



**District 26-M7**  
**The Heart of**  
**Missouri Lions**

**District Governor's Team**  
**2015 - 2016**

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**Dignity.**  
**Harmony.**  
**Humanity.**



# Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter

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## District Governor Wisdom

District Governor Allen Moore

Fellow Lions:

Lions events are compiled into a memory book, a book in which the chapters are written by each and every lion.

One upcoming event that each of our Lions should strive to attend is the annual District 26-M7 Convention to will be held March 11th and 12th at the Eldon Community Center.

An exciting event is added this year – a Lions parade in downtown Eldon. The parade will be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 12 (Saturday).



Each of our district's Lions clubs is encouraged to participate in the parade, whether you walk or ride in a car or on a float. We wish to show the residents of Eldon a bit of our support for the Lions throughout the world. We also invite other Lions-associated organizations and partners to join in the parade.

The float, car, group or person determined to be the best decorated will have a donation made in their club's/organization's name to the Lions Club International Foundation.

The participation of the individual and/or club will help write another chapter in the book of the Lions Club.

Looking forward to seeing each of you then or before at your club or activity. We love hearing of upcoming events and try to attend if possible.

District Governor Allen Moore

## Greetings

1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor Don Soph

Greetings Lions of district M7!

We in District 26-M7 are so blessed to be Lions in such an active and dynamic district. A large number of towns within our district have one or more clubs, making it very representative of the area it encompasses. For Lionism, District 26-M7 truly is the heart of Missouri. It's taken the commitment and dedication of countless leaders to make our district successful, and all the leaders have one thing in common: starting off as ordinary Lions, as one member of one club. Yes, we all are enthusiastic about service and our communities, but we all began as one Lion joining one club. After a while we began to feel less individual and more a part of something bigger. Something that got better and better the more the club's Lions joined together to improve the town or hold a fundraiser.

The same thing happens at the district level, except there, individual Lions unite to motivate members and clubs to work together and continue to make District 26-M7 a leader among Missouri's Lions districts. Additionally, new and enthusiastic leaders are always needed to achieve district successes. Our district is always in need of creative, motivated and hard working leaders who will lend a hand with district issues and needs, just as an individual Lion would in their home town club.

I strongly encourage each of you who is interested in deepening your passion for Lionism to consider volunteering for district leadership or service on a committee. Yes, the call of service requires the sacrifice of personal time, but the experience and rewards are rich and inspiring.

I wish all a happy Thanksgiving. Travel safely for the holiday.

## 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 and district officers also have "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](mailto:Jess26M7@aol.com); 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or call 573-338-5530.

## **My Thoughts**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock

**“To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.”

The quote above is from the Lions Clubs International Purposes. Our district should follow the same ideal by encouraging our Lions clubs and members to work through personal differences to achieve a common goal – the improvement of our communities and assisting others through our unselfish service. In turn, our Lions clubs should seek to establish relationships with nearby Lions clubs and other service organizations.

Too often, we lose the focus that our goal is to serve. Instead, we let jealousies and personal conflicts interfere. These detractors affect how well our clubs and district function and, in turn, lessen our abilities to serve our communities.

Within our Lions clubs, we rely on the club officers and board of directors to chart the paths of our Lions clubs and gain the approval and support of their members. By providing all Lions with the common goals and objectives, we are able to grow our service and have clubs that others want to join.

Within our district, we organize our clubs in zones to facilitate the officers of nearby clubs in meeting and discussing activities and issues with the district governor team and zone chairperson, a representative of the district governor. However, over the years, many of our clubs choose to ignore the importance of zone meetings and even district cabinet meetings. This is hurting our Lions, clubs and district. By not attending these meetings, Lions club officers are missing great opportunities to learn about the most recent updates in our great organization and to share information with other Lions.

I encourage all Lions club officers and interested Lions to attend the next zone meeting in their area and to register for the upcoming Annual District 26-M7 Convention, March 11-12, 2016. You will meet interesting Lions who share your desire to serve and you will learn more about the impact Lions clubs have in their local communities, the state of Missouri and around the world.

### **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](mailto: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 November 30<sup>th</sup>.



## Lions Are Recognized for Their Years of Service

PCC Jesse Hathcock had the honor of presenting several Lions with their service chevrons at their club meetings. Many thanks for their years of service!



Left, Lion Gordon Case, Cedar City Lions Club, receives his 50-year chevron. Lion Gordon is a charter member of the Cedar City Lions Club.



Above, Wardsville Lions – Several Lions received their service chevrons at a recent meeting. Honorees included (clockwise) 1. President Bill Gratz, 35 years; 2. Art Boeckman, 10 years; 3. Leroy Bisges, 40 years; 4. Brad Werner, 15 years; 5. Brice Ready, 10 years; 6. Bruce Bax, 10 years; 7. Kyle Vieth, 15 years and 8. Chuck Schenewerk, 25 years.

## Marching to Our Lions Clubs International Foundation Goal

Lions, as you recall, our district established a simple goal for our participation in the Lions Clubs International Foundation – every one of our Lions clubs will make a donation to the Foundation. These valuable foundations are essential to carry out our larger service projects.

Last year, only 11 of our Lions clubs made a contribution to our Foundation. This year, we already matched that total. Congratulations! However, this is only one-quarter of the way to our goal. We need to continue our drive to include the remainder of our Lions clubs as contributors.

There are several ways to donate. The most common are:

- **Contributing Members** – a special pin is presented to every Lions who makes a donation under this provision in the amount of \$20, \$50 or \$100.
- **Measles Program** – a special pin is presented to every Lions who makes a \$10 donation to the “One Shot One Life” program; the donation is matched by other partner organizations.
- **Melvin Jones Fellowship** – an individual or club may make donations that are credited to this recognition. Once the contribution reaches \$1,000, a fellowship may be presented.

For additional information or Contributing Member and Measles Program pins, please contact Jesse Hathcock. District LCIF Coordinator, at Jess26M7@aol.com or 573-338-5530.



## Welcome Our New Lions

### Holts Summit Lions Club

Melissa A. Anderson  
Sponsor: Don Soph

Ron Pharris  
Sponsor: Don Soph

Patrick Anderson  
Sponsor: Don Soph

### Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Club

Kim K. Nocula  
Sponsor: Lou Ann Hathcock

Kris Z. Nocula  
Sponsor: Lou Ann Hathcock

### Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Mark E. Caballero  
Sponsor: Gail Jones

Nikia Schulte  
Sponsor: Jeanne Schwaller

Charles Schulte  
Sponsor: Jeanne Schwaller

### Owensville Lions Club

Kevin L. O'Hara  
Sponsor: Brad Baker

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

## How Do We Make the Right Decision?

"Nothing pains some people more than having to think." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

"If a decision-making process is flawed and dysfunctional, decisions will go awry." — Carly Fiorina

In taking our Lions clubs to greater heights, our Lions leaders are faced with making decisions. Some decisions are easy while some are more complex. In each instance, the leaders seek to determine the most appropriate course of action that will have the greatest benefit to the Lions' volunteer organization. Decisions that seem to be the most difficult are those that require a deeper level of thought. To assist Lions leaders, The Lions Learning Center offers a short course on Decision Making: (<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php>). Unfortunately, the Learning Center is not yet available on iPads or iPhones.



The course offers a five-step model to guide effective decision-making. This is a general but very effective pattern for making decisions and solving problems. The most important thing is that the model gives leaders a structured discipline. This discipline will help prevent them from getting sidetracked on some unimportant part of the steps leading to a decision. Their goal is a good decision, nothing else. The steps include:

- **Identify the issue or need.** Until you have a clear understanding of the problem or decision to be made, it is meaningless to proceed. If the problem is stated incorrectly or unclearly then your decisions will be wrong.
- **Define the desired results.** Most of the time you will have several viable alternatives. It is worth doing research to ensure you have as many good alternatives as possible.
- **Identify possible alternatives.** This is where the analysis begins. You must have some logical approach to rank the alternatives. It is important to realize that these analysis methods are only one of the five steps in the decision-making model.
- **Evaluate alternatives.** Compare how well the alternatives meet the criteria established by the desired results. Also consider the factors of time involved, level of risk and consistency with your values or the values of the group.
- **Select the best alternative.** Eliminate the alternatives that were low ranked. Now it is time to go back and examine the inputs you made to evaluation criteria for the high ranked alternatives. Select the one that best fulfills the criteria of the desired result.

The course further provides information on decision-making styles and decision-making techniques.

All our Lions leaders are encouraged to complete the course and use the information in making decisions that most benefit our great volunteer organization.



## Lions Club Activities

**Jefferson City Host Lions** parked cars at a local youth cross country meet. They also continued weekly volunteer effort at the local Samaritan Center by working in the food pantry and warehouse as well as administrative support. Members participated in the National Federation of the Blind Walk for Independence fundraiser. Members picked up 30 bags of trash along their assigned highway. Members volunteered at KidSight Vision screenings held at local daycares; members assist the technician at the screenings. The club donated funds to the Honor Flight program and provided funds for a hearing test. Club members prepare buddy backpacks twice this month. They also donated funds to the Saving Sight Lions Volunteer Center.



**Gravois Arm Lions** worked at and helped distribute food at the local food pantry. Our Lions club assisted the Gravois Mills businesses in hosting a Halloween "safe" event for the youth. We served fresh popcorn and gave out candy. The club gathered eyeglasses from various points in their community and Osage Beach. The club also held a Crappie Tournament to raise funds for the community.

**Eldon Lions** participated in the community "Trunk-or-Treat" event. They distributed candy, popcorn, and pretzels to children at their western themed "Round-up" station."

**Jefferson City Breakfast Lions** members participated in Trunk or Treat for children at the Special Learning Center. This was a safe family activity for children with and without disabilities who attend the Special Learning Center. Members cleaned the city street, sorting the recyclable trash. A Lion participated in the Prison ministry. The club prepared a fall chili dinner that they served to the Salvation Army residents. They also picked up and delivered food to Senior Nutrition Center.

**Jefferson City Evening Lions** hosted a "Senior Prom" for more than 30 assisted living residents. The prom included live music from the Lion Eyes Band, composed of club members and a guest musician. Twelve of our members were involved in the planning and the conduct of this event for local senior citizens. The club donated funds for the Saving Sight Lions Volunteer Center.

**Hermann Lions** sold its famous Kettlekorn, bratwurst, hotdogs and soft drinks during the four weekends in October. Provided an eye examination and eyeglasses for a needy individual. Provided entertainment and refreshments for patients at an area nursing home. Held its scholarship golf tournament fund raiser; scholarships are provided to graduating Hermann High School Seniors. Prepared kettlekorn and handed it out to attendees at the Halloween celebration in the City Park.

**Lohman Lions** helped with the food pantry at the church at Russellville.

**Rocky Mount Lions** cleared the community park entrance area and installed a temporary sign for the new park. The club held weekly community dances.

**Auxvasse Lions** cleaned and mowed the local highway right of way.

### Centennial Challenge Update:

Since July 1, 2015, District 26-M7 Lions have conducted: **104** activities in the Global Service Action Campaigns with **19,334** 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

**Last Chance to buy!**

**Last Chance to buy!**

**GO 4 GAS Jefferson City Host Lions**

**\$7,600**

**in pre-paid gas cards giveaway!**

*\$10.00 per Ticket*

*Drawing:*

*November 18, 2015*

**\*\* 46 Winners \*\***

- GRAND PRIZE: \$2000.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards**
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE: \$800.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards**
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE: \$400.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards**
- 4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE: \$200.00 Pre-Paid Gas Cards**
- 5<sup>TH</sup> – 46<sup>th</sup> PRIZES: \$100.00 Pre-Paid Gas**

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

### 2015

Nov 13-15 Lake Ozark Lions rummage sale, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm daily, Lake Ozark Lions building

Nov 15 Club submits winning peace poster to the district governor

### 2016

Jan 30 Council of Governors, Ramada Oasis, Springfield

Mar 11-12 District 26-M7 Convention, Eldon

Apr 15-16 Mid-South Lions Leadership Weekend, Memphis, TN

### 2016 (continued)

Apr 28 – State Convention,  
May 1 Ramada Oasis, Springfield

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 November – 2:00 - 4:30 pm.

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

## District Directory Changes

Jefferson City Host Lions – President’s e-mail is: roger.schwartz@gmail.com; delete his home phone; add 573-690-4496 (cell)

Jefferson City Evening Lions – President’s e-mail is: gkempker@centurylink.net

Hermann Lions – President’s e-mail is: ln194@centurylink.net

Zone 3 Chairperson – Zone Chairperson’s email is: markschae1@yahoo.com