



District 26-M7
The Heart of
Missouri Lions

Between the Lions



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DISTRICT GOVERNOR

A request from Lion Melissa Anderson, District Governor 26M7:



Club Service Reporting

For those clubs that may be struggling with reporting service online, the M7 District Administrator has volunteered to enter service on your clubs behalf. Please send the following information to Lion Dakota Jones via email at dakota.jones2251@gmail.com or call/text 573-418-5654.

Club Name

Service Title

Activity - Service Project/Donation/Fundraiser or Meeting

Date(s)

Cause - Childhood Cancer, Diabetes, Disaster Relief, Environment, Hunger, Vision, Youth or Other Humanitarian Service

Type of Project

Description

People Served

Total Volunteers

Non-Lion Participation?

Total Volunteer Hours

Total Funds Raised

Total Funds Donation - Who?

Signature Activity? - Is this a recurring activity?

Why is service reporting important? LCI utilizes the data received to divert money to different causes based on activities reported.



SECOND VDG BRUCE BERGER

The Butterfly Effect of Being a Lion

One definition of the butterfly effect is how a seemingly isolated event can have larger consequences on one's life. This is based on the idea that the fluttering of a butterfly's wings may set off currents that will ripple out and grow into a strong wind. So, what is a Lions example of the butterfly effect?

One of our district clubs had a new member who was playing cards at a senior center. He went into cardiac arrest. Fortunately, there was a retired nurse who knew CPR, and saved his life. The senior center did not have an AED device.



After this event, our club explored the possibility of purchasing an AED for the senior center. Our finance chair researched the financial status of the parent organization of the senior center. He discovered the parent organization had a large amount of available funds. There was enough money to purchase AED devices for

all of their more than 30 senior centers in their service area. At the time, only one center had this lifesaving device.

Working with the parent organization, we supplied them with information about how to obtain the devices. We also offered to find someone who could provide training, at least at the local level.

The parent agency was able to obtain AEDs for all their senior centers. We were told by one of the members of the organization this would not have happened without the input

from our club. And all of this was because a Lion went into cardiac arrest. His misfortune started the ripples that led to providing a much-needed benefit. If he hadn't been a Lion, who knows what would have happened?



So, ask yourself, "As just one Lion, can I really make a difference?" The answer is a resounding "Yes!" Sometimes we don't realize the impact we have.



Missouri Lion Second Vice District Governors meet with International Vice President Mark Lyon at the Council of Governors meeting in St. Louis on January 23, 2025.

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MID SOUTH LIONS

COME TO VISITING LIONS WEEKEND

FRIDAY HOSPITALITY, HALL OF HONOR DINNER

SATURDAY, PROGRAMS, TOURS, FELLOWSHIP

APRIL 4-5 HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE

\$50 REGISTRATION INCLUDES 2 MEALS +

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS 1180 UNION AVE

IS OUR HQ HOTEL \$130 PER NIGHT

ROOM, BREAKFAST, TAX, PARKING INCLUDED

CALL 901-276-1175 FOR RESERVATIONS

ASK FOR THE LIONS RATE

CALL 888-546-6042 FOR MORE INFORMATION

17th Annual District 26-M7 Convention

March 7-8, 2025

Red Rock Acres - 1748 State Road OO - Holts Summit, MO



Our international guest is International Director Robert "Ski" Marcinkowski of Fairbanks, Alaska, United States, who was elected to serve a two-year term International at the association's 106th International Convention in Melbourne, Australia, June 21 through June 25, 2024.

Director Marcinkowski is a retired Army aviator and a government civil servant. During his 42 years of service in the United States Army he flew numerous types of helicopters and was the commander of Fort Greely, Alaska. He is currently the director of plans and operations at the Logistics Readiness Center, where he serves as deputy for all installation logistics at Fort Wainwright in Alaska.

Director Marcinkowski is a charter member of the Interior Baseball Lions Club, where he served the baseball community since 2003. He held several offices within the association including club president, club secretary, zone chairperson, district governor, first and

second vice district governor, club, district, and multiple district LCIF coordinator and council chairperson, among many other positions.

In recognition of his service to the association, Director Marcinkowski received numerous awards, including multiple Lion of the Year Awards, multiple International President Leadership Certificates, multiple International President's Certificates of Appreciation and International President's Medals. He is also a Melvin Jones Fellow and a Lions Legacy Society member. In addition to his Lion activities, Director Marcinkowski served on the Alaska State Veterans Advisory Board, local school board, and local platting board. He is also a member of the Army Aviation Association of America, Veterans of Foreign Wars and coached high school and American Legion baseball teams for 13 years.

Director Marcinkowski and his wife, Janis, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two children.

Schedule of Events (subject to change)

Friday, March 7

Registration 5 - 6 pm
Hospitality 6 - 9 pm

Meat & Fish options will be provided, please bring a dish to share.

Tea, lemonade and water will be provided.

BYOB

Saturday, March 8

Registration 8 - 9 am
Morning Session 9 am - 12 pm
Governor's Luncheon 12 - 1:30 pm
in the Dark
Afternoon Session 1:30 - 3 pm
Election 3 - 3:30 pm
Adjournment

2025 District 26-M7 Convention Registration Form

Name of Lion _____ Club _____

Name of Lion/Guest _____ Club _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Number Attending Friday Hospitality (free) _____ Number Attending Saturday _____ x \$40 = _____

Register by February 28, 2025.

Make checks payable to District 26-M7. Mail to the Holts Summit Lions Club c/o PDG Don Soph, PO Box 389, Holts Summit, MO 65043

Or register online for a \$3 fee at <https://holtssummitlionsclub.square.site> or scan the QR code above.



Heart of Missouri Lions 26M7

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Virtually all the glasses this organization distributes come from the Missouri Lions. Great work!



Vision 3:16

Yesterday at 7:21PM · 🌐

Vision 3:16 just passed another milestone in our current eyeglass clinic. Since the ministry began, 80,000 people have now been served. Thousands and thousands of lives have been changed in both a physical way and spiritual way.

Examples of the people that have been helped - elderly women can sew again enabling them to have an income - many can now get a job or even a better job and provide a living for their family - young children will stay in school instead of dropping out because they can't see the blackboard or see the words to read a textbook - grandmas can now 'see' the faces of their grandchildren for the first time - elderly people can now be more independent from home care by family members and the list goes on.

Spiritual sight is also offered by the sharing of the gospel. Some who come to a clinic have never heard about how much Jesus really loves them and wants to change their life forever. Thanks to the hundreds of volunteers that have made this ministry possible. God is an awesome God!



**LIONS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION – Orlando,
Florida. July 13-17, 2025.**

https://lionscon.lionsclubs.org/?utm_source=Eloqua&utm_campaign=CON_EN_LionsConOrlandoPromo2_1564608773&utm_medium=email

HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS



AUXVASSE LIONS

Sixty-Five years ago, February 22, 1960 a tradition began in Auxvasse. Loafer's Week started as a one-day event at the grain elevator. Loafer's Day has grown through the years. This has become a week-long event and is now held at the Auxvasse Community Center. The Auxvasse Lions Club is commemorating this date by holding their annual "All You Can Eat" Pancake Day on February 22, 2025 at the Community Center. Serving hours will be 8 AM to 1PM.

The community is invited to play cards, visit and tell stories and enjoy the Auxvasse Lions Club Pancake meal. A special gift will be given to any person that attended the first Loafer's Day 65 years ago.

The Lions Club supports many local groups and events. The club also supports projects including Saving Sight, Lions Club International Foundation that helps with worldwide natural disasters, Leader Dog, Eye Glass Recycling and Mid-South Sight and Hearing Rehabilitation.

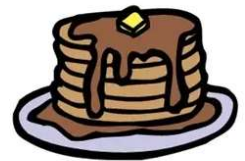
The Auxvasse Lions looks forward to seeing you on February 22.

For more information contact:

Donal Knipp
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573-639-9041 (Cell)
donalknipp@gmail.com



Auxvasse Lions "All The Pancakes You Can Eat"



PANCAKE DAY

Saturday, February 22, 2025
8 AM—1 PM

Commemorating the beginning of Loafer's Week
on this date 65 years ago in Auxvasse



Adults—\$10

10 Years and under—Free

Auxvasse Community Center
702 South Main St





HERMANN LIONS

Hermann Lions inducted two new members on February 4. Lions Rev Andy Wilson and Shawn Mayberry.

We had the 1st place winners in the Lions Club International peace poster contest, from our local schools, at our February 4th meeting. Pictured with the winners is our very own Lion Amy Neill, contest chairman, Kyle Sweighauser, 1st place from Hermann middle school, and Korbyn Kottwitz, 1st place from St. George Catholic grade school.

Not pictured are the second place winners, Emily Lampkin, from St. George, and Aubree Smith from Hermann middle school.

Thank you to all of the students for your colorful efforts and to the selected winners, good luck in the contest as it goes forward. And Thank you, Lion Amy for chairing this contest for the Hermann Lions Club.



ELDON LIONS

Jessica & Jalen Beckmann shown receiving \$500 donation towards Project Prom from Eldon Lions Club President Bill Fogelsong.



<https://jchostlions.org/%22a-century-of-service%22>



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.



Cory W. MacNeil/News Tribune

Lions' lunch

From left, Lions Club members Doug Pavitt, Gregg Forck and Mark Schreiber cut sliced ham into cubes Tuesday at the Selinger Center in preparation for today's 69th annual Ham & Beans and Chili Event.

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Ron Loesch, left, and Greg Fitzpatrick take ladles of ham and beans out of pots and pour them through funnels into awaiting Styrofoam cups Wednesday during the 69th annual Jefferson City Host Lions Club Ham & Beans and Chili Event.



Joe Gamm/News Tribune

Bruce Berger fills cups with sauerkraut to go in ham and beans lunches Wednesday during the 69th annual Jefferson City Host Lions Club Ham & Beans and Chili Event.

Long lines greet those seeking meal at fundraiser

Sophie Carite

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A line of cars stretched down Capitol Avenue on Wednesday as dozens waited in line to pick up their own little white box.

The highly sought after boxes hailed from the Jefferson City Host Lions Club's annual Ham & Beans and Chili Event, where drive-thru is always the most popular option for dining.

The 69th annual dinner, held at St. Peter Catholic Church's Selinger Center, offered visitors a choice of ham and beans or chili in exchange for a \$12 donation to the local Lions Club.

Dozens of volunteers began cooking prep Monday, and they continued their work well into Wednesday morning as they packed meals into

more than 1,000 boxes.

The boxes with also included a hot dog, crackers, cornbread and a brownie — all homemade by Lions Club members. The ham and beans box also held sauerkraut, cornbread and a brownie.

Danielle Grimm said she has been coming to the dinner for the ham and beans since she was a young child, when her father would support the fundraiser.

She said she comes back year after year because it's a tradition that has good food and good company.

Mark Schreiber, a member of the club, said he likes volunteering at the event because of the camaraderie with fellow Lions, and the joy on visitors' faces when they dine together.

He said that in years past, Lions have served food in

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Joe Gamm/News Tribune

A group of men enjoys lunch Wednesday during the 69th annual Jefferson City Host Lions Club Ham & Beans and Chili Event.

Fundraiser:

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snow and ice, so Wednesday's chilly, drizzly weather was "nothing" to the volunteers delivering meals to those in the drive-thru line.

Last year, the club raised about \$13,000 at the ham and beans fundraiser, all of

which went right back into the community, Schreiber said.

This year, the Lions will use the funds to support local children's causes and organizations that aid youths, like the Boys & Girls Club of Jefferson City and the Samaritan Center. The Lions Club will also provide funds to support blind children.

"It's all for the kids," said Lincoln University President John Moseley, who

attended the event Wednesday. "This is wonderful every year. It's good food and great company."

He added that supporting the Jefferson City community has been a priority for him since moving here.

"I've been part of the Jefferson City community now for 11 years," Moseley said. "This is standard. This is what makes us us."



Joe Gamm/News Tribune Gene Schneider fills plastic bags Wednesday at the Selinger Center for the runners delivering carryout meals to people waiting in the drive-thru line at the Ham & Beans and Chili Event.

CHAMOI LIONS

The Chamois Lions Club met for their regular monthly meeting on Monday evening, January 13, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Sixteen Lions and one guest, Grayson Gerloff, were present for the dinner and business meeting.

Prior to the dinner, Lion Secretary Beth Sieg led the Chamois Lions in the Pledge of Allegiance and Lion President Robin Lieneke offered the table prayer. The Ladies of St. Mary's Catholic Church served a delicious dinner of homemade potato soup, veggie tray, homemade dinner rolls, and cake for dessert.

Lion President Robin Lieneke presided at the business meeting.

Lion President Lieneke requested that the meeting agenda be approved and with no objections voiced, Lion President Lieneke declared the agenda approved. Copies of the minutes of the December 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 did not have a financial report for the Community Center.

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, was absent so there was no report for that organization. At present, there is no Lion who is a member of the City of Chamois government so there was no information for that organization. Lion Jeff Kormann, who is a member of the Chamois Historic Preservation Commission (CHPC) and also a member of the Chamois Industrial Development Corporation (CIDC), had no news to report but did announce that the CHPC would meet on January 15, 2025 and the CIDC would meet on Monday, January 20, 2025 in the Heritage Community Bank board room. This meeting will be an organizational meeting to include the election of officers and there will be discussion on a possible real estate transaction. Lion Vice President Scott Mertz, who is the liaison to the Chamois Fire Department, presented a detailed report on Fire Department activities. The Fire Department responded to seven calls during the past month. These calls included one structure fire, one missing person situation, one assistance to another fire department, two medical emergencies, and three vehicle accidents. Lions Steve Duncan and Jeff Kormann, who are members of the Osage County Agritourism Council (OCAC), had nothing to report other than 2025 memberships in OCAC are for sale at a cost of \$30.00 for individual or family memberships and \$75.00 for business memberships. 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 that the next MCB Lunch & Learn presentation will be on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 and will focus on Modern Woodman Community Support Programs.

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. The weather has not cooperated so these projects remain on hold. Likewise, the project to rebuild the second story of the Old Bandstand and to remodel the lower level remains a high priority but there are still questions as to flood plain regulations and the availability of a building contractor.

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.

In regards to Chamois Day and whether or not to continue with the event, there was no new discussion. Consensus of Lions Club members is to hopefully be able to continue this important community event, but there is need to organize a new Chamois Day Committee and to find more volunteers. Lion President Lienneke will schedule a meeting that involves representatives from 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 late January 2025.

The Chamois Lions Club has been involved with Central Missouri Community Action to provide food distribution events. The next such food distribution event is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church Parish Hall with distribution to take place from the exterior kitchen door on the west side of the building.

Only one item of new business was presented and discussed.

Lion Steve Cramer, who is a member of the Osage County R-1 School Board, reported on a possible school bond issue that would address the need for a new HVAC system and possible new preschool classrooms. Lion Cramer outlined the issues with the current boiler system, which is over fifty years old and very expensive to maintain, and the need to upgrade the electrical system in order to support a new HVAC system. The Chamois Lions Club is extremely supportive of projects that benefit the school. Lion President Lienneke suggested that a school report become a regular report along with the monthly reports from other civic groups.

Lion President Lienneke shared two items of correspondence. One item was a request from KidsSight for a donation. KidsSight is a Missouri Lions project that involves vision screenings in schools and day care centers and is critical in the early detection of eye issues that may require a child to be referred to an optometrist. The Chamois Lions Club voted to donate \$200.00 to this most important sight conservation project. The second item of correspondence was a thank-you note from Ben Massey for assistance provided by Lions Club members in his move into a new apartment.

Lion Secretary Beth Sieg made one announcement. The Lions District 26-M7 Convention will be held on March 7-8, 2025 in Holts Summit, MO. Registration is \$40.00 per Lion. Chamois Lions Club members were encouraged to attend the annual convention.

January birthday wishes were extended to Lions Robin Lienneke, Brandy Ruegge, Randy Thoenen, Susan Sundermeyer, and Lana Hackmann. Prayer concerns were expressed for those community members who have health issues to include Lions Susan Sundermeyer, Mark Lienneke, and Michael Edwards. Lions Lienneke and Edwards were both present for the meeting.

To conclude the meeting on a humorous note, Lion Steve Duncan shared several short New Year's Day jokes. Two such jokes were "My New Year's resolution was to drop my bad habits, but no one likes a quitter" and "I made a New Year's resolution to stop procrastinating, but I am going to wait until next year to start".

The next meeting of the Chamois Lions Club will be on Monday, February 10, 2025 at the Chamois Community Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you Lions from the Missouri Lions Eye Mission and the Wildwood Lions Club along with Lions from all over the state for spending the day working at the Lions Eyeglass Center. Much was accomplished along with lots of socialization. It was a beautiful day!



Musical Entertainment while sorting eyeglasses...



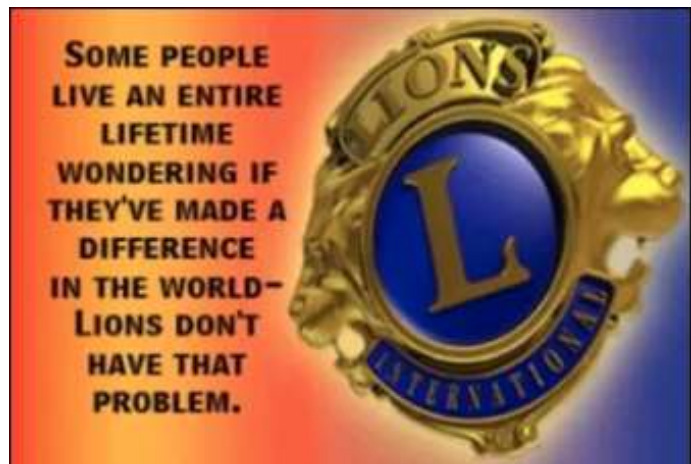
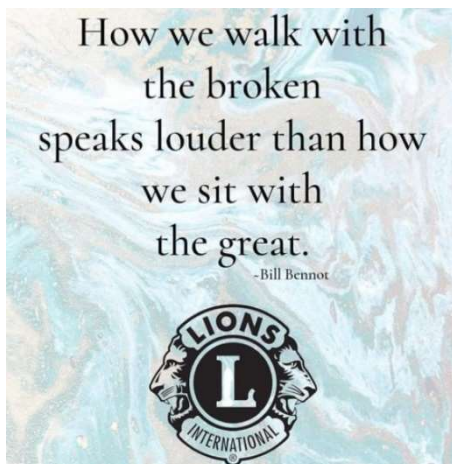
SHOW ME LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING

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.

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



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 hnnwizardofoz@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

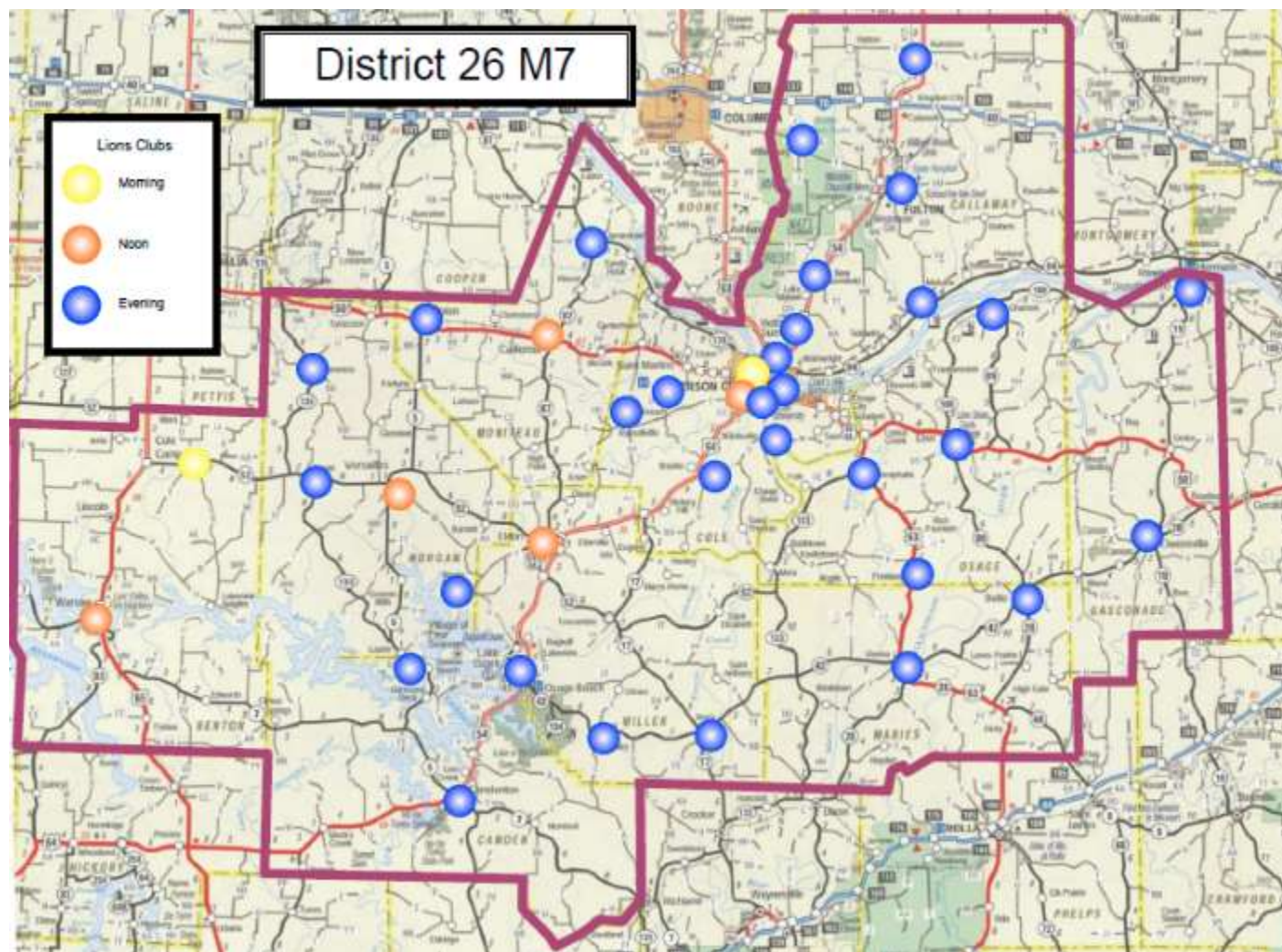
We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2025 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

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.



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	