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A Great Time Was Had by All!

It was a wonderful time to renew friendships, make new ones and get Lions business done at the District 26-M3 Convention held this past weekend at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbia, MO. Hospitality booths featured a variety of themes and delicious food. Mizzou's Truman the Tiger even made an appearance and did some fancy dancing. Break-out sessions brought members up to date and got the dialogue going. Nominations were placed and votes cast, bylaws updated and a very special 50th anniversary celebrated by IPID Joe Picone and his wife Merle.



Editor's Note:

Convention Recar

If you have pictures your chapter took at District Convention, February 28 - March 1, in Columbia, please email them to me for an upcoming photo montage. I only had immediate access to 20/20 photos. Email to shammel1250@gmail.com. Thanks!

Calendar of Events

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













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

Missouri Lions Band

The Missouri Band committee meets quarterly to encourage Missouri Lions clubs to sponsor one or more High School students to perform in the Missouri Lion Band at various Lion functions, but primarily at the Lions International Conventions held in the U.S.A. and Lions All-Star Football game. This is a Youth project plus the Missouri delegation marches with the band at the International convention. Years that the International convention is out of the US they usually go to various locations across the United State. Missouri has placed within the top five bands for many years in the International Parade Contest.

The band consists of a balanced horn line, a fully instrumental drumline, and a color guard. The students gather at Southwest Mo State University for two days of camp before leaving on the trip to march in the parade. The cost covers camp, all meals, uniforms, lodging, transportation, and all planned recreation and sightseeing. \$100 non-refundable down payment with application to the Missouri Band needs to be returned by March 15th. The balance must be paid prior to May each year.

ACTS Ronald James Georgian Children Diabetic Camp

Dr. Ronald James of the UMC initiated the first diabetic camp for children in the country of Georgia formerly part of the Soviet Union in 1995. With the assistance of many Missouri Lions, Doctors and the humanitarian organization ACTS (A Call to Serve) the summer camp has continued each year. Diabetic children learn to develop the skills to self manage their diabetes and make friends with other diabetics children just like them. Missouri Lions club help sponsor campers since 1996 plus assemble hygiene kits for the campers. In 2006 government of the Republic of Georgian allowed the opportunity for land to be purchased for a permanent "Children's Camp". In 2007 the Missouri Lions with the guidance of Lion Dr. Trish Blair secured LCIF matching grant to build the Georgian camp dining hall and education center. In September 2006 the Tbilisi Lions Club was chartered and a Leo club has developed from the support and guidance of Missouri Lions. More information available at http://www.acalltoserve.org Lions clubs can sponsor a camper for \$500 send check donation to Ron James Georgian Diabetic Children's Camp (or RJGDCC), Elizabeth James, M.D., Diabetic Camp Chairperson, A Call To Serve, 610 West Blvd. S., Columbia, MO 65203. or contact wellnesscamp@mac.com. Lions and Lion Clubs can assemble "Hygiene Kits" and bring to the state convention. For information on what to include in hygiene kits for campers contact mbrunkhorst@mfa-inc.com or ACTS office in Columbia MO 573-874-0268.

Missouri Lions MD-26 2014 Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

The following propositions have been reviewed and screened, and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD-26. They will be submitted to the voting delegates at the Multiple District Convention on April 26, 2014. Red is to be deleted, green added.

There will be five issues on the ballot this year. These include approval of the 2016 State Convention location in Springfield, MO, expanding the scope of the Athletic Committee, updating references to the new Saving Sight organization, allowing for annual financial reviews instead of more expensive financial audits, as well as some housekeeping cleanup.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT BY YOUTH IN LIONS-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT ALSO WILL ALLOW FOR MALE AND FEMALE INVOLVEMENT BY ALLOWING FOR THE EXPANSION INTO OTHER SPORTS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 6 (m) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

State Athletic Committee -- In addition to the members appointed by the District Governors the committee may itself appoint advisors to help carry out its charge. Advisors are not entitled to vote or reimbursements for mileage expenses without prior approval by the Council. The State Athletic Committee shall be responsible for the annual All State All—Star Football Game providing and supporting athletic opportunities for Missouri youth. The committee shall prepare a budget for the game its activities and for the activities of its subcommittees for Council approval.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE BOOKS AND ACCOUNTS AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, INSTEAD OF AN ANNUAL AUDIT. THIS WAS RECOMMENDED TO THE COUNCIL BY THE CURRENT AUDITORS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article I, Section 2 of the Multiple District 26 By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

It shall demand and receive from the Council Secretary-Treasurer financial reports, semi-annually or more frequently if necessary, and shall make provisions for an audit or review at the end of the fiscal year of the books and accounts of the Council Secretary-Treasurer. As soon after the close of the fiscal year as reasonably possible an audit <u>or review</u> shall be conducted, and the audit report shall be submitted to the Council at its second regular meeting.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

A RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE PHRASE "DOING BUSINESS AS SAVING SIGHT" TO REFERENCES FOR THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION. ON DECEMBER 1, 2013, THE MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION BEGAN TO OPERATE AND DO BUSINESS UNDER THE NAME "SAVING SIGHT".

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that in Article VI, Section 6 (b) and 6 (m) and Article VII, Section 1 of the Multiple District 26 Constitution where the name MISSOURI LIONS EYE RESEARCH FOUNDATION is used, the phrase "doing business as SAVING SIGHT" be included.

PROPOSITION NO. 4

A RESOLUTION TO ALLOW FOR THE CLEANUP OF HOUSEKEEP-ING, GRAMMAR AND FORMATTING ISSUES WITHIN THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that where necessary throughout the Multiple District 26 Constitution and By-Laws, it shall be updated to correct minor housekeeping, grammar and formatting issues. None of these updates will change the intent of any of the Articles.

PROPOSITION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SITE OF THE 2016 STATE CONVENTION.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE APPROVED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed location for 2016 Multiple District Convention will be Springfield, Missouri.

Lions Family and Friends Month in April!

Invite family and friends to learn, serve and celebrate with your Lions club in April. Organize a service project, plan an open house or host a lunch or picnic—you decide how to introduce your family and friends to the club you love!

Here are some great ways to make your Family and Friends Month a success:

Plan an Open House. Invite family and friends to learn more about your club and the difference you are making in the community.

Go Green in Your Community. Plan an April service project to showcase the <u>Protecting Our Environment</u> campaign so everyone can feel the satisfaction of improving the community. Consider planting trees, recycling or cleaning up a park for your campaign.

Share the Gift of Literacy. Organize a fundraiser or service project that promotes the power of reading to children in your community. Learn more about the LCI <u>Reading Action Program</u> and find <u>literacy project ideas and resources</u> for your club.

Sponsor a Leo club. April is also Leo Awareness Month, so it's a great time for your club to get involved and support youth development in your community. Learn more about the Leo Club Program in the Leo Zone.

Host a Picnic or Barbecue. Celebrate with family and friends after your successful service project or fundraiser.

School for The Blind open House for Lions

April 6th at 3815 Magnolia Ave, St Louis, MO 63110 time around 4 pm - 7 pm

Tours of the building and class room. Demonstrations, one Sandy enjoyed was learning how to thread a needle and how to color coordinate your outfit. More details later.

March Is Eye Donor Awareness Month

Lions, you can play a key role in promoting the importance of eye donation and its life-changing effects on corneal recipients. Contact your nearest Lions Eye Bank to learn how to get involved with educational activities, community awareness events, donor recognition ceremonies and other functions. Learn how to register to become an eye donor, invite a speaker from an Eye Bank to a club or district event, or organize a fundraiser for your nearest Eye Bank. For more information about corneal donations and sight-saving transplantations, access the Eye Bank Association of America's Frequently Asked Questions.

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.

Special Event! Join the Lions World Lunch Relay on April 4th!

The Lions World Lunch Relay is a 24-hour international event that brings families and friends of Lions together in their local communities with families and friends of Lions around the world. Start planning your lunch event today! Click to learn more!

Go Lions!



Lions Monthly Membership Focus

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)





FREE Children's Wheelchairs

Someone donated several children's wheelchairs to the Pacific Lions Club. If anyone knows of anyone in need of a wheelchair please let me know. Contact Lion Pam, typamed@icloud.com



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 Email <u>info@ultimatefundraising.us</u> Website <u>www.betterfundraisingideas.com</u>







March Is National Eye Donor Month

46,000 Americans will need corneal transplants this year to treat eye diseases and injuries. The gift of sight is a transformative experience for recipients, often relieving pain and reviving personal independence. Accordingly, National Eye Donor Month is a helpful reminder of how important it is to sign up for the eye, organ, and tissue donor registry and to speak with family about your decision to donate.

Your club can help share the news about National Eye Donor Month this March by ordering free publicity materials and placing them in your community. Saving Sight offers posters and table tents for public display (see what they look like here: www.saving-sight.org/request-materials-national-eye-donor-month-march), and if you would like to host an eye, organ, and tissue donor registration drive in your community, we can send additional materials and instructions. Please contact the communications department at 800-283-1982 x115 or pr@saving-sight.org to place your request.

Take the opportunity this National Eye Donor Month to join us in saving sight:

- Learn more about eye donation at www.saving-sight.org.
- 2. Pledge to be an eye, organ, and tissue donor on the donor registry at www.missouriorgandonor.com.
- 3. Speak with your family and friends about your choice to donate.
- 4. Share the message of donation with others in your community.

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 sharon Hammel at shammel 1250@gmail.com

Family Membership Discount

Encourage family members to join your club! They'll receive a special discount on membership dues when they join the same club through our <u>Family Membership Program</u>.

<u>Events and articles for Roaring Lions District Newsletter and District Website</u>

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

Send Sally Poole <u>sally@pooleadvertising.com</u> 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.

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 Bierma314-578-4095; Lions Den 636-447-7312)

Saturday, April 12, 2014

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

Mouse Racing Silent Auctions 6

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

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- United States Blind Athletes Association
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- Missouri School for the Blind

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

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Member Signature:	
Please attach your business card.	



MD26 State Convention - 2014

Dear Missouri Lion:

We hope you will join us for the 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention being held in Sedalia, Missouri on April 25-26, 2014. We have a great convention planned for you and will be using the one day convention event format. We will still be having the Friday Night Hospitality Event that will kick off the convention. A new event will be held at the convention luncheon - a Lions Clubs International Foundation update.

This promises to be a premier event that will offer you an opportunity to come away with new found skills you can use as a Lion.

So won't you click on the "Register Now" button and come spend two exciting days with us at the 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention!

When

Friday April 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM CDT -to-Saturday April 26, 2014 at 10:00 PM CDT Add to Calendar

Where

Mohler Hall, MO State Fairgrounds 2503 W 16th Street & Best Western State Fair Inn 3120 S. Limit (S 65 Hwy) Sedalia, MO 65301 Driving Directions

Register Now!

I can't make it

If you encounter any issues with your online registration please contact Lion Tom Rayfield at 816.331.7531 (Home) or 816-718-3568 (Cell).

We look forward to seeing you at this year's exciting convention!

Sincerely,

Lion Kenny Goetz, PDG 92d Annual MOLIONS Convention Host Committee 816-716-9983



Madison Lions Club Scenic 5K Run/Walk

Proceeds to go toward Community Projects & Scholarships

Date: April 14, 2014 Check in Time: 9:15 a.m. Start Time: 10:00 a.m. Pre-register by: 4/01/2014 Entry Fee: \$20





Enjoy the sights of Amish Country

The race will be held at the Clark Produce Co. on RT Y. Located just east of Middle Grove on Route M then 5 miles south on RT. Y. From Columbia, take 63 N to Rt. 22 Sturgeon exit. RT Y is approx. 2 miles then turn left (North) 6 miles.

Concession stand will be available.

T- Shirts Provided

For more information or to register call:

Richard Milhollin: 573-473-0593 Brooke George 573-253-4050

Waiver: The signing of this entry blank and participation in the "Madison Lions 5K Run/Walk is with full knowledge of the risks involved therein and undersigned individually and/or parent and guardian assumes the risk of an injury, sickness, or health defect resulting from or received during participation in the race. I know that this foot race is a potentially hazardous activity and that I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained to do so. Furthermore, I release and agree to save harmless Madison Lions Club, members, volunteers, and officers, it's sponsoring and assisting agencies and individuals from any liability, damage, claim or judgment that may result from or arise out of participation of the applicant in this race. I grant permission to all of the forgoing to use any photograph, video, recording or any other record of my participation in this event for any legitimate purpose.

Mail form and entry fee to

Richard Milhollin 11782 Monroe Road 921 Madison, MO 65263

Phone: 660-291-5055 Cell: 573-473-0593

Email:

richard.milhollin@gmail.com

Name_____Address

Phone

T shirt Size S M L XL XXL Sex____ Age on day of race____

Signature

date

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 years of age date

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 <u>Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute</u>. It's your opportunity to learn constructive leadership skills, meet Lions from six U.S. states and one Canadian province and <u>have fun</u>.

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 Kolkmeyer.

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!

Please join us to become part of the next generation of Lions leaders.

Ask your club or district to help with the registration fee and transportation costs. Check with your district or multiple district leadership chair; there may be scholarships available to assist you.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

~John Quincy Adams

For more information or any questions please contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh, GPLLI Promotions

e-mail: t.smarsh@att.net

or

Lion Craig Donecker. GPLLI Promotions e-mail: craigd@littlegiantfittings.com



LOOK WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF WE WORK AT IT!

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute can give the Lions of our district an added opportunity to increase their leadership skills. With increased leadership skills from our members, and an increased interest in our district form ALL the Clubs within it, we can achieve a larger, stronger Lions Club both at home and at the district level!!!

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12TH ANNUAL

JULY 25-27, 2014

Northwest Missouri State University Maryville, Missouri

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



SPONSORED BY THE LIONS OF:

Multiple District 5 Saskatchewan, North Dakota, & South Dakota

Multiple District 9 Iowa

Multiple District 17 Kansas

Multiple District 26 Missouri

Multiple District 38 Nebraska



ALL LIONS WORKING TOGETHER IS WHAT
MAKES LIONS CLUBS
"*INTERNATIONAL"!



Great Things Happen at Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute!

Have you thought about taking on a lead-



ership position but didn't because of a lack of experience or knowledge? Have you thought it would be nice to broaden your leadership skills a little more before taking on any more responsibility? Have

you been asked to attend leadership-type seminars in the past and after doing so, walked away with less than great results?

This is a three-day training curriculum that will teach you every aspect of leadership you can imagine, starting from the minute you arrive. The institute is filled with seminars, workshops, and lectures on subjects like time management, team building, delegation, change management, leadership styles, public speaking, communication and listening, project management, and conflict resolution, just to mention a few. The subjects are useful in every facet of leadership, not only as a Lion but also in your business and personal life. The institute will include dynamic presenters from across North America. They are well versed in the Lions organization as well as having the qualifications needed to facilitate the training to become a productive leader.



July 25 - 27, 2014

Northwestern Missouri
DON'T LET TIME RUN OUT! State University
START
PLANNING NOW! Maryville, Missouri

Registration: 9:00 a.m.noon Friday, July 25.

Adjournment and checkout: 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2014.

Note: Lunch served at 12 noon Friday, July 26 will kick off the event.

Cost: \$150.00 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014.

Beginning June 1, 2014 cost will increase to \$170.00 per attendee.

Price includes double occupancy accommodation, 7 meals, all course materials and registration fee.

A limited number of single rooms are available for an additional fee of \$40.00 per attendee.

Contact: Registrar— PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net.



Registration forms available online at the GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE web site.

http://www.gpfli.com/

or by contacting your District Governor.

