



District 26-M7
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MARCH DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S UPDATE

How about the February weather we enjoyed? March long term forecast has us above normal for this month. Some say we will surely pay for this come summer. Time will tell.

February Lion Linda and I visited four clubs and attended the M5 and M1 District conventions.

I encourage your Presidents and secretaries to send in your clubs activities and photos to Lyle Rosburg (lrosburg@hotmail.com) so they can be published in our M7 newsletter that comes out each month. I visited the Vienna club and only one member had received the newsletter. Please make sure your secretary's have the correct email address on all members and send them to Lion Steve Duncan.

Please join Lion Linda and me to help Lohman Lions Club celebrate their 50th anniversary March 14th at 8618 Church Hill Dr, in Lohman.

Don't give up on attracting new members, continue to invite a friend or stranger to come to a meeting and see what Lions are all about.

FVDG Todd and his committee will continue its effort to get a new club chartered in Fulton. More on this effort will be communicated next month.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the State Convention April 18-21 at Old Kinderhook. It will not be the old normal convention. Lots of service projects planned and wonderful entertainment will be provided. Sounds like fun.

Stay Safe, District Governor Ed





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

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I address you today as your District Governor Elect. The recent district convention was a success with approximately 70 attendees. Thank you to the Wardsville Lions Club for hosting and their wonderful efforts. Thank you also to the convention committee who worked tirelessly to conduct a seamless event. If you couldn't attend this year, please consider attending next year as we conduct the business of our district.

If you haven't enrolled to attend the state convention in Camdenon in April, please consider doing so. There will be special events, wonderful entertainment and food, and the opportunity to expand your Lion friends and associates. In speaking with the convention committee, I suspect this will be the most memorable state convention in several years.

As Lions, we are bound together by our shared commitment to serve our communities, uplift those in need, and make a lasting impact on the world around us. If you are not contributing monthly information to our newsletter, please consider doing so. Without your help, that amenity may suffer. Many of you asked for a newsletter and now you have one so jump in and help please.

As we embark on 2024, filled with promise and opportunity, I am excited to work alongside every one of you to further our noble mission and to make some long awaited and necessary changes to policies and procedures. First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of you who supported me for District Governor. Your unwavering dedication and tireless efforts in serving others and supporting leadership candidates, especially during these challenging times, has not gone unnoticed. Throughout the past year, our district and our communities have faced unprecedented obstacles, yet through our collective strength and resilience, we have continued to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most. Your selflessness and compassion have truly been a beacon of hope for so many, and I am immensely proud to be a part of this remarkable district.

As we look ahead, it is essential that we remain steadfast in our commitment to service and adapt to the evolving needs of our district and our communities. New ideas are needed, and new service projects are necessary. Please consider bringing your new ideas and suggestions to light by contacting me or others. Whether it is through organizing food drives, screening students and others, supporting local schools, or aiding the elderly and vulnerable, there are countless ways in which we can make a positive impact to Missourians. My hope is our focus will be directed toward Missourians while we continue to work together, harnessing the power of our collective efforts to bring about meaningful change and create a brighter future for those around the world.

Furthermore, I encourage each of you to seize this opportunity to strengthen our clubs and enhance our service capabilities by inviting others to the local club meetings. By fostering a spirit of collaboration and innovation and getting new voices involved, we can develop new initiatives, expand our outreach, and engage with a broader audience. Let us embrace diversity and inclusivity, recognizing the unique talents and perspectives that each new member brings to the table. Together, we can amplify our impact and make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

As your District Governor Elect, I am here to support you in any way that I can. Whether you have ideas for new projects, prospective member information, need assistance in overcoming challenges, or simply want to connect and share your experiences, please do not hesitate to reach out. Together, we are stronger, and together, we can achieve remarkable things.

In closing, I want to thank all of you for your continued dedication and commitment to Lionism. Your passion for service inspires us all, and I am confident that together, we will continue to make a lasting impact on our communities and the world at large. Wishing you all a Spring filled with purpose, fulfillment, and meaningful service and I hope to see you in Camdenton at the state convention.

Warm regards, Todd Miller

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 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.



FVDG Todd addressing Lions attending the Zone meeting held at Eldon Community Center Feb 21

M7 DISTRICT CONVENTION



PCC Rosemarie Gabriel, Lion Linda Bierbower, DG, and ID Marie Cuning from Arizona.



FVDG Todd Miller was unanimously elected as District Governor elect for 2024-2025 at the District Convention. It was also approved that the 2025 District convention will be held in Jefferson City.



Larry Brandhorst presented with the International Presidents certificate of appreciation for his many years as cabinet treasurer.



The team building exercise was to create a flag or emblem for a Lions project.



Pictured PID Don Knipp, Lion Beth Sieg from Chamois (accepting for Lion Steve Duncan). The Presidential certificate for over 10 years of continued service as M7 Secretary.



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

Things are busy with our foundation.

I spoke at the M3 convention last weekend.

Lion Leon is speaking at the M7 convention today.

Lion Leon is doing an eye mission event in Cadet on Monday.

We have a club presentation in Gerald on Tuesday.

As you can see, it's hard to keep up. I've attached a calendar of events for the future. We'd love your help for some of these events. Please let me know which ones work for you.

In other news:

- We expect to be asked to submit another grant application to Saving Sight this year. No details are available yet. Our matching grant to LCIF is still pending.
- We have received a letter of interest for a board position from Lion Lori Spire. She's in the northwest part of Missouri and is extremely interested in getting involved with our foundation.
- Lion Lyn continues to provide the glasses for our mission events. Thank you Lyn!
- Last, I want to recognize the passing of PDG Debbie Blumenberg. She was a fierce advocate for our mission work after going on two mission trips to Mexico. She was involved in the early days of our foundation before giving up her seat so someone new could get involved. She loved what we do as an organization. Most of all, we loved Lion Debbie for all she did to make the world a better place.

Lion Devin Struttman / President, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation / (314) 277-8292 | devin@admr.com

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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.

**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.

MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Dear District Members,

As we continue to strive towards fostering a vibrant and engaged newsletter, we are excited to announce the launch of a monthly spotlight article initiative!

Each month, we will be featuring one of our esteemed district Lions in an article spotlighting their achievements, contributions, and experiences within our club. This is an excellent opportunity for us to showcase the diverse talents and stories that make our community so special. While we will consider submissions from former Lion leaders, we likely know about you. Instead, we are reaching out to all Lions who are interested in sharing their journey, expertise, or insights with the rest of the district. Whether you have a unique hobby, a professional accomplishment, or a personal story you'd like to share, we encourage you to submit an article for consideration.

Here are some guidelines to help you get started:

- Articles should be between 500-800 words in length.
- Topics can range from personal experiences within the Lions to professional achievements, hobbies, passions, or any other area you feel passionate about.
- Please ensure that your article is original and has not been previously published elsewhere.

Submitting your article is simple. Just send it to me at tmiller@toddmillerlaw.com or Editor, Lyle Rosburg at Irosburg@hotmail.com by the 5th day of each month. Our editorial team will review all submissions and select one for publication each month. If your article is chosen, we will reach out to you to coordinate any additional details.

We believe that everyone in our district has a unique story to tell, and we look forward to reading about yours. Thank you for your ongoing support and participation in our growing newsletter.

Best regards,
M. Todd Miller

“How Many People Did You Ask to Be a Lion?”

Our local newspaper sponsors a “Democracy Days” event on a school day for the Eldon Elementary School children to learn about Democracy in action, and how it is demonstrated in our local business and organizations. State and local representatives are invited to present to each class and answer questions about their job and responsibilities in serving their people.

The Eldon Lions Club is always invited to be a yearly presenter so that the third, fourth, and fifth grade students learn what the Lions do in our community. We explain our Logo and a bit about our history, as well as our motto “We Serve”. We discuss how Lions have four areas of service – Saving Sight, Supporting Youth, Providing Disaster Relief and Meeting Humanitarian Needs.

1. Vision Screening support for school children
2. Support various Food Relief projects for Feeding the Hungry
3. Health Care - Cancer Assistance and Diabetes Screening
4. Environmental and Disaster Relief

Since I have raised a Future Leader Dog for the Blind, I tell them about the program and how they can help when they grow up. They met my puppy last year and remembered me training her in the classroom. I told them they too can raise a puppy when they grow up, and that they can give cash donations to the Leader Dog Program to help Blind people to get a dog.

They were told ask two very important questions of the Presenters.

1. Why am I a Lion and how do I put “We Serve” into action?
2. What is the most important thing that I want them to know and what is the hardest thing of my job?

Both answers came from my heart. But the important thing I do, and the hardest thing of my job is “I want to teach you children to want to be a Lion and to convince you to join and be a part of “We Serve” when you grow up.

It was very sweet – at least half the hands shot up and some said “pick me” and others asked “If they could come see me when they are old enough.” I talked to almost 300 children that day (there were about 650 children that attended the Democracy Days event).

So, how many people did I invite to be a Lion? LOTS - probably more than most Lions on that Day!

Lion Lisa Fogelsong

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HERMANN LIONS CLUB

As the Hermann Lions Club, which was founded in 1930, begins its 94th year of service, the local Lions continue to provide essential support to many of the needs, events, organizations and programs that help make our community a very nice place to live. This year our Kidsight team screened 948 children at 17 locations traveling 1,493 miles. Nearly 10% of those screened were found to have eye issues that warrant medical involvement – some are quite serious if not treated early. But of course, our major focus continues to be service to our community. Thanks to the generous support of local businesses and the many eager participants and customers supporting our fundraisers, we are proud to announce we were able to contribute the following funds in 2023.

The Hermann Community Food Pantry - \$2,602, Kidsight screenings - \$1,000, Peace Poster winners - \$150, Families in Action (After Prom/ Project Graduation) - \$300, Leader Dogs for the Blind - \$500, Mid-South Sight and Hearing Center - \$500, Central Missouri Eyeglass Recycling Center - \$250, Lions Clubs International - \$1,000, Pickleball Court - \$5,860, Girls State - \$300
Crusade Against Cancer - \$300, Scholarships - \$3,000, Scouts – Girls, Boys, Cubs @ \$200 each - \$600, Music Boosters - \$300, Glasses - \$88, Community Christmas - \$500, GCR-1 Special Olympics - \$1,000, Sgt.Griffith/Officer Sullentraup Fund - \$1,000. TOTAL \$19,290.

A conservative estimate of 920 “Lion Hours” accomplished this commendable Lions Service by participation in Wurstfest, Special Olympics, a golf tournament, Hermann Maifest, Octoberfest, Halloween, Bell Ringing for the local Ministerial Alliance and Kidsight. Not bad for a club of 55 dues paying members, average age well over 65, and about 30 of which can be described as active.

Chamois Lions Club News

Several Lions Clubs International (LCI) Milestone Chevron Awards were presented. These awards recognize membership anniversaries of Lions and document their years of service as Lions. Awards were presented to Lions LeRoy and Debbie Huff, Lions Mark and Robin Lieneke, and Lions Nelson and Beth Sieg for 10 years of service as members of the Chamois Lions Club. Also recognized was Lion Randy Thoenen for 40 years of service as a Lion. Congratulations were extended to these dedicated Lions.

Lion Third Vice President Randy Thoenen reported that he has a door to be installed on the Chamois City Park ballpark storage shed and will schedule a workday to install the door in the Spring 2024. Ballpark fence repairs will also be undertaken in the Spring 2024.

The rebuild of the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a very high priority. Lion Randy Thoenen reported that he may have 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. Discussions with these two contractors will continue.

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 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.

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.

The Christmas tree on the Old Town Square still has decorations on the tree. Lion Sherry Conner and other Lions volunteers will remove the decorations on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Lion Connie Smith reported on the annual Easter Egg Hunt for children in the Chamois and Morrison areas. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chamois City Park. Lion volunteers are needed to hide eggs and to supervise the egg hunt.

LOHMAN LIONS CLUB

Lohman Lions 50th Anniversary March 14, 2024. Charter members Gary Zumwalt, Art Ehrhardt, and Gus Fischer all receive President's Certificate of Appreciation presented by Past International Director Donal Knipp.





Holts Summit Lions Club

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Today we prepared and delivered lunch to the Fire Department, Police Department and the Ambulance crew here in Holts Summit! Thank you for protecting and supporting our community!



Wardsville Lions Club

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Tonight at our annual members appreciation night, we honored the one and only Tim Wilbers. We honored Tim with the highest award, the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. It goes without saying the **Wardsville Lions Club** would not even be close to what we know as it is today without everything that Tim does for our club and our community!



Jeff City wins the crosstown showdown over Capital City 63-51. @JeffCityHoops



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

2024 State Convention

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Online Group Block Code:
041824LION

Group rates will be honored until
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Camdenton, MO

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April 18-21, 2024

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Camdenton, MO

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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, POC, 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, POC, President) _____

Special Dietary Needs? Yes No Details _____

MAIL REGISTRATION & PAYMENT TO:

Lion Ruth Freshie - 35 Oak Hill Road
Eldon, MO 65026-4428

CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Missouri Lions 2024 State Convention

QUESTIONS CONTACT:

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Lion April Underwood
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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 _____ = \$ _____

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Saturday Breakfast: \$25 x _____ = \$ _____

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EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- HERMANN WURSTFEST 2024 March 22-23-24. A Celebration of All Things Sausage. <https://www.hermannareachamber.com/hermann-wurstfest>
- 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” 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 for inclusion in the next District Newsletter.



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