



District 26-M7 ... Newsletter



September 2014

## A LETTER FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR



All these years as a lion, I never thought I would be given the honor of holding this position as your District Governor. I want each of you to realize that this isn't just my district but yours too. I am here to serve you to the best of my ability. Each of you is very important to lionism. Lionism starts with a single member serving our community and the world. Never feel, that no matter who you are, that you are not significant to lionism.

Each of us know there are problems that our organization is encountering, it's not new and we are not the only organization suffering from social changes. Working together, at the club level and leadership level, we can meet these problems head on and make a change for the good. As

this year progresses, I will be visiting the clubs, meeting my fellow member Lions, at which point, do not hesitate to bring up new ideas that we might be able to use. Keeping the Lions organization the best humanitarian organization in the world. We all know that the status quo will not work. The old ways must give away to new thoughts and ideas if we expect to achieve the goals of our organization.

We have two gentlemen, Lion Allen Moore and Lion Don Soph, who have been elected as your future district leaders. They also are very enthusiastic about our district and its future. We will all be working together this year as a team. As time goes on I plan to keep all of you informed on what is working, and what isn't.

## 26M7 CABINET MEETING

The next Cabinet Meeting for 26M7 will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at the Cedar City Lions Club building. The meeting will be hosted by the Cedar City and JC Evening Lions Clubs. Social will begin at 6:00pm and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. Please contact Cabinet Secretary Jesse Hathcock at [jess26m7@aol.com](mailto:jess26m7@aol.com) or (573) 761-4438 or (573) 338-5530.

## **GREETINGS FROM YOUR 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR**

For those that do not know me, I'm Lion Don Soph, from the Holts Summit Lions Club. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be an M7 officer. I look forward to meeting and working with all the clubs of our district. With all clubs working together, we can keep M7 growing strong.

Hope all of you have had a great summer, and that your clubs have been out helping the community and looking for new members. If you haven't had the chance to view the International President Joe Preston's video "Strengthen the Pride", please take the time to go view it or show it at your next club meeting. The video underscores the importance of reaching out for new Lions members, and sets a goal of all Lions asking one person to become a club member. I understand the hesitancy of some to not want to "bother" others with requests to join the Lions club, but how many of us out there can say "I never would have joined if I hadn't been asked." It is important to keep reaching out to your communities and being proactive. Sometimes seeing a club active in the community doing positive things isn't enough for people. Reaching out directly to them shows how much EVERY person is needed to continue to carry out the mission of Lions.

Once again, thanks so much for the opportunity to be your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor. I will work hard to assist all clubs in expanding and improving. If ever you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 314-304-5054 or at [donsoph@hotmail.com](mailto:donsoph@hotmail.com) and I'll be happy to help.

## **JC HOST LIONS AWARD A MELVIN JONES AWARD**



At the JC Host Lions family BBQ and Installation of officers the JC Host Lions awarded Lion Bill Deeken the Melvin Jones Award.

Lion Bill gives generously of his time and talents in serving the community. Lion Bill not only serves his community well but has also helped fellow Lion members work at various club projects and fundraisers during his 23 years of membership. He served as 3rd Vice President, 2nd Vice President, 1st Vice President and Club President. He served in these roles while also serving as a Missouri State Representative. He was also a member of the Club's Board of Directors. He successfully chaired the Pot of Gold fundraiser three times. Throughout the years, he has also served on several of the club's Standing Committees to help ensure the success and continuity of the Host Lions Club. He has sponsored nine members to our club. Lion Bill truly lives the guiding spirit and the Lion's motto of "We Serve".

## JC HOST LIONS DONATE TO JC PARKS & RECREATION



Members of the JC Host Lions present a check for \$16,500 to Bill Lockwood, Director of the Jefferson City Parks and Recreation Department. This check along with a federal grant is to be used for the refurbishing and re-erection of a 100-foot bridge to be relocated at the West Edgewood Greenway Trailhead in Jefferson City. This bridge will provide access to 2.5 miles of hiking/ biking nature trails along the Greenway Trail. This project will provide a high visibility testament to the Host Lions Club reinvestment of funds raised from the community back into the community.

## CAMDENTON LIONS INSTALL COLLECTION BOX

The Camdenton Lions have installed a used eye glass collection box at Save-A-Lot. The donated eye glasses are used by missions to very poor areas of other countries. The glasses help individuals to be able to work for support of their families and to enjoy everyday life. The Lions also have a collection box at First National Bank's main facility. Hurricane Deck Lions have a collection box at Central Bank of Lake of the Ozarks in Camdenton.

Used hearing aids may also be donated at these boxes. They are given to the Missouri School for the Deaf in Fulton. After they are refurbished, they can be used by the students who cannot afford to buy hearing aids.

The Camdenton Lions thanks everyone for the support of their activities. The fundraisers that this community has faithfully supported provided eyeglasses for the needy children in our community. We have an agreement with the Camdenton school nurses to provide us with the names of students who need glasses and cannot afford them and are not eligible for any government funding. We also support the Lions Eye Tissue Bank that provides corneas for doctors throughout the world to restore the sight of seven to eight individuals daily. These and other charities such as Leader Dog, Lamb House and Sue's



Shoes have been supported because of your support. We want the community to know that we want to meet the needs of our community in any way we can. Our motto is "WE SERVE" and with your help, we are.

Pictured are Camdenton Lions President Dr. Brett Koons, Save-A-Lot employee Tarah Lewis and Camdenton Lions Secretary/Treasurer Linda Martin.



Join Us at the...



Saturday, Sept. 27 • 8AM-4PM

**Car & Truck Show**

Register 8:00-11:00AM  
Judging 12:00NOON  
Contact: 573-690-2113

**- Motorcycle Show -**

Register 8:00-11:00AM  
Judging 12:00NOON

**- Vendors -**

Booths Still Available!  
10' x 10' Space - \$20.00  
Contact: 573-690-2315

**- Neighborhood Cook-Off -**

Set-up Begins 7:00AM  
Contact: 573-690-2315

**- Food & Music -**

Rock-N-Country Cloggers  
Black Hearts  
Chainsaw Art Demo!

**- And More -**

- Dudenhoeffer Countryside Nursery on site with Pumpkins, Harvest Mums, etc...
- Dances (Maries Co. R-2 Dance Team/Dance Camp)

Opening Ceremony  
9:00AM at Flag Park

DON'T MISS THE FALL FUN!

Music by "Country Tyme Band"

**- KIDS AREA -**

- PETTING ZOO!

**"Cornhusk Cuties"**

Contest (age 2-7) for info call 573- 201-4841

- Campbell's Country Store Pedal Tractor Pull

- MONSTER TRUCK by Kurtis Schlotlog

- "Outlaw" Show Truck by Struempff Trucking

- Bounce House • Nickle Scramble
- Face Painting • Cake Walk
- Hair Painting & Feathers

**- Miss Tri-County AG -**

Scholarship Competition for:

Queen (age 17-21) and Princess (age 14-16) for girls from Gasconade, Maries, & Osage Counties. Call: 573-690-2315 OR 573-353-4242 OR 573-418-7097

- Funnel Cakes • Pork Rinds

- Kettle Corn • VFW BBQ

- Deep Fried Oreos

**& MUCH MORE!**



Event sponsored by the Belle Lions Club

For general contact/application info call (573) 690-2315

BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!

## SAVE THE DATE – LIONS L.E.A.D. 2015



Lions L.E.A.D. is an annual weekend event focused on leadership, education, and development. Participants learn about Saving Sight in a conference-style format. After the weekend, Lions know more about Saving Sight's mission and programs (e.g., the eye bank and KidSight), the people we serve, and how they can change lives by saving sight in their communities and districts.

The board of directors and honorary board of directors of Saving Sight as well as the incoming Missouri Lions District Governors, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and Sight Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend. All Missouri Lions are invited to participate.

Save the date for Lions L.E.A.D. 2015 --- May 15-16, 2015.

If you have any questions, please call our development department at 800-283-1982 x 107 or send a message through our [Contact Form](#).

## STOVER LIONS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Stover Lions are excited about celebrating the anniversary of the club's charter. We will be celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Stover Community Center in the American Legion Park, Stover. Starting time will be 5:30pm with the meal to be served at 6:00pm. The celebration program will follow the meal. The meal will be BBQ brisket with sides, drink and dessert. The cost will be \$11.00. In order to plan effectively, we need to know by October 10 how many Lions plan to attend. Sorry but attendance is by reservation only. Please send check or money order to Lion Joe Dyke, President, Stover Lions Club, 631 W. Blackberry Patch Road, Stover, MO 65078.

## IN MEMORY: PDG MELVIN DALE

We mourn the loss of Past District Governor Melvin Dale of the Stover Lions Club. Melvin Dale became a Lion on August 1, 1961, and faithfully served his club and district for over 53 years in many capacities. Lion Melvin defined what a Lion is, selflessly helping anyone in need. Over the years, if there was an activity in the Stover area, you could bet Lion Melvin was involved or leading the charge. Those that knew Lion Melvin will certainly miss his beaming smile and friendly demeanor. With all his recognitions and accomplishments, Lion Melvin's proudest Lions moment was recently seeing his grandson, Jesse Dale, join the Stover Lions Club to carry on the Lions legacy in the Dale family. Our deepest sympathies go out to Lion Vi and all of Lion Melvin's family.

## GINGER, A NEW VERSION OF A SERVICE DOG



Hi! My name is Ginger Smola. I am a cairn terrier, like Toto in “The Wizard of Oz”, but blonde. As you can see, I have had a haircut, which is why I am not as shaggy as Toto. My guardians are Emery and Betty Smola, members of the Fulton Host Lions Club. I volunteer, on behalf of the Lions Club, to visit the residents of Fulton Presbyterian Manor.

Visiting the people at the manor is the highlight of my week. I take my ball and try to visit, play fetch, catch, and tug-of-war with everyone I can. I wish I could visit more residents, but after about 20 – 25 people, I’m tired. Even though I have short hair, I get hot and thirsty playing, so my guardian brings water for me to drink. Some of the residents give me dog treats, which is nice of them. I use to take the treats home to hide but anymore I just eat them on the spot. My guardian, Betty, starts me out upstairs, where the assisted living folks live, so they can wear me out before heading downstairs to visit the full care residents. The folks downstairs don’t really like to play, they just want to love, hug, and pet me. It is amazing how some of these people come to life, when they see me coming. I know I have made their day, which makes my day too. One of the full care residents mentioned to my guardian how much better she likes us smaller dogs, over the big ones, we’re not as overwhelming. The only down side to visiting is my guardian makes me take a bath before we go but I have so much fun there, it’s worth it. I wish I could visit these fine people more, but since I can’t drive, I am at the mercy of my guardian, Betty.

You can find me at Fulton Presbyterian Manor nearly every Saturday or Sunday, where I try to visit with as many residents as possible. So, if there are any other canines out there who would like to volunteer, please have your guardian’s call the local nursing and rehab center. They will let them know what it takes for you and your guardian to make the canine grade.

Serving  
25 Million People



LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

# CENTENNIAL *Service Challenge*

## Engaging our Youth

### Lions Global Service Action Campaign Planning Guide

#### Overview

For nearly 100 years, Lions have served their communities with dedication and contributed to the development and wellbeing of millions of people around the world. As we look toward our centennial celebration, Lions are encouraged to serve 100 million people by December 2017 through participation in the Global Service Action Campaigns.

- **August- Engaging our Youth**
- **October-** Sharing the Vision
- **December/January-** Relieving the Hunger
- **April-** Protecting our Environment

During August, we invite you and your club to join Lions around the world in recognizing the power of youth involvement. Demonstrate your commitment to youth development by planning activities in connection with [United Nations International Youth Day](http://www.un.org/youth) ([www.un.org/youth](http://www.un.org/youth)), recognized each August. Or, organize projects throughout the month that engage and mobilize youth in the process of helping communities.







### Getting Started:

The steps outlined below will help you complete an “Engaging our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign project.

#### Step 1: Create a Planning Committee

The “Engaging our Youth” Global Service Action Campaign is an opportunity for Lions and Leos to bring together communities and connect through a common commitment to youth and service. Creating a planning committee will help drive the success of your campaign project. Together, the committee can share the work and help motivate your members to participate. You might want to consider asking local schools, businesses and youth-service organizations to get involved, and designate a chair to lead the committee’s efforts.

Make sure to include youth as members of your planning committee. If your Lions club sponsors a Leo club, asking Leo members to serve on the committee is a perfect place to start. When working with youth, it’s important to ensure that they have an opportunity to share in the decision-making process along with the adults serving on the committee.

#### Step 2: Pick Your Project

Choose a service project that helps meet a community need and reflects the interests of club members. When developing your project, make sure it is a hands-on, highly visible activity that Lions and youth can easily get involved with. Perhaps your club already has an activity that could be expanded to engage youth. Or, choose from this list of ideas:

- Assemble care packages for homeless shelters or a children’s hospital.
- Help clean or repair a community center.
- Collect and donate supplies to a local school.
- Organize a youth forum or town hall meeting to highlight topics that youth have identified as critical community issues.
- Paint a playground.

To ensure the success of your project, be sure to set specific goals that you would like to accomplish by the project’s conclusion. Some examples include:

- Supplying 250 children in your local school district with supplies to start the school year;
- Or, if your club chooses to repair a community center, it may decide on the specific repairs it wishes to make such as painting the outside of the facility.

#### Step 3: Publicize Your Project

Give your club the recognition it deserves! Tell the local community about upcoming club events to promote your service project.

Consider:

- Posting flyers
- Contacting local radio or public access television stations
- Sending press releases to community newspapers
- Posting project information on your club or district’s website or other social networking sites such as Facebook
- Inviting local media



**Step 4: Implement Your Project**

Involve your club members! Invite family members, friends and co-workers to help which can also generate new membership interest.

On the day of the project, make sure someone is ready to answer questions from volunteers, elected officials, special guests, local media and other members of the community. Because your project will center around engaging youth, consider asking youth on your planning committee to serve as spokespersons for highlighting the project and its importance to the community.

**Step 5: Report Your Activity**

Report your service activities through MyLCI's Online Service Activity Report. For more information, visit MyLCI at <http://mylci.lionsclubs.org> and review frequently asked questions about service activity reporting.

**Step 6: Celebrate Your Success**

Remember to share your project's accomplishments with people who helped make the project a success. Distribute a news release to local media and send a newsletter to community members who supported your project. Be sure to send thank you letters to those who participated. You may also want to present certificates of appreciation. Hosting a volunteer and partner awards ceremony is also a nice way to recognize everyone's contributions. And, don't forget to share your success with your Lions family – post photos on the Lions or Leo Facebook Fan Pages.

**Resources**

A number of resources such as a project idea sheet and a call to action flyer are available to assist you in completing a Lions Global Service Action Campaign project. For materials and campaign updates, go to the Member Center of the LCI website at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org).

To learn more about the Centennial Service Challenge and participate in this exciting initiative, visit [www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge](http://www.lionsclubs.org/servicechallenge).



Studies show that when *young people* participate in service, they are more likely to continue on a pathway of lifelong civic engagement.

## Engaging our Youth - Service Project Action Plan

### Step 1: Create a Planning Committee

Who, including youth, will serve on your project planning committee?

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### Step 2: Pick Your Project

What project will help meet a community need and reflect the interest of club members?

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### Step 3: Publicize Your Project

How will you inform the community about your project?

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### Step 4: Implement Your Project

On the day of the project, how will you involve club members, family, friends, and the community? Who will serve as a project spokesperson?

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### Step 5: Tell Us about Your Project

How will you report your club project? Will your club secretary use the online Service Activity Report?

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### Step 6: Celebrate Your Success

How will your club share and celebrate the success of your project?

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### Notes:

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lives by saving sight.



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 Twitter: @WeSaveSight  
 LinkedIn: /WeAreSavingSight

## Lions Mission Clinics

Are you interested in traveling abroad with your fellow Lions to distribute recycled eyeglasses to people in need? Saving Sight is collaborating with Lions leaders to coordinate Lions Mission Clinics in 2015. At this point, we're still gathering a list of interested Lions and eye doctors so we can notify them with details about the trip once the logistics have been confirmed. If you are interested and able to serve on a Lions Mission Clinic next year, please contact Lion Sheila Fields at [sfields@saving-sight.org](mailto:sfields@saving-sight.org) or 573-443-1479 to get your name added to the contact list. More information will be available at a later date, so there is no obligation at this time. Just sign up if you're interested in the trip.

## Saving Sight & Missouri Lions Team up With Giant Steps

Giant Steps of St. Louis, a nonprofit organization that offers therapeutic school and summer camps for children and teens with autism spectrum disorder, is teaming up with Saving Sight and the Missouri Lions. The Lions collect thousands of pairs of used eyeglasses every year. Saving Sight then channels the usable glasses to humanitarian groups that recycle them abroad by giving them to people in need, free of charge. But before the glasses can be sent abroad, they must first be cleaned and sorted by type. Through a special partnership with Giant Steps of St. Louis, children and teens are volunteering their time and developing their vocational skills by helping sort the used eyeglasses so they can be recycled. We look forward to an ongoing and mutually beneficial collaboration with Giant Steps.

## Want to Support the Eyeglass Recycling Effort in Missouri?

You can support Eyeglass Recycling in several ways:

- 1) Continue to collect used eyeglasses, including sunglasses, in your community. When you collect a significant amount, bring them by any of Saving Sight's offices.
- 2) If you're near Columbia, get your club together to visit Saving Sight in Columbia to help sort and clean used glasses, which is a great opportunity for club members to serve together. To schedule a sorting party, contact Lion Sheila Fields (573-443-1479).
- 3) If anyone in your community is planning a medical mission trip abroad, encourage them to contact Saving Sight to acquire recycled eyeglasses.

## Thank you to the following club for making a financial gift to Saving Sight in August 2014. Together, we are changing lives by saving sight:

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions - \$300.00

Learn more about Saving Sight, your State Sight Project, at [www.saving-sight.org/lions](http://www.saving-sight.org/lions) and sign up for Sightlines, our e-newsletter, at [www.saving-sight.org/sightlines](http://www.saving-sight.org/sightlines).

## **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 the Newsletter Editor Lion Jeff Hilke at [lionjeffhilke@gmail.com](mailto: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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| September 22  | Zone Meeting – Zone 1<br>Hosted by the Tipton Lions<br>Social 6:00pm; Meeting 6:30pm<br>Co-Mo Electric Cooperative<br>29868 Highway 5, Tipton, MO<br>RSVP to Lion Joe Dyke, 573-377-2752 |
| October 3 - 5 | Past District Governor Association<br>Hosted by PDG's of 26M7 at Tan-Tar-A Resort<br>Contact PCC Jesse Hathcock for details  |
| October 18    | Gravois Arm Lions Club 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual White Bass Fishing Tournament   |
| October 25    | Council of Governors Meeting<br>10:30am at the Warrenton Lions Club building   |
| October 25    | Stover Lions 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>Stover Community Center<br>Social 5:30pm; Dinner 6:00pm   |
| November 5    | 26M7 Cabinet Meeting<br>Hosted by the Cedar City & JC Evening Lions Clubs<br>Social 6:00pm; Meeting 6:30pm at the Cedar City Lions club building   |
| March 6 - 7   | District 26M7 Convention<br>Fulton, MO   |
| May 1 - 3     | MD26 State Convention<br>Cape Girardeau, MO  |