



District 26-M7 ... Newsletter

October 2013



## FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

We are now one fourth of the way through the Lions year. The old saying is holding true – “time flies when you’re having fun.” Serving as District Governor has been a lot of work, which I expected, but it’s been a great educational experience for me as well. I’ve enjoyed visiting with Lions from all around central Missouri and making new friends. Even with all the work that goes into serving as District Governor, I don’t understand why anyone would not want this job.

The 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum was held in Overland Park, Kansas, in September. Those Lions in attendance from District 26-M7 were International Director Donal Knipp and Lion Betty Knipp from the Auxvasse Lions, District Governor Jeff Hilke and Past Council Chairperson Jesse Hathcock from the Jefferson City Evening Lions, Zone Chairperson Lou Ann Hathcock and Lion Amy Bell from the Jefferson City Breakfast Lions, First Vice District Governor Emery Smola from the Fulton Host Lions and Lion Carlos Graham from the Jefferson City Host Lions. I think all would agree it was a great time to catch up with our Lions friends from around the country, as well as make new Lions friends and learn valuable information to help in the success of our clubs and district. This year’s Forum was probably as close to home as it will ever be for us, so many of you missed a great opportunity. For those of you that like to travel and are adventurous, I highly recommend attending the 2014 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, to be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The Lions of Puerto Rico are excited to host this annual event and will be sure to make this a great experience.

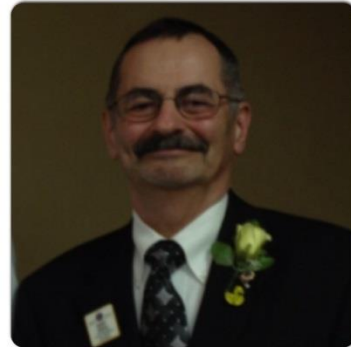
At this year’s Forum, I had the honor of receiving a “Dream Achiever” membership award from International President Barry Palmer. Although this award is given to the District Governor Team, it is an award for our district. Without the Lions of District 26-M7 stepping forward to recruit new members and working hard to make these new members become a part of each club, this award would not be possible. I challenge the Lions of District 26-M7 to continue the good work, but also congratulate everyone on a job well done!



## GREETINGS FROM YOUR 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

This summer I had the privilege to attend the summer conference for the “Leader Dog for the Blind” in Rochester Hills, Michigan.

The Leader Dog program was started in 1939 by three Detroit Lions members. Since that time the program has raised, trained, and paired with clients 14,500 (+) guide dogs. The institute supplies 275 trained dogs each year and 4-6 dogs that are trained for deaf-blind individuals.



The cost of a Leader Dog to the client is “ NOT ONE DOLLAR”. Their only cost is their transportation from their home to the airport. The client receives 26 days of training along with a dog valued at approximately \$45,000.

Next year the Leader Dog program will be having their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At the present time they are asking for special donations to build new kennel facilities.

If any of my fellow Lions would care for more information concerning this program, feel free to contact me, Lion Emery Smola, at [esmola@ktis.net](mailto:esmola@ktis.net) .

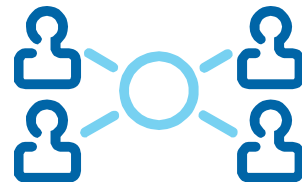
I am looking forward to meeting all of you, at the club visits, as I travel with the District Governor, Jeff Hilke.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor  
Lion Emery Smola

### STAY CONNECTED WITH 26M7

District Website: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7>

District Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MoLions26m7>



## LIONS OF INDIA HONOR ID DONAL KNIPP

The Lions of Multiple District 322B1 (India) recently took part in the "1,000 Tree Planting Festival" inaugurated by Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, International 2nd Vice President of Lions Clubs International.



As part of this effort, the Lions sponsored a fruit tree in honor of ID Donal Knipp (Auxvasse Lions Club). The tree is located in Kolkata, India. Following two years of nurturing, the tree will bear fruit. ID Donal will receive regular updates of the growth of "his" tree over the next two years. He was provided with a certificate indicating the gift and the tree's geo-coordinates of the tree so he can track its growth.

Projects such as this remind Lions that we are an integral part of spreading peace and fellowship around the world. Congratulations, International Director Donal!

## WE'RE COMING TO YOUR CITY

Below is the upcoming District Governor club visits currently scheduled:

Monday, Oct. 7, 6:30 p.m.	Brazito/Honey Creek Lions
Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m.	Hurricane Deck Lions
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 p.m.	Mokane Lions
Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m.	Owensville Lions
Monday, Oct. 14, 7:15 p.m.	Westphalia Lions
Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6:00 p.m.	Jefferson City Host Lions
Thursday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m.	Wardsville Lions
Monday, Nov. 11, 6:30 p.m.	Chamois Lions
Thursday, Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.	Lohman Lions

Don't forget, our second district cabinet meeting will be held November 13, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Lake Ozark Lions Club. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, especially all club officers.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING

The 2013 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum is now history. Over 2,500 Lions from the United States and Canada met in the Land of Oz (Overland Park, KS) to hone their skills and meet with friends. It was an exciting time with inspirational speakers and informative seminars. Many made plans to attend the 2014 Forum in Puerto Rico.

If you were not able to attend the Forum, you can still review information from the seminars. The Proceedings book, with information from many of the seminars, will soon be available at <https://usacanadalionsforum.org/proceedingsbook.html>. The Proceeding books from Forums dating back to 2001 are already available at this site.

Don't let your skill development stop there, though. Lions Learning Center (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/lions-learning-center/index.php>) has several training courses available for you. These courses cover Leadership, Managing Others, Achieving Results and Communications. The information in the courses is not only beneficial in your Lions activities, they help you sharpen your skills for tasks you use in your life and jobs. Take a look at the Lions Learning Center.

Lions webinars are also available for you to join in (<http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/leadership-development/development-programs/webinars.php>) Live webinars allow you to participate just as if you were in a classroom session. If you missed a live webinar, you can always view a recording of the webinar at any time. Some of the webinars already presented are Club Treasurer, Club Secretary and Zone Chairperson training. Upcoming webinars include LCI Ethics and the Role of the Leader (October 9 and 18), Leadership Resources on the Web (November 6 and 15), Effective Club Meetings (January 8) and Leadership Lessons from the Angry Birds (January 15 and 24). Check the web site for specific times each seminar is offered.

Using the information and courses described above allow you to expand your skills and abilities. They complement the "resident" training offered by the district and state at conventions and the Mid-Winter Forum. The 2014 Mid-Winter Forum is scheduled for February 7 and 8 in Branson. More information will be provided in future newsletters.

Plan on joining us at the 2014 Mid-Winter Forum to meet Lions from around Missouri and participate in exciting training activities. You do not need to be a club officer to attend the Forum, just a desire to learn about Lions and develop as a person.

## **GRILLIN' AND CHILLIN' ZONE**

Fun, fellowship and Lionism were in full force as Zone 4 held its first meeting at the Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club on September 9th. The host club provided a delicious pork steak dinner and pies while the Jefferson City Breakfast Lions and International Director Donal and Lion Betty Knipp provided homemade ice cream. Seven of the eight clubs in the zone were represented at the meeting (Brazito-Honey Creek, Jefferson City Breakfast, Jefferson City Capital, Jefferson City Evening, Jefferson City Host, Lohman and Wardsville). First Vice District Governor Emery Smola and Zone Chair Don Soph also attended.

The meeting featured an all-star lineup of speakers, including International Director Knipp and District Governor Jeff Hilke. In addition to their informative talks, the club representatives received information on the Club Excellence Award. Each club received an application for the Club Excellence Award and was encouraged to meet the criteria to earn the recognition. To receive the Club Excellence Award a club must:

- Be a club in good standing
- Complete three service projects
- Make a contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation
- Achieve a net membership growth or sponsor a new club
- Publicize its activities
- Have trained officers and attend zone meetings
- Hold regular meetings and submit membership and activity reports to LCI

Information on the Club Excellence Program was also presented. Each Lion received the "How Are your Ratings" survey and encouraged to have their clubs complete the Club Excellence Program. The Jefferson City Breakfast Lions are working through the phases of the program and hope to reap the benefits of their efforts.

Lions shared information on their clubs and activities. Zone Chair Lou Ann Hathcock encouraged Lions to support each others' efforts.

Lions had the opportunity to sample the five different flavors of homemade ice cream and vote for their favorite. Votes were \$1 each; the \$70 received was donated to the Missouri Lions All State Band. Door prizes were also awarded to four lucky Lions.

The next Zone 4 meeting is being planned for January 2014. It promises to be another fun time for Lions to share information.

## MLERF NEWS

### THANK YOU TO OUR LIONS VOLUNTEERS IN AUGUST

August was Children's Eye Health & Safety Month, and the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation celebrated by offering free Children's Vision Screenings throughout the state. Healthy vision is crucial to success in the classroom, and these free screenings can be helpful for parents to find out before school starts if their children are at risk for vision loss.

The program technicians screened 3,380 children at 68 events in Missouri last month. This included 2,233 children at 23 public events, such as county back-to-school fairs and a two-day event at the St. Louis Science Center. It's at these large-scale public events that Lions volunteers can make a significant impact on the screening process by helping to make sure it's fast and effective. In fact, at the Boone County Doc Bear Back-to-School Fair in Columbia, MLERF staff and Lions volunteers screened 298 children in 5 hours, which translates into an average of 1 child being screened during each minute of the fair.

Staff from the Children's Vision Screening program received a tremendous amount of help from Missouri Lions last month. They expressed special thanks to participating Lions from the following clubs:

Aurora Lions	Lake St. Louis Lions
Camdenton Lions	Maplewood Lions
Chesterfield Lions	Monett Lions
Columbia 20/20 Lions	Mountain Grove Lions
Creve Coeur Lions	Rolla Lions
Fort Leonard Wood Lions	St. Charles Lions
Hazelwood Lions	St. Charles County Lions
High Ridge Lions	St. Peters Lions
House Springs Lions	South Side St. Louis Lions

### GET CONNECTED TO MLERF

Want to know more about MLERF programs and how to get involved? There are several ways to stay in touch online. You can subscribe to *Sightlines*, our monthly e-newsletter, at [www.mlerf.org/sightlines](http://www.mlerf.org/sightlines), and you can read *Perspectives*, our quarterly magazine, at [www.issuu.com/heartland-perspectives](http://www.issuu.com/heartland-perspectives). On social media, you can like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/MLERF](http://www.facebook.com/MLERF)), follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/mlerf](http://www.twitter.com/mlerf)), and watch our videos on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/user/MoLionsERF](http://www.youtube.com/user/MoLionsERF)).

## JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS GO 4 GAS RAFFLE

Jefferson City Host Lions just kicked off a new fundraiser on Wednesday, August 28. They are selling 1500 \$10 raffle tickets to win prepaid gas cards. The drawing will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at the American Legion Post on Tanner Bridge Road in Jefferson City. See the District calendar to view the flyer regarding this fundraiser (See November 13<sup>th</sup> on the Google Calendar).

## MLERF RECOGNIZES THE JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS



The Jefferson City Host Lions Club was recognized by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF) on August 14, 2013 with an award for its generous donations and support over the last several years. To date, the Host Lions Club has donated \$ 133,773.00 to the foundation, and ranks second in donations among 350 Missouri Lions Clubs. Donations support MLERF programs that provide vision screenings for children, cornea transplants and eye care assistance for all ages. In the past three years, 4,548 Jefferson

City children have received free vision screenings with 360 of them being referred for full eye exams. Fifty five residents have received cornea transplants and three residents received special eye care assistance. In addition to financially supporting various MLREF programs, the Host Lions Club actively participates in the eyeglass recycling program by maintaining four drop boxes located throughout Jefferson City.

The Host Lions Club has 148 members who are committed to MLERF's mission statement of "WE CHANGE LIVES BY SAVING SIGHT".

## FRIEND YOUR FELLOW LIONS ON FACEBOOK

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

Jamestown Lions: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JamestownLionsClub>

Jefferson City Breakfast Lions: <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCityBreakfastLions>

Owensville Lions: <https://www.facebook.com/OwensvilleLionsClub>

If your club is on Facebook and isn't listed here, please send your page information to [lionamybell@gmail.com](mailto:lionamybell@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next newsletter.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

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

October 4	Fulton Host Lions will be collecting for White Cane Day
October 7	Hermann Lions Club Golf Tournament
October 12	Gravois Arm Lions October Festival; 9am – 12pm
October 12	Papa Joe Homm’s Traditional Oktoberfest Linn Creek/Osage Beach Lions; 5pm – 10pm
October 16	Fulton Host Lions Health Fair at Fulton State Mental Hospital
October 18 & 19	Holts Summit Lions Haunted House 7pm – 11pm 116 Hillcrest Avenue, Holts Summit (Across the street from the Holts Summit fire station) \$5/person; 5 and under free
October 25	Let’s Having a Roaring Good Time hosted by D26M7 Apple Creek Farm, 621 Murphy Ford Rd, Centertown 6pm – 11pm
October 25 & 26	Holts Summit Lions Haunted House 7pm – 11pm 116 Hillcrest Avenue, Holts Summit (Across the street from the Holts Summit fire station) \$5/person; 5 and under free
October 26	Council of Governors Meeting 10am Solid Rock Family Church 508 Hunters Run Rd, Jefferson City
October 26	24 <sup>th</sup> Annual Gravois Arm White Bass Tournament Gravois Mill Public Access Entry Fee - \$50.00 per Boat Departure at 7am; Weigh-in at 4pm
November 12	Eldon Lions 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Eldon Community Center
November 13	26M7 Cabinet Meeting 6pm Social; 6:30pm Meeting Lake Ozark Lion’s Club 131 Fish Haven Road, Lake Ozark



# LET'S HAVE A ROARING GOOD TIME

**DATE: October 25, 2013**

**TIME: 6:00 PM - ???**

**WHERE: Apple Creek Farm  
621 Murphy Ford Road  
Centertown, MO 65023**

**Enjoy hayrides and music performed by LION EYES.  
Food to include pulled pork, cole slaw and chips.  
Feel free to bring something to share if you wish.  
Soda will be provided. Bring your own adult beverages.**

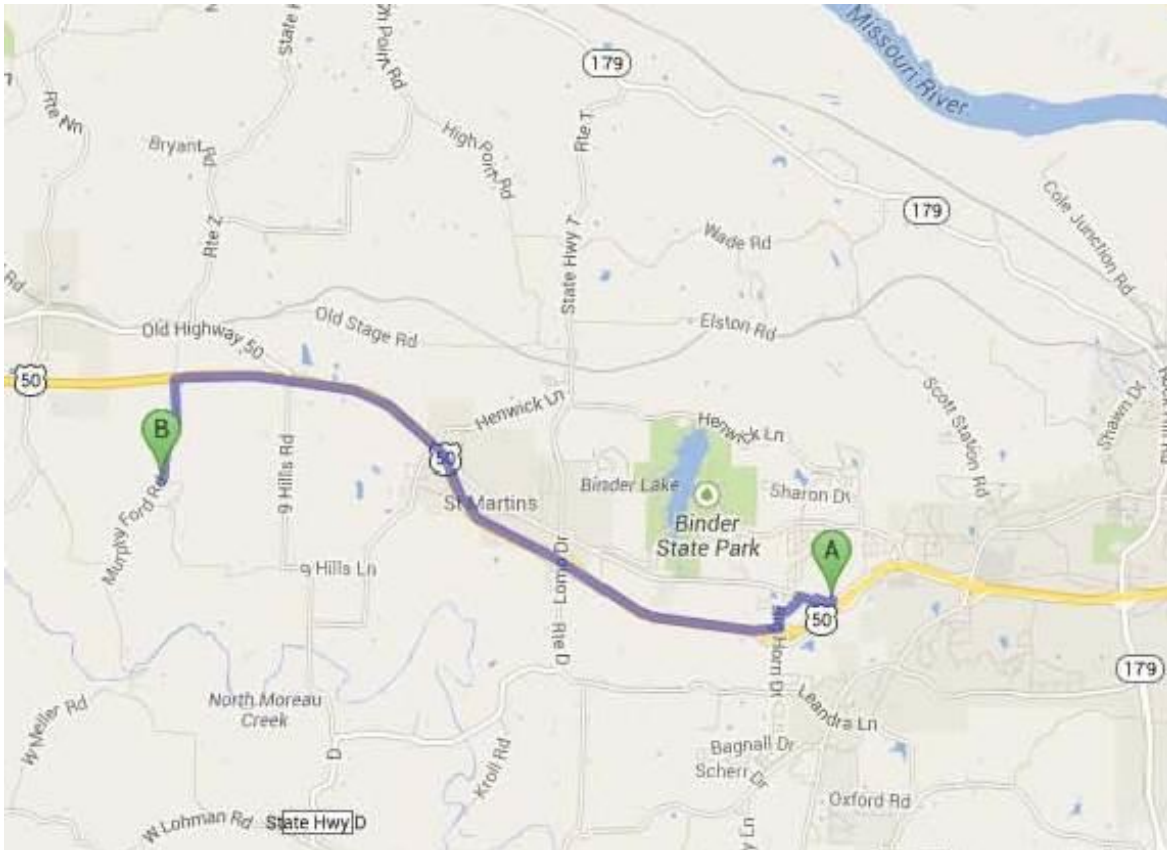
Directions: Take US-50 W; Turn left onto Murphy Ford Rd;  
Destination will be on the right.



RSVP by October 11

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**Directions to Apple Creek Farm  
622 Murphy's Ford Road  
Centertown, MO 65023**

From Hampton Inn, turn right on Country Club Drive towards US-50 Bus. West

Turn right onto US-50 Business West

Go approximately 0.2 miles and turn left onto Apache Trail. Apache Trail will become Big Horn Drive. At top of the hill, turn left to stay on Big Horn Drive.

Go approximately 0.1 miles to turn right onto US-50 West

Go approximately 6.2 miles to Murphy's Ford Road. Turn left onto Murphy's Ford Road. Apple Creek Farm will be approximately 1.1 miles ahead on the right.