



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

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2015 - 2016

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

May/June 2016

District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Lions,

As my service as your district governor comes to a close, I look back over the past year and realize what a unique and wonderful experience the Lions of District 26-M7 have given me. The time I spent working with the district's clubs and committees showed me just how much Lions care and the wide range of services they provide.

Visiting the clubs of our 10-county district, I was amazed at the variety of projects and activities that our clubs accomplish in serving their communities. I am especially excited about the many Lions' clubs supporting our youth, whether it is through providing college scholarships, sponsoring Peace Poster contests or serving as charter organizations for scouting. We understand that instilling community pride and serve in our youth is necessary to our communities' futures.

Although our Lions clubs do a good job of serving our individual towns, we can do so much more if we improve on our cooperation and fellowship among clubs. Our zone organizations can help in this regard. Club officers and Lions participating in the zone meetings learn and share experiences that will help your club and our district grow stronger!

In closing, I encourage our Lions to renew their commitments to serving their communities and strongly supporting our Lions organization. We are always in need of persons interested in learning and serving in our district's committees and as district officers. If you have an interest in our vision and hearing programs, athletics, band, youth programs or other areas, please get involved in our district activities.

Greetings

District Governor-Elect Don Soph

Greetings Lions of M7! I hope all are well and that you are enjoying the arrival of spring.

Missouri Lions recently held our annual state convention over the April 29 - May 1 weekend in Springfield, MO. The event was an amazing one with over 250 Lions from across Missouri meeting, socializing, learning and casting votes on issues important to the future of our organization on the multiple district level. Wonderful information on membership growth, leadership development and better serving our communities was made available to all attendees to take back to their clubs to be used to help improve them. And, as always, all in attendance had a fantastic time as we shared stories and updates on our lives and further enhanced the true meaning of Lionism. When the Missouri community of Lions gets together to meet and learn, all of state membership benefits.

As many know, our district is hosting the 2017 Lions state convention at the Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks from May 5-7, 2017. This is the Missouri Lions' Centennial Celebration of the Lions as an organization. To say this will be a milestone celebration is putting it lightly. The event is the most important state celebration of Lions in history and it is an amazing honor it is taking place in our home district. Needless to say, Lions of 26-M7 have a huge task in putting on a memorable celebration that appropriately honors what Lions Clubs International has come to mean to our communities, district, state, nation and world over the last 10 decades. Centennial Celebration organizers are already working to put on a spectacular party and get as many 26-M7 Lions to the event as possible. A strong showing of our district members is vital to the success of celebration. Please save the dates of May 5-7, 2017 and plan to attend the Centennial Celebration state convention. The more 26-M7 Lions in attendance, the better other Missouri Lions will see our passion and pride in service. Additionally, volunteer to serve in convention planning. Organization of this important event is not being held in private by a select group of people – all 26-M7 Lions are welcome and encouraged to participate. The next planning meeting is at 2701 W. Main Street, Jefferson City on Mon. June 20 at 6:30 pm. All ideas, suggestions, offerings and assistance is needed and wanted. Be a part of what will be an unbelievable event in our district's and the state's history.

As always, please feel free to contact me if ever I can be of assistance or if you have questions. Have a happy and safe Memorial Day weekend, keeping in mind all those made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy.

My Thoughts

1st Vice District Governor-Elect Lou Ann Hathcock

I am sharing the message I stated at the Fourth Quarter District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting – our district needs dedicated Lions to share in the Lions activities at the zone and district levels! As Lions, we are missing the opportunities to grow the service we give to our communities and the areas outside of our city limits.

How can we take advantage of these opportunities? Reach out to a nearby Lions club to share your activities and learn what they are doing. Our zone organizations are a great way to meet the officers and Lions of nearby clubs and share our activities and goals. You can also learn of projects Lions are involved with at the state, national and international levels and about resources that are available that can help your club.

Our district has dedicated volunteers who can help you with club administration, share opportunities to increase your community service and help you tap into additional resources.

Don't be content to just maintain your Lions club. Seek to grow your Lions club and its service!

Peace Poster – District Winner Sponsored by Fulton Host Lions

The Fulton Host Lions Club sponsored this year's District 26-M7 Peace Poster winner – Kayanna Gaines, daughter of Kevin and Sara Gaines of Fulton. Kayanna, age 13, attends Kingdom Christian Academy where she is in the 7th grade. Kayanna has always enjoyed drawing pictures and art and most recently has become interested in photography.

In addition to her artistic abilities, she is athletic and participates in basketball, cross country, track, and swimming. Besides enjoying time outside doing sports, she loves spending time with her family and her Bible study friends. She wants to attend college in the future and has aspirations of becoming a teacher.

Congratulations, Kayanna! The Lions wish you the very best in reaching your goals.

The Peace Poster Contest was created in 1988 to give young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Approximately 600,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest annually.



Kayanna Gaines' vision of "Share Peace."

Attention Club Officers

Now that you are elected to serve your club, what's next?

Join us at any of these locations as we discuss club officer responsibilities:



June 1, 2016 – Lake Ozark Lions, 131 Fish Haven Road
June 8, 2016 – Westphalia Lions Den, Highway 63
June 13, 2016 – Cedar City Lions Den, 710 Sandstone
North Jefferson City
June 28, 2016 – Stover Lions Den, 104 North Oak Street

All Lions elected to serve in the new Lions year -- whether experienced or a novice -- are strongly encouraged to attend and participate as we explore the responsibilities and best practices of club offices.

All Lions are welcome to attend and learn more about their clubs and Lionism!

A free light dinner is served at 6:30 pm.

So our hosts may better serve you, **please let us know** if you will attend **at least three days before** the meeting by contacting Lion Jesse Hathcock at 573-338-5530 or Jess26M7@aol.com.

Welcome Our New Lions

Eldon Lions Club

Larry Henderson

Sponsor: Sharon Harms

Fulton Host Lions Club

David A. Lowe

Sponsor: Susan Colvin

Hurricane Deck Lions Club

Cheryl D. Sharp

Sponsor: Margie Heinsz

Elery M. Sharp

Sponsor: Thomas Heinsz

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

David DeWitt

Sponsor: Jerry Rehagen

Deric Heislen

Sponsor: Kyle Heislen

Richard Lee

Sponsor: Larry Spencer

John Moseley

Sponsor: Stan Horn

Charles Shipley

Sponsor: Larry Spencer

Troy Smith

Sponsor: Kyie Heislen



Lake Ozark Lions Club

Darline Schmitt

Sponsor: Martin Bagby

Mokane Lions Club

Mary Ann Fritz

Sponsor: Dale Laughlin

Stover Lions Club

Kylie S. Eckhoff

Sponsor: Mitchell Simon

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Sponsor: Spencer Bauer

Jay Smith

Sponsor: Chuck Black

J. D. Williams

Sponsor: Chuck Black

Wardsville Lions Club

Shaun Backes

Sponsor: James Combs

Matt Bisges

Sponsor: Mark Eichholz

John Moore

Sponsor: Tim Wilbers

Adam Wankum

Sponsor: Gerald Woehr

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



Membership Awards



Stover Lions Club President Jesse Dale (r) shares a light moment during the new member induction ceremony at the recent district cabinet meeting. Five new Stover Lions received their centennial Lions pins and membership certificates. The sponsors also received their centennial sponsor pins.

Lions Club Activities

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions held its annual Spring Barbeque as a fundraiser. They also kicked off their community youth baseball league with 12 teams. The Lions made a donation to the Eugene High School Project Graduation.

Warsaw Lions made a donation to the Cub Scout Pack that they sponsor.

Jefferson City Evening Lions were a major sponsor of the Senior Nutrition Center's Granny Basketball Game, a fundraising event for the Center. The club hosted a free dinner/dance for members of the local Disabled American Veterans chapter; the Lions Eyes band provided the entertainment.

Jefferson City Host Lions held a vision screening for children at the local library during their story time. The club was a co-sponsor for the Jefferson City Public School District's Safety Patrol picnic. They donated funds to support the local Senior Nutrition Center to provide daily meals for the area's senior citizens. Lions planted vegetables at a local community garden. The club made a donation to the Boy Scouts.

Lohman Lions worked at the local food pantry.

Fulton Host Lions conducted service dog visits to the elderly in nursing home.

Jefferson City Capital Lions prepared eyeglasses for the ReSpectacle eyeglass program. The Lions hosted a dance for the Cole County Residential Services, providing an entertaining event for persons with disabilities. Lions made donations to the Letter Carriers Food Drive.

Versailles Lions made a donation to the Vienna Senior Citizens Center. They also provided two college scholarships to graduating Vienna High School students.

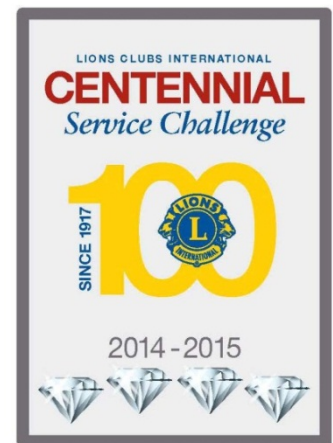
Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions reported they served **37,401** people through their **256** activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns.

Club Activity Reporting

Many of our district Lions clubs are very good about reporting their service activities. However, we have 10 Lions clubs who have not reported a service activity in at least the past five months, including five who have not reported an activity for at least two years and a club who has never reported an activity through MyLCI.

If you need assistance in reporting to MyLCI, contact our District MyLCI administrator at Jess26M7@aol.com or call 573-338-5530.





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., June 20, 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 Tidbits

There is no mystery about the origins of the now ubiquitous Lions vest. It was simply a new apparel item in the 1951 club supplies catalogue that met with wild success and became a Lions icon.

The "No. A-28 Vest," made of wool gabardine in Lions gold with Lions purple trim, was advertised as "the newest Lions apparel for convention, bowling and meeting wear." It sold for US\$1.75. Pictured in early ads with the "No. A-25 Change Apron" in gold and purple canvas, the vest-apron ensemble soon became standard Lions gear at community fundraising events.

Members were quick to see the vest as a unique way to show their Lions pride in public. Sales soared in the early years; it remains a perennial bestseller.

Lions vests have undergone many changes in design and materials since 1951. The original vest was a short-waisted, bolero-style garment designed to be worn with a dress shirt and necktie. In 1960, satin replaced wool as the fabric. The standard vest was redesigned in 1973 to extend below the beltline. Two handy coin pockets were also added.

Adapted from: <http://lions100.lionsclubs.org/EN/media/touchstone-stories/maintaining-culture-fun/92-lions-vest.php>



New Bloomfield Antique Tractor Pull – Open to 1958 Models and Older



June 4 at the New Bloomfield Lions Club Field

Trophies are awarded in all classes

Admission is \$5.00

\$15/Hook

Food Stand opens at 11:00 a.m.

Serving the best BBQ Mutton

Club Officer Information

Club Officer Reports

The deadline for your club to report your new officers to the district governor and Lions Clubs International was May 15. Many thanks to the 24 Lions Clubs and secretaries who made their reports on time! This will certainly help the new cabinet secretary in preparing the 2016-2017 district directory.

Unfortunately, we are still missing Club Officer Reports from **12** Lions clubs. We ask that the clubs that have not completed their report do so immediately.

*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.

Lions Club Membership and Activity Reporting

Lions clubs have an age-old reporting requirement. Each month, every Lions club around the world is to report their membership status and their service activities to their district officers and Lions Clubs International (LCI). In years past, this reporting was done using manual forms and mailed to the recipients. For the past several years, the preferred reporting method is through the LCI's web tool MyLCI. Clubs entering information in MyLCI facilitates the distribution of vital information about the club to the district officers and LCI. Lions club presidents and secretaries are given the permission to enter and update information in MyLCI; club treasurers have "read only" access so they can review the LCI financial statements. District officers are provided "read only" access to MyLCI to view club information.

To improve our district's Lions clubs reporting of their information, our district appointed a MyLCI District Administrator. The district governor nominated a Lion to LCI to serve in this position and LCI authorized this person to have the ability to update and add information on a club's behalf. This service gives those clubs whose president and secretary do not have access to a computer a way to get their club's information entered into MyLCI. The administrator can also assist all Lions clubs in getting their information entered into MyLCI.

The District MyLCI Administrator is Jesse Hathcock, you can contact him at Jess26M7@aol.com or call 573-338-5530.



Calendar of Events

Jun 4	New Bloomfield Antique Tractor Pull, Lions Club Field. 6 p.m. (Food stand opens at 11 am) <i>Serving the best BBQ mutton in Callaway County!</i>	Jul 27	District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting, Holts Summit Lions Building, 6:30 pm
Jun 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.	Aug 5-7`	Lake Ozark Lions Gun Show, Lake Ozark Lions Den
Jun 10	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip	Aug 12	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip
Jun 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan	Aug 18-20	1VDG LeaderDogs Visit, Rochester, MI
Jun 25	Saving Sight Board Meeting, Columbia	Sep 9	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip
Jul 3	Lohman Lions BBQ and Fireworks Show	Sept 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE
Jul 8	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip	Oct 15	Brazito-Honey Creek Lions BBQ, Schulte's parking lot, Jefferson City
Jul 22-24	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, Mount Marty College, Yankton, SD	Oct 29	Council of Governors Meeting, Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark
Jul 23	Council of Governors Meeting, Warrensburg	<u>2017</u>	
Jul 23	MO Lions All Star Football Game, Warrensburg	May 4-7	Missouri Lions State Convention, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach
		Jun 30-Jul 4	Lions Clubs International Convention Chicago, IL

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

Join District Governor Don Soph at his first District Cabinet Meeting in the Holts Summit Lions Building at 6:30 pm on July 27th.

All district officers, committee chairs, and the district's directors for Saving Sight and Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind should attend to share their news and plans for the new year.

Lions clubs officers and all Lions are encouraged to attend to learn about Lions projects and share in Lions fellowship.

Additional information will be sent to clubs and committee chairs in the coming weeks.