



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

October 2015

District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Fellow Lions:

Already, three months have flown by. Working with Lions across District 26-M7 is certainly a rewarding experience!

The meetings and events I have attended have been wonderful – Lions working together to make their communities better and raising funds that will be put to great use in helping others. Keep up the wonderful work, Lions!

Clubs are working hard to get new members in the clubs. As each year passes, we get a little older and slower. We need new members to keep up with our hectic paces. Younger members will bring fresh ideas and ways to communicate. Keep a lookout for persons with compassion and drive – they are our future. Remember to **ASK ONE**.

To all Lions Clubs members: keep up the great work. Without each of you, the Lions Clubs would not be able to accomplish all the great service that is achieved. Without your wisdom and knowledge, Lions could not help to make this a better world.

Lions ROAR and BE PROUD OF ALL YOU DO!!!!

I will continue to make club visits; my goal is to visit each club in the district.

To all the clubs The District Governor Team has visited, we thank you for your warm hospitality.

District Governor Allen Moore

Greetings

1st Vice District Governor Don Soph

Hope all are enjoying the early fall.

Speaking of fall, activities abound during this time of year, and that means numerous service project opportunities for clubs! Fall festivals and celebrations are taking place all over our district this month. Organizers of these events are always looking for assistance in some way. If your club is directly organizing an event, fantastic! If not, I encourage your club to participate in a nearby fall celebration. And it doesn't have to be raising funds. Think service! There are so many ways to make a service project out of assisting with a fall event. Set up, clean up, ticket sales, parking attendants...and so much more are needed at these events. Clubs can easily volunteer to assist in some fashion, and it can all be reported to LCI as a Centennial Challenge service project.

Additionally, the event does not need to take place in your community for a club to participate. Folk from your community will definitely be attending events in nearby towns, so those in your community at these events will see your club, and this helps in recruiting new members. This is also a wonderful opportunity for a club to hold a joint project with another club. Maybe the town with a club next to yours is having an event. Offer to help that club work the event. This also can be counted as a Centennial Challenge project, and you will get to know the members of the other town's club.

I'd also like to take some time to discuss involvement in our district. Of course we all join our local Lions clubs to serve our community. But that community and that club are also part of larger, regional community. The more that regional community bands together, the better it is served. Think outside of your club. The majority of our clubs in our district face membership number issues. One of the best ways to combat struggling membership numbers is to meet at the zone and districts level to share ideas. At these meetings, clubs share common problems and interests and work together to solve them. This not only strengthens the district, but also the individual clubs. There is also another way to think about it. A portion of your dues goes to fund the district. In other words you as an individual Lion subsidize district activities. Come and let your voice be heard at the district level. Your participation will be an immense benefit to the district. A district you help pay for and are very much a part of.

I look forward to continuing visiting your clubs and meeting as many of you as possible. Always feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or needing assistance.

You've got to be very careful if you don't know where you are going, because you might not get there.

Yogi Berra

My Thoughts

2nd Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

In the last newsletter, I shared how my knowledge of the great works that Lions do has grown by meeting Lions outside my own club. Since I prepared that message, I had the opportunity to “practice what I preach.” I had the privileges of attending a district convention in South Dakota and the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Michigan.

At each of these, I met Lions who are facing the same challenges we are in Missouri – how to better serve our communities and how to grow our Lions clubs. Of course, I met old friends, including some who have visited our district as our international guests – notably Past International Directors Brian Sheehan, Harvey Whitley and John Pettis and International Director Don Shove, who was our guest at the 2015 District Convention. They all remember, with fondness, the great spirit of the District 26-M7 Lions and the hospitality of our district officers. I also had the pleasure of meeting International Director Richard Liebno, who is our guest for the 2016 District 26-M7 Convention. He is looking forward to meeting our great Lions!

Both the South Dakota convention and the Forum featured great learning sessions. The South Dakota Lions adopted a district “Child Dignity” project to provide duffel bags to children who are being placed in foster homes. In the past, when the children were moved from their homes, they would load their belongings in large plastic bags and become known as the “bag kids.” The Lions often provide toiletries or a stuffed toy in the duffel bag, as well. Now the children have a nice bag to use, a bag that can be used after their move without a stigma.

Those Lions saw a need and accepted the challenge to provide the foster children a way they can move their clothes and toys without the stigma of using a plain plastic bag. This certainly touched my heart as the Lions explained the program and its outstanding results.

What challenges are out there that we Lions can tackle?

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 October 31st.



International Director Richard Liebno and 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock.



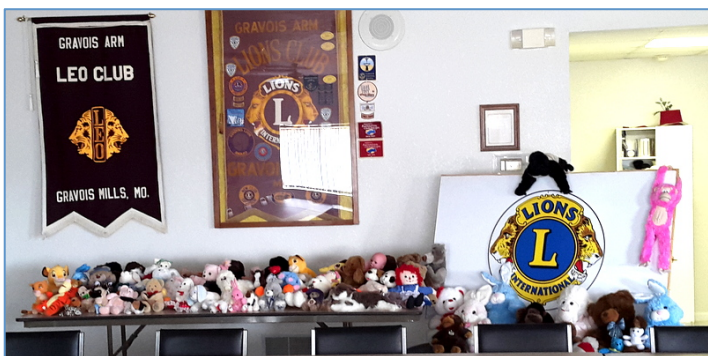
Gravois Lions Complete Service Projects

The **Gravois Arm Lions** gathered small stuffed animals for distribution to the Morgan County Sheriff's Office and the Gravois Fire Department. The two departments will give them to the children in crisis they come in contact with to help ease their stress. The Lions hosted a dinner for the departments where they presented the 137 stuffed animals.

The Gravois Arm Lions' Angel Gown Project came to an end after 16 months of dedicated service. The Lions hosted a tea to present 370 Angel gowns. The gowns were lovingly fashioned from wedding and prom dresses donated from their community members. The gowns are donated to hospitals throughout Missouri so they may be given to grieving parents who lost a baby due to a miscarriage, stillbirth or their baby passed away in the Natal Intensive Care Unit.

The services provided by the Gravois Lions will affect the hearts of children and adults throughout their community and Missouri.

Congratulations on jobs well done, Lions!



The Gravois Arm Lions Club collected more than 130 stuffed toys so the Morgan County Sheriff's Office and Gravois Fire Department can comfort children under stress.



A few of the Angel Gowns created by the Gravois Arm Lions. The gowns are donated through hospitals across Missouri to grieving parents.

My LCI

As a reminder, club presidents and secretaries are provided authority to enter and update member and club information on MyLCI. Club treasurers have "read-only" access to the club's MyLCI site and can review the statements from Lions Clubs International on the site. The District Governor Team also has "read only" access to club information.

MyLCI provides important membership and activity information of Lions clubs. However, the site relies on input from the club officers. MyLCI is the preferred method for reporting and updating membership information and is the **only** way to report club activities. Reporting club activities on MyLCI is the only way to qualify for the special LCI Centennial Celebration awards.

If you are a club officer and not registered on MyLCI or if you are having difficulties with MyLCI, please contact our district's MyLCI Administrator: Jesse Hathcock, at Jess26M7@aol.com; 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or call 573-338-5530.

Lions Support Mobile Viet Nam Memorial

The Moving Wall, a mobile memorial replicate of the Viet Nam Memorial, stopped in Jefferson City in September. Community volunteers supported the display and ancillary activities honoring those who gave their lives while serving in Viet Nam.

Twenty-six members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club volunteered at the Moving Wall located on the south lawn of the State Capitol building. Members read the names on the wall, assisted at the computer tent and static displays and helped the public locate names on the wall. The club also donated funds in support of this event.

The Jefferson City Evening Lions Club provided a strong contingent to read the names on the wall over a four-hour period.

Many Thanks to the dedicated Lions for their support of the community project honoring our service men and women!



Rosie Verslues (seated) instructs (left to right) Lions Marlene Carlson, Geri Surface and Janice Bonnot on looking up names on the computer.



Welcome Our New Lions

Auxvasse Lions Club

Mary Ann Crowson
Sponsor: David Gilman

Noel A. Crowson
Sponsor: David Gilman

Eldon Lions Club

Elizabeth R. Bradfield
Sponsor: Coleen Abbott

Hermann Lions Club

Edward G. Laboube
Sponsor: Michael Koepke

Hurricane Deck Lions Club

Billie S. Maasen
Sponsor: Deborah Raper

Shirley Kay
Sponsor: Christopher Anderson

Jefferson City Evening Lions Club

David C. Brunk
Sponsor: Gerrit Van Vranken

Warsaw Lions Club

Carl Beck
Sponsor: Mark Pilley

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

Are You Willing To Trust?

“Trust is the essence of leadership.” General Colin Powell

In volunteer organizations, leadership relies on the ability to persuade someone over whom you have no power to collaborate with you in accomplishing a common objective. We elect Lions to leadership positions, but these positions are not endowed with the traditional authorities of a hierarchy. Rather, we rely on instilling trust between our Lions and their officers to achieve our objectives.

Trust, however, requires that both Lions and Lions leaders accept a risk in trusting each other to fulfill their responsibilities. If only one party seeks to be trusted but never trusts, the other will eventually stop taking all the risks and shut down the relationship.

Excellent Lions organizations rely on the power of trust. Just as it takes two to tango, it takes two to trust. Lions rely on their leaders to articulate achievable goals and allow them to work towards them. Lions officers rely on fellow Lions to display initiative and take steps to achieve the organizations’ goals. Lions leaders further build the organization by empowering Lions and encouraging their growth.

Trustworthy leaders are important to any club’s success. These leaders are marked by the following attributes:

- **Honest communications** – always telling the truth and not hiding anything. Good leaders do not couch their discussions to ensure Lions hear only what they want to hear; leaders who do this will soon lose the Lions’ confidence as they will assume a self-serving agenda.
- **Loyalty** – supporting the purposes of Lions Clubs International and encouraging the Lions.
- **Confidence** – encouraging Lions to develop their leadership skills and allowing Lions to develop projects and serve. Trusted leaders use the support of others.
- **Integrity** – demonstrating the courage and commitment to do the right thing.
- **Personal accountability** – accepting responsibility for the outcomes.

Once Lions and their leaders establish a trusting relationship, Lions organizations (whether they are committees, clubs, districts or state organizations) will flourish.

Jefferson City Evening Lions Bowling Tournament

October 17, 2015

Capitol Bowl Lanes

\$100 per 5 member team

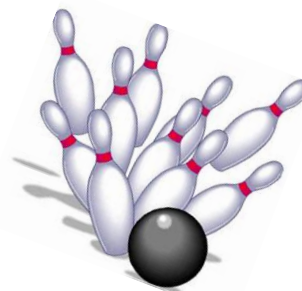
Registration opens at 12:30 p.m.

Bowling starts at 1:15 p.m

50/50 Drawing Trophy awarded to highest three game team score

Proceeds to enhance the care and to continue the support and research of the Alzheimer’s Association and other projects.

Contact: Kyle Heislen, 573-291-3649; Nathan Smith, 573-644-4469 or Chris Lindsey, 573-353-1626



Missouri Lions All Star Football Game

Yes, Lions, the process for selecting players for the 2016 Missouri Lions All Star Football Game is underway. High school football coaches around the state are busy evaluating their players to determine if they have the “right stuff” to play for the Lions. For those they deem qualified for the designation of Lions All Star, the coaches will submit nominations to the Missouri High School Football Association. If you have a particular football player you wish to have nominated, please contact your local head coach.



Once players are nominated and coaches are selected, the coaches will conduct a draft to determine who will play for the Blue and Gold Teams. It is likely that players who were teammates in high school will find themselves on opposing teams.

The selected players spend a week in Warrensburg practicing and forming their teams. They also are provided information on the services provided by Lions and conduct community services projects.

Of course, this all takes funding. This is where the Lions clubs really have a role. The Missouri Lions Athletic Committee estimates that it takes \$750 per player to fund the project. Clubs are asked to help raise the funds by selling ads in the football program supporting a local player, business or Lions club.

Scouts from universities attend the game to evaluate the talent. All proceeds from the All Star Football Game are donated to Saving Sight.

Will your Lions club support one of our state projects – The Missouri Lions All Star Football Game?



Night at the Mouse Races

Hosted by the Jefferson City Breakfast Lions

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church
1205 E McCarty St, Jefferson City



Admission:

\$10 Adult

\$5 Child (12 & under)

**Races start
at 7:00 pm**

Place your bets and root your favorite mice to victory while supporting community service projects (such as, Saving Sight, Cole County Senior Center, Miracle League Baseball, Leader Dogs for the Blind, Hearing and Vision screenings for all ages, eye glass recycling, Missouri Lions All-State Band, and more).

Contact 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock (537-338-4687) for your tickets.

- **6 Preliminary Races**
- **Championship Race**
- **50/50 Drawing**
- **50/50 Mouse Wheel**

Soft drinks, beer and snacks
provided during the races

Lions Club Activities

The **Lake Ozark Lions** hosted the Lake Ozark Car Show on September 26.

Chamois Lions planned and coordinated the annual "Chamois Day" which included a parade, vendors, main stage entertainment, contests and games, raffles, hay rides etc. This is done to promote Chamois and bring business and visitors to the area. They also held a "clean-up day" to prepare the city and do landscaping work prior to Chamois Day.

Lohman Lions helped in the local food pantry, picked up trash along the local highway and collected used eyeglasses. They also made a donation to Lions Clubs International Foundation.

The **Hermann Lions** began a very busy tourist season by holding Kettlekorn and Food Sales at the Hermann Wall Dog Mural painting event and Hermann Heritage Days and Civil War Reenactment. They also provided dance entertainment and refreshments for patients at one of the local nursing homes. Their donations included Hermann Area Community Food Bank and providing a vision examination and a pair of eyeglasses.

The **Jefferson City Evening Lions** provided a dinner at the Salvation Army.

Auxvasse Lions had a very busy month. They renewed their charter for the local Boy Scout Troop, provided "buddy packs," cleaned a section of the highway and bought a pair of glasses for a person in need.

The **Jefferson City Host Lions** packed 1435 buddy packs for the Central Missouri Food Bank. They also helped screen 228 children at six KidSight Vision Screenings and volunteered at the Samaritan Center. They also continue their weekly volunteer work at the local Samaritan Center.

Vienna Lions place American flags in front of Vienna businesses and homes on every Federal holiday and during selected community functions for an annual donation.

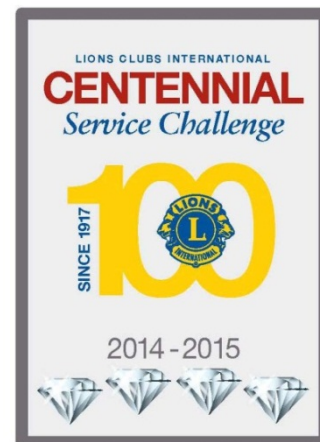
The **Rocky Mount Lions** held a special bingo and BBQ dinner fundraiser for the Rocky Mount Fire Protection District. They also handed all children bags, containing items, such as toothbrushes, pencils, paper pads, etc. The Lions instituted a monthly community dance to provide a social outlet for the area.

The **Jefferson City Capital Lions** completed 12 lap robes.

Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions have conducted:

68 activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns with
12,190 people served.





Raffle to support LeaderDogs for the Blind



Henry Golden Boy 22LR

The Lions of District 26-M7 are raffling a “Made in the USA” Henry Golden Boy 22LR rifle with two receiver covers: a specially engraved receiver cover and a brass receiver cover for rugged use.

Each ticket is \$5.00. Only 500 tickets are available.

To be eligible, you must be 21 years of age and have no criminal history or mental health issues.

Drawing is at the District 26-M7 Convention, March 12, 2016, Eldon Community Center. You do not need to be present to win.

For tickets, see your District Governor Team:

- DG Allen Moore: e-mail: armoore_25@hotmail.com; 573-216-8628
- 1VDG Don Soph: e-mail: _donsoph@hotmail.com; 314-304-5054
- 2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock: e-mail: balloonsisters@aol.com; 573-338-4687



A Lions fundraising project

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

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

Oct 17	Jefferson City Evening Lions Bowling Tournament (\$20 per person or \$100 per team), Capital Bowl, 1:00 pm	2016	
Oct. 23	Owensville Lions Candy Day	Jan 30	Council of Governors, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
Oct. 30	BBQ, Owensville Lions Den, 1816 Krausetown Rd. 10:30 am - 1 pm	Mar 11-12	District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon
Oct 24	Council of Governors, Tan Tar A, Lake Ozark	Apr 15-16	Mid-South Lions Leadership Weekend, Memphis, TN
Nov 7	Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Mouse Races, Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Church, Jefferson City, 7:00 pm	Apr 28 – May 1	State Convention, Ramada Oasis, Springfield
Nov 15	Club submits winning peace poster to the district governor	Jun 24-28	Lions Clubs International Convention, Fukuoka, Japan
		Jul 23	Council of Governors Meeting, Warrensburg
		Jul 23	MO Lions All Star Football Game Warrensburg
		Sept 15-17	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Omaha, NE
		Oct 29	Council of Governors Meeting. Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark



Rocky Mount Community Dance

Sponsored by the Rocky Mount Lions at the Rocky Mount Lions Club, Hwy Y and W

Every Sunday in October and November – 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

\$4.00/person at the door Please bring a snack to share