



BETWEEN THE LIONS

District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



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District 26 M7

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Lion Donal Knipp is Elected International Director

Lion Donal Knipp, Auxvasse Lions Club, Was elected International Director at the 2012 Lions International Convention in Busan, Korea. Director Donal is serving a Two year term from 2012 - 2014.

His election culminates two years of campaigning beginning with gaining the endorsement of the Missouri Lions. During The campaign, Director Donal attended 14 District Conventions and two State Conventions to meet as many Missouri Lions as possible.

Director Donal and Lion Betty had a very busy time in Busan. The convention was all business as they had many meetings, appearances before caucus groups, and campaigning at the convention center. Following his election, Director Donal and Lion Betty were whisked away for a series of meetings to acquaint them to their new responsibilities.



International Director Donal Knipp



Lions Donal and Betty Knipp arrive at Busan to prepare for his campaign (left) and pose moments before the final plenary session and being sworn in as an International Director (above).



Lion Betty Knipp makes a new friend on the subway in Busan, Korea.



Darlene Jost is District 26-M7 Governor

Lion Darlene Jost, Hurricane Deck Lions Club took the District Governor's Oath at the 2012 Lions International Convention in Busan, Korea on June 26th. She became the fifth 26 M7 District Governor.

District Governor Darlene attended the District Governor-Elect Seminar to become familiar with the 2012-2013 International President's Theme IN A WORLD OF SERVICE. She also was trained in the many changes in International. She participated in the International Parade.

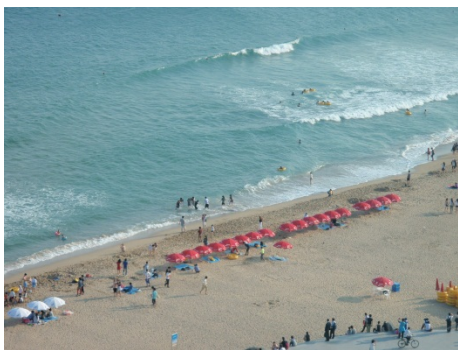
District Governor Darlene has over 50 years of service as a Lion and previously served as District 26 B Governor 2001 – 2002.

A FEW WORDS FROM THE GOVERNOR

International Convention over and my District work has begun. I am looking forward to serving the Clubs in 26 M7 during the next months. I had a great time in Korea and met many wonderful people from all over the world. I just wanted to share some of the pictures from Korea.



District Governor Darlene Jost



I woke up to this view every morning. GREAT towered over me.



Receiving Diploma



At the convention center, I always thought oriental people were small, but these two sure



The leaders from the State of Missouri, all 7 of us, at the graduation banquet.



The Missouri Delegation



Your leaders waiting for the International Parade to start.

Camdenton Lions Celebrate 50 Years

The Camdenton Lions recently celebrated 50 years of service with an anniversary dinner at their Lions building. The event was attended by Lions from around the district and state. The featured speaker was International Director Donal Knipp, from Auxvasse, Missouri. The evening featured a look back at highlights of Lions activities, often offering an opportunity to laugh at unplanned events, such as the cotton candy coated trees (from unusually high winds at an outdoor fund raiser). The Camdenton Lions are proud of their past service accomplishments and are eagerly looking forward to many more years of service.

The Camdenton Lions also announced the sale of their building to the City of Camdenton. Without a place to store the equipment they have amassed over the years, the club is holding an auction on October 26 to sell building fixtures and equipment they are no longer using.



Lion Keith Percival narrates his fond memories of Camdenton Lions events while ID Donal Knipp, Lion Betty Knipp, and DG Darlene Jost enjoy the remarks.



Lions Amy Bell, Lou Ann Hathcock, and Betty Knipp are joined by Camdenton Lion Jon Martin, PDG.



International Director Donal Knipp thanks the Camdenton Lions for 50 years of service and wishes them well in their future activities.



Hurricane Deck Pancake Flip

The Hurricane Deck Lions held their annual Labor Day Pancake Flip on September 3rd. A hearty breakfast was served amidst an atmosphere of fellowship. Hurricane Deck Lions President Jim Raper (left) finds that the lofty responsibilities of president may also include less glamorous chores, such as washing dishes when needed. 1st Vice District Governor Jeff Hilke (right) enjoys biscuits and gravy, a meal he was not able to find at the recent Lions Clubs International Convention in Busan, Korea.



1VDG Jeff Hilke Visits Leader Dog

I recently had the opportunity to visit Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. Many of you have heard of this organization, but most of you probably don't know or realize the full scope of their work.

Leader Dogs for the Blind was started in 1939 by three Michigan Lions who wanted to help a blind friend acquire a service dog. After several failed attempts at getting a service animal, these Lions decided that all sight-impaired people should enjoy the freedoms that a service dog gives to the blind. Today, Leader Dogs for the Blind serves clients internationally and is the leader in developing programs to enhance a person's independence and quality of life. They are the only facility in the Western Hemisphere to teach deaf-blind students to work with a guide dog.

Leader Dogs for the Blind does much more than simply provide dogs to blind people. Leader Dogs for the Blind breeds their own dogs, finds host families to raise the puppies through their first year, rigorously trains the dogs to be trustworthy companions and guides, brings in clients to train them with the dogs and provides follow up support after the clients return home with their dogs.

During our visit we toured the facilities, learned about their operations, heard testimonies from clients about how Leader Dogs for the Blind changed their lives (and several stories of how the dogs actually saved the clients' lives) and had the opportunity to experience first-hand how a guide dog assists the sight impaired by walking blindfolded with the assistance of a dog.

As amazing as the work accomplished by Leader Dogs for the Blind is, the most amazing fact is that all services are provided at absolutely no cost to the clients. Their nearly \$11 million dollar annual budget relies solely on donations and grants to fund their programs. Lions Clubs have, from the very beginning, been an integral part of Leader Dogs for the Blind. Without our financial support, the programs offered would not be possible and the independence enjoyed by the sight impaired would not exist. Leader Dogs are provided completely free to qualified individuals, including travel and 26 days of room and board at the Leader Dog facility. If your club is interested in learning more about this incredible organization, I am more than happy to visit and share with your club ways you can make a difference, both large and small.



1VDG Jeff takes the harness to before taking a walk led by a Leader Dog.



Pups await their turn to train as Leader Dogs.

Lion Jeff Hilke, 1st VDG, lionjeffhilke@gmail.com

Lions Training Opportunities

Are you wondering how to manage a project or resolve conflicts? Have you wondered just what it is that you are supposed to do as a club officer, zone chair, or cabinet secretary? Well, the answers to these questions are as close as your keyboard.

Lions Clubs International hosts many webinars to help our Lions learn. Webinars are virtual trainings generally one hour long that are conducted online with a group of participants and instructors. Participants use the Internet to connect the group members with the instructors.

A series of webinars is targeting zone chairpersons. These seminars will be held on October 2 (10:00 am), 10 (7:00 pm), and 12 (7:00 pm).

You can register for the seminars at the LCI web site (www.Lionsclubs.org). Follow the links to the **Member Center -- Leadership Development -- Development Programs -- Webinars**.

Can't make time to participate in the live webinar? No problem. The webinar recording is posted at the above location, along with a PowerPoint presentation and supporting documents.

Check Us Out on the Internet

Did you know? District 26-M7 is on the Web -- <http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7/>

Did you know? District 26-M7 has its own Facebook page -- Heart of Missouri Lions 26M7

(www.facebook.com/MoLions26m7)

If you have any problems getting on the website or facebook please contact your Information Technology Chairperson Lion Amy Bell at ambell75@gmail.com

Is your club on the Internet?

If so please send the address information to jostdra@aol.com

District Governor Club Visits

DG Darlene is busy visiting every district lions club. She has already made great progress in visiting each of the 42 clubs. Below is the list of confirmed visits.

Aug 9 Lohaman – completed

Aug 27 Tipton – completed

Aug 28 Jefferson City Capital – completed

Sept 4 Elden – completed

Sept 5 Warsaw – completed

Sept 6 Jefferson City Evening – completed

Sept 8 Jefferson City Breakfast – completed

Sept 12 Linn Creek / Osage Beach – completed

Sept 18 Rocky Mount

Sept 19 Jefferson City Host

Sept 19 Cedar City

Sept 20 Gravois Arm

Oct 8 Chamois

Oct 9 Hurricane Dck

Oct 11 Freeburg

If your club is not listed above, please contact District Governor Darlene to set up a date. You may contact her at 573-723-0347 or jostdar@aol.com. Your cooperation will be appreciated. Thank you.

New Members

Let's give a mighty Lions ROAR to welcome our newest members, reported through August 31st. Our new Lions help our clubs grow and allow us to do so much more in our service to our communities.

Belle Lions Club

Alanna D Mahaney
Sponsor: Ann Gehlert

Brumley Lions Club

Sam Dwiggin
Sponsor: Kenny R Shelton
Ray Shelton
Sponsor: Kenny R Shelton

Eldon Lions Club

Otto Hackmann
Sponsor: James Taylor

Fulton Host Lions Club

Susan M Colvin
Sponsor: Emery A Smola

Gravois Arm Lions Club

Barbara D Abrey Newkirk
Sponsor: James W Newkirk
Doris J Naes
Sponsor: Elaine C Rankin
Fred M Naes
Sponsor: Elaine C Rankin
Betty J Schultz
Sponsor: Victor L Crabtree

Hurricane Deck Lions Club

George W Roemer
Sponsor: Joan F Johnson
Kathe C Roemer
Sponsor: Joan F Johnson

Jefferson City Host Lions Club

Ronald L Lehman
Sponsor: Lisa A Turner
Mark Schreiber
Sponsor: Sam Bushman

Linn Lions Club

Andrew P Fechtel
Sponsor: Cyndi D Summers
Neil F Loethen
Sponsor: Mark G Loethen

Linn Lions Club

Daniel A Strope
Sponsor: Linda Dudenhoeffer
Cary J Thompson
Sponsor: Ronald N Baker

Owensville Lions Club

Linda Geisler
Sponsor: Larry Geisler
Barrett Holden
Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter
Vickie Holden
Sponsor: Mark Schaeperkoetter

Rocky Mount Lions Club

K Elaine McConnell
Sponsor: Virginia A Graf
Alexander J Orrock Jr
Sponsor: Jim O Graf
Charline L Orrock
Sponsor: Jim O Graf

Russellville Lions Club

Gary Weber
Sponsor: Ward A Garrison
Tina Weber
Sponsor: Ward A Garrison

When was the last time *you* asked someone to be a Lion?

Let's increase our membership by asking at least one person a month to join the lions.

Club News

- Auxvasse** The Auxvasse Lions took advantage of the fifth Thursday of August to hold a Family Night at the Auxvasse City Park. While enjoying a chance to share in an informal gathering, the Lions shared memories of past projects while enjoying a delicious pot luck dinner.
- Brumley** To celebrate their 40th anniversary, the Brumley Lions compiled a cookbook of local recipes; you can purchase a cookbook from any Brumley Lion. The Brumley Lions host a ham & bean dinner on the 3rd Saturday of every month (except December) at 4 pm.
- Holt Summit** Held its annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast.
- Hurricane Deck** Held its annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast.
- Jamestown** Jamestown Lions held their annual three day Labor Day event.
- Jefferson City Evening** Dr. James Kellerman presented information on the Capital City Court Appointed Special Advocates Program.
- Lohman** On July 1, the club held its annual barbeque and co-hosted the fireworks display. The club distributed eyeglass collection boxes in local banks.
- Mokane** The Mokane Lions braved the downpour from the remnants of Hurricane Isaac to hold their annual Worlds Fair over the Labor Day weekend. Despite the challenges presented by the rare (at least this year) rain, the outdoor activities, including carnival rides, tractor pull, and demolition derby, continued as planned.
- Owensville** Donated their hall for Life Screening and for the school fair for supplies for kids. Each month, the Owensville Lions pick up trash along their adopted stretch of Highway 28 as well as mow the grass.
- Rocky Mount** On July 7th, Rocky Mount Lions held a drive-thru BBQ, on the hottest day they could find. A great time was had by all.

Calendar

District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting

Evening of November 14th
Owensville Lions Club/Owensville Lions Den
1816 Krausetown Rd., Owensville , MO

- 2012**
- Sept 21 Annual Turkey Dinner, Eldon Lions, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Elden Junior High School
- Sept 29 Oktoberfest, Jefferson City – JC Evening Lions will host a food booth;
JC Host Lions will sponsor its annual Stomp Out Blindness grape stomp challenge.
- Sept 29 Tipton Lions pancake flip 6:30 am – 9:00 am
- Oct 2 Linn Creek/Osage Beach will have their 62nd Anniversary Celebration at the Golden Corral dinner at 6:00 pm. Cost \$10.79 each (does not include drink, tax or gratuity)
- Oct 12-13 Missouri Lions Past District Governors' Weekend, Sedalia, MO
- Oct 20 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- Oct 20 Demolition Derby, Auxvasse Lions, 6:00 pm.
- Oct 27 Council of Governors, Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozarks
- Nov 14 **District 26-M7 Cabinet Meeting**
- Nov 17 Ham and Bean Dinner, Brumley Lions, 4 pm
- 2013**
- Jan 25 – 26 Council of Governors Meeting, Holiday Inn CoCo Key, Kansas City
- Feb 8-9 Mid-Winter Forum, Grand Palace Hotel, Branson
- Mar 1-3 District 26 M-7 Convention Resort at Port Arrowhead, Lake Ozark, MO
- April 26 – 28 Missouri Lions State Convention Holiday Inn CoCo Key, Kansas City
- April 28 Council of Governors Meeting, Holiday Inn CoCo Key, Kansas City
- July 5 – 9 International Convention, Hamburg, Germany
- Sept 19- 21 USA/Canada Leadership Forum, Overland Park, Kansas

What is your club up to?

Let us know so we can include your club's activities in our Calendar. We are also looking for newsletter articles about your Lions and club activities. The Calendar is a way of letting Lions around the district know about your upcoming events. Please send newsletter articles and notices of your events to Lion Ruth Gross at gross.ruth1@gmail.com or Lion Penny Jost at cowgirlways@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON OCT 15TH