



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team
2015 - 2016

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Dignity.
Harmony.
Humanity.



Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

April 2016

District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Lions,

A major milestone in my service as your district governor has just happened. Our district convention, held in Eldon, was a success! I wish to extend my most gracious thanks to the many Lions whose hard work in planning and ensuring the convention was a smooth and productive event. Individual Lions and clubs stepped up and devoted many hours in support of the convention. Two Lions clubs, in particular, made particular impacts – Eldon and Rocky Mount Lions Clubs. I also thank the many Lions and clubs who brought side dishes and auction items and gift baskets. Of course, it wouldn't seem like a hospitality night without the melodic sounds of the Lions Eyes band from the Jefferson City Evening Lions Club.

My special thanks go to International Director Richard and Lion Grace Liebno for their attendance and participation in our convention. They gave our Lions great information on direction that Lions Clubs International is headed as we approach our 100th anniversary celebration.

Congratulations to 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Mark Schaeperkoetter and Lion Mike Oldelehr, who will represent our district on the Saving Sight Board of Directors.

It was my pleasure to recognize Lions who have accepted additional responsibilities and made significant contributions to Lions and our communities. Certificates of Appreciation were presented and our latest awardee of the district's B.W. Robinson Award was recognized.

But, just as our Lions logo has Lions facing to the past and future, we cannot rest on our laurels. We must look forward to our next challenges and how we will meet them.

District Hosted International Director Liebno

International Director Richard Liebno and Lion Grace Liebno, Deer Park Lions Club, Maryland visited the Lions of District 26-M7 during the district's annual convention on March 11 and 12, 2016. While the primary purpose of their visit was to address the delegates of the convention and provide updates on activities of Lions Clubs International, Director and Ms. Liebno were treated to tours of mid-Missouri sites, including the state capitol, Bagnell Dam and, of course, Central Dairy's ice cream parlor. They were also able to visit the pancake breakfast hosted by the Lake Ozark Lions Club held in conjunction with the community's St. Patrick's Day parade.

During the convention, ID Liebno provided the keynote speech at the noon luncheon as well as a special presentation on the benefits of increasing Lions membership. He also met with club presidents to field their questions. As part of the convention, ID Liebno presented Certificates of Appreciation from the International President to Lions Roger Schwartz, Jefferson City Host Lions; Polly Scott, Rocky Mount Lions; and Jesse Hathcock, Jefferson City Evening Lions for their important contributions to their clubs and the district.

Past Council Chairperson Dan Bernskoetter, Jefferson City Host Lions, received the district's B. W. Robinson Award for Distinguished Service in serving Lions in positions of increased responsibilities at the district and state Lions organizations.



PID Donal and Lion Betty Knipp pose with ID Richard and Lion Grace Liebno in the Missouri House of Representatives Lounge.



International Director Richard Liebno (r) presents Lion President Roger Schwartz (l), Jefferson City Host Lions Club, with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions International President Jitsuhiro Yamada. DG Allen Moore (c) announced the award.



District Governor Allen Moore (c) and Past International Director Donal Knipp (r) present Past Council Chair Lion Dan Bernskoetter (l) the district's B.W. Robinson Award for his distinguished service to Lionism. The award recognizes district Lions who excel in serving Lions beyond the club level.



International Director Richard Liebno (r) presents Lion Polly Scott (cl, Rocky Mount Lions Club, with a Certificate of Appreciation from Lions International President Jitsuhiro Yamada. DG Allen Moore (l) announced the award.

District Governor-Elect Don Soph

You may not know there are other aspects of the Centennial Service Challenge.

One of the largest is the Centennial Community Legacy Project. Legacy projects are visible and permanent gifts your club gives to your community. They serve as a permanent reminder of the impact Lions make in their communities.

There are several levels of Legacy Project community gifts.

- **Level 1** is "Raise Your Community Visibility" and includes such projects as donating a park bench or dedicating a statue. These types of projects help the citizens of your community see that your club is very active and dedicated. When members of your community see this, they want to be a part of that activity and dedication. Level one Legacy Projects are simple but can go a long way.
- **Level 2** is "Provide a Community Gift" and includes projects like refurbishing a town park or funding resources for the blind. These projects take more physical commitment, but will be so greatly appreciated by your community in numerous ways.
- **Level 3** is "Make A Community Impact" and includes projects such as expanding the town school or equipping the area hospital. Level 3 projects are obviously very large undertakings and may not be for all clubs, but if your club does decide to complete one you'll truly be making a permanent impact on your community.

If your club does participate in the Legacy Project program, be sure to report it on MyLCI under the Community and Culture activity type. Your club will earn a special patch and select projects will be featured on the LCI website, social media and LION Magazine.

I look forward to learning of the many Legacy projects our clubs plan and complete.

My Thoughts

1st Vice District Governor-Elect Lou Ann Hathcock

First, I congratulate our new District 2nd Vice District Governor-Elect Mark Schaperkoetter and Saving Sight Director Mike Oldelehr on their elections. I look forward to working with them as we work to grow our Lions, clubs and district.

I was pleased to see so many of our Lions attend our district convention on March 11 and 12. However, the number of clubs not represented at the events struck me. I believe that we all need to reach out to those Lions and clubs that were not represented and missed the chance to learn more about our great works and where Lions are headed in the future. I ask that you let me know your ideas on how we can reach out to those Lions who are not attending our conventions and what you would like to see and learn at our conventions.

We are in the club officer election season. I encourage Lions to seek the opportunity to serve their clubs and fellow Lions by seeking a club office. I promise you that you will have the support of your club members and it will turn out to be a rewarding experience.

Warsaw Lions Host 75th Annual Basketball Tournament

The first week of February the Warsaw Lions Club hosted its 75th annual basketball tournament. While this tournament was an adult tournament in the “good old days,” it is now for 5th and 6th grade with boys and girls divisions. Eight teams in each division from the surrounding area are hosted with trophies awarded. Girls play Monday, Wednesday and Friday while boys play Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, making for a very busy week. The games serve a dual purpose – they are service to area youth and also a fundraiser for the club.

Tournament planning begins early with invitations to teams and the communities providing teams changes somewhat each year. Of course, referees, scorekeepers, etc. have to be found and contracted for the games. The venue is the Warsaw Community Building and the tournament is scheduled on their calendar every year.

To raise funds for the tournament and other Lions projects, the club takes a full-page ad in the local paper with signature ads (\$25 each) for supporters to be listed on that page. The club also sells raffle tickets (for a large screen TV) to be given away at the last game. This year, the admission price to watch the game was \$3.00. Given that the games cover 5 evenings and Saturday and teams are local so a fair number of relatives can attend, the gate is good. Lions club members also sell concessions during the game. Actually, very few hot dogs and brats are sold; we do better on popcorn, soda and candy. Overall, the tournament helps provide a valuable youth activity and is a good fundraiser, which helps support Warsaw Lions’ service activities.

Warsaw Lions’ other major fundraiser is placing flags in front of businesses on holidays (not including Christmas and New Year’s Day). Each business is charged \$25 for a year. We place 157 flags; however, several of those are without charge to public buildings.

The Warsaw Lions Club meets every Wednesday at noon at the Warsaw Methodist Church, 154 Washington Street.

Jefferson City Host Lions Welcome their Newest Members

On March 16, 2016, 1st Vice-District Governor-Elect Lou Ann Hathcock, conducted a new member induction ceremony at the Jefferson City Host Lions Club noon meeting. Four new members were



inducted: Kathleen Berger and Bruce Berger were sponsored by Lion PCC

Dan Bernskoetter, Joseph Kuensting was sponsored by Lion Sam Bushman and Walter Illston was sponsored by Lion Jeanne Schwaller. The Host Lions welcomes these new members and look forward to working and serving with them on many projects.



Pictured are (left to right) Lions Kathie Berger, Bruce Berger, Joe Kuensting, and Walter Illston.

The Jefferson City Host Lions meet every Wednesday at noon at the Hy-Vee, 3721 West Truman Blvd.

Camdenton Lions Support Their Local Sheriff

The Camdenton Lions Club presented the Camden County Sheriff's Office with a DJI Phantom 3 Advanced GPS Drone. Lions Club Life Member Kenneth Olive contacted the sheriff's office in early February with the idea of providing a drone to assist with missing persons searches, crowd control and major events and documenting crime scenes.

The Phantom 3 has a 2.7k camera which provides 1080P video or 12 megapixel photographs. It has a flight time of more than twenty minutes on one battery and a flight range of approximately 2000 meters (1.24 miles).

The sheriff's office has been in touch with the Federal Aviation Administration about registration requirements and after some training and familiarization hope to have the drone active in time for the summer season.

Sheriff Dwight Franklin stated, "We depend on generous donations from community organizations, like the Lions Club, to help us meet our goals and to be a progressive law enforcement agency."

The Camdenton Lions meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:00 pm at Lake Valley Golf and Country Club, 54 Lake Road.



Presenting the drone are (l to r): Lion Kenneth Olive, Sheriff Dwight Franklin, Lions Club President Brett Koons, Lion Wess Diehl, Lion Jon Martin and Lion Linda Martin

LCIF Update

Lions, we are making steady progress towards our district goal of every club making a donation to our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Your support is vital so that Lions clubs can make greater impacts in their hometowns. Contributions made by individual members are also credited towards the member's clubs contributions.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

LCIF grants support four areas of service: • Preserving Sight • Serving Youth • Providing Disaster Relief and
• Supporting Humanitarian Efforts

Missouri Lions recently received support from LCIF for disaster relief in the recent floods in the St. Louis area. District 26-M2 received an emergency grant to provide immediate assistance to those affected by the sudden rising waters.

It is your contributions that make this type of assistance available to all Lions clubs, including yours.

You and your club may send donations directory to Lions Clubs International Foundation at the following address:

Lions Clubs International Foundation, Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547.

Welcome Our New Lions

California Lions Club

Christian L. Pickering
Sponsor: Philip Burger

Cole Camp Lions Club

David R. Stover
Sponsor: Gary Hamline

Freeburg Lions

Greg Fitzsimmons
Sponsor: MICHAEL KAESIK

Mokane Lions Club

Richard Rinehart
Sponsor: Tina Howard

Russellville Lions Club

John W. Amend III
Sponsor: Ed Green

Tammy Amend

Stover Lions Club

Chuck Black
Sponsor: Jason Worthley

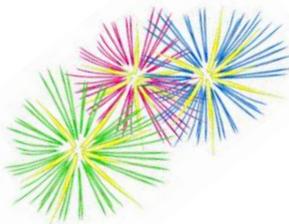
Jason Mosher
Sponsor: Jason Worthley

Patrick Rowland
Sponsor: Jason Worthley

Jason Worthley
Sponsor: Jesse Dale



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



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., April 19, 2016, at 2701 West Main (upper rear), Jefferson City** (next to Houser-Millard Funeral Home). If you are interested in helping plan or to work at the state convention, please attend this meeting.

Lions Club Activities

Lohman Lions made a donation to Saving Sight. They also volunteered at the local food bank.

Chamois Lions held a workday to repair the ballpark fence. Additional workdays are scheduled.

A **Jefferson City Host Lion** sewed pillowcases for children undergoing chemotherapy. A member also bounded a quilt for use by Habitat for Humanity. The club also donated funds to the Jefferson City Little League for the purchase of baseball equipment for its youth baseball program. Members conducted a KidSight screening at a local daycare. The club made a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Eldon Lions participated in the Head Start program by reading books and telling stories. They also held a pancake fundraisers at the local McDonald's to benefit the local Jesus Prom, supporting special needs children and adults. The club also provided volunteers at the Prom.

Vienna Lions conducted a fundraiser to support its activities, including making improvements to the baseball field in the city park.

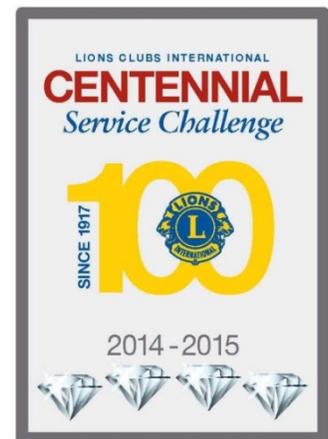
Hermann Lions hosted their monthly annual pancake breakfast as one of its major fundraisers.

Stover Lions held a pancake and sausage breakfast.

Rocky Mount Lions hosted a free community breakfast.

Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions reported they served **34,505** people through their **228** activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns.



Club Officer Reports

As your clubs complete your elections for new officers, remember to complete the Club Officer Report on MyLCI or by submitting the paper form PU-101 to Lions Clubs International and the District Governor. The reports must be submitted by May 15, but your cooperation in completing the reports immediately after your elections will greatly assist the cabinet secretary who is preparing the district directory for 2016-2017.

*Clubs operating on a different fiscal year and that already changed officers must update the 2015-2016 Club Officer Report **and** submit the 2106-2017 Club Officer Report. This ensures that the correct mailing addresses are used during the remainder of this year and next year.*

If you wish, the District MyLCI Administrator may help you with getting these reports submitted in a timely manner. Contact the administrator at Jess26M7@aol.com or call 573-338-5530.

Saving Sight to Host L.E.A.D. Saturday

Join Saving Sight for a day of Leadership, Education And Development (L.E.A.D.) at the Lions Volunteer Center at 404 Portland Street, Columbia on Saturday, June 4. All Missouri Lions are invited and Lions clubs are encouraged to send representatives to participate in the day's session from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm.



Participants will learn about Saving Sight in a conference-style format. After the weekend, you will know more about Saving Sight's mission and programs (e.g., the eye bank, KidSight, eyeglass recycling and volunteer opportunities), the people we serve and how, together, we change lives by saving sight.

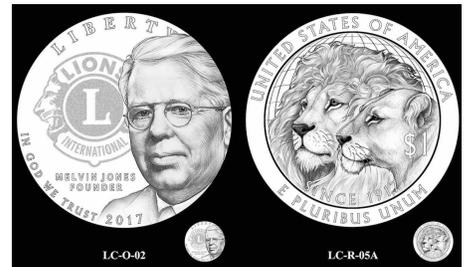
Saving Sight will provide lunch for all attendees. Your spouse or guest is welcome to attend – just add them as an attendee when you register. If you plan to attend, please register by Tuesday, May 20, 2016, to reserve your spot for L.E.A.D. Saturday.

Register online at <http://lions-lead-columbia-2016.eventbrite.com>.

100th Anniversary News – Lions Clubs Commemorative Coin

Lions Clubs commemorative coins struck from 90% silver and in proof and uncirculated collector qualities will get produced by the U.S. Mint for sale during calendar year 2017.

Up to 400,000 silver dollars will feature designs that celebrate the 100th anniversary of Lions Club International. In addition to their silver composition, the commemorative coins will have the typical modern specifications that include a diameter of 1.5 inches and a weight of 26.73 grams. They will also bear inscriptions of *2017, LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA*, and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*.



Sales of the Lions Clubs commemorative coins will include a \$10 surcharge for the Lions Club International Foundation for: (1) furthering its programs for the blind and visually impaired in the United States and abroad; (2) investing in adaptive technologies for the disabled; and (3) investing in youth and those affected by a major disasters.

Centennial Celebration – District Coordinator

Lion Amy Bell accepted the responsibilities as the District 26-M7 Centennial Celebration Coordinator. In this capacity, her knowledge is a valuable resource to our Lions clubs by ensuring they are aware of the resources available to the clubs, encouraged to complete club and district activities in support of the celebration and provided education sessions.

To contact Lion Amy, please e-mail LionAmyBell@gmail.com or call 573-619-8504.

Saving Sight News

As I write this article I am entering my last three months of serving as your board member on the Saving Sight board of directors. I believe it is best to have new people serving on the board and that is why I am so excited the Lion Mike Oldelehr will be taking the my present position. Mike is a dedicated Lion who has served in many capacities for many years. Lion Mike will take over at the June 25, 2016 board meeting.

I have witnessed amazing changes and advancements in Saving Sight (formerly known as the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation) since my first time on the board in 1996. I have enjoyed my time on the board and know Lion Mike will do a great job in the future.

The Jefferson City Host Lions volunteers have begun testing children at the public library on some Wednesdays during children reading sessions. Thanks to all those that perform that service.

I also want to thank Lion Billy Bonnot for his work on the Sight Conservation Committee.

The following is published information from Saving Sight about the new volunteer center, so I am including it in this article.

Saving Sight is in need of volunteers for the newly created position(s) of **Lions Volunteer Center Ambassador**. Since its official opening in October 2015, the Lions Volunteer Center has been extremely busy. Not only have Lions Clubs across the state utilized the space for eyeglass recycling and occasional meetings, but other social and service organizations have come forward to participate in eyeglass recycling as well. We have an immediate and urgent need for committed volunteers willing to lead eyeglass recycling, including evenings and weekends, in the Lions Volunteer Center. Responsibilities include:

- Complete training for cleaning, reading (using a lensometer), sorting, imaging, and packaging of donated eyeglasses,
- Complete training on ReSpectacle program,
- Assist on-site groups set-up and take-down of Lions Volunteer Center,
- Assist with organization of event,
- Ensure arrival to open the building and close at conclusion,
- Be responsible for keys to facility.

Most groups spend two to three hours in the center at a time and average 15 volunteers per group.

Saving Sight supports Missouri Lions in eyeglass recycling by serving as a collection and distribution center for recycled eyeglasses, collecting more than 60,000 pairs annually. Eyeglasses are then distributed online or abroad for humanitarian trips and missions, providing sight to people in need.

Interested Lions should contact Lion Sheila Fields (sfields@saving-sight.org) or Lion Jason Noland (jnoland@saving-sight.org) by e-mail or phone at 1-800-753-2265. Because of the responsibility for building access and insurance provisions, all LVC ambassadors will be required to complete a background check.



Jefferson City Evening Lions'

23rd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament Three-Person Scramble

Friday • June 10, 2016
 11:30 Lunch • 12:30 Shotgun Start
 Oak Hills Golf Course • Jefferson City

Entry Fee of \$75 per person (\$225 per team) includes:

- ◆ 18 holes with cart
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Gift
- ◆ Beverages
- ◆ One mulligan per person, per 18 holes

Skins Game (optional) \$15 per team with 50% payback

Tournament limited to first 38 teams with paid entry fees

Prizes

- Men's & Women's longest Drive in Fairway
- Longest Putt on Green
- Closest to the pin on each par-3 Hole
- Hole-In-One

Cash Prizes

Payout per team, 4 flights:

- 1st Place – \$195
- 2nd Place – \$135
- 3rd Place – \$75

Entries received on a first come basis and limited. Mail entries and check to:

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club
 c/o Dan Muessig
 1916 Whitney Woods Drive
 Jefferson City, MO 65101

Name	Address	Phone

District Raffle Supports LeaderDogs for the Blind

At its 2016 Annual District Convention on March 12, the Lions of District completed their sale of raffle tickets for a Henry Golden Boy 22LR rifle. The target was to sell 500 tickets and send \$2,500 to LeaderDogs for the Blind. It was a bit of a struggle, but the full amount was sent to LeaderDogs.

Lion Steve Duncan, Chamois Lions Club, won the random drawing.

Special thanks go to IPDG Emery Smola, who generously donated the rifle.



IPDG Emery Smola (r) presents the Henry Golden Boy rifle to Lion Steve Duncan.



District Directory Changes

Please make the following updates to your district directory:

Global Leadership Team Coordinator: Steve Duncan, change e-mail to steve.dale.duncan@gmail.com

Camdenton Lions Club: change meeting time and location to 6:00 pm at Lake Valley Golf and Country Club



Wardsville Lions fill the order for Lion Joel Mietzner during their annual barbeque sale.

Gas Raffle

Sponsored by Rocky Mount Lions Club

16 Chances to WIN!

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



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

\$10 per ticket

Contact Lion Luke Milka, lwmilka@yhti.net, call 573-216-3033 or write to 19285 Wonderland Road Rocky Mount, Mo. 65072

Calendar of Events

Apr 15-16	Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Leadership Weekend, Memphis, TN	Jul 23	Council of Governors Meeting, Warrensburg
April 23	Barbeque fundraiser, Rocky Mount Lions Building, 10 am - 2 pm	Jul 23	MO Lions All Star Football Game Warrensburg
Apr 30 –	Holts Summit Plant Sale	Aug 18-20	1VDG LeaderDogs Visit, Rochester, MI
Apr 28 – May 1	State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield	Sept 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE
May 1	Brazito-Honey Creek BBQ – Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Building, 11 am - 6 pm	Oct 15	Brazito-Honey Creek Lions BBQ, Schulte's parking lot, Jefferson City
May 6	Holts Summit Plant Sale	Oct 29	Council of Governors Meeting, Location to be announced
June 10	JC Evening Lions 23 rd Annual Golf Tournament (Three-person Scramble), Oak Hills Golf Course, Jefferson City; Tee Time is 12:30 p.m.	2017	
Jun 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan	May 4 – 7	State Convention, Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach
Jun 25	Saving Sight Board Meeting, Columbia	Jun 30 – Jul 4	Lions Clubs International Convention Chicago, IL
Jul 3	Lohman Lions BBQ and Fireworks Show		
Jul 22-24	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD		

