



District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



May 7, 2012

## State Lions Programs Benefit Our Youth

We often talk about getting the next generation involved in Lions activities. Now is your chance to do more than talk. Two of our statewide projects are designed to provide learning experiences to our high school students and recent graduates. To be successful, they need the support of all Lions clubs, including yours.

- **Missouri Lions All State Band.** This program brings together young musicians from around the state and melds them into a cohesive unit. Following their band camp, held at Ft. Leonard Wood from June 24-28, the band will perform a series of concerts in Missouri's great northwest, beginning June 29. They then travel to Mount Rushmore and Colorado Springs, where they will also perform. The band makes an encore performance at the Missouri Lions All Star Football Game on July 21. For more information on how you can nominate a musician to the band or support the program, please contact the District 26-M7 Band Committee Chairperson, Lion Ron Jordan, PDG, at 573-635-0893.
- **Missouri Lions All Star Football Game.** The coaches have picked their players and are preparing for training camp in July. The annual game pits teams of stellar athletes from around the state in an exciting gridiron classic. Proceeds from the game are earmarked for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. This year, the following players from District 26-M7 were nominated by their high school coaches and selected to participate in the All Star Football Game:



Garret Baker, Owensville High School  
Austin Kempker, Eldon High School  
Matthew Pehle, Eldon High School  
Benjamin Seitz, South Callaway County High School  
Jack Young, Jefferson City High School



For more information on how you can support the All Star Football Game, please contact the District 26-M7 Athletic Committee Co-chairpersons, Lion Dennis Licklider, 573-896-5277, or Lion Gail Crane, 573-636-7656.

Each year, Missouri youth benefit from our Lions projects. In addition to learning teamwork and leadership skills through these activities, the participants also learn about Lions services in their communities, throughout the state, and around the world. The ultimate compliment to hard working Lions is when one of the participants chooses to join their local Lions club. Our statewide projects allow us to bring together greater resources and make a bigger impact.



# From the Guv:



Kudos are due to the Lions of District 26-M7. You continue to provide a high level of service to your communities and our state projects supporting vision programs and our youth! Despite the rough economy, Lions continue to hold their fundraisers, activities that help make possible the many services of the Lions.

Hearty Lions Thanks are extended to the 2012 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee for generously sharing their time and talents with the Lions of Missouri. Over 340 Lions came together on April 20-22 to share in the fellowship of Lions and learn how they can grow as Lions. Well done, Lions!!

It was great to see so many of our district's Lions enjoying the State Convention. We should all plan to meet again at the 2013 Missouri Lions State Convention in Kansas City. Remember to bring your fellow Lions, too!

Now that spring has officially sprung, we see many of our Lions clubs break out the barbeque pits for their regular fundraising events. Of course, the pancake flips and other fundraisers are still happening, as well. I encourage you to support your nearby Lions clubs in their efforts; we are all working towards the same goals in serving our communities.

As we work at our service projects and fundraisers, we are reminded that a few more helping hands would be appreciated. Look around your communities. There are people in your community just waiting to join an active and productive organization -- your Lions club. Work up the courage to ask them to join you, tell them of the great deeds you club is performing and how you are helping make your community and the world a better place.

*DG Jesse*

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## **International Director Candidate Update**

Lions, your strong support for Lion Donal Knipp, PDG, has been truly heartwarming. As Lion Donal and Lion Betty continue along the campaign trail, their belief in the strength and courage of Lions is multiplied.

Since securing the Missouri Lions' endorsement as their candidate for International Director, Lion Donal has been very active in the Auxvasse Lions Club, District 26-M7 and throughout Missouri. Among his many accomplishments this year include working with the Global Membership Coordinators of District 26-M3 and M4, efforts that resulted in new Lions clubs. A highlight of Lions service undoubtedly was assisting Lions plant trees in the tornado damaged areas around Joplin.

The next leg of the journey is the Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, Korea. Lion Donal will lead an entourage of Missouri Lions to Korea. The Missouri Lions delegation is dedicated to ensuring a successful campaign for Lion Donal.



Lions Betty and Donal Knipp .

## District Governors Spouses Project

Feeling the "I Believe" spirit, the spouses of the Missouri Lions district governors decided they should do something extra to help others. Seeing the continuing need for assistance in the Joplin area stricken by a tornado in May, 2011, the spouses embarked on their own project to support recovery from the deadly tornado.

They developed an 18-month calendar (July 2012 - December 2013) celebrating Missouri Lions at work and play. The calendar features two pages for each district and four pages devoted to state projects. The calendar was unveiled at the Missouri Lions State Convention.

You, too, can own a Missouri Lions calendar and support the recovery effort conducted through Lions clubs. Calendars are available for purchase for the cost of \$10 each. If you or your Lions club is interested in purchasing a calendar (or calendars), please contact Lion Lou Ann Hathcock, 573-761-4438 or at balloonsisters@aol.com.

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## MyLCI

A new web site for membership and service activity reporting is coming soon

Have you heard the news? WMMR and LeoMMR, the online membership and service activity reporting systems, are being updated to better serve you. The new Web site is called "MyLCI". The updates will be phased in gradually. In June 2012, club officers will see:

- **Single site for Lions and Leos** - Lions officers and Leo officers will use the same site.
- **Your Home Page** - a home page includes a snapshot of information tailored to your club.
- **Your Tasks** - a "to do" list is developed for you.
- **Officer mailing address** - update the mailing address used for your officer correspondence.
- **Club Statements going "green"** - option to suppress the printing of monthly club statements.

In August 2012, new features will be introduced for region, zone and district officers.

Learn more at [https://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/wmmr/WhatsNew\\_EN.aspx](https://extranet.lionsclubs.org/whatsnew/wmmr/WhatsNew_EN.aspx).

### Club Officer Reports

Presidents and Secretaries:

OK, your time is about up. By now, your Lions club should have elected your officers for the Lions Year 2012 - 2013 (starting in July 2012) Please ensure that you update your club officers (president, secretary, treasurer, membership chairperson) on the Lions Clubs International Web Monthly Membership Report (WMMR) web site (soon to become the MyLCI site) or submit a hard copy of the PU-101, Club Officer Report to Lions Clubs International **prior to May 15, 2012.**

As of May 7, 15 Lions clubs had submitted this report.

## Club Officer Training

It's that time of year again. Lions clubs have held their election and some officers will serve again and some new officers will serve their Lions for the first time. However, they all have one thing in common -- they want to do the best job they can.

To help them along, the District 26-M7 Global Leadership Team has scheduled a series of Club Officer (President, Secretary, and Treasurer) training sessions. It doesn't matter if you have served in the past or this is your first time. The training sessions will offer something for everyone. The veterans can share their experiences and learn some of the new information coming down the road. Those assuming the responsibilities for the first time can learn from the "old-timers" and pick up some tips to make their jobs a little easier.

The following sessions are scheduled:

May 22	6:30 pm	Westphalia Lions Building
June 6	6:30 pm	Owensville Lions Building
June 9	11:00 am	Hurricane Deck Lions Building
June 11	6:30 pm	Fulton Lions Building
June 12	6:30 pm	Wardsville Lions Building
June 14	6:30 pm	Lake Ozark Lions Building

A light meal will be provided at no cost to those attending the training session.

Please let your hosts know that you and your club's fellow officers will attend at least 3 days before the event.

Hurricane Deck and Lake Ozark sessions  
DG-E Darlene Jost (573-723-0347 or jostdar@aol.com)

Westphalia, Owensville, Fulton, and Wardsville sessions  
1 VDG-E Jeff Hilke (573-690-8272 or lionjeffhilke@gmail.com)

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## What is the C. Wayne Henderson Award?

Named after Missouri's fourteenth International Director, the C. Wayne Henderson Award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions in serving our youth. The individuals honored with this prestigious award are selected by Lions clubs. Your Lions club can earn the right to recognize an individual or group for their work or support of youth programs. Your cumulative donations of \$500 to the Lions Opportunities for Youth program, either in a single or multiple payments, will entitle your Lions club to name a recipient of this award.

How are your donated funds used? The funds donated to the Lions Opportunities for Youth program support various state youth projects. You are probably familiar with two of the more visible programs -- the Peace Poster Contest and the annual Youth Foreign Exchange Program. Each year, Lions clubs sponsor local Peace Poster Contests, with the state's winning artist and family being recognized at the Missouri Lions State Convention. The Youth Foreign Exchange Program welcomes young adults from around the world to experience life in Missouri, culminating in a week-long camp.

For further information on these programs, or how you can support them, contact the District 26-M7 Lions Opportunities for Youth Chairperson, Lion Pat Mills, 573-645-0410 or pmills@msma.org

## New Members

Let's give a mighty Lions ROAR to welcome our newest members. Our new Lions help our clubs grow and allow us to do so much more in our service to our communities.

### Eldon Lions Club

Sharon Cole Harms Sponsor: Edward Bierbower  
Nathan A. Veltrop Sponsor: Edward Bierbower

### Freeburg Lions Club

Don Schmitz Sponsor: Herbert Plassmeyer

### Hurricane Deck Lions Club

Donna L. Young Sponsor: Joan Johnson

### New Bloomfield Lions Club

Joe Morrow Sponsor: Keith Thomas

### Tipton Lions Club

Larry Sudduth Sponsor: Janis Wassman

When was the last time *you* asked someone to be a Lion?

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## Job Well Done -- Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee

The 2012 Missouri Lions State Convention is now in the history books. Thanks to the hard working Host Committee, Lions from around the state and our distinguished guests -- Past International President Jimmy Ross and Lion Velda Ross -- received a warm welcome. Although hotel renovations condensed some of the available space, this just allowed Lions to get to know each other better.

Many thanks to the Host Committee led by Chairperson Lion Bob Van Ark, PDG and Co-chairperson Lion Ed Bailey. Lions serving on the committee included Dan Bernskoetter, PCC; Nan Blakemore, PDG; Janice Bonnot; Steve Duncan; Lou Ann Hathcock; Terry Higgins; Mark Johnson; Ron Jordan, PDG; Rich Joseph; Charlie Lindquist; Debbie Lindquist; Mark Mehmert; Janet Ousley; Marvin Stuenkel, PDG; Eric Struempf; Barbara Van Ark; and Dave Wallace.

Check out the District 26-M7 Web site at  
<http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7/>  
Give us your ideas to make it better.

## Club News

**Auxvasse** -- The Auxvasse Lions took advantage of a recent spring day to spruce up their city's welcome sign. Later that week, they teamed up with local law enforcement agencies to conduct a "Take Back the Drugs" drive, collecting outdated and unneeded prescription medications.

**Belle** -- On April 30th, the Belle Lions held a Health Fair at the Belle Community Center. The Fair featured Children's Vision Screening and Healthy Vision Screening from the MO Lions Eye Research Foundation and mammography screening.



Auxvasse "Take Back Drugs" collectors, Auxvasse policeman Robbie Harrison, Lion Bob Simpson, Lion Betty Knipp, Callaway County Deputy Sheriff Clay Chism, Lion Donal Knipp and Lion Dale Ross.

**Gravois Arm** -- The Lions of Gravois Arm recently adopted the newly created Gravois Mills City Park. Over the next few months, Lions will work to beautify the park. The Lions club also hosted a membership drive featuring a "free lunch." A new Lion was inducted that day and Lions will follow up on additional leads.

**Jefferson City Evening** -- A team of Evening Lions ventured out in the daylight hours to paint the hallways of the Special Learning Center.



Auxvasse Lions Bob Simpson and Donal Knipp work around the Auxvasse welcome sign.



Lion Betty Knipp puts the finishing touches on a newly planted seedling while Lion Donal Knipp mows the grass.

**Owensville** -- On April 21, the Owensville Lions hosted a dinner to raise funds for the Owensville Lions Sports Complex. In addition to a prime rib dinner, those in attendance were treated to several prize drawings. Two ball fields at the complex are seeing their first use this spring.

**Russellville** -- On April 28, the Russellville Lions hosted a community barbeque to raise funds to support their local projects.



The Russellville Lions displayed their barbeque talents to fund their local community projects.



Lions Leroy Bisges and Pat Schmutzler work the Wardsville Lions magic on a pan of barbeque.

**Wardsville** -- Provided their barbeque expertise in support of Catholic Youth Organization fundraiser at the St. Stanislaus Catholic School.

# Calendar

- May 10 Health Fair, Chamois Lions, Chamois High School, 2 pm - 7 pm
- May 12 Pancake Sale, Tipton Lions, Community Center
- May 16 District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting, Holts Summit Lions Club, 6:30 pm
- May 19 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- May 19-20 Hermann Lions Kettlekorn/drink sales at the Hermann Maifest
- May 26 Pancake and Sausage Breakfast (with biscuits & gravy) and Rummage Sale, Rocky Mount Lions Club  
Rummage sale tables are available for \$10 each; contact Lion Ruth, 573-392-1410), Both events run from 7:00 am until 2:00 pm
- June 1 Golf Tournament, Jefferson City Breakfast Lions, Railwood Golf Course, 11:30 am
- June 1 Golf Tournament, Jefferson City Evening Lions, Oak Hills Golf Course, 12 Noon - 6 pm  
Lions Follies, Eldon Lions
- June 9 Tractor Pull, Brumley Lions
- June 15-17 Gun and Knife Show, Linn Creek-Osage Beach Lions, Lions Building,  
Fri: 5 pm - 8 pm; Sat: 8 am - 5 pm; Sun: 9 am - 3 pm
- June 16 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- June 22-26 Lions Clubs International Convention, Busan, Korea
- July 1 Barbeque, Lohman Lions, 11 am  
Fireworks, Lohman Lions, 9 pm
- July 4 Food Booth at 4th of July Celebration, Eldon Lions
- July 13-15 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Doane College, Crete, NE
- July 21 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- July 21 Council of Governors, Warrensburg
- July 21 Missouri Lions All Star Football Game, Warrensburg, 7 pm
- Aug 18 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- Sept 1-3 Jamestown Festival
- Sept 1-3 Mokane World's Fair
- Sept 13-15 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Tampa, FL

To add your club's information, contact DG Jesse Hathcock at [Jess26M7@aol.com](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com) or 574-761-4438.

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