



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team
2015 - 2016

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

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District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Fellow Lions:

Another month has come and gone! How time flies when you are having fun.

Serving as one of seven Missouri district governors is a very interesting chapter in my life. Over the past two months, our District Governor's Team (1VDG Don Soph, 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock and me) has visited many of the District 26 M7 clubs. Whether it is at club meetings, zone meetings or special events we have gained much from each club and the dedicated Lions.

We enjoyed a very special outing when we visited the Owensville Lions. The Lions were celebrating Lion Jim Willoughby's 100th birthday. His stories gave determination, enthusiasm and memories to the Lions and family members who attended. Lion Jim spoke very highly of the Lions Club and the ability to serve. Hearing of Lion Jim's life services gave encouragement to all. With our approaching Lions Clubs International 100th Anniversary, we realize how much our acts of service affect so many persons.

The 65th anniversary celebration of the Auxvasse Lions Club was another event we enjoyed. The club lost a long-time member, Judge Patrick Horner, who had been a member for 58 years. But, his service to the community, district and state are forever fixed in the history of the club. A highlight of the evening was the induction of two new Lions. Representatives from three districts and several clubs were there to help celebrate

International President Dr. Yamada's values are words of inspiration to all Lions. Use your wisdom and knowledge, talents and abilities to build your club.

Greetings

1st Vice District Governor Don Soph

Greetings all! Hope you're enjoying the late summer. The heat has definitely kicked in, but the pleasantness of early fall is just around the corner.

Recently, I was fortunate enough to travel to Rochester, MI to tour the Leader Dogs for the Blind facility. The facility and all the people involved can be summed up in one word - **amazing!** For those that may not know, Leader Dog for the Blind is one of the nation's largest training facilities for guide dogs for the visually impaired. It opened in 1939 in a converted brick home, and over the years has grown into a world-class service facility. Leader dogs are bred, born and trained there and visually impaired clients receiving a dog undergo 26 days of training with their guide dog at the facility. The employees and volunteers at Leader Dog are some of the most knowledgeable, dedicated and service-minded individuals you'll ever meet. All involved care so greatly for the dogs and the clients, and all work hard to ensure the guide dogs and the visually impaired are as highly trained and prepared as they possibly can be.

Lions Clubs are the largest organization contributors to Leader Dog for the Blind, and recent Lions donations were vital to a massive facility expansion that will usher in a new era of training and service. The new building is designed for guide dog breeding and training. Special flooring will help avoid feet and ankle injuries to the dogs. Interconnected kennels will reduce stress on the dogs, as they will not be moved as often. The dogs' stress can diminish their ability to be trained for service. Basically, the entire building will be unique and highly specialized guide dog education facility. If you are ever in Rochester, MI, located just outside Detroit, take time to stop by Leader Dog for the Blind. They love their Lion supporters and will set you up on a VIP tour. Additionally, I encourage your clubs to keep contributing to Leader Dog. The money goes to a truly good cause and helps so many people in ways that can't be described in these few paragraphs.

As I'm sure you know, membership is really down in District 26-M7. We can raise it in our district. I strongly encourage all clubs to regularly discuss membership. Find different ways you can reach individuals in your community and influence them to join. Plan various membership recruitment events such as dinners, socials and canvassing drives. Ask neighbors, friends, family members and people in the community with whom you are in regular contact to join. Don't be afraid to ask to the point of annoyance. You'd be surprised how well this works. It never hurts to show how passionate you are about the Lions and your community. People will be inspired by your passion and dedication. And always, always wear your Lions shirts and vests out in the community when your club is doing a service project. This is free advertising. When someone approaches and asks what you are doing, tell them and ask them to join. Take advantage of their noticing your passion and dedication to the community.

Working together, we can grow and better serve our communities.

The most dangerous phrase in the language is,
"We've always done it this way."

Admiral Grace Harper

My Thoughts

2nd Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

As I listened to the words spoken during a recent new member induction ceremony, I was struck by the words that a new Lion joins not only his or her club but also joins Lions Clubs International. As I thought more about this statement, I looked back on my own experiences as a Lion. With the focus on our local Lions club, we sometimes forget that we belong to a larger organization.

I certainly enjoy my fellow Lions of the Jefferson City Breakfast Lions as we meet in fellowship to plan and conduct our various activities. I feel especially close to these Lions as we work to serve others; they provide me with a “comfort zone” in which I am able to acquire confidence in my abilities. I also had many opportunities to visit other Lions clubs and attend Lions events around the state, the United States and even in other countries. Invariably, I pick up new ideas on how clubs run their meetings and potential projects that may work in our area. Most importantly, I meet fellow Lions and develop lasting relationships based on our desire to serve.

Meeting Lions from other areas has helped me realize that each Lion belongs to a greater community – a community in which we share a common bond of service. We are all working towards common goals and can support each other in achieving these goals. I am especially pleased when I learn that clubs work together on a number of projects. In our district, we have clubs with membership ranging from the single digits to the hundreds. Obviously, those clubs with larger memberships can tackle greater projects. But those clubs with smaller memberships have difficulty in getting help for projects. Wouldn't it be wonderful if our nearby clubs would work together to share their resources for the good of their communities?

I encourage every Lion to take a step out of their “comfort zone.” Visit other Lions clubs, attend a zone meeting, attend district and state conventions and participate in training opportunities. You do not have to be a club or district officer to visit other clubs. Get a small group together and call a nearby Lions club to set up a visit or invite Lions from another club to visit your club meeting or activity.

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

Mark your calendars for October 7, 2015

District officers, committee chairpersons, club officers and Lions are encouraged to attend the second quarter cabinet meeting hosted by the Westphalia Lions Club.

The night begins with a social at 6:00 pm with dinner at 6:30 pm. The cost for dinner is \$9.50 per person.

Learn what the district and committees are doing to serve. A flyer with additional information is coming.



Peace Poster Contest

The Peace Poster Contest gives young people the opportunity to creatively express their feelings for world peace and to share their visions with the world. Each year, approximately 400,000 children from 75 countries participate in the contest.

Lions clubs sponsor the contest, open to children ages 11 – 13 (on November 15, 2015), in local schools or organized, sponsored youth groups, such as Scouts and Boys & Girls Clubs. The contest provides Lions with the chance to interact with young people in their communities, introducing the youth to international understanding, as well as giving Lions a way to obtain positive publicity for their clubs.

Each year a theme is chosen to help spark the students' imaginations. Expression of the theme, artistic merit and originality are the three criteria used to evaluate the posters at all judging levels.

The posters are judged at the club, district, multiple district and international levels. A grand prize winner and 23 merit winners are chosen at the international level. The grand prize winner receives \$5,000 awarded at a ceremony at the United Nations. The merit winners each receive \$500.

A club must purchase a Peace Poster Contest kit for **each** contest it sponsors. Peace Poster Contest kits (Item PPK-1) are available from the Club Supplies Sales.

The club's winning entry must be submitted to the district governor by November 15, 2015. The District Governor Allen Moore will select the district's winning entry to the council chairperson by December 1, 2015.

For the complete rules, go to <http://www.lionsclubs.org/resources/EN/pdfs/pr787.pdf>.

Are you a "Quality Lion?"

A Multiple District 26 program recognizes Lions who go the extra mile by completing the following requirements:

1. Attend a club board meeting.
2. Participate in a club project.
3. Bring a prospective member to a club meeting.
4. Visit another Lions club.
5. Attend a zone, region or district meeting.
6. Registered or attended a district, state or international convention.

A unique Missouri Lion pin and annual bars are presented to the Quality Lions.

Award applications are available from your club secretary or a district officer.



2014-2015 Grand Prize winner

KidSight Vision Screening

The KidSight vision screening is happening throughout District 26-M7. Saving Sight's trained technicians are scheduling and providing quick and noninvasive screening for children ages six months to six years for common causes of childhood vision loss. The free service is supported by local Lions clubs; clubs like yours. KidSight provides parents with timely, accurate, and free health information so they can preserve their children's sight. Children found to have potential issues are referred to eye doctors for examination and treatment.



Saving Sight has proactively scheduled numerous screenings with child care facilities and child friendly events throughout our communities. The schedule for upcoming screenings is distributed via the MOLions mail service. Lions clubs may request screenings using the on-line request form (<https://saving-sight.org/request-screening-col>) or calling 800-753-2265 x8507.

Jefferson City Host Lions Billy and Janice Bonnot assist Saving Sight Screener Maria Haynie at St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City. Over 100 very well behaved children were screened. The school principal and teachers all expressed their thanks for this free program. The teachers even explained to the students about Lions clubs and their services to the community.



Welcome Our New Lions

Rocky Mount Lions Club

David M. Allen
Sponsor: Phillip Dorth

Mokane Lions Club

Dylan Robbins
Sponsor: Dee Pfeiffer

Les Smith
Sponsor: Dee Pfeiffer

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

Did You Know?

Lions Clubs International Foundation

The Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) was founded in 1968 to take the mission of Lions Clubs International to new heights by tackling global problems, as well as assisting Lions with large-scale local humanitarian projects.

LCIF supports large-scale projects that address unmet humanitarian needs for entire communities. Local Lions lead these projects by identifying the need, developing the plan of action and carrying out the project.

LCIF is funded entirely on donations. No dues money is provided to the Foundation.

In 1972, LCIF awarded its first grant of \$5,000 for flooding in South Dakota.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship program was created in 1973 as a way for donors of \$1,000 to be recognized. The fellowship program provides 75% of the funding for LCIF.

In 1987, Campaign SightFirst is launched to raise funds to initiate the SightFirst program. SightFirst program began in 1989 and prevented serious vision loss of more than 30 million people.

LCIF raised \$3 million for the September 11 Disaster Relief Fund and \$5 million for Hurricane Katrina relief.

In 2008, LCIF and Habitat for Humanity partnership builds its 1,000th home and Lions surpass the Campaign SightFirst II fundraising goal, raising more than \$200 million.

Also in 2008, former President Jimmy Carter nominated LCIF for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 2014-2015, approximately 9 % of the funds donated to LCIF came from the United States.

In 2014-2015, LCIF awarded 460 grants totaling \$48 million.

LCIF Goal – District 26-M7

This year, our goal is a simple one – every Lions club in District 26-M7 makes a contribution to Lions Clubs International Foundation. In 2014-2015, only 11 of our 42 clubs made a donation to our foundation.

Individuals making contributions in \$20, \$50 and \$100 increments will receive a special “Contributing Member” pin. The individual contributions are also credited to the Lions club.

Special “One Shot, One Life” Lions Measles Initiative pins are also available for \$10.

The pins and additional information are available by contacting the District LCIF Coordinator, Jesse Hathcock, at Jess26M7@aol.com or calling 573-5530.

Lion Jim Willoughby Celebrates His Centennial

The Owensville Lions club held a 100th birthday celebration for Lion Jim Willoughby on August 27 at its Lions Hall. Lion Andy shared tales of his past with those attending.

Among the approximately 60 guests celebrating the birthday were District Governor Allen Moore, 1st Vice District Governor Don Soph (Holts Summit Lions), 2nd Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock (Jefferson City Breakfast Lions) and Lion Polly Scott (Rocky Mount Lions).



The District Governor Team extends their very best wishes to Lion Jim Willoughby at the celebration of Jim's 100th birthday. From the left are 1VDG Don Soph, DG Allen Moore, Lion Jim Willoughby and 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock.



President Lion Andy Michel looks on while District Governor Allen Moore gives Lion Jim Willoughby one of his governor's pins.

Lake Ozark Car Show

September 26, 2015

School of the Osage Middle School, 635 Highway 42, Kaiser, MO

Registration from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm; Judging from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm; Awards at 3:00 pm

Spectator are admitted free

Car registration is \$20.00

Additional information and registration forms are available by calling Lisa at 573-286-9198 or Laura at 573-365-6286 or e-mailing benefitcarshow@yahoo.com.

Hosted by the Lake Ozark Lions Club

Lions Club Activities

The **Fulton Host Lions** conducted visits to persons in Hospice care.

The **Gravois Arm Lions** conducted back to school Hearing Testing for 297 children. The club also adopted a new project to maintain the area around the village welcome sign. Members of the club are also providing landscaping services for a senior citizen who is no longer able to do those chores. The club hosted a community blood drive.

The **Hurricane Deck Lions** donated funds for the Share the Harvest Food Bank, school projects and Cub Scouts.

The **Jefferson City Host Lions** made donations to support the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall in Jefferson City for a 4-day period beginning September 24, 2015. They also made a donation to Operation Bugle Boy, a local program that honors military veterans. The club also maintains drop off boxes for eyeglasses and hearing aids.

The **Lohman Lions** helped with the Russellville Lutheran Church food pantry that serves over 100 families.

The **Owensville Lions** performed highway cleanup picking up trash and mowing and cutting the grass along their designated portion of Highway 28.

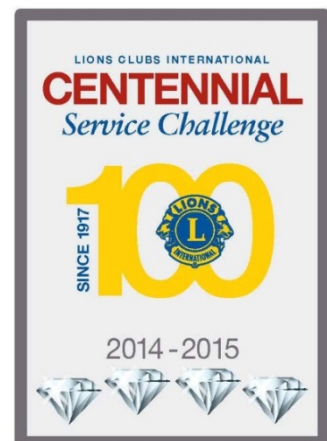
The **Rocky Mount Lions** hosted a community dance. They continue to work on their community park.

The **Russellville Lions** operated their concession stand at a recent Figure race.

The **Chamois Lions** voted to end their 25 year run of Bingo games. The club is exploring additional opportunities to provide for community gatherings.

Centennial Challenge Update:

District 26-M7 Lions have conducted 40 activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns and served 5,667 people since July 1, 2015.



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District Directory Corrections

Page 10: Change Jefferson City Evening Lions President's e-mail to gkempker@me.com.

Page 14: Change Stover Lions meeting days to 1st and 3rd Mondays.

Tax Reminder

Most tax-exempt organizations are required to file an annual return. Which form an organization must file generally depends on its financial activity. The return is due every year by the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your tax year. Most Lions clubs have a fiscal year that runs from July 1 through June 30. Clubs that fail to file required returns for three consecutive years will lose their tax exemption.

Status	Form to File
Gross receipts normally less than or equal to \$50,000 Note: Organizations eligible to file the <i>e-Postcard</i> may choose to file a full return	990-N
Gross receipts less than \$200,000, and total assets less than \$500,000	990-EZ or 990
Gross receipts greater than or equal to \$200,000, or total assets greater than or equal to \$500,000	990
Private foundation - regardless of financial status	990-PF

GO 4 GAS Jefferson City Host Lions

\$7,600

in pre-paid gas cards giveaway!

***** 46 Winners *****

\$10.00 per Ticket

Drawing:
November 18, 2015

GRAND PRIZE: \$2000.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards

2ND PRIZE: \$800.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards

3RD PRIZE: \$400.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards

4TH PRIZE: \$200.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards

5TH – 46th PRIZES: \$100.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards

Proceeds will be used to support the various Lions programs. Lions are dedicated volunteers who work together to make our communities better places to live and work. The Jefferson City Host Lions Club reserves the right to cancel all awards and return donations. To purchase a ticket or for more information call 573 619-2334.

Calendar of Events

Sept 4-6	Mokane Lions 66 th Annual World's Fair	Oct 24	Council of Governors, Tan Tar A, Lake Ozark
Sep 5	Rocky Mount Sweet Corn Festival. serving food all day, special bingo games 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Nov 7	Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Mouse Races, Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City
Sept 17-19	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Grand Rapids, MI	Nov 15	Club submits winning peace poster to the district governor
Sept 20	Rocky Mount Community Dance, 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Lions Community Center	2016	
Oct 3	Auxvasse Lions Candy Day	Jan 30	Council of Governors, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
Oct 2-3	Past District Governors Weekend Fort Leonard Wood	Mar 11-12	District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon
Oct 7	District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting, Westphalia, 6:30 pm	Apr 28 – May 1	State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
Oct 17	Jefferson City Evening Lions Bowling Tournament (\$20 per person or \$100 per team), Capital Bowl, 1:00 pm		

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).

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

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

Submit your contributions to the newsletter by the last day of the month preceding publication. The next date for submissions is by September 30th.

