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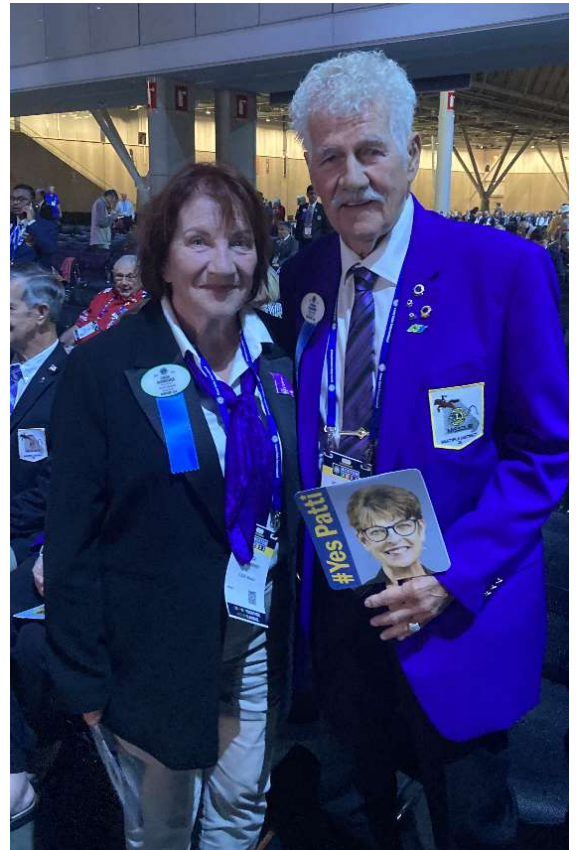
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MESSAGE MD 26 M7 DISTRICT GOVERNOR ED BIERBOWER

Fellow Lions, how wonderful it is to be a member of the greatest service organization in the world. I love being a Lion and seeing the many lives changed each day by our service efforts. The International convention in Boston was

a blast. The enthusiasm of Lions sharing the same goals from all corners of the world was unforgettable. IP Dr. Pattie Hill launched her Mission 1.5, even though it is a big challenge to raise that many new members by June of 2027, she had the support of every Lion in attendance. Last year was a difficult year for M7, we had two clubs lose their charter and a membership loss of 49 members. Even as I hope to establish one new club and add members in my district this year, my main goal is to retain the members we currently have. I have been busy making club visits, helping with different club fund raisers, attending Zone meetings, and getting the word out to club secretaries of the importance of reporting to LCI each month with and changes in membership, projects and people served. I am excited to be your M7 district governor and look forward to serving with the other six governors of our great state.



Together we are Changing the World

Lion Ed Bierbower from Eldon Missouri was Inducted as M7 District Governor at the international convention in Boston.

After graduating HS in NE Colorado in 1958, Ed followed the Oil & Gas drilling rigs through several states. While working at the atomic test site at Mercury Nev. He met and married his wife Rosie. They have one son and one daughter.

Ed first joined the Lions in 1967 in Las Vegas where for 10 years he was active serving as Club Treasurer and President. His work took him to Alaska for several years then overseas for several more as project manager. This work schedule did not allow him to stay active in Lions. He did rejoin the Eldon club in 1985.

Lion Ed lost his wife Rosie in 2001, continuing to work a schedule of 28/28 overseas until he retired in 2011. That same year he married his Partner in Service Lion Linda.

Lion Ed has served as club membership chairman, President three-times, Zone Chairman, and is the club historian of the Eldon club. He is a board member of Lake Area Community Foundation, Elder at the First Christian Church, and was honored by the Eldon Chamber as Citizen of the Year and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.

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

This newsletter is one of the latest success stories for our district. Newsletter Editor, Lyle Rosburg graciously offered to draft this monthly information exchange and we are very grateful for his efforts. I personally want to thank Lyle for his efforts. He has always been available to me for honest and straightforward opinions and leadership and I value his friendship. If you have time, please send Lyle an email of thanks at your earliest convenience. If you have events, content, or photos to share, please submit them to Lyle or me at the email addresses listed on the cover page by the 10th of each month. Remember, a successful monthly newsletter will ultimately be the result of all district members working as a team!



Along with the monthly newsletter, the approval of a \$1,500 membership grant from LCI is another success story for our district. We are already underway with efforts to address our two-prong grant initiative which includes (1) the establishment of a new club in our district; and (2) the addition of 30 new Lion members. The first prong is moving along with great speed as a subcommittee comprised of Lions Mark Schaeperkoetter, Bruce Berger, Ed Bierbower, Bill Foglesong, Don Soph, Steve Dale, Jesse Hathcock, Jeff Hilke, and Todd Miller have focused our efforts on Fulton, Missouri for the new club. Fulton has a long and proud history with the Lions and at one time had two clubs. The subcommittee members canvassed Fulton recently discussing the proposal with local businesses and residents. Mark your calendars for January 24, 2024 at 6:30 PM to attend an informational exchange at the Callaway Electric Cooperative community room, 1313 Cooperative Drive, Fulton, Missouri 65251. Your personal stories of fun and service with the Lions can only help encourage others. If you feel you can help, please contact a subcommittee member and jump in. The event is being advertised on the district website and other local media.

The second grant initiative will take the efforts of all district members. We are encouraged to grow the district by 30 new members and part of that initiative is the yellow pin I am wearing in the attached photograph. I have several to distribute and my hope is we will run out and be forced to buy more. Please wear this pin on your daily attire and not just on your Lions vest so many will see it. We want members of your community to

question “what about your lions” daily so you will have an opportunity to share why you are a member. Invite the questioning party to come to your next meeting and hopefully we will begin a wave of new members. Personal referrals and invitations are the success to any growing membership.

As a final thought, please remember we live in the best country in the world. No other country can compare to our generosity and compassion and Lions Clubs across our nation are a big part of that success. Please also remember District Governor, Ed Bierbower, me, and the other members of the district leadership in your prayers as we continue our leadership efforts. And as we enter this holiday season, may you enjoy family, love, and a renewed expectation for a healthy and wonderful 2024. Thank you for your continued trust and encouragement in my role as FVDG.

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JC HOST LIONS PEACE POSTER CONTEST

2023 winner is Graclyn Prenger, age 13, in 7th grade at St Joseph School (JC). Art Teacher is Kat Haeffner. Graclyn was selected from 46 entries.

For over three decades, Lions clubs around the globe have been sponsoring an art contest in schools and youth groups. Creating peace posters gives children everywhere the chance to express their visions of peace and inspire the world through art and creativity.

Graclyn’s entry now moves on to the District contest.

<https://www.lionsclubs.org/.../start.../youth/peace-poster>



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This pin is part of a district wide initiative to grow members and anyone who's not wearing this pin on a daily basis should come by Todd Miller's office (1305 Southwest Blvd/ JCMO) to obtain one or obtain one from your Zone Chair or Club President. It is not to be worn on Lions vest or clothing, but is to be worn, daily, as an encouragement for everyone we meet to ask about Lions Club.



Donations From Owensville Lions Club

- Lions Club donated \$2,000 to Sight Savers/KidSight in Kansas City, MO
- Lions Club donated \$50 to the Owensville Chamber of Commerce to help sponsor their Autumn Fundraiser, which raises funds for their Scholarship Program benefiting area students. See details below on the event coming up October 26, 2023
- Lions Club Bingo Committee recommends and the Lions Club approves the following donations from the Bingo Account
 - Owensville Senior Center.....\$10,000
 - Lions Scholarships (2).....\$2,000
 - Gasconade County R2 Crisis Fund.....\$5,000

CHAMOIS LIONS NEWS:

The Chamois Lions Club will again adopt two families as part of the Osage Caring Projects “Adopt-a-Family for Christmas” project.

Lions Dale Hackmann, Mark Mehmert, and Steve Duncan volunteered to put up the City of Chamois Christmas decorations and to secure other volunteers to decorate the Christmas Tree on the Old Town Square.

Santa’s visit to Chamois: This event for the children of the community will be held on Saturday, December 16, 2023. The Osage County R-1 Pirate Pride Band will play at 9:45 a.m. at the Old Town Square, Santa will arrive, and then all will adjourn to Roomerz Restaurant and Bar for a free breakfast for the children with candy and a toy for each child and a silent auction of donated items.

The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a very high priority. Lion Susan Sundermeyer reported that efforts to find a contractor to undertake the project have not been successful. Lion Randy Thoenen reported that he may have a potential contractor and will visit with that individual about the project.

At the June 12, 2023 meeting, the Chamois Lions Club voted to install wifi at the Community Center. Wifi capability would enhance the camera security system already in place. Lion President Lieneke has committed to call 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.

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 underway to determine the exact location to place the flagpole.

EYE SCREENINGS

As of November 16, 2023, the Jefferson City Host Lions Club finished conducting KidSight vision screenings at the last elementary and middle schools in Jefferson City, screening all schools in the District.

Since the school year started, this screening team has screened almost 4,000 children, volunteering almost 300 hours, to ensure that all children have good eyesight.

In January, JC Host Lions will start screening at local daycares.



DROP BOXES

Last year, JC Host Lions collected and recycled/distributed more than 6000 eyeglasses. A new drop box location (Eyes on Missouri in the Schnucks Plaza / 1709 Missouri Blvd) has been added for a total of six JC locations to receive used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Photo shows Lions Billy Bonnot and Lyle Rosburg installing the new drop box (Lion Janice Bonnot was photographer and Supervisor).

- Schultes Fresh Foods - 1904 Southwest Blvd.
- Capital Mall - 3600 Country Club Dr (Southside).
- Washington Park at Virginia Street.
- Central Missouri Medical Park - 1705 Christy Drive.
- Gerbes Super Center - 2101 Schotthill Woods Drive.
- Eyes on Missouri in Schnucks Plaza - 1709 Missouri Blvd.

<https://jchostlions.org/eyeglass-%26-h-a-recycling>



LIONS WANT TO RETURN TO FULTON. YOU CAN HELP.

All:

We will meet at the Electric Cooperative community center the evening of January 24, 2024 @ 6:30pm to discuss the new club proposal.

- Follow up with your potential parties that showed interest when we walked the streets of Fulton last week.
- Mark has been asked to follow up with the old Fulton club members in hopes of obtaining their attendance as well.
- I will begin contacting the local newspaper and radio stations to discuss the event and ask for ads.
- Flyers will be posted around Fulton as well and I'll post the event on the 26-M7 district website.

Any suggestions you have to further advertise the event would be appreciated.

Respectfully,

District VP Todd Miller

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 CAPITAL LIONS 2023 NUT SALES

This year's freshly shelled Stuckey's
(Formerly Azalea) Brand Nuts

Great for baking, snacking or holiday gift giving!

\$12.00 per bag

1 lb. Bag Mammoth Pecan Halves

1 lb. Bag Broken Pecan Pieces

1 lb. Bag Toasted & Salted Cashews

\$11.00 per bag

12 oz. Bag Chocolate Covered Pecan Halves

1 lb. Bag English Walnuts

1 lb. Bag Gourmet Mix

(toasted & salted pecan halves, cashews,
brazil nuts, hazel nuts and large almonds)

Proceeds to benefit local Lions projects

573-230-9954 or 573-635-5564

LION WAYNE OSGOODE MEMORIAL “RING THE BELL FOR SALVATION ARMY”

Lions Clubs from around Cole County (JC Host, JC Evening, JC Breakfast, Capital City, Lohman, and Wardsville) rang the bell on Friday December 1, 2023 in support of the Salvation Army.



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.

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.



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

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.



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102ND ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION



MISSION: POSSIBLE AGENTS OF CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE
April 18th - 21st, 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

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 _____

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 _____

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:

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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:
\$99.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Friday Breakfast \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday Breakfast \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- JC HOST LIONS “2024 68th 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).
- 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 62nd DUSTY DESKINS PEANUT DAY” in May 2024 selling all around Jefferson City for \$1 a bag.

Submit your event or article to Lyle at lrosburg@hotmail.com for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.



Light Up Leader Dog is back! With your \$10 gift, you can have a luminary placed in your honor on the campus of Leader Dogs for the Blind during this year's event. Our goal is to light up the campus with over 2,000 luminaries honoring you, our supporters, this holiday season!

Help us make the campus even brighter!

**Give your
hands to
serve
and your
hearts
to love.**

