

The LI NS That **ROAR**

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District Governor
Lion Kimberly Taylor



1st Vice-District Governor
Lion John Yount



2nd Vice-District Governor
Lion Gina Boettcher



Cabinet Treasurer
Lion Terry Boettcher



Cabinet Secretary
Lion Toni Mahoney

Thank You for a Great Year



District 26-M2 Calendar of Events

JUNE

16th-18th, Thursday-Saturday: Chesterfield Lions Bar-B-Q. Time: 11 AM – 7 PM. For more information Contact PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich.

18th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

20th, Monday: Chesterfield Lions installation of officers.

20th, Monday: Creve Coeur Lions Annual Golf Tournament @ Lake Forest Golf Club, 300 Yard Drive in Lake St. Louis, MO. For more info call Lion Dominick Rodriguez at 314-291-0048.

JULY

1st-4th, Friday-Monday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Community Days Carnival at Elm Ave. and Glendale Lions Field.

2nd, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

4th-8th: Monday-Friday: International Convention @ Seattle, Washington.

16th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

30th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

31st, Sunday: Washington Lions pork burger sales @ Washington Town and Country Fair Parade and post parade party. Downtown Washington. 5 pm to 11 pm.

AUGUST

3rd-7th, Wednesday-Sunday: Washington Lions Frozen Drinks @ Town and country Fair, Washington Fair Grounds.

12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.

12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Meramec Lions BBQ @ Hwy 141 and Astra Way in Arnold.

13th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

27th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

27th, Saturday: 44th Annual Operation Cleanstream. For more info contact Lion Joe Schulte at 407-382-1886.

SEPTEMBER

9th-10th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ @ Sappington Farmer's Market on Watson Road.

9th-10th: Friday-Saturday: Meramec Lions BBQ @ Hwy 141 and Astra Way in Arnold.

10th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

*11th, Sunday: House Springs Lions Car and Motorcycle Show @ the House Springs Lions Hall, 6482 Hwy MM, House Springs, MO 63051. Time: 9 AM – 4 PM. For more info contact Lion Gary Bougeno at 314-766-3975.

24th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

OCTOBER

8th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

14th-15th, Friday-Saturday: Meramec Lions BBQ @ Hwy 141 and Astra Way in Arnold.

22nd, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

NOVEMBER

5th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

19th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

23rd, Wednesday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

DECEMBER

3rd, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

17th, Saturday: St. Louis Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. Time: 8 AM to 5 PM.

Message From District Governor Elect John Yount

Greetings my Fellow Lions:

As the Lions Clubs International Convention fast approaches I feel a great deal excitement in the air. Just the fact that this will be my First International Convention is exciting enough but knowing after the training, the Banquets, the parties and being installed as a District Governor in Seattle I will come back and take my place at the front of this GREAT District as we FOLLOW OUR PATH TO THE FUTURE. If WE work together as WE have in the PAST there is no telling what WE can do tomorrow. I am Looking forward to a super year with our new Cabinet and the Lions of our District

Your in Lionism,

DGE Lion *John Yount*

Used Eyeglasses Report as of June 6, 2011

In the last report for the District Convention held on March 25-27, 2011, the District had only collected a total of 18,000 pr. of used eyeglasses. Well, the record was broken at the Eye Wrap on May 21st. 23,387 pr. of used eyeglasses was put in PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich's truck and another 4,000 pr. was put in PDG Lion Roger and Lion Sharyn Scheidt's car and were delivered to PDG Lion Elmer's home. On Monday morning, Lion Elmer took 23,000 pr. to Nina Keller for cleaning and grading. She could not believe that we had so many glasses in his truck. The remaining glasses are in Lion Elmer's basement to be delivered at a later date. District M-2 collected 33,761 pr. and the Chesterfield Lions collected 17,745 pr., for a total of 51,506 pr. That is a record. There are eight boxes 16" x 12" x 12" going to Repress. We also have one box of hearing aids going to the School for the Deaf in Fulton, MO.

Thank you, all Lions in District M2, for helping to collect these used eyeglasses.

The Committee,
Lion Devin Struttman
PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt
PDG Lion Jim Wood
PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich

Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!

De Soto Lions Club

Jan Bequette

Kirkwood Lions Club

Rose Brockhouse

Mineral Point Lions Club

Linda Ann Courtois

Julie Anna Vest

Overland Lions Club

Bernadine C Schulte

Jack Snyder

Pacific Lions Club

Nancy L Omer

St Louis S Side Lions Club

Kevin L Humphrey

Rock Township Lions Club

Sarah J Alexander

Donna U Allen

John E Bielefeld

Helen V Davis

Richard L Otten

W St Louis Co Lions Club

Shane St.Clair

Washington Lions Club

Derek T Alferman

Webster Groves Lions Club

Christopher J Lesch

Wildwood Area Lions Club

Judy W. Cody

A Thank You to ZAPMs for Your Support

Since 1995, Missouri Lions have screened more than 97,000 children as volunteers in the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Children's Vision Screening program. More than 5,500 of these children were referred to see an eye care professional for potential sight-saving follow-up care.

Our ZAPM volunteers have touched the hearts and lives of so many Missouri children and their families. To thank them for their volunteerism and support, MLERF honored all ZAPMs in attendance at the 2011 Missouri Lions State Convention. Each volunteer was publicly recognized for his or her work and was presented with a 2011 MLERF ZAPM pin. If you were not able to attend the Convention, but would like to receive your pin, please contact MLERF's PR department at 800-283-1982, ext. 107 or at pr@mlerf.org.

We look forward to the Lions' continued volunteerism with the Children's Vision and Healthy Vision Screening programs! Visit www.mlerf.org today to find volunteer opportunities in your district, sign up to volunteer, or request a free vision screening for your Lions club!

Together, MLERF and the Lions of Missouri can continue saving the sign of children right here in M-2.

College of Knowledge at East Central

Cancellation due to weather the first time around didn't deter district Lions from attending the College of Knowledge at East Central College



in Union Wednesday, June 1. District leaders conveyed ideas and information to Lions about to embark on leadership positions as officers in their clubs and refreshed the memories of those who have held positions before. Technology now



plays a key part in helping Lions keep abreast of activities on the district, state, national and international levels. Response from those attending was enthusiastic and most were grateful for the opportunity to learn how to help their club grow and better perform charitable activities aiding their community.

Reserve Now for USA-Canada Leadership Forum

Anchorage, Alaska is the site of the USA-Canada leadership Forum September 22-24. Registration is only \$260 until June 15 and only goes up to \$305 after August 1. Room rates are very reasonable and range from \$59 to a high of \$135. Alaska Air is offering a 7 % discount to Lions for travel between September 19 and September 27.

This is a great forum to help prepare lions for leadership roles in their local clubs and districts. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about Lionism and leadership that could help in your job as well and also see some of the sites in the state of Alaska. Learn more and find a registration form at www.usacanadalionsforum.org.

Please Remember These Lions

Kirkwood Lions Club

Emil Jepsen Jr.
Marion Scheffing

St Louis Downtown Lions Club

Donald Johnson

Maplewood Lions Club

Emanuel Davis

Union Lions Club

Raymond A Arand

**Please Continue to
Keep These Lions and
All Who Have Passed
Before In Your Prayers**



GOLF
"FORE" SIGHT



1st Annual

CHARITY GOLF CHALLENGE

Hosted by the Bonhomme Lions Club

*Proceeds will benefit sight impaired persons in the community
and other local needs*

"Four Man Scramble"

Saturday, August 13th 2011

@ Forest Park Golf Course

Time:

1:30 PM Shotgun Start

Fee:

\$90 Per Person

Golf Fee Includes Green Fees, Cart, & Prizes

(Dinner, Beer, Soda and Water Included)

Contact - Bob Norris at: bonhommelions@yahoo.com

Cell: (314)705-0549

Quiet Please

It's Convention time Again!

Yep, it's convention time again, not only for Lions but also for this nation's blind folks. Each year for the last more than 50 years the nations two organizations which represent the interests of people who are blind in Congress, education, employment, accessibility, rights and technology hold their conventions during the first half of July. The American Council of the Blind streams it's convention on it's own internet radio station: <http://www.acbradio.org> and the National Federation of the Blind provides information on how to listen to it's convention through it's many special-interest internet groups.

But wait a minute, let's think about going to a convention. For you, you or your wife packs the suitcases, you purchase tickets, go to the airport, go through those frustrating security checks, hurry up and wait and finally get on your flight. For a person who is attending either the ACB or NFB conventions preparations can begin months before. The NFB generally opens up reservations in January and some folks can't wait to make reservations at the headquarters hotel. These individuals may, like you make it a yearly trek/vacation to attend their convention of choice. This year, in May, the NFB in it's publication The Braille Monitor published an article which basically allowed one to learn the lay-out of the hotel and get some idea where specific landmarks and areas including restaurants and meeting areas were located. This is extremely important for folks who are blind because chances are they haven't been to this hotel before and in order to hit the ground running this information gives them a leg up on other convention attendees.

Both the ACB and the NFB make their agenda's available in several formats, including Braille, large print, computer/text files and files in audio format which can be played on an MP3-like player or (DTB) Digital Talking Book player available from the Library of Congress which plays books recorded for the blind. These agenda's include speakers for the various sessions which take place over a 5-8 day period, meetings of special interest groups including senior blind, musicians' and performing arts groups, equestrians, old-car enthusiasts, community of citizens with low vision, Jaws and Window-Eyes users, ham radio operators, parents of blind children, Braille book flea-market and many many others. Generally the dog-guide users groups from the various schools, American Foundation for the Blind, American Printing House for the Blind, Bookshare and other organizations may offer wine and cheese parties, get acquainted sessions for individuals to become familiar with their programs and other informational offerings. This year for the first time the NFB will offer blind folks the opportunity to actually drive a car around a track from which the driver will receive information about what is around them or in their way derived from a computer and made available to the driver through sensors on their legs back as well as some information made available via audio.

Besides all of these extra-curricular meetings of special-interest groups there is the exhibit hall which offers the opportunity for individuals to become exposed and familiar with everything from new technology such as BLEO, android phones and accessible applications, demo's of various talking software and screen-readers, large print magnifying software, Braille and talking watches, playing cards and the opportunity to buy tickets for raffles of netbook computers Ipads and purchase items from the many state affiliates and special-interest groups. But wait a minute, how are you going to find your way around the hall? Well usually there is published in the agenda a list of all the vendors, their addresses and where they are located. I have even seen articles explaining the lay-out of the hall and the various landmarks for individuals to use in order to assist them in getting from one point to another.

Let's think though, for just a minute, how do these folks afford to get to convention since the unemployment rate among blind folks is more than 70%? Well, they share a room, or they save money for a year, or they bring breakfast items or purchase lunch items from a nearby store if one can be found. Come on, let's face it, conventions aren't cheap and for most blind people sometimes choices have to be made as to whether they can afford to go or not. Especially since they don't have the option of driving their own car. For most folks, the flight alone may cost more than three hundred dollars round-trip and the room, well even if you share the cost can be anywhere from \$300 to \$500 depending on how long you stay.

The NFB will attract nearly 3,000 individuals, some from as far away as the middle east and Australia. The ACB will attract nearly two thousand individuals not only from this country but from Europe and the far east. These conventions used to run at the same time, however now the ACB convention follows the NFB convention, the former in Orlando Florida this year and the latter in Reno Nevada, not a bad way to spend a vacation in either place. Let's finish though by talking for a moment about the psychological affects of going to one of these conventions. If you go, for the first time,

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your state affiliate may assist you by off-setting the cost of attending the convention by offering stipends for first-time attendees. Then, once you get there, there's something to be said about being in a hotel with two or three thousand individuals who like you have a significant vision problem. One begins to realize that, "well maybe this blind thing isn't so bad after all." You may get lost, but generally all you have to do is listen to find someone who may be able to tell you how to get where you want to go. There's a certain sense of satisfaction in finding one's way to the meeting hall or back to your room for the first time without assistance and knowing you can do it again if you want too. There's a very uplifting feeling of finding the restaurant or exhibit hall and meeting an old friend while munching a sandwich or picking up information about the latest offerings of Independent Living Aids or a demo of Jaws. It's called "FREEDOM."

After a week of standing in line, waiting for elevators, getting lost and then finally learning your way, it's done. You take a cab or shuttle to the airport with your bags crammed with goodies, electronic or otherwise, more information than you will read in a month, an agenda in Braille which is most of a hundred pages long which you forgot to toss before you left and memories which will last you a lifetime: new friends made, old friends found, tons of information about that new gadget you will purchase, maybe for Christmas and knowledge that in spite of the fact you are blind that you can function like everybody else, you know this because two or three thousand of you and your brothers and sisters have, together for the last week, and although most other folks don't have much confidence in you or your abilities you leave knowing, that you can and that you will.

Science Center Vision Screening in July

MLERF will be holding a combination Amblyopia/Glaucoma/Macular Degeneration Screening at the Science Center again on July 8th and 9th from 9:30-4:30 daily. We need 6-8 volunteers both days to help gather people for the screening and hand out literature. If you can work all day or part of the day, please contact Angela Bell at abell@mleerf.org or call her at 314-428-4373 X112 and sign up. This is always a very successful event and thanks to the hard work of the Lions of the surrounding District we can keep the numbers growing that we have touched with this great service.

Feel free to contact me with any questions as well.

Please consider joining us and make this another home run against preventable blindness!

Lion Larry McClellan
State Sight Chair

Darian and Joshua Vanderhoofven Memorial Fund

On May 22nd, Heartland Lions Eye Banks Joplin branch manager and hospital services coordinator, Darian Vanderhoofven, and her one-year-old son, Joshua, lost their lives to the tornado that struck the town. In their honor, the Eye Bank has set up the [Darian and Joshua Vanderhoofven Memorial Fund](#) to assist their family during this time. Darian was an incredible part of the Eye Bank's operations and a key figure in the Donate Life Missouri and Donate Life Kansas communities. Because of her hard work and dedication, hundreds across the region have received the life-saving and life-enhancing transplants they desperately needed. You can honor Darian's memory and mission by joining Missouri's eye, organ and tissue donor registry at www.donatelifemissouri.com.

District 26-M2 Clubs Donate

Several Lions clubs in our district have donated money to the Joplin Lions to help the thousands of people displaced by the tornado. Many are planning work trips at a later date to aid the restoration and recovery. Contact Governor Kimberly to get details on how you can help.

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is August 6. Now is the time to for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

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