

**District 26-M7** The Heart of Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team 2015 - 2016

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# Between the Líons



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

February 2016

### **District Governor Wisdom**

**District Governor Allen Moore** 

Lions,

We have quite a year so far. While we rightly focus on the great services our clubs are providing to those in need and making our communities great, it is hard to deny these are trying times for Lions and other community service organizations. We have challenges we must meet so we can ensure our future. We can meet many of these tasks by meeting the Centennial Challenges through focused service and growing our clubs.

Our overall membership has declined this year. But, we still have time to reverse this dangerous trend. I encourage each of our clubs to establish a Membership Growth Plan, involve the Lions members in identifying potential members and host at least one dedicated membership drive. It is important to keep track of the progress and follow up on membership recruiting. Together, we can grow our clubs.

As you know, our district convention is rapidly approaching. As part of our tradition, we are hosting a free hospitality night for all Lions on Friday, March 11 (6 - 10 pm). Our exciting new event is a short parade through Eldon at 9 am on Saturday, March 12 to showcase our Lions clubs. We have an exciting agenda that will generate participation from all those who attend. Of course, we will wrap up our Saturday by electing our new district officers.

**Club presidents** – we are having a special meeting at 8 am, Saturday, March 12 with International Director Richard Liebno. Please plan to attend the meeting!

Let us work together to provide Membership, Opportunity, Orientation, Retention and Enthusiasm!

### **Greetings** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Don Soph

Greetings Lions of M7! I hope you're staying warm during this Mid Missouri winter.

The approaching late winter brings closer an important event for the Heart of Missouri Lions – the annual District 26-M7 Convention. This year's event is taking place in Eldon on Saturday March 12, at the Eldon Community Center. For those that have attended past district conventions, you've experienced first hand the valuable information disseminated and the plentiful opportunities for networking the district convention holds. Previous attendees know the event always includes insightful, thought provoking seminars that offer Lions wonderful ideas on improving clubs, increasing membership and better and more fully serving our communities. Likewise, past convention goers have enjoyed meeting fellow Lions from around the district and sharing experiences, concerns and solutions to problems all clubs deal with. If you've never attended a convention or are new to Lions in the last year, I strongly encourage you to try out the event. I guarantee you'll leave the convention inspired, with a deeper understanding of Lionism and serving.

This year's Eldon convention is going to feature a new and festive event meant to showcase the proud Lions and clubs of our district. District Governor Allen Moore has organized a Parade of Clubs to take place in Eldon at 9 a.m. on March 12 (line up for the parade begins at 8:30 a.m.). Clubs are strongly encouraged to have a float in the parade. Representation of all M7's clubs will ensure the best display possible of Lions commitment to the communities of Mid Missouri. Your club's float can be ornate and elaborately decorated with the international theme of Dignity. Harmony. Humanity or be simple with a pick up truck displaying your club banner or some of your club's members walking and waving to on lookers. Whatever you choose, please make sure to join us for this year's Parade of Clubs and help kick off the 2016 District Convention.

Also, don't forget to attend the annual district hospitality night being held on Friday March 11 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., also at the Eldon Community Center. The hospitality night features a silent and live auction, as well as delicious food and drink and the music of the district's renowned Lion Eyes Band. The event is always a great time and provides opportunities to bond with your fellow 26-M7 Lions in a relaxed and social setting. It is asked that each club provide an item for the auction and Lions bring a side dish or dessert to be enjoyed by attendees.

If you have any questions about the convention, please feel to contact me, District Governor Allen Moore or 2nd Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Friday March 11 and Saturday March 12.

### **Chamois Lions Hosts Local Business Owners**

As part of its programs, the Chamois Lions regularly hosts a local business owner to explain their activities. At the latest meeting, the owners of Nolte Hills Nursery, Boob and Betty Nolte, explained how their business grew from a single green house to 13 greenhouses and their new plans to allow customers to pick their own produce. In growing their business, they are able to employ local high school and college students.

Nolte Hills Nursery is located at 1082 Highway 100 in Morrison.

**My Thoughts** 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

I am very excited about our upcoming District 26-M7 Annual Convention. The Eldon Lions and Rocky Mount Lions are working hard to provide you a great venue. The convention is a great place to meet Lions who all share our belief that as individuals, we can start helping our communities by uniting in our clubs, zones and district. Working together, we can take on even greater challenges and accomplish even more. District Governor Allen has put together an agenda that gives us opportunities to learn and find new ways to help our clubs.

I especially extend an invitation to all club presidents to meet with our international guest - International Director (ID) Richard Liebno – in a special meeting for club presidents at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 12. ID Liebno is serving in his first year of a two-year term and you have a chance to share some of your accomplishments and concerns.

During the convention, we will hear from two candidates for international director. The candidates will ask for our district's endorsement to share with Lions Clubs International and at the Missouri Lions State Convention in April. I ask that you listen intently to their short talks and cast your vote to endorse one of the candidates.

I thank the club officers who responded to my plea last month for better membership reporting. Many of you responded admirably. As you will recall, on December 30, 2015, we had eight clubs delinguent in their monthly reporting by more than three months. I am pleased to report that the January reporting has only three clubs delinguent by more than three months. We still need to get in the habit of validating our

membership reporting each month; we have a number of clubs that did not complete their membership reports in January. Remember, even though you may not have any changes to report, you still need to report that fact.

A couple of weeks ago, I attended the Multiple District Global Leadership Phase II training for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governors. This is part of a two-year program to ensure your district officers are prepared to lead our district. Phase II training centered on TEAMWORK and the importance of getting everyone involved. This is the same principle that we need to follow in each of our clubs. All Lions are

important to the success of our clubs. All Lions have ideas on what should be done and how to best get it done. Our leaders, both at the club and district, have a responsibility to listen to our Lions and ensure they stay involved.



2VDG Lou Ann works in the team building exercise at Phase II Training. Also shown are fellow 2VDGs Kevin Cantrell and Greg Gilliam.

I look forward to seeing many of our Lions at the District Convention on March 11 and 12, 2016.

### JC Evening Lions Club – Chili Cook-off

In what has become a January tradition, the Jefferson City Evening Lions held its Chili Cook-off at its January 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The spirited contest between club members featured a distinguished panel of guest judges. Ten chilies were entered in the bid to defeat the reigning (and undefeated) champion Lion President Gary Kempker.

The judges provided their best judgments based on their blind tasting. The close scores reflected the high quality of the chilies. The results showed that a new champion had earned the title of "Chili King" – Lion Bob Kraus. The previous champion finished a close second.

The event was started to encourage Lions to stay involved in club meetings and activities following what is usually a prolonged break over the holidays. This worked so well that the club also initiated a rib contest last August with the winning teams designated to represent the Evening Lions at its booth at the Buck-a-Bone event supporting the Special Learning Center on April 29, 2016.



Jefferson City Host Lion John Wheeler dishes out the ham & beans; sauerkraut, too.

Jefferson City Host Lions serve their guests at their 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Ham & Bean and Chili fundraiser.



Lion Dee Pfeiffer receives a Melvin Jones Fellowship from the Mokane Lions Club. Pinning the Melvin Jones Fellow pin on her vest is Jesse Hathcock, District LCIF Coordinator.



### Looking for Volunteers – 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee

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.

A planning meeting is set for 6:30 p.m., February 22, 2017 at the Hyde Park Conference Center in Jefferson City. If you are interested in helping plan or work at the state convention, please attend this meeting.

### **Welcome Our New Lions**

#### **Chamois Lions Club**

Rodney D. Frey Sponsor: Robin Lieneke

#### **Holts Summit Lions Club**

Amie M. Coleman

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

Jason D. Turner Sponsor: Dennis Horn

#### Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Joseph L. Kuensting Sponsor: Sam Bushman



#### Lake Ozark Lions Club

Angel S. Cortez-Ostry Sponsor: Larry Ostry

*Eva L. Covington* Sponsor: David Covington

Larry M. Ostry

Melissa J .Warny Sponsor: Allen Moore

#### **Vienna Lions Club**

David H. Martin

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

#### Wardsville Lions Club

James Rik Combs Sponsor: Greg Rollins

Randy Dampf Sponsor: William Gratz

Bob Fenneweld Sponsor: William Gratz

Joe Gassner Sponsor: Randy Werner

John Schaefferkoetter Sponsor: Kent Bax

Nate Talken Sponsor: Bruce Bax

#### Westphalia Lions Club

Jonathon Boesson Sponsor: Travis Massman

Adam Massman Sponsor: Danny Massman

Ron Patterson Sponsor: Chris Massman

### **Club Officer Elections**

Now is the time to prepare for electing the club officers for the 2016-2017 Lions year. The new year begins July 1, 2016.

So, what do we need to prepare? Study the provisions of your club's constitution and by-laws. If your club has not adopted its own, use the Lions Clubs International Atandard Club Constitution and By-Laws (http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/la2.pdf). This will guide you in conducting the nominations and election.

Ensure all your club members are notified of the dates and places for the nominating meeting and election meeting. At the nominating meeting, the club nominating committee will present the names of the candidates for each office; additional nominations may be made from the floor. No nominations from the floor are made at the election meeting.

Following the election, the club secretary must report the new club officers to Lions Clubs International. Completing the Club Officer Report in MyLCI is the normal reporting method. This report should be submitted within 15 days of the election, but no later than May 15, 2016.

### Wanted: Club Officers Interested in Serving Other Lions

The District Global Leadership Team (GLT) is seeking present and former club officers who would like to share their experiences with new and "retread" club officers. The club officer training emphasizes the responsibilities of the president, secretary and treasurer as well as covering the roles of each member of the board of directors.

The GLT Team is preparing its Club Officer Training sessions. If you are interested in helping in the preparation and presentation of the Club Officer Training, please contact our District GLT Coordinator, Jesse Hathcock, Jess26M7@aol.com, 573-338-5530 or 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

If your club is interested in hosting a Club Officer Training session, please contact the District GLT Coordinator.

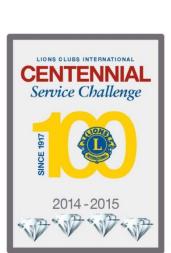
### **District Directory Changes**

**Jefferson City Capital Lions** – change meeting location and time to Hyde Park Conference Center, 2409 C Hyde Park Rd, on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

**New Bloomfield Lions** – change meeting dates to 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays

Cedar City Lions – change meeting date to 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday only

**Florence Lions** – change secretary to April Herx, P.O. Box 95, Tipton, MO 65081-0095; phone 573-645-7530 (c); aprilherx@ymail.com; change treasurer to Justin Bremer, 6700 Ehlers Road, Smithton, MO; 65350; phone 660 -441-7106 (h)



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### **Lions Club Activities**

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**California Lions** posted and retrieved United States flags at 135 businesses throughout California for Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Auxvasse Lions provided filled backpacks to the local Adopt a Buddy program.

Tipton Lions hosted a Spaghetti Dinner as a fundraising activity.

Owensville Lions hosted their weekly Bingo games.

Rocky Mount Lions hosted two bingo games in January.

**Eldon Lions** made donations to the Eldon Food Pantry Eldon Fine Arts Building Construction Fund. They also provided a new faucet for the community center kitchen. The club hosted a pancake breakfast with proceeds to benefit the family of a newborn premature baby; the funds will help cover medical expenses.

Vienna Lions made a donation to the Missouri Lions Hearing Committee.

**Jefferson City Host Lions** collected food and donations for the Samaritan Center. Lions volunteered at two Kid Sight vision screenings. Lions also helped at the Classic Speech and Debate Tournament for local high school students.

**Eldon Lions** rang the Salvation Army bell at Woods Supermarket and Wal-Mart and read books to children at Head Start. Donated funds to the Eldon Food Bank.

**Lohman Lions** Collected 14 bags of trash from its "Adopt a Highway" area. Also helped at the local food pantry.

**Hermann Lions** presented awards to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners in their 2015 Peace Poster Contest during their annual banquet. The club also made a donation to the Hermann Food Bank and purchased eyeglasses for a young adult.

### Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions reported they served 268,598 people through their 169 activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns.

### Remember to report your Lions club activities on MyLCI

(https://mylci.lionsclubs.org/LogIn.aspx) to qualify for Centennial Service Challenge awards.

Club presidents and secretaries may update their club's membership and activity information on MyLCI. Club secretaries without access to MyLCI may send their membership and activity information to the district's MyLCI Administrator for entry into the LCI database.

Send the information to Jesse Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or call 574-338-5530.



### District Convention – Celebrate Lionism

This year's convention will begin with a parade of 26-M7 clubs at 9 am in Eldon. Clubs are encouraged to show their Lions pride and have a float or walk in the parade using the International President's theme of "Dignity. Harmony. Humanity". Participation of all of 26-M7 clubs will be greatly appreciated!

Cost:	Friday Hospitality	Free
	Saturday Registration and Lunch	\$30.00

#### All events are at the Eldon Community Center, 309 E 2nd Street

For more information contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Don Soph at 314-304-5054 or mailto:donsoph@hotmail.com.

Friday, March 6:00 p.m.	<b>11</b> Hospitality Night Lion Eyes Band Silent Auction Live Auction
Saturday, Mar	ch 12
7:00 a.m.	Registration opens
8:00 a.m.	Presidents Meeting
8:30 a.m.	Line up for the
	Parade of Clubs
9 am	Parade of Clubs
10 a.m.	Convention Starts
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon and
	Awards/
2:30 p.m.	Business & Elections

Schedule



### Raffle to support LeaderDogs for the Blind



#### Henry Golden Boy 22LR

The Lions of District 26-M7 are raffling a "Made in the USA" Henry Golden Boy 22LR rifle with two receiver covers: a specially engraved receiver cover and a brass receiver cover for rugged use.

Each ticket is \$5.00. Only 500 tickets are available.

To be eligible, you must be 21 years of age and have no criminal history or mental health issues.

Drawing is at the District 26-M7 Convention, March 12, 2016, Eldon Community Center. You do not need to be present to win.

For tickets, see your District Governor Team:

DG Allen Moore: e-mail: armoore\_25@hotmail.com; 573-216-8628 1VDG Don Soph: e-mail: donsoph@hotmail.com; 314-304-5054 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock: e-mail: balloonsisters@aol.com; 573-338-4687



A Lions fundraising project

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	Eighth Annual	0:0	Friday March 11, 2015 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Saturday March 12, 2015 7:00 am - 4:30 pm	Saturday rch 12, 2015 am - 4:30 pm
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### **GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

Lions – A premier educational opportunity is approaching. The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) provides an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program. It is designed for Lions who have not served as District Governor. Lions will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development. **The information is valuable to all Lions serving in their clubs and in the district.** 

Presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

- WHEN July 22-24, 2016. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 22. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2016. Lunch on Friday, July 22 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota
- COST \$160 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2016 (see application). Cost increases to \$180 beginning June 1, 2016. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.

## Scholarships for the \$160 tuition are available through District 26-M7 and the Multiple District 26 Past District Governors Association.

**WHO** Any Lion or Leo who is 18 years of age or older and who has not yet served as district governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID David Stoufer.

This institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

For additional information please contact Jesse Hathcock at Jess26M7@aol.com or 573-338-5530 or Institute Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net or 701-258-1189.



#### 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38 Mount Marty College Yankton, South Dakota July 22-24, 2016

#### **REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)**

NAME				Badge Name	Gender
Las	st	First	Initial		M/F
ADDRESS					
	Street/PO Box	С	ity	State/Province	Zip/PC
PHONE ( )	Home	_( )	Bus/Cell		Email
Sub-District No.	Years	in Lions	High	est Office Held	

Registration Fee is US\$160 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2016, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2016, the base fee increases to US\$180. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, **mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486**. 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 Mount Marty College. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 22<sup>th</sup> and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size (they run a little large).

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)

\_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic Diet requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Diet requested

\_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair Access required

Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests\_

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net.

#### **EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2016 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name		Relationship	
Contact telephone: HOME	WORK	CELL	
Medical information that needs to be share	red with emergency responders	:	

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### Zone 4 (Cole County) Meeting

Join us for a "Dessert Fest" on **February 17** at the Hyde Park Conference Room

Instead of a meal, we will indulge in variety of desserts during the meeting

#### The meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

Please reply to 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock, balloonsisters@ aol.com or 573-338-4687 by February 15.

### **Calendar of Events**

Feb 16	Zone 5 (Callaway County) meeting
Feb 17	Zone 5 (Cole County) meeting – 7 pm, Hyde Park Conference Room
Feb 22	2017 MO Lions State Convention meeting – 6:30 pm, Hyde Park Conference Room
Mar 11-12	District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon
Mar 26	Chamois Easter Egg Hunt, Chamois City Park
Apr 15-16	Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Leadership Weekend, Memphis, TN
Mar 12	Lake Ozark Pancake Flip, starting at 8 am, Lake Ozark Lions building
Apr 28 – May 1	State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
May 1	Brazito-Honey Creek BBQ – 11 am - 6 pm, Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Building

### Zone 5 (Callaway County) Meeting

6:00 p.m., February 16 at Saving Sight 404 Portland St., Columbia We will visit the new Lions Volunteer Center and help process donated eyeglasses.

At 7:00 p.m., we move to Bandana's BBQ, 3405 Clark Lane, Columbia for dinner (order off the menu)

Please reply to Zone Chair Betty Knipp at bettyknipp628@yahoo.com or call 573-386-5175 (home) or 573-220-1347 (cell) by February 15, 2016

- June 10 JC Evening Lions 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament (Three-person Scramble), Oak Hills Golf Course, Jefferson City; Tee Time is 12:30 p.m.
- Jun 24-28 Lions Clubs International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan
- July 3 Lohman Lions BBQ and Fireworks Show
- Jul 23 Council of Governors Meeting, Warrensburg
- Jul 23 MO Lions All Star Football Game Warrensburg
- Sept 15-17 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE
- Oct 15 Brazito-Honey Creek Lions BBQ, Schulte's parking lot, Jefferson City
- Oct 29 Council of Governors Meeting. Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark