



BETWEEN THE LIONS

District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



FROM THE DESK OF THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

It seems like only a few months ago I was packing for Hamburg. Where has the year gone?

The past 12 months have been incredible. Even with all the hard work, I've had the time of my life getting to meet Lions all over District 26-M7 and making lots of new friends. I want to thank each and every one of you for your hospitality and for graciously welcoming me to your club meetings. I hope all of you have had as much fun this year as I have.

Although we are nearing the end of the Lions year, in no way are we coming to an ending of anything. We may have new officers preparing to lead our district and clubs but that doesn't mean we are starting over. Many of our district's clubs have had positive membership growth over the past year and have found a renewed energy to serve those in need. Instead of starting over, now is the time to evaluate your club's activities and decide what is working and what isn't. Don't be afraid to try new things. Likewise, don't be afraid to discontinue longstanding projects if those projects are no longer relevant or successful. Build on your successes, reevaluate your failures.

The 2013-2014 Lions year would not have been such a great year without your hard work. The District Governor is here to support, encourage and be a resource to the clubs. When all of that goes well, our clubs thrive and the District Governor has what's called a successful year, but it's the clubs that make it all happen. So I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the Lions of District 26-M7 for making this a year to remember.

As District Governor – Elect Lion Emery Smola prepares to lead us through the next Lions year; I ask that you continue the hard work that brought us to where we are today. There are still plenty of opportunities to serve on state committees. There are plenty of ways to serve within our district. The more volunteers we have to assist with all these tasks, the better we serve our communities and do it with less effort on everyone's part. One of the biggest stresses on the District Governor is finding Lions willing to serve outside of their clubs, so please help Lion Emery off to a good start by stepping up and helping out. I promise you that it will be a rewarding experience.

I'm sure some of you are hoping that as my term as District Governor draws to a close that you won't have to deal with me anymore. I'm sorry to ruin this for you, but as long as Lion Emery will keep me around, I hope to help serve in any way possible. As I step into my new role as State Council Chairperson, I still intend to focus on helping District 26-M7 be the best district in the state. If I can ever help any of you with any questions or needs that your club has, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Let's make the 2014-2015 Lions year the best year ever. Strengthen the Pride!

Lion Jeff Hilke

MD26 PARTICIPATES IN LCI YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

MD26 participates in LCI Youth Exchange program. Our program should have a representative from each district. At the Opportunity for Youth meetings four districts were represented. M1-PDG Lion Lisa Clinton, M2-Lion Toni Mahoney, M3-PCC Lion Pat Porterfield and M7-Lion Pat Mills.

You've received reports at COG meetings in more detail, the following is brief.

We have 16 youths arriving this July 1st seeking two host families.

First host families July 1-9 and July 27-29. These families are in place.

Second host families July 9-20. We are still in need of host families for 2 girls and 5 boys.

M1-two host families housing 3 youths as second host

M2-seven host families housing 9 youths as first host

M2-four host families housing 5 youths as second host

M3-three host families housing 6 youths as first host

M4-zero

M5-one host family housing 1 for both (first & second)

M6-zero

M7-zero

This program is rewarding, educating and promotes peace. I look forward to hearing from you.

Lion Toni Mahoney; [314-805-7391](tel:314-805-7391)

HOLTS SUMMIT & NEW BLOOMFIELD LIONS CO-HOST BENEFIT

The New Bloomfield and Holts Summit Lions Clubs along with the help of the New Bloomfield FFA are planning a benefit for a little girl in the community with cerebral palsy. The day of June 14 will be filled with activities at New Bloomfield High School. There will be a tractor/truck/car show starting about 2:00 pm, along with a petting zoo and bounce house, all of which will be organized by the FFA. Next comes a BBQ starting at 4:00 pm, auction at 6:00 pm and at 8:00 pm Lindley Creek (a bluegrass/gospel group) will perform in the school gym. Please help us spread news of this event. We would love to have a capacity crowd and raise lots of money for this family. Call Keith [573 680-7706](tel:573-680-7706) or 573 295-6290 if you have any questions.

The event will feature a live auction. As the date of the event gets closer, we are still looking for auction items to offer at the benefit, so I'm contacting district M7 Lions to see if any clubs or individuals have items they wish to donate to the auction. If you have items you wish to donate to our auction for Milleigh, please contact either Don Soph, at 314-304-5054 or Keith and Evelyn Thomas at 573-295-6290.

Thank you so much for your time, and I hope to see you at Milleigh's benefit.

MILLEIGH TURNER BENEFIT

June 14, 2014

all events will take
place at the
New Bloomfield
High School



The Day Will Include.....

Truck, Car & Tractor show
Bounce House
Petting Zoo
BBQ at 4:00 P.M.
Auction at 6:00 P.M.
Bluegrass Concert at 8:00 P.M.

Proceeds to help the family continue Milleigh's Treatments

for more information contact (573) 680-7706



Missouri Lions All-State Band Farewell Concert!

OUR Missouri Lions All-State Band will have a concert before they depart on their trip to Toronto, Canada. They have been working hard and practicing at band camp. Let's give them an enthusiastic Missouri Lion Send-Off!

Date: June 30, 2014

Time: 7 PM

Location: Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. (Close to the intersection Iowa and Artillery. Look for signs.

Come and *CHEER* OUR band students on that we have worked so hard to get. We can encourage them and get them even more excited for what is in store for them on this trip to **Lions Clubs International Convention 2014!!!**

For more information contact: PDQ Lion Ron Kappelmann, Jr. at 573-225-2651





STOVER INDUCTS A NEW MEMBER

Past District Governor Melvin Dale, a Lion for 52 years in the Stover Lions Club, pins his grandson Jesse as a new member. Past Council Chair Jesse Hathcock performs the induction.

HEARING SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS

Hearing Chairperson Lion Linda Martin thanks all of the clubs that participated in this year's Hearing Sweepstakes. The following are the winners of the 2014 Hearing Sweepstakes:

- \$250 Winners:** Steve Wiechens (M3), St Charles, MO
Old Monroe Lions Club (M3), Old Monroe, MO
Lake Viking Lions Club (M4), Gallatin, MO
- \$500 Winner:** Seymour Lions Club (M6), Seymour, MO
- \$1250 Winner:** Mountain Grove Lions Club (M6), Mountain Grove, MO

ANNOUNCING THE SAVING SIGHT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

Saving Sight is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. Board members are key to the organization's success. They actively participate in long-range planning and secure financial resources to support sight-saving programs such as KidSight and cornea donation & transplantation. As highly visible members of their communities, the board members also enhance Saving Sight's public standing by sharing the mission, accomplishments, and goals with Lions clubs, the general public, and other partner organizations.

"Saving Sight must be authentically mission-driven and a responsible steward of the precious gifts of donated eye tissue as well as of financial gifts," said Lion Tony Bavuso, chief executive officer. "And our board members provide crucial oversight to help us achieve these goals. We are able to change more lives by saving sight through their engagement and support."

According to Saving Sight's bylaws, the board is composed of 13 members, including the Missouri Lions Council Chair and Vice Council Chair, one elected representative of each Missouri Lions district, and four community members who are knowledgeable about Saving Sight's work (e.g., eye doctors and program recipients).

The following representatives will serve on Saving Sight's Board of Directors in the coming fiscal year, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

CC-E Jeff Hilke (Jefferson City Evening Lions)

M1: Lion Dr. Dan Obermark (Sikeston Lions)

M3: PDG Gary Clarkson (La Plata Lions)

M5: Lion Allen Lohsandt (Wellington Lions)

M7: PCC Dan Bernskoetter (Jefferson City Evening Lions)

Tom Rocco

John Bailey

VCC-E Missy Carr (Washington Lions)

M2: PCC Al Blumenberg (House Springs Lions)

M4: PDG John Reese (St. Joseph East Side Lions)

M6: PDG Stuart Payne (Carl Junction Lions)

Dr. Dan Schoenleber

Dr. Michael Korenfeld

As you build your club's calendar for next year, please contact your district's representative to schedule a presentation about Saving Sight and its programs.

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**



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

REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ **Badge Name** _____ **Gender** _____
Last First Initial M/F

ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email

Sub-District No. _____ **Years in Lions** _____ **Highest Office Held** _____

Registration Fee is US\$150 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2014, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2014, the base fee increases to US\$170. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the registration form mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Northwest Missouri State University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25th and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

- The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.
- _____ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
 - _____ Diabetic Diet requested
 - _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
 - _____ Wheelchair Access required
 - _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)
 - _____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)

Please list any other special requests _____
 Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2014 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ **Relationship** _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: _____



Dual Zone Meeting

June 18, 2014

Holts Summit Lions Den

Social at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm

The Zone 4 (Cole County) and Zone 5 (Callaway County) chairpersons will host a dual zone meeting on June 18, 2014.

Join us as we meet old Lions friends and make new Lions friends.

This meeting is especially important for those serving our clubs in the key positions of



President



Secretary



Treasurer

All elected to serve in the upcoming year -- whether experienced or a novice -- are strongly encouraged to attend and participate as we explore the responsibilities and best practices of these offices.

All Lions are welcome to attend and learn more about their clubs and Lionism!

So our hosts may better serve you, please RSVP by June 14 by contacting

Lion Lou Ann Hathcock at 573-761-4438 or balloonsisters@aol.com

or

Lion Don Soph at 314-304-5054 or donsoph@hotmail.com

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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| June 14 | Milleigh Turner Benefit hosted by Holts Summit & New Bloomfield Lions
Events beginning at 2pm and running throughout the day
New Bloomfield High School |
| June 18 | Zone 4 & Zone 5 Joint Zone Meeting
Social at 6pm; Dinner at 6:30pm
Holts Summit Lions Club |
| June 30 | Missouri All State Band Farewell Concert at 7pm
Fort Leonard Wood (Close to the intersection of Iowa and Artillery) |
| July 4 – 8 | Lions International Convention
Toronto, ON, Canada |
| July 25 – 27 | Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI)
Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, MO |