

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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## District 26-M2 Governor Sharyn's Message

Fellow Lions:

First of all I want to Thank all of the Lions and guests that attended the October 7<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood. It was a great turnout.

The year has started off with a bang. The Governor's visits are adding up quickly. If your club has not scheduled your Governor's visit, please do so as the days are filling up. Contact Lion Kathy to schedule your Governor's visit.

The St. Louis University Lions Club held an induction of new members on Sunday October 6 bringing in 47 new members, WOW. Good job SLU.

October is Membership Growth month. So far this year we have an increase in members over dropped members. Keep up the good work and I know we will end the Lionistic year with a plus in membership.

November is Diabetes awareness month. Make sure you have your blood sugar tested as Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness.

The District Wide Service Project is going great guns. As of this newsletter we have mailed 19,000 coupons with a value of over \$30,000.00 in this Lionistic year – WOW. Keep those manufactures coupons coming. I want to take this opportunity to Thank CC Gina;s Mom for cutting and separating those coupons.

We are continuing the District Lion of the Year award, which will be given out at the District Convention. District Pins are available for \$3.00 each – See your Zone Chairperson.

December 2<sup>nd</sup> Cabinet Meeting – Mike Duffy's on Jefferson in Kirkwood, Mo. We will be voting on a winner for Peace Poster and the Environmental Photo contest.

GMT/GLT meeting will be held on November 4 at the Crestwood Bowling alley on Watson Road in Crestwood, Mo.

PDG Roger and I would like to wish everyone a Haunted Halloween and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Sharyn Scheidt*  
District Governor 26-M2



## *Calendar of Events*

### **October**

- 16th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with St. Louis Harmony Lions Club @ 6:30pm.  
17th, Thursday: Governor Visit with Lemay J.B. Lions Club @ 6:30pm.  
19th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Annual Tractor Show and BBQ – Come see some old time tractors and enjoy great food at Radeackars AG Market, 6771 Mall Drive, Cedar Hill, MO from 10:00 – 2:00. For more information, contact Lion Del Viehland at 314-225-7615  
19th, Saturday: Governor Visit with Meramec Heights Lions Club at 4:00 pm  
21st, Monday: Governor Visit with Chesterfield Lions Club @ 6:30pm.  
22nd, Tuesday: Governor Visit with Gray Summit & Pacific Lions Club @ 7:00 pm.  
24th, Thursday: Governor Visit with Webster Groves Lions Club @ 6:30 pm.  
6th, Saturday: DeSoto Lions Club Mouse Races @ DeSoto Elks Lodge, 1520 Clarke St (HWY 21 & Clarke), doors open @ 6:00 pm, races start @ 7:00 pm, free admission, free food & drinks, silent auction, door prizes, 50/50's, for info: Joe Detter 636-232-3150 or [joseph\\_detter@yahoo.com](mailto:joseph_detter@yahoo.com)

### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, Friday: Wildwood Area Lions Club Paddle Party, Crestview Middle School, Ellisville, MO  
2nd, Saturday: House Springs Lions BBQ. The House Springs Lions will be out BBQ'ing at the Buchheit Store in House Springs, 4550 Gravois (Highway MM), House Springs, MO. For more information contact Lion Ken Bougeno at 314-971-3949.  
3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Road, Beaufort, MO. Sign up and 11:45am, shooting begins at 12:00pm. If you need more information, contact Lion Kevin Boyer at 636-649-9081 or 573-484-3350.  
4th, Monday: District GLT/GMT (G-Force) Meeting @ Crestwood Bowl, 9822 Watson Rd, Crestwood, MO 63126. Dinner: 6:00 p.m., Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
6th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with Hillsboro Lions Club @ 6:30 pm.  
8th – 9th, Friday – Saturday: Mid South Sight and Hearing Second Quarterly Meeting, Branson Grand Plaza, 245 Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO, 800-850-6646  
12th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with Southside Lions Club at 6:00 pm  
13th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with Ellisville Lions Club at 7:00 pm  
26th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with Brentwood Lions Club at 6:30 pm  
27, Wednesday: Union Lions Club Thanksgiving Eve Poker Tournament @ Union American Legion Hall (downstairs), 205 N. Washington Ave., Union, MO 63084. Registration 6:00 p.m., Tournament 7:00 p.m., \$30 at door (one rebuy), for questions call Lion Joe at (314) 952-3905.

### **December**

- 2nd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ Mike Duffy's, 124 W. Jefferson, Kirkwood, MO 63122.  
4th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with House Springs Lions Club at 6:30 pm  
10th, Tuesday: Governor Visit with Fenton Lions Club at 6:30 pm  
12th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with Wildwood Area Lions Club at 6:30 pm  
14th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Annual Christmas Parade – along Highway MM from Route 30 to our Lions Hall. Hot chocolate, cookies and of course Santa welcome everyone to our Hall after the parade. To enter your float or for more information about the parade contact Lion Karen Hollandsworth at 636-671-8148.

### **2014**

### **January**

- 6th, Monday: District GLT/GMT (G-Force) Meeting @ Crestwood Bowl, 9822 Watson Rd, Crestwood, MO 63126. Dinner: 6:00 p.m., Meeting: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
7th, Wednesday: Governor Visit with Overland Lions Club at TBD.  
11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday: 11th Saturday: Wildwood Area Lions Mouse Races, Wildwood Hotel.  
18th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Annual Mouse Races. Doors open at 6:30 and races begin at 7:00 followed by music until midnight. For more information contact Lion Al Blumenberg at 314-606-5568.  
20th, Monday: Governor Visit with St. Clair Lions Club at 6:00 pm

# Message From 1st Vice-Governor Missy

Greetings Fellow Lions,

What's not to love about fall? The weather is perfect, the leaves start to turn beautiful colors, and our beloved Cardinals are making another run towards the World Series. One of my favorite things about fall is Thanksgiving. This is a time for us to reflect on all of the blessing in our lives. As Lions I think it is a perfect time to recharge and remember why we are Lions. Sometimes we are so busy with work and families that it is just easier to skip a couple meetings or to let everyone else work that next fundraiser. Next time, when you are thinking about the other 20 things you could be doing, try to remember how fortunate you are. Then, think about all the people out there that need our help. Besides, once you are there you will have fun and it will make you feel good. So don't stop now – keep up the good work.

Our Lions year is now in full swing. The zone chairs are making their way around to all the clubs and most have already held their first zone meeting. If you have never attended a zone meeting, please try to make one this year. It is a great chance to learn about Lions and the other clubs around you. The cabinet is also busy making their way to all of the clubs. These visits are my favorite part about being on the cabinet. I love meeting everyone and hearing about all of the good things that these clubs are doing. I am learning that even though the final goal might be the same, there are many different ways to get there.

Last week was our first cabinet meeting at our new location. While there are a few details that still need to be worked out, overall it was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many people there and I hope there will be even more in December. I think we were all energized by the report from the SLU Campus Club and I hope their excitement is contagious.

See you all soon,

Yours in Lionism,

*1st V-DC Missy Carr*

## **Lions That Roar Will Be Distributed Electronically Only**

This issue of the *Lions that Roar* will be distributed electronically and will not be printed and mailed in bulk. One printed copy will be sent to each Club Secretary to share with members that might not have email or a way to access the internet to download from our website. Please feel free to share this copy at your meetings or to make additional copies for those members.

Printing costs and postage are becoming prohibitive and the newsletter has become the most expensive item in the District budget. Even with our bulk mailing postage rate, last year we spent over \$6500 on printing and postage for five issues of the newsletter. And the postal rate will be increasing again in January 2014.

Also, we have to currently pay \$1.26 for each newsletter that is returned to us due to changed or incorrect addresses. This includes "return to sender" due to mail being held at Post Office when Lions are on extended stays to Florida, Arizona or other warmer locals during the winter.

Each month the mailing list is downloaded from Lions International to attempt to get the most up to date information on the members. If you have moved recently or changed your email address and haven't notified your Club Secretary to make the necessary changes, then we will not have the correct information to use.

Lions That Roar will continue. It will be available on the web site as it is now. The District Secretary Kathy Pusateri ([kathy-pusateri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathy-pusateri@sbcglobal.net)) will continue to email a copy to all Lions who have an email address on file with her. She will also try to use the email addresses currently available on the Lions Clubs International website. If you don't currently have an email address on file with Lions Clubs International, or aren't sure which address is stored there, check with your Club Secretary review it or to get it updated.

We will be able to distribute the newsletter more quickly as soon as it is completed, as we will not have to send it to the printer and then the post office. Another side benefits is that you will be able to see all of the pictures in color and more color will be able to be used in other areas of the news letter.

If you have any questions, please contact District Governor Sharyn ([rsscheidt@att.net](mailto:rsscheidt@att.net)). Thank you for your understanding.

**Union Lions Club**  
*Thanksgiving Eve*  
**POKER**  
**TOURNAMENT**

**No Limit Texas Hold 'Em**

**\$1,000 in Prize Money**

**GUARANTEED**

**Top 6 Places Paid**

**\$30 AT THE DOOR - ONE REBUY**  
**CALL 314-952-3905 FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013**

**7:00 p.m. (Registration at 6:00 p.m.)**

**American Legion Hall (Downstairs)**

**205 N. Washington St., Union MO**

## Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!  
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.  
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.

### De Soto Lions Club

Alan Rasmussen

### Fenton Lions Club

Andrew E Mattler

### Hillsboro Lions Club

Christina L Fout

Mark W Fout

### Mineral Point Lions Club

Clovis Behiter

Crystal G Owens

### Pacific Lions Club

Barbara K Wright

Robert L. Wright

### St Louis South Side Lions Club

Nick Whitney

Trisha Young

### Saint Louis University Lions Club

Sujay Amin

Kurtis Breger

Sharvitti Broussard

Maggie Hildebrand

Bhavesh Katbamna

Mumtu Lalla

Charles Mcguir

Bindu Paruchuri

Dushyant Patel

Lisa Peng

Samuel Richey

Hiral Shukla

Laura Silverstein

Shannon Tai

Shivani Thakkar

Nicole Yun

### Union Lions Club

Monica Lawrence

Phyllis Rogers

### Washington Lions Club

Dustin Adams

Robert Garrard

## SLU Lions Induct 47 New Members



Two members of the St. Louis university Campus Club attended the October cabinet meeting and brought those present up to date on their activities. Lion Eric Wu, Co-Vice president submitted the following article for *"The Lions That Roar"*

SLU Campus Lions Club had our annual installation night Sunday, October 6 and installed 47 new members for the 2013-2014 academic year! Also we were able to help out at the Delta Gamma Center a couple weeks ago by providing them childcare for their picnic. We also have a couple awesome events coming up such as the "Soak Up the Suds" fundraiser outside of Humphrey's Bar and Grill on Friday night. We be selling grilled cheeses for college students as many will want some food to soak up the alcohol from the bar! We also have Disease Prevention Committees in the works and are planning on presenting at various schools such as Fanning Middle School, Loyola Academy, and Lafayette High School. We are also super excited to be starting vision screenings soon and are looking forward to more service opportunities!

We just wanted to keep the rest of the Lions Clubs updated on our progress as a relatively new club. We thank you for all of your support and donations and

we hope that you are happy to see where they are going! That's all for now!

Lion Eric Wu, Co-Vice President

# LCIF Celebrates River Blindness Elimination in Colombia

BOGOTÁ, Colombia, July 29, 2013 – Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson Wayne Madden joined Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter at a special ceremony to congratulate President Juan Manuel Santos and the people of Colombia for becoming the first of six countries in the Americas to eliminate river blindness. Onchocerciasis, also known as river blindness, is a parasitic disease that can cause intense itching, eyesight damage, and irreversible blindness.

“This is a momentous day for the people of Colombia, and it’s an honor to share in their celebration. Lions are committed to preserving sight and eliminating preventable blindness around the world. Colombia is proof that when compassionate, committed people work together, that goal is within our reach,” said LCIF Chairperson Wayne Madden. To advance the river blindness campaign in the Americas, LCIF donated more than US\$6.3 million to The Carter Center, which has led the campaign to wipe out the disease in Latin America.

“Colombia’s achievement demonstrates that a future free from river blindness is possible for everyone in the Americas,” said former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, founder of The Carter Center and a Lions club member.

In 1999, Lions joined The Carter Center in the fight against river blindness in Latin America, which targeted six countries in which the disease was endemic: Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and Venezuela.

When the program was launched, an estimated 500,000 people in the Americas were at risk of river blindness in those six countries. As the result of the highly successful campaign, transmission of this once ‘neglected’ tropical disease has been broken in 96 percent of the region.

River blindness was eliminated by providing a community-wide administration of the medicine ivermectin (Mectizan®, donated by Merck) to all people in the afflicted area, followed by three years of post-treatment surveillance to determine if transmission would recur. The elimination of the disease in Colombia was verified on April 5, 2013 by the World Health Organization.

Through LCIF’s Sight First program, which funds high-quality, sustainable projects that address the major causes of blindness and vision impairment, Lions have contributed more than US\$39 million dollars to The Carter Center for onchocerciasis and trachoma projects in Latin America and Africa.

## Hot Line / District Sight Update

This is to let you know that we have been in contact with Crown Vision as another avenue for getting Eye Exams and Glasses. If your club wishes to work with Crown Vision, please get in touch with me at 314-822-1420.

We are still in need of your financial assistance.

PDG Lion Roger Scheidt  
District Sight/Hot Line Chairman

## Region 4 Zones 1, 2 Held Meeting Hosted by Union Lions Club

Haige’s Tap was the scene for the Region 4, zones 1 and 2 meeting Thursday, September 12. Lions Devin Struttmann and John Tumbleson invited 2nd Vice-District Governor Joe Foster to speak about the USA/Canada Forum and the Mid-Winter Forum. Lion Toni Mahoney spoke about the Opportunities for Youth Camp, Peace Poster and Environmental Photo Contest.



Wildwood Area Lions Club presents:



# 2nd Annual PADDLE PARTY

Friday, November 1, 2013

7pm-9:30pm

Doors open at 6pm

**WHEN:**

**WHERE:**

Crestview Middle School

16025 Clayton Road

Ellisville, MO 63011

## WHAT IS IT?

A paddle party is a cross between an auction and raffle where you have a chance to bid on over 100 items from local businesses and home businesses.

Bids are only 1, 2, 3, or 4 quarters! All proceeds are donated to the Wildwood Area Lions Club.

**Buy one or more paddles for \$7 each**

**Bring your rolls of quarters!**

**Limited quantity of quarters available to purchase**

**No outside food or drink permitted!**

**Sandwiches, Chips, Desserts, Soda, and Water available for purchase**

If you wish to reserve a table for 8-10, please call ahead:

Gloria Ventura, Paddle Party Chair

(636) 391-9615

(636) 236-1077



# We Are Lions, We Are Saving Sight

On December 1, 2013 the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation and Heartland Eye Bank will change its name to Saving Sight. This is an opportunity for your Missouri Lions state sight project to strengthen its ability to effectively communicate its mission. *We change lives by saving sight.* We look forward to continuing our sight-saving partnership with Missouri Lion volunteers. As we approach the December 1 launch date, here are some important things to know about the name change:

- The name change to Saving Sight is a result of our organizational strategic plan, which will guide our work for the next three years. This strategic plan was created with input from both our Board of Directors and staff, and was approved by the Board in June 2013.
- During the strategic planning process, we identified a need to strengthen our brand, as well as our communication with a wide variety of stakeholders, via a name change. Our goal is to position the organization to capitalize on future opportunities and adjust to the changing face of healthcare, community needs and nonprofit landscape.
- Our Board of Directors voted to change our organization's name to Saving Sight at their September 2013 meeting.
- The name choice was guided by several factors. Specifically, we sought a name that was mission-centered, was geographically non-specific, has broad appeal to many stakeholders, is simple and memorable, and honors and engages Lions in the work that they do.
- The Lions of Missouri are the driving volunteer force within our organization, and we are proud that our new name highlights the work that Lions do. Simply put — **Lions are dedicated to saving sight.**
- Lions will remain a constant and visible entity within Saving Sight, reflecting our long-standing partnership with Lions Clubs of Missouri.
- Questions? Please contact our communications department, 800-283-1982 or [pr@mleerf.org](mailto:pr@mleerf.org).



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## Quotes of the Month

**The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. Vince Lombardi**

**We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit. Aristotle**

**Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. Helen Keller**

# Lions Environmental Photo Contest

Lions, get your cameras snapping for the Lions environmental photo contest. Five categories for you to enter.

Animal Life

Plant Life

Urban or Natural Landscape

Weather Phenomenon

Special Theme: A Dream for a healthy Environment

(seeing the beauty and value of our natural environment for today and tomorrow)

Bring your photos to the December 2, cabinet meeting for judging that evening. Only one photo per club; 8 X 10 color or black and white. More information available from Lion Toni Mahoney: 314-805-7391 or tkmahoney@gmail.com.



This is last year's winner taken by Lion Barb Kurkowski. It was also placed in the LCI 2014 calendar.

Lion barb volunteers at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in High Ridge. These were baby squirrels brought to the center after they fell from their nest, raised and then released into a tree. She took this picture right after they were released while they were still trying to understand their surroundings.

Get your camera and take a picture. Who knows, you might be the winner for 2014.

## It Is Time to Change; Sometimes Change Is Good

District Governor Lion Sharyn Scheidt conducted a district cabinet meeting of Lions District 26M2 at a new location today. The organization met at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood. A new location was chosen because "it was time" said many Lions.

Apparently Lions from throughout the district agreed, the turnout was very strong. Over 50 Lions and guest were in attendance.

A Grandson of Maplewood's president Lion Georgia McGuire was a featured speaker. He shared thoughts and appreciation about his experience in the youth exchange program this summer. He was very excited and wanted everyone to know just how much the trip meant to him and how important he felt it was for Lions to support this kind of training and experience for our young people.

I heard lots of comments about the food, apparently everyone was very pleased with the quantity, quality and cost. There was a lot of fun and there were lots of interesting reports. It was a very well presented meeting.

Of special note, Lion Dennis Hemsath from the Washington Lions Club was in a festive mood, he bought \$5 worth of gas tickets, those of you who know Lion Dennis know he doesn't usually like to give up more than a buck.

PDG Lion Eugene MD26 GLT Coordinator

### **Please Remember These Lions**

**St Louis South Side Lions Club**  
Raymond Brodzinski

**St Louis South Side Lions Club**  
Lewis F Carna Jr

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

## Jacob McEntire Talks About Trip to Tasmania



Georgia McGuire's grandson Jake took advantage of the Lions Opportunity for Youth Exchange program and traveled to Australia and Tasmania this summer.

He recounted some of his experiences during a speech at the October cabinet meeting at Mike Duffy's in Kirkwood.

Governor Sharyn Scheidt presented Jake with her banner and thanked him for representing the Lions on his trip.

## Maplewood Lions Busy Helping Others



Maplewood Lions served hot dogs and chips for the Vision Walk September 22nd at Tower Grove Park in St. Louis again this year. Maplewood's Lion Jean Martin has chaired the event and dressed as Lion Leo for the last seven years. Way to go Lion Jean!! Washington University Delta Gamma members worked along with the Lions. They are a great group of young women. We need them as Lion Members.

Maplewood Lions and SLU Campus Club members worked with the children at Delta Gamma Center September 30th. Lion Georgia McGuire, District 26m2 Delta Gamma Chairperson, said there were about 30 Lions in attendance. They ended the afternoon with a BBQ supplied by Maplewood Lions.



# Maplewood Lions Give Away Books for LCI Literacy Program



Maplewood Lions, under the leadership of Pres. Lion Georgia McGuire, has given away over 2000 books this summer. Members began collecting books and they came pouring in from many people.

Books were given away as part of LCI's Literacy Program at the *Let Them Eat Art Fair* in Maplewood and *Maddenfest* in Brentwood. If you would like to donate books see any Maplewood Lion and we'll get them picked up.

## The Tickets Are Here, The Tickets Are Here

The Missouri Lions Hearing Sweepstakes tickets are in and will be mailed to your club shortly. Thank you in advance for your support as it provides help for various Lions hearing projects.

- Lions Affordable Hearing Aid Project provides hearing help for many recipients who meet U.S. low income guidelines.
- Provides funds for the upkeep of the Lions hearing vans and portable screeners which are used to screen hundreds of people across the state.
- HARP (Hearing assistance Referral Program)
- Support of the Missouri School of the Deaf

Please contact me for more information as I would be glad to come and visit your club.

PCC John Yount  
Lions District 26-M2 hearing Chairman  
llyount54@gmail.com 314-550-3799

# Pictures From USA/ Canada Forum



## District Speakers Available

Lion Toni Mahoney is available to speak at your Lions Club on OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH call 314-805-7391 or tma-honey@dishmail.net. Call Lion Governor Gina or any cabinet member to arrange for a speaker on Leader Dog, Braille, Eye Care, Eye Foundation, Global Leadership, Hot Line, L.B.O.M. and more. Many topics on Lionism and our various committees are all available for a program at one of your meetings. Keep your members informed of our district and International activities. Call now to arrange a date for your club.

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is December 7. Now is the time 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.**