



January 2014

FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Fellow Lions, we've reached the halfway point of the 2013-2014 Lions year. It's been quite a busy year for me so far, but I've found a lot of enjoyment in my work. Yes, there have been a few occasions that I'd like to forget, but overall, serving as your District Governor has been a very positive experience.

Some of the highlights so far have included:

- Visiting 33 of the 42 clubs in our district
- Chartering a new club in our district
- Hosting a Council of Governor's meeting and hospitality night
- Attending the International Convention in Hamburg, Germany
- Attending the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Overland Park, Kansas
- Making lots of new friends and getting to know older friends better
- Having fun!!!



I hope that all of you are having a good Lions year as well. I've been very pleased by the renewed enthusiasm in the Lions throughout our district and would like to see that spread to more clubs throughout the year. When I've gotten tired or met a roadblock along the way, I've been encouraged and motivated by fellow Lions to get back on track and continue on course. For that, I thank all of you!

We must remember, the year is only half over. We do not reach the top of the mountain during the first six months so that we can coast downhill for the last six months. There is still plenty of work to be done and plenty of potential members out there to help us do it.

I ask each of you to take this time, as I have, to evaluate what your goals are for the year, what has been accomplished so far and what needs to be done to finish the year on a positive note. Thank you for all the hard work you've put in to making this the best Lions year ever!

26M7 ZONE 4 MEETING

Brazito-Honey Creek, JC Breakfast, JC Capital, JC Evening, JC Host, Lohman, Russellville, and Wardsville

Date: Wednesday, 1/15/14

Time: Dinner - 6:30 pm

Location: Wardsville Lions Club, 3505 Route M, Jefferson City

Menu: Wardsville's famous chicken dinner

Cost: \$7 per person

Contact: Lou Ann Hathcock, (573) 761-4438 or (573) 338-4687 (cell); balloonsisters@aol.com

Kindly RSVP by Friday 1/10/14 so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

26M7 ZONE 5 MEETING

Auxvasse, Cedar City, Fulton Host, Holts Summit, Millersburg, Mokane and New Bloomfield

Date: Wednesday, 1/29/14

Time: Social - 6:30 pm, Dinner - 7 pm.

Location: Holts Summit Lions Club, 116 Hillcrest Ave., Holts Summit

Menu: Dinner buffet with BBQ pulled pork, baked beans, corn, au gratin potatoes and dinner rolls. Dessert and beverages provided.

Cost: \$8 per person for the buffet

Contact: Don Soph. Phone: [314-304-5054](tel:314-304-5054), email: donsoph@hotmail.com

Kindly RSVP by Wednesday 1/22/14 so we can have an accurate count for dinner.

LIONS FROM 26M7 CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

Here are a few examples of how Lions of District 26M7 gathered to celebrate



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.

IN MEMORY: DAN BUSCHMANN

We mourn the passing of a dedicated Lion, Past District Governor Dan Buschmann, on December 29, 2013 at the age of 78. A US Army Veteran, PDG Dan served in the Army from 1957-1959. PDG Dan was a devoted family man. Dan and Pat owned Mid Missouri Office Machines, which was the area's first authorized Canon office products dealer and eventually grew to three locations in Hermann, Washington and Union. Over the years, Dan received numerous awards and recognitions from Canon, Remington-Rand and others for achievements in sales and volume. In 1967, Dan formed the committee that eventually founded and created the Hermann Country Club. As a lifelong member of the Country Club, he was an avid golfer in his spare time. PDG Dan was an active member of the Hermann Lions Club for over 47 years, serving twice as the President of the Hermann Lions Club and serving as District Governor of District 26-M7 for the 2010-2011 Lions year.

We thank the Hermann Lions, along with other Lions of District 26-M7 and Missouri for honoring PDG Dan with a Lions Rose Ceremony held during the visitation on January 1, 2014.

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!

JC HOST LIONS HOLD 58TH ANNUAL HAM & BEAN AND CHILI DINNER

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014 the Jefferson City Host Lions will hold the 58th Annual Ham & Bean and Chili luncheon/dinner which also includes sauerkraut, cornbread, hot dogs, cake, beverages and condiments. The lunch/dinner is "All-You-Care-to-Eat" with dine in meals being in the main hall and carry-out available downstairs in the kitchen area where you can bring your own container or a plate will be provided. They will be serving from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm and from 4:00 pm until 7:00pm in the Selinger Centre next to St. Peters Church. Adult tickets are \$8 in advance or \$9 at the door (\$3 for children under 12 at the door). The JC Host Lions want you to know that *"Being able to 'serve' you enables us to 'serve' our community! Thank you!!!"*

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.

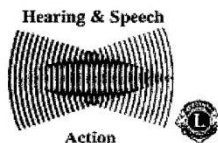
The youth will start arriving July 1st in St. Louis for their stay with the first host families in the surrounding St. Louis area. Second host family stays start July 9th in other areas of Missouri. The week of July 19 - 26 youths will be attending Camp Brim Shire in St. James.

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.wcclinton@embargmail.com

HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

The sale of tickets for the Hearing Sweepstakes is underway. It is the goal of District 26M7 to sell a minimum of one ticket per Lion in our district. 26M7 is dedicating all tickets sold in honor of the late Lion Tom Peoples. Lion Tom was a life-long supporter and volunteer for the Hearing Committee, dedicating a lot of his time and money screening many of the students in our district. Hearing Committee Chair Lion Linda Martin has offered up a challenge ... the Lions Club with the highest amount of sales per capita will receive a prize for their club. If you or your club has not received your tickets, please contact Hearing Committee Chair Lion Linda Martin (werlions@msn.com).



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TO: ALL MISSOURI LIONS
FROM: HEARING CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
SUBJECT: ANNUAL HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

We are urging your full support for the *HEARING SWEEPSTAKES (THE ONLY FUNDRAISER FOR HEARING)*. *Nothing* comes from your dues for this program. It is entirely supported by your donations and the sale of Sweepstakes Tickets.

Proceeds have provided funding and will continue to provide funding for the purchase of Lions "State of the Art" Portable Audiometers (3 per Missouri District); operation of 2 Hearing Screening Vans; purchase of hearing aids and/or medical assistance to needy persons with hearing problems, i.e. *Affordable Hearing Aid Project (AHAP)*. Several thousand Missourians are screened each year. A large percent of these are school age children. We need your help. Please be a part of this needy and worthwhile program.

We have some great prizes – one \$1250 cash prize, one \$500 cash prize, three \$250 cash prizes and seven \$25 cash prizes for a total of 12 prizes. A drawing will be held at each of the seven District Conventions for one of the \$25 prizes. All tickets will be put back in for the State drawing of the top prizes to be drawn at the State Convention in Kansas City April 26-28, 2013 – so please get your tickets with the money to your District Hearing Chairperson before your district convention. A \$5 donation is requested for each set of 6 tickets and \$1 donation for single tickets. If a person requests a ticket without a donation, *one* must be provided.

In addition to the club purchasing the tickets as many clubs do, have your club Hearing Chairperson take charge of them and encourage additional sales. If you don't have such a chairman, we suggest you appoint one. You'll be happy with the reception you'll get.

Each club may retain 10% of the money and the balance sent to your district hearing chairman with the ticket stubs and the form attached to this letter.

NOTE: Make all checks payable to "MISSOURI LIONS".

We sincerely thank you and will be looking forward to your support of this major Lion activity. It's an important program. Be a part of it.

Your State Hearing Committee

MISSOURI LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM FEBRUARY 7-8, 2014

Have you attended a Mid-Winter Forum in the past? If not, why not? Those who have attended the Forum will tell you this is a great place to meet others from Missouri who share your passion for service to others. The 2014 Mid-Winter Forum is geared to helping all Lions identify and reach their full potential as Lions as well as in their personal and professional lives.

The MD 26 Global Leadership Team is working hard to give the Missouri Lions a great opportunity to grow and have fun. The 2014 Mid-Winter Forum is an event you will not want to miss. We have a great new venue and exciting programs that will provide Lions information that is very useful in their daily lives as well as in their Lions' service.

While the Forum remains in Branson, we are moving to a new location -- Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa and Convention Center (<http://www.chateauonthelake.com/>). The Missouri Lions have a special rate of \$79 per night for the lake view and mountain view rooms. The Ambassador Suites are available for \$149 per night. As a special offer, these low rates are available for two nights before the Forum and two nights after the Forum; you may want to make a mini-vacation in Branson in addition to attending the Forum.

The full registration (\$35) includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration (\$20) is all that is needed.



An optional Saturday Dinner and Magic Show at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel is also available. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and the Magic Show. **This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.**

Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2014. To guarantee your spot at this great Forum, we ask that you make an extra effort to register early.

Additional information and the registration form are available on the Missouri Lions web site (www.missourilions.org). Look under the "Training" tab. After November 15, a link to the 2014 Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum will be available, as well.

Make your plans now to attend the 2014 Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

If you have any questions concerning the Mid-Winter Forum, please contact Lion Jesse Hathcock at Jess26M7@aol.com or 573-761-4438.

 <div style="display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> 2014 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION Friday & Saturday, February 7-8, 2014 </div> 
*** NEW LOCATION *** *** NEW LOCATION *** *** NEW LOCATION *** Chateau on the Lake Resort • 415 N State Hwy 265 • Branson, Missouri 65616 <i>Your Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30–8:30 AM</i> ***** First session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday *****
<p>This Forum will feature two professional instructors guiding the attendees on a self-discovery process of character and values. By engraving values into your life, you will become a powerful influencer.</p> <p>They will use a Roundtable methodology to create a fun environment during the day that is a key part of bringing change in your life. The Roundtable is very simple and allows for stimulating discussions to take place, and has been proven to bring personal transformation, as well as, corporate culture change in organizations such as ours. The instructors will use this structured approach while establishing character as a central focus in yourself and our organization. They will share four character values with the participants and will help create an atmosphere for personal growth and development as each person in the roundtable focuses on character development.</p> <p>These sessions will lead you to a better understanding of others, using common sense and proper thinking with a strong sense of direction. You will be able to use all of these at all levels of your Lions activities as well as in your personal and professional life.</p>
<p>* Full registration includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed. Note: COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON</p> <p style="text-align: center;">UNFORTUNATELY - NO LATE OR WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!</p> <p>* Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2014.</p> <p>* The Saturday Dinner and Magic Show will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and the Magic Show. <u>This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.</u></p> <p>* No tickets will be issued for any of the events -- your name will be included on a list.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>First Registrant</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Club: _____ District 26- _____</p> <p>Special Program Needed: Large Print or Braille - Special Meal Requirement: Description _____</p> <p>Full Forum Registration \$35 _____ OR Lunch Only \$20 _____ Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show \$30 _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Second Registrant</u></p> <p>Name: _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Club: _____ District 26- _____</p> <p>Special Program Needed: Large Print or Braille - Special Meal Requirement: Description _____</p> <p>Full Forum Registration \$35 _____ OR Lunch Only \$20 _____ Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show \$30 _____</p>
<p>TOTAL AMOUNT is due in advance for all events..... Total: _____</p>
<p>Everything can be paid with one check payable to <u>Missouri Lions</u>. Mail Registration form and check to: Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. <u>NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2014.</u></p>
<p>HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please call the Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson at 1-888-333-5253. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. Mountain or Lake View rooms are \$79 + tax per night and Ambassador Suites are \$149 + tax per night. This room block will be held until January 7, 2014, at which time the rooms will be available on a space and rate available basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the Missouri Lions Forum to get the special room rate. These rates will also be available two days before and two days after for attendees wishing to stay longer.</p>

MLERF NEWS

JANUARY IS NATIONAL GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH

More than 46,000 Missourians suffer from this degenerative disease that damages vision and quality of life, yet only half of them know they have it. As the second-leading cause of blindness in the world, glaucoma gradually depletes vision as elevated pressure within the eye damages the optic nerve. If left undetected, the pressure continues to build, causing its sufferers to slowly lose their peripheral (side) vision until they become completely blind. Once vision has been lost to glaucoma, it cannot be regained. Saving Sight offers free Healthy Vision Screenings around the state to help identify people with glaucoma so they can get treatment. Through early detection and the help of medications and/or surgery, glaucoma can be slowed or even halted altogether.

Although anyone can be a victim of glaucoma, some people are at higher risk, according to the National Eye Institute:

- African Americans over the age of 40
- Everyone over the age of 60, especially Mexican Americans
- People with a family history of glaucoma
- People with diabetes or high blood pressure

Saving Sight is offering Healthy Vision Screenings around the state this January to celebrate National Glaucoma Awareness Month. If your club would like to host a Healthy Vision Screening in your community (either in January or later in the year), you can learn how by calling 800-753-2265 or visiting www.saving-sight.org/glaucoma-detection-program. And to volunteer at a screening event, visit the Saving Sight events calendar at www.saving-sight.org/calendar, where you can find an upcoming Healthy Vision Screening in your area.

26M7 ON THE WEB

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

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

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

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.westphalialions.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/iberialionsclub>

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)

January 15	Zone 4 Meeting Dinner at 6:30; Meeting immediately following Wardsville Lions Club, 3505 Route M, Jefferson City
January 25	Council of Governors Meeting 10 am - Best Western State Fair Inn, Sedalia, MO
January 29	Zone 5 Meeting Social at 6:30; Dinner at 7p; Meeting immediately following Holts Summit Lions Club, 116 Hillcrest Ave, Holts Summit
February 5	JC Host Lions Ham & Bean and Chili Lunch/Dinner Selinger Centre (next to St. Peter's Church) 11am – 1:30pm and 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm \$8 in advance; \$9 at the door; \$3 kids under 12
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
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