

District 26-M5 Lions

"We Serve"

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

We are having a January Cabinet meeting:

January 14, 2023 10:00 A.M.
Eagleton Bldg.
Ray County Senior Center
1015 Royle St.
Richmond, MO 64085

Lunch will be served - approximately \$15.00.

It is entirely too large of a gap between our last cabinet meeting and our District Convention in March!!

Thank you

Any questions please feel free to call me!
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Upcoming Events

January 14, 2023

[M5- Cabinet meeting- Richmond](#)

January 28, 2023

[Council of Governors- Branson](#)

March 10 & 11, 2023

[M-5 District Convention- TBA](#)

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.

Announcement

The Mid-Winter Rally for February 11 was cancelled after the directories were sent out. Please make that correction on the directory calendar.

Focus on Service

DISTRICT SERVICE- HOT WHEELS! HOT WHEELS!

4000 Smiles Campaign

The District GST delivered 1000 hot wheels to Children's Mercy in November. These cars were donated by members and friends between the Cabinet meetings in August and November. We heard once again how grateful our friends at Mercy are for our service. We are close to halfway meeting our goal as we approach mid-year. **LET'S GO LIONS!!!!**

Veterans Village Service Project

Lions Jackie Kreisel, Karen Calvert, and Duane Ball represented the District GST and delivered food on Veterans Day to the village. Lions donated peanut butter, cooking spices, and soup to help those who have served our nation.

Spring Service Project

Hot Wheels Batteries Hot Wheels Batteries

Here is your Service Project shopping list of items to be gathered for convention. We will need lots of hot wheels to reach our goal of 4000 for *Mercy Road* and our *4000 Smiles Campaign*. We are gathering AA and C batteries for the learning toys at CCVI. Get a shopping bag, fill it with cars and batteries, and bring it to convention. Together we can!!



SKC Red Bridge Lions helped serve Thanksgiving meal at Alphapointe.

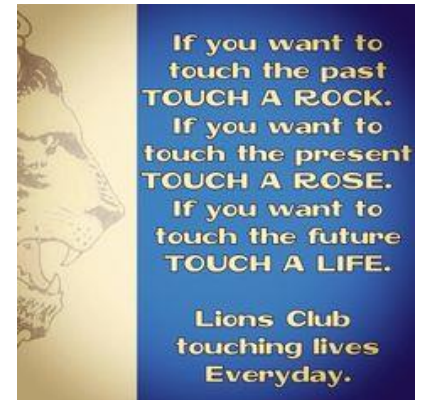
2nd Vice District Governor

Greetings Fellow Lions,

This time of the year is such a great time to reflect on how blessed we are! Often we are encouraged to think about our wants, but I believe we find true joy in the giving and serving of others. Thanksgiving and Christmas are great times to give and to serve others.

There are truly a variety of ways to give. Often giving money is the most appropriate way for certain things, but sometimes giving of your talents, time, food, prayers, and possessions is just as appropriate. There are many ways to give and serve others.

As Lions who live in a community, we are used to recognizing many of the needs that arise in our communities. Giving of time and talents, and donating are what we do. Making a special effort to give and serve, especially during the holidays, makes this time of year much more memorable and meaningful. Happy holidays!!!



2VDG Mickey Beach

While many of you have seen the 100 members in 100 days campaign currently in progress by Lions International, I send out a different type of challenge. I challenge each of you to talk to one person a day for the next hundred days about Lionism and what it means to serve. Many people just don't know about what Lions do. I think if you were to have a conversation with one of those folks and simply let them know how good it feels to serve your neighbors, community, and world, we might see a leap in new members. The other part of my challenge is to be enthusiastic about being a Lion. Enthusiasm spreads like a disease and once it gets started there is no cure.

While I could give you the bad news about membership not only in our district but nationwide, I choose to take a positive approach. I see some great things going on in our district. We have many clubs that have added a new member or several new members. I would like to give a special shout out to KC World Outreach with a YTD membership growth of 6 and Orrick that has a YTD membership growth of 9, that a 47% increase in club membership (WOW!!!!).

People are willing to join, we just need to keep asking. More hands mean more service and more fun. Make sure you keep reporting your club's service on the Lions website. The more service people see, the easier it is to start the conversation of joining your club.

While we spend time with our families and friends during the upcoming holidays, take some time and reflect on what you have done and will do as a Lion and what your service has done and keeps doing for others. Keep those new members coming and if you need assistance, please make sure you contact the District GMT. Thanks for all you do!!!!

Lion Duane Ball - District 26-M5 GMT Chairman





Looking at this picture, what do you see? I see a gift from some special little boys that give me inspiration and determination. Let me share why this touched me during this special time of the year.

A short time ago I visited a Lions meeting in our district. There were several guests, so we introduced ourselves and I mentioned I was the GST coordinator and reminded everyone about Mercy Road. Following dinner and the business meeting one of the guests, a woman who had brought her two sons ages 6 and 4, was asked to choose the winning ticket for the 50/50 drawing. She seemed a little embarrassed when the winning ticket was hers, but was encouraged by everyone to accept the cash. She did, and immediately donated it to Mercy Road. A few minutes later I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned to see her six-year-old holding a penny out to me. He was determined I take it and I accepted it knowing I would give it back later. When I went to return his penny, he and his brother each gave me another. They insisted I was to go buy hot wheels with their pennies for the kids at the hospital because they had enough at home. I promised. I will not spend these special pennies. I have them on my desk as a reminder to shop often for Hot Wheels because two little boys wanted to share and make other kids happy. Their example of service is beautiful.

Thank you for your service throughout the year. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.

Lion Karen Calvert- Global Service Team Coordinator





Lions Clubs International

Dear Lion Leaders,

As your clubs and districts develop plans for membership satisfaction and retention, connecting with the Membership Committee is a great way to help with planning, create enthusiasm and build the club's membership. In addition, reaching out to members within the club and building teams that will help enhance their experience as Lions is key to success. Lions Clubs International offers several great resources to help clubs and their members. Check them out!

- **[Membership Satisfaction Guide](#)**: This guide will help you troubleshoot common issues that members have in their experience as Lions. This will help you identify areas that will improve the club experience.
- **[Your Club, Your Way!](#)**: This resource offers ideas on how your club can customize your meetings for an enjoyable membership experience.
- **[Club Quality Initiative \(CQI\)](#)**: The CQI is a strategic planning tool that helps clubs identify opportunities for improvement.
- **Plan for Your Club's Success (Global Membership Approach)**: Use this [planning guide](#) and [PowerPoint](#) to discover your club's strengths, ways to improve and new opportunities that will help your club grow and thrive!
- The **[Club Excellence Award](#)**: This resource serves as your club's roadmap to excellence, focusing on the key elements of a quality club: membership, service, organizational excellence and marketing. Questions, please contact us by email at clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-6828.

If you are a Facebook user, visit us at [Improving Lions Club Quality](#) to find helpful information from Lions around the world. You can post questions, comments, stories and share new ideas to improve clubs within your zone.

We look forward to supporting you. Please contact us if you have any questions by email at clubofficers@lionsclubs.org or by phone at (630) 468-7084.



From LCIF Chairperson Douglas X. Alexander

Greetings, Lions and Leos!

It is my pleasure each month to share stories of how Lions, empowered by LCIF, serve a world in need. This month, we highlight projects in Poland that are helping Ukraine refugees during ongoing war, and a project in Turkey aimed at enhancing the eye health of infants and children. Life-changing and life-saving projects like these take funding, and our global foundation proudly awards grants to enable Lions worldwide to serve in this capacity. This is only possible with the continued support of Lions and others – like YOU.

Thank you to everyone who has supported LCIF this year. I ask you to join me in adding to your support in 2022. Your end-of-year gift – like your service – matters. With 100% of donations benefitting grants and programs, every donation makes a difference. Don't forget to share with your fellow Lions your reasons for supporting our global foundation by [entering the Melvin Jones Photo Contest](#) in recognition of our founder's 144th birthday. And remember, giving *is* serving.



Pledge Your Continued Support For LCIF

Continue sustaining our mission and help empower Lions to magnify hope globally. Encourage others to join you in pledging support of LCIF.

[▶ PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT](#)





A message from:

Jerome Thompson

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

December is such a busy time of the year for many clubs. However, we can use these last few weeks of 2022 to expand our service, engage more volunteers and to enhance our club leadership. In addition to the traditional holiday celebrations, Lions Clubs participate in many community events and engage in many service activities. To each of you, on behalf of the Global Action Team, let me express our sincere appreciation for all that you have done, are doing and will do in the coming weeks. Because of you, our association is better. Of course, your community is better because you have taken the time to put a smile on the face of someone in need.

While our global service causes are important, at this time of the year, the most important thing you can do is to serve your local community. Your visibility will enhance your ability to attract service minded individuals to your club.

How can you, as a member of Club Leadership Team add value, build excitement, and engage more Lions?

- Build a relationship with city and county governmental leaders
- Help at a community service project
- Host a community vision screening, diabetes symposium or partner with another service group
- Talk less and listen more. The community will let their needs be known.
- Help your club to Build a Vision, Build a Plan and Build Success

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE

Progress Report

8,000 New Members in 80 Days

In the first 61 days, we added 5,233 new members. We need an additional 2,762 new members in December 2022. This can be done, with your help! During December 2020, we added 2,607 new members during pandemic. Please take a moment and invite someone to join our association. Then, please use your influence to encourage all club members to invite someone to join their club.

Service Reporting – Benefits

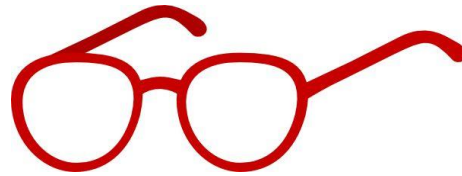
For our clubs, reporting service is the final step in our service journey. Reporting service can be a point of pride that can be celebrated and creates a database of the great projects done in each community. Plus, clubs that report service become eligible for service awards and other forms of recognition.

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



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.



DIABETES

ENVIRONMENT

HUNGER



VISION

CHILDHOOD CANCER

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

Neighbor2Neighbor
Presents:

**CHRISTmas EVE
EVE
BRUNCH**

**Friday, December 23, 2022
10am-12pm**

**Located within:
Mount Washington Missionary Baptist Church
3551 Wabash KCMO 64109**

FREE Health care screenings
*Blood sugar. *Blood pressure
*Height/Weight
* Kids Vision Screenings

Gifts for the kiddos!

Event Sponsors:
*KC World Outreach Lions club
*PNA of Greater Kansas City
*KidSight
*UMC

**Any questions contact:
Greg Parr 916-606-4609**



SAVE THE DATE

**101st Missouri Lions State Convention
Branson, MO**

April 20-23, 2023





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!!

First Registrant

Name _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first MWF _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Club _____ District 26 _____

Early Bird Registration -----\$75.00 _____

Postmarked After December 31st-----\$85.00 _____

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE-----TOTAL _____

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

1500 NE Coronado Dr Blue Springs, MO 64014

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

Please Print Name: _____

Phone # and e-mail _____

Name of your Lions Club _____

Please circle all that Apply

Leo Lion Guest Registration \$20 Saturday Lunch \$30. Sat Dinner \$40.

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Saturday Breakfast on your own

Special Dietary Needs, Contact: Lion Joyce Schemmer

816 254-7270 or email mayviewwed@gmail.com

Check _____ Make checks payable to: District 26-M5 Convention.

Mail to: Lion Joyce Schemmer, 303 High Dr, Odessa, MO 64076-1530

Form Total: Registration _____ X \$20. = _____

Lunch _____ X \$30. = _____

Dinner _____ X \$40. = _____

Grand Total: \$ _____

Courtyard Kansas City East/Blue Springs. Offering special group rate: of \$139.00 per night + tax).

To make reservations call 816 228-8100 – Be sure to use Group Rate code: **MO Lions Club**

Last Day for group rate: Sunday, February 12, 2023