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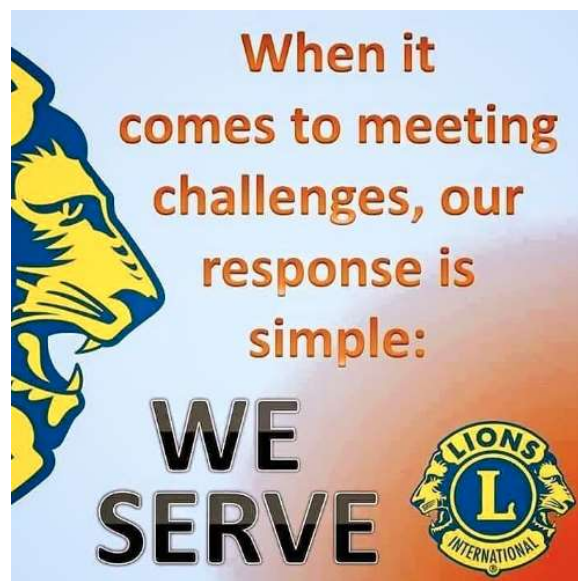
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Lee Swearingen, from the Jefferson City Evening Lions, and I (Jefferson City Host Lions) drove all the way to California to do a vision screening at a preschool. It's always great when Lions from different clubs can collaborate on a service project.



23rd ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 3, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Baker University,
615 Dearborn Street, Baldwin City, Kansas 66006
June 27-29, 2025

UPDATED REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

NAME _____ Badge Name _____ Gender _____
Last First Initial
ADDRESS _____
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC
PHONE () _____ () _____
Home Bus/Cell Email
Home Club _____ Sub District Number _____ LCI Mbr # _____
Years in Lions _____ Highest Office Held _____

Registration Fee is US\$220 if received by April 30, 2025, and must accompany the registration form. **Beginning May 1, 2025, the base fee increases to US\$240.** Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to ID Hans Neidhardt, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2025
"Applications will not be accepted without full payment."

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (Friday and Saturday) at Baker University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in will take place at the **Harter Student Union** from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. on Friday, June 27th and check out must be completed by 8:00 A.M. on Sunday, June 29th. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size _____ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

_____ Diabetic Diet requested _____ Vegetarian Diet requested
_____ Wheelchair Access required _____ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)
_____ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) are needed)

Please list any other special requests _____

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: ID Hans Neidhardt, Registrar, 7400 NW Ayr Road, Potwin, Kansas 67123, (316) 435-2800, or hnwizardofoz@gmail.com. Additional information will be sent to attendees prior to the start of the training session, to include directions, campus map, daily schedule, etc.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2025 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

Emergency Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Contact telephone: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders: Please feel free to use the back.

**** LCIF Donations Collection:** Historically, we have accepted individual and/or club donations during the training course. Donations are entirely up to each individual and/or clubs, and are in no way mandatory.

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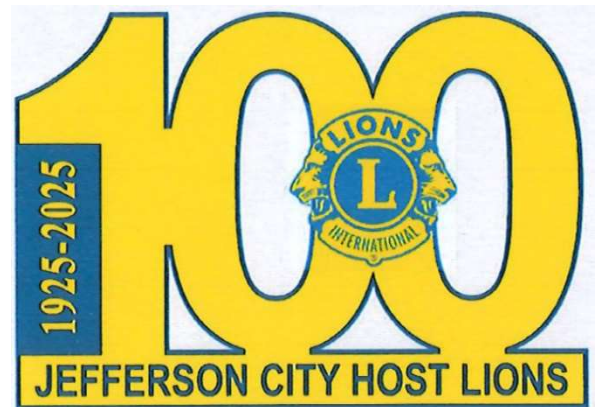


SAVE THE DATES: Jefferson City Host Lions will celebrate a CENTURY OF SERVICE with events on June 13 & 14, 2025.

June 13, 2025 - Evening reception with our International guest at Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant in Holts Summit

June 14, 2025 - Evening buffet dinner to celebrate our 100th Anniversary at Canterbury Hill Winery & Restaurant in Holts Summit.

We hope you can attend.



Peace Poster Contest

With five schools participating, the JC Host Lions had 106 entries for this year's Peace Poster contest. The winning entry came from Lorelai Vignola of St. Joseph Cathedral School in Jefferson City. Lorelai's quote about peace is, "Peace is like a pleasant neighbor: You have to be the one to welcome it into your own home." The theme this year is "Peace Without Limits."



The Peace Poster Contest is a great way to get students to think about the importance of peace in our world. They can then use their creativity to illustrate their vision.

CHAMOIS LIONS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, October 21, 2024 at the Chamois Community Center. Twelve Lions were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion President Robin Lieneke led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion Steve Duncan offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of pizza casserole, salad, veggie tray, garlic bread, and as dessert either spice cake or pumpkin crunch dessert.

Lion President Robin Lieneke presided at the business meeting.

Lion President Lieneke requested that the meeting agenda be approved and the Chamois Lions voted to approve the agenda. Copies of the minutes of the September 9, 2024 meeting had previously been distributed electronically by Lion Secretary Beth Sieg and paper copies were available for those Lions who prefer paper. With no objection voiced, Lion President Lieneke declared the minutes approved. Lion Treasurer Nelson Sieg presented a detailed written financial report for the Chamois Lions general account. Lion Building Co-Chairperson Randy Thoenen presented a detailed financial report for the Community Center and addressed three Community Center finance issues. Lion Thoenen reported that he has paid the Community Center casualty and liability insurance premium. The premium has increased significantly. With Winter approaching, Lion Thoenen presented a bid for propane pre-buy and following discussion the Chamois Lions voted to purchase 400 gallons of propane at \$2.03 per gallon. Given the significant cost of casualty and liability insurance, discussion focused on prohibiting the use of alcohol inside the Community Center. This would reduce the cost of insurance by approximately half. Consensus of Chamois Lions Club members was to strongly consider the prohibition of alcohol consumption inside the Community Center and this would require that the Community Center rental agreement be updated to document no use of alcohol. A final decision on this issue will be made at the November 11, 2024 Chamois Lions Club 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 Arlen, who is the Mayor of the City of Morrison, and Lion Scott Mertz, who is the Chamois Lions Club liaison with the Fire Department, were absent so there were no reports for those organizations. At present, there is no Lion who is a member of the City of Chamois government. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC), had no new news to report but did comment on the success of the Chamois Day ice cream sales and the significant number of persons who toured the Townley House and enjoyed visiting on the Townley House grounds while listening to the Rost Family Singers. Lion Kormann, who is also a member of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), reported on behalf of the CIDC. The CIDC will meet soon to elect new officers and to reassess the mission of the CIDC. Brief discussion focused on the CIDC building on Main Street (the old Stonner's Meat Market Building) and concerns over the structural integrity of the building. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), reported on the recent "Farm to Table" dinner held on September 28, 2024 at Prairie Star Farms in Bland, MO. The dinner was a huge success with approximately 100 attendees who enjoyed a delicious dinner of Osage County pork and produce. Lion Randy Thoenen and wife Laura attended the dinner. Lions Kormann and Duncan also reported on the Christmas Country Church & Cookies Trail tour that is planned for Friday, December 13, 2024 and will feature local churches to include St. James UCC Church in Morrison, St. Johns UCC Church in Chamois, St. Peters UCC Church at Deer Creek, and Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Chamois with each tour participant receiving a dozen cookies at each church and enjoying a dinner at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. To conclude the reports on activities of other civic groups, Lion Jeff Kormann, who is a member of the Missouri Community Betterment Association (MCB) Board of Directors, reported on the 60th Annual MCB Fall Conference that was held earlier in the day on October 21, 2024 at the Missouri Farm Bureau in Jefferson City. The theme of the conference was "Honoring the Past, Embracing the Future" and featured speakers included Dr. Sean Siebert the creator of "Invent Yourself" LLC, Jacob King who

has been heavily involved with Missouri FFA and who engaged youth attendees by using a steel guitar, and national speaker and entrepreneur Jaclyn Rowe who spoke on "The Power of Personalities". The Chamois-Morrison Area MCB organization, which is sponsored by the Chamois Lions Club, was presented a plaque at the conference for the organization's membership in MCB. At the conference, Lion Steve Duncan accepted the plaque on behalf of the Chamois-Morrison Area MCB organization and in turn Lion Jeff Kormann presented the plaque to Chamois Lions Club President Robin Lieneke during the Lions Club meeting.

Five items of old business, special project updates, and ad hoc committee reports were listed on the meeting agenda.

Two Chamois Lions Club projects pertain to work at the Chamois City Park. One project involves physical repairs to park structures. There is a need to install a new door on the Chamois City Park ballpark storage shed and to make some minor repairs to ballpark fences. Lion Randy Thoenen hopes to schedule this work in November 2024. The other project involves installation of wifi service at the Chamois Community Center. Three vendors were under consideration for this service. Lion Mark Mehmert reported that after serious evaluation of the three vendors as to bandwidth speed and cost, T-Mobile emerged as the best option and the Chamois Lions then voted to install T-Mobile wifi service. This wifi service will enable the use of more security cameras inside the City Park and also provide for enhanced wifi connectivity inside the Community Center.

There was no new information to report on the flagpole project at the Chamois City Park. The plan is for a 40-foot flagpole that is visible both from inside the park and from the Missouri River to be installed. 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.

The project to rebuild the second story of the Old Bandstand remains a high priority. In the absence of Lion Susan Sundermeyer, Lions Jeff Kormann and Steve Duncan reported on recent developments in regards to this project. One contractor, Classic Builders, has inspected the Old Bandstand, met with CHPC board members, and presented a proposal that would essentially call for the demolition of the current structure and then rebuild a very similar structure using all new materials and raising the roof to make the structure appear to have a second story. A second contractor, who is local, has likewise inspected the Old Bandstand and presented a proposal to remodel the Old Bandstand using new structural support posts and a new roof while also making the structure appear to have a second story. Both bids seem fair in regards to proposed costs, but both bids are also for more than the current balance of funds on hand for the project. Both bids have some incomplete information and have raised questions as to what State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) flood plain regulations will permit. Lion Jeff Kormann has agreed to contact SEMA in an effort to gain a better understanding of what type of new construction or remodel of an existing structure is permitted.

To conclude old business, much discussion focused on Chamois Day, which was held on Saturday, September 21, 2024. Lion Dawna Keilholz reported on behalf of the Chamois Day Committee that the day was a huge success. The traditional Osage County R-1 School PTO parade began the day's festivities. All vendors were pleased with the crowd size and business generated, the raffle was a huge success financially, the pulled pork contest went well, the bubble machine was a huge hit, the toys given out at the carnival games were well-received, Chamois Day cups and ink pens given away were very popular, the Broken Arrow musical entertainment on the Main Stage was most popular, the Townley House tours and Rost Family Singers drew large crowds, the washer tournament held behind Roomerz was well-attended, and most importantly the rain held off and the weather was great. Lions Mark Mehmert and Randy Thoenen reported that the hayrides went well with no issues or concerns and that despite the usual shortage of volunteers, the end-of-day clean-up went better than expected and that all clean-up efforts were completed earlier than usual.

Six items of new business were introduced and addressed.

Much discussion focused on if possible to continue Chamois Day and if Chamois Day is to remain an event, how best to structure a Chamois Day Committee and then implement possible changes for the future. While the 2024 Chamois Day was a huge success and while everyone realizes the importance of having a day for former residents and visitors to return, there is a need to involve a larger committee and most importantly gain new volunteers to assist with the many tasks that occur during the year to plan and organize the event and to then assist with set-up on Chamois Day, staff all the various activities throughout the day, and clean-up at the end of the day. Consensus of the Lions Club members was to host a meeting with representatives of the Chamois Lions Club, the City of Chamois, and the Osage County R-1 School PTO to address the issues of whether or not to continue with Chamois Day and if the decision is to continue organize a Chamois Day Committee to oversee the event. This meeting hopefully will occur in early January 2025 with decisions to be made by January 31, 2025.

Three issues pertaining to Christmas were introduced and discussed. First, the Chamois Lions Club has purchased new Christmas decorations for the City of Chamois. These decorations were purchased from the City of Boonville. The decorations will require a different method of attachment to the power poles lining Main Street so Lions members will need to examine the decorations and determine how best to install or attach the decorations to the power poles. The other two issues pertain to Christmas events. The annual Santa Claus visit to Chamois will take place on Saturday, December 7. Instead of a Saturday morning visit, Santa's visit will be coordinated by the Osage County R-1 School PTO and will be an evening event with food and an actual lighting of the Christmas tree on the Old Town Square. The Chamois Lions Club will again provide bags of candy for the children in attendance. The other Christmas event will be the annual Chamois Lions Club Christmas party held as part of the December regular Lions Club meeting. The meeting and Christmas party will be on Monday evening, December 9, 2024 with spouses invited for the dinner and then the traditional white elephant gift exchange. A maximum of \$20 was set as the cost of gifts to be exchanged.

Lion Randy Thoenen reported that the three-year lease agreement on the Chamois Lions Club farm ground expires after this year. The ground includes 39 acres on the south side of Highway 100 just east of Chamois and across from the old power plant site. Lion Thoenen will solicit bids to rent the ground for years 2025-2027. The bids will be sealed bids and will be received at Heritage Community Bank.

Lion Thoenen also reported that the Chamois Lions Club has a certificate of deposit that will mature on November 12, 2024. New CD rate and maturity terms information will be available for the November 11, 2024 regular Lions Club meeting and a decision on what terms to accept made at that meeting.

There was one item of correspondence. A thank-you letter was received from Osage County R-1 School for the CIDC and Chamois Lions Club's "Back to School Supplies" program to provide backpacks and school supplies for students.

October birthday wishes were extended to Lions Jason Hilkerbaumer, Dawna Keilholz, Becca Mehmert, and Beth Sieg. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lion Mark Lienneke.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared two moral of the story jokes, "If you share critical information pertaining to credit and risk, you may be in a position to prevent avoidable exposure" and "Always let your boss have the first say".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, November 11, 2024 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY MOUNT LIONS



CAPITAL LIONS



JEFFERSON CITY CAPITAL LIONS 2024 NUT SALES

This year's freshly shelled nuts
from Georgia

**Great for baking, snacking
or holiday gift giving!**

\$12.00 per bag

1 lb. Bag Mammoth Pecan Halves

1 lb. Bag Broken Pecan Pieces

1 lb. Bag Toasted & Salted Cashews

12 oz. Bag Milk Choc Covered Pecan Halves

12 oz. Bag Dark Choc Covered Pecan Halves

10 oz. Bag Cinnamon Glazed Pecan Halves

10 oz. Bag Caramel Pecan Clusters

\$11.00 per bag

1 lb. Bag English Walnuts

1 lb. Bag Gourmet Mix

**(pecan halves, cashews, brazil nuts,
hazel nuts and large almonds)**

Proceeds to benefit local Lions projects

573-230-9954 or 573-635-5564

ELDON LIONS

Lion Larry LaDuck and Chase Cook deboning turkeys, Lion Chuck Saak deboning. Lion Kathy Bisques and Twyla Limbauch preparing for carry out dinners. The Eldon club had a very successful dinner, serving close to 600 dinners.



Eldon Chamber thanks for a fantastic day of serving at the golf tournament.



Lions Club of Eldon

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It was a win-win for the Eldon Ag Food Science Class to learn how to debone turkeys in preparation for our Turkey Dinner. Thanks to these students and all the Lions who helped set us up for a great day helping the evening before.

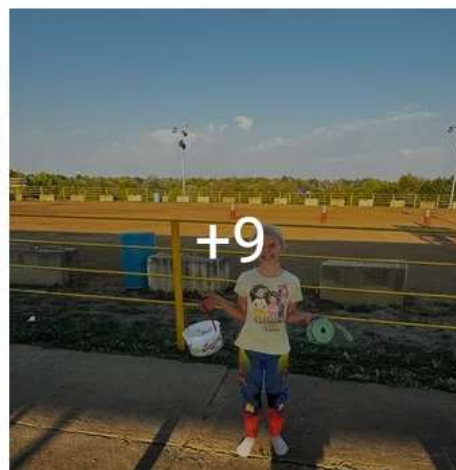


RUSSELLVILLE LIONS



Russellville Lions Club

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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.

Thank you to St. Joseph's Cathedral day of service spent at the eyeglass center this morning. Your work is much appreciated!



MISSOURI STATE LIONS WEBSITE:

<https://lionsofmissouri.org/>

EVENTS AROUND THE DISTRICT:

- HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS “DONUTS WITH SANTA”. Saturday, December 7 from 9-11. Holts Summit Lions Den at 116 E Hillcrest Ave / Holts Summit.
- JC HOST LIONS “2025 69th HAM & BEAN and CHILI” event on Wednesday, February 5, 2025 with drive through carryout box lunches of Ham & Bean or Chili serving 11-1:30 and 4-6:30 at St. Peters Church in Jefferson City (next to the Capitol). Workers and eaters are welcome!
- 103rd Annual MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION. May 1-4, 2025 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Westport-St. Louis / 1973 Craigshire.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/337080649465347> or 2025convention@Lions26m2.org or Gina Boettcher at 573-368-1333.
- JC HOST LIONS “2025 63rd DUSTY DESKINS PEANUT DAY” on May 16, 2025 selling all around Jefferson City for \$1 a bag or 6 for \$5.
- JC HOST LIONS “*SAVE THE DATES*”: Jefferson City Host Lions will celebrate a CENTURY OF SERVICE with events on June 13 & 14, 2025.

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

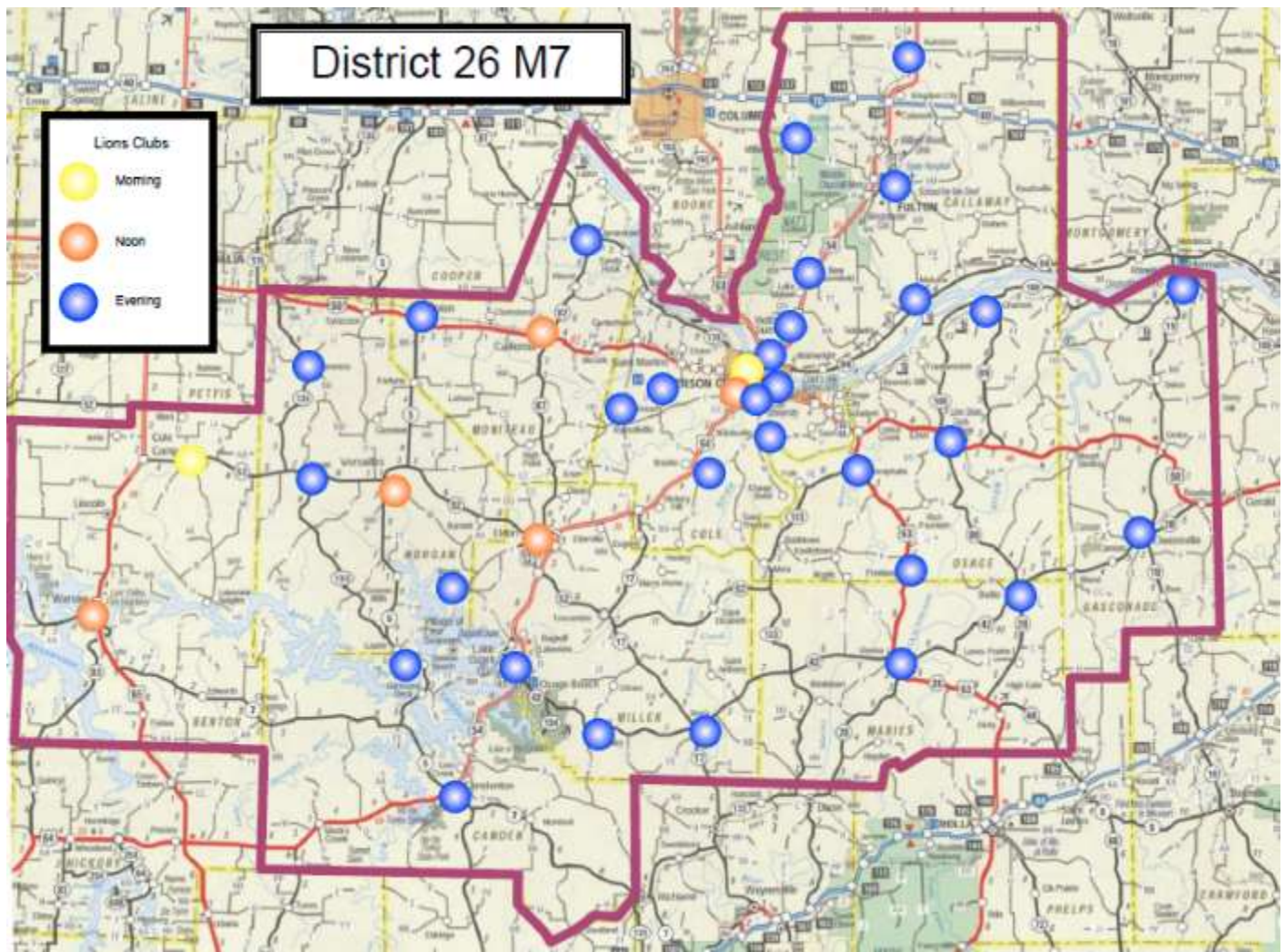
How we walk with
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the great.

-Bill Bennot



**SOME PEOPLE
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THEY'VE MADE A
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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
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