



District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



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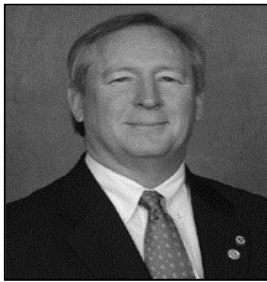
It's Not Your Father's District Convention Calling all District 26-M7 Lions!

The 2012 District 26-M7 Convention is March 2-3. All convention events are at the Truman Hotel, 1510 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City. All club presidents and secretaries have received notices and registration forms.

Join us as we welcome International Director (ID) Brian E. Sheehan and his wife, Lion Lori, to the "Heart of Missouri Lions." During the convention, Lions will have the opportunity to meet and discuss the activities and future of Lions Clubs International.

Our Friday evening hospitality night has become a popular feature of the convention -- great food, drinks, and fellowship!!! Our Saturday activities will feature a new array of educational and informational events and our District Governor's Luncheon. We think you will really enjoy our new format allowing more interaction among Lions.

For your room reservations, contact the Truman Hotel, phone 800-392-0202. A special room rate of \$66.00 + tax is available for Lions.



ID Brian E. Sheehan

Attention Lions Club Presidents

At the request of ID Sheehan, a special "Presidents' Session" is being added to the district convention agenda. All Club Presidents are encouraged to attend the convention and take advantage of this special session.

District 26-M7 Hits the Internet

Looking for District 26-M7 on the World Wide Web? Well, we have taken the initial steps to ensure an Internet presence. Our web site is: <http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7/>. Take the web site for a spin and let us know what your think.

Lion Curtis Hendricks, Jefferson City Evening Lions, is serving as our Information Technology Chairperson and has gotten us started down the Internet road. However, just like any Lions project, it takes more than one Lion to make a successful project. We now need your help.

We have posted basic information about our district on the site

and have links to our monthly newsletters. But, we want to hear from you on what information you would like to see on the web site. One thing we would like to do is spotlight our Lions serving their communities. This is a visual media, so photographs are very important.

You can send your comments and photographs (with a short narrative of the activity and Lions involved) to Jess26M7@aol.com.

Well done, Lion Curtis!

Missouri Lions State Convention -- A Full Slate of Activities

An action-packed weekend is planned for Lions at the State Convention, April 20-22, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. On Friday, incoming district officers will have training sessions in the morning while other Lions will be playing in a golf tournament that begins at 8:00 a.m. Golfers will play in a two-person scramble, with fun as the major goal (you don't have to be named "Tiger" to play in this tournament).

Also on Friday, an unforgettable tour of the historic Missouri State Penitentiary is planned especially for the Lions from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Older than Alcatraz, the penitentiary was built in 1836; prisoners were transferred to a new facility in 2004. You will visit the oldest housing unit (dating from 1868), hear tales about inmates, and tour the underground dungeon cells. It's then on to the gas chamber and other areas of the prison.

A short opening convention session Friday evening is followed by the exciting hospitality evening. Nine hospitality booths -- one from each district; MLERF; and Lion Donal Knipp, PDG, our international director candidate -- are available in the grand ballroom, setting the stage for a great social event with great food and drinks.

Saturday's events include another convention session followed by Lions education. Following the Lions' Luncheon, delegates will cast their votes on issues before the convention. The Host Committee is working on additional activities for the afternoon. Before the evening's banquet, a social period is available for all attendees. The past district governors will also hold their social meeting.

Sunday will feature a worship service and necrology recognizing those Lions we have lost during the year. The closing session of the convention follows.

Throughout the weekend, the Convention Committee will operate a store offering Missouri Lions shirts, hats and other items. The Missouri Lion Pin Traders will have their array of Lions pins on display. Also, several Lions activities will have display booths where you can learn even more about Lions activities.

This is a great opportunity for Lions to meet old friends, make new friends, learn about Lions activities, and head home re-energized with the Lions spirit. Registration forms are available from district Convention Committee Chairpersons, on the Missouri Lions web site ([http://www.missourilions.org/State%](http://www.missourilions.org/State%20Convention)

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A special tip of the District Governor's hat to the following Lions who are serving as the district's Nominating Committee:

- Lions Gene Cox, PDG, Stover Lions Club
- Lion Betty Knipp, Auxvasse Lions Club
- Lion Bill Frehse, Rocky Mount Lions Club

Lions interested in serving as district governor, first vice district governor, or second vice district governor in Lions year 2012 - 2013 should ensure the nominating committee receives notice of their intention to run for election.



From the Guv:



I Believe! I believe in the Lions of District 26-M7, who give unselfishly of their talents and time to help others and make their communities great! I believe in Lions who have the courage to commit to helping and follow through with the actions to accomplish projects and service activities. These are the Lions who, by working together, are able to accomplish the everyday miracles for those they help. Remember, just as Lions band together in their club to accomplish more than a single Lion can, Lions clubs making the commitment to work together can accomplish even greater service.

In the "I Believe" spirit, our State Sight Conservation Committee is calling on Lions across District 26-M7 and Missouri to band together during Lions Sight Week (May 6 - 12, 2012) to make an impact and celebrate Lions club's active participation in sight programs throughout Missouri. The goals of Lions Sight Week are ambitious. Working together, Lions can meet and exceed the goals while increasing awareness of Lions activities and providing valuable services to the citizens of our communities.

Each Lions club is encouraged to actively participate in the celebration of Lions Sight Week. Club presidents will soon receive an information packet with details on how you can participate in the celebration. This packet will outline four activities Lions clubs can adopt. Please do not hesitate to contact me (Jess26M7@aol.com) if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing many of our great Lions at the District Convention on March 2-3 at the Truman Hotel in Jefferson City! Come for the fun and fellowship, stay for the education and sharing!

DG Jesse

What is GPLLI?

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is a fun, fast-paced weekend full of time with Lions from Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, North & South Dakota and Saskatchewan. So much is going on that you almost forget you're learning valuable tools for use as a Lion and in everyday life.

The 10 classes held on Friday afternoon through Sunday morning are led by Just Plain Lions. Whether your instructor is a PDG, PCC, PID or whatever other alphabet concoction you come up with, it doesn't matter at GPLLI. You will discuss such topics as diversity, conflict management, motivation and public speaking, just to name a few. One of my fellow attendees arrived last year deathly afraid of speaking in front of people. At the end of the weekend, she stood up in front of all 70 or so people present and presented a poem she had written that weekend about her experience. Unbelievable!

I strongly encourage any and all of you to attend this worthwhile event. GPLLI is only available to Lions who have not served as a district governor or above. There are three scholarships available to Lions from our district to attend. The scholarship includes the tuition, room, and meals while at the institute. I hope we have 30 people wanting to go! If that happens, I'll personally work to make it happen.

The application form is included in this newsletter and can be found at www.missourilinos.org (look under the "Training" tab). If you are interested in the scholarship, please send your completed application to DG Jesse Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Anyone with questions or considering attending, please contact me for additional information. I'll be glad to assist and provide whatever information and assistance I can.

Lion Jeff Hilke

Editors Note: Application for GPLLI is available on the next page

10th ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Provided for the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38

Doane College—Crete, Nebraska

July 13-15, 2012

Registration Form - One Form Per Attendee - Please type or print LEGIBLY

Name _____ Badge Name _____

Last First Initial

Address: _____

Street/PO Box City State/Prov Zip/PC

Phone () _____ () _____

Home Business/Cell e-mail

Sub District No _____ Years in Lionism _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee is \$130.00 US if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2012, and must accompany the application form. Beginning June 1 the base fee increases to \$145 US. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the form mail to Registrar PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Doane College. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of \$30.00. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 13th and check out must be completed by 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 15th

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted. _____

Single occupancy room requested (Add \$30.00 to registration fee).

_____ Diabetic Diet requested.

_____ Vegetarian Diet requested.

_____ Wheelchair Access required.

_____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed.)

Please list any other special requests. _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Gary Fry Registrar, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169-0606. 515-967-4645 or frygj35@msn.com

Why should your Lions club participate in Lions Sight Week?



From May 6-12, the Foundation will celebrate [Lions Sight Week \(LSW\)](#). This state-wide observance celebrates the Missouri Lions' support of our blindness prevention programs and honors your volunteerism in the community.



Through your participation, your Lions club will have a direct hand in helping individuals in your community. Additionally, The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation will recognize participating clubs with a special Lions Sight Week participation patch and include the club in a special listing on

www.mlerf.org and in the Missouri Lions newsletter. You can also provide your local news media with a press release describing your club's efforts.

How can your Lions club get involved with Lions Sight Week? Glad you asked. Here's how you can be involved:

PDG Donal Knipp, our endorsed candidate for International Director,

1. Host a Children's Vision Screening in your community or with other Lions clubs in your zone. MLERF will screen over 2, 000 children this week.
2. Host an eye, tissue, or organ donor drive.
3. Promote Lions Sight Week.
4. Make a special contribution to the Missouri Lions Eye Research Institute.

Want more information? Lions club presidents and zone chairpersons will soon receive a packet providing additional information on Lions Sight Week and further information on each of the activities listed above.

Lion Larry Duncan, Owensville Lions Club, is our District Sight Conservation Chairperson. He can be contacted at 573-437-4329 or l_mduncan@yahoo.com. DG Jesse is the Liaison Governor to the State Sight Conservation.

Welcome New Lions to M-7

<i>Lions Clubs</i>	<i>New Members</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>
Eldon Lions	William E Conn	Edward Bierbower
Freeburg Lions	Noland Stuecken	None listed
Holts Summit Lions	Amanda J Christian	Lynne Bateman
Holts Summit Lions	Treasa L Gee	Lynne Bateman
Holts Summit Lions	John Kearnes	None Listed
Hurricane Deck Lions	Janet Johnson	None Listed
Hurricane Deck Lions	Randy Johnson	Joan F. Johnson
Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Club	Donald Colter	Brooks Nicklas
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Jefferson City Host Lions	Lois Fairchild	Mark S. Kross
Jefferson City Host Lions	Lisa A. Turner	Winnette F. Swanson
Millersburg Lions	Keith R. Fisher	Dennis Haymart
Mokane Lions	John Wendleton	Bryan R. Rogers
Brazito-Honey Creek	Terry Davis	Sponsor Ryan Hood.

New M-7 Lions Continued



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Mokane Lions	John Wendleton	Bryan R. Rogers
Owensville Lions	Michael J. Sage	Calvin L. Havelka
Rocky Mount Lions	Avayon M Thorp	Barbara M. Wilmesherr
Versailles Lions	Joe E Brown	Kevin Schehr
Versailles Lions	Jason K. Denman	Chad M. Hartman
Versailles Lions	Jerry I. Graber	Kenneth O. McCutcheon
Versailles Lions	Chad M. Hartman	Kevin Schehr
Versailles Lions	Eric J. Wright	Dustin G. Dunklee
Wardsville Lions	Bret Brooks	William W. Gratz
Wardsville Lions	Steven Cox	Ryan Wilbers
Wardsville Lions	Greg Eichholz	Chad Heckman
Wardsville Lions	Tim Galbraith	William W. Gratz
Wardsville Lions	Mike Hughes	Bruce Bax
Wardsville Lions	Chad Laune	Ryan Schrimpf
Wardsville Lions	Mike Luebbert	Leroy Bisges
Wardsville Lions	Patrick Mingucci	Brice Ready
Wardsville Lions	Brian Rackers	Bruce Bax
Wardsville Lions	Eugene Sandbothe	Leroy Bisges
Wardsville Lions	Al Savage	Tim Wilbers
Wardsville Lions	Tom Wilbers	Ryan Wilbers
Warsaw Lions	Charles Allcorn	Corbin D. Cain
Warsaw Lions	Charles Robert Behrendt	David D. Bolinger
Warsaw Lions	Cale R. Haddock	Joe Dale Hedrick
Warsaw Lions	James R. Haley	Corbin D. Cain

Club News

Hermann Lion Club Tuesday, Feb 21st Valentine Party and Meeting - Vintage Restaurant - 6 PM. Cost \$15 per person. Contact Lion Norb for reservations.

Gravois Arm Lions are hosting a Ham & Bean dinner on February 18th, serving from 11 am til 4 pm. They are also having a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner on March 17th; more details coming.

Jefferson City Host Lions will be hosting a Ham & Bean and Chili Dinner for the first time on Feb. 1, 2012, and are hosting a Pot-O-Gold Dinner on April 14, 2012. See a JC Host Lion for tickets and a chance to win!

Camdenton Lions Club sell mints and specialty popcorn at Wal-Mart. On February 25, they will be hosting a Monopoly Party. Come visit and see how it is done!

Chamois Lions Club Bingo is held on the second and fourth Saturday evenings of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamois Community Center. The club joined with the Modern Woodmen to install a new sign welcoming visitors to Chamois.

Owensville Lions has bingo every Tuesday night. Early birds start at 6:30 with bingo at 7:00. We have a wonderful bingo kitchen that serves a special every week for \$5.00. We always serve hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, onion rings and home made pie every week. It is open to the public and we serve from 4-6:30 (eat-in or carry-out).

Jefferson City Evening Lions – The evening Lions had a successful Pork Loin Smoker, having prepared and sold more than 200 loins. They are planning a dance on March 9th at the Wardsville Lions Den.

Wardsville Lions Fantasy Night is February 11, 2012. Annual barbeque dinner fundraiser is February 25, 2012; proceeds benefit the MO Lions Eye Research Foundation and local projects.

Freeburg Lions Club is having “Get Lucky For Valentine’s Jackpot Night”, Saturday, Feb. 11th \$100.00 per couple. Must have ticket to enter. 175 Tickets sold. Held at Holy School in Freeburg. Ticket includes Prime Rib and Shrimp dinner + beer + set-ups And a automatic chance to win \$3,000.00 grand prize. Lots of other smaller prizes given away. Plus other games and fun. Contact Todd Cummins, Lions Club Treasurer for tickets. 573-291-2107 or grasofi@att.net.

Warsaw Lions Our 2012 fund raiser youth basketball tournament is set for February 6 to 11 in the Warsaw Community Center. We hope to have 8 teams in each of two divisions. Teams normally come from Benton, Henry, Pettis and Hickory counties. Our revenue comes from business donations, ticket and food/beverage sales. This tournament was canceled due to snow last year, which was the first year since the 40s that it was not held.

Change of Meeting Dates for Camdenton Lions Club

Due to the death of our beloved member and cook, Lion Jean Horrigs, we have changed our meetings to the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. We will start our meetings at 6:00 and will eat when the meal is delivered by a local restaurant.

We are looking forward to visits from other Lion Club members from our district.