



**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

July/August 2016

## JC Host Lions Honor Lion Wayne Osgoode

Lion Wayne Osgoode was recognized for his long-term commitment to Lions' humanitarian efforts when the JC Host Lions named him a Melvin Jones Fellow on June 29. Lion Wayne has been especially active in furthering the Lions' participation in the Salvation Army's annual Bell Ringing. Under his leadership, the more Lions clubs are participating in "Lions Bell Ringing Day," a day that has seen a great increase in donations through the participation of other Cole County Lions clubs.

An active member of his club, Lion Wayne served as both a club director and on the Hearing Committee, selflessly sharing his time and talents.



Lion Wayne Osgoode



Lion Bill Dekeen (r) presents Lion Wayne Osgoode (l) with the plaque identifying him as a Melvin Jones Fellow.



## Greetings from the District Governor

District Governor Don Soph

Greetings Lions of District 26-M7! Hope you're staying cool and having a wonderful summer.

A new Lion's year has begun, and it's going to be one filled with service and celebration. As you know, 2017 is the 100th anniversary of Lions International, and celebrations and rededications to our organization's commitment to service are planned, from club level to worldwide. 2016 -2017 International President Bob Corlew has chosen the theme "New Mountains to Climb" for this centennial year, and that message will shine through on numerous levels.

For 100 years Lions, as an organization, has been climbing mountains. LCI is constantly taking on new challenges to serve those in need around the world, from the Lion's commitment to be "Knights for the Blind" in the 1920's, to the creation of Lions Clubs International Fund (LCIF) in the 1960's to help those affected by natural disasters, to the Centennial Service Challenge, the current initiative to serve 100 million people world wide with community service projects.

Missouri Lions and the club's of District 26-M7 have certainly faced their mountains over the years as well. Currently state and district Lions are battling the mountain of decreasing membership. This mountain is a large and tricky one, and will take the cooperation of all state and district Lions for it to be overcome. Our own district has the unique mountain of planning and putting on an amazing 2017 state convention, the theme of which is "Centennial Celebration." Like the mountain of membership, ascending to the peak of the Centennial Celebration mountain will require teamwork, innovation and a clear plan and vision.

Individual clubs also have their mountains – membership, financial issues and staying relevant and remaining an asset to the community are just some of the mountains every club faces. The solution to conquering club mountains is the same as the other levels of Lions: team work, innovation and planning. When a club comes together to face a challenge, the members are at their strongest and best to deal with the issues they must undertake.

By staying united and being prepared, the mountains of any level of Lionism can be faced and overcome. I look forward to and am extremely excited about working with all Lions of M7 to climb the mountains of 2016 - 17, and lay the groundwork for conquering all future mountains of our district.

Please always feel free to contact me for assistance, questions or concerns.



DG Don Soph presides over the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter District Cabinet Meeting in Holts Summit.



## My Thoughts

### 1st Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

I am honored to serve the Lions of District 26-M7 as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor. Thank you, Past District Governor Allen Moore, for your dedicated service over the past year.

I look forward to working with District Governor Don Soph and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Mark Schaeperkoetter to move the district forward. Emphasis this year will, of course, be on membership and celebrating our centennial in 2017.

It was my honor to install the new officers for the Auxvasse and Hermann Lions Clubs. I thank these Lions for stepping up to serve as their clubs' leaders.

As you know, our district is hosting the Missouri Lions State Convention May 4 – 7, 2017. This will require the help and attendance of many Lions so that we can make this a truly memorable event. We will make this a very special convention as we celebrate Lions' 100 years of service.

As I visit clubs this year, I will challenge our Lions to shine the light of Lionism within their community and with every person they meet. Once we share the Lions light and show people our service and the unselfish devotion of our Lions, they can't help but want to join us in making our communities better.

## Missouri Lions Youth Exchange visits the Capital City

The Missouri Lions Youth Exchange students, representing eight countries visited Jefferson City on July 28. As part of their visit, they toured the Capitol (climbing all the way to the dome), the Supreme Court of Missouri and the Lions State Office. The Jefferson City Evening Lions Club sponsored their lunch in the Capitol and the JC Host Lions Club treated them to ice cream treats at Central Dairy. The Host Lions Club also presented each student with a club banner. Special thanks go to District Governor Don Soph and 1VDG Lou Ann Hathcock for assisting in making the tours and the time in Jefferson City memorable.



The Lions Youth Exchange students with JC Host Lions Janice and Billy Bonnot (blue shirts).





“Big Lion” rides comfortably with the Fulton Host Lions.

### Fulton Lions “Hit the Bricks”

To the shouts of children exclaiming, “See the big lion!” or “What a cute dog!”, the Fulton Host Lions Club marched in the annual “Hit the Bricks” parade on June 18 through downtown Fulton. Ginger, the Fulton Lions service dog, was pulled in her own special wagon and was a big hit with the children. The resident of Presbyterian Manor where Ginger visits weekly also cheered her on as she passed by. While the big lion rode comfortably in the sporty convertible driven by Lion Emery Smola, the other members walked and braved the hot, humid day. Over 200 packets containing Lions mints and a flyer about Lions eyeglass collection and the local meetinghouse were passed out to many of the adult spectators along the parade route. It was a great chance to get out among the crowds and show our Lions pride to the community.

Lion Amy Sue Guinn, Ginger, Betty Smola and Lion Emery Smola, PDG (l to r) gear up to “Hit the Bricks.”



**Hurricane Deck Lions Club presents their 2016 Scholarship Awards.** Pictured left to right, Scholarship Chairperson Lion Deborah Raper, scholarship recipients Tristan M. Straw and Kendall Spraggins and President Lion Jim Raper. Not pictured, recipient Melissa Patik.



Missouri Lions Youth Exchange Camp participants pause between their Jefferson City tours for lunch in the Capitol. The JC Evening Lions sponsored the lunch and tours. District Governor Don Soph is standing.

## Welcome Our New Lions

### **Auxvasse Lions Club**

*Trenton Bohrn*

Sponsor: Donal Knipp

*Christopher Crowson*

Sponsor: Noel Crowson

*Ellen Massey*

Sponsor: Betty Knipp

*Taeler Thompson*

Sponsor: Mary Crowson

### **Brumley Lions Club**

*Michael A. Byrd*

Sponsor: Kenny Shelton

*Danny Rodden*

*Evelyn S. Rodden*

### **Chamois Lions Club**

*Debbie J. Champion*

Sponsor: Sue Muenks

### **Eldon Lions Club**

*Lisa S. Fogelsong*

Sponsor: Bill Fogelsong

### **Hermann Lions Club**

*Charles E. Hartbauer*

Sponsor: Melvin Dale Batson

### **Iberia Lions Club**

*Lori Burnett*

Sponsor: Clint B. Perkins

### **Lake Ozark Lions Club**

*Philip M. Covington*

Sponsor: Pat Covington



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

### **Jefferson City Evening Lions Club**

*Randy Cole*

Sponsor: Richard Lee

### **Jefferson City Host Lions Club**

*Matthew Schofield*

Sponsor: Mark Schreiber

*Grant Shorthose*

Sponsor: Jeanne Schwaller

*Kerry Shorthose*

Sponsor: Jeanne Schwaller

### **Millersburg Lions Club**

James R. Houchins

### **Owensville Lions Club**

*Fred R. Perkins*

Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

*Judith Schaeperkoetter*

Sponsor: Diane Lairmore

*Paul Schmanke*

Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

### **Rocky Mount Lions Club**

*Deborah K. Collins*

Sponsor: Polly Scott

*Frederick Kevin Hurtubise*

Sponsor: Polly Scott

*Jeri S. Keeth*

Sponsor: Dennis Diel

Sponsor: Mitchell Simon

*Mitchell Simon*

Sponsor: Spencer Bauer

*Jay Smith*

Sponsor: Chuck Black

*J. D. Williams*

Sponsor: Chuck Black

### **Warsaw Lions Club**

*Loren P. Whetsell*

Sponsor: Randall Eaton



## Lions Club Activities

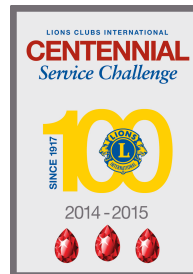
Congratulations to the District 26-M7 Lions Clubs who accepted the Centennial Challenge and completed service projects during the 2015-2016 year. For completing (and reporting to Lions Clubs International) their service projects in the areas of **Engaging Our Youth**, **Protecting the Environment**, **Sharing the Vision** and **Relieving the Hunger**, clubs qualified for one of the banner patches, shown below, depending on how many areas they served (the number of gemstone represents the number of service areas served; those clubs receiving the four gemstone patch completed at least one service project in each of the four areas). LCI will send the club patches to the district governor for presentation.



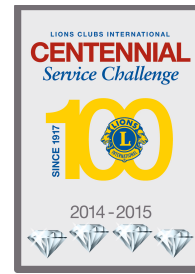
Belle  
Brazito-Honey Creek  
California  
Mokane  
Vienna  
Wardsville  
Warsaw



Cedar City  
Eldon  
Russellville  
Stover



Chamois  
Holts Summit  
Hurricane Deck  
Owensville  
JC Capital



Auxvasse  
Fulton Host  
Gravois Arm  
Hermann  
JC Host  
JC Evening  
Lake Ozark  
Lohman  
JC Breakfast  
Rocky Mount

### Publication Schedule for *Between the Lions*

July/August	August 8
September/October	October 8
November/December	December 8
January/February	February 8
March/April	April 8
May/June	May 8

Please submit your articles prior to the last day of July, September, November, January, March and May.

Please submit articles and calendar events to: [Jess26M7@aol.com](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com) or mail to Jesse Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr., Jefferson City, MO 65109.



1VDG Lou Ann Hathcock installed the Hermann Lions Club officers for 2016-2017. President Lion Steve Mueller (left) thanked Immediate Past President Larry Miskel (second from the left) for his leadership during the past year.



## 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.

**The next planning meeting is 6:30 pm, August 22, 2016 2701 West Main (upper rear), Jefferson City (next to Howser-Millard Funeral Home).** Please attend if you are interested in helping plan or work at the state convention.



2VDG Mark Schaeperkoetter, Past International President Clem Kusiak, Lion Phil Krebs and District Governor Bruce Dugan (l to r) join together to entertain Lions with their version of "My Way" at the 2016 Lions State Convention.



Lions at the 2016 State Convention heard a recreation of Helen Keller's 1925 challenge to the Lions to be Knights of the Blind."

### Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea: **We Serve**



1917: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



Recent



Current



Centennial

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#Lions100

## Club Officer Information

### 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.

### 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 that has never reported an activity through MyLCI.

Not sure if your club is one of those mentioned above? Just check your club information on MyLCI or contact our District MyLCI Administrator (see article below).

### District 26-M7 MyLCI Administrator

Lions Clubs International has extended the service of Jesse Hathcock, PCC as the District's MyLCI Administrator for the 2016-2017 Lions year. In this capacity, he provides direct support to the district's Lions clubs to ensure their monthly membership and activity reports are entered into MyLCI.

If club presidents or secretaries do not have access to the Internet to enter club information, please provide the information to Jesse, who can update your club information.

The District MyLCI Administrator can be contacted at [Jess26M7@aol.com](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com) or call 573-338-5530.





## Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**

A Message from Immediate Past President Jitsuhiro Yamada, Chairperson, LCIF:

Dear Lions,

I am honored to serve as Chairperson of your Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). I believe strongly in our Foundation, which is a vital part of Lions' international service efforts. One of the most touching moments of my life was seeing how Lions joined together with LCIF to provide food, supplies, and opportunities to the refugees struggling in Europe. I am so proud to be a part of this foundation.

LCIF helps Lions improve peoples' lives around the world, combating vision problems, responding to major catastrophes, providing valuable life skills to youth, and so much more. LCIF helps all Lions serve by providing grant funding for your local and global humanitarian efforts, and Lions help to support LCIF's mission.

LCIF sets a fundraising goal every year to meet Lions' humanitarian needs worldwide. While we do not have the final numbers yet for 2015-16, we expect that **you Lions donated over US\$39 million**. What an incredible feat! With your help, we hope to raise just over US\$45 million this year so that we may continue serving the world and promoting harmony.

I like to think of the beginning of a new year the start of something great, and I am excited to embark on this journey alongside you Lions, some of the most dedicated and selfless people the world has ever seen. I know that together we will achieve many great accomplishments this year. Thank you for your dedication to our Foundation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada

### District 26-M7 2016-2017 LCIF Goal

Our Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) district goal remains the same – every club makes a donation to LCIF.

In 2015-2017, 49% of our clubs (19 clubs) made a donation. These clubs donated \$7,130. The donations were from individuals (e.g., Contributing Member, Measles pins, or other donations) and clubs. You can designate your donations to your preference of the area of greatest need, disaster, sight or youth programs.

As of July 1, 2016, all Contributing Member donations (\$20, \$50, or \$100) will count towards a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

All Lions clubs are encouraged to support our Lions charitable works by making a donation to LCIF. Lions, too, may make individual donations to support Lions efforts in the United States and around the world.

#### Missouri LCIF Donations 2015-2016

District	% of Clubs	Amount
26-M1	40%	\$10,485.00
26-M2	66%	\$17,039.50
26-M3	51%	\$17,689.43
26-M4	53%	\$10,896.33
26-M5	56%	\$17,883.21
26-M6	54%	\$13,626.00
<b>26-M7</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>\$7,180.00</b>

#### Send Your Donations to LCIF:

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

## Hear the Tractors Roar!

The **Westphalia** Lions are holding one of Missouri Lions oldest, continuous fundraising events on **August 27** at the Westphalia Lions Field.

This 48th annual, daylong, fourteen class tractor pull features plenty of great food including their world famous fried chicken plate and a Kiddy Tractor Pull that starts at 7:30 P.M.

Whether you bring your tractor or yourself for the great food, this is a great event for the community and helps the Lions maintain their incredible community asset; their two ball fields and community meeting hall. Admission is only \$5.00. For information contact Dan Berhorst, 573-291-2076 or Chris Berhorst, 573-690-4953. **BE THERE!**

## Camdenton Lions Miniature Golf Tournament – August 12



The **Camdenton** Lions Club hosts its 13<sup>th</sup> annual golf tournament at Pirates Cove Adventure Golf, 5850 Hwy 54, Osage Beach on August 12. Golfers can tee off any time after 4 pm and should finish by 8 pm. Entry fee is a low \$8.00 per person for 18 holes of adventure golf. This is great fun for the family.

Prizes to be awarded include: \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place; \$50 dollars for third place and \$75 for the most holes-in one.

Lions, bring your families and friends for an entertaining evening and support the Camdenton Lions raise funds to buy eyeglasses for needy children and support Saving Sight and LAMB House.

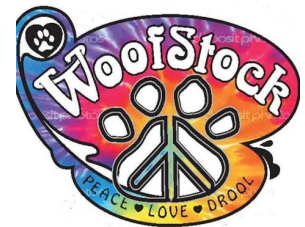
For more information, call 573-346-5872 or e-mail [welions@msn.com](mailto:welions@msn.com).

## Woofstock – Family Fun Day on September 11

The **Gravois Arm** Lions club is working with People Helping Animals Remain at Home (P.H.A.R.A.H.) in hosting a 1970's Family Fun Day at the Gravois Arm Lions Den. The day will feature music, games, food and vendors.

The event runs from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm on September 11.

Plan to support these organizations in their efforts to keep pets out of shelters.



## Calendar of Events

Aug 5-7`	Lake Ozark Lions Gun Show, Lake Ozark Lions Den	October 3	Hermann Lions Golf Tournament
Aug 12	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip	Oct 15	Brazito-Honey Creek Lions BBQ, Schulte's parking lot, Jefferson City
Aug 12	Pirates Cove Adventure Golf Tournament, sponsored by the Camdenton Lions Club, 4 pm – 8 pm, Pirates Cove Miniature Golf Course, 5850 Hwy 54, Osage Beach	Oct 29	Council of Governors Meeting, Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark
Aug 18-20	1VDG LeaderDogs Visit, Rochester, MI	<b><u>2017</u></b>	
Aug 22	2017 MO Lions State Convention Host Committee meeting, 6:30 pm, 2701 West Main, Jefferson City	Mar 10	District 26-M7 Convention Hospitality Night, Cedar City Lions Den
Sep 9	Hot Summer Nights, Lake Ozark Lions food booth, Lake Ozark Strip	Mar 11	District 26-M7 Convention, St. Andrew's Church, Holts Summit
Sept 11	Woofstock Family Fun Day, Gravois Arm Lions Club, 11 am – 3 pm	May 4-7	Missouri Lions State Convention, Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach
Sept 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE		

### Corrections to the 2016-2017 District Directory

Page 7. Eldon Lions President's e-mail should read: revdocfoglesong@gmail.com and Secretary's e-mail should read: Brandon@eldonfamilydentistry.com

Page 8. Replace the Fulton Host Lions Secretary with: Janice Houf, 105 Oak Ave, Fulton 65251; 573-592-4959 (h); jmhouf@outlook.com

Page 11. The JC Evening Lions President's e-mail should read: miz\_zou6907@yahoo.com

Page 12. Change Lake Ozark Lions President's phone number to read: 573-286-2243

Page 13. Millersburg Lions Secretary's e-mail should read: giboney13@gmail.com

Page 18. Change Leader Dogs for the Blind Chairperson's name to read: Emery Smola