



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

District Governor's Team
2017 - 2018

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Between the Lions



The District 26-M7 Newsletter July-September 2017

Missouri Lions State Convention **Celebrates** **100 Years of Lionism**



At the Missouri Lions State Convention, hosted by District 26-M7, Lions from around the state joined together to celebrate Lions Clubs International's 100th Anniversary. Following a toast to Lions service and a ceremonial anniversary cake cutting, over 600 balloons dropped on those at the closing session.

The Power of WE

DG Lou Ann Hathcock

Wow! What a great international convention to end a great year and embark on another year of service.

International President Aggarwal encourages us to fully embrace our motto of "WE SERVE." In Lions, we have many different levels of "WE," starting with our Lions club. We add strength to "WE" when clubs combine their skills and strengths at the zone and district levels. In Missouri, we also build our "WE" in our state projects and supported organizations. As Lions, WE can successfully meet any challenge as long as WE work together!

I encourage each of our Lions to make a personal goal to increase their Lions fellowship and service by visiting nearby clubs to see how they are serving their communities. The visits can range from attending another club's regular meeting or stopping by as the club is conducting a service project or fund raising activity. Your club's president and secretary have our district directory providing contact information for each of our Lions clubs. I believe you will grow as a Lion once you visit other Lions serving and enjoying fellowship.

Our first district cabinet meeting of the year was very successful. We moved the meeting to a Saturday morning and that seemed to serve our Lions well. The district's officers were introduced, as were many of our district committee chairpersons. Key issues were discussed and Lions' feedback was key in providing guidance to our representatives. I encourage each of our Lions clubs to attend our next cabinet meeting, set for November 18, 2017, to meet with our district officers and learn the latest information on our many programs and projects.

As part of our 2018 District Convention, I am planning a New Member Induction Ceremony where our Lions Clubs International guest will formally induct our new Lions. This will be a memorable time for our new Lions. I ask your help in recruiting new Lions and having them participate in this ceremony.



LCI International President Naresh Aggarwal and District Governor Lou Ann Hathcock.

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

WHEN: Saturday, November 18, 2017

WHERE: Holts Summit

TIME: 10:00 a.m. with lunch

Please join your District officers and committee chairpersons discuss district local Lions issues, projects, and concerns. Of course, the district officers, district committee chairpersons and club officers should attend but everyone is invited!

MEAL: A lunch will be available; details will be announced. **Need attendance numbers by November 14!** Contact Cabinet Secretary Jesse Hathcock, Jess26M7@aol.com or call 573-338-5530.

Thanks for the Memories

IPDG Don Soph

Greetings Lions of M-7! Hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Has it been three years already? It's hard to believe at this time in 2014 I was a 2nd vice district governor-elect preparing for my three years of district leadership service. I cannot describe how amazing these years have been. Not only have I learned so much about district procedures and policies, but also about Lionism and the importance of working together for what is best for the district.



I have so many wonderful memories of the last three years. Without a doubt, the greatest are from the many club visits I've made. Public speaking is absolutely not my strong suit, and in the beginning the thought of having to regularly stand up in front of crowds to address people made me quite nervous. But the club visits are what I've come to enjoy and treasure the most. Traveling the district, greeting and meeting Lions, getting to know the clubs and how they operate and the events they hold, has been nothing less than one of the greatest experiences of my life. Our district and the Lions in it are truly amazing and incredibly special.

I thank all M-7 Lions from the depth of my heart for their generosity, kindness, patience and fellowship they have extended to me over the past years. I formed relationships and friendships that will last the rest of my life and I will never forget all that has been done for me. M-7 Lions are dedicated, proud, strong and united, and it has been the greatest honor to serve you. Thank you so much for the opportunities you've extended to me.

I wish the best of luck to DG Lion Lou Ann Hathcock and 1st VDG Lion Mark Schaeperkoetter. No one is better prepared to lead our district than Lion Lou Ann. Her dedication and knowledge make her an invaluable asset to M-7. Additionally, Lion Mark's passion for advancing Lionism and commitment to motivating clubs is truly inspiring. Through them, our district will remain strong.

Leadership Goals – 2017-2018

Lions, successful Lions clubs and districts need Lions leaders. Lions Clubs International and our district offer educational opportunities to prepare Lions to serve in successfully leadership positions.

1. Increase the district registration at the Lions Learning Center (LLC) to a minimum of 20 active Lions. Visit the LLC at <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/leadership-resource-center/lions-learning-center/index.php> to learn of the more than 20 short courses you can take.
2. The district will conduct club officer workshops for the 2018-2019 club officers. While many job duties of club officers remain the same, each year brings new requirements and activities. The workshop is a convenient and informative way for the incoming officers to keep up-to-date with these changes.
3. The district will conduct zone chairperson training for 2018-2019 zone chairpersons. Lions have the opportunity to work with other nearby Lions clubs as a representative of the District Governor.
4. Expand the district pool of certified guiding lions by six. We need dedicated Lions who can help establish new clubs and work to strengthen struggling clubs.



Welcome Our New Lions

Camdenton Lions Club

Jim W. Lawler

Sponsor: Jack Puckett

Eldon Lions Club

Louie R. Gregoire

Sponsor: Colleen Abbot

Brian D. Kidwell

Sponsor: Sharon Harms

Michael R. Rayhart

Sponsor: Colleen Abbot

Hermann Lions Club

Marilyn D. Stemmermann

Sponsor: Steve Mueller

Jamestown Lions Club

Andy D. Flippin

Sponsor: Steve Derrenderinger

Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Gary L. Hill

Sponsor: Mark Schreiber

Lohman Club

Derek Michael Zumwalt

Sponsor: Travis Zumwalt

Millersburg Club

Nick A. Clark

Sponsor: William Dawson

New Bloomfield Lions Club

Joyce A. Green

Sponsor: Rosanna Ridnour

Darrell Pipes

Sponsor: Robert Claypool

Owensville Lions Club

Donna J. Featherston

Sponsor: Mark Schaepperkoetter

Versailles Lions Club

Kent Chamberlain

Sponsor: Andrew Hardwick

Chris Marshal

Sponsor: Andrew Hardwick

Wardsville Lions Club

Casey Baumhoer

Sponsor: Gregory Bush

Dana Freese

Sponsor: William Gratz

Tanner Kemna

Sponsor: Greg Kemna

Jeff Volmert

Warsaw Lions Club

Mary E. Burke

Sponsor: Edward Stewart

Jessica L. Kendall

Sponsor: Edward Stewart

Stephanie J. Ninemire

Sponsor: Mike Murray

Craig A. Thompson

Sponsor: Edward Stewart

Membership Goals – 2017-2018

Lions, we have some lofty membership goals to reach by June 30, 2018. However, we are Lions and Lions can reach any goal we set for ourselves. Our district needs your support to reach the following goals so that we may increase our services.

1. Recruit a minimum of 155 members (last year, we added 155 new Lions). Every club is encouraged to actively recruit new Lions to help serve. Every club with fewer than 20 Lions is encouraged to reach that number.
2. Increase women membership by 40 in our clubs. Currently, our women membership is 254 or 18% of our district membership.
3. Reduce loss of membership to fewer than 155 members (last year, 141 Lions left our clubs). Our clubs and their services must meet the needs of our Lions and interest others to join us in service.

Our district officers and Global Leadership Team Coordinator are ready to assist you in planning and conducting membership activities. Each club president and secretary has the contact information for these dedicated Lions. Please call on them.

District 26-M7 Lions Honored at the State Convention

At the recent Missouri Lions State Convention, three District Lions were recognized for their continued service to their communities and Lions Clubs. Two awards were presented on behalf of International President Bob Corlew – the International President Medal and the International Leadership Medal. Both awards recognize Lions who accept increased responsibility for leading and building Lions clubs. Lion Steve Mueller, Hermann Lions Club, received the International President Medal for establishing and achieving high goals for his club. 1VDG-E Lou Ann Hathcock received the International Leadership Medal for her efforts in encouraging Lions to challenge themselves and increase their service in their individual clubs and participate in district activities. The Multiple District leadership bestowed a third recognition – a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship – to PCC Jeff Hilke recognizing his contributions to Missouri Lions. PCC Jeff served as the chairperson for the 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee. Past International Director Stacey W. Jones presented each of the recognitions.



Lion Steve Mueller (l), President, Hermann Lions Club and PID Stacey W. Jones pose after Lion Steve received the International President's Medal.



2VDG Lou Ann Hathcock(l), and PID Stacey Jones pose after Lion Lou Ann received the International Leadership Medal.



PCC Jeff Hilke (l), and PID Stacey W. Jones pose after Lion Jeff received the Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship.



District 26-M7 Lions Centennial Celebration Picnic

In June, over 50 District 26-M7 Lions gathered in fellowship to honor the 100 years of Lions service. The picnic, held in Jefferson City's Binder Park, allowed Lions and their families to reminisce about their past service projects and share their Lions experiences.

District Governor Don Soph was the primary chef at the picnic as a means of expressing his appreciation, "All year long, I asked Lions to step up to serve. Now it is my turn to serve the Lions."



Lions Clubs International Foundation Responds to Hurricane Harvey

Once again, Mother Nature is reminding us that our help is needed when disaster strikes. As Hurricane Harvey is wreaking havoc on millions of Americans in Texas, Lions will be in the forefront of helping those in need. The Lions of Texas can rely on Lions Clubs International (LCIF) for support. The Lions Blog reports that LCIF has already issued a \$100,000 grant to assist in the effort. This is undoubtedly just the first of the aid that will be provided to the Lions of Texas as they help their communities recover.

Through the generosity and compassion of Lions and donors, in the last 10 years LCIF has been able to award more than \$100 million in disaster relief funds.

Your individual or club donations may be sent directly to LCIF at Department 4547, Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 or you can submit donations electronically at <https://www.lcif.org/EN/support-our-work/donate-now.php> (credit card or PayPal).

If you have questions, please contact Jesse Hathcock, our district's LCIF Coordinator, at Jess26M7@aol.com or call 573-338-5530.

Coming Soon to a Smart Phone Near You!



What is MyLion?

The MyLion app is designed to meet the Lions' demand that Lions Clubs International provide an easy way for Lions to connect with each other so they can do more service for their communities.

MyLion will help everyone—club leaders, members and Leos, to feel more connected to the organization and to the global Lions community. And our clubs will benefit! When members are more engaged, it's easier to promote and staff service activities, which means you will be able to do more projects, connect with more Lions, earn more recognition, and get more exposure to your communities.

Five reasons to love MyLion:

1. MyLion makes coordinating and managing a service project easier than ever. No more phone trees. No more paper attendee lists. No more lost email invites.
2. MyLion makes it easy to safely chat with any Lion anywhere in the world.
3. MyLion gives every club leader and member the ability to share his or her service impact with the world. With just a tap, everyone in MyLion and on Facebook can see what you and your club are doing to make an impact.
4. MyLion instantly connects the world of service. Anyone, anywhere, can discover service projects happening locally, or somewhere they're travelling to, or even based on a shared interest.
5. MyLion provides recognition for service impact. What better way to share your Lionism with the global community than earning a badge, promoted prominently in MyLion, for meeting certain goals?

MyLion makes it easy to create, promote, manage and share a new activity or project right from your smartphone!

Built-In chat functionality makes it easy to communicate with Lions anywhere in the world - and at a local level too!

Check out more information on www.my.lion.com. The free apps are available at Google Play and the App Store. To register, you will need your Lions member ID number, so check with your secretary.



Wanted – information to Share in *Between the Lions*

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

Wardsville Lions' Stanley Adams Memorial Golf Tournament Benefits Honor Flight

As part of its strong support of the Central Missouri Honor Flight, the Wardsville Lions hosted a golf tournament on June 2nd with all proceeds designated for the Central Missouri Honor Flight. The four-person scramble tournament is in its fourth year. Each year, the tournament is growing in strength, thanks in large part to the many dedicated Lions conducting the event.

The Honor Flight provides veterans the opportunity to visit the Washing, D. C. monuments built to honor their service and sacrifice.

Chairperson Lion Bob Linnenbrink said that an average Honor Flight taking veterans to Washington, D. C. costs between \$55,000 - \$60,000.

The Honor Flight is provided at no cost to the sponsored veterans. Among the team accompanying the veterans are medical support personnel and guardians. The guardians traveling with the veterans pay their own way on each trip.

The tournament is named in remembrance of Wardsville Lion Stanley Adams. Lion Stanley served in the U. S. Air Force from 1968 – 1972 and was a driving force behind the creation of the annual golf tournament.



Sea Cadets form an honor guard to kick off the tournament.



Camdenton Lions Miniature Golf Tournament

The **Camdenton** Lions Club held its 14th annual golf tournament at the Osage Beach Pirates Cove Adventure Golf August 11. Golfers from far and wide participated in the event. This provided great fun for the young and old. Many community businesses and individuals served as sponsors for the event.

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

The Camdenton Lions use this opportunity to raise funds to buy eyeglasses for needy children and support LAMB House.

JC Host and Lohman Lions Conduct Vision Screening

On Saturday, July 29, 2017, the Cole County East Head Start held a Back to School Fair at their facility in Jefferson City from 9:30 am to noon. 180 children were pre-registered to attend where they would visit various health stations to receive a free backpack and school supplies. Members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and Lohman Lions Club conducted a KidSight vision screening for children ages 6 months to 7 years.



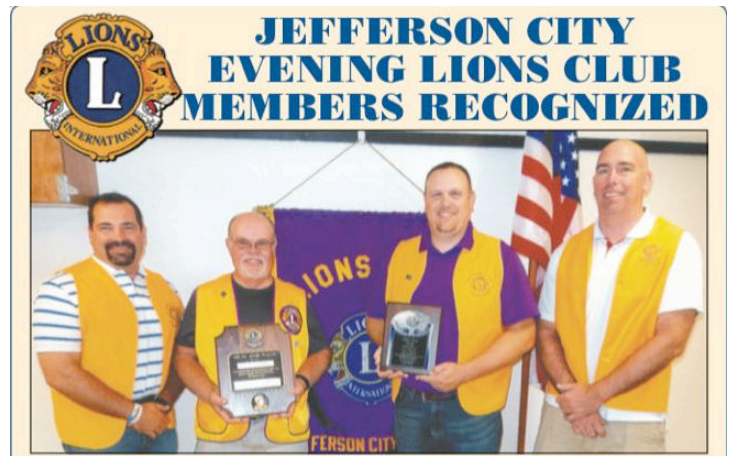
Pictured are Lions Geri Surface, Barb Barnard, Gary Zumwalt, Janice Bonnot, Alberta Zumwalt and Billy Bonnot.



The Brazito-Honey Creek Lions show off their new trailer at their June BBQ sale at Jefferson City's Schulte's Grocery.



The Jefferson City Evening Lions adopted a stretch of US Business Highway 50. This is one of the busier sections of roads in Jefferson City.



Each year, the JC Evening Lions purchase an advertisement in the local newspaper to recognize Lions who are honored at the club's installation dinner. This year, Incoming President Chris Lindsey (l) and outgoing President Nathan Smith (r) present Lion Jerry Rehagen (center left) with a Melvin Jones Fellowship and recognize Lion Levi Wood (center right) as the club's Lion of the Year.

Zone 5 (Callaway County) Meet to Recycle Eyeglasses

Zone Chairperson Sue Colvin dedicated a zone meeting to Lions Service at the Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia. Dedicated Lions sorted, cleaned, classified and photographed eyeglasses destined for new owners.

For these Lions, no task was too great or small as they understood each step was essential in changing the eventual recipient's life though improved vision.

Of course, the Lions later adjourned to IHOP to share their experience and plan their next event.



Hermann Lions Club Recognized

The Hermann Advertiser-Courier recently published an article about the Hermann Lions and their hard work to support many community and international projects.

The article mentioned one of the club's well-known activities – Kettle Korn sales – that helps them raise funds to help others.

The article includes a listing of over \$15,000 in contributions the club made in the past year.

Well done, Hermann Lions!



Hermann Lions President Walter Els presents checks to local Boy Scouts and Girl Scout units.

JC Host Lions Recognize Their Stars

At its annual Family BBQ and Installation of Officers, The JC Host Lions Club acknowledges some of its outstanding members.

Lions Wayne Osgoode and Bill Deeken presented Lion Roger Schwartze with the Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizing his strong support of the club and its service.

Lion Roger has been extremely active in the club since he joined in March 2012. He quickly became very involved with the KidSight vision screening and accepted leadership in fundraising and service projects. He also rose through the club's ranks to serve as its president. Under his leadership, the club has adopted a new service project to benefit children throughout the city. In addition to his many years of service to the Host Lions Club, Lion Roger is very active in the community by serving on various Boards to help make Jefferson City a better place to live.



Lion President Bill Case recognized Lion Marlene Carlson as the club's Lion of the Year. Lions Ron Jordan and Billy and Janice Bonnot were presented the C. Wayne Henderson Award recognizing their selfless contribution to serving the youth of our community and state.

Tipton Lions Share Anniversary Celebration With Bunceton Lions

The Tipton Lions joined with the Bunceton Lions to celebrate their clubs' anniversaries. Although only 12 miles separate the two clubs, they belong to two different districts. Bunceton, located in Cooper County, is in District 26-M3 while Tipton, in Moniteau County, is in District 26-M7 (The Heart of Missouri Lions).

2017 is an anniversary year for each club – Tipton celebrates 75 years while Bunceton celebrates 50 years. This year, they decided to hold a joint celebration in Bunceton. The event drew the clubs together in Lions fellowship.

District governors from both districts, DG Bob Noellsch of M-3 and DG Lou Ann Hathcock of M-7, attended to convey the well wishes of the Lions from their respective districts.



DG Lou Ann recognizes the Tipton Lions Club for its 75 years of service.

Calendar of Events

2017

- Sept 2 Sweet Corn Festival, Rocky Mount, BBQ, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Bingo 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Rocky Mount Lions Community Building
- Sept 2 Pancake Flip, Hurricane Deck Lions Building
- Sept 15 Bluegrass concert 1:00 – 9:00 pm, Holts Summit Lions Club, free
- Sept 15 County Employee Health Fair, Fulton Host Lions Club
- Sept 16 Chamois Day
- Sept 16 Music on Main Street, Auxvasse Lions Food Stand

- Sept 21-23 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, Portland, OR
- Sep 29 – Oct 1 Leader Dogs visit – MO Lions
- Nov 18 District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting – Holts Summit Lions Club, 10:00 am

2018

- Mar 2-3 District 26-M7 Annual Convention Wardsville Lions Club
- April 26-29 Missouri Lions State Convention, Doubletree Westport Hotel, St. Louis
- Jun 29-Jul 3 Lions Clubs International Convention Las Vegas, NV



Lion Magazine

In the September issue of LION, it was announced that the LION will print six issues a year beginning January 2018, instead of the current 11. This is a change from previous information indicating all print editions would be ceased after 2017.

Five separate digital issues with additional content will also be available. The digital Lion with videos and bonus stories is optimized for smartphones, iPads, tablets and Web browsers.