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## **DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S JUNE UPDATE**

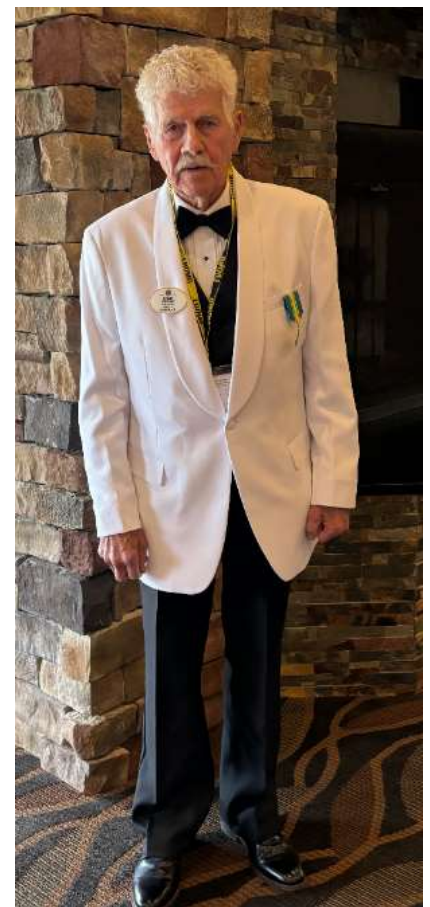
Hope this message finds everyone doing good. This is my final month to represent M7 as your Governor. It has been a pleasure to visit so many clubs and get acquainted with so many of my fellow Lions. Every club is unique in many ways, but they all focus on service to their communities. This is what makes being a Lion so special.

I need to share changes to our 2024-25 leadership team. DGE Todd Miller has resigned I was saddened when I learned of this as Lion Todd and I had become very good friends over the past two

years. I felt he had all the qualifications to serve as our next DG. Todd has a Law practice where he is the only attorney. He is also a single parent, which both require the majority of his time.

PDG Melissa Anderson has agreed to serve as his replacement. PDG Bill Fogelsong has agreed to serve as FVDG, and Lion Bruce Berger has agreed to serve as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG. A special election meeting was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> comprised of M7 PID, PCC's and PDG's who unanimously approved them to take their respective positions July 1<sup>st</sup>. I want to congratulate each of them and I pledge my support.

The Eldon club celebrated its Installation of new officers and Induction of new members with a dinner ceremony. PDG Bill Fogelsong was presented with the LCI Leadership metal. Lion Larry Laduke was presented with the LCI Presidential metal. Eldon



Superintendent of Schools, Matt Davis was presented MJF award for his ongoing support to the Eldon community.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all my M7 cabinet and Zone Chairmans for their support this past year. Looking forward to the new year and potential member growth.

I encourage every club to share their activities with New Letter Editor (Lyle) keeping all of us aware of what your doing.

Stay Safe  
Ed Bierbower

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

Greetings fellow M7 Lions! I am Lion Melissa (Missy) Anderson from the Holts Summit Lions Club, where I currently serve as Treasurer. I am honored to be able to serve as your District Governor (DG) for the 2024-2025 Lions Year. My husband, Patrick, and I have been Lions since October 2015; our 8-year-old son, Henry, joins us at every meeting and most activities and service projects. I believe it is our responsibility as adults to show and teach the younger generation the value of service and kindness to others. I work full-time for the State of Missouri's,



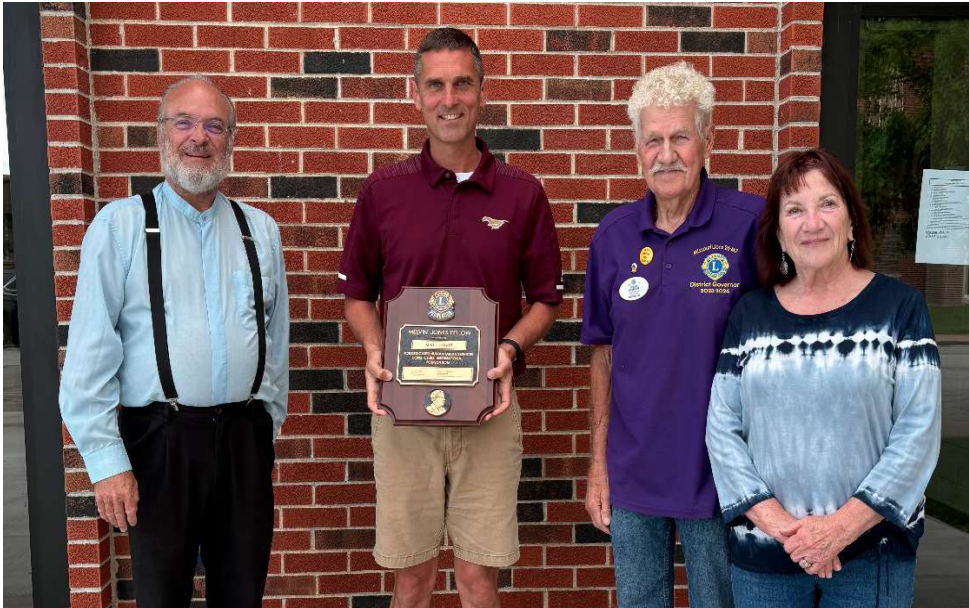
Rehabilitation Services for the Blind's, Business Enterprise Program and work side by side with Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind. I also serve on the Missouri Deaf/Blind Advisory Council and as the Treasurer for Pack 9 Cub Scouts.

I served as the M7 DG during the 2021-2022 Lions Year when many clubs were still slowly coming back from COVID. Therefore, I'm extremely excited to get a "redo"! I have an amazing team working with me including Lion Bill Foglesong of the Eldon Lions Club as 1st Vice DG and Lion Bruce Berger of the JC Host Lions Club as 2nd Vice DG. We are excited to visit your club meetings, service projects and events in the coming year. Our focus this year will be on **GROWTH**, in membership and service. Stay tuned for an exciting membership challenge!

Yours in Lionism, Lion Melissa Anderson, DG 26M7

# ELDON LIONS

Lion Larry LaDuke (right) shown holding the 308 Savage won at the Eldon Lions fundraiser. All proceeds from this event went to the Eldon Community Center.



M7 District Governor Ed Bierbower presenting Matt Davis with MJF award for his continued contributions to the betterment of the Eldon community. Also pictured are PDG Bill Foglesong and Lion Linda Bierbower



Newly Installed officers of the Eldon Lions Club: Polly Scott - Lion Tamer, Out Going Pres. - Rob Young, Incoming Pres. - Bill Foglesong, Tail Twister - Lind Bierbower, Sec - Lisa Foglesong, Treasure - Chuck Saak, 2nd VP - Jason McGhay, 1st VP - Twyla Limbach

PDG Bill Fogelsong (right) receiving M7 Leadership Metal, and Lion Larry LaDuke (below) receiving LCI M7 Presidential metal at the Installation ceremony May 21.



**PRESIDENT HILL, BE CAREFUL WITH WHOM YOU ASSOCIATE...**



Some Missouri Lions commandeered International President Patti Hill at the Kansas State Convention.

# Chamois Lions Club News

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, May 13, 2024 at the Chamois Community Center. Fifteen Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Lion President Lieneke called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Melissa Strobe, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, and Lion Scott Mertz, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, were absent so there were no reports for those organizations. At present, there is no Lion who is a member of the Chamois city government so there is no liaison to the City of Chamois. Lion Susan Sundermeyer, who is a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC will hold a rummage sale fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the home of Lion Betty Linhardt. Lion Sundermeyer also provided an update on what the CHPC would like to see done as part of the rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand located at the Chamois City Park. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is a member of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), was present but had no report. Lions Steve Duncan, Susan Sundermeyer, and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported OCAC would have a board meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2024. OCAC has two tours planned. There will be a Ranch Life tour on June 25, 2024 and a Christmas Country Church & Cookies Trail tour on Friday, December 13, 2024.

Three of the projects pertain to work at the Chamois City Park. Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen hopes 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 within the next few weeks. Lion Steve Duncan reported that Chamois Mayor Marie Slusser plans to meet with contractor Grayson Light in regards to a project to rebuild a portion of the roof over the ballpark grandstand.

The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a very high priority. This issue was addressed during Lion Susan Sundermeyer's report on behalf of the CHPC.

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 discuss a possible installation. Lion Mark Mehmert reported that he has reached out to T-Mobile as to their wifi service. This issue will continue to be researched and addressed.

Lions Steve Duncan, Jeff Kormann, and Pamela Kormann reported on the first produce box food distribution project that was held on Monday, April 15, 2024 on the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot in downtown Chamois. Central Missouri Community Action has arranged for a mobile food pantry for Chamois utilizing a program under the direction of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program. This 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. The first distribution of food items was a huge success as 100 boxes were distributed. The next scheduled food distribution will be on Thursday, May 30, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the St. Mary's Catholic Church parking lot.

Lions Jeff and Pamela Kormann and Lana Hackmann reported on a KidSight vision screening project that was held at Osage County R-1 School on April 23, 2024. Lions Mark and Judy Schaeperkoetter of the Owensville Lions Club along with volunteers from the Chamois Lions Club screened all students in grades 1 through 12. Lions Schaeperkoetter are certified vision screeners under the KidSight program. KidSight is a nonprofit

organization associated with Lions Clubs that provide free vision screenings for children. Utilizing a photoscreening camera, trained technicians take a picture of a child's eyes and instantly analyze the results to determine if the child is at risk for a vision problem. At-risk children are referred to visit an eye doctor and KidSight staff connect parents with resources to get the care their children might need. Chamois Lions involved in this vision screening included Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg, Jeff and Pamela Kormann, Steve Duncan, and Lana Hackmann.

To conclude old business, Lion Lana Hackmann reported on a purchase of new Christmas decorations for the City of Chamois. Seventeen decorations to be displayed from power poles along Main Street have been purchased from the City of Boonville. Thanks were extended to Lions Dale and Lana Hackmann and Mark and Debbie Mehmert for picking up the decorations and delivering them to Chamois.

The Missouri Lions State Convention was held on April 18-21, 2024 at Old Kinderhook at the Lake of the Ozarks. Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg and Steve Duncan attended to represent the Chamois Lions Club and reported on the convention. The featured speaker at the banquet was Lion Douglas X. Alexander from Brooklyn, New York who was the International President for Lions Clubs International during the 2021-2022 Lions year. The featured guest speaker during the Saturday morning plenary session was Dan Meers, who is the K C Wolf mascot for the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

Lion President Lieneke and Lion Secretary Sieg reported on a possible meal for the community. A tentative date of Monday, July 22, 2024 was set. The meal would be served from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. as a service to the community and information about various Lions Clubs projects would be available.

Lions Club officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year must be elected and reported to Lions Clubs International (LCI) by May 15, 2024. Lion President Lieneke called on the Nominating Committee to present a slate of officers for the 2024-2025 Lions year. The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers to include Lion Robin Lieneke as President, Lion Rev. Jason Hilkerbaumer as First Vice President, Lion Scott Mertz as Second Vice President, Lion Randy Thoenen as Third Vice President, Lion Beth Sieg as Secretary, Lion Nelson Sieg as Treasurer, Lion Sherry Conner as Tail Twister, Lion Connie Smith as Lion Tamer, Lion Robin Lieneke as LCIF Chairperson, Lions Michael Edwards and Steve Duncan as Club Service Chairpersons, Lion Mark Mehmert as Marketing/Communications Director, Lion Melissa Strobe as Membership Chairperson, and Lions Susan Sundermeyer, Randy Thoenen, Mark Lieneke, and Duane Paulsmeyer as Directors. This slate of officers was unanimously elected.

Lion President Lieneke requested that the Lions Scholarship Committee meet after the meeting to select the recipients of the E. E. Turner Scholarship and the Chamois Lions Club Scholarship. Both scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 and are awarded to a graduating senior at Chamois High School. Scholarship Committee members include Lions Susan Sundermeyer, Randy Thoenen, Lana Hackmann, and Randy Thoenen.



# JC HOST LIONS

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## Peanut sale preparation

After Shirley Loesch, at right, folded over the bag, Marlene Carlson stapled it closed and Geri Surfce, in background, placed them in a large box to be counted and bagged. In preparation for Friday's annual Dusty Deskins Peanut Sale, members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club bagged up peanuts to be sold from street corners and local supporting stores. They used the Parks and Rec Multipurpose Building in north Jefferson City for the activity and with a lot of good help, it didn't take very long to get the peanuts measured and emptied into the white, paper bags donated by Central Bank and stapled shut. Those bags were placed into large, plastic bags by the 50 count and placed in a trailer to be distributed early Friday morning. This and the annual Ham and Bean and Chili Day are the largest fundraisers for the organization, of which nearly all proceeds are spent locally supporting youth activities, eye tissue research and more.



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## Drive by peanut sale

ABOVE: Jefferson City Host Lions Club member Hal Dulle does his best to draw attention to the bags of salted peanuts for sale as he and other Lions sell peanuts during Friday's annual 62nd Dusty Deskins Memorial Peanut Day. Dulle stood on Jefferson Street on the north side of Dunklin while his wife stood on the other side of the intersection. Dulle said sales ebbed and flowed. They would be busy for a little bit then really slow down then pick back up again. Most people purchased individual bags, a few bought six bags for five dollars while still others just wanted to make a donation. Proceeds from the annual fundraiser remain in Jefferson City to support youth, vision screening, eye tissue research and more. BELOW: Jefferson City Host Lion Hal Dulle watches as Doris Jackson tries to feed her dog Millie peanuts Friday after making a donation to the Lions Club. Dulle did his best to draw attention to the bags of salted peanuts in the shell being distributed as he and other Lions sold peanuts during Friday's annual 62nd Dusty Deskins Memorial Peanut Day.



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Thanks for your support! Enjoy your peanuts!



JC Host Lions were proud to sponsor the Season Opener of JC Renegades baseball! Lions night at the Ballpark. See more photos at <https://jchostlions.org/events-2023-2024-%232>







Jefferson City Host Lions Club  
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The Jefferson City Host Lions Club installed plants for a 100th anniversary project. JC Host Lions will turn 100 years old in 2025, and, by then, it should look great. Thanks to Jefferson City Parks / Deborah Cooper Park at Adrian's Island.



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## Planting season



ABOVE AND LEFT: Members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club work Monday at Adrian's Island, where they planted a portion of the 300 flowers and native plants the organization purchased as a service project for the community. Everything was laid out by Parks and Recreation staff members and the Lions dug the holes and planted the native flowers and plants.



# 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).

## EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- LOHMAN FESTIVAL:
  - June 30th, 2024 - Lohman Lions annual BBQ at the Community Bldg at 3007 Main Street with pork steak, chicken, & brat dinners, beginning at 10:30 a.m.
  - Historical display upstairs at the Community Bldg from 10:30-3.
  - Patriotic service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the hill - 9 am.
  - Corner Collectables open 9-3.
  - Old Lohman Mill tours 11-3.
  - Bring your old cars and show them off from 10:30-2:30 on Front Street "under the big tree".
  - St. Paul's Lutheran Church will serve sandwiches, desserts, etc., beginning at 6 pm with the fireworks at 9 pm at the church.
- RUSSELLVILLE LIONS CLUB FIREWORKS:
  - July 6, 2024 – Russellville Fireworks Festival / Russellville Lions Club / 13625 Route C / Russellville, MO. Events start at 4pm. Fireworks at dusk.
  - Fireworks, BBQ, Bounce House, Kids Games, Sno Cones, Cotton Candy, ATV Rodeo.

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

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