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# Between the Lions



# **FEBRUARY 2024**

## FEBRUARY UPDATE FROM YOUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Welcome M7 Lions to a new month. Hoping the frigid weather we encountered in January does not return. Lion Linda and I continue to visit clubs, my goal is to visit every club in M7 during my year as DG. LCI sent me the Chevron Membership Awards in December. I was able to mail them to all the individual clubs and

hope everyone has received theirs. In looking over the 190 of these ranging from 10 years to 65 years it is heart-warming to see the dedication of you Lions giving back and serving your communities, congratulations.

Again, I am so thankful to Lion Lyle Rosburg for excepting to Edit and publish our monthly newsletter. It gives all clubs the opportunity to share what's going on with them. I encourage you to send any information or photos so they can make the next edition. The sad thing is only about 600 of the 1,154 Lions in M7 are receiving this newsletter because we do not have the correct e-mail address of these members. So, I strongly encourage each club secretary to reach out to all their members and verify they have the correct e-mail on file. Then send this updated information on to LCI and our District Secretary Lion Steve Duncan. "PLEASE DO THIS".

At our COG meeting held on Jan 27<sup>th</sup> State Membership Chair PDG Pat Scott turned in the past quarter membership report. M7 was the only district that showed a zero loss in membership. We took home the traveling trophy. Let's hope we can keep it for a long time. Thank you all for supporting our district. I would again ask each of you to reach

out to one person each week and invite them to a meeting in hopes once they see all we do for our communities it will spark something within.

Our Fulton new club Informational meeting was not as well attended as hoped. FVDG Todd and his committee have worked very hard to try and get a new club chartered. Weather was very poor that night that didn't help. Todd will share more on this with his monthly update, I am sure.

My District Convention will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at Wardsville Lion Club, mark your calendar and hope to see you their. Thank you for your continued support.

Stay Safe, Ed Bierbower District Governor



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M7 District Governor Ed Bierbower shown presenting Lion Bruce Berger (Jeff City Host Lions Club) with a Appreciation certificate from LCI Global Membership team for his continued leadership and devotion to Lions membership growth.





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

Thank you for your efforts toward Fulton (photo attached). Our informational meeting was the product of many hours of preparation and approximately \$700 invested (\$300 ad, \$187 pins, \$75 food and accessories, and mileage for those on the subcommittee). I have not made application for grant reimbursement yet so I cannot provide you any concrete information on that topic yet. Our district will be mandated to invest a matching amount in the process as I recall (\$500-\$700 or approximately 1/3 of the total grant amount).

We canvassed some of the town to discuss Lions Clubs, we influenced the writing of an article about the event for the Fulton Sun, we advertised in the Fulton Sun, we posted the event on two Facebook pages affiliated with the town and on my Facebook page with 5000 friends and 1,000 followers, we included the event in our District Newsletter that was distributed to approximately 550 Lion members, and we discussed the event with people we suspected may have interest including Fulton resident, Susan Colvin who still remains active in Lion activities.

Mark and Ed prepared some valuable words for the informational meeting. I'm certain I may have forgotten some of your efforts and I apologize if I did.

15 current Lion members attended, and 3 prospective Lion members were present. I seem to



recall there is a branch club topic or other means with which a new club can be formed with less than 15-20 members. I'm open to suggestions on the next step. My participation will lessen for a bit as I prepare for some trials in February and as I attend to the many other trips and topics they throw on FVDGs. My son begins spring football in 6 weeks and my daughter has parent's weekend and graduation in MS this spring. Lyle is a recipient of this email and has been copied on the photo and summary of the event. I will also add some words in my FVDG report in the next district newsletter.

One immediate improvement we must achieve is a more thorough email list for all district members. If Lyle is still using the spreadsheet of email addresses I prepared from Steve's data, he is sending a district newsletter to less than one-half of our 1,100 or so members. We can't consider this a success and won't bridge the communication gap if we don't include more members. Please consider encouraging all Lions in our area to provide a current email address to their club Presidents or Secretaries. Hopefully Ed or I will remember to discuss the same at the next district cabinet meeting in Holts Summit.

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Time to begin thinking about the 2024-25 Lions year which begins July 1. As you discuss who will be your club officers for the next cycle, make sure that current and incoming leadership understands the responsibilities of each of the positions. The District Governor team and your Zone Chairperson can assist you with the necessary training/resources.

## President/Vice President Responsibilities

- Preside over all club and board meetings.
- Issue the call for regular and special meetings of the board of directors and club.
- Appoint the standing and special committees of the club.
- Ensure regular elections are duly called, noticed and held.
- Engage as an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone by attending district and zone meetings.

### Secretary Responsibilities

- Organize club and board meetings.
- Attend all club and board meetings.
- Prepare agendas for and record minutes at every meeting.
- Keep club records and receive club correspondence.
- Complete and file all club reports.
- Engage as an active member of the district governor's advisory committee of the zone by attending district and zone meetings.

#### Treasurer Responsibilities

- Preparing budgets and setting annual dues.
- Receiving monies and depositing into approved club bank account(s)
- Making payments on behalf of the club.
- Maintaining separate Administrative and Activity Accounts
- Preparing Financial Reports for the club and required governmental entities.
- Maintaining club financial records.
- Filing taxes/complying with local tax laws.
- Preparing final financial records and turning over accounts and funds to successor.

<sup>\*\*</sup>There are e-books on the Lions Club International website as well as courses in the Lions Learning Center for each of these important positions.

The Jefferson City Host Lions Club awards six trophies, annually, to the winner of the basketball games between the boys and girls teams from Capital City High School, Helias Catholic High School, and Jefferson City High School. This is the second year the travelling trophies are being awarded.







Supporting the Leader Dog for the Blind, Lake Pet Hospital staff and members of the Eldon Lions Club celebrated raising \$660 for Leader Dog. This money will help sponsor a dog for the program. Shown are Lake Pet staff, Lion Lisa and PDG Bill Foglesong. Lion Dr Kathy Bisges and District Governor Ed Bierbower.



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.





Eldon Lions club members shown receiving LCI Chevron membership awards. Patty LaDuck 15 years (accepting Lion Larry) Brandon Bennett 10 years. Brad Harbison 10 years. Barbara Bell 25 years (not shown) Presented by Twyla Limbauch membership chairman



free lunch and see what we are about.



## Call to Lions District 26-M7 2023 Convention

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual District 26-M7 Convention to be held
MARCH 8 - 9, 2024
Wardsville Lions Club
Route M
Jefferson City, MO 65101

District Governor Ed Bierbower announces that the District 26-M7 Annual Convention will convene on March 8 and 9, 2024. All activities will take place at the Wardsville Lions Club (lower level).

The hospitality will take place on Friday, March 8 beginning at 6:00 pm. The hospitality theme is "St. Patrick's Day." To add to the festive event, Lions and guests are encouraged to wear optional dress in Irish costume or green. The district will provide potato soup and chili. Please bring a dish of your choice to share. Tea, soft drinks and water are provided by the district. Feel free to bring your favorite alcoholic beverage.

On Saturday, March 9, check-in for our convention will start at 8:00 am. Following our International President's message, our theme is "Changing the World." District Governor Ed Bierbower looks forward to seeing you there and leading us in an informative agenda. International Director Marie Cunning and Rosemarie Sororro are our special international guests. They are from Phoenix, Arizona and look forward to visiting our district.

Hotel information is provided on the registration form.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing a great convention!

PDG Lou Ann Hathcock Lion April Underwood District Convention Co-Chairs

### 16th 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 6 pm - 9:30 pm Q & A with ID Cunning Hospitality 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 Afternoon Session 1:30 pm- 3 pm Chili is provided. 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm Election Drawing 3:15 pm Tea, soft drinks and water provided. 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=D98IQ2I0.

Room reservations must be made by February 14, 2023.

2024 District 26-M7 Convention Reservation Form

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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.

THURSDAY

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Steam rolls out of the pot as Wayne Weider lifts the lids on the gallons of ham and beans cooking Wednesday in the basement of the Selinger Center. We'der is a member of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and spent the day tending to the beans for the annual Ham and Beans and Chili Day.

## Local Lions Club hosts annual ham and beans, chili dinner

By Mavis Chan

Ryan Loethen saw a sign advertising ham and beans on his way to church. He decided

and beam on his way to chillen. He decided to give it a try.

"I have to eat lunch somewhere; my office is downtown," said the president of CEAT Specialty Tires, which imports agricultural tires from India.

Wednesday was Loethen's first time going to Jefferson City Host Lions Clob's ham and beans dinner. After he tasted a spoonful of the dish, he said the food was excellent.

The club held its annual ham and beans dinner in hunch and dinner sessions Wednes-day at Selinger Center, 216 Broadway St. The organizers have been hosting this event for nearly 70 years. People could either dine in or order a takeout meal.

Club members began cooking and pre-

paring the meals Tuesday afternoon. During

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that time, they prepared about 1,500 boxes for the event, said club president Boug Paviti. The cooking continued Wednesday, with chefs coming in at 5 a.m. to boil the beams.

The event offered customers two options—ham and beams or chill. The first choice came

with sauerkrast, combread and a brownie, while the second came with a hog dog, crackers, com-bread and a brownie, according to the organizer's Facebook post.

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Each meal cost siz on the day of the event.

Paviit added his club solid around 1,000 tickets
before Wednesday. Club members began pre-selfing around a month ago, when each ticket cost
just sio. Some members solid hundreds of tickets

The control of the cost of th by themselves. For example, Pavitt said he sold nearly 200 tickets.
"Since it's a nice day with no snew, we'll have

a big crowd today," Pavitt said, estimating there

would be more than 2,000 people attending.

The Lions Club will put the money earned from the event back into the community, be said. Pavitt said he hopes event proceeds will help fund

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Apart from selling tickets, club members volunteered at the event as well. Out of around 130 members, Pavitt estimated around 80 would help out. Many volunteered during Tuesday's meal preparation. In fact, some members show up for

preparations. In tack, some inseminers snow up not this event, but not during its regular meetings. Dianne Brandhorst volunteers at club events, and said she has done so at the ham and beans dinner five or six times previouslyd. She enjoyed participating in the event alongside her husband, who has been a club member for two decades.

"I enjoy working at the ham and beans (din-ner)," she said. "It's just a good event, raises a lot of money for the Lions Club and charities and

such."

This year, she was in charge of beverages. She stayed at the dining area looking over rows of tables and customers. She described her role as 'playing waitress.' She also helped pack combread and brownies on Tuesday.

Her favorite part of the event was working in the dining room, where she could see people coming from all over Jefferson City.

'I know a lot of people, so it's finn to interact with our customers.' Brandhorst said.



Jefferson City Host Lions Club member Mark Jordan scoops up sauerkraut Wednesday as he and other volunteers prepare meals to be boxed up and delivered upstairs to Selinger Center during the annual Ham and Beans and Chili Day.





Capital City High School Speech and Debate members Mars Finley and Vee Blase spoke to JC Host Lions, including an original oratory.

# **Bus shelter dedication for Evening Lions Club**

By Stephi Smith

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A new bus shelter displays a small brass plaque for the Jefferson City Evening Lions Club's \$4,000 donation.

The Evening Lions Club worked closely with JEFFTRAN Director Gerry Stegeman, according to project coordinator and Lions Club member Bob Kraus, to fund a bus shelter on Wildwood Drive near Lowe's Home Improvement.

Stegeman and JEFFTRAN employee Maurice Burnley met with Kraus and the Evening Lions Club President Kyle Heislen on Friday morning at the new bus shelter to show off the plaque, about 7 inches by 5 inches.

Stegeman said the shelter was installed sometime near the end of December.

Heislen said the Evening Lions Club, a local service organization, hosts several fundraisers throughout the year in order to finance projects such as a bus shelter. Heislen said the Evening Lions Club's golf tournament in June each year raises about \$15,000 for the organization.

"If people need something, we're happy to help them out," Heislen said.

Kraus said the Lions Club's purpose is service to citizens.

"That's what all Lions do ... all of that money goes into our fund for public endeavors, if you will," Kraus said.

The local organization also donates regularly to other local non-profits, like the Jefferson City Boys & Girls Club and the HALO Foundation.

"We don't limit our efforts just to

one thing," Kraus said.

The Evening Lions Club is a branch of the JC Host Lions Club; there are more than 40 clubs sponsored by the JC Host Lions in surrounding cities and counties. The JC Host Lions Club was established in 1925 and is part of Lions Club International.

Kraus' branch wanted to add a shelter for individuals riding the bus to provide somewhere safe to wait for the bus.

"That's a really good thing, you know, as far as people riding the bus and there was none ... right next to Lowe's. So someone wanting to go shopping there could easily do it by that bus stop with that shelter being there," Kraus said.

Stegeman said JEFFTRAN looks to fund bus shelters in order to make public transportation more safe and comfortable for local riders.

"It's just convenience of our passengers ... you get a day like today when it's raining and now they've got someplace to stand," Stegeman said Friday.

"Or when it's especially windy," Kraus added.

Each JEFFTRAN bus shelter has a roof, a bench and three walls.

The Lions Club paid for the city to purchase the shelter itself and the city hired a contractor to install the shelter and add a ramp and sidewalks.

This is the fourth bus shelter the Lions Club has purchased for the city — the Lions purchased bus shelters for JEFFTRAN stops on Missouri Boulevard in front of Walgreens, on Edgewood Drive near the Jefferson City Medical Group and on Christy Drive near Flora Drive.

"We basically paid for the shelter itself, they did the rest of the construction and they just got it completed. And we were waiting for an opportunity to do a photo-op for the Evening Lions, recognizing the fact that we had spent four grand just to put that one there," Kraus said.

Jefferson City has 55 bus shelters at JEFFTRAN stops, according to Stegeman. The city purchased a majority of those through either grants or donations.

The city uses data on which stops garner the most passengers and the distance from the stop to another public building to determine where to include a bus shelter.

"This is a fairly used site," Stegeman said of the Wildwood stop near Lowe's.

Stegeman's biggest obstacle in setting up this shelter was ensuring the shelter and bus stop were compliant with the American with Disabilities Act. There is another concrete platform about 60 feet south of the new shelter that the city installed several years ago with the goal to build a shelter. However, federal regulations wouldn't allow for a bus shelter in that location.

"So then we were able to get it re-engineered, move it down, change



Julie Smith/News Tribune

Bob Kraus, second from right, and Kyle Heislen, second from left, visit with Jefftran officials Jerry Stegeman, right, and Maurice Burnley on Friday at Jefferson City's newest bus shelter located on Wildwood Drive near the west entrance to Lowe's.

the curbing, pull it back off the streets so they have a view over there so it didn't block the view of the cars trying to pull out of Lowe's," Stegeman said.

The shelters were once much cheaper. About 10 years ago, when the Evening Lions Club purchased the first three, the price was about \$2,500 less.

"They were a lot less expensive back then. They were \$1,500," Kraus said.

The bus shelter was part of a larger project to connect sidewalks along Vieth Drive and Dix Road; the city published a request for bids in July for a contractor to construct about 450 feet of sidewalk in Jefferson City's Fourth Ward.

Also part of the request for bids was an alternate to construct a bus shelter about three miles northwest, also in the Fourth Ward. The bus shelter has about 70 feet of sidewalk between the bus stop and the Lowe's parking lot entrance, a ramp with detectable warnings and the city installed a bike rack near the bus shelter.

The City Council awarded a contract to B&P Patterson LLC in August for \$87,651 for the entire project; the bus shelter work cost \$7,830.

Kraus said he's proud of his club, though he hopes more young Jefferson City residents join a local Lions Club in order to keep this type of local service going.

"Right now, we're having difficult getting young people to be more community-minded. ... The group that we have, we're aging out. I'm in my 70s. We're getting to the point where we need younger people," Kraus said.

He said he's noticed a decline in new members in other non-profit organizations, such as the local Rotary Club chapters. Kraus said he believes there's a lack of participation from adolescents and young adults due to increasingly demanding schedules for workers and parents.

"It's because their kids have so many more engagements with sports and different activities throughout the year. It's just a little harder to get younger people involved in that community activities when they're busy," he said.

# JC Host Lions Partner with Runge Conservation Nature Center

Submitted by Lion Bruce Berger

On Saturday January 13, 2024, the Jefferson City Host Lions Club and Runge Conservation Nature Center joined together in a project to support the Lions global cause of the ENVIRONMENT. Lion Jane Haslag presented information about winter sowing of seeds from native plants. The ultimate goal is to get more native plants in the community.

After the presentation, Lions and Runge volunteers worked together to prepare milk jugs with soil and native plant

seeds collected by Lion Jane. These seeds were all gathered from native plants from Lion Jane's home.

The Lions and Runge volunteers prepared 70 milk jugs. These jugs will be left outside at Runge. What

little care is needed will be provided by Runge volunteers. In the

spring, the plants produced by the process will be transplanted into gardens.

Lion Jane pointed out this is an inexpensive process to help get more native plants out there for our pollinators. With so many non-natives, use of insecticide, and habitat loss, we are losing the very pollinators we need to sustain life.





This is the second native plant project between Lions and Runge. With the enthusiasm this project was greeted, there are certainly many more cooperative efforts down the road.





## 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: <a href="mailto:showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com">showmelionseyeglassrecycling@gmail.com</a>.



# 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 <a href="https://www.midsouthlions.org">www.midsouthlions.org</a>

## 2024 State Convention



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



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.

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#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Everyone is responsible for securing their own lodging.

## CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON.

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Total: 5

## **EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:**

- 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 Cunning 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: <a href="http://e-district.org/userfiles/175/file/Lions%20Club%202024%20Convention%20-%20Trifold%20Registration.pdf">http://e-district.org/userfiles/175/file/Lions%20Club%202024%20Convention%20-%20Trifold%20Registration.pdf</a>
- 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 <a href="mailto:lrosburg@hotmail.com">lrosburg@hotmail.com</a> for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.





The first Cole County COAD Formation meeting was held in mid-November, 2023. Our goal was to provide a high-level overview of the purpose and goals of a COAD, and why we need community members and organizations to consider becoming members of the COAD. Our next meeting is February 27 at 5:30 pm. Please consider joining us for this next meeting to continue the COAD conversation as we begin to solidify subcommittees and forward action for the group. The QR Code above will take you to the Cole County COAD landing page, which at this point is under the United Way of Central Missouri's website. This page will continue to be the source for all COAD information.

Jefferson City