

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



October 1, 2011

# M-7 Lions In Parades

**Everyone loves a parade!** The Mokane Lions were in their town's annual Labor Day Parade and on Sunday, September 11, 2011 the Hurricane Deck Lions participated in a parade to commemorate September 11, 2001.

To the right are three pictures of the Hurricane Deck float. How many of these people can you identify? If not, maybe you need to visit their club? Your club will get points toward the Governor's Challenge Contest and you will meet some great Lions.



## Mokane Lion Honored



Pat Horstman, a 17 year member of the Mokane Lions Club, was Grand Marshal of the Mokane parade over the Labor Day weekend

Back Row: Lions: Jim Stack, Pres. Jim Raper, Bob Johnson, Mary Sue Stack, ZC Ruth Gross, Joan Johnson, Nunzie Restaino, Jan Fields.  
Front Row: VDG Darlene Jost, Maggie Reinecke, and Louise Restaino.

# From the Guv:

## Lions:

Within the Lions clubs of District 26-M7, we have great leaders; the leaders who will continue to make Lions a viable force in tomorrow's world. We already know those who are serving or have served our clubs, district and state organizations. We are grateful for their past and future service to Lions. But, there are so many more Lions with untapped leadership potential.

It is up to each of us to identify those Lions who display the skills, values and determination to lead our clubs and district. Further, we must encourage their development and enthusiasm. Through the district, state and Lions Clubs International training opportunities, Lions have the opportunities to learn and gain confidence to assume leadership roles at all levels.

We must provide these Lions with both the opportunity to lead and support as they assume the responsibilities of leadership. While some Lions may be hesitant to take the leadership reins, we should encourage them to accept a greater role to help our Lions organizations grow.

A new element implemented this year is the District Global Leadership Team (GLT). The District's GLT, led by PDG Pat Horner, is charged with developing our District's formal leadership programs and encouraging Lions to participate in Missouri Lions and Lions Clubs International training programs and the Great Plains Lions Leadership Seminar.

Let's work together to identify Lions with leadership potential and encourage their enthusiasm and growth as Lions.

DG Jesse

## Dear Lions and rap enthusiasts

Lions and non-Lions everywhere are talking about the newly-debuted Lions rap video "**Rockin' the Vest.**" In the video, real Lions members dance and sing along with an original rap song while they perform community service.

Our hope is to make this rap video go viral, to expose as many people as we can to the great work that we do and excite them about serving their communities. Partnered with four new and fun public service announcements, this rap video is designed to have potential members view us in a new way.

Do you rock the vest? Watch the Lions "Rockin' the Vest" rap video and help us spread the word by sharing this video with your club members, friends, family and neighbors. Thank you for helping our Lions rap go viral.

Dane LaJoye  
Public Relations Division Manager  
Lions Clubs International

### Computer Users

Access these videos at

[lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/video-view.php?id=55](http://lionsclubs.org/EN/Inn/video-view.php?id=55) or  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0YGsi8EeC3M). or  
just typing "**Rockin' the Vest.**" in your search engine.

Editors Note: As a non rapping person, I thought I would hate this video but loved it and at this site I saw some of the VERY BEST EVER public service announcements about being a Lion. These would be GREAT for your local TV stations. And they will be wonderful for recruiting. In this Lion's opinion, the best thing out of LCI for a long time. These videos will make you **PROUD TO BE A LION.**

# Missouri Lions State Projects

The very foundation of Lions Clubs International is based on your Lions club. Quite a responsibility. Each time the Lions in your club unite to serve your community you build the strength of our service organization. The strong reputations that Lions clubs build locally allow active clubs to attract active Lions. As active Lions work together, they are able to fulfill the needs of their communities. As more Lions are involved, the service to their communities are able to grow.

This same philosophy -- many Lions working together to accomplish greater service - is just as true when encouraging Lions Clubs to work together in accepting challenges and broaden their services. Over the years, Missouri Lions have worked together to identify and adopt common projects that exceed the ability of one or two Lions clubs. The statewide scope to fulfill needs across Missouri can only be accomplished if Lions from around the state work together. These Missouri Lions state activities, which rely on both monetary and volunteer support, include:

**Missouri Lions All-State Band**

**Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game**

**Lions Opportunities for Youth**

**Missouri Lions Hearing Conservation Program**

**Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (MLERF)**

**Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind (LBOMB)**

These programs support the members of our Missouri communities. The Band, Football Game, and Opportunities for Youth focus on providing unique opportunities for the youth of our state. The other projects are year-round activities that support Missourians of all ages.

Each Lions club is encouraged to learn more about and actively support each of these projects. The District 26-M7 chairperson for each activity is eager to share their programs with you.

## District 26-M7 Contacts -- State Projects

Missouri Lions All-State Band: PDG Ron Jordan, 573-635-0893 (h), 573-338-2407 (c)

Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game: Dennis Lickliger, 573-896-5277 (h) or Gail Jones; 573-636-7656 (h); gailjones42@centurylink.net

Lions Opportunities for Youth: Pat Mills; 573-645-0410 (c) 573-636-5154 ext. 126 (w); pmills@msma.org

Hearing Conservation: PDG Bryan Rogers, 573-676-3978 (h); bear4mokane@gmail.com

MLERF: 2VDG Jeff Hilke; 573-690-8272 (c); lionjeffhilke@gmail.com



Camdenton Lions Club  
host a successful  
Miniature Golf Tourney.



# District Chairpersons

## District 26-M7 GLT-D Coordinator

I would like for all Lions Club presidents in the District to invite me to attend one of their Lions Club meetings to talk for a few minutes about Leadership and developing leaders in their clubs. My contact information is:

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District 26-M7 GLT-D Coordinator  
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## Send Us Your News

We need articles about your activities as well as your money makers. We would like pictures that illustrate your activity. Please submit your articles to

PCC Lion Dan Bernskoetter at [dbernskoetter@embarqmail.com](mailto:dbernskoetter@embarqmail.com)  
or to DG Lion Jesse Hathcock at [jess26m7@aol.com](mailto:jess26m7@aol.com).

# Club News



**MOKANE LIONS CLUB:** On October 12, 2011 noon-4 at the Mokane Lions Hall, you will be able to get a flu shot. On October 22, 2011 noon-4 the Mokane Lions will be hosting a community Halloween party for the kids. On November 5, 2011 11:00 am till ? The Mokane Lions will be having a chili supper at the Mokane Lions Hall.

**GRAVOIS ARMS LIONS CLUB:** **October 1, 2011 Apple Festival** in Versailles. They will be selling cider and displaying and running their old fashioned apple press. They will probably have a float in the parade.

**HURRICANE DECK LIONS CLUB:** **FASHION SHOW October 3, 2011** Call President Lion Jim Raper @ 573-374-2951 for tickets.

**CHAMOIS LIONS CLUB:** The club will provide a meal for the **Great River Rumble** in October.

**JEFFERSON CITY BREAKFAST LIONS CLUB:** **Annual Golf Tournament** June 1, 2012.

**AUVASSE LIONS CLUB:** **Demo Derby** on October 1. Call PDG **Lion Donal Knipp** @ 573-386-5175 for more information.

**LINN CREEK-OSAGE BEACH LIONS CLUB:** Saturday, October 1 **Papa Joe Homm's Traditional Oktoberfest.** Come celebrate Oktoberfest at Linn Creek/Osage Beach Lions club, 5848 Lions Rd., Osage Beach. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Featuring German brats & sauerkraut, smoked pork chop, German fried potatoes, rolls, homemade desserts and coffee. Cash Bar with German beer & wine is available. From 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. dance to the live music of "Two Star final Band". Donation for the Adult dinner and dancing is \$12.00 and children ages 4-12 is \$2.00. For info contact **Lion Joe Homm** at 573-348-8942. All proceeds go the Lions Club "Christmas is Sharing 2011" which benefits families in the "Greater Lake of Ozark Lake area."

## New M-7 Lions

**ELDON LIONS CLUB** Juanita M. Bowen  
**HERMANN LIONS CLUB** Paul A. Peterson  
**HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS CLUB** Bonnie Kearns  
**IBERIA LIONS CLUB** Kevin D. Fritchey and Kelly Hammack  
**JEFFERSON CITY CAPITAL LIONS CLUB** Irene J. Hartel  
**LAKE OZARK LIONS CLUB** Sandy Barnes  
**OWENSVILLE LIONS CLUB** Mike Balluff, Patrick Chambers, and Richard



Let's follow this example and nurture our new Lions



# Lion World Services For the Blind

Lion Dave Bolinger, your district representative for Lion World Services (LWSB) for the Blind in Little Rock Arkansas, and his wife recently visited the LWSB facility.

Lion World Services for the Blind was founded shortly after WWII by the Little Rock Lions and has served blind and visually impaired persons from all of our states and 22 other nations. While funds are received from the states and other organizations that send individuals to LWSB, that is not sufficient to meet the needs of those receiving training. Donations from Lions and Lion Clubs are essential.



The campus consists of four buildings around a court yard. It is located across the street from University of Arkansas, Little Rock. The buildings are far smaller than I expected and are far from new. At one point, they were looking to a new facility elsewhere but that plan has been shelved due to funding. The facility includes male and female dorms, classrooms, libraries and administrative offices. Because of space limitations, some of the students are housed in houses close by, some of which are owned by LWSB.

LWSB trains and develops blind and other severely visually impaired individuals. An assessment is made of each student and each has their own training plan. For some, training includes learning to cook, clean, use a cane and GPS. It was interesting that for cooking and cleaning they have two kitchens, one with gas appliances and one with electric. The facility is not handicapped accessible due to its age but a positive may be that if a person can learn to move around that facility, moving around a modern building should be easy.

I found their computer training very interesting. Each student begins this training with taking apart a computer and putting it back together (good thing I don't have to take the training). The computers have the capability to enlarge type and they have **JAWS** (audible screen-reading software). With **JAWS**, the computer will speak the words as they are typed and it will say any word or sentence the cursor passes over. This includes information on websites. While Braille is a method to let your fingers be your eyes, JAWS lets your ears take the leading role. The students we talked to in this training were very positive and really thankful for the opportunity.

About half of the students at LWSB are studying for jobs with the Internal Revenue Service. Students in this program are preselected by IRS and guaranteed a job with IRS upon graduation. At LWSB, they are taught the computer and other skills necessary to overcome their sight difficulty and be successful customer service and tax representatives with the IRS. Certainly, advances in computer aids are doing great things to help overcome very significant handicaps. Likewise, GPS provides similar assistance in improving mobility.

One of the first things learned is that Missouri sends more visually impaired individuals to LWSB than any other state. Arkansas is the only other state close to Missouri. I was very glad to hear from several of the students that Missouri is better at assisting its blind citizens than other states.

There are about 40 students now but LWSB needs to be closer to 70 to break even financially. Since states pay part of the cost for each person sent, the recession has lowered the number of referrals from many of our states. The estimated cost per student per month including housing costs and education is \$4,500. Often two-thirds of this cost is paid by the state leaving one-third to be paid from donations. Students usually attend LWSB 6-9 months. After that time they will be wage earners taking pride in their work and paying taxes like you and me.

We were very impressed by what we saw at LWSB. All Lions should be very proud of the work LWSB does every day. The professionals we met at LWSB were enthused about their work and the students met were confident and working hard to meet their goals of physical and financial independence. **Our support is essential.**

If your club would like Lion Dave to visit, please contact him. He also has a DVD that can be used as a short program if he cannot make your meeting. Contact Lion Dave Bolinger at, 23344 Lake Ridge Dr, Warsaw, MO 65355, phone 660-438-2774 or email [cyndave@iland.net](mailto:cyndave@iland.net).



**Linn Creek/Osage Beach install their offices at their anniversary/officer installation.**  
 Left to right: IMP Lion Pat Bagby, Lion Carol Pfender, Lion Ron Schmidt, Lion Bob Bender, Lion Nancy Reynolds, Lion Betty Johnson, Lion Bud Johnson, President Kevin Kempf and Lion Jo Bagby



**Mutton, mutton, who has the mutton?**  
 Mokane Lions Club sold mutton over Labor Day weekend.

# **LCI Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act!**

Join your fellow Lions from across the nation and call your U.S. Senator(s) asking them to co-sponsor the [Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act!](#) This bill would authorize the US Treasury to mint 400,000 silver coins in honor of Lions 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2017 and raise \$8 million to aid the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by major disaster. To pass this legislation we need 290 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 67 in the Senate. To date and thanks to your efforts, we currently have 103 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives and 17 in the Senate.

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Senator Claire McCaskill and Representative Vicky Hartzler are co-sponsors of the bills. District 26-M7 Lions are encouraged to contact Senator Roy Blunt and Representative Blaine Luetkemeyer to ask for their support.

Sen. Roy Blunt @ (202) 224-5721 and Blaine Luetkemeyer @ 202-225-2956.

Phone script:

Hello my name is Lion *[Insert First and Last Name]* from the *[Insert Name]* Lions Club. As a constituent, I am requesting that you co-sponsor the Lions Clubs International Commemorative Coin Bill S. 1299, celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Lions Clubs International in 2017.

Passage of the legislation would raise critical resources for ongoing Lions programs for the visually impaired, disabled, youth and those affected by a major disaster.

Thank you.

[You may be asked to leave your full name, address and phone]

### **Vote to Grow St. Louis!**

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation recently entered [Monsanto's Grow St. Louis contest](#) in an effort to receive funding for our Children's Vision Screening program.

Grow St. Louis projects that accumulate the top three number of votes will receive \$15,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000 grants from Monsanto - and you can help us be among the winners!

Please visit [www.stlgrown.com](http://www.stlgrown.com) between September 30 and October 16

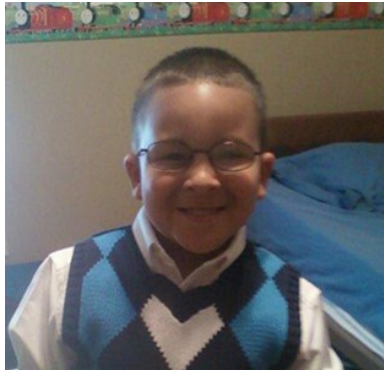
- Search by organization name - **Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation** -
- or project name - **Free Children's Vision Screenings in Low Income Communities**

Cast your vote!

You can vote up to 100 times per day, so vote daily, vote often and tell your friends to do the same!

Through the award, we hope to increase the number of children we screen in at-risk communities by developing new educational materials and reaching out to parents, teachers and school nurses about the importance of free screenings. A grant could mean better vision for hundreds of children right here in our community!

This is a great chance to spread the word about the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and all the positive things we are doing in the St. Louis community. We hope you will help!



In 2011, Joshua was attending preschool in **Jefferson City, Mo.** when he was screened at a free [Children's Vision Screening](#) by the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. During the screening, the technician found Joshua to have trouble in two of the six screening categories and referred him for a follow-up exam.

Sarah, Joshua's mother, immediately took the little boy to a local eye care professional who told her he couldn't find anything wrong with her son and suggested no further treatment. However, Sarah felt uncomfortable with his diagnosis.

"That did not settle with me, as I had started to put together past events where his sight was more than likely faulty," she remarked. "He would run into doorways, had trouble seeing far away, etc. As a couple of weeks went by I still felt really uneasy about the whole ordeal. I decided to take him to a second opinion at Burns Optical in Jefferson City."

Sarah's gut instinct paid off. Throughout his exam, Joshua could only partially see out of one of his eyes.

The eye doctor found Joshua to have amblyopia, or "lazy eye," one of the leading causes of blindness in children. In addition, the four-year-old was diagnosed as far-sighted in one eye and near-sighted in the other.

"The second eye doctor found exactly what you guys did. I brought the paper with me that you guys sent me, and his exact words were, 'Wow, the Lions Eye Research Foundation was dead on!'"

Today, Joshua is wearing the eyeglasses he needs to restore and protect his precious eyesight.

Remarked Sarah, "Thank you for visiting and doing your job. It has not only opened my eyes, but is now helping him get a brighter future. I had honestly never even entertained the idea of him having eye problems until I heard you guys were coming to his preschool. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. I cannot express how thankful I am that you guys do this for kids across Missouri!"