



April 2014

2014 DISTRICT 26-M7 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Heart of Missouri Lions 26-M7 District Convention was held on March 21 & 22. The festivities kicked off with a wonderful Hospitality Night hosted at the Wardsville Lions Club featuring fried fish and chips. Music was provided by *The Lion Eyes* band from the Jefferson City Evening Lions. Thank you to everyone that donated items for the silent and live auctions as well as those that bid on or purchased items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

We also want to express our gratitude to Solid Rock Family Church in Jefferson City for opening their facility to us for our convention. After starting of the day straightening out some “legal issues” those in attendance had the opportunity to share ideas and join in fellowship with fellow Lions. Our passion was ignited by the words of our esteemed guest, International Director John Pettis, Jr. from Merrimac, Massachusetts. During the breakouts, clubs learned the value of sharing information through social media; evaluating their club performance through the Club Excellence Process; and gleaned new knowledge about the meaning of continued education on the Lions International mission and goals.



Deputy Sheriff Lion Lyle Rosburg serves International Director John Pettis, Jr. with a “warrant” from Interpol for activities performed during the Lions International Convention in Hamburg, Germany



Top: Lion Carlos Graham;
Middle: Lion Don Soph;
Bottom: Lion Tim Wilbers

During the luncheon, we celebrated the achievements of a few local Lions that have answered the call to service. Lion Carlos Graham of the Jefferson City Host Lions, Lion Don Soph of the Holts Summit Lions, Lion Tim Wilbers of the Wardsville Lions and the Jefferson City Evening Lions Club were all presented with the International President’s Certificate of Appreciation. Allison Stiers of Hermann was honored for her winning entry in the district’s Peace Poster contest. The late Lion PDG Bob Van Ark, Jefferson City Host Lions, was awarded the B.W. Robinson Service Award for his lifelong service to his community, club, district, multiple district and Lions Clubs International. The award was accepted by his wife, Lion Barb Van Ark.



International Director Donal Knipp with Lion Barb Van Ark.

At the conclusion of the convention, it was announced that Lion Emery Smola of the Fulton Host Lions was elected as District Governor; Lion Allen Moore of the Rocky Mount Lions was elected as 1st Vice District Governor; Lion Don Soph of the Holts Summit Lions was elected as 2nd Vice District Governor; and Lion PCC Dan Bernskoetter of the Jefferson City Evening Lions was elected to represent our district on the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, d/b/a Saving Sight, Board of Directors. The winner of the District 50/50 raffle was Lion Steve Duncan of the Chamois Lions who stated his winnings would be donated to the "Save the Bandstand" efforts in the Chamois City Park. There were two winners in the Convention Poker Run, Lion Janice Bonnot of the Jefferson City Host Lions and Lion Jack Cobb of the Eldon Lions, and both donated their winnings to the Miracle League Ball Field Foundation.

Thank you to everyone that attended and participated in our convention festivities. We hope you share your experiences with your fellow club members and hope to see all of at the 2015 District Convention!



2014 MULTIPLE DISTRICT 26 STATE CONVENTION

The 2014 Missouri Lions State Convention was held April 25-26 in Sedalia. The convention was held at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. This convention, the first in anyone's memory not held at a hotel or convention center, was the vision of PDG Charlie Thompson. Unfortunately, PDG Charlie passed away several weeks before getting to see how well his vision worked out.



The convention was preceded by the final Council of Governors meeting of the 2013-2014 Lions year. Following the meeting, the District Governors-Elect met to select their Council Chairperson for the 2014-2015 Lions year. I am proud to report that your very own District Governor, Lion Jeff Hilke, has been selected to serve as Council Chairperson with a very fine group of incoming District Governors.



The first day of the convention featured training for our incoming district leaders and was highlighted by an evening of fun and fellowship at the annual hospitality night. The second day included an LCIF luncheon, voting on several constitutional issues and was topped off with an evening banquet featuring our guest speaker, PID Scott Rennells of Arkansas.



Of the five constitutional amendments, all passed except for the proposal to authorize the state athletic committee to expand its activities beyond the Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game to include other sports that would allow for more youth, both male and female, to participate in Lion-sponsored sporting activities. Hopefully those that voted against this proposal can come up with their own methods to introduce the world's greatest service organization to the next generation of potential Lions Club members.

IN MEMORY: ROBERT VAN ARK

We mourn the loss of PDG Robert Van Ark of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club. PDG Bob proudly and unselfishly served our organization at the club, district and state level in many different positions over his nearly 43 years as a Lion. The leadership of Lions such as PDG Bob is what has made our organization the best in the world. His passing also means we need new Lions now more than ever to step up to continue PDG Bob's passion for service.

“DONATION DAY AND TEA” IN GRAVOIS MILLS

The Gravois Mills Lions Club is holding a "Donation Day and Tea" on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They are asking the community to donate wedding gowns and prom dresses. They will be taking them apart and sewing beautiful "Angel Gowns" with them. All the info is on their website: www.gravoisarmlionsclub.com

This idea came from an article on NICU Helping Hands in Texas. They take the dresses, make the little gowns and send them to hospitals to be given to parents whose premature infants did not survive. The tiniest babies that could not be "dressed" are given little pouches made of the satin and lace to tuck the babies in. We will make the gowns, send them to Texas for packaging and then they will send the gowns here in Missouri to any hospital that requests them. So this Service Project will be helping people locally and throughout the state.

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.

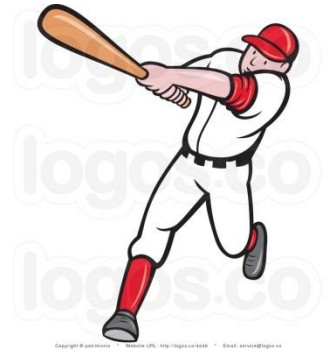
The youth will start arriving July 1st in St. Louis for their stay with the first host families in the surrounding St. Louis area. Second host family stays start July 9th in other areas of Missouri. The week of July 19 - 26 youths will be attending Camp Brim Shire in St. James.

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@embarqmail.com



Lions Night at the Ballpark
6 p.m., May 2, 2014, Binder Park Fields



All Central Missouri Lions are invited to join us
for Opening Night of

Miracle League Baseball

Meet the players and coaches
Watch the games
See what the dream is about



Holts Summit Lions Club Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 10

7a.m. to 3p.m.

(just in time for Mothers Day!)

116 E. Hillcrest Ave. (off of S. Summit Drive)



Great prices on plants -- perennials, annuals, hanging baskets, peppers, tomatoes, and more!

Barbecue sold by New Bloomfield Lions Club
Music to be provided by BJ Davis

March 2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Promotion



Building Effective Teams
 Communication Skills
 Conflict Management
 Delegation
 Diversity

Leading Effective Meetings
 Managing Change
 Motivation
 Project Management
 Public Speaking

Your wish could come true this summer! How?

You participate in the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. It's your opportunity to learn constructive leadership skills, meet Lions from six U.S. states and one Canadian province and have fun.

When: July 25-27, 2014

Where: Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri, U.S.

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who has attained majority, 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 Leland Kolkmeier.

Registration Fee: \$150 U.S. funds
 Fee includes seven meals, all institute costs and double occupancy dorm room

The weekend experience is organized to teach leadership skills which apply not only to Lions volunteer service but to one's career, church, community and home lives.

Also included are two luncheon sessions, one specifically geared towards Lions International; and one to demonstrate the numerous tools and resources available to all Lions on our website, www.lionsclubs.org.

Check out the Institute application form attached for registration, dorm and special needs information.

DON'T WAIT. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION TODAY!



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 mbBruce@bis.midco.net.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND
THE 2014 INSTITUTE**



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>

Gravois Mills Lions -- www.gravoisarmllionsclub.com

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

Jefferson City Breakfast Lions -- <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/jeffcitybreakfast/>

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

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

Owensville Lions -- <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/owensville/>

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/iberialionsclud>

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

Rocky Mount Lions - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Rocky-Mount-Lions-Club/525137034179726>

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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| May 2 | Lions Night at the Ballfield
6pm at the Binder Park Fields, Apache Flats |
| May 10 | Holts Summit Lions Club Annual Plant Sale
7a – 3p; 116 E. Hillcrest Avenue (off of S. Summit Drive), Holts Summit

Gravois Mills Lions Club Chicken Dinner
11a – 4p; \$6/person All You Can Eat
26691 Hwy 5, Gravois Mill |
| July 4 – 8 | Lions International Convention
Toronto, ON, Canada |
| July 25 – 27 | Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)
Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO |