



ROARING LINES

District 26-M3 News

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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 plan to attend, please RSVP by Friday, February 14, 2014 at www.saving-sight.eventbrite.com, where you can purchase your tickets. If you cannot attend, but would like to contribute to Dr. Walkenbach’s legacy program, you can 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



Do You Know What Lions Are All About?

Each month we will feature one of the major Lions service activities in the state of Missouri. Please contact your Club, District Chairman or the MO Lions State Office for more information: Missouri Lions State Office P.O. Box 104535 - 2415B Hyde Park Road Jefferson City MO 65110-4535 (573) 635-1773 Fax (573) 635-2383 missourilions@gmail.com

Lion Opportunity for Youth:

This State Committee, both in cooperation with and outside the scope of the Athletic and All-State Band Committee, purpose is to promote youth programs in the Multiple District and to promote interest in Lionism among the youth of Missouri.

The mission of Lions Opportunities for Youth is: To provide the young people of the world with opportunities for achievement, learning, contribution and service, individually and collectively, through sponsorship of activities identified as best practices in the field of youth development

Several International program are: Lions International Youth Camp Program, Lions International Youth Exchange Program, Lions Youth Outreach Program & Leo Club Youth Programs .

Meet Your Candidates for District Governor, 2014-2015

John F. Clark

Warrenton Lions Club

Lion John F. Clark of Warrenton, MO, became a member of the Warrenton Lions Club in October 1979. He served his club in a variety of leadership capacities, including several terms as secretary and president



As a new Lion, John served District 26-A2 as a member of the Band Committee during his first year. He also served District 26-A2 and 26-M3 multiple terms as Zone Chairperson, Region Chairperson, Cabinet Secretary, 2nd Vice District Governor, and 1st Vice District Governor. In 2007 he became a Melvin Jones Fellow. A key local project for more than two decades was the Warrenton Lions Annual Light for Sight campaign to raise awareness and funds for the Lions Research Foundation, Michigan Leader Dog Program, and the Arkansas School for the Blind.

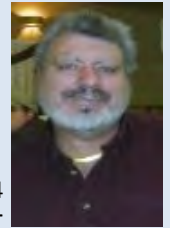
Special community interests have included serving as Committee Chairperson for the Boy Scout Cub Pack, and as both Boy Scout troop leader and as a Girl Scout troop leader during his son's path to become an Eagle Scout and his daughter's path to achieve her Girl Scout Gold Award. He also coached baseball in the Warrenton Khoury League. He has served several terms of office as an Alderman for the City of Warrenton, MO, and continues in that capacity today.

Lion Clark is retired from owning and operating Big B Truck Lines for 30 years. He and his wife, Mary Jane, have two children who are grown and married and two grandchildren.

Lion John Deters

Bowling Green Lions Club

Lion John Deters is a native of Bowling Green, MO, and has lived there all of his life. He grew up on, and now owns the family farm. He and his wife Carol have been married for 34 years and own and operate Deters Sign Co. & T-Shirt Shoppe in Bowling Green, MO. They have 3 daughters and a granddaughter. Since May of 2013 they have also owned and operated Johnny Diamond's Sports Bar & Grill in St. Clement, MO. close to where they live.



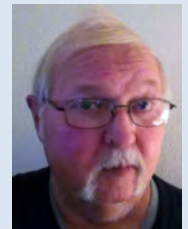
Lion John is a very active member of the St. Clement Catholic Church and also does volunteer work there. Lion John also belongs to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, where he has held many offices, including President. He also has been involved in the area Chambers of Commerce of Louisiana and Clarksville, MO.

Lion John joined the Lions Club in 2004. His sponsor was PDG Frank Ward who inspired him to achieve high standards and do community service. Lion John has held various offices in the Lions, including Tail Twister for 2 years, Lion Tamer, Membership Committee, and Secretary for 4 years, Vice President, President, Past President and Trustee. He moved up to Zone Chairman for 2 years and Region Chairman for 2 years. Lion John served as a Board Member for Region 3 on the Lions Charitable Foundation of District 26 M3 from 2007-2011 and again in 2013 to the present.

Lion Steve Wiechens

St. Charles First Capitol Lions Club

Lion Steve Wiechens is a member of the St. Charles First Capitol Lions Club. He has been a member of that club since June 1, 2002. Lion Steve has been a member of Lions Clubs International since 1992, when he first joined another club and then later transferred to the St. Charles First Capitol Club.



Lion Steve has served as Club President for two Lions clubs, serving once as President of the St. Charles First Capitol Lions Club. He is currently serving as the District's representative to Mid-South Sight and Hearing, and a third year as Zone Chairperson for Region 1, Zone 1.

Lion Steve has served as Lions Club Information Booth Chair at recent Oktoberfests held at the end of September in St. Charles. During the past year he has participated in the recruitment of new members to our organization for both new Lions clubs and the rebuilding of existing clubs. Lion Steve is a Melvin Jones Fellow and has received the International President's Award for Leadership.

Interested in running for 2nd Vice District Governor? Please send the nominating committee 1) your letter of support from your club and 2) letter of intent to run for office. The nominating committee includes Past District Governors: Dick Klopfer, Nancy Drebes, Larry Davis, and Jerry Schwartz.

[Events and articles for Roaring Lions District Newsletter and District Website](#)

Please send Sharon Hammel shammel1250@gmail.com your information by the 25th of the month for the newsletter.

Send Sally Poole sally@pooleadvertising.com pics and Information about your events for the district website.

Lion Sally has been working hard on creating us a new website. We will let you know once it is completed.

Calendar of Events

February 7-9, 2014
All Lions Mid-Winter Forum
Chateau on the Lake
Branson, MO

February 29-March 1, 2014
District 26M-3 Convention
Columbia Hilton Garden Center
Columbia, MO

April 6, 2014
School of the Blind Appreciation Night
St Louis, MO

April 13, 2014
Eye Glass Wrap Warrenton Lions
Warrenton, MO

April 6, 2014
School of the Blind Appreciation Night
St Louis, MO

April 24-26, 2014
Council of Governors Meeting
Sedalia, MO

April 25-26, 2014 MD26 State
Convention
Sedalia, MO

May 17, 2014
District 26M-3 Cabinet Meeting
Mexico Lions Den, Mexico, MO

July 4-8, 2014
International Convention
Toronto, ON, Canada

District 26-M3 Convention Schedule:

Friday, February 28

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm Hospitality and Vendor Booth Set up

6:00 pm - 10:30 pm Hospitality with music by DJ Lion Carl Weant

Saturday, March 1

8:30 am Call to Order, Parade of Banners & business meeting

9:30 - 10:15 am Breakout sessions # 1 and #2

10:15 - 11:30 am Breakout sessions #3 and #4

11:45 am Luncheon and Peace Poster award

1:15 pm Resume business meeting

Foundation meeting

Memorial Service

Certification and nomination of VDG candidates

Voting and Election

3:00 pm Tour of Saving Sight (pending)

5:45 pm Seating opens for dinner

6:00 pm Dinner, awards, drawings

Presentation by PID Lion Joe Piccone

Silent auction items will be available Friday night for bidding.
Raffle baskets will also be available for bidding on Saturday.

Convention Activities:

FREE Health Check-up at Convention!

Lions can have a FREE health check-up at convention. The Wellness Mobile Van, sponsored by the Boone Hospital Foundation, will be available Saturday morning, March 1. Lions will need to sign up ahead of time and will **need to fast for 8 hours prior** to the check-up. The check-up will include blood tests for cholesterol, triglycerides, HDL, LDL and glucose, in addition to blood pressure. Limited spaces are available. Sign up now with Lion Pat Porterfield: lynpat@charter.net or 636-916-4441.

Tour With Your Fellow Lions!

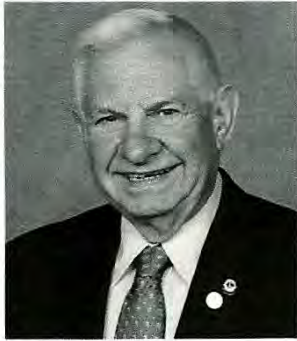
Saturday afternoon at convention provides an opportunity to hop on a bus (driven by that famous bus driver, Bubba, aka PDG Lion Jerry Schwartz) to take a short drive to the headquarters of Saving Sight, our Lions-owned sight preservation organization (formerly known as MLERF). See and hear for yourself what life-saving and sight-saving procedures are done with your donations.

This tour requires PRE-REGISTRATION by February 21. Please contact Lion Pat Porterfield at 636-916-4441, or porterfieldpat846@yahoo.com to secure a seat on the bus! If you have never seen our facility, this is the time. Anticipated departure time from the hotel is 3:00 p.m. with return at 4:30 p.m.



QR Code to Lions Facebook

Scan with a smartphone to go to our district Facebook page.



LIONS DISTRICT 26-M3 CONVENTION
 Friday,
 Friday, February 28, 2014 & Saturday, March 1, 2014



Hilton Garden Inn and Conference Center
 3300 Vandiver Drive,
 Columbia, Missouri 65202

(Take I-70 to Hwy 63 North to Vandiver)

Convention Speaker – Lion Joe Al Picone, Immediate Past International Director:

IPID Joe Al Picone is from the Brenham Texas Lions club and has been a member since 1966. He has served in numerous positions as a Lion, and is active in other community and civic service as well. He and his wife, Lion Merle are celebrating their 50th anniversary with us!

Sleeping Room Information:

- Sleeping room rate for Convention is \$99.00 plus tax per night
- All room reservations to be made directly with Hilton Garden Inn ~ Phone 573-814-5464. When making reservations ask for the "Lion's Block"
- Reservations received after February 1, 2014 will be provided on a space available basis at prevailing rates.

General Instructions:

- When ordering for a club fill in the name of the club below, and attach a list of all attendees and their meals.
- The Banquet will be open seating, with the exception of the head table.
- **In order to vote, you must be registered.**
- Questions regarding this convention may be addressed to PDG Lion Lyn Porterfield, Co-Chairman 636-916-4441, or PDG Lion Maxine Salarano 636-561-2810
- If you need a large print or Braille program, or a Special Diet for Meals, please check the box below.

REGISTRATION

Name(s) of Lion _____ Club _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City, State Zip _____

Registration only (Must be registered to vote)	_____	\$10.00	_____
Full Registration (incl. Luncheon, Banquet)	_____	\$48.00	_____
Registration & Luncheon Only - (Turkey Club Sandwich)	_____	\$18.00	_____
Registration & Banquet Only	_____	\$30.00	_____
		Total Due	_____

BANQUET SELECTION: Check box to indicate choice, then fill in the number of meals requested ...

- | | |
|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Marsala | QTY _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Halibut | QTY _____ |

Fill in registration information requested, make all checks payable to "District 26-M3 Convention 2013", mail check & this form to PDG Lion E. Allen Kohler, PO Box 170, Huntsville, MO 65259-0170

- Check this box & circle item needed: Large Print Braille Materials Special Diet Menu
- Check this box if the club will be providing a hospitality room. (CLUB ITEM ONLY)
- _____ Check here if club will bring a banner for the Parade of Banners

Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th

The Lions World Lunch Relay kicks off on April 4th at noon, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Family and Friends Month event! The Lions World Lunch Relay is a 24-hour, international event that brings together families and friends of Lions in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. It's a great opportunity to share a meal and celebrate your club's success, the value of service, and the rewards of being a Lion.

Here's how the Lions World Lunch Relay works:

Participating clubs will schedule a lunch for their family and friends on April 4th. The Lunch Relay will begin in New Zealand at noon. As clubs around the world host lunches in different international time zones, the Lunch Relay will move from time zone to time zone as Lions steadily pass the event around the world, forming the Lions World Lunch Relay!

Here's how your club can join the Lions World Lunch Relay:

Plan your lunch event – Choose a location and menu that's good for you.

Register your lunch event – Share the time and location for your lunch.

Celebrate your event – Take photos and share the fun through social media.

The Lions World Lunch Relay is a day of food, fun and fellowship. It's your chance to be part of something big—*really big*—so register your lunch today!

Enter the Lions World Lunch Relay contests!

Most family and friends – The lunch with the most non-Lions wins! Make your lunch an opportunity to share your club with the people you'd love to have join you.

Biggest food drive – The lunch that collects the most food items for needy families wins! Make your lunch a moment to share the power of service with your family and friends.

Best lunch theme – The lunch with the best Lions theme wins! Create a fun or meaningful theme for your lunch to show your club pride and spirit.

[Download an entry form](#) and complete guidelines for the Lions World Lunch Relay contests.

Add Eyeglass Collection Box Locations

Did you know you can add eyeglass collection locations to your club information? Our club had a doctor call and want to be added after seeing the list of locations we have around Columbia.

Columbia Eyewear

1601 Chapel Hill Road
Suite 72
Columbia, MO

MBS Textbook Exchange

2711 W Ash Street
Columbia, MO

Hallsville Area Family Clinic

501 N Route B
Hallsville, MO

Andrew Stone Optometry

2012 Cherry Hill
Suite 201
Columbia, MO

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2200 Forum Boulevard
Suite 102
Columbia, MO

Lions Monthly Membership Focus

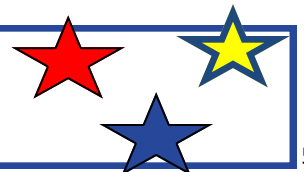
February 2014

- Membership Focus: Women

March 2014

- Membership Focus: Women
- Eye Donor Awareness Month
- March 1 — Deadline for multiple districts to submit a single Lions Environmental Photo Contest entry to International Headquarters
- March 8-10 — Advanced Lions Leadership Institute: Constitutional Areas I and II — USA, its affiliates, the Bahamas, Bermuda and Canada (Oak Brook, IL USA)

Go Lions!



Family and Friends Month in April

Family and Friends Month is your opportunity to invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your club. Organize a service project, host an open house or even a picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Here are some great ways to make the most of your Family and Friends Month:

- **Go Green in Your Community.** [Plant a tree, recycle, or clean up a park](#) for the [Protecting Our Environment](#) campaign so everyone can feel the satisfaction of making a difference.
- **Share the Gift of Literacy.** Organize a fundraiser or a service project that promotes the power of reading. Learn more about the LCI [Reading Action Program](#) and find [literacy project ideas and resources](#) for your club.
- **Have a Picnic or Barbecue.** Celebrate with family and friends after your service project.
- **Host an Open House.** Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and what it means to the community.



Ultimate Fundraising is a proud Licensee of Lions Club International and are here to share with you our company and the fundraisers that have been approved by International. We have helped hundreds of Lions Clubs raise funds and are excited too assist your club as well.

NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR 2014 FUNDRAISING SEASON

If your club has not contacted us in the past - do not delay. Contact us today to receive important information that will change the way you look at fundraising and help you raise the funds to make a real difference in your community.

Spring Flowerbulb Fundraiser (40% Profit) - finally a flower fundraiser that offers a wide variety of items that people will love planting this spring. This is our most popular program and offers **no minimums and free shipping**. Lets make our community beautiful with the [Art In Nature](#) fundraiser and other flower brochures!

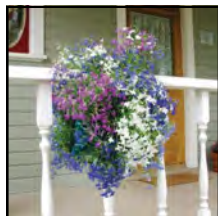
CALL US TODAY!

Pat Van Hesteren, President

Toll Free [1-888-489-8122](tel:1-888-489-8122)

Email info@ultimatefundraising.us

Website www.betterfundraisingideas.com



Focus on Family Membership

Promote family membership and the \$20.00 savings a member would have.

Invite your family to participate in your club's next community event, because as a family unit, you can receive a dues discount when volunteering together.

As a Lions family unit you can:

- Increase quality family time
- Be a role model
- Help your community

The Family Membership Program applies to family members who are

- (1) eligible for Lions membership,
- (2) currently in or joining the same club, and
- (3) living in the same household and related by birth, marriage or other legal relationship. Common household family members include parents, children, spouses, aunts and uncles, cousins, grandparents, in-laws and legal dependents.

To be part of the Family Membership Program, your club secretary must complete the [Family Unit Certification Form](#) or [file online](#).

Making a Difference in Your Community?

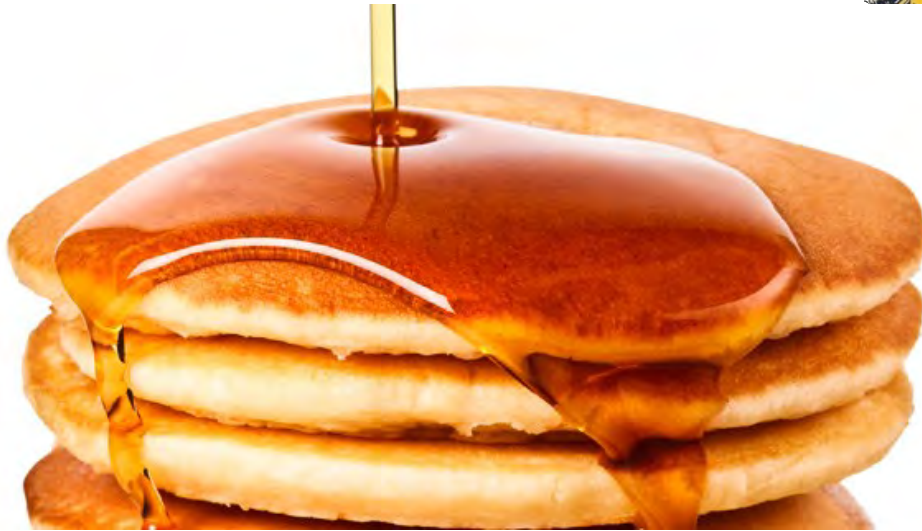
Tell us how your club is making a difference in your community and we will put it in our newsletters. You can include pictures with your information. Send your information to Sharon Hammel at shammel1250@gmail.com

*See you at convention
2/28—3/2*

HARVESTER LIONS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 16, 2014

8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Menu

All you can eat:

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs

Sausage Patties

Biscuits and Sausage Gravy

Coffee

Milk

Orange juice



**Come
Hungry**

Price: \$5.00 for advanced ticket, \$7.00 at the door.

Location: Lions Park and Den, 4835 Central School Rd.

For more information and tickets, call 636-447-7312

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!

**RSVP by February 14, 2014 to:
Lion Kevin Pigford, Secretary
802 East McCarty Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101**

CHILI / BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP LUNCHEON

Sponsored by

MEXICO NOON LIONS CLUB

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2014

At the

**AUDRAIN COUNTY COURT HOUSE
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Serving from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$6.00 per person

Menu will include:

CHILI or BROCCOLI CHEESE SOUP

SANDWICHES

RELISHES & CRACKERS

DESSERTS & DRINKS

Proceeds will fund local & statewide events.



Harvester Lions Club 12th Annual Mouse Races 2014



4835 CENTRAL SCHOOL ROAD ♠ ST CHARLES MO 63304

(For more information: Walt Coleman 636-385-2345; Vince Bierma 314-578-4095; Lions Den 636-447-7312)

Saturday, April 12, 2014

Doors Open At 6:00PM ♣ First Race Starts At 7:00PM

Mouse
Racing



Silent
Auctions



50/50



Live
Auction



Big
Wheel

Tickets: \$15.00 / Person

(Must be at least 21-years old.)

Admission Includes:

Beer ♦ Setups/Soda ♥ Hotdogs ♣ Popcorn ♠ Pretzels

(Feel free to bring your own favorite snack and adult beverages)



These are some of the charities that benefit from Harvester Lions Club events:

- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Francis Howell Youth Eye Care Assistance
- Sts Joachim & Ann Food Pantry
- Salvation Army
- Amblyopia Screening
- Lions World Services for the Blind
- Boy Scout Troop & Pack 533
- United States Blind Athletes Association
- Sight & Hearing Testing & Assistance
- Reading Machines for Low Vision Users Lending Program
- MO Lions Eye Research Foundation
- Missouri School for the Blind



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APRIL 12, 2014

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM.

FIRST RACE STARTS AT 7:00PM

CONTACTS:

Walt Coleman 636-385-2345

Vince Biermann 314-578-4095

LIONS HALL 636-447-7312

BENEFITS: *(This represents a partial list of the Harvester Lions Club Charities.)*

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WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:

- Purchase tickets at \$15 each.
- Sponsor Tables of 12 or 16 people (\$180 or \$240).
- Sponsor a race: \$100 will get your name on race form (front and back). Also your name will be announced throughout the race you sponsor.
- Purchase a B&W advertisement on the back of the race form for \$25.00
- Provide Prizes: We need gifts for attendance prizes such as Gift Cards, Certificates, merchandise, gift baskets, etc

Received From:

Item Received:

Value:

Member Signature:

Please attach your business card.