



MD 7 Arkansas Lions

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MD7 Council

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A VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings once again Arkansas Lions! Can you believe that we are over halfway thru this 2014-2015 LION Year? Now that school is back in session and we are returning to our normal routines, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, I would like for you to take a moment and consider

KEEPING YOUR LION HEART PUMPED UP!!

The **Heart** of a Lion exists in us all. During the past six months as Council chairperson, I have been made mindful of this on a daily basis. My **heart** has been touched many times by way of phone calls, emails and face-to-face conversations with Lions from all across Arkansas. On several occasions, I have been told about a spouse whose bride or groom of 50-60 years had passed away and they turned to us to donate eyeglasses or hearing aids, in an effort to assist those in need. A story was also shared with me about a woman, who was dropping off a pair of eyeglasses... but wanted to save the case because, as she stated, she just wasn't ready to part with everything yet. The State office and I have taken phone calls from citizens who wish to donate items, such as mobility equipment, books and computers, and of course, eyeglasses.

All of this takes **heart!**

We've also experienced an increase of calls, from around Arkansas, requesting assistance for eye exams, hearing aids, food baskets, etc., but what I have come to learn from all of this is the fact that people know who Lions are, what Lions do, and even where Lions can be found.

As Lions, we are known as the "go-to club" in the community: hard working, salt of the earth, generous. We have earned a favorable image of Lionism that reaches beyond our club or district, and of that we can be proud. While many associations have emerged in the last 20 years, Lions have remained strong for nearly 100 years. The Lions of Arkansas will celebrate their 97th Annual MD-7 State Convention in April – proof of our longevity and commitment to serve! The Heart of a Lion is felt at the Club level in each of our 141 communities in Arkansas, at the District and State levels, and throughout our international association:

Lions who have served & continue to serve EVERY DAY.

Be Proud, yet Humble. As we continue thru the last few months of this 2014-2015 Lion Year, we should all be reinvigorated and get our Lion blood pumping.

I'm Proud to be A Lion

*.....Dedicated to the
Service Of Others!*



You are all encouraged to “wear your **heart** on your sleeve,” as the saying goes, and continue giving to your community through your good deeds and acts of kindness; touching those in-need with the “ **Heart** of a Lion.”

Thanks again for all you do, as LIONS!!

As I always say, “If It’s Meant To Be, It’s Up To Me... and YOU.”

It’s A Great Day To Be A LION!!!!

Lion Matt Webber
MD-7 CC

“I love those who can smile in trouble, who can gather strength from distress and grow brave by reflection. They whose **heart** is firm, and whose conscience approves their conduct, will pursue their principles unto death.”
~ Leonardo da Vinci



“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched... they must be felt with the **heart**.” ~ Helen Keller

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Did you know that more than half of all new Lions join a club in the second half of each year? Now is the time to recommit yourself to the goals you set for your district, your club and yourself! Here are some key action steps that can help you achieve your goals:

- Charter New Clubs – How many new clubs have been chartered in your district? So far, more than 200 districts have formed at least one new club, and almost all of those districts are experiencing positive growth. Make chartering new clubs your focus right now. Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT district coordinators to charter new clubs in your district. Remember, chartering new clubs is the one area that allows you to personally control the growth inside your district.

- Promote Family and Friends Month – Work closely with your clubs to plan a successful Family and Friends Month event in April. Family and Friends Month is a time for clubs to invite family and friends to learn more about their clubs and what we do as Lions. It’s also a great opportunity for clubs to invite new members and involve family and friends in service.

- Download the Family and Friends Month flyer from our website today, and then encourage your clubs to host a special event in April!

- Invite New Members – Work with your DG team and GMT/GLT to invite new members to existing clubs, and put an emphasis on membership satisfaction to boost retention in your district.

Continue to use the LCI resources available to you to meet your goals. Don’t wait...keep working hard to solidify your legacy and finish your year strong!!

PCC Lion Ken Swanson
MD 7 GMT



Dates for MD and District Events

February 27, 2015 Hope Evening Lions Charter Night

6:00 p.m.
Hempstead Hall
UACCH
Hope, AR

You are invited to attend the Hope Evening Lions Charter Night Celebration scheduled for February 27, 2015 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Hempstead Hall on the UACCH campus in Hope. Attached is a reservation form to be submitted by February 20th.

It is truly a Celebration to welcome a new club into the Lions' family. Let's show them our enthusiasm and support for this special event by having representatives attending from every part of the great state of Arkansas Lions.

February 28, 2015 District 7 N Cabinet Meeting

10:00 a.m.
Lorance Drive Church of Christ
4215 Lorance Drive
Little Rock, AR 72206

We are planning on holding "stuff the trailer" event in conjunction with our next District Cabinet meeting February 28, 2015.

March 7, 2015 District 7 I Cabinet Meeting

10:00
Western Sizzlin'
1105 E. Main St.
Russellville, AR

Cabinet meeting will be followed by CGL Training
Send someone from your Club

Don't forget MD7 Convention

April 17-18
Harding University
Searcy, AR

Information and Registration forms
are in this newsletter



Lions Clubs International **FOUNDATION**

Breaking news!!

Lions Clubs International Foundation has announced that World Services For The Blind has received a grant from LCIF in the amount of \$319,400!!

The primary purpose of the grant is to fund two new training programs :

*Call Center Operator

*Medical Coding Specialist

An additional purpose is to fund a pilot program in two states whereby the states would conduct the 30 day evaluation of potential clients which is now done at WSB.

LCIF has been very generous in grants to our multiple district. Since inception it has granted over \$1,910,000 to fund projects in Arkansas!

As International President Joe Preston has stated" he would hope every Lions Club would make an annual contribution to LCIF".

I also would hope your club would consider an annual contribution to LCIF. Let's support them like they are supporting us!

We serve,

Dave DeGraff
LCIF Coordinator



MD7 MIDWINTER LEADERSHIP FORUM

WOW!! ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING!!

If you missed it, you really missed a lot!!

International Vice President Lion Bob Corlew and Lion Diane



International President's Certificate of Appreciation



BREAKOUT SESSIONS



AND GOOD FOOD







Multiple District 7 – Arkansas Lions 97th Annual State Convention

Friday & Saturday – April 17 & 18, 2015
Harding University • Searcy



Strengthen Your PRIDE in Searcy

Official Call for Convention

In compliance with the MD 7 State Constitution, I hereby issue the official call for the 2015 State Convention of the Lions of Multiple District 7, Arkansas, International Association of Lions Clubs, to be held in Searcy, Arkansas, on April 17 & 18, 2015. I cordially invite ALL Lions, Lionesses & Leos of the State to attend this 97th Annual State Convention that will be filled with valuable information, entertainment, business, fun, food & fellowship.

I respectfully request that ALL club and district officers ensure representation from their district and clubs by attending with a large delegation from their area, and encourage all new members to attend this, their first State Convention.

Lion Matt Webber
Council Chairman

Tentative Schedule

Friday Reception Dinner & Fellowship with PID Patricia Hill 6:30p.m.

Saturday

Opening Ceremony	9:00a.m.
Memorial Service	9:30a.m.
Multiple District 7 Updates & Reports	10:15a.m.
Luncheon Banquet	12:00p.m.
Keynote Speaker: PID Patti Hill	12:30p.m.
Awards & Presentation	1:00p.m.
Business Session	1:15p.m.
Breakout Sessions (1)	1:45p.m.
Breakout Sessions (2)	2:30p.m.
Final Assembly & Send-Off	3:30p.m.
Past District Governors Association	4:00p.m.



SERVE with PASSION

(all time listed are approximate)

MD-7 Arkansas Lions 2015 State Convention



April 17th & 18th

Harding University Campus - American Heritage Building
Searcy, Arkansas

**COME OUT & JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF
FUN, FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING**

Convention Attendees Are Invited To
FRIDAY NIGHT "MURDER MYSTERY" EVENT
at PASTA FINA ITALIAN GRILL
2600 East Race Street - 6:30pm



Help Us To Welcome
Past International Director
Dr. Patti Hill
KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR
SATURDAY EVENT



SATURDAY'S AGENDA Will Include, But Not Limited To..

Lions Memorial Service

Remembering Those We Have Lost

Testimonial Speakers

Recipients Of Service ~ State Projects

PDGA Silent Auction

Opportunity To Obtain Special & Unique Items

Vendor Display Tables

Visit With Representatives & View Their Products

LIONS ALERT

Better To Have It & Not Need It
Than To Need It & Not Have It!

Registration: Opens At 8:00am

*Cereal Drive: Bring A Box of Cereal
When You Check-In at Registration
... or Make A Monetary Donation*

*Continental Breakfast: First-Come,
First-Served*

*Call To Order: Gong Will Ring At
Precisely 9:00am*



**Multiple District 7
Arkansas Lions
2015 State Convention**

**Harding University Campus
American Heritage Building
Searcy, Arkansas
April 17th & 18th**



(A) Your Name:		Club Name:	
(Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member			
Number of Years In Lionism:		Highest Office Held: Current Office (If Any):	
(B) Guest Name:		Club Name:	
(Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> Lion <input type="checkbox"/> Lioness <input type="checkbox"/> Leo <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Member			
Number of Years In Lionism:		Highest Office Held: Current Office (If Any):	
Mailing Address:			
Home ()		Business ()	
HOTEL: Quality Inn & Suites located at 3204 East Race St. in Searcy, Arkansas. Telephone: 501-268-0654. Regular rooms are available at a very special rate of \$69 (plus tax). Reservations must be made no later than April 10, 2015 to qualify for this special room rate. Please make sure you let them know you're registering for the Arkansas Lions State Convention.			
REGISTRATION FEE: Covers the costs of the seminars, continental breakfast, breaks & luncheon. All attendees must pay full registration fee to participate in the meals & seminars. Individual meal or seminar tickets will NOT be available.			
Postmarked by:	<u>03/17/15</u>	<u>03/18/15 or later</u>	<u>First Timer</u>
(A)	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
(B)	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$25.00
Friday Night Event	\$15.00 per person	\$15.00 per person	\$15.00 per person
Amount Due:	\$	\$	\$
Make checks payable to: ARKANSAS LIONS Mail to: Arkansas Lions State Convention Lion Lindsay Elliott 105 Sageview Dr. Searcy, AR 72143			

*Convention Attendees Are Invited To
Friday Night "Murder Mystery" Event
at PASTA FINA Italian Grill ~ 6:30pm
2600 East Race Street Searcy, AR*

Come & Enjoy Dinner AND Be Ready To Show Off Your Acting Skills!

Our Saturday Keynote Speaker: PID Dr. Patti Hill

Registration begins at 8:00AM - Call To Order at 9:00AM



Arkansas Multiple Districts 7 - Credential Certificate

(Note To ALL Delegates: Your Club Must Be "In Good Standing" With Your Respective District, MD-7 & Lions Clubs International, In Order To Vote During The Business Meeting Of The MD-7 State Convention. One Delegate for Each 10 Members of a Lions Club.)

This certifies that the _____ Lions Club has paid all current International/State/District Dues and is therefore in "Good Standing".

I further certify that Lion _____ has been duly selected as:

- (Check One) Primary Delegate
 Alternate Delegate

to the MD-7 Arkansas Lions State Convention in Searcy, Arkansas on April 18th, 2015.

The undersign herby certifies that the above named person is a duly-elected Delegate of Said Lions Club to 2015 MD-7 State Convention - International Association of Lions Clubs.

Club President or Secretary

District Governor or District Governor-Elect

* Please Mail This Completed Certificate With Your Registration Form (or Bring With You on April 18) *



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**WE ARE ALL COMMITTED TO INNOVATION,
TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA!!**



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