



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

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2016 - 2017

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter January/February 2017

District 26-M7 Lions to Host **International Director N. Alan Lundgren**

Our district's honored guest at our March 10 and 11, 2017, District Convention is International Director N. Alan Lundgren of Scottsdale, Arizona.

A member of the Gilbert Lions Club, and a Lion since 1980, he has held many offices within the association during his rise to International Director. Before being elected to his present position in 2016, Director Lundgren was a Board appointee to the LCI Public Relations Committee.

His dedicated service is recognized through the many awards he has received, including the Ambassador of Goodwill and two International President Awards. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.

Lions, let's show Director Lundgren our great Lions hospitality at our district convention!



Lions – Mark Your Calendars for the **District 26-M7 District Convention** **March 10 and 11, 2017**

District Governor Don Soph encourages all Lions to attend the 2017 District Convention at the Cedar City Lions Den (March 10 – Hospitality Night) and Union Hill Baptist Church (March 11 – training, business and voting).

Our District Cabinet Secretary, PID Donal Knipp, will send DG Soph's Call to the Convention and additional details to each Lions club shortly.

Greetings from the District Governor

District Governor Don Soph



Greetings Lions of M7! Hope all are having a wonderful new year!

2017 is upon us and that means the celebration of the Centennial year has begun! All year long Lions everywhere will be heralding 100 years of worldwide service and psyching themselves up to usher in the second 100 years. In the first five months of the Centennial, our district will host two major events that will help kick off the year long anniversary party.

Starting off the Centennial events will be the 2017 District 26-M7 Hospitality Night and Convention. The District Hospitality Night is taking place at the Cedar City club on Friday, March 10 and begins at 7 pm. The event is free and features food, live music and a silent and live auction that raises proceeds to help with the cost of the district convention. Come join Lions from throughout the district for a fun night of entertainment and relaxation. Lions work so hard all year, and the District Hospitality Night is a great chance to see old friends, meet new ones and unwind from all our months of service. If you plan to attend the hospitality night the event is potluck so please bring a side dish or dessert to share with other Lions.

On Saturday, March 11, the district convention will be held in Holts Summit (exact venue pending) and begins at 8:00 a.m. International Director Alan Lundgren from Arizona is this year's featured guest. With the on-going Centennial, the district convention will be a wonderful event to share past district successes and learn new information on how to make the future of 26-M7 bright and successful. Also, district Lions will be discussing and voting on important issues and future leadership. Please plan to attend the district convention to participate in all the activities that are taking place.

And don't forget to purchase district convention 50/50 raffle tickets. Each chance is \$2 and all proceeds help alleviate the cost of the convention. The drawing takes place at the end of the convention on Saturday, March 11, but attendance isn't necessary to win. Please contact a district leader to learn how you can purchase tickets.

The feature centennial event for 26-M7 will, of course, be the 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention we are hosting May 5-7 at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks. The theme of the convention is "Centennial Celebration" and we are going to put on quite the party to showcase 100 years of Missouri Lions service. This event will feature the statewide hospitality night of Friday, May 5 and informative and productive seminars on Saturday, May 6, among numerous other exciting and important activities. The district has set a goal to have 100 M7 Lions in attendance at the 2017 Centennial Celebration state convention. Please help us not only achieve this goal but smash it by attending the state convention. Not only will District 26-M7 Lions get a lot of the experience, you'll also help make the 100-year celebration amazingly special.

It is such an incredible honor to serve the district as governor. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and have a blessed and prosperous new year.



My Thoughts

2nd Vice District Governor Mark Schaeperkoetter

Within the past ten days, I spoke to three women about becoming members of a Lions Club.

The first lady was approximately sixty years old. Her response to me was, “We don’t have a Lions Club in our town anymore and when we did have one, its members were old men!” It just so happens that I know a man who belongs to her town’s club so we spoke about him and I told her there were ladies in the club as well.

My second encounter was a mother of four children. We talked about membership, she was very interested because of her past involvement in the Missouri Lions Band but time was obviously an issue with a full time job during the day and a full time job at home after 4:30 p.m.

My final encounter was someone that had lots of institutional knowledge of Lions Club – a relative was an active member. She informed me people her age needed to feel their membership was not so much as attending meetings but doing service projects that benefitted a group they knew. She is in that under 40 age category. She also told me that that no one had ever asked her to join.

Do we have a common thread here for all of our clubs? Yes, we do – we have a failure to communicate! In the first instance something as simple as a 30-inch road sign on the main highways into our towns tells the old timers and the newbies that Lions are here. An added bonus, this qualifies as a 100th Anniversary Legacy Project. In the second instance, we need to communicate we are willing to “think outside the box” to attract new members. In all three instances, we must do the simple task – JUST ASK!



Way to Go, 2VDG Mark!

In November 2016, 2VDG Mark traveled to Houston, TX to join with other Lions from around the United States and Canada to complete the Lions Faculty Development Institute. The Lions participated in an extensive four-day learning experience so they may further serve their fellow Lions. The curriculum focuses on techniques and concepts that will enhance the quality of training and overall effectiveness of Lions leadership development programs.

2VDG Mark is the first Lion from District 26-M7 to complete the Faculty Development Institute.



Welcome Our New Lions



Auvvasse Lions Club

Tom Howard

Sponsor: Donal Knipp

California Lions Club

Brandon Garber

Sponsor: Sara Holtsclaw

Camdenton Lions Club

Carolyn V. Oldani

Sponsor: Linda Martin

Jack Puckett

Sponsor: Brett Koons

Gravois Arm Lions Club

Kayla M. Kammerer

David Manewal

Sponsor: Larry Wittrock

Kristi Manewal

Sponsor: David Manewal



Hermann Lions Club

Muriel A. Brison

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Gary L. Heldt

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Patty J. Heldt

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Dorothy Heying

Sponsor: Stephen Lebrell

Judy A. Lebrell

Sponsor: Stephen Lebrell

Stephen Lebrell

Sponsor: John Bartel

Lindy Miskel

Sponsor: Lawrence Miskel

Ernestine E. Mueller

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Paula R. Pierce

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Cathi C. Utley

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Carolyn A. Warnebold

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Hurricane Deck Lions Club

Donald I. Basler

Sponsor: Jimmy Raper

Lonnie L. Basler

Sponsor: Jimmy Raper

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

Jackson S. Weaver

Sponsor: Bob Jordan

Mokane Lions Club

Tina Howard

Sponsor: Dee Pfeiffer

Owensville Lions Club

Jeri K. Hardy

Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

Wardsville Lions Club

Brian Bruemmer

Sponsor: Tim Wilbers

Levi Elder

Sponsor: Lester Elder

Charlie Hausman

Sponsor: Brian Drake

Brian Kecec

Sponsor: Brian Drake

When was the last time you asked someone to join in serving his or her community?

Hermann Lions Celebrate a New Milestone

December 13, 2017 marked an important event in the 86-year history of the Hermann Lions Club. It was on that night, the club inducted eight women and two men as Lions. Recruiting women into the formerly all male was a membership goal of President Lion Steve Mueller. The club embraced the initiative and recruited a “powerhouse” of women to join them in serving the Hermann community.

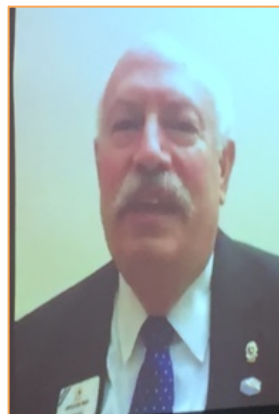
The first woman accepting when asked to join was no stranger to many of the Hermann Lions. Lion Dorothy Heying’s late husband was a past president of the club – in 1960-61. She is a retired English teacher in the Hermann community. At 107 years young, she is certainly the matriarch of the Hermann Lions Club.

International President Bob Corlew, although he was in Africa, was able to visit the evening celebration through a video link. President Corlew expressed his personal appreciation for the work the Hermann Lions have done in the past and welcomed the newest Lions into the world’s largest humanitarian organization.

The Hermann Lions also recognized the dedication and service of Lion Larry Miskel, their immediate past president, in presenting him with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Lion Larry is a dedicated servant, having retired from the U.S. Army and served the citizens of Hermann as mayor. He is the current Gasconade County presiding commissioner.



1VDG Lion Lou Ann Hathcock conducted the induction ceremony for the new Hermann Lions.



International President Bob Corlew speaking with the Hermann Lions.



Lions Larry and Linda Miskel proudly pose with Larry’s Melvin Jones Fellowship plaque. Lion Linda joined the Hermann Lions earlier in the evening.



State Representative Lion Justin T. Alferman presents Lion Dorothy with her Centennial Membership pin.

Auxvasse Lions Club Dedicates Historical Pavilion

The Auxvasse Lions Club recently completed and dedicated a historical pavilion in Mottaz Park in Auxvasse. The club built the pavilion and installed 6 panels giving the early history of the community. The club wanted to do something that would allow the visitors to the community, school children and local citizens to learn about the early history of the community. This is the local clubs way of commemorating Lions Club's 100th anniversary. All clubs are challenged to have a project about the early history of their community with a Centennial

Community Legacy Project – something that will benefit the community for years.

The dedication ceremony was held December 10th in the Mottaz Park. Scout Troop 32 posted the colors and led the pledge of allegiance followed by students from North Callaway High School singing the national anthem. City Clerk Missy Hooks welcomed everyone to the city and told of the Auxvasse Lions Clubs importance to the community. Donal Knipp told the early history of Auxvasse and also about the local Lions Club. Lion Noel Crowson gave the history of the project.

Representative Jay Houghton from Missouri House District 43 attended the ceremony and talked about the importance of small rural communities in the state. He also thanked the Lions Club for their continued service.

Phyllis Domann, local resident for many years, whose father was a long time doctor in the community and a charter member of the Auxvasse Lions Club told of his involvement in the city and also made a presentation to help with the project.

The Auxvasse Lions Club has 22 members. It meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 pm at the Iron Skillet in Kingdom City.



Above: City Clerk Missy Hooks (l) and Lion Noel Crowson (r) unveil the Auxvasse Lions legacy project. Below: the pavilion includes six panels describing local history.



Lions Mentoring Program Helps Prepare for the Future

Most often, we see our sponsors and other experienced Lions offering advice to newer Lions. This “informal” mentoring is important, but not always efficient or as productive as it could be. To help us focus our efforts to make our newer Lions more knowledgeable and eager to accept responsible positions in our clubs, Lions Clubs International developed the Lions Mentoring Program.

The objective of the Lions Mentoring Program is to help every member achieve the goal of better serving his or her community. It does so through a program of personal development that helps members realize the potential that their unique skills and knowledge offer. The Lions Mentoring Program prepares them for leadership in clubs and in their personal life. For your Lions club, this means more hands and better service for the people who need it most.

The Lions Mentoring Program is completed in two parts, basic and advanced. This article will discuss the Basic Mentoring Program. The next issue of *Between the Lions* will discuss the Advanced Mentoring Program.

Basic Mentoring Program. The goals of the Basic Mentoring Program are to gain responsibility and to build relationships. The Basic Mentoring Program can be considered a stepping stone to a leadership role.

- **Level One, The Responsibility of Being a Lion:** This level is devoted to developing an understanding of who Lions are, their vision of humanitarian service, the traditions, the organizational structure and the responsibility of being a Lions club member.
- **Level Two, Relationships:** This level is for developing relationships and organizational skills in preparation for leadership at the club level.

Lions club presidents are vital to the success of the mentoring program. The president has the responsibility of identifying qualified Lions to serve as a mentor and encourage those Lions to accept the opportunity to help develop the knowledge and skills of our new Lions.

Participating in the Lions Basic Mentoring Program

You can be a mentee in your club. Here's how:

- Contact your club president or sponsor to let him or her know that you are interested in the program. He or she will help you find a mentor. Your sponsor may be able to serve as your mentor.
- Request the Lions Basic Mentoring Guide (MTR-11) from the Membership and New Club Programs Department or download the guide from the LCI Web site: www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/mtr11.pdf
- Complete the Basic Mentoring Program.
- Submit the Achievement Form in the back of the guide to LCI to receive a certificate of completion.

Should you have any questions or wish additional information on the Lions Mentoring Program, please contact Jesse Hathcock, District Global Leadership Team Coordinator at 573-338-5530 or Jess26M7@aol.com.

Keeping Score – Jefferson City Host Lions Club Centennial Legacy Project

The Jefferson City Host Lions Club partnered with the Jefferson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company to donate new electronic scoreboards to the Lewis and Clark and Thomas Jefferson Middle Schools.

The schools' old scoreboards needed to be replaced. They were original to the schools when they were built in 1994. The digital letters were getting difficult to read and the scoreboards were outdated. The new electronic scoreboards use LED lights and are easy to read and use.



When the JC Host Lions Club was looking for a Centennial Community Legacy Project they discovered that the scoreboards needed to be replaced in both of the middle schools gyms. Because of the cost of the two scoreboards, the original plan was for the club to donate funds for a scoreboard at one middle school. However, in memory of his father, the late Lion Carl Vogel, Jacob Vogel, Vice-President of the Jefferson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company, decided to work with the Host Lions Club to purchase new scoreboards in both middle schools. Together, the JC Host Lions and Coca-Cola donated the funds for scoreboards at both schools.

These new scoreboards will have a direct and positive impact on the community of Jefferson City. The gyms are used for numerous sporting events including basketball, volleyball and wrestling and are used by both students and adults. Students from area schools use these gyms as well as adults participating in the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation sporting events.

A dedication ceremony was held on December 7, 2016 at Lewis and Clark Middle School during their basketball game. At the dedication ceremony, Jacob Vogel and the JC Host Lions Club were presented appreciation plaques by Larry Linthacum, Jefferson City Public School Superintendent. The JC Host Lions plaque reads: "In recognition of and sincere appreciation for your outstanding contributions - Our improved facilities would not have been possible without your extreme generosity. Your dedication to serving our community truly reflects the Lions "We Serve" spirit.

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

WHERE: Chamois Community Center, Chamois, MO

WHEN: Wednesday, January 25, 2017

TIME: Hospitality begins at 6:00 p.m. and the meal at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow

Please join your District officers and committee chairpersons discuss district local Lions issues, projects, and concerns. Of course, the club officers should attend but everyone is invited!

MEAL: provided by the Chamois Lions Club; \$8.00 per meal. **Need attendance numbers by January 23!**

Notify Cabinet Secretary PID Donal Knipp, at donalknipp@gmail.com or call 573-386-5175.



Looking for Volunteers 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee *Centennial Celebration 100 Years of Service*

The Lions of District 26-M7 are the hosts for the 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention, being held May 4 - 7, 2017. The Host Committee Chairperson, IPCC Jeff Hilke is asking for the district Lions to step forward to volunteer their knowledge and skills. The convention will mark Missouri Lions' celebration of 100 years of Lions Service.

The next planning meeting is 5:00 pm, January 16, 2016 at West Point Conference Room, 2701 West Main (upper rear), Jefferson City (next to Houser-Millard Funeral Home. Please attend if you are interested in helping plan or work at the state convention.



Tom and Jennifer May (center), Wardsville Lions Club, experience the international friendship of Lions at a festival in Karlsruhe, Germany. Lion Tom and Jennifer were visiting Germany.



DG Don Soph presents Zone Chairperson Susan Colvin with her Certified Guiding Lions Certificate at a recent zone meeting.



Lions Centennial Commemorative Coin

Coin collectors – 11:00 a.m. Central Time on January 18th is the release time for the Lions Centennial Coin. You can purchase the coin from the U.S. Mint (<https://www.usmint.gov>) or the LCI Store. The introductory prices are \$46.95 for an uncirculated silver dollar and \$47.95 for a proof silver dollar. The prices increase by \$5.00 each on Feb 15. The prices include a \$10 surcharge for the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF).

Coins are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no limit on the amount of coins purchased.

If all 400,000 coins are sold, LCIF will receive a maximum of \$4 million from the sales.

Salvation Army Honors Lion Wayne Osgoode

At the Salvation Army’s 2016 Red Kettle Campaign Kickoff in the Capital Mall, Lt. Christopher White and Sheriff Greg White, 2016 Campaign Co-chairperson, presented Lion Wayne Osgood with the Army’s coveted “Others” Award. The award honors an individual or organization exemplifying an extraordinary spirit of service to “others.” In addition to serving on the local Salvation Army Board of Directors, Lion Wayne leads the effort to involve Cole County Lions clubs in the annual Lions’ Red Kettle Day when Lions staff all the kettles in Jefferson City.



Sheriff Greg White (l) and Lt Christopher White present Lion Wayne Osgoode with the “Others” Award.

Cole County Lions Clubs Band Together to Help the Salvation Army



On Friday, December 16th, you could hear bells ringing loud and strong at many retail establishment sites throughout Jefferson City. It was a special day for the local Salvation Army’s Red Kettle Campaign because six of the Cole County area Lions Clubs banded together to ring at 19 kettle stations (16 locations) for the entire day! The participating clubs included the Jefferson City Host Lions, Jefferson City Breakfast Lions, Jefferson City Capital Lions, Jefferson City Evening Lions, Lohman Lions and the Wardsville Lions. Special recognition is extended to the Lohman Lions Club for having the highest percentage (50%) of their membership ringing bells.

For several years now, the Clubs have partnered on one day in December to undertake this service project, initiated by the Jefferson City Host Lions’ Club, to help raise money to ensure the continued good work of the Salvation Army in our community. Every year, we Lions set a kettle donation goal higher than the previous year’s, aspiring to ever better the outcome of our endeavor.

Donning Lions vests over Salvation Army bell-ringer aprons, **158** of our Lion clubs members cheerfully staffed kettle stands all day for a total of **194** hours (many Lions rang two or more hours) of ringing during the year 2016 Lions Bell-Ringing Day. Unfortunately, we had some cold icy weather to contend with and fell a little short of our goal. But when the day was over and done, we were most pleased to learn our efforts resulted in cumulative kettle donations for the day of an astonishing **\$13,795.67**.

This was yet another proud day to be a Lion, knowing you are truly helping those in need, especially during the Christmas season.

Publication Schedule for *Between the Lions*



March/April	March 8
May/June	May 8

Please submit your articles prior to the last day of February and April. Submit articles and calendar events to: Jess26M7@aol.com or mail to Jesse Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Calendar of Events

2017

Jan 21	Council of Governors, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, 10 am	May 4	Council of Governors, Tan-Tar-A Resort
Feb 4	First Vice District Governor training, Columbia	May 5-7	Missouri Lions State Convention, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach
Feb 11	Second Vice District Governor training, Columbia	Jun 9	Jefferson City Evening Lions 24 th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, Oak Hills, Jefferson City
Feb 17	Tipton Lions Spaghetti Dinner, Tipton High School	Jun 30- Jul 4	Lions Clubs International Convention Chicago, IL
Mar 10	District 26-M7 Convention Hospitality Night, Cedar City Lions Den	July 22	Missouri Lions "All Star" Football Game, Warrensburg, 7 pm
Mar 11	District 26-M7 Convention, Holts Summit	Aug 10-12	2017 Branson Family Vacation Pin Swap, MO Lions Pin Traders
April 22	Owensville Lions 70 th Anniversary Celebration	Sept 21-23	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR



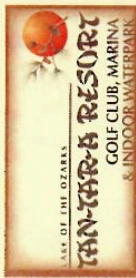
Updates to the 2016-2017 District Directory

Page 5. Change California Lions President to read: Sara Jones; 303 Maple Ave, California 65018-1962, 573-680-5914 (c); sbjsmile@gmail.com

Page 5. Change California Lions Secretary to read: Sean M. Kirksey; 57623 Lakeview Rd, California 65018; 573-286-1302 (c); sean.kirksey@californiak12.org

Page 8. Change Gravois Arm Lions Secretary to read: Kristi Manewal; PO Box 62, Gravois Mills 65037; 573-372-5450; manewal360@gmail.com

ACCOMMODATIONS



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Blocks of rooms are being held at Tan-Tar-A until April 1, 2017.

Tan-Tar-A Resort

494 TanTarA Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065

Hotel Direct (573) 348-3131
OR

Toll-Free Room Reservations: 1-800-826-8272

Mention you are with the Missouri Lions State Convention.

Group Code: LION

1 King OR 2 Queen Bed Room = \$92.00
(plus applicable taxes and \$5.00 resort fee)

Visit Tan-Tar-A Resort's website for more information at www.tan-tar-a.com.



COMING SOON

The 2017 Missouri Lions Club State Convention website is in the process of being built & fully operational by the end of August 2016.

The website will have tons of information about the 95th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention including the list below at www.molionsstateconvention.org

Registration Hospitality
Schedule Directions
Accommodations Guest Speakers
Voting Info Pin Traders
LCI Centennial Service Challenges Link
LCI Centennial Information Link
Osage Beach Tourist Links



For More Information, Contact:

Chairperson: PCC Jeff Hilke
lionjeffhilke@gmail.com or (573) 690-8272

State Convention Email Address:
2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com

OR message us on our Facebook Page at:
"Missouri Lions State Convention"

95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention



SAVE THE DATE

May 4 - 7, 2017

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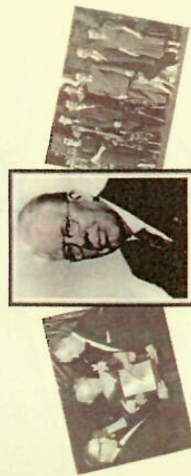
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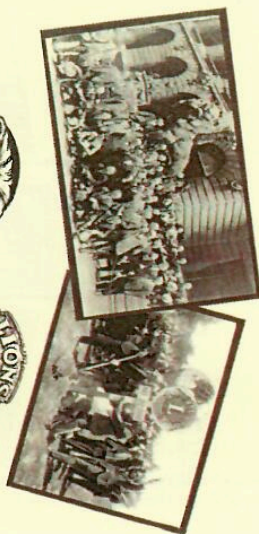
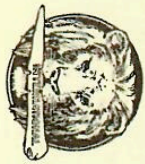
WEBSITE

www.molionsstateconvention.org

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District 26 M7 Lions invite you to the
95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention
 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO
 on May 4 - 7, 2017.

We look forward to celebrating
 100 years of Lions Clubs
 with you at Tan-Tar-A. Just mail in
 your registration to the right or
 registrar on-line at
www.molionsstateconvention.org.

Don't forget to make your reservation
 with the hotel at www.tan-tar-a.com
 or call 1-800-826-8272.

We will do the rest to make your
 weekend trip a celebration to remember.



2017 Missouri State Lions Club Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Mail registration form & payment to:

Lion Janice Bonnot 4873 Woodhaven Drive
 Jefferson City MO 65109

Checks payable:

Missouri Lions 2017 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2017)

Questions contact:

PCC Jeff Hilke at (573) 690-8272 OR
2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com

Hotel Information:

Everyone is responsible for securing their own
 lodging. See the back cover for more information.

Convention Fees Per Person:

Registration: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Luncheon: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____)

Banquet: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Total: \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$ _____)