

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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**District Governor**  
Lion John Yount



**1st Vice-District Governor**  
Lion Gina Boettcher



**2nd Vice-District Governor**  
Lion Sharyn Scheidt



**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Missy Carr



**Cabinet Secretary**  
Lion Michelle Foster

## District 26-M2 Governor John Yount's Message

My fellow Lions

Thanksgiving is over, the Pilgrims have gone and all that we have left are these extra calories. Now here comes that Jolly Fat Man in his red suit carrying gifts for those Naughty and Nice, everybody needs good cheer in this economy.

First I hope everyone was able to spend time with family and friends and had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I not only gave thanks for my wonderful family but also for being able to serve along side my extended family of Lions and to provide service in our communities and around the world.

As some of you aware the months of December and January are Lions Clubs International "Relieving the Hunger Campaign". Now is the time to collect non perishable foods and make donations to your community food pantry's to help those who have been hit by these hard economic times.

Through my travels around the District I have been inspired by the great job the Clubs have been providing and I have shared the stories of your success at various visits to other Lions in our District and around the State.

Lion Toni and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to Serving with you into the new year.

Yours in Lionism,

*DC John Yount*

# Merry Christmas

and

# Happy New Year



# Calendar of Events

## December

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday: Governor Visit – Dellwood Lions. Social: 6:30 pm, Dinner: 7:00. Location: Dellwood Rec Center.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Meat Shoot, sign in at 11:45 am, shooting starts at 12 noon. Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, MO 63013
- 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday: Peace Poster Judging at Cabinet meeting.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Kirkwood Lions @ Mike Duffy's, 124 West Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122. Social: 6:30 pm, Dinner: 7:00.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Region One Zone One Christmas Meeting hosted by Maplewood Lions, 1717 So. Big Bend, Richmond Heights, Mo. 63117. 6:30 social, 7pm Meeting. Cash bar. Maplewood will provide the main dish you bring your favorite covered dish. Cash bar. Everyone is invited, Region 1 / Zone1 or not. Please join us for some Holiday cheer. RSVP Lion Sue Templeton 314-644-1915, [suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com).
- 8<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Wildwood Area Lions. Time: 6:30 pm, Location: Member's residence.
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: House Springs Lions 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Parade". The theme is Candy Land. The parade starts at 7:00 pm with floats lining up at 5:00 pm at Faith Community Church (Hwy 30). Cost to enter the parade is \$10/float or group. For more information contact Lion Karen Hollandsworth at 636.671.8148
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Brentwood Lions @ Goff Moll American Legion Post 101, 2721 Collier Drive, Brentwood, MO 63144. Social: 6:00 pm. Dinner: 6:45 pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup>, Thursday: Governor Visit – Southside Lions @ Pietro's, 11am.
- 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: Fenton Lions Auxiliary Texas Hold 'Em @ Fenton Lions Hall, 1316 West Lark Industrial Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tournament begins at 7:00 pm. \$30 entry fee. Meal and additional snacks come with the entry fee. Cash bar available. For more information, call 636-343-1201.

## 2012

## January

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Maplewood, Cheltenham/Chouteau and Mid Town Lions @ VFW Hall 1717 South Big Bend Blvd. Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Time: TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Governor Visit –Harmony Lions @ TBD.
- 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday: Kirkwood Lions will be hosting their annual Trivia Night at the Kirkwood Community Center, 111 S Geyer Rd. Kirkwood, Missouri 63122. KTRS radio personality Bill Clevlen (BillsTriviaNight.com) will provide the questions and host the event. \$120 for a table of 8. Cash prizes and 50/50. Contact Lion Barry Tantaros, 314-681-6388 or Trivia@KirkwoodLions.org.
- 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Valley Park Lions @ TBD.
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday: House Springs Lions Mouse Races. Cost is \$25/person which includes open bar and DJ after the races. For more information on the Mouse Races, please contact Lion Kim Hollandsworth at 314.766.5889.
- 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday: Governor Visit – Pevly Lions @ TBD.
- 24<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Fenton Lions @ Fenton Lions Hall, 1316 West Lark Industrial Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. Social: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:30 pm.
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday: Governor Visit – Ferguson Lions @ TBD.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, Friday – Saturday: MD26 Council Meeting @ Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, MO
- 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: Fenton Lions Auxiliary Texas Hold 'Em @ Fenton Lions Hall, 1316 West Lark Industrial Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tournament begins at 7:00 pm. \$30 entry fee. Meal and additional snacks come with the entry fee. Cash bar available. For more information, call 636-343-1201.

## February

- 6<sup>th</sup>, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Holiday Inn Viking, 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127. Meeting begins at 7 pm.
- 9<sup>th</sup>, Thursday: Governor Visit – West St. Louis County @ Poor Richards Restaurant, 108 Hilltop Village Center Drive, Eureka, MO 63025. Social: 6:30 pm. Dinner: 7:00 pm.
- 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday: Governor Visit – Valley Lions Club @ Country Café, 304 Highway C, Belgrade, MO 63622. Time: 5:30pm.
- 14<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Creve Coeur Lions Club. Location: TBD. Time: TBD.
- 18<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: Maplewood Lions Annual Murder Mystery Dinner Theater – “East Side Story”, Immaculate Conception Gym, 7240 Anna Ave, Maplewood Mo. 63143. \$25 includes dinner, draft beer, coffee, iced tea and set ups. BYOB. Doors open @ 6pm. Guests are encouraged to dress in 1950's attire. For more info contact Lion Georgia McGuire @ 314-646-1237 or Lion Sue Templeton @ 314-644-1915.
- 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – University City, Overland and Maryland Heights Lions Club. Location: Overland Lions Hall. Social: 6:00, Dinner: 6:30.
- 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: Fenton Lions Auxiliary Texas Hold 'Em @ Fenton Lions Hall, 1316 West Lark Industrial Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Tournament begins at 7:00 pm. \$30 entry fee. Meal and additional snacks come with the entry fee. Cash bar available. For more information, call 636-343-1201.
- 28<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday: Governor Visit – Washington Lions @ Elks Hall, West 5th & Grand, Washington, MO 63090. Social: 6:00 pm, Dinner: 7:00

# Joplin Relief Calendar LAST CHANCE

The spouses of 2011/2012 Multiple District 26, District Governors are in the process of putting together a eighteen month calendar, July 2012-December 2013. We are asking that you submit pictures of your community projects, including fundraisers.

Some of the pictures will be used in the calendar. Only eleven clubs have sent pictures so far. If your club is not one of the following PLEASE see that Lion Toni gets your pictures before December 24. You don't want to be left out. The eleven clubs are: Chesterfield

Concord Fenton Gray Summit Maplewood Richwoods St. Louis Harmony St. Louis South Side Valley Park Washington and Wildwood.

Please send your pictures to: Lion Toni Mahoney P.O. Box 138 Richwoods, Mo. 63071 or [tmahoney@dishmail.net](mailto:tmahoney@dishmail.net). All pictures should be received no later than December 24, 2011. We plan to have the calendars for sale at the 2012 State Convention. All proceeds will be donated to "Joplin Relief Fund"

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## Delta Gamma Center Selling Trees

This year marks the 60<sup>th</sup> annual Shining Tree Lot and Holiday Boutique filled with lots of trees, wreaths and decorations. All proceeds from this event benefit the Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments. The Shining Tree lot is located at the McCarthy Building Companies facility at 1341 N. Rock Hill Road. The tree lot will be opened until December 21<sup>st</sup> and the hours of operation are Monday – Friday 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are unable to support the Shining Tree lot this Christmas, please consider a cash donation to Delta Gamma Center. Through our support and donations, the Center is able to work with children, age's birth and up, who are blind or visually impaired to give them the opportunity to develop the skills necessary for that child to live a full and rewarding life.

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## Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!  
Governor John Yount's Goal is 10% Increase

### Chesterfield Lions Club

Janine Harris

### Concord Village Lions Club

Frank R Digregorio  
Todd E Lambert  
Richard Boyette

### De Soto Lions Club

Karen Johnston  
Irene Walker

### Mineral Point Lions Club

Tracy A Bowles  
Thomas M De Gonia  
Sheila Ann Gaylord  
Ariel Nickles

### Valley Park Lions Club

Pamela D. Mormino  
Paul G. Mormino  
Dawn R Rauls  
Tommy Rauls

### West St Louis Colions Club

Robert J Herzpg  
Dean L Sheppard

### Washington Lions Club

Gary M Grosse  
Matthew M Klemm

### Webster Groves Lions Club

Lee Scherzer

# Mineral Point Lions Sponsor Back to School Event

Mineral Point Lions helped a lot of children thanks to the generosity of all the Lions clubs that donated to their Back to School event again this year. They extend a big thank you to everyone for their assistance said Lion Alice McConnell.



## EYE CARE COMMITTEE

At this time of year, it only seems fitting to extend my “*heartfelt thanks*” for all your support throughout the year for the District Eye Care Committee. In just the first five months of this Lionistic year, the Eye Care Committee has accepted 9 requests for eye care assistance, with the highest percentage having been for Cataract surgery. While the “billable” rate for this assistance has been over \$29,000 to date, the Eye Care Committee has been able to negotiate payment for these procedures at the Medicare allowable rate, reflecting a savings of nearly 70%. Every day, we continue to strive to use *your* money to the best benefit that we can!

Along with surgical support, the Committee has been managing a Grant that was received from St. Louis Area on Aging to provide vision screenings to various Nursing Homes and Senior Centers within the St. Louis City boundaries. To date, members of the committee have volunteered to assist UMSL’s Eye van in 7 examinations.

If you, as a Lion, would be interested in serving on the Eye Care Committee, please contact District Governor Lion John Yount and let him know. Again, I want to thank the Clubs for their support and thank the committee for their hard work.

PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg,  
District Eye Care Committee Chairperson



**NOW  
IS YOUR  
CHANCE**

*“We Serve”*

Looking for Lions who would like to serve on a committee, region, zone, or an organization. If you are interested please contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gina Boettcher (573-368-1333 or [lionbtkr@fidmail.com](mailto:lionbtkr@fidmail.com))

## Please Remember These Lions

### Brentwood Lions Club

Joe Oldersworth  
Tico

### Mehlville Lions Club

John R Loranger

### Woodson Terrace Lions Club

Gail Dufaux

### Concord Village Lions Club

John Wilson

### Washington Lions Club

Robert Worms

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

**Maplewood Lions Club *presents***  
**Mystery Dinner Theater**



*East Side Story*



**THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT**  
**2011-2012**  
**WING-KUN TAM**  
**THEME "I BELIEVE"**

The goal is to plant **ONE MILLION**  
trees throughout the world.  
Each guest will receive a tree from  
the Missouri Conservation Commis-  
sion to help accomplish this goal.



Date: 02/18/2012 Time: 6:00 PM  
Cost: \$25.00

Be a hip cat and make the scene with  
the Maplewood Lions Mystery Dinner  
Theatre. Dinner w/ draught beer,  
coffee, soda, iced tea and set ups  
BYOB. Guests are encouraged to  
dress in 1950's attire.

**BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**

**Immaculate Conception Hall**  
**7240 Anna Ave.**

**Maplewood, MO 63143**

**Tel: (314) 646-1237**

*Lion Georgia*

*(314) 644-1915*

*Lion Sue*

## WANTED - Nominations for 2nd Vice District Governor

Have you ever thought about being Governor of our District? It all starts as a 2nd Vice District Governor.

Do you have questions or want a better understand of the roles and responsibilities? It all starts with a phone call. Nominations are now being accepted for the position of 2nd District Governor for the term July 2012 through June 2013.

If you would like to learn more, please call one of the following members of the Nominating Committee: PCC Al Blumenberg (314.606.5568), PCC Roger Evans (314.892.7490), or PDG Eugene Taylor (314.660.1337).

## Director of District 26-M2 Eye Foundation Needed

Nominations are open for a Director of Lions District 26 M2 Eye Foundation. The term is for five years. The District Governor nominates candidates for this position but if you are interested in serving on this committee, speak to Governor John Yount so you can be placed on the ballot.

## Eye Bank Honors Eye Donor and Co-Worker in Rose Parade

On January 2, the lives of two incredible women close to the Heartland Lions Eye Banks family will be honored during the 2012 Tournament of Roses Parade.

The Eye Bank is participating in the 2012 Donate Life Rose Parade Float by sponsoring a flora graph- or floral portrait- of donor, Mariah West. After Mariah lost her life in a texting while driving accident, her family made the generous decision to donate her eyes, organs and tissue through the Eye Bank and Midwest Transplant Network. Today, Mariah's mission of helping others is being carried on through her parents' work with AT&T's "It Can Wait," texting safety campaign and the Mariah West Educational Foundation.

The Eye Bank chose to honor Mariah's donation in memory of hospital services coordinator Darian Vanderhoofven who lost her life in the Joplin tornado. Darian worked closely with both St. John's Regional Medical Center and Freeman Health System in their annual local rose dedication ceremonies tied to the Donate Life float. At an April 2011 Celebration of Life event at Freeman, Darian was touched by the story of Mariah's donation after meeting her mother.

Because of Darian's direct involvement with planning for the local hospital rose dedications and her connection with Mariah's family, the Eye Bank felt that sponsoring a florigraph of Mariah would be a very special way to also honor Darian's work in promotion of eye donation. Donate Life America has also chosen to recognize Darian by placing a rose on the float in her memory – a dedication usually reserved for donors and recipients.

This year's float theme is "...One More Day," which will encourage viewers to imagine one more day to remember a loved one, celebrate life, keep hope alive, and make a difference to others. The float will feature six floral clocks adorned with 72 memorial florigraph portraits of deceased donors. A large 33-foot clock tower with an animated minute hand will move backwards in recognition of the many donors memorialized in tributes in the float's dedication garden. You can learn more about the float at [www.donatelifefloat.org](http://www.donatelifefloat.org).

As January 2 approaches, please stay tuned to [www.hleb.org](http://www.hleb.org) or additional information on the florigraph and float and join us in celebrating Darian's work in supporting donation and the legacy of our donors.

## District 26-M2 Convention March 23-25

If your Club has lost its spark and you're looking for ways to get them re-energized.....**TODAY** is the day to register for the convention, not tomorrow, not next week, but **TODAY!** District 26-M2 Annual Convention will be held on March 23 – 25, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Viking Southwest. Registration forms for the Convention are included in this newsletter or can be downloaded from the District website ([www.lions26m2.org](http://www.lions26m2.org)).

If your Club is planning to have a hospitality room, please submit your reservations quickly so the Committee can begin assigning the rooms. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Convention in March and remember it's always a wonderful time to get together with old friends or to make new ones. If you have any questions regarding the Convention, please feel free to contact PDG Lion Debbie Blumenberg, Convention Chairperson.

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# Officers and Constitution/Bylaws Changes on Ballot

At the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual District 26-M2 Convention on March 24, 2012, the eligible delegates from the clubs will be voting on the offices of District Governor 2012-2013, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and a Representative to the District 26-M2 Eye Foundation for 2012-2017.

There will be several Constitution and By-Laws issues on the ballot. These will be simple housekeeping changes to bring us into compliance with the International Constitution and By-Laws. The changes deal with the duties of various District Officers in relation to the GMT (Global Membership Team) and GLT (Global Leadership Team).

At least 30 days prior to the Convention, the proposed changes will be available for review and will be placed on the District website and can be reviewed or printed from there. They will also be emailed to each of the Club Presidents and any other interested Lion, if requested.

As a reminder, each club in District 26-M2, in good standing, shall be entitled to one voting delegate and one alternate for each ten (10) members of said club, or major fraction thereof, who have been enrolled for at least one year and a day in the club, as shown by the records of Lions International on the first day of February. Each Past District Governor and the current District Governor shall be entitled to be a delegate to and vote at the Convention, in addition to those delegates to which a club may be entitled.

The District Secretary will be providing a list of each club identifying eligible number of delegates and 'good standing' status of each club:

- 1) All District Dues must be paid in full
- 2) Old balances to Lions International of more than \$50.00, ninety (90) days past due, must be paid
- 3) Entrance fees for new members affecting voting strength of more than one (1) delegate must be paid.

Delinquent dues may be paid and good standing acquired at any time prior to the close of credential certification.

IPDG Lion Kimberly Taylor  
Constitution & By-Laws Committee Chairman

## Message From 1st VDG Gina Boettcher

Greetings Lions:

I hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving.

As we go into the Holiday season, I think of those who don't have a home to go to, gifts to give to their children, and those who are unable to provide food for their family. I'm so proud of the clubs in our district for their outstanding work they do for those in need. "I Believe" in what we do for those individuals. The word "giving" is defined "to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation." I think that completely describes what we do as Lions for those in need.

If you are interested in serving in a position for the best district in Missouri please contact me. I'm looking for dedicated individuals to grow our district and to further our mission "We Serve".

In closing, PCC Terry, Lion Thomas, and I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in Lionism,

*1st VDG Lion Gina Boettcher*

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# 2012 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 3-4, 2012

Grand Plaza Hotel • 245 North Wildwood Drive • Branson, Missouri 65616

Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30–10:00 AM

\*\*\*\*\* First session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday \*\*\*\*\*

- \* Full registration includes all seminars, lunch/speaker and Friday evening hospitality. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the luncheon on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed.
- \* Reservations and payment to Missouri Lions MUST be postmarked by January 28, 2012.
- \* Plans for a Saturday evening Dinner and Show have not been finalized at this time. Please indicate below if you would be interested in a dinner/show on Saturday evening if one can be arranged. This cost is not included in the Full Registration and would be a separate charge.
- \* No tickets will be issued for any of the events – your name will be included on a list.
- \* **COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON**

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## FULL REGISTRATION #1:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_

IF POSTMARKED BY 1-28-12 ..... Amount due: \$ 35 \_\_\_\_\_

OR

IF POSTMARKED 1-29-12 OR AFTER ..... Amount due: \$ 40 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Dinner/Show: ..... Yes, I am interest \_\_\_\_\_

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## FULL REGISTRATION #2:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_

IF POSTMARKED BY 1-28-12 ..... Amount due: \$ 35 \_\_\_\_\_

OR

IF POSTMARKED 1-29-12 OR AFTER ..... Amount due: \$ 40 \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Dinner/Show: ..... Yes, I am interest \_\_\_\_\_

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**LUNCH ONLY:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Lion? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, Club: \_\_\_\_\_ District 26- \_\_\_\_\_ Amount due: \$ 15 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total Amount due in advance for all events: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Everything can be paid with one check payable to Missouri Lions. Mail Registration form and check to:  
Missouri Lions, 2409B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2012.

For hotel reservations, please call the **Grand Plaza Hotel in Branson** at **1-800-850-6646**. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event at a rate of **\$62 + tax per night (mini suites are \$82) (breakfast buffet included) until January 12, 2012**, at which time the rooms will be available on a space and rate available basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the **Missouri Lions Forum** or mention **LIONS12** to get the special room rate.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR JOHN YOUNT HAS ISSUED  
A CALL FOR THE  
**FOURTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION**  
To Be Held March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Holiday Inn - St. Louis Southwest/Viking Hotel & Conference Center  
INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR MARK HINTZMANN



Mark Hintzmann, from Watertown, Wisconsin, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 94th International Convention, held in Seattle, Washington, USA July 4-8, 2011. Director Hintzmann owns and operates a special needs school bus company. A member of the Watertown Lions Club since 1992, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, district membership chair, vice district governor, district governor and council chair. He also served as District Convention Chairperson, MD 27 Convention Chairperson, MD 27 Leadership Chairperson and Host Chairperson, 2010 USA/Canada Forum. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including Club Lion of the Year, three Governor Appreciation Awards, two International President's Certificates of Appreciation, the International Leadership Award and two International President's Awards. He is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Director Hintzmann is active in numerous professional and community organizations, including being a member of the Wisconsin School Bus Association. Director Hintzmann and his wife, Jayne, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have a son.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23 <sup>rd</sup>	SATURDAY, MARCH 24 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY, MARCH 25 <sup>th</sup>
Registration ..... 2 PM - 6 PM Hospitality Rooms ..... 5 PM to Midnight Parade of Banners ..... 8 PM Dancing & Party Time ..... 8:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Registration ..... 8 AM - 10 AM 1 <sup>st</sup> Business Session ..... 8 AM All Lions Lunch ..... 12 Noon - 1:15 PM 2 <sup>nd</sup> Business Session ..... 1:30 PM Voting ..... <i>Immediately following session</i> Banquet ..... 7 PM	Breakfast ..... 8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service ..... 9:00 AM

The Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking at 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of **\$77 + tax** for a standard room. Please contact them directly at **800-682-6338 (website [www.hiviking.com](http://www.hiviking.com) - group code LCC)** to make your room reservations and mention that you are with the **District 26-M2 Lions Convention**. After February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

**2012 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form**  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

All Lions Lunch:	Number attending _____	X \$22.00=	\$ _____
Banquet:	Number attending _____	X \$35.00=	\$ _____
Breakfast:	Number attending _____	X \$18.00=	\$ _____
<u>3 Meal Discount per Person</u>	Number attending _____	X \$ -5.00=	\$ _____
<u>After March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012 - ADD</u>	Number attending _____	X \$10.00=	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL FOR ALL EVENTS:</b>			\$ _____

**Make checks payable to:** 26-M2 Convention Fund  
**Mail to:** IPDG Kimberly Taylor  
#15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

No refunds after March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).  
**Please use spaces provided on the back, or attach a list of all persons and their meals.**

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## St. Patrick's Center Could Use Your Help

This past year, the District met with representatives from St. Patrick's Center to discuss becoming partners with them in order to provide vision screenings at the Center.

Through the generosity and support of some of our Lions Clubs and the UMSL Eye Van, we have been able to assist 89 Clients with eye care assistance. Unfortunately, the funds are slowing drying up and they are in need of

donations to help support this worthy cause.

If you or your Club would like to help support the Lions Vision Program at St. Patrick's Center, please send your donations to: Lions Vision Program, c/o St. Patrick's Center, 800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101



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## CARE PACKAGES TO OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS

For the past 5 years the West St. Louis County Lions have shipped more than \$10,000 in care packages to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our most recent shipment went to 5 different our troop units in Afghanistan. We are gearing up to send more care package to our troops overseas in the coming months.

Pictured in the center is Lion Steve Hrin (troop project chairman) along with Lion's Bryan Kiefer, Al Knappmiller, Roger Sommer and Don Vaucher



## WEST ST LOUIS COUNTY LIONS ASSIST LOCAL STUDENT

Matt is a young 17 year old junior at Eureka High School in the Rockwood School District. He has a great personality, loves music (an expert in the 60's and 70's music), and a Boy Scout working toward being an Eagle Scout. Matt also has Joubert Syndrome.

Joubert Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder that affects the cerebellum, an area of the brain that controls balance and coordination. Individuals with this disorder typically show signs of several other disabilities such as mild or moderate retardation, nystagmus (rapid, involuntary eye movement) and oculomotor apraxia (difficulty tracking objects smoothly, jerky eye movement). Matt has all these plus a few more disorders that complicate his life. This past summer Matt lost all of his central eye sight and the adjustments Matt has had to make have been very difficult. Matt will probably lose all of his sight in the near future. Adding to his condition we found out his parents are divorced and his mother has her own physical disabilities making it difficult to work.

Matt came to the attention of our club last Spring as we were planning our annual West St. Louis County Lions "Run For Sight", held during Eureka Days. A Rockwood School District special needs counselor, Laurie Dailey, came to one of our planning meetings and told us about Matt and his needs. Matt not only participated in our Run For Sight himself by walking the 3K he is so well liked at the high school many of the coaches and students signed up as well.

We met with Matt and his mother at a local workout facility where he is trying to lose weight (another condition of his disorder is being overweight) and were provided with a list of items Matt would like to have so he could be more independent. It didn't take long for us to decide we needed to help this young man.

The first item we purchased for Matt was a wheelchair. This wheelchair will allow Matt to get around easier, especially after sunset when it is most difficult for Matt. Since Matt loves music he goes to every concert the city of Eureka holds during the spring and summer in the evenings on its main downtown street. Matt has always had problems maneuvering the parking lots and sidewalks to get to the concert area. This wheelchair makes it easier for him to enjoy the concerts. We have several more items we will be purchasing for Matt to make life easier for him as he becomes more independent.

# Who's Baby Picture Is That?

Scattered throughout this newsletter are baby pictures of several Lions. Each is numbered and there is a prize for the Lion who correctly names the most Lions. Governor Yount will present the winner with his friendship banner and recognition at the District Convention.

There are fourteen baby pictures in this newsletter. Good guessing and good luck.

Send your responses to Lion Leon Hove, 128 Lake Washington Dr., Washington, MO. 63090 or hove@yhti.net. All entries must be received by February 6, 2012.

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Number  
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contest details.

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Picture 2 Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Picture 3 Lion \_\_\_\_\_

Picture 4 Lion \_\_\_\_\_

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Picture 14 Lion \_\_\_\_\_

## Register for 2012 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum

The planning for the 2012 All Lions Mid Winter Forum is shaping up. The site and dates have been selected, the prices have been confirmed, the registration forms ready to hand out. Now all we need is for the Lions to register and show up!! The location is Branson, MO at the Grand Plaza Hotel. The date is February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. And the Forum prices are still only \$35 per person, which includes the Friday evening hospitality event, an entire day of training and educational sessions and lunch on Saturday.

The Multiple District Global Leadership Team has been conferring and brainstorming ideas for what training and educational sessions the Lions of Missouri want and need. There will be over a dozen sessions to choose from and the topics are sure to be of interest of Lions of all ages, positions, and experience. They will offer ideas for finding keeping new members involved in their clubs, and tips on problem solving techniques As soon as the sessions have been finalized and the presenters notified, an agenda will be available and will be send to all District GLT leaders and Cabinet leaders for distribution to the Lions in their District and will also be posted on the Missouri Lions website.

But there is no need to wait until the session list is finalized to sign up to attend the 2012 Mid Winter Forum. The sooner you sign up, the better for you and for the Planning Committee. You will make sure to guarantee yourself the low Lions rate the hotel and avoid any late registration fees. You will have an opportunity to joined with Lions from across the state of Missouri and renew acquaintances, make new friends and share your personal and Lions experiences with others. You will bring back enthusiasm from the Forum and some new ideas to share with the members of your Club that might not be able to attend. If you have never been to the Forum, this is the one you should go to. If you have been before, you need to come back this year and see what new stuff you can learn and bring along another Lion with you as well.

The Grand Plaza Hotel (245 North Wildwood Drive, Branson, Missouri 65616) is taking reservations now for Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. You can call 1-800-850-6646. The rate for a regular room is \$62 + tax per night and mini suites are \$82 + tax per night. There is a complimentary breakfast buffet included with the room rate. Please let them know you are with the Missouri Lions Forum (LIONS12) when you call to make your reservations.

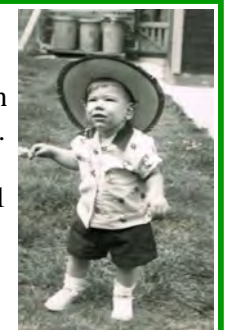
On Saturday evening, we are still working on a dinner/theater event. We are looking for a different location and show this year and will have that information available as soon as we can. Please let us know on your registration form if you are interested in the dinner/show so that we can get an idea for how many reservations we might have to make.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or your District GLT representative. Looking forward to another great Missouri All Lions Mid Winter Forum in February 2012.

PDG Eugene C. Taylor  
MD26 GLT Chairperson

Email: [LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net)

This is Lion  
Number 10.



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details.

## Maplewood Lions Donate Teddy Bears to Fire Department



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Sharyn Scheidt and Lion Jean Martin, President of the Maplewood Lions club presented 50 stuffed Teddy Bears to the Richmond Heights Fire Department on Friday December 9, 2011.

The fire department gives these stuffed animals out if there are children involved in a fire or an accident.

Maplewood Lions have been doing this for the past several years.

This is Lion No. 11.

Who is the little tyke, what is your guess?  
See page 11 for details.



## St. Patrick's Center Needs Your Help

This past year, the District met with representatives from St. Patrick's Center to discuss becoming partners with them in order to provide vision screenings at the Center. Through the generosity and support of some of our Lions Clubs and the UMSL Eye Van, we have been able to assist 89 Clients with eye care assistance. Unfortunately, the funds are slowing drying up and they are in need of donations to help support this worthy cause. If you or your Club would like to help support the Lions Vision Program at St. Patrick's Center, please send your donations to: Lions Vision Program, c/o St. Patrick's Center, 800 N. Tucker, St. Louis, MO 63101

## Some Lions Dressed in the Holiday Spirit at Cabinet Meeting



**All Were In The Spirit of Giving Butte Tail Twister Who Just Wanted To Receive**

This is Lion Number 12.

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This is Lion Number 13.  
See page 11 for Contest details.

# Wildwood and Clarkson Implement New Vision Program

The Pilot project "Vision Assistance Program", is being implemented by the Clarkson Eye care Foundation, the Wildwood Area Lions Club and The Rockwood School District. Other Lions Clubs pending Club approval: Chesterfield, Fenton, Ellisville and West St. Louis County.

In early September, we met with Amy Wehr, Supervisor, Wellness and Health Services and 30 Nurses at the Rockwood School District Administrative Office to explain this new program. The nurses voiced the growing eye care needs of the children and lack of resources. The state of Missouri mandates that all children at the kindergarten level receive an eye screening and The Clarkson Eye care Foundation will provide an expanded resource of vision-care professionals through their eye care locations.

Because many of the clubs of the district have experienced a downturn in revenue due to economic conditions, jobs lost, lack of healthcare and natural disasters, this has resulted in a dramatic increase in requests for eye care services.

This program will add an additional resource to the District Sight Committee, the Rockwood School District and to the individual Clubs within the Rockwood School District. It is not to take the place of any existing resource being used by the District, clubs or the School District. The goal is to help children see to succeed.

Children participating in the free lunch are pre-qualified. There will be no cost to these children. To qualify for free lunch is to qualify for free eye care.

The Lions Clubs will be charged \$25 per child receiving an eye exam and glasses. These charges will be assessed for each child according to the area where he/she lives. For example children being referred to the Fenton Clarkson Eye location will be billed to the Fenton Club. The Clarkson Eye care Foundation will cover the remainder of the cost.

The Vision Assistance Program is simple and requires a minimum of paperwork. The Lions Clubs are proud to be a part of this partnership that contributes to this shared vision.

Description of the Vision Assistance Program (Note: These forms would be amended to include the additional Lions Clubs as they are approved by their boards) and the cover letter and application forms that the Nurses at Rockwood would send to the families are available from Wildwood Lion Mike Klein, 636-422-8236.

## Lions Hot Line Call Gets Glasses to Victim

Fire in a south St. Louis home in the early morning hours Thursday, November 3 luckily did not result in serious injuries, but eye glasses were destroyed for a n elderly mother. Returning home from work, her son found his mother safe but without glasses. PDG Roger Scheidt, hot line chairman received a call and he got in contact with Lion Ron Nesbit who came to their aid with glasses. A couple of phone calls and one of the problems caused by the fire was solved. These Lions practiced our motto "We Serve".

This is Lion  
Number 14.

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For contest details



## BBQ Contest

DG John Yount would like to hold a BBQ Contest. It will be held at the District Convention Hospitality Friday Night. If your club would like to participate please contact 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Gina Boettcher (573-368-1333, email – [lionbtkr@fidmail.com](mailto:lionbtkr@fidmail.com)) or Lion Gene Owens (email – [liongeneo@yahoo.com](mailto:liongeneo@yahoo.com))



Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is February 11. 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.

**Send to Lion Leon Hove, editor at [hove@yhti.net](mailto:hove@yhti.net).**

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