



**District 26-M7**  
**The Heart of**  
**Missouri Lions**

# Between the Lions



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## MESSAGE MD 26 M7 DISTRICT GOVERNOR ED BIERBOWER

Happy New Year to each of you, hoping you all enjoyed a blessed and safe Holiday with family and friends. What a wonderful time of year to count our blessings.

My year as your Governor is half over, where has the time gone. Lion Linda and I have

visited 16 clubs to date, attended and helped with several club fundraiser and social events. We have met many M7 lion members for the first time and made lasting friendships. Thank you all for your kindness and support.

I feel very positive about our future this new year. FVDG Todd and his committee have made encouraging efforts to get a new club chartered in Fulton. Please contact Todd if you want to join his team or have anything to contribute. The Eldon club continues to grow its membership which we are thankful for, I would like for each of you to ask one new individual each week to join or come visit your club.

We have the COG meeting Jan 27th at the Eagles club in Jeff City, My third cabinet meeting will be hosted by Holts Summit Feb 3rd, and the District convention March 9th at Wardsville. Followed by the State convention April 19-21 at Old Kinderhook.

Please keep your monthly LCI reporting up to date. If you have any problems or need assistance, please contact me and I will make sure you get the help needed.

Again, thank you all for your support. Stay safe. *M7 District Governor Ed Bierbower*





## Message from 26-M7 First Vice District Governor, Todd Miller:

Dear Lion Friends:

Welcome to your third edition of the new *Between the Lions* newsletter. Currently, content from clubs in Eldon, Chamois, Owensville, JC Host, and Capital are being shared with Editor, Lyle Rosburg, but we need content from the rest of you. Please take time to share your club events, service successes, and photos in hopes we will see you in the next newsletter.

The holidays are behind us, and now we move into a great new year. My hope is each of you had a great December and enter January with enthusiasm for Lion events and continued efforts to grow membership and establish a new club in Fulton, Missouri. Please obtain a "Ask about my Lions" pin if you have not already. Those Lions who wear them can attest to their

effectiveness! As you wear those others will ask about the pin and provide you an opportunity to discuss why you are a Lion. Personal invitations are proven to be the best way to grow memberships and your participation would be appreciated.

We also need your help on January 24, 2024 @ 6:30pm to participate in a free public meeting at the Callaway Electric Community Room, 1313 Cooperative Drive, Fulton, Missouri 65251 where we will discuss a new club in that fine community and encourage others to enter in to Lionism. Personal referrals and success stories caused each of you to join Lions and the same will be true for residents of Fulton. Join us and spread the good news. Also, look for news about the event in the *Fulton Sun*, on the 26-M7 District Website, and in other media forums. As Helen Keller so eloquently shared, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." It will take all of us to achieve our two goals of establishing a new club and growing our district by thirty members.

Leading up to the January 24th meeting, a group of six Lions met me in Fulton to canvas the town to encourage interest in Lions. Many thanks to Mark Schaeperkoetter, Bill Foglesong, Don Soph, Steve Duncan, Bruce Berger, and Ed Bierbower who donated time to that event. Each of you represented our district well in your efforts and your enthusiasm was on display. I continue to learn from each of you and I thank you again.

Your dues will see a slight increase in 2024 as state and district leaders make the reasonable decision to ensure each of their organizations are fiscally sound. From all indications, it has been 8-10 years since your last dues increase. We all wish we could say the same about our other bills. Also, the state will report at the January COG that their budget fell short by approximately \$3,000 in 2023 so money from the state investment account must be used to cure that shortfall. As a committee member to the Investment and IT Committees, I continue the challenge of encouraging wise investing and modern approaches to communication exchanges. As you can imagine, longstanding traditions, suborn mentalities, and declining memberships continue to provide many challenges in those subcommittees. In an effort to address those and other challenges, the current seven Vice District Governors will be meeting January 26th before the COG to formulate our plan to address these and other areas of Lionism. Our decisions may face opposition, but these are desperate times for Lions across our great nation, and I assure you any decisions we make will be in the best interests of Missouri Lions.

Finally, I ask for your continued support, prayers and well wishes toward your district leaders. Many of you have served in these roles and you know how challenging they are. These are interesting times we live in, but we still live in the greatest nation on earth. District Governor, Ed Bierbower continues to exceed expectations and amaze me with his enthusiasm. I can only hope to continue his tireless work as his successor. As always, I welcome your input and ideas to make District 26-M7 the best district in the state.

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FVDG Todd Miller is wearing a pin as part of a district wide initiative to grow members. The pins are free and anyone not already wearing them on a daily basis is encouraged to come by his law office (1305 Southwest Blvd., Suite A, JCMO) to obtain one or you may obtain one from your Zone Chair or Club President. The pins are encouraged as part of your daily apparel and not just decoration for your Lions vest or clothing. We hope by doing this, the pins will encouragement others to ask about Lions Club as you work and play.



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## **Hello Lions, Leos and fellow humanitarians,**

As we close 2023, I encourage you to reflect on everything you and your fellow Lions accomplished this year through your acts of service and generosity. Together with funding from our global foundation, Lions worldwide continued to create amazing impact in communities whenever and wherever we were needed. Congratulations on all that you have accomplished.

This month, we highlight a story about how LCIF grant funds helped Nepal rebuild after a devastating earthquake struck in 2015, just as new funding is helping the country recover after another quake struck last month.

As we enter a new year, please continue to be an ambassador for our global foundation and share with fellow Lions, Leos and others around the world how LCIF empowers our humanitarian service. Through LCIF, we can think bigger and implement projects that our individual clubs or districts couldn't do alone. Your [donations to LCIF](#) make this life-changing service possible.

Make a great day, **Brian E. Sheehan**  
**Chairperson, Lions Clubs International Foundation**

## **The Eldon Lion Club had a very successful year with its fundraisers. The Eldon Lions Club has made numerous contributions:**

ELDON LIONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$5,000
LCIF	\$1,000
ELDON MENISTERIAL ALLIANCE	\$1,000
EHS DUEL CREDITS PROGRAM	\$1,000
KIDS SIGHT	\$250
WORLD SERVICE FOR THE BLIND	\$250
MID SOUTH	\$250
SERVE ELDON	\$250
ELDON FOOD PANTRY	\$500
BOY'S STATE	\$500
GIRL'S STATE	\$500
LEADER DOG	\$250
MO SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	\$250
ELDON ELEMENTRY GOOD DEEDS DAYS	\$500
RECYCLEING CENTER	\$100

## **NEWS FROM CHAMOIS LIONS**

Lion Dale Hackmann reported that the City of Chamois Christmas decorations were put up on December 3, 2023. Lions Hackmann, Mark Mehmert, and Steve Duncan along with volunteer Kody Hackmann performed this service project. Much credit was given to Kody Hackmann as he performed all the ladder work to install the decorations. Lions Sherry Conner, Debbie Mehmert, and Dale and Lana Hackmann decorated the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square and Lion Melissa Strobe was recognized for having put up the Community Center Christmas tree. Thanks were extended to these Lions volunteers for their efforts to decorate the city for Christmas.

Lions Lana Hackmann and Donna Weiser reported on the Osage Caring Projects "Adopt-a-Family for Christmas" project. The Chamois Lions Club adopted two families and members of the Lions Club then shopped for the children in each family. The gifts will be delivered to the Osage Caring Projects drop-off location by Lion Weiser.

Lions Beth Sieg and Lana Hackmann reported on Santa's visit to Chamois that will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. The Osage County R-1 School Pirate Pride Band will play at approximately 9:45 a.m. at the Old Town Square where Santa Claus will first arrive. Then Roomerz Restaurant and Bar will host a free breakfast for children. Chamois Lions Club members will assist Roomerz employees with serving breakfast. Santa will be on hand for pictures and children will receive candy provided by the Chamois Lions Club and a gift provided by Roomerz. There will be a silent auction of donated gift items with the proceeds to benefit the Osage County R-1 PTO.

Lion Secretary Beth Sieg reported that efforts to obtain eyeglasses for three children through the ReSpectacle program were not successful due to the unique nature of the prescriptions for the eyeglasses. The Chamois Lions Club voted to purchase the needed eyeglasses for these children through Wal-Mart. Vision and youth projects are major focuses of Lions Clubs International (LCI) service projects.

Chamois Archery Team parent Crystal Schollmeyer addressed the Chamois Lions and provided information about efforts to find sponsors for jerseys for the Osage County R-1 School archery team. Over 30 children are involved in this sports program and the team would like to purchase nice jerseys that could be used as uniforms. Given the LCI and Chamois Lions Club focus on youth projects and since this particular sponsorship would be beneficial to a large number of children, the Chamois Lions Club voted to donate \$500.00 to this most worthwhile endeavor.

# 16<sup>th</sup> Annual District 26-M7 Convention

March 8 – 9, 2024

Wardsville Lions Club (lower level), Route M, Wardsville, MO



Our international guest is International Director Maria T. Cunning from Phoenix, Arizona. ID Cunning was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 105th International Convention in July 2023.

ID Cunning is a business owner and entrepreneur with more than 35 years of experience in real estate development. She currently manages and operates three companies. Among her notable projects are the construction of over 100 custom homes and a 120-unit apartment complex in the Phoenix and Scottsdale areas. She speaks three languages—English, Filipino and Spanish.

She is a third generation Lion with a passion for service and going on medical missions. She joined the Phoenix Barangay Lions Club as a charter member in 1996. Additionally, she served as guiding Lion for two clubs.

ID Cunning held a number of offices within the association including district Youth Exchange chairperson and multiple district youth coordinator. She served several years as multiple district membership chair and is currently the district 21-N membership chair. She was a speaker at the USA-Canada Leadership Forum and for LCIF Foundation Fridays. She was also a task force member for the North American Membership Initiative.

In recognition of her service, she received numerous awards including an International President's Award and an International President's Leadership Award. She is also a LCIF Progressive Lead Donor and a LCIF Legacy Society member.

In addition to her Lions activities, ID Cunning is active in numerous professional and community organizations and received a number of civic awards for her kindness and service including Outstanding Asian American Citizen.

### Schedule of Events (subject to change) – Wardsville Lions Club (lower level)

Friday, March 8		Saturday, March 9	
Registration	5 pm - 6 pm	Registration	8 am - 9 am
Hospitality	6 pm - 9:30 pm	Q & A with ID Cunning	8:30 am - 9 am
		Morning Session	9:am - 12:00 noon
Please bring a dish to share.		Governor's Luncheon	12 noon - 1:30 pm
Chili is provided.		Afternoon Session	1:30 pm- 3 pm
		Election	3:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Tea, soft drinks and water provided.		Drawing	3:15 pm
		Adjournment	

Best Western Plus Capital Inn, 1937 Cristy Drive, Jefferson City, has a block of rooms for District 26-M7 at a special discounted rate of \$107 (plus tax) and is taking reservations for rooms (queen doubles and king). Please make your reservations directly with the hotel at 573-635-4175 (mention group code **Missouri Lions Club** for the special rate) or [http://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotel-rooms.26164.html?groupId=D98IQ210](http://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotel-rooms.26164.html?groupId=D98IQ210).

**Room reservations must be made by February 14, 2023.**

### 2024 District 26-M7 Convention Reservation Form

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lion/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Friday Hospitality (free): \_\_\_\_\_ **Number Attending Saturday:** \_\_\_\_\_ **X \$40 = \$**\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to **District 26-M7**. Mail to PDG Lou Ann Hathcock, 608 Castle Dr, Jefferson City, MO 65109.

Reservations must be received by February 26, 2024.

# SHOW ME LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING

The Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Facility is located at 710 Sandstone in Cedar City / North Jefferson City, Missouri. Your group can help sort eyeglasses. Contact Jesse Hathcock at 573-338-5530 or [jess26m7@aol.com](mailto:jess26m7@aol.com).

Lohman Lions Alberta and Gary Zumwalt are in charge of filling orders for recycled eyeglasses for mission trips. If anyone wants to contact them to help with this task, their phone number is 573-782-3560. Also, if anyone knows of a mission group that wants recycled eyeglasses, they can submit an email request to: [showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com).



## Visiting Lions Weekend at Mid-South 2024

12-13 April 2024

Mid-South Lions is hosting VISITING LIONS DAY on April 12-13, 2024, at the Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis.

On April 12-13, 2024, you can see for yourself how Mid-South Lions works with the medical professionals and facilities at

Hamilton Eye Institute in Memphis to make MIRACLES for your patients.

We'll have some great food (your \$25 registration fee will get you two meals plus) fun, and fellowship on Friday night including food, drinks and games booths from each state, an auction and some other fun fundraising activities plus an opportunity to visit with Lions from all four states.

Booths will open at 6 PM Friday with other events throughout the evening. Saturday sign-in will begin at 7:30 AM with events starting at 8. Your tour will include our operating room suites, the one-of-a-kind pediatric floor and our research facilities. World-renowned ophthalmologists and outstanding Lions will lead your tours. For more info go to [www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org)

Fellow Lions and Friends I've just gotten information that our MECA Cataract-A-Thon will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Save the date!

More info to follow.

Together in service,

PCC Brad Baker, CEO  
Mid-South Lions

# 2024 State Convention



## OLD KINDERHOOK

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging.

**Room Rates: \$119/night**

**Call or visit the website to book your stay:**

**(573) 317-4314  
www.oldkinderhook.com**

**Online Group Block Code:  
041824LION**

**Group rates will be honored until  
March 19, 2024.**

*Reservations received after this date will be provided on a space-available basis.*



### CONTACT

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Lion April Underwood  
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**(573) 353-7943**

State Convention Email Address:  
**2024missourilionsconvention@gmail.com**

Message Us on Facebook:  
**"Missouri Lions State Convention"**



## 102ND ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION



## MISSION: POSSIBLE AGENTS OF CHANGE

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
**Camdenton, MO**

**You have been selected to be part of an elite mission, should you choose to accept.**

### TARGET:

Lions of MD26

### DATE:

April 18-21, 2024

### MISSION:

To become  
"Agents of Change"

### MISSION HDQTS:

Old Kinderhook Resort  
Camdenton, MO

We look forward to celebrating 102 years of Missouri Lions Clubs with you at Old Kinderhook Resort in Camdenton, MO, on April 18-21, 2024.

Just mail in your registration (right) or register online at [www.molionstateconvention.org](http://www.molionstateconvention.org)

Don't forget to make your reservation with the hotel, via website or phone, prior to March 19, 2024 to take advantage of group rates.

We will do the rest to make your weekend trip a celebration to remember.



### 2024 MISSOURI STATE LIONS CLUB CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Lion  Leo  Guest Name (as wanted on badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title (PDG, PCC, President) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs?  Yes  No Details \_\_\_\_\_

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District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title (PDG, PCC, President) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs?  Yes  No Details \_\_\_\_\_

#### MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:

Lion Ruth Fehste - 55 Oak Hill Road  
Eldon, MO, 65026-4428

#### CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Missouri Lions 2024 State Convention

#### QUESTIONS CONTACT:

PDG Lou Ann Hathcock  
**balloonsisters@aol.com** or **(573) 338-4687**

Lion April Underwood  
**lionaprildawn@gmail.com** or **(573) 353-7943**

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Everyone is responsible for securing their own lodging.

#### CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON:

Registration:  
\$30.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration w/ Luncheon:  
\$65.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration w/ Banquet:  
\$75.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Full Registration with Both Meals:  
\$99.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Friday Breakfast \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_


Saturday Breakfast \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- BRAZITO-HONEY CREEK LIONS Annual Chili and Chicken Noodle Meal on Sunday, January 28 starting at 11. Dine in (all you care to eat) and carryout. 3220 Route E / Jefferson City.
- JC HOST LIONS “2024 68<sup>th</sup> HAM & BEAN and CHILI” event on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 with drive through carryout box lunches of Ham & Bean or Chili serving 11-1:30 and 4-6:30 at St. Peters Church in Jefferson City (next to the Capitol). Workers and eaters are welcome!
- WARDSVILLE LIONS CLUB BBQ of chicken, pork steaks, brats, or ribs on Saturday, February 24 from 11-4. Drive thru only at the Wardsville Lions at 3505 Route M.
- 2024 LIONS DISTRICT 26-M7 CONVENTION will be held on March 8-9, 2024 at the Wardsville Lions Building. International Director Marie Cuning of MD21 in Arizona will be the featured speaker.
- 2023-24 STATE CONVENTION April 18-20, 2024. Old Kinderhook Resort, Camdenton, Missouri. Registration brochure link: <http://e-district.org/userfiles/175/file/Lions%20Club%202024%20Convention%20-%20Trifold%20Registration.pdf>
- JC HOST LIONS “2024 62<sup>nd</sup> DUSTY DESKINS PEANUT DAY” in May 2024 selling all around Jefferson City for \$1 a bag or 6 for \$5.

*Submit your event or article to Lyle at [lrosburg@hotmail.com](mailto:lrosburg@hotmail.com) for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.*



Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.

Jefferson City  
Host Lions



***HAM & BEAN and CHILI***  
**BOX LUNCH – CURBSIDE or DINE IN**

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**

**Ham & Bean Box**

- Ham & Bean, Sauerkraut, Cornbread, and Brownie.

**Chili Box**

- Chili, Crackers, Hot Dog, Cornbread, and Brownie.

**Curbside or Dine In Box at St. Peters Church - Selinger Centre**

**11:00am until 1:30pm and 4:00pm until 6:30pm**  
*(while supplies last)*

**Adult tickets \$10.00 in advance or \$12.00 day of.**

Lyle Rosburg at 573-291-7159 for 'advance-ticket' information

*Being able to “serve” you enables us to “serve” our community!*