



District 26-M5

Missouri Lions

"We Serve"

District 26-M5 Lions,

Where did the summer go?! It went by too fast for me. My husband Chuck, spends his summers at the H. Roe Bartle Scout reservation in Osceola, Mo. He is the Mic-o-Say Advisor in Sawmill, one of three camps on the reservation. I get asked many times how I can let him be gone all summer. My answer is always the same. "He loves giving of his time to a boy who may need a little more guidance than he gets at home." He gives his service to the Boy Scouts of the Heart of America Council. We as Lions give our service in other ways, and yet when you get right down to it, it is somewhat the same. WE SERVE, cannot be spelled any other way. We as Lions serve every day. We may not be able to see our service. But it is there. At the local supermarket the other day, I observed the carry out boy helping an elderly woman get into the OATS Van with her groceries. Yes, that is part of his job, however, he treated her like his own grandmother. She tried to tip him for his help, and he refused. As our former Lions President Douglas Alexander said, "Kindness matters." Our current President Brian Sheehan reminds us, "Together WE Can." Together we can make this world a better place by being kind, and together we can move mountains. Let's make a concentrated effort of reporting our service hours. We have been lax in this, and I know we have many more hours that we are not reporting. Some of our clubs have not reported service hours for over two years. We need to make a concentrated effort to report our service to our secretaries each month.

Old ways won't open new doors

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Upcoming Events

[Date]

September 11

National Day of Service

September 15

USA-Canada Forum-Calgary

October 29

**Council of Governors meeting-
Jefferson City**

November 5

**District Cabinet meeting #2-
Warrensburg**

Newsletter Reminder

If you have information that you would like to see in the newsletter or club events 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.

Focus on Service

DISTRICT SERVICE

The Mercy Road Project to collect hot wheels cars for Children's Mercy Hospital launched with this year's theme: "4000 Smiles Campaign". The goal for this year is to make 4000 smiles by donating 4000 hot wheels. At the August Cabinet meeting Lions had fun playing with a smiley beach ball after lunch and hearing about service. Currently 710 hot wheels and smiles are ready for the Mercy kids. Your club is needed to help make this project a success. Contact Lion Karen Calvert , GST coordinator at kcalvert710@gmail.com, for information and donations.

National Day of Service

September 11th is the [National Day of Service](#). This annual event is a permanent tribute to those killed and injured on 9/11, and to the brave individuals who rose in service in response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. 11VP, Dr. Patti Hill, challenged us to reach out to our fellow service organizations to complete a project together during the week of September 11 -17, 2022

If your Districts or towns have Rotary, Optimist, or Kiwanis active, reach out to join hands in service to make a larger impact, start planning your projects now. Here is the link to the [original post](#) on Facebook. If your MD, District, or individual clubs plan to participate, please share the information so we can celebrate partnerships!

Show-Me Christian Home

The District Quarterly Service Project was to help the Show Me Christian Youth Home in LaMonte. District GST members delivered 35 boxes of cereal, 68 packages of popcorn, and \$150 to the home. Thanks to all the Lions who helped.



2nd Vice District Governor

In my pre-Lion life, I was a high school science teacher for 25 of my 28 teaching years. Each year in our ecology unit, we would talk about endangered species and extinction. As I have begun my term as 2VDG, I have become aware of clubs that have closed shop for 2022-23. It makes me sad that there are communities that will no longer be served by Lions. The definition of extinction is 'the process of a particular thing ceasing to exist'. In the living world, causes of extinction are reduction of habitat, environmental changes, and decline in population numbers. I don't pretend to know all the reasons why some of these clubs folded, whether it was a singular reason or a combination of factors.

I have had the pleasure of visiting several clubs across M-5 and have made some observations. Each club is different and unique and has found a way to serve in its community. We hear about membership all the time and I know that each of the clubs in the district is at a different place on the continuum of membership. I may be wrong, but I have thought about the causes for populations to move toward extinction and how those might apply to Lions:

Reduction of habitat- habitat for us is providing service- "Are we doing enough service"?

Environmental changes- COVID, political divisions, reduced social interaction

Population numbers- Are we gaining ground or losing ground with our numbers? Are our numbers sustainable? Is the age structure of our club ensuring its future?

As leaders in our own Lions Clubs, I think these are issues we need to think about. Are we thriving as a club? Are Lions an endangered species in your community? Are we ensuring that our clubs are not on a path that leads to extinction? As leaders, we could influence the direction of our club- increased health or increased risk of endangerment/extinction. What will our legacy be? I hope that each of our clubs can be stronger in July 2023 than it was in July 2022. I hope you believe as I do that every community with a Lions Club is a better community. Let's increase our service (improve our habitat) that will attract and sustain our Lion population. "We Serve". Best of luck!!! Lion Mickey

Global Membership Team

Lions,

A note from the District's GMT:

While I usually get to give the bad news while promoting membership, this time I would like to take a line or two and pass along the good that is happening. After several club visits, I can see that things are starting to wake up after a long sleep. The drive for service is alive and well and service is where everything should start including club membership.

In the world we currently live it seems easy to throw our hands up and give up. If it weren't for people like us that are ready to serve, then that might be true. It's not always easy to get people to join and serve but that's why we have each other. Like our International President stresses, "together we can". Membership is a team effort and there are some ways to get started and add to our organization.

I am willing to visit your club and get you started or assist in any way. Our district and International organization has many tools and tips to help.

We do this together. Don't let the negative forces and trends in our world halt our efforts and let's make the light shine through service.

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What Lions Are Not

Fifty years after the first Convention in Dallas, Edward M. Lindsay, the Golden Anniversary President of Lions International, realized that the best way to define Lionism was to explain what it was not. In an address delivered to the annual U. S. State Department Foreign Policy Conference for Nongovernmental Organizations, President Lindsey said.

We are not a political organization, yet among our members will be found leaders of all political parties and factions. Our Constitution prohibits activity in a partisan political way, yet it carries a positive mandate that each club should provide a forum for the free and open discussion of all matters of public interest.

We are not a social club, yet we are directed to take an active interest in the social welfare of our various communities, for only in this way can we realize the full potential of our influence in developing the moral fiber of our societies.

We are not a fraternal organization, yet we have found that men of all faiths, all religions, all nationalities, all races can come together in an aura of mutual understanding, resulting in strong bonds of friendship and good fellowship.

We are not a youth organization, yet Lions Clubs sponsor more Boy Scout troops than any other organization. We participate in so many youth programs and projects in this nation and abroad that it is hard to determine if the dog is wagging the tail or the tail is wagging the dog.

We are not a welfare organization, yet over the years, in good times and bad, countless thousands of less fortunate people have been the recipients of the generosity of Lions. Whenever human suffering has been found, the flexible purposes of Lionism have made it easy for Lions to respond generously and with open hearts.

We are not a sports or recreational agency, yet thousands of boys have been thrilled with Little League programs and many other activities built around the training of the minds and bodies of our youth, both boy and girls.

We are not a religious body, yet the precepts we live by are familiar to the doctrines of the world's spiritual bodies, and the motivation of our activity, resulting in thousands of complete projects, is deeply rooted on the age-old philosophy of "Love Thy Neighbor," found in some form or another in the dogmas of all religions.

We are not a medical or health organization, yet our clubs have performed miracles in this wide panorama of community and individual service.

We are not an educational foundation, yet thousands of students are today in schools built by Lions. In Mexico, for example, almost a thousand public schools have been built and equipped by Lions.

And there is another thing we are not: we are not a United Nations. Yet we are an instrument of peace. Lionism, born while the world was aflame, has grown strong under the nourishment of freedom and liberty, and the effort for peace which we intend to make will be directed along those traditional concepts, for we believe that there can be no meaningful freedom without peace and no lasting peace without freedom.

Some fainthearted ones may say, "Why are you doing this? Why do you think Lions International should attack this problem when even great and powerful nations have failed through the ages?" Our answer is simply this: "We are not so naïve, so immature, as to think our effort alone will unravel this tangled mess, but we are confident we must make the effort. We must make our contribution, and so must you."

Fifty Years of Audio-Reader and Lions

A GREAT PARTNERSHIP

As many of you know, 2021 marked the 50-year anniversary of Audio-Reader. Much has changed during those 50 years, but the support from Lions has not. Since the early years, when Lions Clubs across Kansas provided funding to purchase the special radio receivers and helped deliver them, to the multiple district effort in 1994 that resulted in the creation of the Lions Telephone Reader system, our partnership endures. Over the past five decades numerous Lions Club members have volunteered as readers, acted as certifying agents to approve listeners, repaired and delivered radios, collected equipment for our audio sales, donated funds to update our studios, purchases newspaper subscriptions and fulfilled many other requests.


As we look to the future, we hope our partnership will remain as strong as ever. Audio-Reader staff is again available to provide presentations to your club meetings, exhibit at events, and provide our services to individuals in your community. To contact us please email reader@ku.edu or call 800-772-8898. Our website is <http://reader.ku.edu> and here you can apply for service, listen to our broadcast stream, download programming on demand, and subscribe to podcasts. Let us know if you would like a presentation, need some brochures, or have an idea for a project to benefit Audio-Reader.

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- *Closed Circuit radio (not available in all areas - complete the application and we will reach out)
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- *Through a skill on the Amazon Echo (Alexa) <http://reader.ku.edu/alexa-service>
- *Streaming at <http://reader.ku.edu/listen>
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Sharing the Gift of Sight Through Sound

Order a Peace Poster Contest Kit

To sponsor the Peace Poster Contest, Lions clubs can order a contest kit from January 15 to October 1. The kit is available in 12 of our official languages. A kit is needed for each contest sponsored.



The 2022-2023 Contest

Lead with Compassion

Each kit contains:

- Official Club Contest Guide and Rules
- Official School or Youth Group Contest Guide and Rules
- Participant Flyer to duplicate and give to participating students to take home
- Sticker to place on back of winning poster
- Certificates for contest winner and school or youth group

**To order a kit by phone, call Club Supplies Sales at (630) 571-5466 or 1-800-710-7822 (U.S., Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada only).*

2021-2022 Winner



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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Together we can with
International President,
Brian Sheehan**

Dear Lion,

We accomplish amazing things together every day because of what you give. And while giving takes many forms, one of the best is your ongoing support of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Because that's how we ensure that our biggest projects succeed. And like all things Lions, it starts with you and your club.

The work of LCIF is so important. And you can be a part of it by donating, by applying for a grant to take on even bigger projects, and by sharing your LCIF stories and videos. Because the more that our communities know about LCIF, the more our foundation can magnify our service at home and around the world. We're all working together to make a big difference. And when we all give a little, we can accomplish so much.

Make a great day,
Brian Sheehan
International President



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings Lions and Leos!

As you continue helping the world in times of great need, remember that Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is here to support you in serving your communities. LCIF awards grant funding that empowers us to make the greatest impact, both locally and globally. In reading this month's newsletter, I know you will feel inspired and motivated to serve by both doing AND giving. Thank you for joining us as we build on the success of Campaign 100 by continuing to support LCIF through a donation or pledge and by spreading awareness of the great things made possible through our global foundation. As the needs of the world continue to grow, LCIF remains committed to helping us take our service even further.



A message from:

Jerome Thompson

**Past International Director,
GAT Constitutional Area 1
Leader**

Lions Don't Give Up

For more than a century, Lions Clubs across the United States and beyond have worked to make their communities better. Having met one need, Lions have looked around to find the next unmet need. One smile at a time; one random act of kindness; one pair of glasses; one ramp for a handicapped person; one ride to the doctor; or one small act of kindness has brightened the day for someone and made the world a better place. While countless hours of community service have been rendered, many unmet needs remain to be addressed. And that is the reason that we cannot give up!

How can your club, zone or district leave a legacy? A legacy is held within the minds of others. While we know what we have done, it is our responsibility to communicate clearly to those around us our many accomplishments. It's the folklore and stories that will continue to resonate throughout the community for generations to come. "You remember the time..." It's up to us, the Lions of 2022 to become the storytellers that can spin a tale of years gone by, while engaging others in the activities of today, and building a common community vision for a better tomorrow.

As a Lion, we can magnify our impact by sharing the stories of our outstanding service. As a Lion leader, I am calling on you to take a few minutes and reduce your story to writing or recording a video or audio clip. Then share it on social media; with the local television, radio, and newspaper; and your club.

Your story will inspire others to:

1. Share their story;
2. Join in our service journey;
3. Renew their engagement with club activities;
4. Form clubs in underserved communities.

Together we can, together we will...



Calgary, Alberta, Canada
September 15-17, 2022

The Stampede Telegram

The latest news and information for the Calgary 2022 USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum.



Don't Delay, Register Today!

There are less than 5 days left until we Stampede into Calgary! Act fast and register so you don't miss out!



Events around the District/State



October 8, 2022 10 am - 5 pm
Join the KC Red Bridge Lions
for a day of fun!

- Live entertainment
 - Craft booths
 - Food trucks
 - Car show
 - Contests
 - Kids games

The Lions Alert Trailer will be there
and we will be doing a battery
drive for CCVI.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 8, 2022

RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER - PARKING LOT
453 E RED BRIDGE RD - KANSAS CITY - MO - 64131

CAR SHOW 2022

All Collectable/Vintage Cars & Trucks Welcome
ENTRY FEE \$15/VEHICLE ~ AFTER 9/6/22 \$20/VEHICLE
Awards for Best in Show will be given to the top 3 "People's Choice"
Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.
Show 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We'll be there
Rain or Shine!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022
10 AM - 3 PM | CONCERT 5:00 PM

RED BRIDGE SHOPPING CENTER
453 E. RED BRIDGE ROAD, KANSAS CITY, MO 64131

- Center School District 5K at 9:00am
- Local Entertainment
- Local Food Vendors
- **The Strawberry Swing Handmade Indie Crafts**
- Vendor Booths
- Kids' Fun Zone
- Pet Costume Contest
- **Beer Garden**
- Emergency Vehicles
- **Wayside Waifs**
- **Corn Hole Tournament at 2:00pm**
- **Concert with The M80s at 5:00pm**

VISIT WWW.SOUTHKCCHAMBER.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

Nevada Lions Club

October 8th, 2022

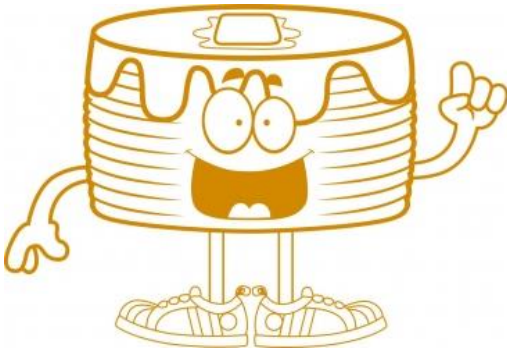
2nd Annual Flapjack

5k Run/Walk

Registration opens at 7am.

Run/walk at 8am!

First Baptist Church, Nevada MO



Pancake
Breakfast



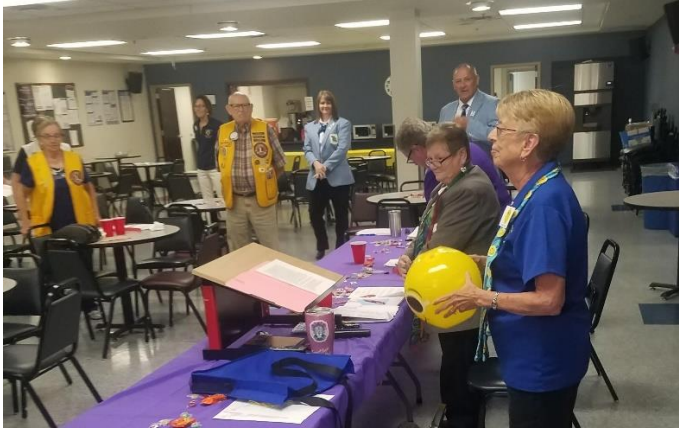
Annual Fall Pancake Breakfast and
Silent Auction

7am-11am

First Baptist Church

Nevada, MO

District Cabinet Meeting Photos



Don't miss the next one!!!!
November 5th
Warrensburg, MO