

MINUTES

26-M1 DISTRICT CABINET MEETING 2018 District 26-M1 Convention Saturday, February 24, 2018 Park Hills, Missouri

ATTENDEES

NAME	CLUB	TITLE	NAME	CLUB	TITLE
Lion John Preston	Patton	DG	Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer	Mondovi, WI	International Director
Lion Don Noland	St. Peters	ID	Lion Michael Meyer	Mondovi, WI	Spouse/ID
Lion Reta House	West Plains	1st VDG	Lion Greg Gilliam	Independence	DG
Lion Rodney McConnell	Sikeston	2nd VDG	Mrs. Greg Gilliam	Independence	Spouse/DG
PDG Lion Bob Wilson	Dixon	IPDG	Lion John Yount	Richwoods	PCC
PDG Lion Lana Wilson	Dixon	Com Chair	Lion Toni Mahoney	Richwoods	2nd VDG
PDG Lion Don Beckham	Cape Noon	Com Chair	PDG Lion Murray Dunn	Patton	Zone Chair
Lion Dave Baldwin	Cape Evening	Cab. Sec.	PDG Lion Marshall James	Farmington	Com Chair
Lion Robert Hard	Fort Leonard Wood	Cab. Treas.	Lion Jerry Reaves	Malden	Com Chair
Lion Scott Sattler	Perryville	Zone Chair	Lion Marilynn Reaves	Malden	Zone Chair
PDG Lion Tom Steinbach	NWTC	Com Chair	Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark	Sikeston	Com Chair
Lion Charlotte Williams	NWTC	Com Chair	Lion Dr. Dan Obermark	Sikeston	Member
Lion Phil Krebs	Springfield	Leader Dogs	Lion Glenn Pusey	Farmington	Club Treas.
Lion Phyllis Krebs	Springfield	Leader Dogs	Lion Allen Taylor	Cape Evening	Com Chair
PDG Lion Don Shelhammer	Houston	Zone Chair	Lion Laurie Taylor	Cape Evening	Club Sec./Treas.
Donna Hughes	Park Hills	Member	PDG Lion Casey Morris	Fort Leonard Wood	Com Chair
Lion Kendell Hughes	Park Hills	Club Pres.	Lion Katherine Patterson-Paronto		KidSight
Lion Jocelyn Morris	Fort Leonard Wood	Com Chair	Emma Voelker	East Perry County	Peace Poster Winner
Lion Harvey Faircloth	Park Hills	Member	Mr. Voelker	East Perry County	Guest
Lion Mary Lee Faircloth	Park Hills	Club Treas.	Mrs. Voelker	East Perry County	Guest
Lion Troy Bollinger	Park Hills	Member	Lion Cindy Brown	Ste. Genevieve	Club Treas.
Lion Steve Grider	Park Hills	Member	Lion Janis Grein	Ste. Genevieve	Club Sec
Lion Jennie Mosher	St. James	Member	Lion Garland Abernathy	Farmington	Club Sec
Lion Greg Tucker	Ste. Genevieve	Member	Lion Charles Rorex	Farmington	Member
Lion Jack Donze	Ste. Genevieve	Member	Lion Lisa Sumpter	Farmington	Club Pres
Lion Melissa Anderson		LBOMB	Lion Wade Wren	Patton	Club Pres
Lion Louise Bibbs	Fort Leonard Wood	Member	Lion James Moore	Patton	Member
Lion Wendy Williams	Fort Leonard Wood	Member	Lion Jessica Moore	Patton	Member

CALL TO ORDER

DG Lion John Preston welcomes everyone to a wonderful District Convention hosted by the Park Hills Lions Club.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1st VDG Lion Reta House asks everyone to stand and leads the group reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMERICA (First Verse)

2nd VDG Lion Rodney McConnell introduces PDG Lion Marshall James and asks him to lead the group singing America.

NECROLOGY SERVICE

PDG Lion Murray Dunn, Lion Charlotte Williams and Lion Wendy Williams move to the front of the room and perform the Necrology Service, reading the names of the departed with candles and bagpipe version of Amazing Grace playing in the background.

INVOCATION

Lion Jerry Reaves offers prayer. DG Lion John Preston asks all Veterans to please stand, recognizing them and the audience applauding their service.

APPOINTMENT OF TAIL TWISTER

DG Lion John Preston nominates PDG Lion Murray Dunn to be Tail Twister and it is decided to donate the monies collected to LCIF. Lion Murray is ready with a buckskin pioneer outfit to perform his duties.

OPENING REMARKS/ INTRODUCTIONS

DG Lion John Preston thanks the Park Hills Lions Club for the hard work performed, putting together this wonderful event. He tells the audience how we have two International Directors (Special Guest ID Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer and ID Lion Don Noland), a Past Council Chair (PCC Lion John Yount) and Governor from District M5 (DG Lion Greg Gilliam) in our presence today. He then asks everyone to stand and introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Baldwin reports the minutes from the November 4, 2017 Cabinet Meeting hosted by the Sikeston Lions. Lion Marilynn Reaves moves to approve the Minutes, seconded by Lion Scott Sattler. With unanimous vote, the Minutes stand approved.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER REPORT

Immediate Past Cabinet Treasurer Lion Wendy Williams shares the submitted Treasurer Report for Cab. Treasurer Lion Robert Hard. PDG Lion Casey Morris moves to approve the report, seconded by PDG Lion Don Beckham. With unanimous vote, the Treasurer Report stands approved.

CLUB REPORTS

Region 1, Zone 1

- St. James Lions Club maintain high visibility in the community
 - Held a recent Craft Fair fundraiser that was hampered by an ice storm, The Club is thankful for all of the people that still made it
 - Donated \$500 to the local school's DARE Program
 - Hosted the Annual St. James Lions Festival of Lights and personally helped pass out goodies at the St. James Annual Christmas Parade
- **Doolittle** Lions Club will hold their Annual Pancake Day, March 3
- **Dixon** Lions will dedicate the Basketball Court they've built at Lions Park on April 19th

Region 1, Zone2

- **Fort Leonard Wood** Lions pull off another successful St. Nick Benefit providing toys to over 940 kids in the community! They have also sponsored a Back To School Eye Screening and partnered with USA "Make A Difference" Day.
- **NorthWest Texas County** Lions held a successful Food Basket for the Holidays event helping those in need in the community. The 4 Wheeler Rodeo will be starting the new season in April.
- **Houston** is busy-
 - Awarding Outstanding Student of the Month
 - Held annual Houston Lions Club Law Enforcement Appreciation Luncheon honoring so many in the law enforcement community, including police from several communities, County Sherriff and Deputies as well as the Highway Patrol!
 - Hosted another successful Shop With A Cop and Fire Fighter program
- **West Plains** Lions have announced the date of September 8 for the upcoming Dining In The Dark featuring once again, the very popular John Bramblitt, the renowned blind painter. Lions who've attended past Dining/Dark events share their amazement watching Mr. Bramblitt in action as he does a portrait!

Region 2, Zone 1

- **Patton** Lions report how one of their members noticed that a family with two daughters did not have the needed shoes/clothing and supplies for school and took care of things with his own credit card!
 - Making renovations to their facility getting ready for the upcoming season of Lawn Mower Races starting up new season in March
 - Donate monthly to the local food pantry
 - Purchased \$200 for Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets
 - Helped a family who lost their home due to fire
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- **Park Hills** Lions have been busy getting the District Convention ready.
 - Supplied coats for 35 students
 - Awarding two Scholarships
 - Continuing fundraising for DARE, being over \$100,000 at this point

- **Farmington Lions**
 - Donated \$1,000 to local food pantry
 - Donated to LCIF enabling the presentation of Melvin Jones Awards along with a Progressive Melvin Jones Award
 - Held a Toy Drive
 - Purchased a Low Vision Reader for local resident
 - \$1,000 Scholarship Program at Mineral Area College

Region 2, Zone 2-

- **Cape Girardeau Evening Lions**
 - Held Mints and Hot Dog Lunch sales at local ACE Hardware raising \$82
 - Partnered with the local Boys and Girls Club producing Pink Ghosts to hang on trees and inside businesses throughout Cape Girardeau raising \$250 to donate to the American Cancer Society
 - Collected 590 pairs of eyeglasses
- **East Perry County Lions** have added 2 new members plus:
 - Sponsored blood drive providing sandwiches and coffee and exceeded their goal
 - Held Annual Chicken Dinner, one of their largest turnouts
 - Raised \$2,165 at last week's Annual Pancake Day
 - Judged 25 Peace Posters, the winner Emma Voelker winning at the District Level and is here today
 - Collected 128 pairs of eyeglasses
- **Perryville Lions** have been helping folks with eyeglasses and
 - Sponsored 1 student for Missouri Boys State
 - 65th Annual Breakfast Fund Raiser coming up March 25th
 - Donated \$100 to Share the Harvest
 - Honored 15 year Club Treasurer Lion Mike Bohnert with the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award
 - Vision Chair Lion Bill Kiefer established an email for eyeglasses inquiries, enabling easier access, perryvillelionseyeglasses@gmail.com
 - Added 2 new members
 - Collected 1,425 pairs of eyeglasses
- **Ste. Genevieve Lions** have added 4 new members
 - Collected 930 pairs of eyeglasses
 - Raised \$3000 with October Rural Heritage Day, donating \$935 to those in need via various organizations
 - Part of community Christmas Holiday Event with the Club's "Lion" leading the parade with Santa and Mrs. Claus on board, raising \$200 serving 275 hot dogs.
 - Held 74th Annual Pancake Breakfast serving about 300 people raising \$1,100
 - Will co-host Casino Night Benefit with local museum in March
 - Several donations, including
 - Ste. Gen School Back Pack Weekend Program- \$700
 - Two \$1000 Scholarships
 - \$1000 each to LCIF, Leader Dogs, Mid-South Sight/Hearing, World Services for the Blind, KidSight and \$250 to Missouri Lions Business Opportunities for the Blind

- **Cape Girardeau Noon Lions**
 - 95th Annual Pancake Day coming in 2 weeks
 - Sponsored 2 boys for Missouri Boys State
 - Donated \$1,000 to KidSight
 - Welcomed 3 new members

Region 3, Zone 1-

- **Sikeston** Lions Club President Lion Megan Hampton- “There are a lot of ladies in the club and we things done!”
 - The popular springtime Springs & Sprockets Bike Run has now become a Fall time event with the Sikeston Cotton Ramble Bike Ride!
 - 6 members signed up at invitation of Salvation Army to be bell ringers
 - Club also donated \$250 to Salvation Army
 - Approved memorials, including
 - \$1,000 to “Everybody Plays” project in name of Lion Jan Slusher
 - Later received Thank You note reporting the benefit was a success!
 - Planted a tree with a plaque for PDG Lion Larry Tetley
 - A plaque to be delivered to family of Lion Mark Quail
 - Donated 35 coats and bags of scarves to local pantry
 - Recognized Veterans at the Sikeston Community Veterans Program
 - Held very successful 42nd Annual Chili & Super Chili Dog Day selling over 1,000 tickets netting over \$4,500!
 - Helped with Kenny Rogers Children’s Center for New Year’s Eve Casino Night event
 - Discussions taking place on the possibility of changing location for meetings
 - Another great year sponsoring Peace Poster contestants getting them sent off by deadline

Region 3, Zone 2

- **Williamsville** Lions helped with an Eye Screening for local kids
- **Qulin** Lions had the honor of presenting a Chevron pin to a 65 year member!
- **Poplar Bluff** held their annual Chili Day and are getting ready for music event Roarin’ at the Rogers in April

Region 4, Zone 1

- **Kennett** and **Senath** Lions held a successful joint project presenting a Lions Night at the Movies at the local movie theatre, showing Casablanca, raising \$600 per Club!

Region 4, Zone 2-

- **Malden** Lions:
 - Awarding \$1,000 Scholarship
 - Have moved into their new Lions Den at 106 E. Decatur
 - Helped 6 people with eyeglasses
 - Helped the Salvation Army as bell ringers
 - Annual Pancake Day coming March 24
 - Donated 40 pairs of eyeglasses and pair of hearing aids
 - Sponsoring Blood Drive in March
 - Will be hosting the August Cabinet Meeting

COMMENTS FROM INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

As reports from the Clubs and Zones finishes, District Governor Lion John Preston offers Special Guest, International Director Lion Connie Le Clair-Meyer the chance to comment on what she has heard so far. ID Lion Connie replies, "My husband Lion Michael and I arrived yesterday. It is so amazing what we've heard from the Clubs, just so amazing! We'll probably take some of these ideas back to Wisconsin!"

"For a few updates, we have put the pieces together for the Global Action Team, encompassing Leadership, Membership along with the new Global Service Team. As we move forward, there will be many programs and webinars to help with training."

"In the United States, we need each Club to achieve at least one new member by June."

"Over in the world of tech, the MyLion phone app is now available, check it out!"

"LCIF is celebrating 50 Years of Service, helping people throughout the world!"

"The final stats are in and the attendance was over 30,000 at last year's International Convention, Chicago. This year's International Convention in Las Vegas is coming along, the convention will be a little over a mile long. This is the year of the installation of the first female Lions President!"

"I'm a member of both Marketing/Communications and LCI Forward, a strategic planning body, learning from our history. Listening to news today from Clubs makes me proud to be a Lion and Thank You!"

--- at this point, Tail Twister PDG Lion Murray Dunn steps forward inviting PDG Lion Don Beckham to join him as they proceed to share their discovery having something in common, experiencing a car ride with District 26-M1 Governor Lion John Preston. As the unexpected light hearted moment of "roasting" proceeds, DG Lion John sits in his chair visibly amused by his friends---

--- at this point, Tail Twister PDG Lion Murray Dunn shows the very first dollar he ever made, offering it up for bidding. Following quite a bit of back and forth, PDG Lion Lana Wilson purchases that dollar for \$55!---

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT 26-M1 PEACE POSTER WINNER

Peace Poster Committee Chair Lion Charlotte Williams introduces the Voelker family, whose daughter Emma was the Peace Poster Contest winner on the District level. Her work was sponsored by the East Perry County Lions Club. Emma steps up to the microphone and introduces herself.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

PDG Lion Marshall James, the Committee Chair for the Nomination Committee reports that he and Lions David Hughes and Harold Burleson, were able to vet and support the nominations of the following Lions for District Office, this next 2018-2019 Lion Year as follows:

- District 26-M1 Governor, Lion Reta House of the West Plains Lions Club
- District 26-M1 First Vice District Governor, Lion Rodney McConnell of the Sikeston Lions Club
- District 26-M1 Second Vice District Governor, Lion Scott Sattler of the Perryville Lions Club
- District 26-M1 Saving Sight Board Member, Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark of the Sikeston Lions Club

DISTRICT VOTE

Cabinet Secretary, Lion Dave Baldwin passes out ballots to the Club Delegates per the vetted Delegate Forms with the number of Voting Delegates per Club based on number of Club members along with that Club being in Good Standing. A total of 33 ballots are cast. He and PDG Lion Marshall James collect the completed ballots from the voters.

Later, following the Luncheon, the unanimous results were announced and the new Officers Elect for the July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 Lion Year were introduced

- Lion Reta House, District 26-M1 Governor Elect
- Lion Rodney McConnell, District 26-M1 First Vice District Governor Elect
- Lion Scott Sattler, District 26-M1 Second Vice District Governor Elect
- Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark, District 26-M1 Member of Board of Directors, Saving Sight

--- as the District Convention moves into the Luncheon phase, Park Hills Lions Club President Lion Kendall Hughes tells everyone of today's Service Project. Attendees are invited to help make cards that will be given to Ollie Faircloth a four year old who is suffering from Pediatric Cancer---

LUNCHEON

HEARING SWEEPSTAKES

PDG Lion Tom Steinbach spins the bin full of Hearing Sweepstakes Tickets asking District Governor Elect Lion Reta House to reach in and draw the ticket. The winner is... Patton Lions Club, winning \$25. Congratulations!

INVOCATION

Lion Jerry Reaves offers prayer

The attendees proceed to enjoy fellowship, great meal and the production of cards for Ollie Faircloth.

INTRODUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

DG Lion John Preston officially introduces International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer speaking of the enjoyment of meeting such a dedicated Lion and the fun he, Lion Connie and her husband Lion Michael Meyer have had.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer steps to the podium and offers the gift of a Special Star to all of the Veterans followed by the extending the gift of the Special Star for those who serve as police, paramedics and firefighters.

ID Lion Connie talks of the diversity in Lions. "Think of the single mom. She has the teenage son who has to move back home. Yes, this happens to so many of us out there. This single mom goes by the bank

seeing Lions Mints for 25cents. Catching her interest, she is told to ask her dad what this Lions thing is. Upon asking she learns of the “Men’s Club” known as Lions. She was invited to visit, which she did, but then upon her asking if she could join, they told her they’d get back to her, probably ducking the issue. After some time, she found out she was accepted after all and she was given the job as Membership Chair. This single mom knew she had to learn all she could about Lions doing the best job possible to prove a woman could do it. Over time, she moved up in that Club and eventually a new Club, then became Zone Chair and then District Governor. She ran for International Director, the first female in that territory, settling on Council Chair. She eventually ran again for International Director and won. Today is a great day to be a female in Lions. We are celebrating 30 Years of Women in Lions. Ironically, LCI welcomed women in before being made mandatory by the Federal Government! As of January, 30% of Lions are female. We need to encourage women to consider us to push toward a 50/50% parity in membership. My perspective of Women in Lions?... We belong here!”
 “You need to keep thinking of Helen Keller to have the guts to ask that big group of men for help.”

The audience stands and applauds.

APPRECIATION RESPONSE

DG Lion John Preston follows with, “We need to increase the percentage of Women in Lions and I offer this important challenge of doing so to my successor, District Governor Elect Lion Reta House!”

AWARDS

Leader Dogs for the Blind representatives Lions Phil and Phyllis Krebs move to the front calling International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer over and give her a special gift on behalf of Leader Dogs, thanking her for joining us this weekend.

International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer and District Governor Lion John Preston work together announcing and handing out the golden WE SERVE award to the following special Lions

- PDG Lion Casey Morris, Athletic Committee Chair
- Lion Jerry Reaves, LCIF Committee Chair
- Lion Allen Taylor, Missouri Lions Band Committee Chair
- Lion Kendell Hughes, accepting on behalf of the District Convention Host Club, the Park Hills Lions Club
- Lion Jessica and James Moore of the Patton Lions Club

District Governor Lion John Preston proceeds to give special gifts to International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer as well as her husband, Lion Michael Meyer.

BENEDICTION

Lion Dave Baldwin delivers the benediction upon conclusion.

RESUMPTION OF MEETING

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ATHLETIC- PDG Lion Casey Morris reports the date for the 41st Missouri Lions All Star Football Game will be Saturday, July 21, 2018. Letters were sent to the High School coaches on Nov. 1. This year District 26-M1 have 5 players in the game. Clubs need to donate and a great way to do so would be via placing an advertisement for your Club in the football game Program. Ad prices begin at \$60 which need to be in by July 1.

The Banquet Speaker will be Colin Brown, a former University of Missouri player from Braymer, MO. He was drafted by the Chiefs and later played for the Baltimore Ravens and Buffalo Bills.

BAND- Lion Allen Taylor reports the Independence High School Marching Band has been chosen to be in the International Convention Parade. The band has about 73 members and will receive a stipend that will need to be added to by the marching band through fundraising.

CAMP BRIM SHIRE- Phase 2 of the renovation projects has kicked in which includes a handicap fence. The facility has sent in wish list items for the Service Project taking place at the Missouri Lions State Convention, including waterproof wheelchairs that are made of PVC pipe. This service project that will be a VIP Contest encourages Clubs to bring contributed items. An invitation is issued to everyone to come to the Dedication of the new ADA Therapy Swimming Pool taking place April 8, starting at 1 pm.

--- at this point, Lion Jerry Reaves proposes a cash donation challenge to be applied toward the purchase of the waterproof wheelchairs which is jumped on by International Director Lion Don Noland and PDG Lion Don Shelhammer. Everyone in the room starts sending up donations and a total of \$525 is collected which would be close to buying two wheelchairs!---

CAMPUS CLUBS- Lion Kendell Hughes reports there are no active members at this time.

CONSTITUTION/ BY-LAWS- PDG Lion Don Shelhammer summarizes the items that will be voted on at the Missouri Lions State Convention.

CENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP/SERVICE- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks everyone for their entering Service Activities as we get moving through the 2017-18 Lion Year. A brief on the numbers are as follows:

- 24 Clubs Reporting (60%)
- 146 Service Activities
- 5,357 Lion Hours
- 22,796 People Served
- 2,914 Eyeglasses Collected
- \$130,285 Raised
- \$76,027 Donated

CONVENTION: STATE/INTERNATIONAL- PDG Lion Don Beckham begins with the 2018 Missouri Lions State Convention being held April 26-20 in St. Louis at the Double Tree Hotel in Westport. This year's theme is Getaway To Vegas. The room cost per night is \$89 plus tax. Full convention registration will cost \$75.

This year the Lions Service Project will collect items for Camp Brim Shire, Missouri School for the Blind and a local food bank. The contest will be between the district on who donates the most items with the winning District Governor being awarded an LCI Collectors Coin and neck tie. All Lions in attendance from the winning district will be treated as VIP's for the weekend. The Special Guest for the convention is Past International President Al Brandel along with his lovely wife Maureen Murphy.

The 2019 convention will be held in St. Joseph and the 2020 convention may be held in Columbia. The 2018 International Convention will be in Las Vegas June 30 through July 3. Information and registration is available on the LCI website. The Missouri delegation hotel is the Luxor. Please remember there is a specific designated parade uniform. As of January 31, there were 69 Missouri Lions registered.

DIABETES AWARENESS- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks the West Plains Lions Club for helping at their local Walmart, January 20, as the Prescription Department performed complimentary blood testing, showing our support in battling Diabetes and saying thanks to Walmart.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TEAM- Lion Wendy Williams thanks ID Lion Connie LeCleur-Meyer for a wonderful keynote and her talk regarding the upcoming training opportunities becoming available. GLT is all about training and through Leaders, the organization will grow.

GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM- 2nd VDG Lion Rodney McConnell reports on the informative meeting held February 10 involving the GAT, GLT, GMT and GST representatives. He proudly displays a trifold Membership Brochure produced by the Patton Lions.

GLOBAL SERVICE TEAM- Lion Dave Baldwin reports that from the perspective of the importance of clubs reporting their Service Activities through MyLCI, we have gone from 10 clubs reporting and raising \$50,000 in 2014 to last year having 23 clubs reporting and over \$800,000 raised! The goal is to raise the number of clubs reporting to 67% as is the average number of clubs worldwide. If we could achieve breaking through 28-29 clubs reporting, we have the chance to report breaking \$1 million dollars raised!

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY- Lion Dave Baldwin updates everyone that at this point the IT Committee on the state level is finalizing a new web page for the Missouri Lions which should have an impact on the District 26-M1 webpage. He expresses a heartfelt thanks to 2nd VDG Lion Rodney McConnell for taking care of the immediate needs regarding the District website as Lion Dave is catching up the Social Media and other things. Both remind the attendees of their need to send Calendar info along with photos to both places (Marketing and IT)!

LEADER DOG- Lions Phil and Phyllis Krebs thank everyone in District 26-M1 for their generous support of Leader Dogs for the Blind. What started as a project that trained four dogs has evolved into a facility that is incredible and wouldn't have grown into the program it is today without the support from you, as Lions! Remember the upcoming Summer Experience Camp happening June 23-30, a great opportunity to visit the renovated Headquarters! Several Clubs get up and present donation checks to Committee Chair PDG Lion Lana Wilson.

LBOMB- Lion Melissa Anderson asks everyone to think what you would do in life if you woke up tomorrow not able to see. LBOMB offers the outlet for the visually impaired to achieve independence. Ironically, Missouri has the highest benefits for the blind, yet all these turn down in order to be independent through LBOMB!

LCIF- Lion Jerry Reaves begins with, “Where there’s a need, there’s a Lion!” Out of our 40 clubs in District 26-M1, at this point 15 have contributed \$10,269. We’re unfortunately in last place compared to the other Districts in Missouri at this point. Many Clubs stand and bring over donation checks.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS- Lion Dave Baldwin thanks everyone for sharing what their clubs do on social media via Facebook, encouraging everyone to make sure items are being posted on their page. If they are, they will be shared on the District page. Each day, new posts are placed on the District page from our partners along with posts from clubs. This is a great source to stay up to date.

MID-SOUTH LIONS HEARING/SIGHT- PDG Lion Don Beckham reports two events are coming up at Mid-South Lions. On April 13-14, the Lions Leaders Weekend will be held in Memphis. Tours will be held at the Hamilton Eye Institute. There will also be a presentation of the Mid-South Hearing Aid Program with a full report from CEO Lion Brad Baker on the services of the organization. The only cost for attendees will be their transportation and motel room! At this time, IPCC Lion Joe Foster is working on chartering a bus for Missouri Lions.

The second event is the Quarterly Board Meeting to be held March 2-3 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The fifth Horseshoe will be named the Mid-South Lions Stakes and Mid-South representatives will present the winning horse and jockey their trophy! Call Mid-South to find out more.

Many Clubs step forward to present their donation checks.

SAVING SIGHT- Lion Dr. Cassidy Obermark thanks everyone for supporting her in the election today. She reports that over the past couple of months, Saving Sight has been running the black which is good. There will be an upcoming virtual meeting, she will send the Secretary the information to send to the Club Presidents and Secretaries if they wish to call in and hear what’s going on.

KIDSIGHT- Lion Katherine Patterson-Poronto begins with explaining KidSight is a separate organization from Saving Sight with six Board Members, three of whom are Lions. The Missouri Lions Council of Governors recently voted their official support for KidSight MO. At this point, over 4,300 kids in District 26-M1 have been screened. Unfortunately people see eye care as reactive and we need to change that to proactive. KidSight will be doing training at the Missouri Lions State Convention, we need 25 interested volunteers! Several Clubs stand and walk over with their donation checks.

SIGHT CONSERVATION- Lion Allen Taylor thanks everyone who participates in Lions Looking For Lenses, it is amazing how many eyeglasses we Lions are able to collect from our generous communities!

USA/CANADA FORUM- Lion Wendy Williams submits news of the upcoming September 20-22 USA/Canada Forum taking place in Columbus, OH. The theme is Building Teams through Leadership. Registration is now open. Remember, year round, training is provided by US/Canada Forum at their website. There are 3 programs that can be completed and they are Free!

CLOSING REMARKS- District Governor Lion John Preston begins with the fact there are several positions opening up in District 26-M1 as we move into the 2018-19 Lion Year, including Hearing along with several Zone Chairs, for example we will have to Vice District Governors (Lions Rodney McConnell and Scott Sattler) who need to move out of their current Zone Chair positions... **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

The District also needs to designate a Sergeant At Arms for the upcoming Missouri Lions State Convention along with designating the Lion in charge of Resolutions and Elections. Since Cabinet Secretary Lion Dave Baldwin has done this before, he and DG Lion John agree his taking that position.

District Governor Lion John Preston issues a special thanks to everyone for coming to the wonderful District Convention hosted by the Park Hills Lions Club.

TAIL TWISTER- PDG Lion Murray Dunn makes his final moves in accessing penalties. Several Lions start placing bigger amounts on the table as it is decided the \$236 will be given to LCIF by of all of the Clubs in District 26-M1 on behalf of International Director Lion Connie Le Cleir-Meyer.

The meeting is adjourned.

Respectively Submitted

Lion Dave Baldwin
Cabinet Secretary, Missouri Lions District 26-M1