



# BETWEEN THE LIONS

District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



December 2013

## WE SERVE



As we all recover from a weekend of family togetherness and way too much food, our sights are now set on buying gifts for family and friends, preparing for numerous parties and making plans to again spend time with family and eat way too much food. It is also during this time of year that the rest of the world decides they want to be just like a Lion and help the less fortunate in their communities.

Although these good deeds are appreciated by the recipients, and the people performing these good deeds should be commended for their efforts, let's stop and think about this a little more. Lions help those in need EVERY DAY. Lions don't have to wait for the weather to turn cold to jump into action. Lions go out and identify what needs done, they don't wait for someone to bring them a list of people that could use some help and what to get them. Lions don't help people just to make the holiday season a little brighter; Lions help people to make life better.

As I have made my rounds throughout the district, one of the things I've listened for and asked about is the number of service projects that our district's clubs are involved in. It's been very educational to learn about the different types of projects the clubs are working on to serve their communities. It's also been interesting to discuss the difference between service projects and fundraisers. Yes, we must have money to fund service projects, but sometimes Lions get caught up in making money to give away instead of using those funds to initiate our own service projects. If each club replaced one fundraiser with a service project of equal time, effort and labor, would we have a greater effect on more people? From the smallest to the largest clubs, all are having a positive impact on our communities, but if your club is participating in the same number of activities that it was several years ago, why not raise the bar and increase your club's presence in your community?

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays bring out the giving and volunteer spirit in many people. Why don't we use this opportunity to let these people experience the holidays all year long by identifying additional community needs and inviting these people to join us as Lions to continue the holiday spirit every day?



## CHAMOIS LIONS CLUB RECOGNIZED



The Chamois Lions Club was recently recognized for its dedication to serving their community. On behalf of Lions International President Barry Palmer, Lions International Director Donal Knipp presented the Chamois Lions with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation to honor the club's leadership in encouraging and developing economic development in the area, assisting in organization and promotion of community activities, providing assistance to those in need and partnering with other community organizations to promote a better quality of life in Chamois. The Chamois Lions are a great example of how important Lions Clubs are in many communities. We congratulate you on your prestigious award and thank you for the service you provide.



## WARDSVILLE LIONS REACH MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES



Three members of the Wardsville Lions were honored by District Governor Jeff Hilke for their years of service. Lions Tom Schnieders, Tony Siebeneck and Gerald Wieberg were presented with 40-year Monarch Chevron awards to recognize their years as devoted Lions. Congratulations and we look forward to many more!

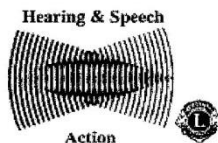
## CONVENTION TIME IS ALMOST HERE....

Preparations are underway for the 2014 District Convention. This year's convention will be held on March 21-22, 2014, starting with our Friday night hospitality extravaganza, hosted by the Wardsville Lions Club at their facility, 3505 Route M, Jefferson City. This informal setting is a great time to get to know Lions from around the district, have some fun, and relax. We will have great food, entertainment, and fellowship.

The fun doesn't stop there. On Saturday, March 22, we will gather at Solid Rock Family Church, 508 Hunters Run Road, Jefferson City, for an informational and educational day featuring International Director John Pettis, Jr., of Massachusetts. We are working to make this convention appealing to all Lions and hope to have something of interest for everyone. This will not be a boring day-long business meeting, so mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss out on the best convention ever!

## HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

The sale of tickets for the Hearing Sweepstakes is underway. It is the goal of District 26M7 to sell a minimum of one ticket per Lion in our district. 26M7 is dedicating all tickets sold in honor of the late Lion Tom Peoples. Lion Tom was a life-long supporter and volunteer for the Hearing Committee, dedicating a lot of his time and money screening many of the students in our district. Hearing Committee Chair Lion Linda Martin has offered up a challenge ... the Lions Club with the highest amount of sales per capita will receive a prize for their club. If you or your club has not received your tickets, please contact Hearing Committee Chair Lion Linda Martin (werlions@msn.com).



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**TO: ALL MISSOURI LIONS**  
**FROM: HEARING CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**SUBJECT: ANNUAL HEARING SWEEPSTAKES**

We are urging your full support for the *HEARING SWEEPSTAKES (THE ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR HEARING)*. *Nothing* comes from your dues for this program. It is entirely supported by your donations and the sale of Sweepstakes Tickets.

Proceeds have provided funding and will continue to provide funding for the purchase of Lions "State of the Art" Portable Audiometers (3 per Missouri District); operation of 2 Hearing Screening Vans; purchase of hearing aids and/or medical assistance to needy persons with hearing problems, i.e. *Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP)*. Several thousand Missourians are screened each year. A large percent of these are school age children. We need your help. Please be a part of this needy and worthwhile program.

We have some great prizes – one \$1250 cash prize, one \$500 cash prize, three \$250 cash prizes and seven \$25 cash prizes for a total of 12 prizes. A drawing will be held at each of the seven District Conventions for one of the \$25 prizes. All tickets will be put back in for the State drawing of the top prizes to be drawn at the State Convention in Kansas City April 26-28, 2013 – so please get your tickets with the money to your District Hearing Chairperson before your district convention. A \$5 donation is requested for each set of 6 tickets and \$1 donation for single tickets. If a person requests a ticket without a donation, *one* must be provided.

In addition to the club purchasing the tickets as many clubs do, have your club Hearing Chairperson take charge of them and encourage additional sales. If you don't have such a chairman, we suggest you appoint one. You'll be happy with the reception you'll get.

Each club may retain 10% of the money and the balance sent to your district hearing chairman with the ticket stubs and the form attached to this letter.

**NOTE: Make all checks payable to "MISSOURI LIONS".**

We sincerely thank you and will be looking forward to your support of this major Lion activity. It's an important program. Be a part of it.

Your State Hearing Committee

## JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS KEEPING BUSY

The Jefferson City Host Lions Club has been very busy. They recently held their first Gas 4 Go Raffle at the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. They were able to raise \$7000 from this new fundraiser. Members really enjoyed this fundraiser because the raffle tickets for the prepaid gas cards were easy to sell and it was not labor intensive. The club sold 1500 tickets at \$10 each and had 43 winners.

The club also participated in the Lions Peace Poster Contest. Seven students from the Thomas Jefferson Middle School participated in this contest.

The club also purchased all new equipment for the Jefferson City School Safety Patrol at a cost of almost \$4000. They are working on getting the Lions logo added to the rain ponchos and vests. They hope to get the local newspaper to publish an article about this equipment; especially since the vests will replace the belt and will be more visible to drivers.

## LIONS ALL AROUND THE WORLD

On a recent trip to Playa del Carmen, Mexico, Lions Ed & Linda Bierbower and Lions Tom and Judy Spriggs stopped to admire a plaque dedicated to the local Lions. Although the wording may not be understandable to visitors, the Lions emblem is recognized worldwide. Wherever monuments like this are seen, we can be assured that fellow Lions are nearby and ready to meet the needs of their community.



## ROCKY MOUNT LIONS SERVE THANKSGIVING DINNER



Lions Bill Frehse and Allen Moore enjoy a break in the action while working the serving line at the Rocky Mount Lions Fourth Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

All those in attendance gave thanks for the wonderful meal prepared by Lions Virginia Graf and Ruth Frehse.



## **MISSOURI LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM FEBRUARY 7-8, 2014**

Have you attended a Mid-Winter Forum in the past? If not, why not? Those who have attended the Forum will tell you this is a great place to meet others from Missouri who share your passion for service to others. The 2014 Mid-Winter Forum is geared to helping all Lions identify and reach their full potential as Lions as well as in their personal and professional lives.

The MD 26 Global Leadership Team is working hard to give the Missouri Lions a great opportunity to grow and have fun. The 2014 Mid-Winter Forum is an event you will not want to miss. We have a great new venue and exciting programs that will provide Lions information that is very useful in their daily lives as well as in their Lions' service.

While the Forum remains in Branson, we are moving to a new location -- Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center (<http://www.chateauonthelake.com/>). The Missouri Lions have a special rate of \$79 per night for the lake view and mountain view rooms. The Ambassador Suites are available for \$149 per night. As a special offer, these low rates are available for two nights before the Forum and two nights after the Forum; you may want to make a mini-vacation in Branson in addition to attending the Forum.

The full registration (\$35) includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration (\$20) is all that is needed.



An optional Saturday Dinner and Magic Show at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel is also available. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and the Magic Show. **This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.**

**Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2014.** To guarantee your spot at this great Forum, we ask that you make an extra effort to register early.

Additional information and the registration form are available on the Missouri Lions web site ([www.missourilions.org](http://www.missourilions.org)). Look under the "Training" tab. After November 15, a link to the 2014 Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum will be available, as well.

Make your plans now to attend the 2014 Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

If you have any questions concerning the Mid-Winter Forum, please contact Lion Jesse Hathcock at [Jess26M7@aol.com](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com) or 573-761-4438.

 <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">2014 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Friday &amp; Saturday, February 7-8, 2014</p> </div> 						
<p><b>*** NEW LOCATION ***    *** NEW LOCATION ***    *** NEW LOCATION ***</b></p> <p><b>Chateau on the Lake Resort • 415 N State Hwy 265 • Branson, Missouri 65616</b></p> <p><i>Your Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30–8:30 AM</i></p> <p>***** First session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday *****</p>						
<p>This Forum will feature two professional instructors guiding the attendees on a self-discovery process of character and values. By engraving values into your life, you will become a powerful influencer.</p> <p>They will use a Roundtable methodology to create a fun environment during the day that is a key part of bringing change in your life. The Roundtable is very simple and allows for stimulating discussions to take place, and has been proven to bring personal transformation, as well as, corporate culture change in organizations such as ours. The instructors will use this structured approach while establishing character as a central focus in yourself and our organization. They will share four character values with the participants and will help create an atmosphere for personal growth and development as each person in the roundtable focuses on character development.</p> <p>These sessions will lead you to a better understanding of others, using common sense and proper thinking with a strong sense of direction. You will be able to use all of these at all levels of your Lions activities as well as in your personal and professional life.</p>						
<p>* <b>Full registration</b> includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed. <b>Note: COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNFORTUNATELY - NO LATE OR WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!</b></p> <p>* Reservations and payment to <b>Missouri Lions</b> <b>MUST</b> be postmarked by <b>January 27, 2014.</b></p> <p>* The Saturday Dinner and Magic Show will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and the Magic Show. <b>This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.</b></p> <p>* No tickets will be issued for any of the events -- your name will be included on a list.</p>						
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<p><b>Everything can be paid with one check payable to <u>Missouri Lions</u>. Mail Registration form and check to:</b>  <b>Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109.</b>  <b><u>NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2014.</u></b></p>						
<p><b>HOTEL RESERVATIONS:</b> Please call the <b>Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson</b> at <b>1-888-333-5253</b>. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. <b>Mountain or Lake View rooms are \$79 + tax per night and Ambassador Suites are \$149 + tax per night.</b> <b>This room block will be held until January 7, 2014</b>, at which time the rooms will be available on a space and rate available basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the <b>Missouri Lions Forum</b> to get the special room rate. These rates will also be available two days before and two days after for attendees wishing to stay longer.</p>						

## **MLERF NEWS**

### **300,000 CHILDREN SCREENED FOR VISION PROBLEMS**

On Wednesday, October 16, 2013, the Children's Vision Screening program reached an incredible milestone: 300,000 children screened. The program began in 1995 as a collaborative initiative piloted by St. Louis Children's Hospital and Lions in the St. Louis area. Today, the program serves every county in Missouri, and last fiscal year, staff and volunteers screened 42,329 children (ages 6 months to 6 years) for common causes of childhood vision loss such as amblyopia.

Using a Plusoptix photoscreening device, the technicians quickly and noninvasively take a picture of each child's eyes, and the device produces an immediate "pass" or "refer" result. For children who receive a "refer" report – historically, about 9 percent of children statewide – the staff strongly encourages their parents to take these children to eye doctors for professional examination and any necessary treatment. The program provides parents with timely, accurate and free health information so they can preserve their children's sight and better prepare them for success in school.

Such an achievement could not be attained without strong leadership from Program Manager Tamara Oberbeck and the diligence of the vision screening staff and volunteers. Congratulations to all involved in this important milestone!

### **KIDSIGHT ON DECEMBER 1**

On December 1, 2013, when the Foundation officially begins to operate as Saving Sight, the Children's Vision Screening program will rebrand as KidSight. The name KidSight will sharpen the identity of the vision screening program, which is poised to become Saving Sight's signature charitable program under the organization's strategic plan. KidSight was chosen to heighten the visibility of the program and reflect its commonalities with other Lions screening programs around the country (e.g., Lions screening collaborations in Iowa, Colorado, and Texas all use a variant of KidSight for their brand).

The program will operate much as it currently does, which includes considerable volunteer support from Lions. To volunteer or learn more about the KidSight program, be sure to visit the new Saving Sight website, [www.saving-sight.org](http://www.saving-sight.org), beginning on December 1st or call 1-800-753-2265.

## NEW CLUB UPDATE

The enthusiasm is still building on the campus of Lincoln University as a new Lions Club is taking shape. Currently, there are 40 charter members that are excited to become a part of such a great organization and have the opportunity to serve. The members will soon be selecting a name for their club and electing members to serve as their officers.

Be sure to watch for information about the Charter Night celebration. It will be great to have a representation from as many clubs as possible to support, encourage and welcome these new Lions. It will be an event you won't want to miss.

## 26M7 ON THE WEB

**Here are some of our Lions clubs on the web with an Internet site:**

Auxvasse Lions -- <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/auxvasse/>

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions -- <http://www.brazitolions.com/>

Hermann Lions -- <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/hermann/>

Jefferson City Host Lions -- <http://www.jeffcitylions.com/>

Mokane Lions -- <http://mokanelions.com/>

Wardsville Lions -- <http://www.wardsvillelions.com>

Westphalia Lions -- <http://www.westphalialions.com/>

**Here are some of our Lions clubs with a Facebook page:**

Heart of Missouri Lions 26M7 -- <https://www.facebook.com/MoLions26m7>

Chamois Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chamois-Lions/205081276180705>

Holts Summit Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holts-Summit-Lions-Club/171581639545805>

Iberia Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/iberialionsclub>

JC Breakfast Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCityBreakfastLions>

If your club has a website or Facebook page, please submit that information to District Governor Lion Jeff Hilke at [lionjeffhilke@gmail.com](mailto:lionjeffhilke@gmail.com) for inclusion on the website and future District Newsletters.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** [HTTP://WWW.E-DISTRICT.ORG/SITES/26M7](http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7)

December 13	Salvation Army Bell Ringing Jefferson City area Lions Clubs Various locations throughout Jefferson City
January 25	Council of Governors Meeting 10 am Best Western State Fair Inn Sedalia, MO
February 7 & 8	Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum Chateau on the Lake Resort 415 N State Hwy 265 Branson, MO 65616
February 18	26M7 Cabinet Meeting 6pm Social; 6:30pm Meeting Fulton Host Lions Club 1 Ray Woerth Drive, Fulton, MO
March 15	JC Breakfast Club Mouse Race Wardsville Lions Club 7 – 10 pm
March 21	26M7 District Convention Hospitality Wardsville Lions Club 6pm - ???
March 22	26M7 District Convention Solid Rock Family Church Jefferson City, MO
April 24	Council of Governors Meeting 6 pm Best Western State Fair Inn Sedalia, MO
April 25 & 26	MD26 State Convention Best Western State Fair Inn Sedalia, MO
July 4 – 8	Lions International Convention Toronto, ON, Canada