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District Governor

Lion Devin Struttman



1st Vice District Governor

Lion Leon Hove



2nd Vice District Governor

Lion Paul Carr



Cabinet Secretary

Lion Toni Mahoney



Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Dennis Hemsath

District 26-M2 Governor Devin's Message

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.

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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*

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District 26-M2 1st VDG Leon's Message

Fellow Lions,

I'm honored that the PDGs and PCCs of our great District have enough confidence in me to select me to step in as your 1st Vice District Governor. I will do my best to serve you in this position.

With only four weeks into this position, I've already found there are a lot of decisions to be made. In just six months I will become the figurehead for District 26-M2, but I'll only be the person with the title. Each and everyone of you are what makes our District great and with your continued commitment to Lions we will make it even greater.

Currently we number 1198 Lions in thirty-seven clubs. That is down three members and one club for the year. We may be able to resurrect SLU Campus Club which would be a real plus. Lion 2nd VDG Paul is working hard in north county on a new club and has sought help with some government officials in the area. With his hard work we may gain a club and members in an area we are currently not serving. Have you asked someone to a Lion's meeting? We only need a few new Lions to make this a positive membership year for Governor Devin. Multiple District 26 is up sixty-two members and in 10th place in our Constitutional Area. Let's see if we can help move up in the rankings.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in Lions at the District level. What is your passion? We have committees and programs that will meet that passion. I and the District need your help. Let me, Governor Devin, or 2nd VDG Paul know of your interest.

You are the Lions. You have the contacts for those who need our service. You can be happy and have fun while serving others. Together we can help fulfill the dreams of some who are not as fortunate as we are. You can Serve. YOU can BE a LION.

I hope all of you have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

Lion Leon Howe, 1st Vice District Governor

District 26-M2 2nd VDG Paul's Message

Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,

It is giving time of year as we go through the giving season, we are inspired to give in our community. I just want to thank you in this endeavor. There are many things we can be thankful in the holiday season; one is being thankful for our friends and family in lions. Giving is an important part of being a lion, it drives us to improve in what we do every day, reaching out in our hearts and expressing in what we do for our fellow lions. My prayers go out to our fellow lions and communities that have endure the fall out of the tragic tornadoes that have incurred in the mid-western states. We as lions must step up and be proud of our service to those who need our service.

I am excited to server as your 2nd vice district governor this year, we are halfway through the calendar year of our district governor Lion Devin Struttmann, are you taking a step? Meaning are you taking a step to better serve our community? If you are not taking a step to help improve our community in lions, what are you taking a step towards lions? I am trying to improve our communications, lets get lions activity out in our communities, what are you putting out in social media? Facebook, Instagram, twitter, blogs, etc. If you do not know what content to share, please let me know.

*Lion Paul Carr,
2nd Vice District Governor*

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**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

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.
(October 2021 - November 2021)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

ALVIN W SHAUL

VALLEY LIONS CLUB

CHET D HAHLEWEG

GRAY SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

VINCE SCHERR

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

JAMES E. BEAS

PHYLLIS GARBS

BARBARA K. TREBACZ

NEW HAVEN LIONS CLUB

DAVID T GRANNEMANN

WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB

LISA JACQUES

PETER D JACQUES

UNION LIONS CLUB

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Beaufort Lions Club's Newest Member

The Beaufort Lions Club welcomes their
newest member, **Lion Alvin Shaul**.

Wildwood Area Lions Club's Newest Members

DG Lion Devin Struttman did the honors to install our Wildwood Area Lions Club's latest two new members, **Lion Lisa Jacques** and **Lion Peter Jacques**, during our club's Governor's Visit on Thursday, Dec 9th. These two new members represent our club's 5th and 6th newest members in the last 7 months.

Many thanks to all 25 attendees who made this year's Governor's Visit a great success and to DG Devin Struttman for a wonderful start to the Holiday Season and New Year! God bless all Lions!



Pictured above left to right: 2nd VDG Lion Paul Carr, Wildwood Area Lions - Lion Lisa Jacques, Lion Peter Jacques, Lion Gloria Ventura (Jacques' Sponsor), DG Lion Devin Struttman and 1st VDG Lion Leon Hove.

Beaufort Lions Club Service Projects

Franklin County Humane Society



Pictured above is President Lion Tasha Broeker & Lion Jessica Bridgman.

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September Service Projects



In September the Beaufort Lions Club collected items for Monarch Jewelry as our September Service Project.



Monarch Jewelry is a ministry in connection with Crisis Aid International that creates artistic jewelry and accessories as a unique way to engage in the fight against modern-day sex slavery.



Our mission is to increase awareness, raise funds and encourage others to fight against sex trafficking, modern-day sex slavery.



Pictured: Lion Tasha Broeker- President & Lion Ruth Boyer

District 26-M2 Peace Poster 2021 Winner

“We are all Connected”

Congratulations to all of the participants in our 2021 Peace Poster contest from Robyn Smelser’s Advanced Art class at Hillsboro Jr. High. Special honors to our winner **Gracie Hutchison**. She captured the theme “We are all Connected” very well. Her entry has been sent to the state as our District winner.



Gracie Hutchison

Smartphone App Launch 12/14

**Lion Nikki Hull,
Fenton Lions Club**



Belleville-based nonprofit MindsEye proudly announces the official release of its smartphone iOS app. The app will further increase the accessibility of MindsEye Radio, the nonprofit's 24/7 broadcast which provides current print information to area citizens who are blind, have low vision, or are print-impaired. The service is free for qualified individuals and includes programming that promotes independence, including hyper-local news and grocery store ads.

**Do you have 2 hours/week and a smartphone to
record news programs in your home?**

Join us as a broadcast volunteer!

For more information or to schedule a presentation for your club, please contact Laura at LFoughty@MindsEyeRadio.org

Pacific Lions Club's "Christmas Tree on the Bluff"



Lions Club Christmas Tree on the Bluff installed November 21, 1921, a 90 year tradition. Town Christmas tree was first installed in 1931 against a small light standard in the center of the intersection of First and St. Louis streets. At night the tree is a beacon of holiday cheer.

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“Christmas Tree on the Bluff” (Continued)

To most Pacific residents the Lion’s Club Christmas tree on the bluff heralds the beginning of the holiday season. But what most resident probably don’t know is that the annual tradition started out as prank.

A lighted and decorated town Christmas tree was first installed against a small light standard in the center of First and St. Louis streets in Pacific Missouri, which locals called, *the square*, in 1931.

It was Johnny Faszold’s idea. Johnny loved Christmas. That was the year he adorned his hauling business ad in the Pacific Plowman newspaper, with an elaborate drawing of a Christmas tree.

And, he knew how to work a crowd. The most popular group in town was the new Lions Club that had recently created the first public works project in Pacific. The Lions offered out-of-work men the thing they prized most – work. To earn \$2 a week the men were put to work on civic projects.

When Johnny asked the Lions to sponsor a town Christmas tree they signed on. His friend Nick Olmstead agreed to string lights on the tree and tap into the light standard in the square.

Johnny, Chub and Barney Faszold, Joe Mohrback, Russell Kruger, Russell Parish, Art Leber, George Hirth, Adam Brandt and Abbie Tiemann went to the August Merk farm west of Pacific and cut a splendid cedar tree and hauled it into town. Local boys were recruited to help decorate it tree.

By the time Santa Claus arrived on Christmas Eve, 50 businesses had subscribed to the Lions Club Christmas tree program, and raised \$51 to buy gifts for Santa to hand out to small children.

The charming affair was a holiday scene straight out of a Norman Rockwell painting. Surely it would go on forever.

But, no. Only two years later, on December 20, 1933 only days after the tree was installed, shoppers and business owners stared in shock at the empty light standard. The town tree was gone. The Normal Rockwell scene had morphed into the Grinch that stole Christmas. Who in the world would steal something as precious as the town Christmas tree?

After milling around the intersection for several painful minutes, someone in the confused crowd glanced up at the bluff and spotted the tree on top. There it was, decorations and all.

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“Christmas Tree on the Bluff” (Continued)

As they considered how to go up and retrieve it, someone said, “Hey, it’s beautiful up there. Maybe we should just leave it there.”

Curiosity over who pulled off the prank faded. Certainly, no one suspected that the real culprit was Johnny Faszold, the guy who had clamored for a live Christmas tree in the first place.

Johnny was a popular guy. He and his brothers Chub and Barney, were semi famous. They were Cracker Jack baseball players who led the Pacific team to a string of victories. They operated a general hauling business and won the admiration of local businesses by starting a daily shipping route to downtown St. Louis in 1929.

Once the decision was made to keep the tree on the bluff the Lions agreed to put up the tree each year, with one caveat, they needed a bigger tree.

Through the rest of the 1930s and early 1940s, on the first Saturday in December, a group of Lions would drive out to the farm of a generous donor and cut down the largest evergreen they could find. As they hauled it back through town, a parade of young boys trailed the procession to the top of the bluff.

It wasn’t just the town boys who looked forward to the tree. At the end of day it was installed, and lit by a reluctant but willing Nick Olmstead, families gathered at the base of the bluff and sang Christmas Carols.

The local newspaper editor was ecstatic, The Pacific Transcript banner headline read: “CHRISTMAS TREE ON SAND MOUNTAIN MAKES A PRETTY SIGHT.”

The editor gushed that in the eyes of the people of the surrounding community the most picturesque sight to be found along the highway between Pacific and St. Louis is the community Christmas tree upon the top of the famous sand hill of Pacific.

As the Lions Club activities were curtailed during World War II, the remaining members decided to forego the live tree and create a tree silhouette by stringing lines of colored lights up a flag pole.

This year on Sunday, November 21, about a dozen volunteers, directed by perennial Christmas Tree chair Henry Hahn and a volunteer crew raised 14 strands of lights up the 28-foot pole. A five point light star, six feet across, topped the string of lights.

There are eight colored bulbs on each of the 14 strands – a total of 46 red lights and 66 blue – to create the silhouette. The star has a total of 325 colored lights, 75 white, 100 gold and 150 white filled the star.

“Christmas Tree on the Bluff” (Continued)

At the top of the star the tree stand 34 feet over the bluff, 134 feet over Osage Street and 178 feet over St. Louis Street. It is 648 feet above mean sea level.

Chatting at a public event some years back, Joe McHugh and Chub Faszold told me the story of moving the tree. On a cold December morning in 1933, Johnny Faszold and Joe McHugh untied the tree from the light standard, hauled it up to Blackburn Park and propped it up near the edge so it would be visible from the street below. They never dreamed it would holiday tradition.

The Pacific Lions Club, encouraged by the success of its Great Depression works program, would spend the next 90 years in community service. During World War II, the club contributed \$800 to help the town organize a volunteer fire department, donated \$100 for repairs for the American Legion Post, \$25 for instruments for the Pacific Band, and with its remaining funds sent \$87 worth of cigarettes to Pacific men deployed for the war.

In the 1960's when the school started testing the vision of students, Pacific Lions bought eyeglasses for Robertsville kids who needed glasses. It was the beginning of a program to provide testing and glasses to anyone in the community who needed them, which is still a primary role of the Lions Club.

Article written by Pauline Masson

hometownmatters.com

November 21, 2021

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Washington Lions Activities and Donations

Amtrak station

Washington Lions decorate fencing at Amtrak station for Christmas prior to Santa's arrival the day after Thanksgiving.



Washington Lions Activities and Donations

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Franklin County United Way

Washington lions made their annual donation to Franklin County United Way.



Pictured are Lion Amy Muench, President; Kim Strubberg, United Way CEO; and Lion Rick Hopp, 2nd Vice president. Kim Strubberg thanked the Washington Lions for cooking lunch at their annual United Way Golf Tournament in October.

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Loving Hearts food pantry

Washington Lions present their annual Christmas donation to Loving Hearts food pantry.



Pictured are Lion Amy Muench, Washington Lions president, presenting large check to Michelle Crider of Loving Hearts. In back ground is Lion Dennis Hemsath, Washington Lions secretary.

29th Annual Kirkwood Lions Club Trivia Night

It's that time of year again. Time to have some fun and test your knowledge all the while helping the Kirkwood Lions Club raise money to continue to do their good works! We support organizations like Midwest Braille, Mary Culver Home, Kirkwood House, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and many more.

This is our 29th year of putting on this worthy event. It will be held at the Kirkwood Community Center on Saturday January 15th, 2022.

Dan Dillon of #DillonTrivia will be our emcee once again. Dan's been hosting trivia nights now for ten+ years and was averaging about 40 events a year (before Covid hit). He has flowing testimonials on his Facebook page. Check him out if you get a chance. Search DillonTrivia on Facebook or follow this link

<https://www.facebook.com/Dillontrivia-1495242810724896>

Following is the table registration form. You may also get the form by going to

www.kirkwoodlions.org.

RETURNING THIS YEAR - You have the choice to register and pay online without mailing in any forms (small fee added to cover costs).

<https://kirkwoodlions.ticketspice.com/kirkwood-lions-club-29th-annual-trivia-night>

Either way you decide to register - if you pay by Dec 15th you get a \$10 discount!

Any additional questions reply to this email or send an email to

trivia@kirkwoodlions.org.

Hope to see you there and *Thank You* in advance!

Steve Klein

The Lions Club of Kirkwood

trivia@kirkwoodlions.org

314-717-1260

THE 29th ANNUAL TRIVIA CONTEST

*** 100% of net proceeds go to support local charities! ***

Sponsored by

THE LIONS CLUB OF KIRKWOOD

Saturday, January 15, 2022

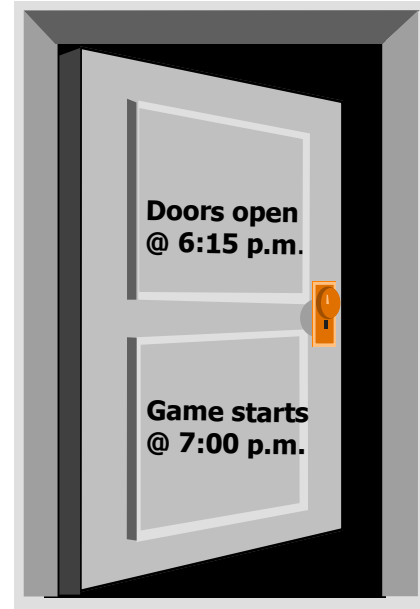
Kirkwood Community Center
111 South Geyer Road, Kirkwood, MO



Hosted by Local Trivia Emcee **Dan Dillon!**

Please visit www.kirkwoodlions.org or our Facebook page

- All proceeds benefit the Lions Club Of Kirkwood to help toward their community and charitable works
- Register by Dec 15th and save \$10 off registration!
- 10 different categories of 10 questions each, a total of 100 questions.
- Each table of 8 will be scored as a team.
- Attendance prizes will be awarded.
- Complimentary soda and snacks will be served. You may bring appetizers or snacks.
- NOTE: You may bring your own beer or wine. We will not be selling alcohol.
- Please drink responsibly!
- Tables reserved on a first response basis. Please make your reservations early to guarantee a table.
- The Kirkwood Community Center is a non-smoking building.
- This is intended to be an adult only event. Please plan accordingly.
- Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams
- Mulligans available - \$5 each or 3 for \$10 – maximum of 3 mulligans per table



QUESTIONS?? CALL 314-717-1260 or EMAIL trivia@kirkwoodlions.org

Please fill out the form below and mail with your payment

OR Register and Pay Online at <https://kirkwoodlions.ticketspice.com/kirkwood-lions-club-29th-annual-trivia-night>

(<https://tinyurl.com/tehd672w> shortened)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____
Email _____

Please Reserve _____ Tables of eight (8) in my name at \$120 per table (\$110 if paid by 12/15/2021)

We would also like _____ mulligans (\$5 each or 3 for \$10 – max 3)

(Individuals welcome at \$20 per person. We will do our best to place you with other individuals)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

I'm unable to attend, but would like to make a donation \$ _____ (Please also select one option below)

____ I would like my name listed on a donor list

____ I would like my name to remain anonymous

Your canceled check is your receipt. Original checks will be returned if there are no tables available.

Mail entry and check made payable to:

The Lions Club of Kirkwood

612 Rosewood Lane

Kirkwood, MO 63122



GERALD LIONS CLUB



1ST ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

January, 8th 2022

120 N Bernhardt Ave, Gerald, MO 63037

\$40 PER TEAM

DOORS OPEN AT NOON

BAGS GO LIVE AT 2:00PM

50/50

Snacks

Soda

Water

\$400

1st place

\$160

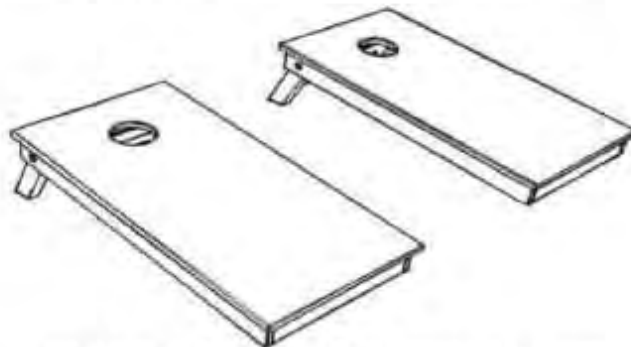
2nd place

\$80

3rd place

\$40

4th place



24 Teams required for payout shown

Personal Bags Allowed

Tournament will be DOUBLE ELIMINATION played out by Scoreholio

www.playcornhole.org/pages/rules

BYOB

Sign your team up by texting (636) 649-8400

Pre-registration required

Beaufort Lion Club MEAT SHOOT'S 2021-2022

October 3, 2021
November 7, 2021
December 5, 2021
January 2, 2022
February 6, 2022
March 6, 2022
April 3, 2022
April 10, 2022

Starts @ 12pm (Noon)
Rain or Shine

Will be serving a FREE dinner plate at each match per shooter



Questions contact Roy @ 573-459-2029 or
Kevin @ 636-283-1321

The Mehlville Lions Club is hosting a

SPRING CLEANING CLOTHING DRIVE

We Are Collecting

Clothes

men's, women's and children's clothes, coats, shoes,
scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, ties, belts,
backpacks, etc.

Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen,
tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Please pack the items in 13 gallon kitchen trash bags.

All items must be clean and in sellable condition.

A portion of the proceeds earned, will be donated to
the Missouri School for the Blind

COLLECTION DATES:

MARCH 4, 2022

APRIL 23, 2022



Please contact the club at
mehlvillelionsclub@gmail.com for any questions
or donations.

Lions District 26-M2

Lions Assistance and Service (LAS)

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Correct Operating Procedures for this year for processing requests. The Correct Operating Procedure is noted as follows:

1. The call comes in to the Hot Line and the requestor is directed to the 26M2 Lions website <https://lions26m2.org/resources.html> for eye care and hearing resources.
2. The requestor completes the required form and sends it to the address noted on the form.
3. Request is received at the LAS Post Office Box.
4. The request is reviewed for completeness.
5. The reviewed request is logged and forwarded to the LAS to be assigned to a local club.
6. The LAS chair forwards the request to the club or club closest to the geographical location.
7. The assigned club reviews and accepts the request to be processed (or denies due to budgetary issues)
 - a. If denied by the Local Club the LAS will direct to the closest club in that geographical area.
8. The assigned club reports back to the LAS regarding the status of the request.
 - a. Assigned
 - b. In progress
 - c. Forwarded
 - d. Closed (Complete)
9. If ANY Lions club receives an independent request OUTSIDE of the LAS line, please contact the LAS chair with the following information.
 - a. Date received
 - b. Requestors Name
 - c. ZIP CODE
 - d. Club Name assisting
 - e. Date of completion

We would like to hear from everyone and to recognize the great work that you are doing in your community.

Lion Kelly Rackovan

Chair – Lions Assistance and Services (LAS)

Las@lions26M2.org

14th ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
To Be Held
March 4-6, 2022
Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport
1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146

NOW is the time for your Club to make plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport Plaza.

This is where all the Saturday business meetings, luncheon, voting, banquet and Sunday memorial service will be held.

You will get to select your entree (Beef or Chicken or Salmon) for the dinner meal.

The **ENTIRE** Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. The Friday night Hospitality will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We are **ANTICIPATING** being able to accommodate as many Clubs' hospitality booths in one large area, as we have in past years, including entertainment and a dance floor. Hospitality will be open to all registered Convention attendees, who will be given an arm band to wear that evening. Non-registered guests/Lions will be charged a small entrance fee (\$2.00) to receive an arm band.

HOWEVER, in these days of unknowns and social distancing, the Committee needs to be prepared to possibly have fewer booths than normal, based on local guidelines and hotel requirements. We will be assigning the booths based on the postmark date and if we need to reduce the number of booths, we will accept the earliest Clubs' registrations; **SO REGISTER EARLY.**

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport is holding a block of rooms and 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 Club Convention. After FEBRUARY 11, 2022, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

The Doubletree Hotel is looking forward to hosting the Lions in 2022.

Make your plans now so that you don't miss any of the fun and fellowship.

You can find this and more information on our website:

<http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html>

2022 District 26-M2 Convention Committee



**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF LIONS CLUBS**
Missouri Lions District 26-M2
2021 -2022 Convention Committee

August 2, 2021

Attention Lions!!

As the 14th annual District M2 Convention approaches, and now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events. The Convention will be March 4th through 6th, 2022.

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Hospitality will be open to all registered Convention attendees, who will be given an arm band to wear that evening. Non-registered guests/Lions will be charged a small entrance fee (\$2.00) to receive an arm band.

The cost to your Club to have a hospitality booth this year will still be \$185.00. This will include hospitality booth/tables (approx. 16' x 8' made with three 8-foot tables, ice service, table cloths, trash service and chairs. In addition, your booth will receive 5 additional arm bands, FREE!

Please submit your reservations and special request as soon as possible. Please make your payments payable to: District 26-M2 Convention Fund and mailed to PCC Kimberly Taylor, 15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026. The Convention Committee will then assign all hospitality spaces.

As in the past, we strongly encourage the Clubs that are participating to provide food and beverages to share. To help offset the expense of this event, you will be allowed to conduct a fundraiser in your booth if you desire.

We hope to see everyone there! For more information or to obtain additional registration forms, please visit our District website at www.lions26m2.org.

Yours in Lionism,
2020-2021 District Convention Committee

PCC Gina Boettcher
lionbtkr@gmail.com

PCC Kimberly Taylor
lionkimberly@sbcglobal.net

Lion Kelly Rackovan
lionkelly26m2@gmail.com

PDG Sandee Marshall
greengal@charter.net

Lion Jennifer Winkeler
lionjenniferw@gmail.com

**FOURTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
HOSPITALITY NIGHT - FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2022
RESERVATION FORM**

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB CONTACT NAME _____

CLUB CONTACT PHONE _____

CLUB CONTACT EMAIL _____

Hospitality Booths include the following: Approx. 16' x 8' booth, made with three 8-foot tables), ice service, table cloths, trash service and chairs.

We would like to request the following, if possible:

Do you need electricity? _____

Extra Tables @ \$10 each _____

We have enclosed a check for \$185 to reserve a hospitality booth for our Club.

We understand that we **cannot** have any confetti or glitter decorations of any kind or any popcorn, and **only** "painter's tape" may be used to hang any decorations, per the master contract agreement with the DoubleTree Hotel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please send reservation form and check to
PCC Kimberly Taylor, 15 Goode Drive, Fenton, MO 63026**

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DEVIN STRUTTMANN HAS ISSUED
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 4 TH	SATURDAY, MARCH 5 TH	SUNDAY, MARCH 6 TH
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	Registration 8 AM – 10 AM 1 st Business Session..... 9:30 AM All Lions Lunch 12 Noon – 1:15 PM 2 nd Business Session..... 1:30 PM Voting <i>Immediately following session</i> Dinner Banquet..... 7 PM	Breakfast..... 8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service 9:00 AM

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

Name of Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Convention Package:

(Hospitality, Luncheon,
Dinner Banquet & Breakfast)

Number attending _____ X \$95 = \$ _____

*** 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

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).

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

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

	COUNT				
Name	Lunch	Dinner Banquet BEEF	Dinner Banquet CHICKEN	Dinner Banquet SALMON	Breakfast



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 reverse side. **Dead-**
line for reservations is April 29, 2022



Passenger pick-ups sites, please circle your choice.

No glass or dairy products
allowed on the bus!

Washington Commuter lot
108 E 14th St
Washington, MO

Valley Park Lions Club
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



Drury Inn & Suites Detroit Troy
575 WEST BIG BEAVER ROAD
TROY, MI 48084
Telephone: (248) 528-3330
www.druryhotels.com

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) <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.



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



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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.

Please Remember These Lions

(October 2021 - November 2021)

GRAY SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

EUGENE D COWSERT
PATRICIA Y COWSERT

PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

ALAN W BALDWIN

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB

HOWARD MILD

UNION LIONS CLUB

BILL MARTINDILL

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

Deadline for the next scheduled issue of “The Lions That Roar” is **February 12, 2022**. Now is the time for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Do you have a “Did You Know” article? Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at:

editor@lions26m2.org

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, the District 26-M2 “The Lions That Roar” newsletter is published bimonthly. Following is the “ROAR” schedule for the Lion year of 2021 – 2022. Unless otherwise noted **above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

February	2022
April	2022
June	2022

Thank you,
Lion Dave, Editor