January 2023 Newsletter

District 26-M5 Lions

Attention: All Lions of District 26 M5!!!!

It is so hard to believe that we are halfway through my Governors year. Anyway, we have a lot coming up in the very near future. So, here we go. This coming Saturday, January 14, 2023 we will be having a 3rd Cabinet meeting at 10:00 A.M. in Richmond, Missouri. (see details below).

ZONE CHAIRS: Please come prepared to give a report on how your zone is doing. We have all 8 zone chair positions filled!!!! YEAH!!!!!! This has not happened for several years. I am excited!!!!

Other committee chairs be prepared to give reports. Zone chairs and other committee chairs, please email your reports to Lion Donna Jungerman: <u>jungerman@ctcis.net</u> so that she may place your reports in the packets of information.

At the District Convention, March 10-11, 2023, the Saturday Banquet, will be FORMAL ATTIRE. Please read page 21 of the Policy Manual for the official attire directive. Call me if you have any questions.(816)-694-5752 I will have copies of page 21 at the Cabinet meeting in Richmond on Saturday.

Our three Peace poster winners and their families will be invited to attend the luncheon at the Convention and to be recognized for their hard work and they will be given a monetary gift. And finally, there is a "Chain of Command" in Lions that has NOT been followed for several years. Everything goes through the District Governor. I may not always know the answer, however, I will get your answer. Please, please communicate with me before you shoot from the hip and give false information. Let's try to be more cognizant of proper procedures.

If anyone is interested in the Office of 2nd Vice District Governor, please contact me ASAP. I have properly filed paperwork, from Lion Alena Hoeffling of the Sedalia Noon club. There is still time to file. And always remember, "Old Ways won't open new doors".

Upcoming Events

January 14, 2023 M5- Cabinet meeting- Richmond January 28, 2023 Council of Governors- Branson February 3 & 4, 2023 Mid-Winter Forum- St Louis March 10 & 11, 2023 M-5 District Convention- Blue Springs April 20-23, 2023 Missouri Lions State Convention-Branson

Newsletter Reminder

If you have information that you would like to see in the newsletter or club events (past or future) that you would like to publicize, please submit it by the end of each month to

mbeach1960@gmail.com.

The newsletter will be sent out on the 10th of each month.

January 14th Cabinet Meeting

Registration- 9:00 AM Meeting- 10:00 AM

Where: Eagleton Center 1015 W. Royle Street Richmond, MO 64085

Details: Lunch provided by the Orrick Orrick Lions (\$10)

lionpmscott@gmail.com

Focus on Service

Spring Service Project

Hot Wheels

Batteries

Hot Wheels Batteries

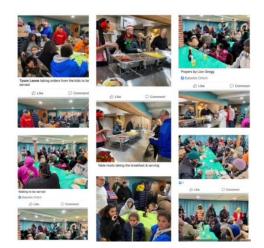
Please continue to bring as many hot wheels as you can to our meeting on the 14th. As of this writing we have collected 2,084 toward our goal of 4,000 cars. Pretty impressive. Also, please bring AA and C size batteries for CCVI. A special thanks to our Activities committee, Lion Karen Calvert. Committee Chair. Lion Pat





The KC Red Bridge Lions donated stuffed bears and puppies to Childrens Mercy Hospital, Alphapointe, FosterAdopt Connect, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, and the Veterans Community Project prior to the Christmas Holidays.

On Dec. 23, 2022, Lions from the **Kansas City World Outreach Lions Club** (KCWOLC) braved -4 degrees temperature, joining other volunteers, to serve brunch to the less fortunate and homeless guests of Neighbor2Neighbor (N2N) in Kansas City, MO. The Dec. 23rd event is an annual project that KCWOLC has participated in for several years. But during the pandemic, KCWOLC could not do the health screenings, so instead, they provided sack meals and a tote-ful of Christmas gifts....winter scarves, beanies, gloves, socks, and for kids, coloring books, crayons, toys, etc, This year, the first time since the pandemic, we were able to provide health screenings and prepared sack meals to-go and a tote-ful of Christmas gifts.





The **Downtown Lee's Summit Lions** shared some Christmas spirit by providing goodies as well as hot meals for the Local Firemen during their Boot Block fundraiser and by preparing goodies bags for the residents at Jefferson Healthcare Center.



The **Adrian Lions Club** collected toys for the Bates County Toys for Tykes.

Clubs- please share more of these events for the newsletter!

2nd Vice District Governor

What's In a Name?

Greetings Fellow Lions,

Have you ever wondered why we are members of the Lions Club? Why not the Bears or Tigers or any other noble animal? What does the name L-I-O-N-S mean and stand for? I was very surprised when I read what the name stands for. The word LIONS stands for **"LIBERTY, INTELLIGENCE, OUR NATIONS SAFETY."**

To share a line from the movie 'National Treasure', "People don't talk like that anymore". It may be difficult for us to wrap our heads around what this motto means. Our club (LIONS) was started in 1917 when the world was at war. Our founder Melvin Jones was convinced that the lion stood for strength, courage, fidelity and vital action. On a secret ballot the name Lions was chosen over several others. He saw the need to partner with local leaders and organizations, identifying the unique needs of their communities and surrounding areas, and planning service projects that address those needs, free of politics and religion. What we are part of has grown into a worldwide force of doing good and recognizing needs locally, regionally, and globally. We are part of the largest service organization in the world.



And what about our emblem? Melvin Jones explained its meaning. The emblem, Jones said, "represents a lion facing the past with pride and the future with confidence, looking in all directions to render service."

2VDG Mickey Beach

How Guest Speakers Can Improve Your Meetings

Interesting guest speakers bring a range of views and information for club members. Several of us were invited to hear a guest speaker at the **Independence Host Lions Club** recently. When we think of missionaries, we often think of a church we are involved with sending missionaries to other countries. In this case, the exact opposite was true. The Independence Host Lions have partnered with Freddy Tames and his family who were sent to Independence, Missouri from their church in Cuba. Independence has seen a growing Hispanic population over the last several that has challenged their school system as well as creating a need for this growing population. Freddy and his family have provided a Spanish church service that has grown to over 100 in one year's time. In addition, Freddy and his family are able to assist individuals and families in many other ways.

It was interesting to hear Freddy describe life in Cuba and how fortunate we are to live in America and experience the freedoms that we have that so many others long for.



Fellow Lions,

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time to turn over a new leaf and get a new perspective on our clubs and what we do for service. I could start by giving you the bad news on the districts membership numbers, but I won't. I want to concentrate on something that seems to be amiss and that is club activity reporting. The latest report from Lions International shows a high percentage of our clubs have not reported any activities within the last 24 months. I know from my visits to clubs that that cannot be correct. I suspect clubs are active, but they are not getting those activities correctly registered with Lions International. We have help within the district if your club needs assistance, just let us know. It's important to remember that when people see how active we Lions are with service, the more likely they are to join us and help.

The other thought you might keep in mind while you're looking at your clubs in the new year is what does a member look like. Does a member need to be able to attend all meetings or could it be someone that can help with service projects and stay in touch by text and e-mail? Sometimes we need to adjust our vision of what we used to do and weigh it against the reality of current society. There are many people out there that could be a member, but we need to adjust the way we do things to get them onboard. If you would like me to visit your club and discuss, please let me know.

Thanks for all you do!!!!

Lion Duane Ball District 26-M5 GMT Chairman 816-863-4887 or <u>kclionrb1962@gmail.com</u>

Service Reporting – Benefits

For our clubs, reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Reporting service can be a point of pride that can be celebrated and creates a database of the great projects done in each community. Plus, clubs that report service become eligible for service awards and other forms of recognition.

Reporting Service Helps:

- Accurately measure our global impact
- Identify the best ways to work together
- Bring attention to the great work of Lions
- Ensure clubs' service is supported in the best ways possible

Dear Club Service Chairpersons,

Lion and Leo leaders have reported over 500,000 service activities this Lion year. Those activities document 24 million volunteer hours, in the service of more than 165 million people worldwide. If your club is not included in these totals, you can start reporting your club's service in the **MyLion** tool, available through our **Member Portal**. You'll be asked to enter the:

- Activity name and date(s)
- Activity type (pick from Service Activity, Fundraiser, Meeting or Donation)
- Cause (pick from Hunger, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Vision or choose other)
- Project type (pick from the ideas listed or choose other)
- Number of people served, number of volunteers and volunteer hours (your best estimate)
- Description of the activity (as brief or as detailed as you find helpful



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Together we can with International President, Brian Sheehan

Dear Lion,

The holidays are such a special time. And as we gather with family and friends to celebrate this season, let's also remember to celebrate as only Lions can—by serving others. Your kindness will make a big difference for so many families, especially at this time of the year.

Our service is a gift that never stops giving. And by working with your club on a hunger project for your community, you can ensure that all families have a special holiday meal and the support they need all year long. Or consider a gift to LCIF and see how your generosity helps Lions bring hope to the world.

Happy holidays, and thank you for your incredible kindness and service!

Make a great day, Brian Sheehan International President



After devastating tornadoes hit several southern and Midwest states in December 2021, Lions in affected communities turned to LCIF for help.

More than 80 people lost their lives and thousands of properties were destroyed or partially destroyed, including homes and businesses, leaving people without a home or place of employment. In one of the hardest hit areas, Mayfield, Kentucky, nine people lost their lives at the Mayfield Candle Factory, which employed more than 250 local workers, after the tornado ripped through the facility.

"I have been a Lion for long time and our motto is that 'we serve,' but until the Lions serve your community, you don't know what these words really mean," Judge Kevin Bishop said.

Your donation* will make a lasting difference in the lives of those recently affected by disaster. To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

Recycle Eyeglasses



Usable Glasses Give New Life

Refractive errors can be easily corrected with eyeglasses, yet millions living in low and middle income countries lack access to basic eye care services. Lions have recognized the urgent need for corrective lenses and collect usable glasses in their communities to support the Lions Recycle For Sight Program.

Get Started Today

Set up Collection Locations with Local Partners: Invite community partners such as local businesses, schools, optical shops, libraries, places of worship, city administrative centers and eye care professionals to host eyeglass collection boxes. Maintain contact with these partners and schedule regular pick-ups.



Our Global Causes

While each Lions club has its own service focus, there are five global causes of particular interest around the world. These are areas of need identified, and voted on, by members and supported by our association and foundation.

Events around the District/State



HOMEMADE CHICKEN AND NOODLES, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, DESSERT AND DRINK

> SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2023 11:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M. FREE WILL DONATION LIONS CLUB BUILDING FRONT STREET, ORRICK

PROCEEDS GO TOWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DESERVING OHS SENIORS



Fri. February 3, 2023 Higginsville Senior Center (Located at 21st & Walnut) 5:00 - 7:00 pm Please join us for a night stacked full of fun! Vickets available: Any Lions Club Member or at the door Adults - \$10

Under 6 - Free



There will be a Trivia Night proceeds to support Kidsight on March 16 at the Copper Kettle in Ashland, Missouri. Watch for further details.

April 24, 2022 CCVI Trolley Run



Our race had thousands of participants running for our families! Don't forget to register for 2023 using code **FAM23** for \$5 off at <u>www.trolleyrun.org</u>!





Saturday, March 18, 2023



The Sedalia Lions Club will host Bed Races and our 5th Annual Pub Crawl in downtown Sedalia immediately following the St. Patrick's Day Parade (noon-7pm). Early bird tickets are \$30 and only sold online and include 1 Event cup, wristband, beads, teeshirt, and 3 drink tickets from the Lions Club beer trailer.

Information for the bed races and to register for the Pub Crawl can be found at the following link https://events.sedalialions.org/





VISITING LIONS DAY IS APRIL 15

Come see how MIRACLES are made at Mid-South.



ATTN MO LIONS

The MO Miracles Bus will be running from Washington to Jefferson City to Rolla to bring Missouri Lions to Memphis. Seating is limited to the first 55 PAID passengers. The cost for the roundtrip ride is \$100 per person. Hotel arrangements are on your own and not included in the price.

https://midsouthlions.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1467553





Save US\$75 on LCICon registration now!

Save on the Lions Clubs International Convention in Boston — the biggest Lion event of the year. Early pricing ends this week — so hurry and register for our lowest rate while you can!



Missouri Lions Mid-Winter Forum 2023 Registration

February 3rd & 4th DoubleTree Westport Hotel, St. Louis, MO 63146

Registration includes:

- Friday Night Hospitality
- Saturday workshops and speakers
- Saturday Dinner and Entertainment
- More information to come

**ANYONE ATTENDING ANY PART OF THE FORUM WILL NEED A FULL REGISTRATION

NO TICKETS ARE NEEDED OR ISSUED BUT PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AT ALL TIMES!!

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Club District 26		
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Second Registrant		
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Mail To:

Missouri Lions 2415B Hyde Park Road Jefferson City, MO 65109 (Mail Registration Form and Check)

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Please call DoubleTree Westport at 800-445-8667. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. They are being held until 1/13/22 at a rate of \$95.00. Make sure you mention Lions Mid Winter Forum to get the special rate.

District 26-M5 Convention – 2023 Registration			
Friday, March 10 & Saturday, March 11, 2023 Adams Pointe Conference Center & Courtyard Marriott			
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Hospitality Night is FREE, Friday, Mar 10, 2023 - 6:00-10:00 pm Convention Saturday, Mar 11, 2023 - 9:00 am DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION: February 12, 2023 Registration fees and meal fees must accompany this form Mail to: Lion Joyce Schemmer, 303 High Dr, Odessa, MO 64076-1530			
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The Latest News & Information for the Reno 2023 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

A MESSAGE FROM OUR GENERAL CHAIR JAMA WAHL



As I turned the calendar over to 2023, it suddenly hit me that the Reno Forum is just eight months away. When you are named General Chair, there is the opportunity to gain knowledge by serving on the Planning Committee and then stepping up to Vice Chair. I have to admit there were moments moving up these chairs when the 2023 Reno Forum seemed a long way away. That is not so anymore.

Fortunately, we have an amazing Planning Committee made up of dedicated Lions willing to take on big leadership roles. And, let's not forget the Host Committee. This committee, led by PDG Linda Wagner-Griffin, is busy promoting the Reno Forum, organizing the volunteers and addressing many details. I know these Lions are working hard to bring our attendees a premier leadership event because I am copied on their emails, participate in their Zoom meetings and share phone calls. Thank you for this dedication!

Then I thought of the Lions who have already made their reservations. Thank you to those who have made these plans already, but what about those Lions who haven't made that choice? My first reaction is...please do not procrastinate like we Lions do sometimes. Yes, I have fallen into that trap myself. Registration information is on our website at www.lionsforum.org. Check it out now to make those plans.

Then I thought about adding to the Forum experience by extending the visit to Reno for a few days before or after the Forum to see a bit more of The Biggest Little City in the World. What about a trip to nearby Carson City, Lake Tahoe or Virginia City. Whether you drive, fly or take a train, why not consider adding a few days of well-deserved vacation time when making your visit to the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Reno 2023?

We want to see you Reno!

Up and Away with Leadership

Jama

RENO ADVENTURES BEFORE AND AFTER

LINDA P. WAGNER-GRIFFIN, RENO HOST COMMITTEE CHAIR

Now is the time to start planning on making Reno your destination either before or after the Forum.

There is something for everyone to experience. Reno and its neighboring cities provide excitement and adventure for all attendees and their families. Do you want to do off-road activities, hike or mountain bike? Explore historical and art museums? Try out new restaurants or attend performing arts events? Maybe visit a ghost town, golf or go boating on Lake Tahoe? Then Reno is where you need to be in September 2023.

Reno has a River Walk just steps from The Row, the headquarters for the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum. Stroll along the Truckee River and experience art, shopping and food and drink.

Are you into automobiles? How about visiting the National Automobile Museum, which houses over 200 vehicles from Harrah's automobile collection. Did you ever want to see Elvis' 1973 Cadillac Eldorado, Frank Sinatra's Ghia or John Wayne's 1953 Corvette? Here is your opportunity.

A family activity is the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum, better known as The Discovery. This is a science center and museum designed for children and adults. There is something for everyone, regardless of age. Imagine 67,000 square feet of handson science within walking distance of The Row.

Plans are being made for tours which will include walking tours, self-guided tours and pedicab tours. There really is something for everyone from food and drink to art and history. Keep an eye on the lionsforum.org website for information on tours as it becomes available.

Remember that Reno is known as the "Biggest Little City in the World" and there is something for everyone.