



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team
2016 - 2017

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter March/April 2017

District 26-M7 Honors Lion Janis Wassman

At the 2017 District 26-M7, Lion Janis was the latest recipient of the district's B. W. Robinson Distinguished Service Award. The annual award, named in honor of Past International Director Robinson, recognizes a Lion who has accepted the responsibilities of serving Lions beyond the club level.

Lion Janis Wassman was honored for her continued commitment to serving the Lions of District 26-M7. A member of the Tipton Lions Club, Lion Janis served her club in various leadership positions and the district through her service as a zone chairperson and many years as the district's liaison to MidSouth Lions Sight & Hearing. She also served several years as a member of the MidSouth Board of Directors.



PID Donal Knipp (r) and DG Don Soph (l) present the District 26-M7 B.W. Robinson Distinguished Service Award to Lion Janis Wassman, Tipton Lions Club.

Highlights from the 2017 District 26-M7 Annual Convention



The district was honored to host International Director N. Alan Lundgren who arrived on Thursday and had deep Lions discussions with the District Officer Team. On Friday, DG Don Soph provided an informative tour of the Missouri Capitol building, including a visit to the Whispering Chamber and a long stair climb to the dome, where ID Lundgren was given a panoramic view of the Capital City. That afternoon featured a tour of various Lions projects in and around Jefferson City. This included a visit to the Wardsville Lions Club, where Lions were busy with renovations to their basement meeting area. ID Lundgren was given a tour of the building and baseball diamonds, demonstrating the results of the commitment of Lions and its community.

The 2017 District 26-M7 Annual Convention officially kicked off with the Friday Night Lions Hospitality Night at the Cedar City Lions Den. The night included the croonings of B. W. Davis with several Lions taking the opportunity to show off their dance steps.

Lions and Lions clubs donated several valuable items for the silent and basket auctions. We are grateful for the many donations (especially for those who created thoughtful baskets) and to the Lions who made bids for the items. Lion Dorene Jackson, Jefferson City Host Lions, ably served as “Vanna” for the gift basket auction. There is no doubt that her bubbly personality and skills at displaying the gift baskets encouraged the bidding. The funds raised through the auctions helps offset the expenses of the convention.



Lion Dorene Jackson proved a gracious hostess during the basket auction.

Saturday morning, Lions braved the ominous forecast of snow to attend the Convention session at Union Hill Baptist Church in Holts Summit. As a reward for their dedication, the Lions were treated to interesting and thought provoking presentations on the benefits of increasing membership and how to keep Lions involved. A presentation on BrainPort showed Lions an interesting and useful non-surgical innovation that allows a blind person to see the surrounding area in pixel form.

In the business section of the convention, Lions elected its district governor-elect – Lou Ann Hathcock – and 1st vice district governor-elect – Mark Schaeperkoeter – to serve in those positions beginning July 1, 2017. Unfortunately, there was no nominee for the 2nd vice district governor position. The search for a dedicated Lions to serve in this position remains open. The delegates approved Wardsville Lions Club as the site of the 2018 District Convention.

Delegates also approved a revised district constitution & by-laws, incorporating provisions that Lions Clubs International Board of Directors deemed requirements that must be included in district documents. The major changes included the requirement for the district governor to issue an official call to all clubs at least 60 days prior to the convening date of the district convention; specific instructions pertaining to elections (requiring nominations, credential, and election committees); a mandated ballot format and requiring an election report be submitted to LCI. A major change that may affect clubs is that LCI dues must be paid at least 15 days before the close of credential certification. Also, the delegates to the convention must select the location of the next year’s convention.

A Special Thanks to International Director N. Alan Lundgren

International Director Lundgren proved to be an energetic and enlightening guest. His time in District 26-M7 was well spent, as he was able to talk at length with the District Governor Team to give them insight on the direction Lions Clubs International is moving. ID Lundgren left us with a better understanding of the services provided by the District 26-M7 Lions in their community and their support to local organizations and Lions organizations.

Not all of the time, however, was spent discussing Lions. ID Lundgren was given a crash course on Missouri history, spending some time admiring the wonderful artwork in our state capitol.

At the convention, ID Lundgren provided an interesting presentation on recruiting members of the younger generations to help increase our service. He also gave a stirring keynote address to motivate our Lions.

The convention day was capped off by dinner at the Westphalia Inn where ID Lundgren was able to enjoy a favorite meal of Lions – fried chicken. The trip was routed by the Westphalia Lions Club so he could see the a part of the impact Lions have in their community.

All too soon, it was time for ID Lundgren to catch a plane back to Arizona. He will not be out of touch with the District 26-M7 Lions, though. We will still meet at Lions events like the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and International Convention.



ID Lundgren (r) and PID Donal Knipp take in the Missouri history portrayed in the Benton mural in the House of Representatives' Lounge.



ID Lundgren (r), PID Donal Knipp (c) and DG Don Soph shared stories on the House floor.



District Awards Presented at Convention



Cydney Moeckli (l) receives the award as the 1st Place winner of the District 26-M7 Peace Poster Contest. The Hermann Lions Club sponsored the local contest.



ID Lundgren (r) and DG Soph (l) present Lion Jesse Dale, President of the Stover Lions Club, with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation recognizing his leadership and the growth of the Stover Lions Club.



ID Lundgren (r) and DG Soph (l) present Lion Ami Coleman, District Constitution & By-Laws Chairperson, with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation recognizing her efforts in preparing an updated constitution & by-laws.



ID Lundgren (r) and DG Soph (l) present 1 VDG-E Mark Schaeperkoetter with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation recognizing his contributions to the district.

Welcome Our New Lions



Since July 1, 2016, Lions in District 26-M7 have recruited 97 new Lions

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club

Terry Davis
Sponsor: Ryan Wood

Mark Frey
Sponsor: Bernard Dusheke

California Lions Club

Aaron J. Martin
Sponsor: Sara Jones

Chamois Lions Club

David "DJ" Keilholz
Sponsor: Robin Lieneke

Dwana J. Keilholz
Sponsor: Robin Lieneke

Eldon Lions Club

Elizabeth P. Valentine, PhD
Sponsor: Daphney Partridge

Freeburg Lions Club

Jacob Plassmeyer
Sponsor: Herbert Plassmeyer

Hermann Lions Club

Jennifer A. Vannooven
Sponsor: George Workman

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

Bernie Upschulte
Sponsor: Randy Cole

Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Dennis Luebbering
Sponsor: Bernard Carver

Diane Luebbering
Sponsor: Bernard Carver

Robert Rhea
Sponsor: Dave Meyer

Lake Ozark Lions Club

Chip J. Powell
Sponsor: Ellen Covington

Millersburg Lions Club

Robert D. Durigano
Sponsor: James Houchins

Owensville Lions Club

Stepahnie M. Delong
Sponsor: Melvin Taylor

Bill Honse
Sponsor: Larry Duncan

Bonnie McFadden
Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

Kevin M. McFadden
Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

Warsaw Lions Club

Richard R. Doudrick
Sponsor: David Bolinger



Club LCIF Coordinators

The Lions Clubs International (LCI) Board of Directors recently added a board of directors position in the LCI Standard Club Constitution & By-Laws. The addition is to increase the understanding of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) among Lions clubs members.

The Club LCIF Coordinator is an ambassador for LCIF at the club level. This person shares LCIF stories, motivates fellow Lions to support LCIF, and enables LCIF to advance its humanitarian work both locally and globally. This position is crucial to the promotion of our foundation. Talk to your club president today if you are interested in volunteering for this exciting new position.

When You Meet a Leader Dog (a publication from LeaderDogs for the Blind)

Our parents taught us to “mind our manners,” and most of us still follow those early lessons. There is one situation however, that your parents probably didn’t cover – **how to act when you meet a Leader Dog**. Some points to remember:

1. **A Leader Dog is a working dog.** Leader Dogs are friendly animals that like attention. However, it is important that most of this attention comes from their human partners. When you encounter a Leader Dog:
 - Do not pet a dog in harness.
 - Ask the handler’s permission before touching the dog or making eye contact. Eye contact can distract the dog, so always interact with the person – not the animal.
2. **A person using a Leader Dog is independent.** Often, if a visually impaired person needs assistance, he will ask for it. If it appears the person needs help, ASK FIRST, then:
 - Approach the person on her right side, as the Leader Dog is usually on the left.
 - Never startle her by grabbing her arm.
 - Do not take hold of the Leader Dog or its harness
3. **Assisting with verbal directions.** When delivering directions to a person who is blind or visually impaired:
 - Speak to the person – not the dog.
 - Do not use hand signals, such as pointing, or broad statements like, “It’s over there.”
 - Use detailed, easy-to-follow indicators like “Go north two blocks, then east” or “Turn left and for two blocks.
4. **Never offer food to a Leader Dog.** Leader Dog handlers follow a veterinarian-prescribed diet for their animals. Treats should only be given to a Leader Dog by its human partner.
5. **Acting as a human (sighted) guide.** At times, it is safer or easier to serve as a human guide instead of giving verbal directions. To act as a human guide:
 - Initiate contact by offering your elbow by brushing it against the person’s arm.
 - The person will hold your arm above the elbow and drop the harness handle, signaling to the dog that it is temporarily “off duty.”

An alternate method is that the Leader Dog user will instruct his dog to “Follow” you.

- Walk ahead of the person at normal speed; inform him when he approaching turns, doorways, stairs and drop-offs
- At street crossings, walk with him across the street and onto the opposite curb. The Leader Dog will resume its duties once on the sidewalk.

Leader Dogs provide independent travel for thousands of people across the globe. As friends, family and coworkers of these people, we must respect the role the guide dog plays in their lives. Leader Dog handlers realize their dogs create unique social situations. However, there is more to the person than just the dog. TO help fulfill each person’s potential, we also must remember to engage the individual as you would anyone else – sighted or not.

Lions Mentoring Program Helps Prepare for the Future

The Lions Mentoring Program helps Lions achieve the goal of better serving their community. The program is 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.

Advanced Mentoring Program.

After successfully completing the Basic Mentoring Program (discussed in the January/February edition of *Between the Lions*), the Lion has an understanding of who and what Lions are and is better prepared to serve as a club leader. Motivated Lions are encouraged to expand their knowledge and skills by entering the Advanced Mentoring Program.

The Advanced Mentoring Program prepares Lions to serve in leadership roles. Here, Lions focus on achieving results and developing more Lion leaders. All Lions who seek to serve in club leadership roles will benefit from completing the Basic and Advanced Mentoring Programs. In addition, all Lions hoping to serve at the district level and above should complete the Advanced Mentoring Program. The Advanced Mentoring Program is completed in two levels:

- **Level One: Results** – This level helps Lions develop leadership and managerial skills. The Lions learns what, how and why a service activity is successfully conducted. Completing this level provides a stepping-stone for accepting a leadership role within the club.
- **Level Two: Replication** – This level concentrates on the Lion's role in developing others for leadership in the association and for humanitarian service. It ensures long-range growth and can serve as a basis for leadership within the district structure. This phase can be augmented with additional training at the district, multiple district and international levels, at area forums and International Conventions.

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 Advanced 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 Advanced Mentoring Guide (MTR-12) from the Membership and New Club Programs Department or download the guide from the LCI Web site:
<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/mtr12.pdf>
- Complete the Advanced Mentoring Program.
- Submit the Achievement Form in the back of the guide to LCI to receive a special pin.

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.



Lions Centennial Commemorative Coin

Coin collectors –The Lions Centennial Coin is now available for purchase the coin from the U.S. Mint (<https://www.usmint.gov>) or the LCI Store. The U.S. Mint prices are \$51.95 for an uncirculated silver dollar and \$52.95 for a proof silver dollar. 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.

Fun Facts About the Lions Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin

A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into creating and releasing our limited-edition Centennial Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin this year. Here are 5 fun facts about the coin!

1. The process of creating the coin from concept to finished product took nearly 6 years!
2. Sandy Spring Lions Club (Maryland, USA) proposed the idea.
3. The "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act" was signed by former President Barack Obama on October 5, 2012.
4. The coin's design pays homage to LCI founder Melvin Jones and the association's international family of Lions.
5. Coin sales offer an opportunity to improve the lives of people around the world, with \$10 authorized to be paid to LCIF for each coin sold – up to \$4 million.

The Centennial Commemorative Coins may have taken 6 years to create, but they are only available for a limited time.

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

WHERE: Wardsville Lions Club, Wardsville, MO

WHEN: Wednesday, April 19, 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 district officers, district committee chairpersons and club officers should attend but everyone is invited!

MEAL: Wardsville Lions Club is providing their famous fried chicken dinner; \$8.00 per meal. **Need attendance numbers by April 15!** Contact PID Donal Knipp, donalknipp@gmail.com or call 573-386-5175.

Lake Ozark Lions Continue a Tradition

For the sixty-fifth year, the Lake Ozark Lions Club was a major sponsor of the School of the Osage *Pun Ga Har Jo* or "Dance Stomp" (translated from the Osage Indian language). The Lions join with the school's Parent Teachers Association to provide a Spring Prom for the school's students from Freshmen to Seniors.

Well done. Lions!!!



Plan for the 2017-2018 Peace Poster Contest

"The Future of Peace" is the theme of the 2017-18 Peace Poster Contest.

Clubs can order the Peace Poster Contest kit (PPK-1) from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. The cost of the kit is \$11.95 plus shipping and handling.

You can order kits from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters from January 15 to October 1. To order a kit, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822. To order online, go to [Club Supplies](#) (Item Search: Peace Poster Kit).

Rocky Mount Lions Club Invites You

Saturday, May 27, 2017

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

With Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee & Milk

Serving 7:00 am – 11:00 am

Adult – \$7.00, Child -- \$3.00, 5 & under – FREE

Stop by their Rummage Sale after enjoying a hearty breakfast.

Rocky Mount Lions Club is located near the junction of Highways Y & W

All You Can Eat!!



Calendar of Events

2017

April 19	District Cabinet Meeting, Wardsville Lions Club, 6:00 pm	Jun 9	Jefferson City Evening Lions 24 th Annual Memorial Golf Tournament, Oak Hills, Jefferson City, 12 noon
April 22	Owensville Lions 70 th Anniversary Celebration	Jun 30-Jul 4	Lions Clubs International Convention Chicago, IL
April 29	Bar-B-Q, 11:00 am-4:00 pm, \$8.00, Rocky Mount Lions Community Center	Jul 22	Missouri Lions Council of Governors, Warrensburg
May 4	Council of Governors, Tan-Tar-A Resort	Jul 22	Missouri Lions "All Star" Football Game, Warrensburg, 7 pm
May 5-7	Missouri Lions State Convention, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach	Aug 17-19	1VDG Leader Dogs Visit
May 27	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, 7:00 am-11:00 pm, \$7.00 adult, \$3.00 ages 6-11, Rocky Mount Lions Community Center	Aug 10-12	2017 Branson Family Vacation Pin Swap, MO Lions Pin Traders
June 2	4 th Annual Central Missouri/Stanley Adams Golf Tournament, Oak Hills, Jefferson City, 9:00 am, contact Bob "Lemon" Linnenbrink at 619-4885 or b_linnenbrink@hotmail.com .	Sept 21-23	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR
		Sep 29 – Oct 1	Leader Dogs visit – MO Lions

2017

Mar 2-3	District 26-M7 Annual Convention Wardsville Lions Club
April 26-29	Missouri Lions State Convention, Doubletree Westport Hotel, St. Louis
Jun 29-Jul 3	Lions Clubs International Convention Las Vegas, NV



For Sale For Sale For Sale

Four deep (fish) fryers

The Camdenton Lions wish to sell four deep (fish) fryers. The pan measures 16" X 20" and is 10" deep. They will hold 7 to 8 gallons of oil for frying. They all have baskets to hold whatever you are cooking. We will sell one or all four at a discount. **Call PDG Jon Martin at 573-346-5872.**

Rocky Mount Lions Bar-B-Q

Saturday – April 29th 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Donation of \$8.00

Pork steak or ½ Chicken, potato salad, baked beans & bread

Rocky Mount Lions Community Center, 20342 Dell Drive, Rocky Mount

State Fair Lions Club (Sedalia)

Crappie Tournament

April 15, 2017

7:30 am – 3:30 pm

Sterett Creek Marina

Late entries can register at Sterett Creek Marina from 6:30 am – 7:30 am

Call Sedalia State Fair Lions Club (660-287-3086) for additional details

Payback 70% of proceeds (1 place for each 10 entries)

\$3.00 of Entry Fee goes to the two biggest fish



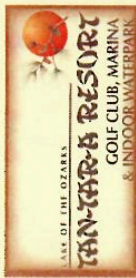
Publication Schedule for *Between the Lions*

May/June

June 8

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

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



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May 4 - 7, 2017

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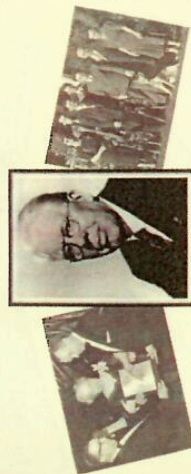
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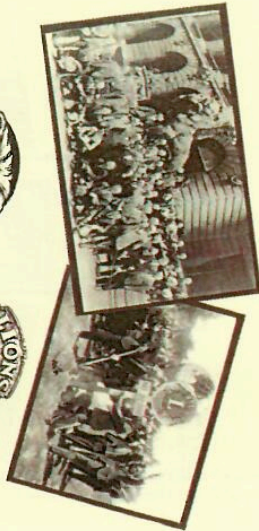
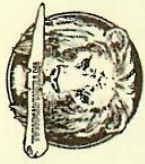
WEBSITE

www.molionsstateconvention.org

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"Missouri Lions State Convention"





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: \$ _____)