



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

# Between the Lions



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## DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

Hope this message finds everyone doing great and ready to enjoy the warmer weather. March was again a very busy month for Lion Linda and myself. We attended the hospitality events at M3, M4, and M6 district conventions and entertained International Director Marie Cunning and her companion PCC Rosemarie Gabriel the four days they were here for the M7 convention.

I want to thank PDG Luann Hathcock and April Underwood for the outstanding job they did as Convention chairs. Also a thank you to my election committee. It was a well attended convention and I am grateful to everyone involved.

Lion Linda and I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lohman Lions Club, congratulations. We continued with club visitation to Vienna and Jamestown.

Please make every effort to attend the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual State Convention at Old Kinderhook April 18-21<sup>st</sup>. This will be a fun event, much different from years past. Service projects planned for Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Lots of entertainment and fun activities.

My fourth and final District Cabinet meeting will be a outside picnic and social event on June 8<sup>th</sup> at McClung park in Jeff City from 1:30 -3:30. Hope you can attend. There will more on this next month.

Both the Eldon and Holts Summit Clubs have increased their membership. Outstanding, congratulations to



Lion Linda and myself.



MD26 CC Harold Spire and M3 DG Sheri Horton. Fun had by all.

both clubs. There are many prospective members in every community, **we just need to invite them.**

Keep sending your club photos and events to Lyle Rosburg ([lrosburg@hotmail.com](mailto:lrosburg@hotmail.com)) so everyone can enjoy your service projects.

Stay Safe, District Governor Ed



**PEACE POSTER CONTEST WINNER:**

13 year old Grecyn Prenger accepting a \$75 check from Lions District Governor Ed Bierbower for winning the Lions Club M7 District Peace Poster Contest. Also shown is Grecyn's mother and Jeff City Host Club President Doug Pavitt. Grecyn attends St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City.



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

What is the secret to cultivating motivation in our district?

In the realm of community service, the heartbeat of Lions lies in their dedication and enthusiasm. After all, it is an unpaid participation program that relies almost entirely on volunteerism. Our clubs, whether they focus on vision, diabetes, hunger, or social welfare, thrive and literally survive on the passion and commitment of you - their volunteers. However, maintaining high levels of motivation among Lions has shown to be an incredible challenge, especially amidst the ebb and flow of busy daily life. So, how can we Lions ensure our Lion friends and members remain inspired and engaged in our noble, volunteering endeavors? In other words, what is the secret to

fixing many of the motivational concerns as Lions that leadership has suffered from occasionally? The following reflects my short list of effective strategies for cultivating and sustaining motivation within Lions Club members. I welcome your feedback and thoughts on this topic as together we win...apart we lose.

1. We must have clear purpose and goals: The foundation of motivation in any organization, including Lions, lies in a clear understanding of its purpose and objectives. Listless members attending meeting after meeting without a clear purpose is a recipe for lackluster performance and lessening membership numbers. As Lions we must articulate a compelling mission statement at our clubs that resonates with members' values and aspirations. Establishing specific, achievable goals such as growing membership

by two people per month by calling on all employers in your community to support and pay the dues for two employees provides direction and helps members understand the impact of their contributions, fostering a sense of purpose and fulfillment. My hope is that as you read my messages, there will always be a purpose and goal in its text.

2. We must celebrate all achievements of our clubs and members: If you have young children in school, you should have noticed by now they have several assemblies and awards ceremonies throughout the school calendar. Realtors give awards for sales and listings. And financial advisors take trips paid for by their parent companies for the volume of their local offices. These events are not by accident. Acknowledging and celebrating the accomplishments of individual members and your club as a whole is essential for boosting morale and reinforcing motivation. Whether it is recognizing outstanding service projects, highlighting personal milestones, or expressing gratitude for dedication and hard work, positive reinforcement at every club meeting reinforces members' sense of value and belonging. Begin a practice of giving an award or celebrating an accomplishment by individual members at every club meeting in 2024 and see what happens.
3. Foster a supportive Lion community: How many of you have a Lion mentor? Few hands are raising because that system has not been promoted very well. For the most part, many Lions feel alone and unsupported at club meetings and events. Those are not my thoughts...those are facts from surveys performed on the topic. Creating a supportive and inclusive environment for your club members is crucial for maintaining motivation. Encourage open communication through a weekly or monthly email newsletter. How many of you are members of a rewards program at a car wash or local store? Those programs support and motivate return business. Call upon members to actively participate and if they do not have someone call them to remind them they are missed and wanted just like successful businesses remind us they want us back. Finally, collaborate among members to support one another. This is definitely a team topic that cannot be accomplished by a handful of members. Foster friendships and camaraderie through social events, team-building activities, and mentorship programs. When members feel connected and supported by their peers, they are more likely to remain motivated and engaged in the club's activities.
4. We must provide opportunities for growth: How many of you have been stuck in a job without potential for growth? It is a helpless and humbling position to be in isn't it? Offering opportunities for personal and professional development is another effective way to motivate Lions. Organize workshops, seminars, and training sessions to enhance members' skills, knowledge, and leadership abilities. Encourage them to take on challenging roles and responsibilities within the club, empowering them to grow and excel in their service endeavors. Without new leaders in the pipeline, this organization prepares itself to fail miserably going forward.
5. We must provide variety and innovation: Monotony dampens enthusiasm and leads to burnout among Lions. Imagine if we still had three channels to choose from on the television. We would be deprived of the variety of wonderful programming that is currently offered. Keep things fresh and exciting at your club by introducing new initiatives, projects, and activities. If you have done the same service projects for more than ten years, it is likely time for a change. Encourage creativity and innovation, allowing members to propose and implement their ideas for making a difference in the community. Embracing change and adaptability from all members young and old ensures that your club remains dynamic and engaging for its members.
6. Cultivate a sense of meaningful impact: Help members connect with the real-world impact of their service activities. Share stories, testimonials, and updates at each club meeting about the lives touched and the positive changes brought about by your collective efforts. By highlighting the significance of



your contributions, you reinforce the intrinsic rewards of service and inspire members to continue making a difference through volunteerism.

In conclusion, motivating Lions requires a multifaceted approach that encompasses purpose, recognition, community, growth, innovation, leadership, and impact. Follow the lead by other successful businesses and organization. If a local business is thriving, look to copy some of their successful strategies. By implementing these strategies, club leaders can foster an environment where members feel empowered, valued, and motivated to actively participate in the club's endeavors. Remember, a motivated and engaged membership is the driving force behind any successful service organization's ability to effect positive change in the world.



Carnegie Hero Fund Commission

April 3 at 12:30 PM · 🌐



During an April 21, 2021, service at his Eldon, Missouri, funeral home, Funeral Director and [#CarnegieHero](#) Jeffery A. Hilke, 47, heard screams. A tall, large 55-year-old man had brandished a handgun in the chapel during his father's service and attempted to force outside a woman, who was attending with her three children. Hilke, of Jefferson City, Missouri, responded and pushed the assailant against a wall, and grasped the weapon. Also attending the service was [#CarnegieHero](#) Scott E. Duncan, 51, of Kansas City, Missouri, responded and grasped the gun. Others in the chapel fled as the three men struggled for control of the weapon. They eventually fell to the floor, Hilke gasping for air from the bottom of the pile-up. The gun fired, hitting the floor, and its magazine fell out, but the assailant reached for a fully loaded magazine in his pocket to reload. [#CarnegieHero](#)

Read more: <https://www.carnegiehero.org/jeffrey-a-hilke-scott-e-duncan>



# WANTED

**Second Vice District Governor for 2024-2025**

**Male or Female, Club President Experience, Zone Chairperson Experience.**

**Three Year Commitment.**

**Make Lions Club visits.**

**Attend District and State Meetings.**

**Be willing to learn**

**Contact Lion Todd Miller at [tmiller@toddmillerlaw.com](mailto:tmiller@toddmillerlaw.com) or 573-634-2838**

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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.



## Chamois Lions Club News

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, March 11, 2024 at the Chamois Community Center. Nine Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Lion Jeff Kormann, who is also a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC will meet on March 21, 2024 and that the group is applying for an A. J. Schwartz Foundation grant to help with repairs to the Townley House. The CHPC is getting a bid from local contractor Dennis Babor as to the cost of the needed repairs. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported that the OCAC had met on February 13, 2024. A photography contest in cooperation with the Osage County Historical Society is underway with the winners to be announced at a reception in the Woodland Art Gallery in the Missouri River Regional Library in Linn, MO on Saturday, March 23, 2024 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. In addition, the OCAC is beginning to plan tours of Osage County farms and attractions in 2024. The first tour, planned by Mary Ann and Ken Gelven, is tentatively scheduled for June 25, 2024 and will include Sassafras Valley Ranch near Belle, Oak Creek Whitetail Ranch with lunch, Gamers Ranch, and Lavendar Rhapsody Farm.

Two of the projects pertain to work at the Chamois City Park. Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen reported that he plans to schedule a Spring workday to install a new door on the Chamois City Park ballpark storage shed and to address some needed ballpark fence repairs.

The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a very high priority. Lion Randy Thoenen reported that he has a potential contractor who would undertake the construction project and has a second contractor who could fabricate a metal staircase to access the second story. This work is tentatively scheduled for later in 2024.

At an earlier Chamois Lions Club meeting, the Chamois Lions voted to install wifi at the Community Center. Wifi capability would enhance the camera security system already in place. Lion President Lieneke has left calls for RadioWire in an effort to schedule installation and to then meet RadioWire technicians at the Community Center to grant entrance into the building in order to complete the installation.

In response to questions, Lion Steve Duncan provided an update on the project to install a flagpole at the Chamois City Park. American Legion Post 506, Chamois Masonic Lodge #185, and the Chamois Lions Club have undertaken a cooperative project to install a 40-foot flagpole somewhere on City property at the City

Park so that the flagpole is visible both from inside the park and from the Missouri River. The flagpole has been purchased and received. Volunteer assistance to pour concrete for the base of the flagpole, to set the flagpole, and to eventually light the flagpole has been arranged for. The City of Chamois has approved the project and efforts are still underway to determine the exact location to place the flagpole.

Lion Steve Duncan also reported on conversations with Jenn Millard, who is the Central Missouri Community Action Community Organizer for Moniteau and Osage Counties. Central Missouri Community Action has proposed a mobile food pantry for Chamois. This program, under the direction of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program, is a program whereby the cooperative purchases meat and produce such as sweet potatoes, corn, tomatoes, apples, watermelons, or other in-season food items from local farmers and then distributes the meat and produce in counties that do not have the best access to food. Lion Duncan is scheduled to meet with Ms. Millard on Tuesday, March 12, and will report the results of that meeting via e-mail to members of the Chamois Lions Club.

Lion Steve Duncan reported that he and Lions Dale and Lana Hackmann had removed the decorations on the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square. These decorations are stored in the firehouse on Main Street.

Even though being absent, Lion Lana Hackmann sent a report on possible new Christmas decorations for the City of Chamois along with pictures of the decorations. These decorations are available for purchase from the City of Boonville, MO. The Chamois Lions Club voted to enter into negotiations with the City of Boonville for the purchase of ten such decorations.

## **CHAMOIS EASTER EGG HUNT**

On Saturday, March 30, 2024 the Chamois Lions Club held their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children in the Chamois/Morrison area. Approximately 75 children participated and were divided into two groups, kindergarten and younger and first grade up to age 10. Thanks to Lion Connie Smith for organizing the Annual Easter Egg Hunt by getting the plastic eggs and the candy ready. Thanks to Lions Michael Edwards, Jeff Kormann, Brandy Ruegge, Nelson Sieg, Beth Sieg, and Steve Duncan for picking up tree limbs and twigs and some trash (not much trash as City Park was pretty clean) and then hiding the eggs. Lion Elise Brochu covered the event for the Unterrified Democrat newspaper. Lion Beth Sieg used her best teacher voice to organize the kids and parents. The egg hunt went off without a hitch. All attendees had a great time, all kids got candy, and most parents/grandparents had their kids say thank you. This is a great event to serve the community and to promote the Chamois Lions Club.

Attached is a picture of the start of the kindergarten and younger children Easter egg hunt. Picture was taken by Lion Michael Edwards.





# ELDON LIONS

Eldon Lions Club participated in Good Deeds Day in partnership with the LEAP Program and Americorps. The Lions helped students clean and sort eyeglasses to be donated to our facility in Jefferson City.



## Jefferson City Capital Lions Club

Jefferson City Capital Lions Club are gathering items for The Central Missouri Foster Care and Adoption Association to give a helping hand to the youth in our community with more resources to ease their needs. We gathered backpacks, school supplies, hygiene products, clothing/shoes & other items to meet some of their daily needs. It is really hard to dream big when in a survivor mode. Our Lion's hearts overflow when helping others.







Lions Club of Eldon

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Thank you to Lions Bill, Lisa, Twyla, and Rob for leading the glasses cleaning at Good Deeds Day! Lion Mary was next door with the **Eldon Garden Club** helping to plant pansies. Lions Megan & Colleen are thankful for our amazing fellow Lions in helping encourage the next generation to service and building a community where we help one another. Thank you for being those examples to our youth!



Julie Smith/News Tribune

## Close up

Clare Townley, 4, takes a look at the image on the vision screening equipment from a short distance after Bill Bonnot performed a brief eye test on her. Bonnot and his wife, Janice, both members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club, performed vision screenings as part of the ongoing effort of the Lions clubs to catch eye or vision problems at an early age. The couple were at Missouri River Regional Library during story hour Wednesday in order to screen as many young children as possible.



JC NewsTribune 03/21/2024



Julie Smith/News Tribune

# Recycling Eyeglasses

Matayah Steinma-Bush, left, Maegen Hildebrand, second from left, Samantha Stotts, at right and Daneffa Strobel, second from right, were among the more than two dozen NHS students Monday from Russellville High School who spent their morning sorting and cleaning glasses at the Show-Me Lions Eye-glass Recycling Center in north Jefferson City. Missouri Lions Clubs support eye tissue research and providing glasses for those who need them whether it's domestically or internationally.

Missouri Lions Free Community

# HEALTH FAIR



**April 19, 2024**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
1064 N BUSINESS ROUTE 5  
CAMDENTON, MISSOURI

Children's Vision Screening • 6 Months thru 12th Grade

Blood Glucose Screening • 18 Years & Older

Hearing Screening • Kindergarten & Older

Eye Screening & Distribution Of Recycled Eyeglasses

LUNCH PROVIDED BY LBOMB  
(Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind)



**LIONS - WE SERVE**



EXCEPTING DONATIONS OF USED EYEGLASSES







# 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).

## 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:  
[www.oldkinderhook.com](http://www.oldkinderhook.com)

(573) 317-4314

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.



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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

**NEW MISSOURI STATE LIONS WEBSITE:**

**<https://lionsofmissouri.org/>**

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.molionsstateconvention.org](http://www.molionsstateconvention.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 (PDL, PCL, President) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:**

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

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Missouri Lions 2024 State Convention

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**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:	\$90.00 x _____ = \$ _____
Friday Breakfast \$25 x _____ = \$ _____	
Sunday Breakfast \$25 x _____ = \$ _____	
<b>Total:</b>	\$ _____

## EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- 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” on Friday, May 17, 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.*

