



February 2014

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Well, here we are in the middle of winter, when we all would love to either be somewhere warm or be able to stay inside and admire the beautiful snow without having to go out and deal with it. And many of you, like me, have been fighting off the cold and flu bugs that are everywhere this time of year. But as Lions, there is way too much going on to sit back and watch the world go by.

As this article is being written, final preparations are being made for the annual Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum February 8, 2014, in Branson, followed by our third district cabinet meeting of the year on February 18, 2014, hosted by the Fulton Host Lions.

Next up is the Lincoln University Lions Club's Charter Night Celebration. This is one event that everyone should want to attend. It will be a great evening of welcoming these enthusiastic members into the world's largest service organization. Please join us on Saturday, February 22, 2014 for this historic event.

About a month later, the Lions of District 26-M7 will gather for our annual District Convention on March 21 and 22, 2014. This year's convention will be lively and will have something that should be of interest to all Lions.

On April 25 and 26, 2014, the Lions of Missouri will assemble in Sedalia for the 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention. This is a great opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones while sharing thoughts and experiences of being a Lion.

What do all these events have in common? We need YOU to participate to make them all the best events possible! I know we all have many activities competing for our time, but for those of you that have never been to a charter night or a district or state convention, why not give it a chance? How do you know it's not worth your time if you've never tried it?

At the 2012 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum, then First Vice President of Lions International, Lion Barry Palmer, challenged all the District Governors-Elect to give all we have to make our year successful. "At the end of your year, I want your tank to be empty, and there should be nothing left for you to say 'I wish I could've done this, or gotten around to that'." Those words from our 2013-2014 International President have stuck with me throughout the year, and have helped motivate me to keep going when I am scheduled to visit a club, or a club has a fundraiser, or a club needs help. Yes, we all are busy, and have lots of other activities and events to attend, but remember that you are an important part of the greatest organization **in the world**. Every Lion in every Lions Club does an outstanding job of serving their community, but stop and think, if we all give just a little bit more of ourselves, what can be accomplished when all those "little bits" are put together?

WELCOME LINCOLN UNIVERSITY LIONS CLUB!!!

After years of planning and months of hard work, we are pleased to announce the charter of the Lincoln University Lions Club on December 23, 2013. The 41 charter members (so far) are excited to be a part of Lions Club International and we look forward to working with them on zone, district and state projects.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to join the Lincoln University Lions Club in their Charter Night Celebration, to be held Saturday, February 22, 2014, on the campus of Lincoln University. Please mark your calendars and show your support for our district's newest Lions by participating in the historic event. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for more information.

CONVENTION TIME IS ALMOST HERE....

Preparations are underway for the 2014 District Convention. This year's convention will be held on March 21-22, 2014, starting with our Friday night hospitality extravaganza, hosted by the Wardsville Lions Club at their facility, 3505 Route M, Wardsville. This informal setting is a great time to get to know Lions from around the district, have some fun, and relax. We will have great food, entertainment, and fellowship.

The fun doesn't stop there. On Saturday, March 22, we will gather at Solid Rock Family Church, 508 Hunters Run Road, Jefferson City, for an informational and educational day featuring International Director John Pettis, Jr., of Massachusetts. We are working to make this convention appealing to all Lions and hope to have something of interest for everyone. This will not be a boring day-long business meeting, so mark your calendar now. You won't want to miss out on the best convention ever!

92ND ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Excitement is everywhere as we welcome you to Sedalia! Sedalia is an extremely friendly town and extends a hello and welcome to all visitors and a special welcome to Multiple District 26 Lions members.

Sedalia is situated perfectly - both geographically and in the services we provide. Sedalia is the county seat of Pettis County, nestled in the heart of central Missouri at one of the most well-known intersections in the area; Highway 50 and 65 Junction. A short trip in a chosen direction provides varied opportunities; east takes you closer to Jefferson City, west to Kansas City, north to the busy I-70 corridor, or south to the soothing waters of Truman Lake.

Our host convention committee is excited to show you around the always friendly and ever expanding community of Sedalia, Missouri. This website will direct you to the convention resources that will help you make your visit with us just a bit simpler. <http://www.molionsm5.org/stconv14.htm>

We look forward to welcoming you to Sedalia and the Missouri Lions 92nd Annual State Convention.

Host Convention Committee

MISSOURI LIONS MD-26 2014 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The following propositions have been reviewed and screened, and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on April 26, 2014.

There will be five issues on the ballot this year. These include approval of the 2016 State Convention location in Springfield, MO, expanding the scope of the Athletic Committee, updating references to the new Saving Sight organization, allowing for annual financial reviews instead of more expensive financial audits, as well as some housekeeping cleanup.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT BY YOUTH IN LIONS-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT ALSO WILL ALLOW FOR MALE AND FEMALE INVOLVEMENT BY ALLOWING FOR THE EXPANSION INTO OTHER SPORTS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 6 (m) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

State Athletic Committee -- In addition to the members appointed by the District Governors the committee may itself appoint advisors to help carry out its charge. Advisors are not entitled to vote or reimbursements for mileage expenses without prior approval by the Council. The State Athletic Committee shall be responsible for ~~the annual All State All Star Football Game providing and supporting athletic opportunities for Missouri youth.~~ the annual All State All Star Football Game providing and supporting athletic opportunities for Missouri youth. The committee shall prepare a budget for ~~the game its activities and for the activities of its subcommittees~~ the game its activities and for the activities of its subcommittees for Council approval.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, INSTEAD OF AN ANNUAL AUDIT. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE CURRENT AUDITORS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 2 of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

It shall demand and receive from the Council Secretary-Treasurer financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently if necessary, and shall make provisions for an audit or review at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the Council Secretary-Treasurer. As soon after the close of the fiscal year as reasonably possible an audit or review shall be conducted, and the ~~audit~~ report shall be submitted to the Council at its second regular meeting.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE PHRASE “DOING BUSINESS AS SAVING SIGHT” TO REFERENCES FOR THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION. ON DECEMBER 1, 2013, THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION BEGAN TO OPERATE AND DO BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME “SAVING SIGHT”.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article VI, Section 6 (b) and 6 (m) and Article VII, Section 1 of the Multiple District 26 Constitution where the name MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION is used, the phrase “doing business as SAVING SIGHT” be included.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR THE CLEANUP OF HOUSEKEEPING, GRAMMAR AND FORMATTING ISSUES WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that where necessary throughout the Multiple District 26 Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be updated to correct minor housekeeping, grammar and formatting issues. None of these updates will change the intent of any of the Articles.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SITE OF THE 2016 STATE CONVENTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed location for 2016 Multiple District Convention will be Springfield, Missouri.

MISSOURI LIONS YOUTH CAMP

Missouri Lions William C Chandler Youth Camp has started receiving applications and requests for youths from 13 different countries to attend.

The youth will start arriving July 1st in St. Louis for their stay with the first host families in the surrounding St. Louis area. Second host family stays start July 9th in other areas of Missouri. The week of July 19 - 26 youths will be attending Camp Brim Shire in St. James.

Lion Toni Mahoney and PDG Lion Lisa Clinton are always looking for other Lions to enjoy the fun and learning experience. The host family applications can be found on www.missourilions.org

For more information contact 26-M7 Opportunity for Youth Chairperson Lion Pat Mills, pmills@msma.org, or PDG Lion Lisa Clinton lisa.wclinton@embargmail.com

MLERF NEWS CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF VISION

You are invited to the retirement party of Dr. Ronald Walkenbach. We will celebrate his achievements in sight preservation and restoration and wish him a fulfilling retirement.

The event will take place on Friday, February 28, 2014 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Kansas City – International Airport (7640 Northwest Tiffany Springs Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64153). Tickets for the event will be \$75 per person, with a majority of the proceeds benefitting a legacy program to be established in Dr. Walkenbach's name. The legacy program will advance innovation in corneal transplantation through collaborative research projects and publications.

Attendees will have their choice of dinner entrée: roasted sirloin, stuffed chicken, grilled salmon, or a vegetarian option. Attire is business casual. Out-of-town guests can reserve a room at the Embassy Suites for \$99/night by referencing Saving Sight at the time of reservation.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Friday, February 14, 2014. You can purchase your tickets online at www.saving-sight.eventbrite.com. If you cannot attend but would like to contribute to Dr. Walkenbach's legacy program, you can instead make a donation at www.saving-sight.eventbrite.com or mail a check to Saving Sight, 404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201 and note "Walkenbach" on the memo line.

If you have any questions, please contact pr@saving-sight.org or 800-283-1982.



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- WHAT** GPLLI is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not yet served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 25-27, 2014. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 25. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2014. Lunch on Friday, July 25 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri
- COST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2014. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbuce@bis.midco.net.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
THE 2014 INSTITUTE**



11TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville, Missouri
July 25-27, 2014

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26M7 ON THE WEB

Here are some of our Lions clubs on the with an Internet site:

Auxvasse Lions -- <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/auxvasse/>

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions -- <http://www.brazitolions.com/>

Eldon Lions – <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/Eldon>

Hermann Lions -- <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/hermann/>

Jefferson City Host Lions -- <http://www.jeffcitylions.com/>

Mokane Lions -- <http://mokanelions.com/>

Wardsville Lions – <http://www.wardsvillelions.com>

Westphalia Lions -- <http://www.westphaliaions.com/>

Here are some of our Lions clubs with a Facebook page:

Heart of Missouri Lions 26M7 – <https://www.facebook.com/MoLions26m7>

Chamois Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Chamois-Lions/205081276180705>

Holts Summit Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Holts-Summit-Lions-Club/171581639545805>

Iberia Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/iberialionsclud>

JC Breakfast Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/JeffersonCityBreakfastLions>

If your club has a website or Facebook page, please submit that information to District Governor Lion Jeff Hilke at lionjeffhilke@gmail.com for inclusion on the website and future District Newsletters.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: [HTTP://WWW.E-DISTRICT.ORG/SITES/26M7](http://www.e-district.org/sites/26m7)

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| February 7 & 8 | Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum Chateau on the Lake Resort 415 N State Hwy 265, Branson, MO 65616 |
| February 18 | 26M7 Cabinet Meeting 6pm Social; 6:30pm Meeting Fulton Host Lions Club, 1 Ray Woerth Drive, Fulton |
| February 22 | Lincoln University Lions Club Charter Night 6pm – Lincoln University Student Union, 819 Chestnut St, Jefferson City |
| March 15 | JC Breakfast Club Mouse Race 7:00 pm – 10:00pm - Wardsville Lions Club “Save the Bandstand” Dinner, Raffle, Silent Auction and Entertainment 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm Chamois Lions Community Building, Riverside Park, Chamois |
| March 21 | 26M7 District Convention Hospitality 6:00 pm - Wardsville Lions Club |
| March 22 | 26M7 District Convention Solid Rock Family Church, Jefferson City, MO |
| April 24 | Council of Governors Meeting 6 pm - Best Western State Fair Inn, Sedalia, MO |
| April 25 & 26 | MD26 State Convention Best Western State Fair Inn, Sedalia, MO |
| July 4 – 8 | Lions International Convention Toronto, ON, Canada |
| July 25 – 27 | Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO |

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY LIONS CLUB



CHARTER NIGHT CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

The new Lions of the Lincoln University Lions Club are excited to be a part of Lions Clubs International and look forward to many opportunities to serve their community. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join these Charter Members at this historic event.

Social begins at 6:00pm

Dinner begins at 6:30pm; \$15 per person

Scruggs University Center
819 Chestnut Street
Jefferson City, Missouri

Help District 26M7 welcome their first new club in 18 years!

Please mail your checks and RSVP by February 14, 2014 to:

**Lion Kevin Pigford, Secretary
802 East McCarty Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101**



Calling all Lions and Guests!!!

It's time to celebrate *Lionism*



District Governor Jeff Hilke has issued a call for the
2014 District 26-M7 Convention

March 21st – District 26-M7 Social
Wardsville Lions Club, 3505 Route M, Wardsville

March 22nd – District 26-M7 Convention
Solid Rock Family Church, 508 Hunters Run, Jefferson City

Be on hand to extend a warm welcome to our distinguished guests –
International Director John Pettis Jr. and his wife, Lion Liz, of Merrimac, Massachusetts

Come for fellowship and fun!!!

The District Social is open to all Lions, and the cost is just right – **FREE**. The Social is Friday night (March 21st) from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm.

FELLOWSHIP

Lions from around the district will be there. Meet old friends and make new!

ENTERTAINMENT

The JC Evening Lions' renowned "Lion Eyes" band will perform!

GREAT FOOD

Plenty of good food and beverages will be on hand!

SILENT AUCTION

Featuring an eclectic array of interesting items, including those that are sometimes odd and sometimes exotic!

LIVE AUCTION

Gift baskets go to the highest bidders! Is your club the most creative in designing a gift basket? Use your imagination and the International President's theme, "Follow Your Dream" to build a basket or use whatever ideas come to mind.

Stay to learn and share Lions experiences!!!

Every club president, secretary, and delegate should attend the District 26-M7 Convention. Remember, all club members, even if not serving as delegates, are encouraged to attend.

Registration on Saturday, March 22nd, begins at 7:30 am. Breakfast will begin at 7:30am. The first session will begin at 8:00am.

**One lucky attendee will be awarded a
\$\$\$ CASH PRIZE \$\$\$
for their club and Lions charity of their choosing.**

**Lions District 26-M7 Convention
Jefferson City, Missouri
March 21 - 22, 2014**

Club Presidents and All Lions:

Lions of District 26-M7 and all Lions throughout the State are cordially invited to attend and participate in our annual convention on March 22, 2014 at the Solid Rock Family Church, Jefferson City, Missouri. A great time of learning and fellowship is planned and we want you all to join us!

March 21 – District Hospitality Social

To help make this a special event, we ask that District 26-M7 Lions and clubs help by contributing one or all three of the following:

- A “pot luck” dish to accompany our feature item. Remember it is Lent and some non-meat items should be available plus an assortment of beverages.
- An item or items for the silent auction
- A “Follow Your Dream” theme gift basket or any theme gift basket you may desire for our live auction

The funds from the auctions help offset the administrative expenses of the district.

If you still have District 50/50 raffle tickets and money, please bring these to either event. We will have the drawing at the closing session on Saturday afternoon.

March 22 - District Convention

The District is providing one lucky attendee with a chance to win a donation to their club and the Lions charity of their choice by attending the District Convention.

Cost:

Registration, Breakfast and Lunch \$30.00

Send registration and money by March 10, 2014 to:

First VDG Lion Emery Smola
6100 County Road 113
Fulton, MO 65251