



Missouri Lion

October-December, 2021

Multiple District 26



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Missouri Lions Calendar

~Important Upcoming Events~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
January 29, 2022	Council of Governors Meeting	Rolla, MO
February 18-19, 2022	Mid– Winter Forum	Springfield, MO
February 25-26	M1 District Convention	
March 4-6, 2022	M2 District Convention	St. Louis, MO
March 11-12, 2022	Mid-South Third Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, Tennessee
March 19, 2022	M4 District Convention	Chillicothe, MO
March 25-26 , 2022	M6 District Convention	Springfield, MO
April 8-9, 2022	M3 District Convention	Canton, MO
April 28 – May 1, 2022	State Convention	Rolla, MO
May 20-22, 2022	Leader Dog Bus Trip	Rochester Hills, Michigan
June 3-4, 2022	Mid-South Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, Mississippi
June 4-5, 2022	Mid-South Fourth Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, Tennessee
July 1-5, 2022	International Convention	Montreal, Canada
July 7-11, 2023	International Convention	Boston, Massachusetts
June 21-25, 2024	International Convention	Melbourne, Australia
July 4-8, 2025	International Convention	Mexico City, Mexico
July 3-7, 2026	International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
July 2-6, 2027	International Convention	Washington, DC
June 23-27, 2028	International Convention	Singapore

Meet your MD 26 Council Chairperson

Council Chairperson, Lion Bob Noellsch, is from the Bowling Green Lions Club in District M3 where he has been a Lion since 1983. He has served as District Governor and 1st VDG of M3 twice, he has been the Cabinet Secretary once, and he has been the District Global Leadership Coordinator. Currently, in addition to the role of Council Chair, he is the District LCIF coordinator and the Global Leadership Coordinator. He retired in 2014 after working for 33 years with the United States Department of Agriculture where he was a Farm Loan Manager. He is married to Lion Mary Jane; they have 5 adult children and 10 grandchildren (so far).





Missouri Lions

Mid-Winter Forum

February 18th & 19th, 2022



HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER

2546 N. GLENSTONE AVE.

SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803

Phone (417) 866-5253

FEBRUARY
18th & 19th
2022



MISSOURI LIONS

Hosted at:



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HOTEL AND CONVENTION CENTER
2546 N. GLENSTONE AVE.
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803
Phone (417) 866-5253

Mid-Winter Forum 2022 Registration

- Breakfast & Lunch - on your own
- Workshops throughout the day
- other information to come!

FULL FORUM REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Friday Night: Hospitality
- Saturday: "Powerful General Session" Workshops
- Saturday Dinner: "Buffet" at 6pm
- Entertainment at 7pm

******Anyone Planning On Attending ANY Of The Workshops Will Need A Full Registration******

• Registration & payment to:
"Missouri Lions" MUST
be postmarked by **Dec. 31st, 2022**
for Early Bird Discount

• NO tickets are needed or issued
for any of the events.
(Your Name will be included on a list)

Note: Complete only one section below per person.

• Please be sure to wear
your Name Tag at all times.

All Veterans will receive Early Bird Registration Fee Please write that you are a Veteran and the Branch of Service you Served in.

FIRST REGISTRANT

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

Special Program Needed?: _____ Early Bird Registration.....\$65 _____
(if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)
Large Print or Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$75 _____

SECOND REGISTRANT

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

Special Program Needed?: _____ Early Bird Registration.....\$65 _____
(if so, please circle one) (must be postmarked by Dec. 31st)
Large Print or Braille After Dec. 31st.....\$75 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....Total: \$ _____

Mail to:

Missouri Lions
2415B Hyde Park Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109
(Mail Registration Form and Check)

Hotel Reservations:

Please call **Oasis Hotel** at (417) 866-5253
A block of rooms has been set aside for this event.
(held until 1/21/22)
Rooms are available on a space & rate available basis.
You must tell the reservations associate that you are
with the "Mid Winter Forum 2022" to get the special room rate.

Meet your M1 District Governor

DG Jerry was born a long time ago and started at a country school. Sometime later, he graduated from Malden High School and Harding College (now University). (He stayed in school long enough, that they decided to graduate him.) While at Harding, he met Marilyn who is now his wife of 55 years. They have 2 sons who live in Nashville, TN area. He worked in management and sales until 1977 when he became self employed as a carpet cleaner. Marilyn taught school for a bunch of years. After 20 plus years of lifting hide-a-beds, triple dressers and everything heavy in a home, he began a career in Insurance and Financial Services. After 23 plus years there, he took a retirement contract and mainly serves his clients. He enjoys camping, jet skiing, golfing, motorcycle riding and fishing occasionally. He became a Lion in 1975 and now as District Governor enjoys visiting other clubs and learning how it is to be done.



Meet your M2 District Governor

DG Devin currently lives in Union, MO with his wife Marcie Struttman. He has two daughters, Abby and Olivia Struttman. He enjoys relaxing on his back porch. He has worked as a Director of Production Services at American Direct Marketing Resources for 33 years. He has been a Lions member for 21 years. The moment that he truly became a lion was when he attended an eye mission to Mexico in 2009. Positions that he has held within his own club, Union Lions Club, including Club President, Club Secretary, Zone Chairperson, District Treasurer, District GLT Coordinator, President of Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation. He has also received many awards which include Melvin Jones Fellowship, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, International President's Certificates, International President's International Leadership Award. His favorite way to give back to others is to go on eye glass mission trip.



M1 District Letter

DG Jerry Reaves



I do not want to totally disagree with Mr. Andy Williams that Christmas is The Best Time Of the Year but I think we are now in the best time of the year.

The fall season has weather that fits almost everyone at one time or another. Now is the time to plan for not one but three but three holidays coming soon. People are scrambling to get in the last few days of beautiful weather and gorgeous sunsets while trees are turning to beautiful scenes of nature. What a wonderful time of the year.

Also, what a wonderful time of the year to be a Lion!!! Plan now for holiday events to help others by giving, LCIF is a great outlet for help to so many needs. Service from a giving heart will always be rewarded.

Now is also the time of the year for joint service. Clubs joining together for service and social events forms friendships and service partnerships that last a lifetime. Now is the time to plan events for your own communities needy children and make a dent in the hunger in our own country. So many people and places where Lionism is needed and may be the only volunteer service available. Also, now is a great time to find people who want to be a part of a group that helps others. Never forget to be the voice that someone needs to hear. Be cheerful and generous during this MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR.

Enjoy time with family and friends to reflect on the blessings that we can share.

District Governor Jerry Reaves

Greetings Lions,

I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. As you read this, we're just days away from Christmas. I hope you're ready to enjoy the holidays with family and you get some rest and relaxation.

We've been busy visiting clubs. There have been many Governor visits, fundraisers, and Holiday parties. It's exciting to see the clubs active and back together in-person. Since this wasn't the case last year, we certainly don't take it for granted. We also had a wonderful turnout for our Cabinet Meeting on December 6. Thank you for all those attending and wearing your favorite Holiday sweaters.

At these recent events, it has been a real pleasure to be joined by our new 1st Vice District Governor. Lion Leon Hove stepped up to fill this vacancy and he definitely hit the ground running. He's working hard for the district, state, and all Lions. Please know that our district will be in excellent hands with Lion Leon. We thank the Washington Lions Club for sharing him with us.

As we look ahead, our focus will shift to our District Convention in March. Please make plans to join us. You won't want to miss this fun and informative weekend. Our guests will be International Director Lion Allen Snider and his wife Lion Susan. As a kickoff, we will be meeting with them virtually on our next 5th Thursday Virtual Happy Hour. This will be held on Thursday, December 30, at 7:00 PM. This will be a great opportunity to learn a little about them in advance and ask any questions.

As we head into the New Year, we still have half of the Lions year ahead of us. There's still plenty of time and much to accomplish. As you think about those New Year resolutions, what new step can you take for Lions? I thank you in advance as you "Take a Step" in 2022.

From my family to yours, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Lion Devin Struttman, District Governor



M2 District Letter

DG Devin Struttman

A CALL FOR THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held March 4 – 6, 2022
DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO
63146



Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion Allen Snider. ID Allen, from Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, was elected to serve a two-year term as an international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention, June 25 through June 29, 2021.

ID Allen became a Lion in 1981 when he joined the St. Davids and District Lions Club where he has since served multiple terms as club treasurer and president.

ID Allen's wife, Susan, is also a Lion, as are his son, Richard, and daughter, Jessica. ID Allen is also proud to serve alongside the many other Lions in his extended family.

Tentative Schedule of Events - ***Subject to Change***

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

Registration..... 3 PM – 5 PM Hospitality 5 PM – 11 PM Parade of Banners
7:30 PM Live Music, Dancing & Party Time..... 8 PM – 11 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

Registration 8 AM – 10 AM 1st Business Session..... 9:30 AM All Lions Lunch 12 Noon – 1:15 PM 2nd
Business Session..... 1:30 PM Voting..... Immediately following session Dinner Banquet..... 7 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

Breakfast..... 8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service 9:00 AM

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 is holding a block of rooms and is taking reservations at a discounted price of \$93 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the **DoubleTree Hotel** and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention or book online at doubletree3.hilton.com group code **LIONS CLUB**. After **FEBRUARY 11, 2022** the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2022 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form March 4th – 6th, 2022

Name of Lion: _____ Club: Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Convention Package:

(Hospitality, Luncheon, Number attending _____ X \$95 = \$ _____ Dinner Banquet & Breakfast)
*** OR ***

Luncheon Only: Number attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____ Dinner Banquet Only: Number attending _____ X \$55 = \$ _____
Breakfast Only: Number attending _____ X \$30 = \$ _____

After February 11, 2022 - ADD \$10 Number attending _____ X \$10 = \$ _____ **TOTAL:**
\$ _____

Please indicate how many of each meal choice for DINNER so we can make sure to give an accurate count to the hotel. Dinner Banquet - Beef Dinner Banquet – Chicken Dinner Banquet – Salmon Special
Dietary Needs: _____

Make checks payable to: 26-M2 Convention Fund

Mail to: PCC Kimberly Taylor 15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026

No refunds after February 11, 2022.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after February 11, 2022. Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

Revision 09/21/21

*** **Please use spaces provided on the back or attach a list of all persons and their meals.** ***

DISTRICT 26M-4 LIONS MET FOR THEIR FALL CABINET MEETING ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021 IN MAYSVILLE, MO WITH DISTRICT GOVERNOR JAMES PEDERSEN PRESIDING.

ONE OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS HELD DURING THIS FALL MEETING IS VOTING ON THE DISTRICT WINNER OF THE ANNUAL LIONS CLUBS PEACE POSTER CONTEST. WINNING LOCAL CLUB CONTEST POSTERS SUBMITTED FOR THE COMPETITION ARE VOTED ON BY LIONS MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS "WE ARE ALL CONNECTED".

THE WINNING POSTER WAS SUBMITTED BY JULIA BRANNER, A 6TH GRADE STUDENT IN MRS. BETSY NIELSEN'S CLASS AT ST. GREGORY'S SCHOOL IN MARYVILLE, MO. MISS BRANNER RECEIVED A \$50 CHECK FROM THE DISTRICT 26M-4 TREASURER. HER POSTER HAS BEEN SENT ON TO THE MO STATE LIONS COUNCIL CHAIR FOR COMPETITION ON THE STATE LEVEL.



Peace

Poster



Contest





You are invited as we travel
to Rochester, Michigan
to experience the magic of
LeaderDogs for the Blind!



Make checks payable to: **DG Phyllis Krebs**. In the memo area, please
note **Missouri LeaderDog Trip**, then mail to: **DG Phyllis Krebs**,
3633 W. Morningside Pl, Springfield, MO 65807.
leaderpupsinmo@gmail.com, 417-988-5330

Hotel accommodations must be booked on your own.

Hotel information is on next page.

Deadline for reservations is April 29, 2022



Passenger pick-ups sites, please circle your choice:

	Washington Commuter Lot	Valley Park Lions Club
No glass or dairy products allowed on the bus!	108 E. 14th St. Washington, MO	1001 St. Louis Ave. Valley Park, MO

Name _____

Email address _____ Phone # _____

tickets requested _____ Amt included(check only)=\$100/pp _____

This IS NOT your ticket, it will only reserve your seat on the bus. Tickets will be issued when payment has been received, at that point the reservation will be complete. We **MUST** have **40** reservations to do this trip! Please book early!

Deadline (form with payment received) is November 14, 2021



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Thank you for choosing **Drury Inn & Suites Detroit Troy** to be a part of your next great event! We are looking forward to seeing you soon and we are ready to uphold our reputation for great service & value. Rooms have been held for your group and to make reservations, please use the link below. You can also make reservations by calling **1-800-325-0720** and refer to your group number **2439758**.

Missouri Lions Club <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2439758>

Group room rates include the following for overnight guests*:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast - Start every day with make-your-own Belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, KELSO+BROS® coffee and more. Complimentary hot breakfast is served daily from 6–9:30 a.m. on weekdays and 7–10 a.m. on weekends.

Complimentary Evening Drinks and Snacks** - Join us from 5:30–7 p.m. every evening to enjoy complimentary hot food and cold beverages at our 5:30 Kickback®. The hotel features a rotating menu of hot food, beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks.

Free Wi-Fi Throughout the Hotel - Get the score, check your social networks or email family members from anywhere in the hotel!

On-Site Facilities - Take advantage of the business center, fitness center or pool while away from home. Print boarding passes, finish a presentation or check e-mail in the hotel's business centers.

All this for \$96-\$100 (plus tax) per night!

1 King Bed=\$96/night (limited availability) 2 Queen beds=\$100/night

Please make your reservations by **Friday, April 29, 2022** to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. Reservations may also be made by calling

1-800-325-0720 and refer to your group number **2439758**.

You must make your own reservations for Friday night May 20 and Saturday night May 21!

WHO WE ARE

At Leader Dogs for the Blind we believe that everyone deserves a life of independence and mobility. All of our services are provided free of charge to our clients, including travel in the U.S. and Canada, room and board, equipment and training. This means that no one is excluded from living their most fulfilling life due to lack of funds.

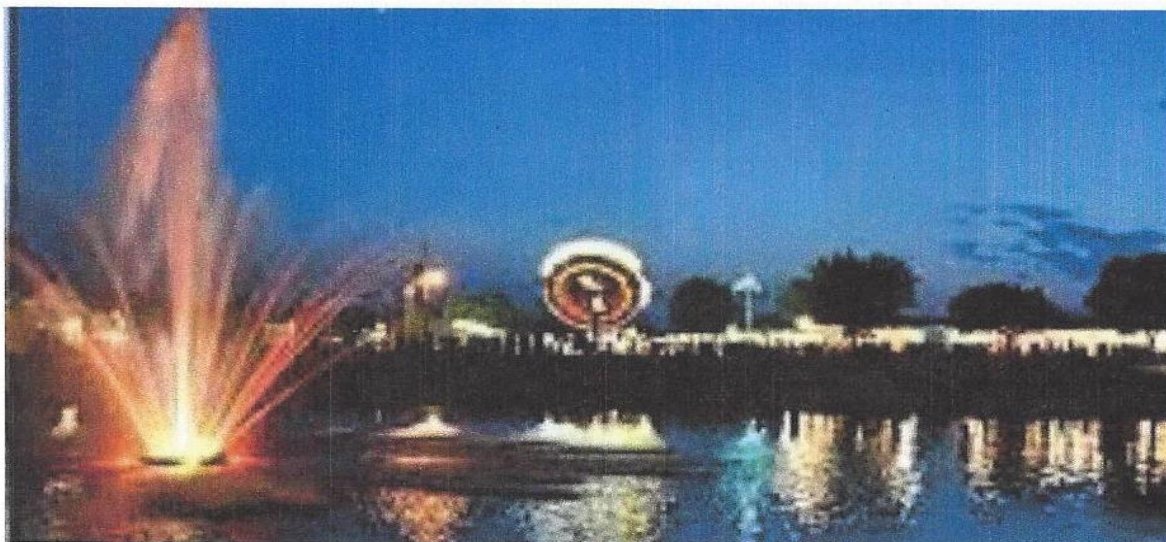
We are 100% philanthropically funded by individual donors, Lions clubs, corporate partners and foundations. Simply put, we could not provide over one million days of independence each year without the immense generosity of our supporters.

Our programs are designed to provide our clients with the tools and training to reintroduce them to a life of confidence, safety and independence. Through our full-range of services—Guide Dog Training, Orientation & Mobility Training and Summer Experience Camp—we meet the mobility needs of our clients at every stage of their lives



OUR MISSION

Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually-impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.



**2022 Missouri Lions State Convention
Registration**

**April 28th - May 1st, 2022
Rolla, Missouri 65401**

**Together
Everybody
Achieve
More**

Lionism is Team Work



2022 STATE CONVENTION

The Missouri Lions Convention, April 28 - May 1, 2022, at Rolla will be here before you know it! On Friday, April 29, 2022 the LCIFF Silent Auction will be held during Hospitality Night. We need donations!! If you and/or your club have any items for the auction, please bring them or send them with someone who will be attending. Items that have brought big bucks for LCIFF in the past are baskets filled with assorted items; wine; paintings; gently used items; wreaths; hand-made items. All proceeds goes to LCIFF. Come have fun and bid on some cool items!

Thanks so much for your help!

Lions Allen and Laurie Taylor

Cape Evening Lions Club





**DISTRICT 26-M2 VIRTUAL
HAPPY HOUR**

***Meet the International
Director***

Join us on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 7:00 PM.

Enjoy your favorite beverage as we welcome our special guests ID Lion Allen Snider and Lion Susan Snider. This will be a meet and greet before they join us at our District Convention in March.

Zoom Meeting ID: 842 7803 0560

Password: 910620

Winery and Brewery Tour



2022 Missouri Lions State Convention

Winery and Brewery Tours & Tasting

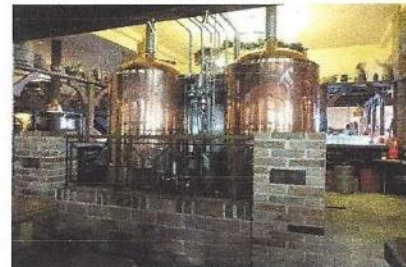
Thursday April 28, 2022

Leave Hotel at 6:00 P.M. Return about 9:30 P.M.

Registration for April 28, 2022

Public House Brewery & St. James Winery Tours and Tasting

Cost is \$40/person (includes Bus and Pizza/salad Buffet)



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ Title: _____

Registration:

Transportation by bus plus Pizza and Salad Buffet: \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

Please mail registration form and payment by 3/15/2022

No Refunds after 3/15/2022

Make Checks Payable to Missouri Lions 2022 State Convention

Cost does not include any additional beverage purchases.

Mail registration and payment to Lion Jennie Mosher

C/O MO Lions 2022 State Convention

1061 South Bishop Ave.

Rolla, Missouri

Meet your M3 District Governor

Lion Michael Sliger lives in Lagrange Missouri for the past 17 years. He is married to my lovely wife Lion Joanie for the last 30+ years. He has 2 step children Jennifer and Justin and two grandchildren Justin Jr and Alainah. He graduated in 1983 from Missouri Institute of Technology (Devry) with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. Currently he works for Industrial Design & Automation my occupation is controls programming. He is a member of First Baptist Church of LaGrange for the last 14 Years. On the Board on Director of the Church, Past Worshipful Master of Craft Lodge #287, and Secretary for Craft Lodge for the last eight years. Lion Michael Sliger of Lagrange Missouri, serve 3 terms as secretary of the LaGrange Lions Club. Past President for 4 terms. Multiple Melvin Jones Fellow. Also, member of Boling Green Kid Sight Team. Zone Chairman for 3 years. 1st Vice District Governor 2017-2018, District Governor 2018-2019. 1st Vice District Governor 2020-2021. LaGrange Lions support several functions in the community. We provide money to families that loss their house due to fire, eyeglasses to people in need, we also have 2 sight enhancing devices for those that are reading impaired. Some of our annual fundraiser, five annual fish fries, pancake and sausage day, Fourth of July Cookout.



Meet your M4 District Governor

Lion James joined the Maryville Pride Lions Club in 2014. He has held various offices and became club president in 2016-17. He completed his second term of club president in 2018-19. He is also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. He is continually active in the Club's various projects and fundraisers.

He has served as Zone Chairperson for Zone 1 – Region I for two different terms. He has also served on the District 26-M4 Basketball Committee for three years.

He is the original Co-Chairperson of the Lions Freedom Rock Committee and now is serving on the Board of Directors of the Lions Freedom Rock Plaza.

He was born in Maryville, Missouri and grew up in rural Nodaway County. He graduated from the South Nodaway School District. He was employed in the Construction and Electrical Departments at Northwest Missouri State University for two years. He then became employed with American Electric Company of St. Joseph, Missouri where he began his Sales and Management career. He then was transferred to Maryville where he is currently operations manager of the CED American Electric store.

He is active in the Open Door Christian Center Church of Bolckow, Missouri where he serves on the board and in the sound booth. He has served as an Outpost Commander for the Royal Rangers Ministry since 2004. He is also the Section Four Leader for the Assembly of God Northern Missouri District Royal Rangers. He has also been a 12-year board member.

Together, he and his wife, Lion Christine, have four children. One is currently attending Northwest Missouri State University while the others headed straight into the work force. Lion Chris and daughter Lion Bethney are also members of the Maryville Pride Lions Club.



M3 District Letter

DG Michael Sliger



Wow! We are at the halfway point of the year. Man, time has flown by. I hope everyone is doing well. Please get their requests in for Governor Visits. I know The Vice District Governors and I would be happy to join you. We would like to update everyone about the district and hear how all the clubs are doing. These visits are a great time. I love meeting everyone. I would like to thank everyone who went to USA/Canada Forum. I'm looking forward to hearing PID Don Noland's report on Breakfast!! Knowing Don, it was a Hoot!!! If you didn't make it. I would encourage you to go. It is a great time to brush up on your leadership skills. We are always looking for the next Lions to fill offices.

The next Council of Governors meeting will be October 30th at Camden on the Lake Resort, Camden MO. Looking forward to seeing everyone there. The next cabinet meeting will be Nov 6th, 2021 @ Audrain County Court House, Mexico MO. The meeting will start at 9:30 AM.

Club News: The Ashland, Mexico Noon and Bowling Green lions' clubs are participating in the Bags for Benches project. For every 500 pounds of bags collected they will provide 1 park bench make out of the recycled material. If your club would like to participate let us know.

Membership: As of October 5th, we have dropped 53 members, Added 30 new for a net growth of 23 members. Please help by bringing in new members and encouraging existing members to stay. If you need help with membership, please contact our GMT Lion Susan Paden. PDG. I'm sure she can help give ideas to gain new members. I would like to congratulate the Madison Lioness Branch Club's transition to a Full Club. I will keep everyone updated as to the new club's name. For now, they will be known as the Farber Evening Lions Club.

Upcoming Lions Events February 18th & 19th, 2022. Come join GAT team at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO 65803. Friday night Hospitality, Saturday workshop sessions. Dinner will be served in the evening. If you have never been. Please come and join us. I guarantee we have a great time.

Mid Winters Forum 2022 at the Oasis Hotel and Convention Center, 2546 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO 65803. Come join use, the hospitality will be Friday night. Workshops Saturday with a buffet dinner and entertainment that evening. It is a very entertaining experience.

Council of Governors Meeting the next meeting will be October 30th, at Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO.

District 26-M3 Cabinet Meeting the next meeting will be November 6th at Audrain County Court House Basement Mexico MO. Meeting will start at 9:30 AM.

Michael Sliger,
District Governor



PDG Jerry Romig (M5) has long been collecting editions of the Lion Magazine that is published through LCI. He recently handed over his large collection to the State Office. PDG Jerry has meticulously catalogued, organized, and labeled 18 binders of magazines. Each Individual magazine is in a protective sleeve and the magazines arranged in chronological order, starting with March of 1971! However, he is missing several issues from his collection. He would like anyone out there that may have a copy of a missing issue to consider sending it to the State Office, in hopes of completing the collection. The collection will be on display on a bookshelf in the State Office if anyone would like to view this amazing Lions history. (It is fun to look at the changes in advertising, cars, hair styles, clothing styles, etc. over the years.)

Missing Issues:

April 1971	June 1978	October 1990
October 1971	May 1979	September 1992
October 1972	May 1980	October 2000
February 1975	June 1980	September 2009
March 1975	July 1990	May 2011
April 1975	September 1990	

Collection of Lions Magazines

M4 November Letter

DG James Pedersen



Hello Lions! Greetings from your District Governor! Where has the year vanished to? It is already November and we are vastly approaching the last month of 2021. I hope you had a chance to venture out to see all the pretty fall colors, especially the trees. I like seeing the vast array of colors among the countryside while traveling to various destinations. Many Clubs have been actively finishing up their outdoor events and making way for their upcoming indoor events including soup suppers, ham and turkey dinners, the list goes on. Be sure you have fun during these events and invite a new member or two, perhaps you could ask your neighbor to come along, especially for some free food and enjoy your time of fellowship getting to know one another. What a great time to explain what our Lions organization does and how Lions is the largest service organization in the world. For the month of November, I wanted to emphasize on giving thanks to all the Lions Members out there who make a difference. As our current International President Douglas Alexander's motto is: "Service from the Heart"; this is where serving and giving thanks comes from our heart! A special THANK YOU and recognition to all our Veterans who are currently serving or have served for our country helping make our time as a family a joy and a celebration of freedom for all we have. November 11th is National Veterans day, a day our nation takes time to recognize our Veterans. If you were not aware, that day was also national sundae day. I hope you treat yourself to your favorite flavor of sundae and if not, go get one and enjoy!! I wish you and all your family a joyous Thanksgiving and again, Thank You for all you do to make a difference in your community and our 26-M4 Lions District!

Blessings!

DG James Pedersen

M4 December Letter

DG James Pedersen



Season Greetings to all you MD26-M4 Lions. HO, HO, HO and Merry Christmas to you and all your families across this nation/world. What a great time of year we get to celebrate getting together with our families and spreading the joy thru giving and fellowship. We are all blessed more than some realize. Food on the table, a warm bed to sleep in, a job to go to and a car to drive to get from here to there. It's an everyday thing of life, right? Well, yes & no... This is what I really mean by most of us being blessed!! We take it for granted that everyone is in the same boat we are in. We are keeping busy, have enough food, adequate transportation, a warm home, and so on. Until we take a minute from our busy schedule to stop and think about all those who are not as fortunate. Single parent's trying to find a way to help their kids have a good Christmas and affording to keep the lights and heat on through the next few winter months. What can we all do to help make their Christmas an enjoyable one? As Lion's, there are many ample opportunities to help during these times. I see so many articles and event planning's where Lions are handing out food, donations are being taken in and distributed to those in need, and smiles are appearing on the faces of those receiving. I know time is of essence and most of us are all busy but taking a little time out of your schedule to help distribute these "smiles" will not only do them good, but you will feel good inside as well. As it is said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." As Winter approaches and the colder temperatures hover around, donate some food to your local food bank, Ministry Center and give away a warm coat or two to those in need. I want to thank EACH and EVERY LION for all they do to MAKE A DIFFERENCE. Service begins in the heart!! This year's Peace Poster theme was "We are all connected." This theme went along great with my District Governors theme "Maintaining Continuity". It takes ALL of us to make a Team!! "Individually, we can do so little, but together we can do so much." Let us not forget the ultimate gift that is given for all of us and is the real meaning of Christmas! "Tis the Reason for the Season". Thank You Jesus Christ. Say a prayer for someone today as they may need it. I want to wish you and your family a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. 2021 has had it's challenges and it is almost complete. 2022 is going to be a great year to rally and get the team pumped up win some more members into our Lion's M4 District. Blessings you and your Family!

DG James Pedersen

Meet your M5 District Governor

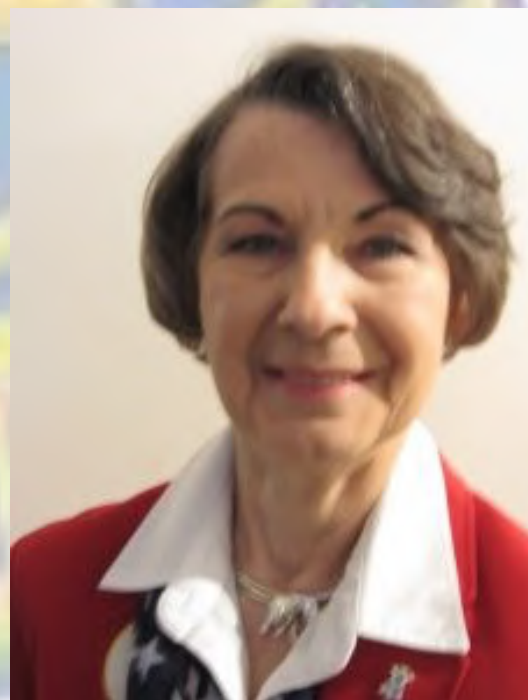
Jene Crook of Marshall, Missouri, was elected to serve as governor of District 26-M5 Missouri Lions for 2021-2022

District Governor Crook is a semi-retired CPA with the accounting firm of CHV Accounting and Consulting Services, Inc., in Marshall, working primarily with bookkeeping and tax clients.

A member of the Marshall Lions Club and a Lion since 1994, Lion Crook has held many offices at the club and district level including club president, treasurer, tail twister and director, district zone chair, region chair, cabinet secretary/treasurer, secretary, and treasurer and vice district governor and district governor for 2008-2009 and 2021-2022.

In addition to her Lion activities, Past District Governor Crook works actively with several Marshall organizations including the Marshall Saline Development Corporation as president of the board, Marshall Nicholas Beazley Aviation Museum board of directors as treasurer and the Friends of Saline County board of directors as treasurer.

District Governor Crook and her husband Lion Wayne have a son, David, who resides in Houston, Texas and a son, Brian, deceased.



Meet your M6 District Governor

DG Phyllis has been surrounded by Lionism from a young age as her father, 2 brothers and then her husband, Lion Phil were/are all Lions. After finishing high school in Arkansas, DG Phyllis attended Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, MO and became a Registered Nurse by the age of 20. She later completed her BSN at Drury University. DG Phyllis work for several years in the Operating Room at Cox North and then moved to St Louis to experience 'big city' life and pursue her dream of working in the Cardiac surgery field. Her position at St Louis Children's Hospital was immensely rewarding, but she missed the small-town atmosphere of Springfield and returned 'home'. DG Phyllis retired from nursing in 2017, having held many leadership roles throughout her career, including supervisor of a 24-suite OR.

DG Phyllis is a Lifetime Red Cross Nurse and received the AORN Perioperative Excellence Award in 2005, as well as numerous other recognitions throughout her professional life.

When DG Phyllis met her husband, Lion Phil, she had no intention of becoming a Lion as he was, or ever becoming District Governor. Lion Phil then introduced her to LeaderDogs for the Blind and she immediately became a Puppy Raiser. Through her experience with LDB, she saw and felt the immense impact of Lionism and service which led to joining the Springfield Queen City Lions club (after being invited for 19 years!)

In her Lions' life, DG Phyllis has been awarded Lion of the Year by both the Springfield Queen City Lions and the Springfield Host Lions, numerous Leadership awards and certificates, and the LeaderDogs for the Blind Founders Tribute. DG Phyllis is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

During the years of her service, her positions have included District Convention Chair, Springfield Host Lions Service Chairperson, LCIF coordinator, President, and Springfield Queen City Lions 1st Vice President

DG Phyllis's varied interests include spending time with Lion Phil, family and friends, training and competing with her dogs, teaching dog training classes, painting, knitting, weaving, baking, traveling, reading and pursuing new skills such preparing wool from a raw sheep fleece and spinning.





M6 District Letter

DG Phyllis Krebs

I hope everyone had a bountiful Thanksgiving with their loved ones this past week. The holidays always bring a mixture of joy, spending time with those we love and sorrow, as we missed those who couldn't be with us. Hopefully, we were able to experience more joy than sorrow as we enjoyed the bounty of the day.

As we continue into the holiday season, many clubs will be working to bring Christmas joy to many of the families in our district who are struggling to survive and provide some joy for their children. What a great way to continue to serve in our communities! This has been a tough year for so many families. The world continues to hope for the end of the Covid pandemic, but until we know that for certain, everyone please stay safe as you travel and spend time away from home. We need our Lions to continue the work we have started here in southwest Missouri.

Two bits of sad news...the Joplin Host Lions club will cease to exist in December. They recently celebrated their 100th anniversary and in celebration of that they dispersed their funds. The 2 remaining members did vote to disband effective December 31. Also, the Buffalo Lions Club, chartered in 1951, voted to close. That paperwork has been submitted to Lions International and the Buffalo Club will also cease to exist December 31. The positive news on this club is that our GMT, Lion Frank Lambrecht is working with a lady in Buffalo to reestablish a club in that community. Think positive thoughts that this will happen—Buffalo needs their Lions club! Another positive note is that GMT Lion Frank is also working with some high school students in El Dorado Springs to start a Leo club in that town. What a great way to start the new year!

The grant proposal for the 'Play for All' playground in Mountain Grove has been submitted. The word from LCIF is that the proposal will be reviewed at the January board meeting, and I am very hopeful that it will be approved. Land breaking can then occur in the spring for this wonderful project. I personally thank all the clubs who stepped up to make donations so Mt Grove could qualify for the matching grant. Our passion for service continues to shine through.

No doubt there is much more news from the clubs about what is happening with each club. Please be sure to share that with Lion Cathy Simpson so it can be shared in our newsletter and on our website. Also, please, please, please report your service through MyLion. If you need help with this, please contact our District Administrator, 2VDG Phil Krebs at 417-848-8450. It really is important that we report our service!

Until next time, stay healthy, remember we have our next Cabinet meeting February 5 at the Library Center on South Campbell in Springfield. Also, please have a very Merry Christmas and New Year's.

Harness your passion

DG Phyllis Krebs

Thriving in Mexico City



Mexico City is the 5th largest city in the world boasting 21 million residents; by comparison, New York City only has 8.2 million. It is a difficult city to travel if you are sighted with the difficulty multiplying if you are vision impaired.

"The traffic is considerable, and the infrastructure is not adapted for people with visual disabilities," explained LDB Client Abigail Lopez, who lives in Mexico City. "Accessibility to various parts of the city is difficult, many times putting my safety at risk."

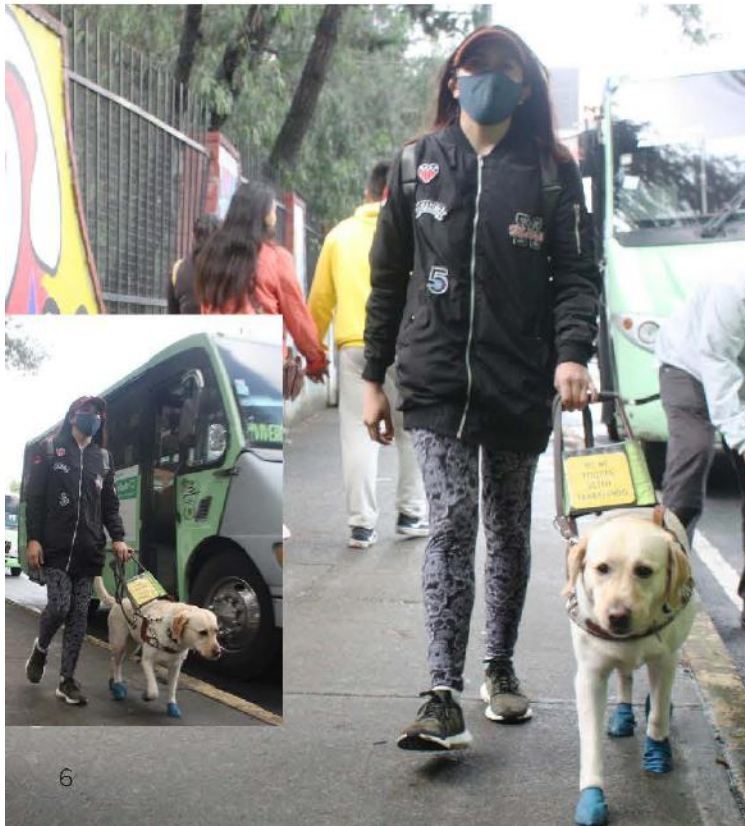
More than once Gudrun has saved the team from danger by turning very fast to avoid a vehicle. "She acts immediately," said Abigail.

Abigail was diagnosed with a degenerative eye disease, retinitis pigmentosa, when she was only 15. After she turned 20, her vision began to deteriorate faster. Though she did manage to navigate Mexico City with a white cane, Abigail found it very challenging. She was attending university and had to continually learn to travel to different parts of the city, but she could not shake her fear of traveling alone.

So, Abigail turned to Leader Dog for assistance, traveled to the United States and was matched with Leader Dog Gudrun (class graduation photo top left), and she is no longer afraid. "Gudrun has been fundamental in giving me security and confidence in addition to unconditional love and company," said Abigail. "She is an intelligent companion, saving me from overhead and ground obstacles which helps me to move with greater speed." LD Gudrun makes it easier for Abigail to access Mexico City's extensive public transportation, like the Metro transit system (second largest in North America) and the city's extensive bus system. This access has resulted in Abigail's 2-hour commute to her job as a physiotherapist to be considerably decreased.

◀ **ABIGAIL AND LD GUDRUN WALK THROUGH BUSTLING MEXICO CITY.**

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PUPPY RAISERS PHIL AND PHYLLIS KREBS WITH ABIGAIL AT ▲
'MEET THE CLIENT NIGHT' AT LEADER DOG.

MEET GODRUN'S PUPPY RAISERS



Phil and Phyllis Krebs' journey into puppy raising was triggered by Phil's years as a member of a Lions club. "During a visit to Detroit, we toured Leader Dog because Phil wanted to see the campus," recalled Phyllis. "At the end I told Phil 'I'll be back in a minute' and I went to fill out a puppy raiser application. I came back and said, 'We'll have a puppy in about six months.'"



So, it makes sense that Lion Phyllis (yes, she joined) and Lion Phil named LD Gudrun after the first female International President of Lions Clubs International, Gudrun Yngvadottir.

The Krebs drove 12 hours from Missouri to meet Abigail Lopez during her training with Gudrun. They still stay in touch through Instagram.

"Since I met some LDB clients, even if they didn't get a puppy we raised, I have a different perspective on what we're doing," said Phyllis. "It's hard to return the puppies, but you meet a client and realize the impact that dog has on them. It's humbling to know that the little I do to raise a puppy has so much impact."

Lions Phil and Phyllis are currently raising their 13th Future Leader Dog!



Of course, a busy city means the team crosses paths with a lot of children throughout the course of a day. According to Abigail, children are Gudrun's joy and love. "Once when I was shopping and choosing a blouse," said Abigail, "I heard a childish voice and turned to see that Gudrun had become very good friends with a little girl in a matter of moments."

"We have such similar personalities that we are simply the best team. I am very active and Gudrun is also, she has adapted very well to my lifestyle."

Having Gudrun by her side as she travels throughout Mexico City has really boosted Abigail's confidence; enough so that it prompted her to start a new stage in life as an athlete. She has begun running—loving every minute of it.



ABIGAIL'S RUNNING GROUP ▲



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Greetings from our incoming International President Douglas X. Alexander.

Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was appointed to the office of first vice president by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors on January 9, 2020. Vice President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, DGE group leader and international director. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award. Vice President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service, Shabiki Cazabon, is a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



Meet your M7 District Governor

As a “young” Lion, with only 5 ½ years of membership, District Governor Melissa Anderson presents with experience as the Holts Summit Lions Club secretary, president, service & membership chair, a district zone chair and is embarking on the final year of her District Governor journey. Lion Melissa has received a Quality Lion Award, International President’s award, attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and was recently presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. In her professional and personal life, she works closely with LBOMB in the state liaison assistant supervisor capacity and is a busy mom and wife. Lion Melissa is passionate about her Lions journey and looks to makes Lions more visible in every community through service.



Approximately 30 years ago the Lion leaders of District 26H were facing a dilemma; more funding was needed for the District administrative account to support activities without raising district dues. The solution was the brainchild of PDG Ernie Schlichting and other members of the Branson/Hollister Lions Club. One of their members was a Country/Western singer known as 'BoxCar Willy', an entertainer who performed in Branson on the 76 Strip. Their idea came to be known as "Hobo Day", in honor of Boxcar Willy and other hobos of the era.

This celebration had historically been held as a mid-winter event to encourage Lions throughout the district to gather, share a meal and enjoy fellowship, although this year we tried something new and held it in November. The January dates were frequently hazardous traveling times due to ice and snow. The evening was highlighted by a meal, some games, namely a musical 'cake walk' and a best-dressed Hobo contest. A silent auction was also held, along with a sometimes hotly contested Live Auction. All proceeds were directed to the District Administrative account as all monies came from fellow Lions. This event has been successful in adding money to our Administrative funds for all these years, assisting in providing scholarships for Leadership events such as GPLLI and ALLI. I have personally attended many HOBO Days and everyone always seemed to be having a good time, and sometimes went home with some great bargains. It's a great way to get to know Lions from other clubs in the District.

I read an article recently in the Smithsonian magazine titled Last of the Great American Hobos. Yes, there are still hobos today, although most are not homeless and yes, most do hold jobs from time to time. The choice to live their life free of possessions, work when they want and travel from town to town at will fulfills their needs. Perhaps unconventional for most of us, but for them it works.

"The history of the hobo is the history of modern America. Starts right after the Civil War and the building of America's great railroads. There had always been a small floating population of agrarian workers, but they were limited by geography and technology. They were regional, local. Language historians and etymologists aren't sure, but the word "hobo" may come from this original population of farmworkers; "hoe boys". The railroads changed all that. After the war there's an expanding displaced population available to ride—and help build—a transportation network running from coast to coast. As this is happening, America is industrializing too, and the need for a mobile work force, willing, adaptable and relatively inexpensive to transport, becomes evident--The hobo."*

A Hobo Code does exist, and has since 1894. "It is based in mutualism and self-respect, it remains every hobo's founding document, a simple and forthright set of instructions to live by."* Most hobos select a 'moniker' and become known by that name, such as Boxcar Willy, in lieu of their birth name. Some of the better-known hobos, according to the Smithsonian article include James Michener, Louis L'Amour, Jack London, and billionaire oilman H. L. Hunt.

"In a society of citizen consumers, to have nothing, to own nothing, by choice might be the most radical politics of all. And it's worth mentioning here that not every homeless person is a hobo. And as the hobo fades from the American scene—except as a visual or literary cliché—there's more and more confusion on the matter. A hobo is homeless by choice. Even then, not every hobo is completely homeless. Most these days have a semipermanent address somewhere for the winter. Especially the older hoppers."*

Understanding the history or the genesis of something requires doing the research to learn the facts. Sometimes the truth is much different from what we originally think. Chances are you will learn something and perhaps gain a new understanding. If you are interested in learning more about the interesting and colorful history of these people, please check out the Smithsonian Magazine article "The Last of the Great American Hobos" <https://www.smithsonianmag/arts-culture-/last-great-american-hobos-180971913>

If you would like additional information on how we conduct our District fundraiser, please feel free to contact me or any of the PDG's of 26M6. We would love to hear about your District celebrations.

Lion Phyllis Krebs District Governor 26M6

*Smithsonian Magazine, May 2019, "Last of the Great American Hobos" by Jeff MacGregor.

Great American Hobos



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