



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team
2015 - 2016

DG Allen Moore

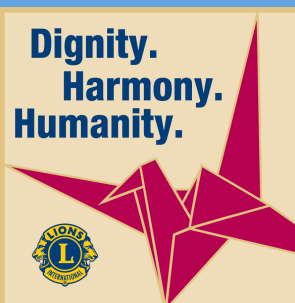
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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

August 2015

District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Fellow Lions:

Can you believe the first month of 2015 – 2016 Lions Club year has come and gone? ASK ONE is working and some of the clubs are really growing. To all our new Lions, welcome.

I especially thank the new club officers, stepping in to lead their Lions clubs to greater service.

I've been very busy visiting Lions clubs meetings and activities. The Warsaw Lions are very active in their community; Eldon Lions work hard to make the Eldon Fair a success; Lohman Lions sold tasty pork steak and chicken dinners at Lohman's Fourth of July festival; the Auxvasse Lions held an impressive new officers installation and the district cabinet meeting hosted by the Gravois Arm Lions was a very productive meeting.



DG Allen leading his first cabinet meeting
July 22 at the Gravois Arm Lions Den.

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District Governor Wisdom (continued)

Merely thanking these clubs for their service and inviting me to attend their events does not seem adequate. I really enjoy visiting old friends and making new friends was enjoyable. I look forward to meeting many more Lions this year.

My own club, Rocky Mount Lions Club, is holding a dance August 23 from 2:00-5:00 pm to help raise awareness of just what a Lions Club is all about. The Rocky Mount Corn Festival is Sept 5th and bingo will be enjoyed by all.

The Auxvasse Lions Club 65th Anniversary is approaching August 29 at 6:30. I encourage clubs to send representatives to the celebration. We should celebrate these important milestones and build our relationships with other clubs.

Appreciation is yet one more thing that I share for all the hard work from each and every club and person who gives of their time.

The year has begun; never forget to ask someone to join and report your service project hours on MyLCI. Let's see just how much growth we make happen.

Once again thank you for all you have, are and will do to support our Lions Club International!

Welcome Our New Lions

Iberia Lions Club

Jamie Rodden
Joined: 07/01/2015
Sponsor: Benny Luttrell

Mokane Lions Club

Cindy Kay Harris
Joined: 06/10/2015
Sponsor: Connie Taylor

Russellville Lions Club

Paul W. Bax
Joined: 07/11/2015
Sponsor: Ward Garrison

Westphalia Lions club

Josh Crede
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Cory Stephan

Corey Klefner
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Steve Massman

Ryan Nivens
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Steve Massman

Todd Eichholz
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Larry Groner

Westphalia Lions Club

Brandon Lubbert
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Larry Groner

Sam Samson
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Jim Massman

Eric Wieberg
Joined: 07/12/2015
Sponsor: Tavis Massman

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

Greetings

1st Vice District Governor Don Soph

Hope all are enjoying the summer. It has indeed been a good one. I just returned from the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in Jamestown, ND. I can't possibly express in these few sentences the great event GPLLI is. You have the great opportunity to meet Lions from all over the Midwest, you also attend informative, motivating and inspiring seminars on an array of topics all people deal with in their daily lives. The weekend is a very rewarding experience. Consider going to GPLLI next summer in Jamestown, North Dakota. The district offers scholarships to help cover costs. Trust me, you'll find it to be a fulfilling experience.

With the dog days of summer upon us, it can be hard to concentrate on things like recruiting new members to clubs. But your club's membership numbers should be discussed on a regular basis. Examine what has and hasn't been successful in the past, improve on what worked and explore new ways to encourage others to join in the Lions fun. When looking at the Lion retention effort, take a look at the number of recent new members that have remained active. Does it seem you are keeping the new members engaged? If not, discuss this fact with them and other club members. Work out a strategy to keep new members interested, active and feeling like a valued member of the club.

I look forward to continuing to meet the Lions of district M7. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at donsoph@hotmail.com or my cell 314-304-5054. I look forward to hearing from Lions on how we can expand our impact.

Committee Chairpersons

ALERT – Rick Bartel
Athletic – Tim Wilbers
Band – DG Allen Moore
Constitution – Glen Stratman
Global Leadership – Jesse Hathcock
Global Membership – Steve Duncan
Hearing – Linda Martin
Information Technology – Amy Bell
Lions Business Opportunities
for Missouri Blind (LBOMB) – Jeff Hilke

Lions Clubs International
Foundation (LCIF) – Jesse Hathcock
Leader Dog – Emery Smola
Long Range Planning – Jeff Hilke
Mid South Sight & Hearing – Janis Wassman
Public Relations – Dan Bernskoetter
World Services for the Blind – Marvin Stuenkel
Youth – Larry LaDuke

Looking for a Program Idea?

Ask a district committee chairperson to provide a presentation on how our district participates in the variety of service projects. Other chairpersons can provide information on how the Lions can help identify leaders, add new members and keep Lions motivated and active.

Check your club's district directory or contact a member of the district governor team for contact information.

My Thoughts

2nd Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

Through cooperation, there is strength. Our strength comes from many Lions working together to form strong clubs and many clubs working together to form strong zones and districts. Just as many Lions working together can accomplish more than a single Lion, so can many clubs work together to accomplish more than a single club. Together, Lions clubs can accomplish greater service and strengthen our communities.

Imagine that each Lions club is a brick. We can choose to toss the bricks together haphazardly but this will not support a structure. Sure, each brick is there, some are even larger than others, but there is no unity of purpose.

Now, imagine those bricks uniting for a common purpose just as Lions clubs can unite in a common purpose – to build our clubs so we can better help our communities. Our zones and districts can provide structure for our clubs to build, but we must be willing to work to make it possible. Our zones and districts can join the many bricks together with training and education to form a structure that fulfills our needs.

In looking at the brick wall, one sees many separate bricks united and working together. By our clubs working together and taking advantage of available opportunities, we can support each other and unite to build sound clubs, zones and districts.

Of course, this does not mean that a club cannot reach out to meet the unique needs of its community. But the brick wall/organization is there to provide a solid foundation that helps the clubs meet their individual needs as well as giving support to the clubs in terms of training and education.

I encourage our Lions to build the solid structures required for a successful Lions Clubs International by getting to know Lions from other clubs. Our leaders, the club officers, can start doing this by inviting nearby clubs to attend a meeting or activity and by participating in the zone meetings.



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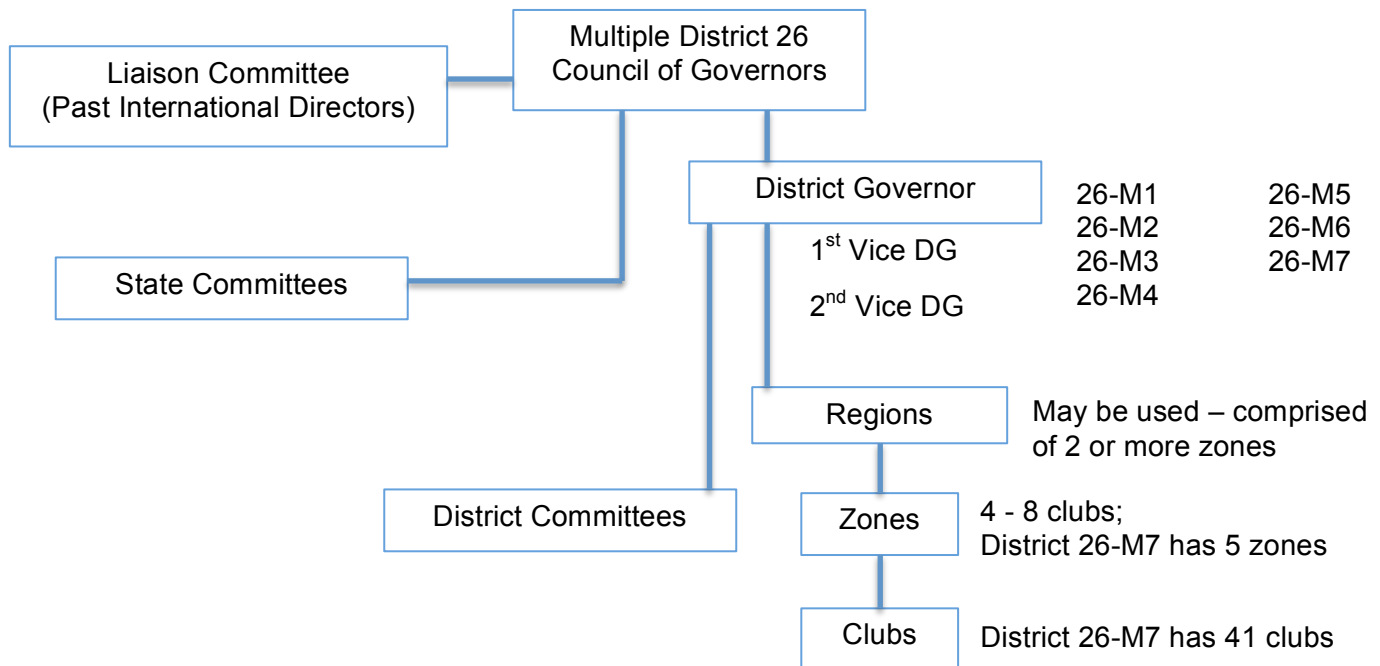
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Do we want this ↓



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Keller

Missouri Lions Multiple District 26



Shown above is a simplified outline of the Multiple District 26 (Missouri Lions) organization.

Multiple District 26-M7 has seven sub-districts (26-M1 – 26M-7). The district governor from each sub-district represents the sub-district on the Council of Governors. The Council of Governors also oversees the state committees. The state committees are comprised of the committee chairpersons from each of the sub-districts.

The foundation of Multiple District 26 is made up of its 349 individual Lions clubs. Nearby clubs are organized into zones, with 4-8 clubs per zone, which, in turn, may be organized into regions. Our sub-district, District, 26-M7, has 41 Lions clubs in five zones; we do not use regions.

The District 26-M7 District Governor Team (DG, 1st Vice DG, 2nd Vice DG), zone chairpersons, cabinet secretary, and cabinet treasurer are the district officers. They, together with the district committee chairpersons, make up the district cabinet.

Missouri Lions Youth Exchange Students Visit the Capital City

On July 23, the Missouri Lions Youth Exchange Program visited Jefferson City. During their visit, the 16 students participated in tours of the state capitol, Governor's Mansion, and Supreme Court of Missouri and stopped at the MO Lions State Office where PDG Lion Nan Blakemore shared Lions trading pins with them.



The students from 11 countries (Belgium, Brazil, Czech Republic, Finland, Indonesia, Israel, Germany, Lithuania, Spain, Sweden and Turkey) spend one month in Missouri. Three weeks are spent with host families around the state and the final week is spent at Camp Brimshire in St. James. It is during the camp week that the students visit Jefferson City. Their visit to the capital city provided them with interesting insight on the history of Missouri, including the various immigrant groups that settled in the state, and how the state government functions.

The Jefferson City Evening Lions hosted the lunch at Aris's Pizza Palace and the Jefferson City Host Lions sponsored their visit to the ever-popular Central Dairy.

Special thanks to the Lions who helped with the visit – Lion Toni Mahoney and PDG Lisa Clinton, camp escorts; 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock; Lion Roger Schwartze, President, Jefferson City Host Lions and Jesse Hathcock, Jefferson City Evening Lions. Lion Janice Bonnot, Jefferson City Host Lions, assisted in coordinating the Central Dairy visit but was unable to attend since she was called to serve on a jury that day.

Chamois Lions Save “This American Bandstand”

Working in phases, the Chamois Lions will rehabilitate the city's Old Bandstand starting with a concrete pad under the entire structure, installing new electrical service within the structure, and replacing lower level braces and counter tops with treated lumber. The club will document their progress on the “Let's Save This American Bandstand” Facebook public page.

The Chamois Lions Club initiated a “Focus on a Local Business” program where a local business is recognized at each meeting and the business owner or manager has an opportunity to make a presentation on the business. Two of the goals of this program are to spur local economic development efforts and to encourage Chamois Lions to shop locally. It also lets the business owner know the impact the Chamois Lions have in their community.

Service – The Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Way

The Jefferson City Breakfast Lions may conduct their business meeting in the morning, but they serve at all hours of the day. On July 15, the club provided the evening dinner at the Salvation Army. They prepared over 50 meals with the theme of a Summer Cookout – hamburgers, hot dogs, cole slaw, pasta salad and watermelon were featured. They also provided backpacks with school supplies and a variety of Scholastic books for distribution through the Salvation Army's Food Pantry.

On the fourth Thursday of every month, the Breakfast Lions host bingo games for the residents of the Heisinger Home. A typical night will have approximately 25-30 residents eagerly following along in the hope that their numbers will be called. Many have their favorite cards so they arrive early to select their card. The winner of each game selects their choice of the coveted prizes – bananas, apples, and oranges. But not to fear, all participants are ensured a prize before the last game, a blackout of their cards.

The Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Club was chartered in March 1979 and has 20 members. The unique meeting time, the second Saturday morning at 8:00 am, fits into the schedule of the members, who would not be able to make meetings during the lunch hour or in the evening. The Breakfast Lions recently moved their Saturday morning meeting place to the Special Learning Center, 1115 Fairgrounds Road in Jefferson City.



Lions Margaret Baggett, Lou Ann Hathcock, Terry Keubler, Kristy Schriefer and Jeanne Nelson fill trays for patrons of the Salvation Army.



Lion Alan Nelson keeps the evening lively while calling the bingo numbers.

Global Membership Team – Many Hands Make Light Work



From the June 2015 Lions District 26-M7 Club Health Assessment Report, we currently have a total membership of 1,454 with a net loss of 61 members from the Lions Year July 2014 - June 2015. We added 128 new members but lost 189. **Great work on adding 128 new members.** We need to continue to add new members in each of our clubs. Our focus this past year was to "Ask One," which suggests that each of us, as a Lion, reach out and ask one person to consider becoming a Lion. This theme will continue into this year. Please consider inviting to your next Lions Club meeting someone who is a family member, friend, co-worker, or perhaps church member who you think would have interest in serving their community.

Of somewhat more concern is the loss of 189 members in the past year. There is nothing we can do when a dedicated Lion passes away other than remember the many good works of that Lion. We can, however, work to determine why some Lions drift away and no longer desire to be a member. If possible, a club officer should visit each Lion who does not maintain their membership; determine why they no longer wish to be a member – are they unhappy with the club projects, do they feel under-utilized as to service to the club or community, or do they perhaps not enjoy meetings. At one time, each of these former Lions had interest in Lions Club and in serving the community. What changed? What can we do to win these former Lions back? Are there changes that need to be made in the format of club meetings or in the types of service projects so that each club retains the current members?

As your District GMT Coordinator, I have a request for each Lions Club President. If your club does not currently have a Membership Chairperson, please seek out and appoint someone to be Membership Chairperson. This Lion should be passionate about recruiting new members and then working with those new members to make them feel welcome and productive Lions so that they remain Lions. If and when your club appoints a Membership Chairperson, please send that Lion's name, address, phone number, and most importantly e-mail address to me so that I can add them to the Lions Membership Chairperson e-mail distribution list. I use this e-mail distribution list to share member recruitment and member retention tips.

Lion Steve Duncan
Global Membership Team Coordinator
Steve_duncan@ctsinc.biz

Attention Past District Governors

The time has come for the Lions of MD-26 (Missouri) to endorse a candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International. The qualifications and requirements for potential candidates are provided in the LCI By-Laws (Article II, International Board Elections, Section 3) and the MD-26 Constitution (Article 6, Committees, Section (g) - Pages 9 and 10).

INVOLVE A U.S. VETERAN PROGRAM

Involve a veteran today and build a better world for people in need.

U.S. veterans have made so many great contributions and sacrificed so much to serve our country. With many service members being honorably discharged from the military, this is a good time to provide them with an opportunity to get involved in their communities. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program provides qualifying veterans the opportunity to continue serving in a different way as Lions.



Lions Clubs International is offering a pilot program waiving charter or entrance fees for qualifying veterans.

1. This program will be eligible to the first 5,000 certified U.S. veterans from any U.S. state or territory and will run for two years, retroactive to July 1, 2013 and through June 30, 2016.
2. Eligible persons for the veteran program include Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard personnel who are retired or were honorably discharged from these services. National Guard and Reserve personnel who were called to active duty for other than training (persons may still be enlisted in these services) and other personnel the U.S. services consider a veteran are also eligible.
3. The Involve a U.S. Veteran Program Certification Form is downloadable at **<http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/me701.pdf>** and is to be completed by the club secretary or district governor. Submit the certification form to the Accounts Receivable and Club Account Services Department if reporting new members online using MyLCI or send with the Report of Charter Members for new clubs or Monthly Membership Report for existing clubs. The entrance fee waiver will be processed as a credit on the Lions club billing statement upon receipt of the certification form.
4. Clubs are encouraged to sponsor or defray club, district and multiple district and/or international dues for any veteran needing financial assistance.

If you have questions, please contact Lions Clubs International; New Member Department; 300 W. 22nd Street Oak Brook, IL 60523; Phone: 630.203.3846; Fax: 630.571.1691.

Cole County Lions Unite to Make a Greater Impact

For its April 2015 Pot of Gold Dinner, the Jefferson City Host Lions asked the Jefferson City Breakfast Lions and Wardsville Lions Clubs to partner with them on their Pot of Gold fundraiser to support the Central Missouri Miracle League Foundation. The clubs agreed that 100% of the proceeds would be donated to the Central Missouri Miracle League Foundation for building a special rubberized baseball field for kids with physical and developmental disabilities. The Lions supported the Central Missouri Miracle League Foundation because they believe that every child deserves the chance to "PLAY BALL." Jefferson City Lions clubs have actively participated in the program since its inception seven years ago.

The Central Missouri Miracle League provides children with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball. In addition to Lions volunteering as "buddies" during play, many local high school sports teams and businesses find this is a great way to help others.

Thanks to the support from the three clubs, the sold out event was a great success. At the final game of the season on July 10, the Lions presented a check to the Central Missouri Miracle League Foundation in the amount of \$10,855.06.

As is its tradition on the last day of the season, the Jefferson City Evening Lions Club provided a cookout for the ballplayers and their families.

Participation in and support of the Miracle League is not confined to Cole County. Indeed, as the foundation's name points out, children from many areas make the journey to Jefferson City to participate in the league. The "buddies," as the games' volunteers are known, come from area counties for an evening of fun and helping others. The buddies are paired with a child to help him or her play the game.

Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, contact 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock, balloonsisters@aol.com or 573-338-4687.



Presenting the check to the Central Missouri Miracle League Foundation President, Lion Deb Hendricks (far right), are (from left to right) Lions Pat Mills, Mark Schreiber, Lyle Rosburg (holding Snoopy), Larry Brandhorst, Rich Joseph, 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock. Two Miracle League players are also present.

Calendar of Events

Aug 7	Camdenton Lions Miniature Golf Tournament, Pirates Cove, Lake Ozark	Oct 2-3	Past District Governors Weekend Fort Leonard Wood
Aug 13	Zone 5 (Callaway County) meeting, Iron Skillet, Kingdom City, 6:00 pm	Oct 17	Bowling Tournament (\$20 per person or \$100 per team), Capital Bowl, Jefferson City Evening Lions, 1:00 pm
Aug 19	Zone 4 (Cole County) meeting, Hyde Park Conference Room, 6:00 pm	Oct 24	Council of Governors, Tan Tar A, Lake Ozark
Aug 23	Community Dance, 2:00-5:00 pm Rocky Mount Lions, potluck snacks, \$3.00 at the door	Nov 7	Mouse Races, Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City Breakfast Lions,
Aug 29	Auxvasse Lions 65 th Anniversary, Auxvasse Christian Church, 6:00 pm	2016	
Sep 5	Rocky Mount Sweet Corn Festival. serving food all day, special bingo games 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Jan 30	Council of Governors, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
Sept 17-19	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, MI	Mar 11-12	District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon
Oct 3	Auxvasse Lions Candy Day	Apr 28 – May 1	State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield

See your Lions or Lions Club Activities Featured in *Between the Lions*, The District 26-M7 Newsletter

Use the newsletter to promote your upcoming activities, accomplishments and special recognition of your Lions. To serve as a viable communications tool, we need you to share information.

A newsletter is planned for each month of the Lions Year 2015 - 2016. The newsletter is scheduled for distribution by the 8th of each month. Submit your contributions to the newsletter by the last day of the month preceding publication. The next date for submissions is by August 31.

Submit your articles and information to Jesse Hathcock at Jess26M7@aol.com or 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

