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**The Heart of**  
**Missouri Lions**

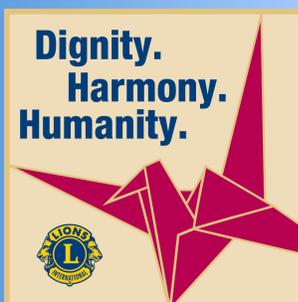
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# *Between the Lions*



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

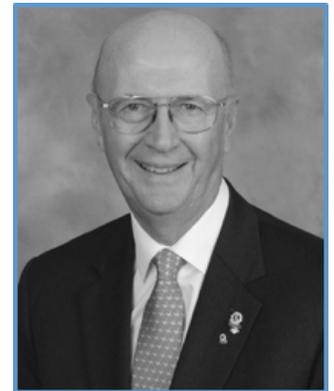
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## **District 26-M7 to Welcome an International Director**

Local Lions will host International Director Richard and Lion Grace Liebno at the annual District 26-M7 convention, March 11 - 12, 2016 in Eldon.

The Liebnos travel to Missouri from Westminster, Maryland. Director Liebno is serving the first of a two-year term as a director of Lions.

A member of the Deer Park Lions Club since 1974, he has held several club, district and state leadership positions. In recognition of his service to Lions, Director Liebno has received numerous awards, including the Club President Excellence Award, a Leadership Award and an International President's Award. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow.



International Director  
Richard Liebno

In addition to his Lions activities, Director Liebno is active in other professional and community organizations, including the Western Maryland Railway Historical Society and Grace Lutheran Church.

The District 26-M7 Lions look forward to meeting the Liebnos and sharing the "Heart of Missouri" Lions spirit!

## International Vice President Has a Whistle Stop in Missouri



Above. Left to right are Past International Director Dwayne and Lion Jeanette Garrett, Past International Director Donal Knipp, Lion Dianne Corlew, First Vice President Bob Corlew, Second Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock and Lion Betty Knipp.



The specially decorated vehicle promotes the Centennial Celebration of Lions Clubs International.



Lions Dianne Corlew, Betty Knipp and Lou Ann Hathcock renew friendships that began several years ago.



Lion Dianne Corlew catches a "thrown roll" as International VP Bob Corlew and Lion Jeanette Garrett look on.

Lions International First Vice President (I1VP) Bob and Lion Dianne Corlew stopped in Missouri as part of a nine southeastern states promotional tour touting Lions' service to civic leaders.

The lone stop in Missouri was in Sikeston where they met with several Missouri Lions and made time for lunch at Lambert's Restaurant.

## District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Lions,

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our district's largest event – The District 26-M7 Annual Convention on March 11 and 12 in Eldon. We have an exciting event planned for you. Come out and meet with your fellow Lions.

In our Lions Centennial Celebration, our district's clubs are putting in a strong showing. Already, 21 of our clubs have conducted and reported one or more service projects and qualify for a banner patch. **Well Done, Lions!** There is still time for the rest of our clubs to meet the requirements for the award.

For our clubs to accept the future challenges of service, we must grow. More Lions will give us the ability to provide greater service. We have added 90 new members since July 1<sup>st</sup>. I extend a great welcome to our new members and hearty thanks to the Lions who sponsored our newest members. This should just be the start of our membership growth for the year. Lions, we must encourage each one of us to **Ask One** and help grow our clubs. With our new members, we can meet and overcome the growing challenges in our communities.

See you on March 11 and 12!

## Greetings

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Don Soph

Greetings fellow Lions of District 26-M7! Hope you are enjoying our, so far, very mild mid-Missouri winter.

I'm sure you are aware of LCI's on-going Centennial Service Challenge. To recap for those that may be unfamiliar, the Centennial Service Challenge was initiated to celebrate 100 years of Lions service to the world. The program began in 2015 and will run through June 2018. It strives to serve 100 million people worldwide with Lions clubs' service projects in four areas of service: youth, hunger, vision and environment. Secretaries, when reporting your activities on MyLCI, just check the corresponding Centennial Challenge icon. Based on your reports, your club will qualify for a Centennial Service Challenge banner patch and the people served are counted toward the worldwide total. A new patch is earned for each year of the challenge. Make sure your club's service projects are being reported on MyLCI. Many of these projects are probably something your club does all the time, like sending collected eye glasses to Saving Sight (vision) or letting the local boy scout troop use your club building rent free (youth).

Don't forget about the M7 District Convention being held March 12 in Eldon, Missouri at the Eldon Community Center. To kick off the convention there will be a Parade of Clubs down Eldon's Main St. at 9 am. All clubs are invited to participate. The convention begins at 10:30 am. Also, the free hospitality night for the convention is being held on Friday, March 11 also at the Eldon Community Center from 6 pm to 10 pm. Please join fellow Lions of M7 for night of great food, music, exciting auction items and friendship.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or any way I can help.

## My Thoughts

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

As I visit our district Lions clubs, I have the honor of meeting many Lions who are doing great things in their communities. We must remember that our communities really have no boundaries.

I encourage all Lions to visit nearby Lions clubs to meet other Lions and share ideas. Zone meetings are a perfect opportunity to do this. The district convention is also a great place to meet Lions.

Lions who take advantage of opportunities offered by Lions events find their dedication to Lions grow as they learn of the broad impact Lions have. The increased dedication drives us to greater levels of service and the areas we serve benefit.

Lions clubs that work together also can perform greater service that a single club is often not capable of doing. The adage "More hands make lighter work" applies not only to individual Lions but also to clubs working together.

I challenge all Lions to visit a nearby Lions club, zone meeting or a district or state convention. I believe you will be surprised at all the different things Lions clubs do to help others.

## New LCIF Options for Disaster Relief

Lions, the time to prepare for disasters is now, before a disaster strikes. Lions clubs are encouraged to meet with local emergency management officials and coordinate a level of effort from the Lions club.

The Lions Clubs International Foundation Disaster Relief Grant program provides financial support to Lions and their partners engaged in natural disaster preparedness, response and recovery efforts. Piloted in the United States, Latin America and Asia between February 2014 and March 2015, this new disaster grant program offers a wider variety of funding options to support different phases of emergency management.

Disaster Preparedness grants offer \$5,000 to \$10,000 to districts interested in partnering with local authorities and other community organizations to plan and prepare for future disaster relief efforts. Community Recovery grants provide up to \$20,000 for short-term cleanup and repair efforts in situations where other organizations have already addressed immediate needs.



Second Vice District Governor Lou Ann welcomes First Vice President Corlew to Missouri.



Missouri Lions cleaning up in Joplin.

## Owensville Lions Honor Two Lions

The Owensville Lions recently honored two Lions with Melvin Jones Fellowships. The fellowships recognize their strong dedication to Lions and community humanitarian efforts.

In addition to receiving a plaque and special Lions pin, their names are added to the Melvin Jones Fellows display at Lions Clubs International Headquarters in Oak Brook, IL.

Lions Jerry Kohler (left) and Ronald Copeland (right) with Melvin Hones Fellowship plaques.



## Zone 5 Lions Visit Saving Sight

Lion Betty Knipp, Zone Chairperson for Zone 5 (Callaway County) took advantage of their close proximity of Columbia and held their zone meeting at the new Lions Volunteer Center at Saving Sight. The Lions received an orientation on the new facility and jumped in their “service” mode. The evening’s Lions volunteers sorted eyeglasses that had been donated to the Lions recycling effort and then classified and labeled the glasses for use in a mission trip and distribution through ReSpectacle. Lions from Auxvasse, Fulton Host, Holts Summit, Mokane and Rocky Mount Lions Clubs participated in the effort

Following their service activity, the Lions adjourned to Bandanna’s Barbeque to replenish their strength. The Lions enjoyed a great night of service and fellowship.



Sorting eyeglasses are, clockwise from the upper right, are 1VDG Don Soph (Holts Summit Lions), DG Allen Moore (Rocky Mount Lions), President Dale Ross (Auxvasse Lions), PDG Bryan Rogers (Mokane Lions), Ruth Logerman (Auxvasse Lions), Jackie Burton, (Auxvasse Lions) and Wally Payne (Fulton Host Lions).



PID Donal Knipp , Auxvasse Lions, and Lion Connie Taylor, Mokane Lions, classifying eyeglasses.

## Welcome Our New Lions

### Brazito-Honey Creek

*Dwight W Schmoeger*

Sponsor: Kenneth McCubbin

### California

*Matthew S. Abernathy Sr.*

Sponsor: Dwight Sanders

*Rick Edwards*

Sponsor: Dwight Sanders

*Sean M. Kirksey*

Sponsor: Dwight Sanders

*Dwight Sanders*

### Chamois Lions Club

*Lyle Best*

Sponsor: Rayla Steward-Hogue

*Ronald R. Stair*

Sponsor: Rayla Steward-Hogue

*Rayla Steward-Hogue*

Sponsor: Robin Lieneke



## Membership Awards

### Gravois Arm Lions Club

*Linda M. Mauzey*

Sponsor Floyd Mauzey

### Hermann Lions

*Robert C. Koerber*

Sponsor: Lawrence Miskel

*Lyndon E. Ruediger*

Sponsor Gerry Kolbe

*David C. Wilson*

Sponsor: George Kirchhofer

### Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

*Mark R. Edwards*

Sponsor: Robert Clark

*Zachary D. Spencer*

Sponsor: Levi Woods

*Jeff Stieffermann*

Sponsor: Robert Clark

### Lake Ozark Lions Club

*Thomas A. Taylor*

### Stover Lions Club

*Matt Unger*



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

## Lions Club Activities

**Russellville Lions** joined with school sponsors in supporting elementary and middle school basketball tournaments. Their participation aided in the success of the tournaments.

**California Lions** posted and retrieved United States flags at 135 businesses throughout California for the Presidents Day holiday.

**Owensville Lions** conducted their monthly highway cleanup. The club continued its weekly bingo games.

**Jefferson City Host Lions**, in addition to their monthly service activities, held its 60th Ham and Beans & Chili fundraiser. They prepared ham and beans, sauerkraut, chili, hot dogs, cake and cornbread and served during noon and evening hours. The Lions served a record 2,382 meals. The club also provided monetary donations to a variety of organizations and Lions projects. These included LeaderDogs for the Blind, World Services for the Blind, Missouri Lions All State Band, Lions Hearing Conservation Committee, Council for Drug Free Youth, and the Boys and Girls Club.

**Fulton Host Lions** conducted visits to persons receiving Hospice care.

**Brumley Lions** hosted their monthly community Ham and Bean dinner in their building. The dinner is held on the third Saturday of each month. They made their building available to four others.

**Gravois Arm Lions** purchased eyeglasses for two persons in their community.

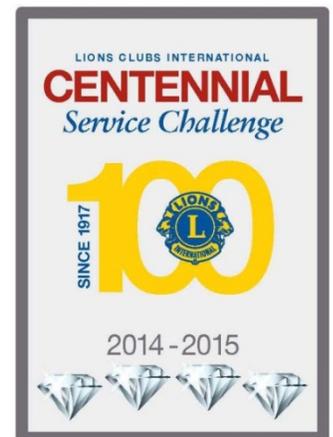
**Jefferson City Evening Lions** delivered used eyeglasses collected by the club and from other district Lions clubs to Saving Sight.

**Fulton Host Lions** purchased eyeglasses for a person in their community.

**Auxvasse Lions** presented their proposal for a Lions Centennial Legacy Project to the city council. Three Lions also volunteered to join the city park board.

**Rocky Mount Lions** held a community breakfast. In addition to its bingo games.

**Hermann Lions** made a donation to the Hermann Area Food Pantry and the Family in Action After Prom Committee to provide breakfast following the Herman High School prom.



## Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions reported they served **31,537** people through their **197** activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns.

## 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>.

### Schedule

#### Friday, March 11

6:00 p.m. Hospitality Night  
Lion Eyes Band  
Silent Auction  
Live Auction

#### Saturday, March 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



## 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:

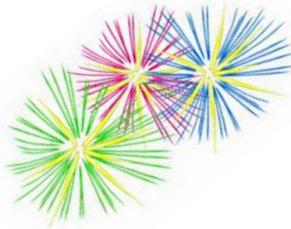
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Last Chance!!!



A Lions fundraising project

Last Chance!!!



## 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.

A planning meeting is set for **6:30 p.m., March 21, 2017 at 2701 West Main (upper rear), Jefferson City** (next to Houser-Millard Funeral Home). If you are interested in helping plan or work at the state convention, please attend this meeting.

## Gas Raffle

Sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club

### 16 Chances to WIN!

- 1<sup>st</sup> – \$500
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – \$400
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – \$300
- 4<sup>th</sup> – \$200
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – \$100



Winners' choice of a gas card for HyVee, Shell, Casey or Breaktime

**\$10 per ticket**

Contact Lion Luke Milka, [lwilkla@yhti.net](mailto:lwilkla@yhti.net),  
call 573-216-3033 or  
write to

19285 Wonderland Road Rocky Mount, Mo. 65072

## Millersburg Lions Club Turkey Shoot

March 6  
March 20  
April 3



Shotgun & .22 caliber Rifle

Lions Club Park  
2008 County Road 228  
Millersburg

Great Food and Drink

Check us out on Facebook:  
Millersburg Lions Club

## Opportunities for Lions to Grow

Each year, there are certain events designed to help Lions grow as persons and in their Lions activities. We often think of the district and state conventions as times for Lions to gather and learn more about Lions programs and meet other Lions. However, there are a couple more events that Missouri Lions should take advantage of and participate in. Just don't be misled by the use of the word "Leadership" included in its title. All Lions are leaders, whether they are working on a club project committee or accepting a formal office, such as club vice president, president, or moving on to serving Lions in a district office (zone chairperson, vice district governor or district governor).

Lions provide "resident" learning opportunities that will help Lions improve their personal skills and learn more about Lions organizations and activities. Two of the upcoming events Lions should attend include:

- The **Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)** provides an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program. This course is especially designed for Lions interested in learning or honing skills for use in their club, job, community and church. It provides exceptional personal development in communications skills, team building, time management, and conflict management among other subjects. Lions are immersed in a two-day learning environment with Lions from other states and Canada. This institute is sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).
  - The GPLLI is July 22-24, 2016 at Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota. Registration is 9 am – noon Friday, July 22. Lunch on Friday is at noon. Adjournment and checkout is by 3 pm on Sunday, July 24, 2016.
  - The registration fee of \$160 includes room and board (received by May 31, 2016). Late registration fee is \$180. Single occupancy rooms, if available are an additional \$40. Scholarships for the basic room and board are available from District 26-M7.
  - The registration form is included in this newsletter.
  - Scholarships for the \$160 tuition are available through District 26-M7 and the Multiple District 26 Past District Governors Association.
  
- The **USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum** is a premier educational event dedicated to giving Lions more tools to help serve our communities. In recognition of Lions Clubs International's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Forum's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, emphasis is being placed on providing Lions with the skills to organize and produce service projects. In addition to a vast seminar schedule, everyone will be able to participate in three large service projects involving Sharing the Vision (KidSight) and recycling eyeglasses) and Relieving the Hunger (making 100,000 meals). A Stride Walk is scheduled for Thursday afternoon.
  - The Forum is being held in Omaha, NE. Rooms are available at eleven designated hotels.
  - The registration fee of \$275 (until June 1, 2017) includes admittance to all seminars, materials and banquets Friday evening, Saturday noon and Saturday evening.
  - Additional information and registration forms are available at [www.lionsforum.org](http://www.lionsforum.org).

For additional information please contact Jesse Hathcock at [Jess26M7@aol.com](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com) or 573-338-5530.





## Calendar of Events

Mar 6	Pancake Breakfast, Hermann Community Center	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.
<b>Mar 11-12</b>	<b>District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon</b>		
Mar 26	Easter Egg Hunt, Chamois City Park	Jun 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan
Mar 11	Breakfast fundraiser, Rocky Mount Lions building, 8 am -11 am	Jul 3	Lohman Lions BBQ and Fireworks Show
Mar 12	Lake Ozark Pancake Flip, starting at 8 am, Lake Ozark Lions building	Jul 22-24	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD
Mar 18	Fish Fry fundraiser, Mokane Lions building, 5 pm – 8 pm	Jul 23	Council of Governors Meeting, Warrensburg
Mar 21	2017 State Convention Host Committee, 2701 West Main (rear, upper level), Jefferson City, 6:30 pm	Jul 23	MO Lions All Star Football Game Warrensburg
Apr 15-16	Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Leadership Weekend, Memphis, TN	Sept 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE
April 23	Barbeque fundraiser, Rocky Mount Lions Building, 10 am - 2 pm	Oct 15	Brazito-Honey Creek Lions BBQ, Schulte's parking lot, Jefferson City
<b>Apr 28 – May 1</b>	<b>State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield</b>	Oct 29	Council of Governors Meeting. Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark
May 1	Brazito-Honey Creek BBQ – Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Building, 11 am - 6 pm		