



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

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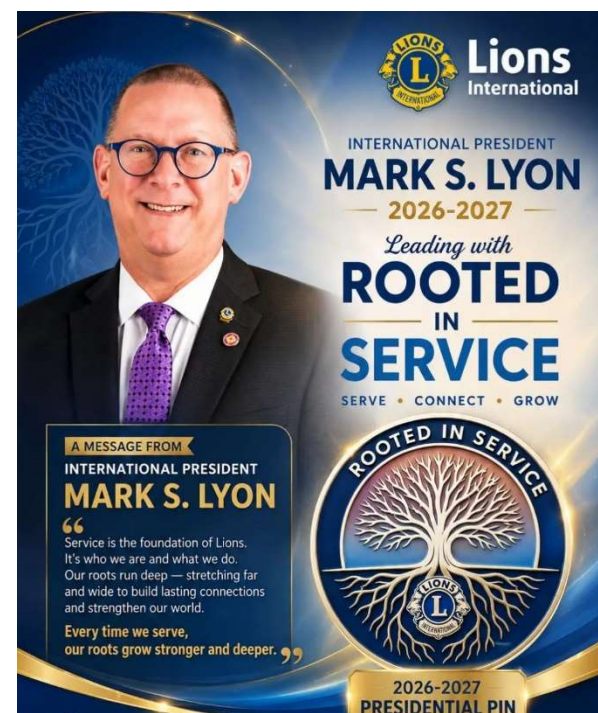
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Reporting Club Officers

1. From LCI Main page (www.lionsclubs.org), click on **Lion Portal**.
2. Log on to your Club's Portal site.
3. Select "Member Actions", which is to the right of your screen.
4. Click on 'Manage Club Officers'
5. A small pop-up box will appear. Click on 'Create New Assignment'
6. The next pop-up box will ask "When should this assignment begin?" Select 'the upcoming year'. Then hit the NEXT button.
7. On the next pop-up box, you will be asked "What is the Officer and Title Type for this title?". Under Officer Type, click on the small arrows on the right and select either Officer or Administrator. Do the same for the next item, Title Type, (Official or Local). Click on the NEXT button.
8. A list of your club membership will be shown and at the top you select the officer type. Once done selecting member to fill office, click on the next button. You may need to use the grey bar on the right side to slide down to find the NEXT button.
9. Always select **YES** for adding officer address.
10. Make sure the officer's information is correct, if not make necessary updates.
11. You will follow the same procedure for each of your elected officers.



**Benefit for Debbie Cantrell,
Missouri Lions
International Director.**



Growing Membership Through Service
Bruce Berger – District Governor

At the recently concluded Mission 1.5 Summit in Atlanta, one message was repeated time and again: if Lions want to grow membership, service must remain our primary focus. To attract new members, we must demonstrate the value we bring to our communities through meaningful service. After all, our motto is simple and powerful—"We Serve."

Across our district, several clubs have experienced membership growth by openly communicating a simple reality: we cannot continue providing the level of service our communities depend on without welcoming new members. Clubs such as Mokane, New Bloomfield, and Camden County provide excellent examples of this approach in action.

Both Mokane and New Bloomfield were finding it increasingly difficult to continue their signature community events as membership numbers declined. When they shared this challenge with their communities, the response was encouraging. New members stepped forward—many of them young, enthusiastic, and eager to serve. These clubs embraced the opportunity by encouraging new members to contribute ideas and take leadership roles in service projects. As a result, these members felt valued and engaged, proving that Lions clubs can successfully attract younger generations when they are given meaningful opportunities to make a difference.

The Camden County Lions Club offers another success story. Under the leadership of 1st Vice District Governor-Elect April Underwood, the effort began as a club branch of Eldon. As the branch became more visible through community service projects, members of the existing Camdenton Lions Club expressed interest in becoming involved. This collaboration ultimately transformed the dormant Camdenton club into the thriving Camden County Lions Club. Once again, younger members joined, became actively engaged, and demonstrated that service organizations remain highly relevant when they provide purpose and impact.

Another bright spot in our district is the Fulton club branch of Auxvasse. Guided by Lion Warren Hollrah, the branch continues to grow its membership while building momentum through community service. Like the other success stories, this is a younger club with ambitious plans to serve its community and attract even more members through visible, meaningful projects.

As the 2025-2026 Lions year comes to a close, District M7 is on track to be the only district in Missouri to achieve positive net membership growth. This is an accomplishment every Lion in our district should celebrate. Moving forward, our challenge is clear: continue creating welcoming, engaging environments where new Lions—especially younger members—can find purpose, friendship, and opportunities to serve.

When we focus on service, membership growth follows. The success stories across District M7 prove it.

26M7 First Vice District Governor

Hello Fellow Lions,

As we begin a new Lions year, your district leadership team is excited about the opportunities ahead and all the potential for service and growth throughout District M7.

First, I would like to thank District Governor Bill Foglesong for his dedication and leadership this past year. We appreciate all he has done for M7 and wish him the very best as he passes the torch to our incoming District Governor, Bruce. Second Vice District Governor Robb and I look forward to serving alongside DG Bruce, supporting our clubs, and continuing to learn and grow as leaders.



One of my personal goals this year is to visit clubs that I was unable to visit last year, while continuing to assist with club events and projects whenever I can. I am also committed to helping our newer clubs, Camden County and Fulton, continue to grow and thrive. Looking ahead, the 2026-2027 Governor Team hopes to explore opportunities for expansion in Tipton and to support Brazito Honey Creek as they work to establish and strengthen their Leo Club.

I would also like to remind everyone about a very special project that belongs to all of us in District M7. The Show Me Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center is located in North Jefferson City—the heart of District M7 and truly the heart of Missouri. Several Lions of our district devote countless hours to maintaining the facility, coordinating volunteers, tracking operations, and ensuring the program continues to serve Lions and communities across the state and around the world.

This project receives support from Lions throughout Missouri, but it is our district project. We should not only be proud of it—we should actively support it.

I challenge every club in M7 to schedule at least one meeting, workday, or service project at the Eyeglass Recycling Center this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the impact of the program while helping ensure its continued success.

Finally, I would like to renew a challenge I shared last year: invite just one new member to become a Lion. Imagine where District M7 could be one year from now if every Lion brought just one new Lion into our family of service. Together, we can grow our membership, strengthen our clubs, and expand our impact throughout our communities.

Together, we can—and do—make a difference.

Yours in Service,

Lion April Underwood
Bloom Together – Grow Through Service.
573-353-7943



FIVE BENEFITS OF BEING A LION

- 1 We have fun**
Service is meaningful—and it's fun.
- 2 We're part of something big – yet unique**
- 3 We have opportunities for personal growth**
- 4 We're backed by a global association and foundation**
- 5 Doing good feels good**

HOLTS SUMMIT



Lions Club of Holts Summit, MO



41m • 🌐

We are open! The boys are patiently awaiting customers while the women are working..... 😂



ELDON



New officers inducted are Ed & Linda Bierbower, Chuck Saak, District Governor Bruce Burger (installing officer) Lisa Fogelsong, Melissa Vernon, Twyla Limbauch. Not shown are Rob Young & Jason McGay.



Pam Sharp with Eldon Senior Center (meals on wheels) was the guest speaker at Eldon Lions.

The Lions Club of Eldon volunteered at the weekly Carnival at Wonderland Camp recently. Members worked carnival games and had fun with campers. Wonderland Camp is a year around camp for people with disabilities located at Lake of the Ozarks.



CAMDEN COUNTY

The Camden County Lions Club is proud to launch our very first fundraising event — Putt for a Purpose!

As a newer and growing club, we're excited to bring this event to our community, but we can't do it alone. We're reaching out to our fellow Lions across the district because one of the greatest things about Lionism is that Lions help Lions.

We're looking for Lions who would be willing to join us on August 14 to help with hole monitoring, scorekeeping, registration, and other tournament activities. Whether you can volunteer for part of the day or the entire event, your support would mean the world to our club.

We also invite district members to come out, play, and help us make our first event a success!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Lion April Underwood.

Putt for a Purpose. Serve with a Purpose. Grow with a Purpose.

#PuttForAPurpose #CamdenCountyLions #LionsHelpLions #WeServe #MissouriLions
#BloomTogetherGrowThroughService



★ 1ST ANNUAL ★	
PUTT FOR A PURPOSE	
REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP FORM	
 Camden County LIONS CLUB	 Pirate's Cove THE ORIGINAL Adventure Golf
Friday, August 14, 2026	Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf
5850 Osage Beach Parkway Osage Beach, Missouri	
CONTACT INFORMATION	REGISTRATION OPTIONS
Company / Organization: _____	☐ Corporate Team Sponsor — \$200 Includes Four Players, Hole Sign & Social Media Recognition
Contact Person: _____	Team Name: _____
Address: _____	Player 1: _____
Phone: _____	Player 2: _____
Email: _____	Player 3: _____
	Player 4: _____
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	☐ Individual Adult Entry — \$15 Participant Name: _____
☐ Hole-In-One Sponsor — \$300 Business Name: _____	☐ Youth Entry (12 & Under) — \$10.50 Participant Name: _____
☐ Hole Sponsor — \$50 Business Name: _____	
DONATION OPPORTUNITIES	PAYMENT TOTAL
☐ I would like to donate a raffle item. Description: _____	Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
☐ I would like to donate a silent auction item. Description: _____	Make Checks Payable To: Camden County Lions Club
	MAIL REGISTRATION TO: Camden County Lions Club 6372 Red Barn Road Osage Beach, MO 65065
	OR EMAIL TO: camdencountylionsclub@gmail.com
	Have Questions, Call (573) 353-7943
Thank you for supporting the Camden County Lions Club and helping us serve our local community through vision assistance, school lunch support, and community service projects.	

JC EVENING



LouAnn Peters Hathcock

10h • 🧑🏻‍🤝‍🧑🏻

I had the honor to install the new officers of the Jefferson City Evening Lions tonight. They had steak night and it was delicious!



Brazito - Honey Creek Lions Club ► BHC Lions Club Fireworks Event

9h • 🌐

It will be here before you know it! Tell your friends! Bring your family! Share... See more



Brazito-Honey Creek Lions Club

3220 Rte E, Jefferson City, MO 65101



is celebrating 250 years of America
by hosting our annual community event:

FIREWORKS

presented by **BAX FIREWORKS**

Saturday, July 11, 2026

FREE TO ENTER!

Gates open at 5:00 pm

Food Trucks, Vendors, and a DJ!

Playground, Bounce Houses, and a Dunk Tank

Community Hall will be open if you need to a break
from the heat, or just want to visit with friends and
neighbors.

Fireworks start at dark!

Out of respect for our neighbors, please **ONLY** park on in designated areas

BRAZITO- HONEY CREEK

MOKANE

Fri, Sep 4 - Sep 6

2026 Mokane Lions Club World's Fair

301 East River Street, Mokane, MO



CALL FOR Vendors

Mokane Lions Club
World's Fair

September 4th-6th, 2026

Are you hoping to showcase your small business or talents? Reserve a vendor booth at the Mokane World's Fair today!

Spaces are limited, and anticipated to fill quickly. Lots starting at just \$75 for a 3 day event. Multiple lot sizes available.

Contact Theresa Spencer for
more information:

 573-220-0576

 1967theresa@gmail.com



HERMANN



Installation of officers at Hermann on June 2, 2026.

JEFFERSON CITY HOST

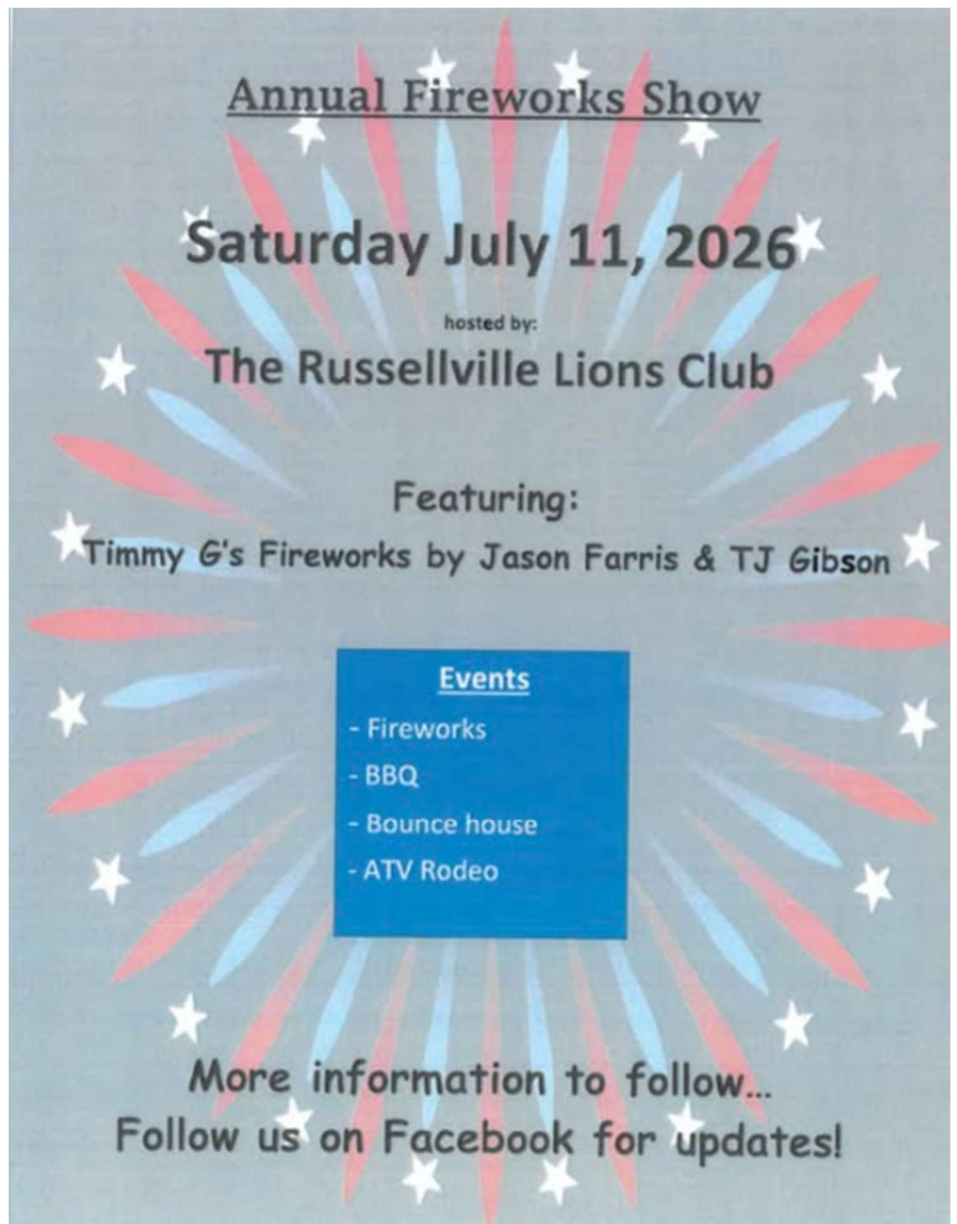
JC Host Lions assembled, customized, and decorated its annual Mobility Cart.

<https://giftofmobility.org/> JC Host Lions will enter the cart in the annual competition

<https://giftofmobility.org/news/...> See more



RUSSELLVILLE



VERSAILLES



Versailles Lions were presented with chevron awards, recognizing their years of dedicated service. From left our Lions, Matt Smith (20 years), Dustin Dunklee (20 years), Richard Vogt (40 years), and Luthier Campbell (25 years). DGE Bruce Berger made the presentation at their weekly meeting.

CHAMOIS



The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, June 8, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Sixteen Lions and four visitors were present for the dinner and business meeting. Visitors included Destiny Hutchinson, Misty Hilkerbaumer, and prospective new Lions Jay Bathke and Stacey Lauderback.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Jason Hilkerbaumer led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Sabra Paulsmeyer offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served the annual salad supper which included various salads such as taco salad, pasta salad, and lettuce salad, veggie tray, crackers and dip, and for

dessert strawberry pie and lemon cake.

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Lion President Hilkerbaumer made several presentations of Chervon Awards, which are the Lions Clubs International (LCI) awards for years of service as a Lion. Lions honored were Lions Mark and Debbie Mehmert, who received chevrons for 20 years of service, and Lions Dale Hackmann, Duane Paulsmeyer, and Steve Duncan, who received chevrons for 50 years of service.

The start of the business meeting was further delayed as the Chamois Lions Club inducted two new members. Lion President Hilkerbaumer called on Lion Steve Duncan to briefly explain the mission and key service initiatives of LCI and the Chamois Lions Club and to administer the Lions Oath to new members Stacey Lauderback, sponsored by Lion Michael Edwards, and Jay Bathke, sponsored by Lion Steve Duncan. Lions Lauderback and Bathke were welcomed into membership in the Chamois Lions Club and received their new member packets to include the Lions lapel pin.

Lion President Jason Hilkerbaumer presided at the business meeting and requested that the meeting agenda be approved. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the May 11, 2026 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the minutes. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented the financial report for the Chamois Lions general account and Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen presented the financial report for the Chamois Community Center account. The Chamois Lions voted to approve the two financial reports.

Lion President Hilkerbaumer called on Chamois Lions Club liaisons to other Chamois and Morrison civic groups for reports on the activities of those groups. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is President of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), reported that the CIDC will meet next in June 2026 with a continued focus on the development of a Business & Services Directory. Lion Kormann, who is also a board member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), reported that the CHPC hosted a very successful Spring Fling on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center, that a date of May 8, 2027 has been set for next year's Spring Fling, and that the CHPC hosted a car club from Kansas City on Saturday, June 6, 2026 for a tour of the Townley House. Lion Jay Bathke, who is a City of Chamois Councilperson, and Lion Meghan Birmingham, who is the City Clerk, reported that the City has hired a local contractor to address the reconstruction of a section of ballpark grandstand that was destroyed by a windstorm. Lion Sean Hackmann, who is a member of the Chamois Fire Department, reported that the Fire Department had a relatively quiet month in regard to calls. Lion Hackmann extended congratulations to Lion Jay Bathke who has obtained his EMT license. The Chamois Fire Department now has three certified EMTs as members. Lion Hackmann also commended the Fire Department for their volunteer efforts on Memorial Day to assist with the Jerry Berry Memorial Day Medallion Service and for efforts to clean up the Chamois Cemeteries with

controlled burns to get rid of brush around the cemeteries. To conclude his report, Lion Hackmann reported that the Fire Department is working on a county-wide grant application to purchase breathing apparatus for fire fighters. There were no reports from the City of Morrison or the Osage County Agritourism Council.

Eight items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were addressed.

Some discussion focused on five projects within the Chamois City Park and the Community Center. There is a need for ballpark fence repairs, repairs to the shed door, and the possible removal of the batting cage. Lion Randy Thoenen will lead efforts to assess what materials and labor are needed and then schedule a work-day. Second, efforts continue to find a contractor to work on the Old Bandstand and City of Chamois Mayor Shawn Mitchem has offered to reach out to potential contractors but would like more information as to the exact nature of repairs and enhancements needed. Lion Susan Sundermeyer has provided drawings of the proposed enhancements. Third, Lion Mark Mehmert will continue to look into an enclosure for the Internet router located in the Community Center. Lions Club volunteers need to paint the wall behind the stage in the Community Center and hang the new 65-inch TCL television. This TV could be used by renters to stream programs such as the Super Bowl or to show family or group videos and photographs and thus make the Community Center a more attractive venue for potential renters. Finally, in an effort to fix a few very minor roof leaks in the Community Center, Lion Randy Thoenen scheduled a work-day for Saturday, June 13, 2026 to inspect the roof and repair any leaks found.

The Chamois Lions Club has for many months discussed a possible meal for the community with most recent discussion focused on a pancake and sausage breakfast that would be hosted in appreciation of community residents. Lion Jeff Kormann reported on a possible grant opportunity through ServMO and America 250 Missouri that could possibly be utilized in conjunction with a fundraiser. This grant opportunity is available to organizations to support impactful service initiatives. After reviewing the grant application time deadlines, the Chamois Lions determined that the application could not be completed on time. However, the club did decide to pursue the pancake breakfast as a fundraiser and set a date of Saturday, August 22, 2026 as the date. A committee of Lions Randy Thoenen, Beth Sieg, Steve Duncan, and Dawna Keilholz was appointed to plan the breakfast.

At the March 9, 2026 meeting, the Chamois Lions voted to purchase twelve 60-inch round tables from Sam's Club or Wal-Mart for the Community Center. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg volunteered to pick up the tables.

To conclude discussion on special projects and old business, several Lions offered very positive remarks on the city-wide clean-up day that was held on Sunday, May 17, 2026 and the Jerry Berry Civil War Memorial Dedication Program that was held on Memorial Day, May 25, 2026. Many Lion volunteers and other volunteers in the community worked diligently on these initiatives along with the Chamois Cemeteries restoration efforts and the Jerry Berry Civil War Memorial Dedication was an incredible success. Chamois hosted hundreds of visitors on Memorial Day and the community received very positive publicity both on T V and via social media.

Two items of new business were presented and discussed.

In response to a letter from the Gasconade Valley Enterprise Zone (GVEZ), the Chamois Lions voted to donate \$250.00 to the GVEZ in an effort to further enhance economic development efforts in the community. The Chamois Enhanced Enterprise Zone is one of four enterprise zones within the Gasconade, Maries, and Osage County geographical area that comprises the GVEZ.

In response to a letter from Jenn Millard of Central Missouri Community Action (CMCA) and Aging Best requesting use of the Chamois Community Center for a Senior Connections event to be held in Chamois, the Chamois Lions voted to make the Community Center available for the event to be held on Tuesday, July 14,

2026. This event is an opportunity for senior citizens to gather for a meal, gain information on subjects relevant to senior citizens, and to have fun.

Lion Secretary Beth Sieg reported on one item of correspondence. A thank-you note was received from Chamois High School senior Savannah Sieg, who was the recipient of the \$500 Chamois Lions Club Scholarship. Lion Steve Duncan made one announcement. A date of June 14, 2026, which is Flag Day, has been set for the dedication of the new 40-foot flagpole at the Chamois City Park. The Chamois Lions Club is one of four sponsoring organizations for the flagpole along with Chamois Lodge #185 A.F. & A.M., Chamois American Legion Post 506, and the City of Chamois.

June birthday wishes were extended to Lion Darrell Chrisenberry. Prayer concerns were expressed for several community members to include Connie Smith.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared three jokes entitled “The Big Game”, “Truth in Advertising”, and “A Teaching Moment” that were provided by Lion Duane Paulsmeyer.

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, July 13, 2026 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Chamois Lions with 50 years of Service



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. To volunteer at the building, contact: Lion Don Soph, PDG, 314-304-5054 or email donsoph@hotmail.com or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email balloonsisters@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.

SPECIAL REQUEST: We are in need of more volunteers to come to the building to work on eyeglasses - sorting, washing and reading, in order to be able to provide glasses to those that need them. Mission trips have increased and we need volunteers to be able to have glasses ready for distribution. If you cannot volunteer to work at the building but do collect glasses, you can still help. Glasses can be sorted by: readers, adult prescription, kids prescription, adult sunglasses and kids sunglasses. It would also help if the glasses were taken out of the cases, since we have no source for cases. All broken, scratched and parts-missing glasses can be separated and labeled as scrap which can be used to get money to use for shipping out the glasses for mission trips. All of this would help immensely. Thank you! – Alberta *To volunteer at the building, contact: Lion Don Soph, PDG, 314-304-5054 or email donsoph@hotmail.com or Lou Ann Hathcock, PDG, 573-338-4687 or email balloonsisters@aol.com.*

How To Sort Used Eyeglasses For the Jeff City Eyeglass Recycle Center

Scrap Metal – metal frames that are broken
New/Demo – Comes from a eyeglass store; may have tags
Special Frames – May have side protectors on frame
No Markings –
Pediatric – Kids glasses
Readers – look on ear pieces(temple) for + sign
Non-RX Sunglasses -
RX Sunglasses -
Other Frames – Most prescription eyeglasses will go here
Gold Plated – old thin frames

Broken Plastic Frames – Throw Away
Eyeglass Cases – See if a resale center will take them or throw away.



ATTENTION: EYEGLASS RECYCLING

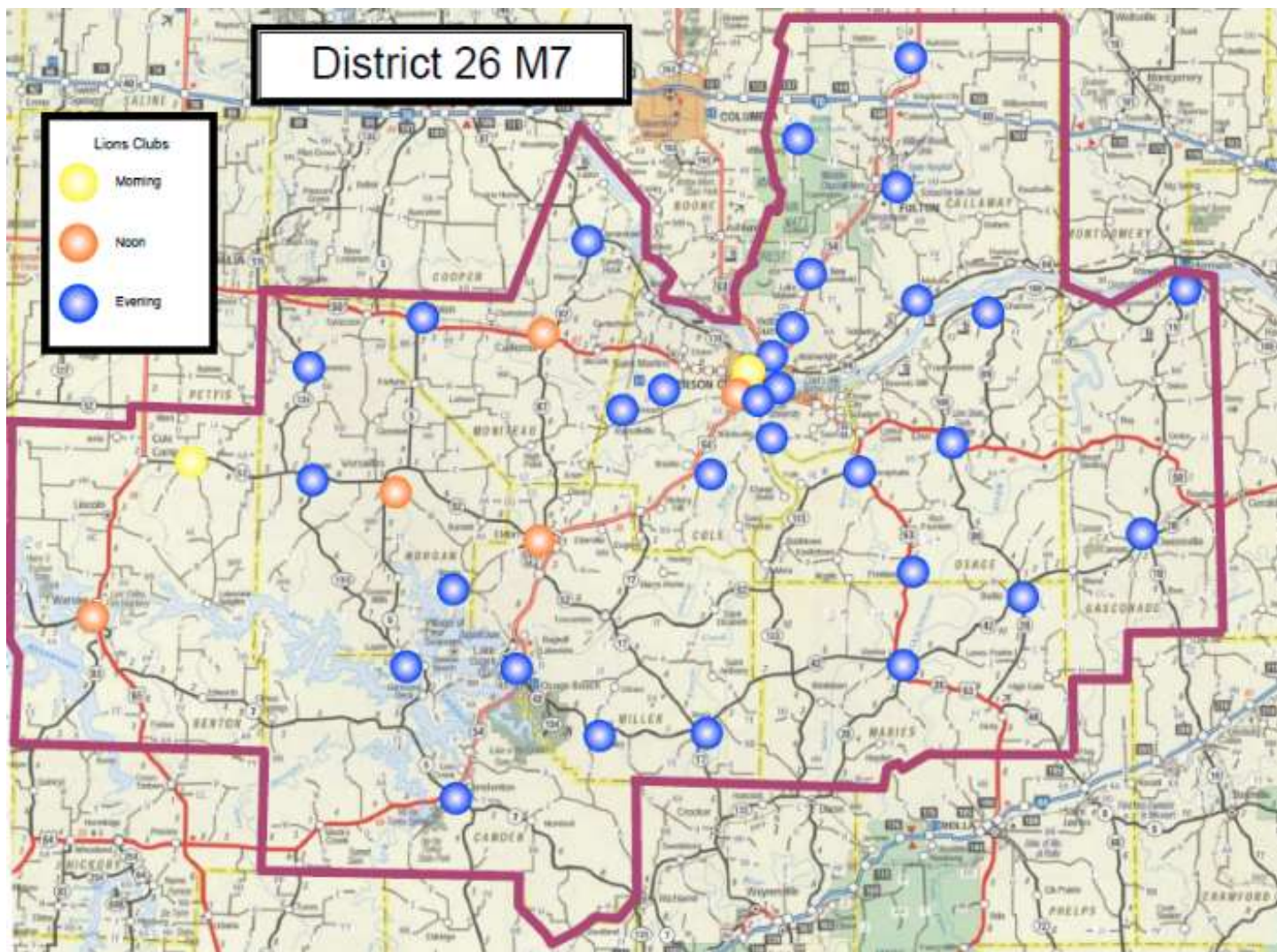
The STATE OFFICE IS NOT an eyeglass recycling drop-off location.

- If you have a **LARGE** amount of glasses for drop-off, please call (no texting) Lions Gary & Alberta Zumwalt at 573-782-3560 or by email: Gzumw@aol.com **BEFORE** dropping them off at the Recycling Center.
- If immediate assistance is needed, contact PCC Jeff Hilke at 573-690-8272 or email: lionjeffhilke@gmail.com

***Please remove the glasses from their cases. Eyeglass cases and loose lenses are not accepted for recycling.

District Clubs
Meeting Days / Times

Club	Days / Time
Auxvasse c	2 nd 4 th Th 6:30 PM
Brazito Honey Creek c	1 st Mon 6:30 PM
Brumley c	3 rd Th 7 PM
California c	1 st 3 rd Wed 12
Camden County c	3 rd Tu 6 PM
Chamois c	2 nd Mon 6:30 PM
Eldon c	1 st 3 rd Tu 12
Florence m	2 nd Tu 6 PM
Freeburg m	2 nd Th 7:30 PM
Fulton c	4 th Tu 6:30 PM
Hermann c	1 st Tu 6:00 PM
Holts Summit c	2 nd 4 th Th 6 PM
Iberia m	2 nd 4 th Mon 6:30 PM
Jamestown c	2 nd 4 th Mon 7:30 PM
JC Capital f	5 th Tue 6:30 PM
JC Evening m	1 st Th 6:30 PM
JC Host c	Every Wed 12:00
Lake Ozark c	2 nd Mon 6:30 PM
Linn c	2 nd 4 th Tu 6:30 PM
Lohman c	2 nd Th 6 PM
Millersburg c	2 nd 4 th Th 7:30 PM
Mokane c	2 nd Wed 7 PM
New Bloomfield c	1 st 3 rd Th 6:30 PM
Owensville c	2 nd Th 6:30 PM
Rocky Mount c	1 st 3 rd Tu 6:30 PM
Russellville c	1 st Tu 6:30 PM
Versailles c	Every Tu 12:00
Vienna c	1 st Tu 7 PM
Wardsville m	1 st Th 7:30 PM
Warsaw c	Every Wed 12:00
Westphalia m	2 nd Mon 7:15 PM



ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3
California	Brumley	Belle
	Camdenton	Chamois
Florence	Eldon	Freeburg
Jamestown		Hermann
	Iberia	Linn
	Lake Ozark	Owensville
Versailles	Rocky Mount	Vienna
Warsaw		Westphalia

ZONE 4	ZONE 5
Brazito-Honey Creek	Auxvasse
Jefferson City Breakfast	
Jefferson City Capital	
Jefferson City Evening	Holts Summit
Jefferson City Host	Millersburg
Lohman	Mokane
Russellville	New Bloomfield
Wardsville	