Treasurer, PDG Michelle Foster, 673-259-7177

Pg. 15 Chesterfield Lions, 6:15 social, 6:30 meeting

Back Section

Pg. 5 PDG David Leicht, deceased

Pg. 19 Tiffany Boyer, 636-369-0044, tboyer504@gmail.com

Pg. 21 Donna Dill-Dains, Johnwdonnal@gmail.com

Pg. 23 Glosemeyer, Darrell is not president

Pg. 25 (add) Helderle, Kathy, C: 314-461-4826, helderlek@yahoo.com

Pg. 39 Wheeler, David, carolwheeler@hotmail.com

Pg.39 Winkeler, Jennifer, no home phone

Please send any additional corrections to PDG Sandee Marshall at greengal@charter.net .



32 Hours. One
Goal. Limitless
Possibility.

AUG

26 - 27

📅 Wednesday, August 26, 2026 - Thursday, August 27, 2026

📍 Online

August 26-27, we're coming together for DGCKids: Day of Giving, a 32-hour, community-wide campaign to raise \$400,000 in support of children who are blind or visually impaired and the families who love them.

Together, we'll shine brighter than ever before.

Why Your Gift Matters

Every dollar raised during this campaign fuels our essential work: Early Intervention Services, family support, and empowering programs that help children from birth to high school graduation thrive.

Our \$400,000 goal = 4 months of Early Intervention Services for babies and toddlers with visual impairments. That means home visits, therapy, developmental play, and expert guidance, right when it matters most.

With your help, we can keep saying "yes" to the families who need us.

The Power of Your Gift

During our 32-hour Day of Giving, every \$1 you give = \$4 of impact thanks to matching donors, turning your generosity into even more support for children with visual impairments and their families.

Together, in 32 hours, we light the way.

Let's come together as a community and ensure every child has the opportunity to grow, explore, and shine.

Save this link for DGCKids: Day of Giving: <https://www.charidy.com/dgckids>.



50th ANNUAL
USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM
Memphis, Tennessee

September 3-5, 2026





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The 2026 Memphis Forum is being held at the Renasant Convention Center, which connects to the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel via skybridge across Main Street. The Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel is the headquarters hotel. Other Forum hotel options are within walking distance to the Renasant Convention Center.



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The front of the Renasant Convention Center at night.



Photo © Greg Campbell

The Memphis Area Transit Authority has 3 trolley lines that run through downtown. One of them stops between the convention center and the Sheraton Memphis Downtown Hotel. Trolleys run every 30 minutes.



Photo © Alex Shansky

Memphis sign on Mud Island.



Photo © Julian Harper

100 Days of Blues billboard on Beale Street.

REGISTER TODAY at
www.lionsforum.org



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Elvis statue at Memphis Welcome Center.



Since the very first Forum in 1976, the mission of the USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM is to develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas and support programs and goals of Lions International.

REGISTER TODAY at

www.lionsforum.org

Phone 605.723.4007

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE • SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026



A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE • SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026

Join us in Memphis, Tennessee, USA for the 50th annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, celebrating 50 years of developing Lion leaders.

We'll have over 90 seminars to choose from, including the very popular "Speed Learning" session on Thursday morning. Prepare to catch up with old friends, make new friends and **CELEBRATE A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS**.



SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THURSDAY EVENING

50th Anniversary Party!

Celebrate 50 years of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum with the unstoppable live energy of the Emerald Empire Band, fantastic food and fellowship with other Lions and LEOs.



FRIDAY LUNCHEON

Stephanie Krieger Graef and **Leslie F. King**, will address Lions on the human trafficking.

Graef is Founder of s7 Consulting, a small business exclusive to anti-human trafficking engagement, instruction and prevention.



King is a survivor of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, coerced into the lifestyle of prostitution at the tender age of 15. She was trapped in that lifestyle for 20 years. In 2005, King utilized her experience, expertise, and inspiring example of a renewed lifestyle to open Sacred Beginnings, a safe haven that offers hope, and healing to trafficking victims.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON

International President Mark S. Lyon

2026-2027 Lions International President **Mark S. Lyon** shares his story, vision and goals as the leader of our Lions organization. He brings his broad and varied leadership experience to our amazing global service.



SATURDAY EVENING



Singer, songwriter and entrepreneur **Floyd Armstrong** with close out our 50-year Forum with the high energy only he can bring to a Lions convention.

A former member of the Grammy award-winner pop group The Fifth Dimension, Lion Floyd is a charter member of the All City Entertainment Lions Club featuring San Diego's top musicians and artists benefiting the 501c3 Music Therapy For Veterans. He is known for getting audiences out of their seats and dancing (and singing) in the aisles. Some may remember him from the opening of the Reno Forum in 2023.



The **2026 USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM** in Memphis, Tennessee is an opportunity for Lions and LEOs to gather, share old ideas and take home new ones for their communities. When Lions meet, positive power and energy just seem to happen! Join us—embrace new ideas and celebrate **A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS**.

Your Memphis Lions experience includes:

- More than 90 seminar sessions to grow Lions leaders at all leadership levels
- Service project with local impact
- Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness
- Forum Store to purchase Lions swag
- Exhibits—the latest ideas and products
- Meeting International Officers and Directors
- Pre- and post-Forum tours = mini vacations



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



M2 Eye Foundation to Match Personal Donations to LCIF During September and October

The M2 Eye Foundation is proud to support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) through a special donation matching initiative during the months of September and October.

Throughout these two months, the M2 Eye Foundation will match personal donations made to LCIF in any amount up to \$500 per person, effectively doubling the impact of every contribution. This initiative provides an excellent opportunity for Lions to maximize their charitable giving while helping LCIF continue its vital humanitarian programs around the world.

LCIF has a long history of supporting projects that address vision care, disaster relief, childhood cancer, hunger, diabetes, environmental sustainability, and other critical community needs. By matching personal donations, the M2 Eye Foundation aims to encourage greater participation and expand the reach of these important efforts.

Every dollar contributed during the matching period can go twice as far in supporting individuals and communities in need. Whether funding vision screenings, providing assistance following natural disasters, or supporting local and international service projects, matched gifts will help LCIF continue making a meaningful difference.

To be eligible for this match, your contribution must be post marked no later than 10/31/2026 and mailed to Lion Ed Marshall at 16719 Westglen Farms Dr., Wildwood, MO 63011. Your check made payable to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) must include your member number as well as your club number on the memo line.

The M2 Foundation will match up to a combined total amount of \$10,000 so make your donation early to make sure you receive full benefit from your donation.

Together, with the combined commitment of donors, LCIF, and the M2 Eye Foundation, we can strengthen our impact and help create lasting positive changes.

Double your impact. Strengthen our service. Change lives through the power of matching gifts.

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

ANNUAL

CAR, TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE

SHOW



SEPTEMBER 12, 2026



RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO

CLASSES

STOCK/RESTORED CARS

- CUSTOM WHEELS ACCEPTED

1. 1949 - 1959
2. 1960 - 1972
3. 1973 - 1987
4. 1988 - Present
5. American Muscle Cars 1900 - 1990
6. American Muscle Cars 1991- Present
7. Imports

MODIFIED CARS

8. 1900 - 1948
9. 1949 - 1959
10. 1960 - 1972
11. 1973 - 1987
12. 1988 - Present
13. Imports - Tuners

SPECIAL INTEREST

14. Non Streetable
15. Rat Rods
16. Special Interest
17. Survivor
18. Chevy 1955-1957

MODIFIED TRUCKS

19. 1900 - 1959
20. 1960 - 1972
21. 1973 - 1987
22. 1988 - Present

STOCK/RESTORED TRUCKS

23. 1900 - 1959
24. 1960 - 1972
25. 1973 - 1987
26. 1988 - Present

27. CORVETTE - All

28. JEEP - All

MOTORCYCLES

29. All



\$20 REGISTRATION FEE

11:00 AM JUDGING BEGINS

9:00 - 11:00 AM REGISTRATION

2:00 - AWARDS PRESENTATION

\$15 SHINE AND SHOW / NOT JUDGED

50/50 RAFFLE ATTENDANCE PRIZES
FOOD AND BEVERAGES
SILENT AUCTION 9:00 - 1:00 PM

For any questions, please contact Roy Brunkhorst
314-805-4826 or beaufortmolions@gmail.com



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



BEAUFORT

LIONS CLUB

Annual

FALL

CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 20TH

SERVING FROM
11 AM TO 4 PM



2041 LUTHERAN CHURCH RD
BEAUFORT, MO 63013



CARRY
OUT



ALL YOU CAN
EAT DINE IN



DRIVE
THRU

Meal Includes:

- Fried Chicken
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Dinner Roll
- Dessert



For More Information Call
LION ZACHARY BOYER
636-283-1322



ADULTS
13 AND UP

\$15

7-12 YEARS

\$8

CHILDREN 6
AND UNDER

FREE

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!



FALL FESTIVAL

**Gerald Lions Club
Fall Festival
September 26, 2026
11 AM -4 PM**



**Free Admission!
Activities for the Entire Family!**

**Address: Legion Park
430 E Fitzgerald Ave,
Gerald, MO 63037**

**For more information
Email to: glcfallfestival@gmail.com
Or call or text: 573-617-7263**



Barrel rides for the kids!



Fun activities for all ages!



**Picnic Fish Sandwiches
and**

**Homemade Ice Cream
and MORE!!!**



*Vendors with all kinds of
crafts and treasures!*



Food for everyone!

SPONSORED BY THE

House Springs Lions Club & Knights of Columbus



**Free Vision Screening
&
Free Recycled Glasses**



Saturday October 24, 2026
10am-2pm

at

The Knights of Columbus Hall
in House Springs

**NO APPOINTMENTS NEEDED
WALK-IN WELCOME**



Jim McDermott 314-401-3964



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB
TRIVIA
NIGHT
& SILENT AUCTION



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!

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



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

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



Become a Host Family

Is Hosting Right for Me?

Hosting an exchange youth is guaranteed to be a rewarding experience because:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and customs.
- You learn about the exchange youth's customs and culture.
- You open a new world of thinking to the exchange youth.
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life.

If this sounds rewarding, you may enjoy being a host family for the Lions YCE Program! Please check out the following video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4M9d31AAJ0&ab_channel=LionsClubsInternational

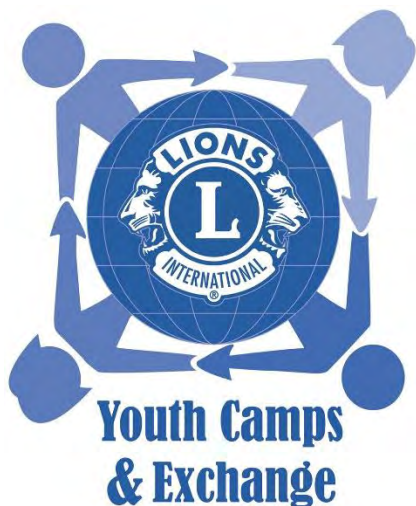
Expectations of a Host Family

Room and Board - You are expected to provide room and board for the youth. It is recommended that youth be roomed with youth of similar ages and similar genders. Meals should be balanced and healthy.

Transportation - Typically, you are responsible for all the youth's transportation during the exchange. Travel may include but is not limited to, transfers to and from the airport or train station, transfers to other Host Families or International Camp, transportation to and from any planned activities by you and/or the Host Club.

Financial responsibilities - Payment for cultural activities is dependent on the agreement made between you, the youth, and the Host Club. Some programs offer stipends or scholarships for participating Host Families.

Selecting an Exchange Youth - Hosting a youth is dependent upon desired age, gender, interests, and nationality and upon the availability of the youth meeting those requirements. Your local YCE Chairperson will advise you of available youth. You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Host Family by checking out the [YCE Host Family Handbook](#)! Potential Host Families must be screened by the Host Lions Club and YCE Chairperson. Availability: It is important that you make sure your family's schedule allows accommodation to spend enough quality time with the youth.



Is the YCE Program Right for Me?

- Are you ready to embark on a life-changing adventure that will open your mind and heart?
- Curious about other cultures and ways of life?
- Want to develop your skills in a second language?
- Would you like to cultivate new friendships with individuals that have different backgrounds, beliefs, and customs than you?

As a YCE exchange youth you can expect to be immersed in a unique cultural experience with Lions and Leo club members supporting your YCE journey. Your host family will treat you as a member of the family, expecting your engagement in typical daily routines and family meals. You will participate in social activities, possibly service projects and visit cultural places of interest. You are expected to familiarize yourself with the customs, expectations, and basic language of the host country prior to your visit and have a desire to learn more.

Benefits of Participation

- Live with a family in another country and/or attend camp with other young people
- Meet people your age from around the world!
- Learn about what it means to be a Lion or Leo in another country.
- Deepen your understanding of yourself and the world around you.
- Learn how to foster peace and understanding among peoples of the world!

You can learn more about the roles and expectations of a YCE Exchange Youth by checking out the [YCE Exchange Youth Handbook](#)! Programs are available in over 30 countries on six continents.

Participant Eligibility

YCE Exchange Youth must:

- Be between the ages of 15 and 22
- Be sponsored by a Lions Club
- Be ready to represent your community, country, and the sponsoring Lions Club
- Welcome the opportunity to explore the customs of another culture!
- Provide proof of insurance (health, medical, travel) and a liability release agreement
- Take initiative to learn the language of the host country (i.e. basic greetings and phrases)

What are the Costs?

Host Lions clubs cover the costs of room and board with a host family. Exchange Youth are typically responsible for:

*Round-trip airfare *Camp Fees *Health, medical and travel insurance

*Travel documents (such as passports and visas) *Spending money for gifts, souvenirs

For more information contact: Lion Toni Mahoney 314-805-7391 tkmahoney54@gmail.com

LIONS' COOKBOOK

During visits to the clubs in our District, we have enjoyed *scrumptious* meals.

We would like to put together a **Favorite Recipes of District 26M2**.

Any recipes you share will be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to have it ready for sale at the 2027-2028 District Convention to raise money for **LCIF**.

You can mail it to me: Lion Lyn Karrer

1695 Valero Lane

Fenton, MO 63026 Or e-mail to: philandlyn@att.net

Please return to me by December 10, 2026.

THANK YOU.

Lion Lyn

RECIPE FOR LIONS DISTRICT 26-M2 COOKBOOK

Lions Club _____

Name _____

Check One ____ Main Dish ____ Side Dish ____ Salad ____ Dessert

Title of Recipe _____

Ingredients:

Directions:

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
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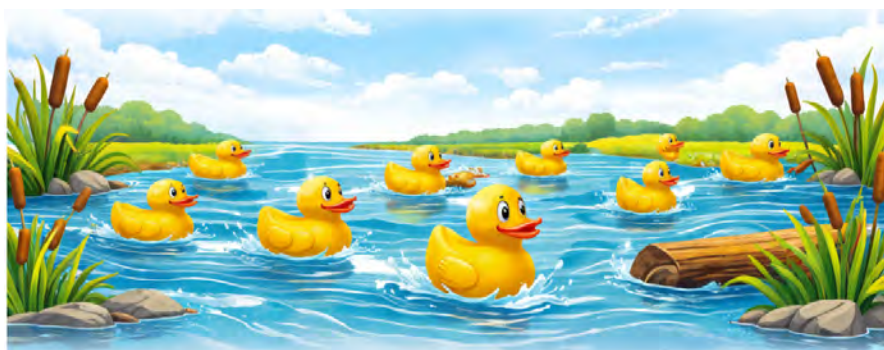
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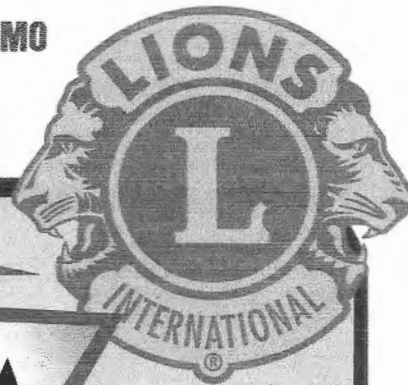
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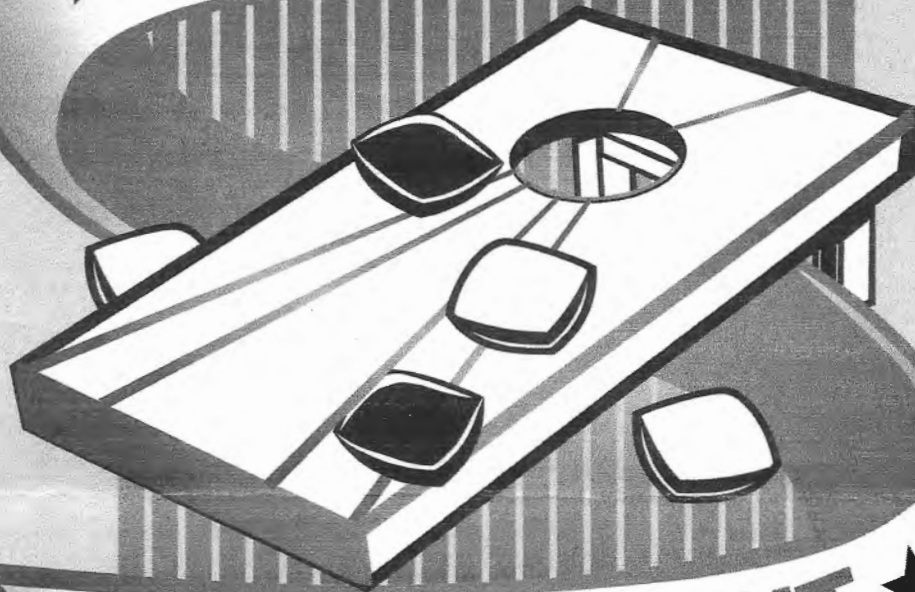
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Lions District 26-M2

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

(June 2026 - July 2026)

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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 **October 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.

October 2026

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February 2027

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor