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District Governor

Lion Kelly Rackovan



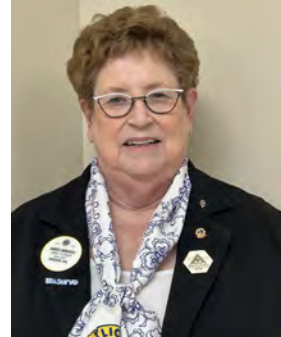
1st Vice District Governor

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!!

Fall is fast approaching. Colors are starting to change. But what I do see changing is the amount of service and community activities going on within the clubs and within the District. We have the momentum, and membership recruitment is in full swing!! And that's a great thing!! As the Governor Visits are going on, I see a lot of Legacy activities happening!! 100th Year Club Anniversaries, 75th Year Club Anniversaries, Lifetime Memberships, etc. Congratulations to you all!! Great Job!!

Let's not lose that momentum for Membership and Service. To "Bee Successful" we must make these activities our priority. Again, I would like to thank you for all the effort and hard work!! As we move forward, to get credit for your efforts I encourage all clubs to report their service into the portal. Just remember, even club meetings and committee meetings are considered service.

We have a Mid-Winter Forum coming up in February in the works and from what I have been gathering, it's going to be a fantastic event. There are a lot of training opportunities for leadership advancement. If anyone would like to take a leadership role going forward, please reach out to any of the cabinet members for information. This can apply to outside Lions as well. Let's keep up the great work serving and making things happen.

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 approaching the busy holiday season. If you and your clubs are able, please help out your local food pantries. I would like to let everyone know that Missouri School for the Blind is doing their Giving Tree program. If you don't know what it is, they have several kids that you can support with gifts for Christmas. Carlie Lee at the school has a list of boys or girls and what their needs are. Please help these kids have a great holiday season. They are also putting on their MSB Holiday Extravaganza on Thursday December 17th from 1 – 3pm. The kids will be putting on a music program, there will be refreshments, and they will be accepting the Giving Tree items. I hope you all can attend.

On a side note, my wife Lion Lyn is looking for recipes for a cookbook she is putting together. She will need them by December 10th so we can get them printed up to sell at the convention. The proceeds will be going to LCIF. Thank you and keep up your great work.

*Lion Phil Karrer,
1st Vice District Governor*

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District 26-M2 – 2nd VDG Sandy's Message

Finally, I get to say Hello Lions!

My second Vice District Governor year did not start as planned.

A broken wrist caused me to miss the first Cabinet meeting, and even the first Newsletter! As a result, it was necessary to pivot, to rethink how to support the clubs and the district at meetings and events.

When life throws us a curveball, we may need to pivot to new plans. If something isn't working for your club, pivot. Think about new service projects, new fun meetings, new ways to engage your community through social media, events, and flyers. Look at new technology, more hands-on service, and consider lifestyles that may not support attending meetings.

Gen Z and millennials have more interest in the environment. Encouraging service projects that help the planet thrive not only supports those members, but is also one of LIONS International's core global causes.

Let's keep thinking outside the box on service, membership, and meetings. I look forward to a great year supporting Governor Kelly, learning about our District, and how I can help make it better than ever!

*Lion Sandy Halama,
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.
(August 2026 - September 2026)

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB

JEREMY A BARKS
ADAM M HILKER
JODY M HILKER
TONY SCOTINO
ANDRE WILLIAMS
SHELLY R WILLIAMS

POTOSI LIONS CLUB

JACOB J NICHOLSON

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

JEFF BRUST
CODI HARDIN
REGINA M WARD
CHANDRA WEBSTER
CHRIS WEBSTER

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

RICHARD HOCKS
MELANIE J HORTON
CATHERINE ORMES



District 26-M2

2025-2026 Calendar of Events

DG Lion Kelly Rackovan

Updated 09/02/2026 (denotes additions or changes)*

www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

October 2026

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-raffle/

* 24th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Eye Mission. 10am-2pm. Free Vision Screening and Recycled Eye Glasses. No appointment needed. Walk-ins welcome. For more information, contact Lion Jim McDermott 314-401-3964. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051. Enter the KC Hall from Dulin Creek Road. For information contact Lion Jim at 314-401-3964

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November 2026

*2nd, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club. Time: 6:30 pm

7th, Saturday: Chesterfield Lions Club will be having their annual Trivia Night and Silent Auction @ Trinity Lutheran Church, 14088 Clayton Rd., Chesterfield, MO 63017. \$30 per ticket/\$240 per table (8 per team). Doors open at 6 p.m. Trivia starts at 7 p.m. Free Drinks, Attendance Prizes and Cash Prizes. All proceeds go towards providing assistance in our community and supporting local organizations. Call 636-733-0425 to reserve your table. Mail checks to: Lion Janet Weinrich, 15201 Olive Blvd., Apt. 425, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Come join the fun!!!

*7th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Trivia Night benefiting KidSight. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. \$30/person. \$240 for a table of eight. 8 trivia rounds, 50/50s, raffle, lotto boards, silent auction, DJ. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051 (enter from Dulin Creek Road). Open bar-beer, wine, mixed drinks, soda. Bring your own snacks for your table. BBQ, beer, raffles, music. For information contact Lion Pat pm46441@aol.com or call 314-560-7730.

December 2026

4th, Friday: Maplewood Lions will be giving away books, puzzles and candy at the Maplewood Christmas Tree Walk in Maplewood from 6-8 pm.

7th, 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.

*12th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Annual Christmas Parade. In House Springs MO, Hwy MM, 63051. Line up at Faith Community Church starts at 5pm. Parade thru House Springs starts at 7pm. \$15 entry fee for a float or group. This year's theme is "20 years of Lighting Up House Springs". For information contact Kim 314-422-8788 or email Kim at kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net.



Did you know?



SMALL CHANGE. BIG IMPACT!

Clubs/District LCIF Challenge

Did you know that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) helps Lions make a difference both locally and around the world? From disaster relief and vision care to hunger relief, youth support, and humanitarian projects, LCIF helps turn our kindness into action!



Now it's time for a little friendly competition!

I'm challenging every club in our district to participate in the **Small Change. BIG Impact. Challenge!**

Collect spare change, host a fun fundraiser, encourage donations, and spread the word about LCIF. Every penny counts, and every Lion can make a difference!



And YES, there will be a prize!

Let's see what our district can accomplish when we all pitch in!

A little change from each of us can CHANGE a whole lot of lives! ❤️ 🦁

Together We Serve!

LCIF Chairperson
PDG Michelle Foster



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Calendar of Events

October 17 – M6 Eye Mission in Eldorado Springs

October 24 – M2 Eye Mission in House Springs (Knights of Columbus) – 10 AM-2 PM

November 5 – M5 Eye Mission in Belton (St. Sabina Parish) – 4:00 PM-8:00 PM

November 7 – M5 Eye Mission in Sedalia – 1 PM-4 PM

November 14 – M1 Eye Mission in Waynesville (Waypoint United Methodist) – 10 AM-2 PM

November 14 – M4 Eye Mission in Westboro (Westboro Fire Station) – 8 AM-11 AM

2027:

February 20 – M2 Eye Mission in St Clair

February 20-27 – International Mission in Guatemala

September 25 – M1 Eye Mission in Charleston (Mississippi Co Health Dept) – 10 AM-2 PM

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:

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.

Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival

Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival October 3, 2026 was a great success!! Hillsboro Lions Club was here to do Eye Screening and the 1st Vice District Governor Lion Phil Karrer and his wife, Lion Lyn, were there to help. Alan and Diane Vess were there doing the music. They did a wonderful job and, also for a dollar donation, they would sing the song that you want to hear.

Miss Sherry with Richwoods R7 School District was there with other teachers selling huge pickles, and I think they went over pretty well. I saw a bunch of kids walking around with pickles all day.

Leo and Shelly Cendroski (vendors) had craft and wood making items, very nice . Nick Herrington's family was there with fainting goats and little chicks. They were loved by all . Freewill Baptist Church gave out information for their fall festival. Richwoods Fire Department was there giving out information and handing out goodies . Some people brought their own cars and trucks. Brain Freeze was there with goody. Peggy and Dennis Harrington were doing the cake walk and had a lot of fun. They also did the silent bake auction, which went over very well. Delbert and Doris Cardwell did the basket booth, which turned out very well. They had family helping set up, which was Heather, Hastings, Holden, and Boyer, all of which did a fantastic job helping setup.

Delbert Cardwell sold the last of the gun tickets for the gun raffle that's going to be drawn October 27, 2026, at the Lions Club meeting. Shirley Maness did a great job with Silent Auction Inside and it went over great, had 21 baskets. Mike and Anita worked hard in the cook shack making Richwoods Ribs, Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Nachos, Popcorn, Soda and Water. Jan and Evelyn were helping at the counter. Ted Barrett brought his side by side to pull Barrels rides for the kids. Jim and Rob helped. Want to THANK Mike Mcgirl Family & Lester Blake and all the other people that donated baskets to basket booth & silent auction and silent cake auction .

A big Thanks to our amazing Scott Villmer for donating two beautiful pictures & for taking pictures at fall festival. Also big thank you for Carrie & Kris Richards of the Independent Journal for coming out to help. Again, want to THANK YOU to all that came out and supported the Lions. We live in an Awesome Community

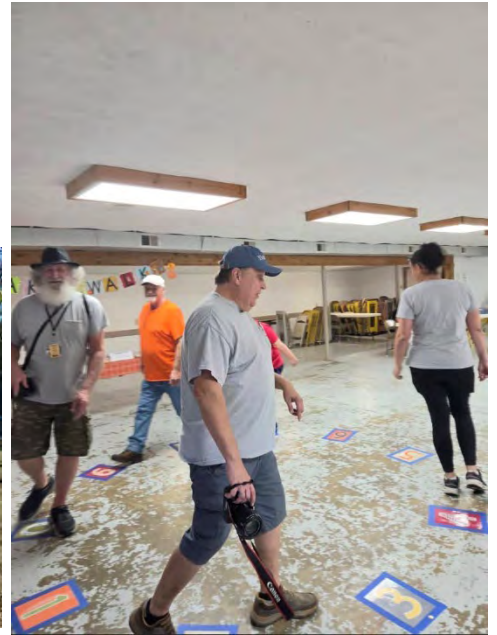
THANKS AGAIN to EVERYONE!!!!

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR

(See pictures on following pages)

Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival

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Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival

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Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival

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Richwoods Lions Club Fall Festival

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Trivia

"A quizzing game involving obscure facts"
(which, oddly enough, is in itself an obscure fact.)

October 16th, 2026

Christ Memorial Lutheran Church
5252 S. Lindbergh Blvd.

Brought to you by
the friendly folks of

The Webster Groves LIONS



Doors Open @ 6:00

Trivia @ 7:00

Now, for the fine print.....

Online tickets -

\$20/person

\$160/Table of 8

At the door -

\$25/person

\$200/Table of 8

Raffle Items

Silent Auction

B-Y-O-B

Light snacks provided

Soda and water available

And, now, the even finer print.....

To purchase your tickets, go to -

Webstergroveslions.org/triviareg

(or, you can use that QR code growth thingy on Fred's head!)



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



House Springs Lions Club Trivia Night
benefitting KidSight

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Trivia starts at 7:00 pm

8 rounds of Trivia, 50/50s, Raffle, Lotto Boards,
Silent Auction, Games, and DJ

\$30 a person or \$240 for a table of 8

Open bar - beer, wine, mixed drinks, and soda

Bring your own snacks for your table.

Knights of Columbus Hall

6800 Knights of Columbus Lane

House Springs, MO

Enter from Dulin Creek Road

To purchase a table or sponsorship

contact Pat at pm4641@aol.com or 314-560-7730



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



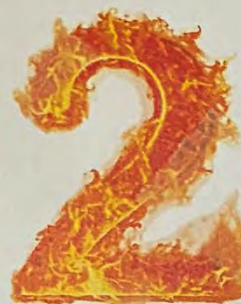
Call 636-733-0425
to Reserve Your
Table Now!

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

BONFIRE

- **Fun People**
- **Great Music**
- **Delicious Food and Desserts**

Zone



Chairperson
Lion Kelly Saultz



5:00 p.m.

Saturday November 14, 2026
Meramec Heights Lions Club
1070 West Outer 21 Road
Arnold, MO 63010

Lion Kelly (314) 703-9550
Lion Wendy (314) 745-2681



***** BRING A CHAIR & BEVERAGE

UNION LIONS CLUB
Annual Thanksgiving Eve
CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT

NOV. 25
KC HALL, UNION

REGISTRATION at 5:30 PM

GAME STARTS AT 6 PM

\$25 PER PLAYER
(2-PLAYER TEAMS)

**Double elimination &
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place**

Cash bar & food available for purchase

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNION LIONS CHARITIES

Celebrating 75 Years of DGCKids

From Lion Nikki - Delta Gamma District Chair.

A huge thank you to any club or individual that donated to the August quadruple your impact fundraiser.

Also, if anyone is interested in Delta Gamma's 75th anniversary holiday cards they are for sale in the Delta Gamma Facebook group.

The DGCKids 75th Anniversary Holiday Card Pack is here! For decades, local artists have designed a DGCKids holiday card each year, and we've sold them to support our mission. To celebrate 75 years, we've reprinted four designs!

Each pack includes 12 cards, three each of four designs:

Three Trees by Bill Simon, 1972

Snowman by Quest Lithographers Ltd., 1994

Tree of Joy by Joy Wee-eng, 1990

The Giles Building by Judy Krewet, 1988

Inside every card is the message "the season for thoughtfulness." Packs are \$19.51 (a nod to the year we were founded), and proceeds support children who are blind or have a visual impairment.

Order with this link: <https://square.link/u/ln5v9l80>

Pick up your cards at the Center (1750 S. Big Bend Blvd.) Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, or we're happy to ship them to you!



Union Lions Club Holiday Raffle

\$500.00 Cash Prize

\$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00

Drawing Held November 25, 2026

All proceeds to benefit the Wildcat Backpack Program.

For tickets, contact PDG Devin Struttman at
devin@admr.com or (314) 277-8292.

Will accept cash, check, or Venmo.



Zone Meeting Christmas Party

for the Bennett Project

December 1st Overland LIONS Hall
6pm - Hospitality 6:30 - Dinner \$15

Please bring a dessert or auction item
New unwrapped toys for Bennett Kids

RSVP by November 24th

to Lion Sandy Halama
halamas@sbcglobal.net
314-795-7456

House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

December 12, 2026

**Line up on church lot at 5 pm.
Parade starts at 7 pm.**

**For more information contact Kim at
kimrnpat@sbcglobal.net or
314-422-8788**

**The parade theme is
“20 Years of Lighting Up
House Springs.”**



**The House Springs Lions Club has been
serving the community for the past 75 years
..... since March 1951.**

Important

**Please register your float or group on
Saturday, November 21 from 9 am - 12 pm
Tuesday, December 1 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 5 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

or

**Tuesday, December 8 from 5:30 - 8:00 pm
at the**

**Jefferson County Library - NW Branch
5680 Highway PP, High Ridge, MO**

Registration is \$15 per group.

**Bring canned goods. We donate them to
pantries in our area.**



Kirkwood Lions Club

Come join us for an evening of fun and trivia at the Crestwood Community Center, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126 on **Saturday, January 30, 2027** at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm

- Soda and snacks provided
- Door prizes awarded
- Cash prizes for the top 3 teams
- Entry fee is \$180 per table of 8 and 1 free mulligan included. Additional mulligans can be purchased
- 10 categories of 10 questions each for a total of 100
- We will also host a silent auction and 50/50 drawings, with winners announced throughout the evening

****Kirkwood Lions Club celebrated 100 years of service in 2026 supporting our mission of vision and hearing in our community**





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

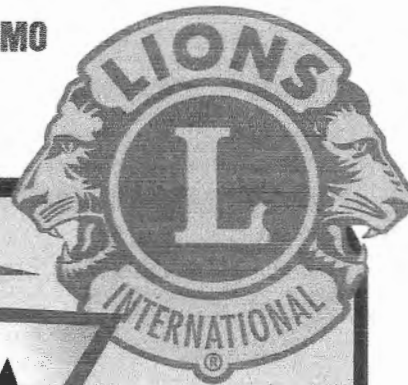
BINGO
PULL TABS
PROGRESSIVE
QUEEN OF HEARTS



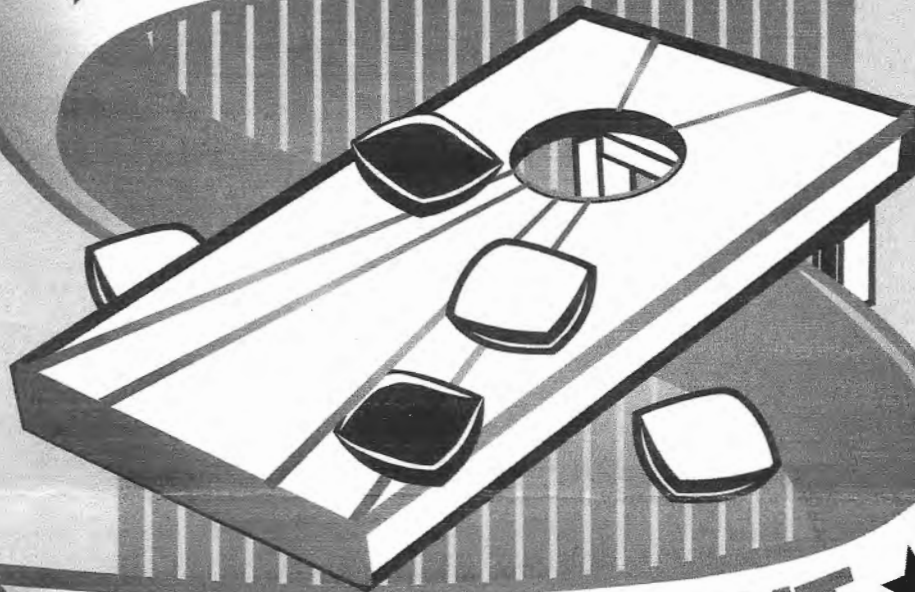
BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

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

(August 2026 - September 2026)

ST LOUIS MID TOWN LIONS CLUB

RAYMOND MIGNECO

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

FLOYD W GOODMAN

VALLEY LIONS CLUB

ALICE P STRINGHAM

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 **December 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.

December 2026

February 2027

April 2027

June 2027

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor