The LI NS That ROAR

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District Governor Lion Wally Brumfield



1st Vice District Governor Lion Kelly Rackovan



2nd Vice District Governor Lion Phillip Karrer



Cabinet Secretary PDG Lion Sandee Marshall



Cabinet Treasurer Lion Joseph Schroeder

District 26-M2 Governor Wally's Message

SEASONS GREETINGS

Fellow Lions,

As most of you know, we lost a very important part of our cabinet with the passing of 1st Vice District Govern, Lion Jeff Rackovan. A special meeting of PDGs and PCCs was held to select a replacement. After much discussion, Lion Kelly Rackovan has been appointed 1st Vice District Governor for the remainder of the year. Lion Kelly had held the position of Cabinet Secretary which will now be filled by Lion Sandee Marshall, Wildwood lions club. We have lost many Lions this year and we need to keep them and their loved ones in our prayers.

As we stand at the mid-point in the LION year, our International President, A. P. Singh, encourages us to reflect on what we have accomplished, what have been our strong points and the need to strengthen our strategies in finishing out this Lions year.

Looking back over the last months, I have visited with many of our clubs and have learned many things about the wide diversity of ideas and outlooks. The many different views and club priorities are what make us strong and flex able. Good ideas don't always come prepackaged, sometimes they come from out while having a good meal with fellow lions. As I have travelled to the different clubs I am amazed at the amount and diversity of talent and artistic ability within the Lion Family.

Membership is always a major topic when LCI sends out updated and informational packets. One aspect of membership that is of importance is RETENTION. I [encourage you], as club officers and committee chairs, to keep as many of your members engaged in club activities, making sure what they are doing is fun.

One World---One People----We Serve

Lion Wallace Brumfield, District Governor

District 26-M2 - 2nd VDG Phil's Message

Fellow Lions,

It is that time of year that we need to step up for the people in our communities that could really use some help. Be it donating to a food pantry, donating to toys for tots, helping a neighbor decorate, or adopting a needy family. During our busy schedules, any time we can give to help any of the people that need it, will not only warm your heart, but hopefully show others what service and being part of the greatest service organization can mean. I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday.

Sincerely,

Lion Phil Karrer,

2nd Vice District Governor



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 2025 – November 2025)

BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB KIMBERLY E HODGE

CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB
STEPHEN J. RUTHERFORD

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB
STEVEN SHERRELL

HILLSBORO LIONS CLUB YVONNE COLE

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB
DONNA WEIDLICH

BRANDON BARNES
MICHAEL EADS

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB
JENNIFER CANEPA

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB
HELEN L BRINKER
TABITHA D DONALDSON
JOHN TIMOTHY POLITTE

District 26-M2 2025-2025 Calendar of Events DG Lion Wally Brumfield

Updated 12/02/2025 (* denotes additions or changes) www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html

January 2026

- 5th, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club, 319 W. Meramec St, Pacific, MO 63069.
- 24th, Saturday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ St. Joseph, MO
- *17th, Saturday, House Springs Lions Mouse Races. Doors open at 6pm. Races start at 7pm. \$30 per person; \$240 per table. Open bar: beer, wine, mixed drinks, soda. Bring your own snacks for your table. Location: The Knights of Columbus Hall, 6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs MO 63051. For information contact Lion Gary at 636-222-0949 or Lions Al at 636-606-5568. Enter the KC Hall from Dulin Creek Road.
- 31st, Saturday: Kirkwood Lions Club are sponsoring their annual Trivia Night @ the Crestwood Community Center, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO. Starts at 7pm. Entry fee \$180/table of 8. More information call 314-630-1116 or email trivia@kirkwoodlions.org
- *31st, Saturday: Meramec Heights Lions Trivia Night for Sight @ Meramec Heights Clubhouse, 1070 W. Outer 21 Rd. Sign-up 6:30-7:00pm. Trivia starts at 7:00 pm. \$15.00 per person/Tables of 8. Bring your own snacks. 50/50, Heads/Tails Game & Raffles. Smoke Free Event Tables are limited. For reservations call Phil Karrer 314-397-1070.

February 2026

2nd, Monday: District 26-M2 Cabinet Meeting @ Eureka Elks Lodge, 19 West 1st Street, Eureka, MO 63025. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Dinner @ 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Kelly Rackovan 314-808-7638.

March 2026

- 2nd, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club, 319 W. Meramec St, Pacific, MO 63069.
- 27 29th, Friday Sunday: District 26-M2 Annual Convention @ Doubletree Hotel, 1973 Craigshire Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146. More information coming soon!

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District 26-M2 2025-2026 Calendar of Events

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April 2026

- 6th, Monday: District 26-M2 GAT Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club, 319 W. Meramec St, Pacific, MO 63069.
- 10th 11th, Friday Saturday: Mid-South Lions Visiting Lions Weekend @ The Hamilton Eye Institute. 930 Madison Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103. More details to come soon.
- 18th, Saturday: Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments 75th Anniversary Shining Light Gala @ Ameristar Resort, 1 Ameristar Blvd., St. Charles, MO 63301. Every sponsorship, ticket purchased, and story shared helps DGCKids continue to provide life-changing services, empowering children to thrive. Let's make this evening unforgettable—because every child deserves to shine! Ticket and table purchases will be available soon! For details on tickets and tables, connect with Lauren Sanders, Development Manager, at lsanders@dgckids.org or call 314-776-1300. https://www.dgckids.org/support-us/shining-light-gala/.

23rd, Thursday: MD26 Council of Governors Meeting @ St. Joseph, MO 24th – 26th, Friday – Sunday: Missouri Lions State Convention @ St. Joseph, MO

May 2026

4th, Monday: District 26-M2 Cabinet Meeting @ Eureka Elks Lodge, 19 West 1st Street, Eureka, MO 63025. Meeting starts at 6:30 pm. Dinner @ 7:00 pm. Please RSVP to Cabinet Secretary Kelly Rackovan 314-808-7638.



2026 Mid-Winter Forum

Note:

The following email was sent from the Missouri Lions concerning the Mid-Winter Forum. The four attachments mentioned in the email follow the email. – Editor, TLTR

Fellow Lions,

There is still time to get in your Early Bird Registration for the Mid-Winter Forum! If postmarked by December 15, you will save \$10 and have your name placed in a drawing for a nice prize that weekend!

The Forum will be held February 6th and 7th, 2026, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City.

Registration includes hospitality on Friday night, nine seminars on Saturday with a buffet lunch, and Saturday night dinner with a speaker/entertainer. Following that will be trivia (which is optional).

Throughout the weekend we will also have some fun raffles!

Attached are the flyer, registration form, schedule, and the optional trivia registration form.

Early Birds (whose registrations are postmarked by December 15th), and First-Timers will have their names placed in drawings for prizes.

Things to note when completing the registration form are:

- 1. If you have dietary restrictions, please indicate those
- 2. If you are needing a program in Braille, please give 4 weeks' notice
- 3. If you plan to attend the Guiding Lion sessions, please check that box.

Information on the hotel block, with a link, is at the bottom of the registration form. Please note that the parking fee will be waived when you check in.

We are asking each district to donate a gift basket (or any item) to be included in a raffle. If any club or individual would like to donate something we would gladly accept those as well. Contact a committee member to make arrangements.

Lastly, we are offering a \$200 prize to the district that brings in the most attendees!

Please join us at this event that mixes learning with fun!

2025-2026 Mid-Winter Forum Committee

IPDG Carol Deters DG Paula Rodgers Lion Brenda Weider

Brenda Weider
State Office Administrator
Council Secretary-Treasurer
Missouri Lions MD 26
2415 B Hyde Park Road
Jefferson City, MO 65109
573-635-1773 Phone
missourilions@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MISSOURI LIONS



FEBRUARY 6TH 2026

COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT 610 BOLIVAR ST. JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101

FRIDAY: REGISTRATION & HOSPITALITY NIGHT SATURDAY: FORUM, DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT

EASY REGISTRATION! Y JUST FILL OUT THE BACK SIDE OF THIS FLYER

KEYNOTE SPEAKER/ ENTERTAINER:

Josh McVicar

Comedy Magic & Hypnosis





Nationally Touring St. Louis-based Comedy Magician & Hypnotist



MISSOURI LIONS 2026 MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 6 & 7, 2026 Courtyard by Marriott, 610 Bolivar Street, Jefferson City MO

- Registration Packets may be picked up on Friday in the Hotel Lobby from 4:00 6:00 p.m.
- First Session begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday
- Full Forum Registration includes: * Friday Night Hospitality * Saturday Seminars * Saturday Lunch Buffet * Saturday Dinner Buffet with Speaker/Entertainer.
- Anyone planning to attend any of the seminars/meals will require a full registration.
- No tickets are needed or issued for any of the events your name will be on a list.
- Casual Attire. Please be sure to wear your name tag at all events.
- If you're planning to attend the Guiding Lion sessions please indicate below in checkbox.
- An optional Trivia Event on Saturday Night will require a separate registration form.
 - Breakfast will be on your own and is available for purchase in the hotel lobby.

Registration and payment to Missouri Lions must be postmarked by December 15 for Early Bird Discount. Drawings will be held for First Timers and Early Birds! Complete one section below per person.

Full Registration #1:				
Name:				
Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
Phone:	Email address:			
Club:		District 26-M		
Are you a Lion?	_ Is this your first Mid-Wir	nter Forum?	_	
Special Program: □La	arge Print □Braille (requ	ires 4 weeks' notice)		
Any Special Meal Req	uirements?			
\square I am planning to att	end the Guiding Lion ses	sions.		
If postmarked by Dece	ember 15, 2025 <i>Early Bird</i>	d Discount	Amount Due: \$75	
lf postmarked after De	cember 15, 2025		Amount Due: \$85	
Full Registration #2: Name: Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
Phone:	Email address:			
Are you a Lion?	Is this your first Mid-Wir	nter Forum?	_	
Special Program: □La	arge Print □Braille (requ	ires 4 weeks' notice)		
Any Special Meal Req	uirements?			
\square I am planning to att	end the Guiding Lion ses	sions.		
If postmarked by Dece	ember 15, 2025 <i>Early Bird</i>	d Discount	Amount Due: \$75	
lf postmarked after De	cember 15, 2025		Amount Due: \$85	
		7	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	

Mail registration form and check to Missouri Lions, 2415B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City MO 65109 No Refunds after January 25, 2026. A block of rooms is being held for this event at Courtyard by Marriott at a rate of \$159 King/\$164 Double Queen until January 6, 2026. (573-761-1400) Our group code is MLC.

Book your group rate for Missouri Lions

EVENT 2026 SCHEDULE

FEB 6 HOSPITALITY NIGHT

(Hosted by 2nd VDG)

6PM-11PM

FEB 7 WELCOME!

(Room A/B)

8AM-8:15AM

FEB 7

SESSION SCHEDULE

Room A:

GUIDING LION PART 1

"LIONS LEADING LIONS"

8:30AM-10:00AM

Room B:

LION 101

"LION BOOT CAMP: SERVE, LEAD, GROW"

8:30AM-10:00AM

10:00am-10:15am Break

GUIDING LION PART 2

"LIONS LEADING LIONS"

10:15AM-11:45AM

RECRUITMENT/MEMBERSHIP

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE ROAR AT A TIME"

10:15AM-11:45AM

11:45am-1:00pm Lunch

SOCIAL MEDIA / AI

"AI FOR LIONS: SERVE MORE, STRESS LESS"

1:00PM-2:30PM

HEARING/EYE MISSION TRAINING

"HEAR TO HELP, SEE TO SERVE"

1:00PM-2:30PM

2:30pm-2:45pm Break

LIONS PORTAL

"CLICK LIKE A LION:
MASTERING THE LIONS PORTAL"
2:45PM-3:30PM

LCI GRANTS/FUNDRAISING/SERVICE PROJECTS

"GRANTS THAT ROAR: UNLOCK LCI FUNDING POWER" 2:45PM-4:15PM

Room A:

SAVING SIGHT

"SEE WHAT'S NEW!"

3:30PM-4:15PM



Room A/B





6:00PM-7:00PM



COPTIONAL)
8:30PM-10:00PM

MISSOURI LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM



REGISTRATION (OPTIONAL)

NAME:	
CLUB:	
DISTRICT: 26-M	
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION @ \$15.00	\$
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NAME:	
CLUB:	
DISTRICT: 26-M	
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION @ \$15.00	\$
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OR ~	
TABLE REGISTRATION (TABLE OF 8 PLAYERS)	
NAME OF TEAM:	
NAME OF TABLE SPONSOR:	
CLUB:	
DISTRICT: 26-M	
TABLE REGISTRATION @ \$100.00	\$
TOTAL PAID	\$

YOU CAN PAY WITH ONE CHECK PAYABLE TO "MISSOURI LIONS" FOR BOTH YOUR FORUM REGISTRATION AND TRIVIA.

A CALL FOR THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION To Be Held MARCH 27th – 29th, 2026

Attention Lions!!

As the 18th annual District M2 Convention approaches, now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be March 27th – 29th, 2026.

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 planning on 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.

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 \$110 + 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.

You can also make room reservations on line: https://group.doubletree.com/1193hf

After March 5, 2026 the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

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

Send in your registration form early! Today would be a great time to do that!!

Or bring your registration form to the Cabinet meeting tomorrow (Monday) night at Eureka Elks Lodge at 6:30pm

You can find this and more information on our website http://www.lions26m2.org/convention.html

2026 District 26-M2 Convention Committee

A CALL FOR THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held March 27th - 29th, 2026

DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion David Wentworth.

Director David W. Wentworth from Omaha, Nebraska was elected to serve a two-year term as an International Director of Lions Clubs International at the Association's 107th International Convention in Orlando, Florida in 2025. Director Wentworth is currently Vice President of sales for CFM Global, a filtration manufacturing company with locations in Nebraska, Wisconsin and Ohio.

Director Wentworth and his wife, Valerie, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters who are both Lions.

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

FRIDAY, March 27th	SATURDAY, March 28th	SUNDAY, March 29th	
Registration	Registration 8 AM - 10 AM Q/A with ID Wentworth 8:30 AM Morning Business Session 9:00 AM Luncheon Noon - 1:15 PM Afternoon Business Session 1:30 PM Voting Immediately following session Dinner Banquet 7 PM	Breakfast	

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2026 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form March 27th – 29th, 2026

Name:	Club:	Club Positio	n:			
Email address:						
Full Convention Package: (Hospitality, Luncheon, Dinner Banquet, Breakfast & Wrist Band)	Number attending	_ X \$110 =	\$			
Luncheon Only: Dinner Banquet Only: Breakfast Only:	Number attending Number attending Number attending					
After February 27, 2026 - ADD \$10 TOTAL:	Number attending	_ X \$10 =	\$ \$			
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 Dinr	ner Banquet – <i>Chicken</i>	Dinner Banq	uet – <i>Salmon</i>			
Special Dietary Needs:						

Make checks payable to: 26-M2 Convention Fund

Mail to: PDG Devin Struttmann 770 Oakmont Lane Union, MO 63084 No refunds after March 17th, 2026 No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 14, 2026.



Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation Calendar of Events

October 12 - M2 Eye Mission in St Louis (Magdala House) - 11 AM-1 PM

October 16 – M5 Eye Mission in Belton – 4 PM-8 PM

October 18 – M5 Eye Mission in Marshall – 9 AM-1 PM

October 18 - M3 Eye Mission in Mexico MO (Mexico YMCA) - 10 AM-1 PM

November 1 – M5 Eye Mission in Sedalia – 1 PM-4 PM

November 8 – M1 Eye Mission in Waynesville/Fort Leonard Wood

November 16 – M2 Eye Mission in St Louis (St Peter & Paul Church)

March 5 – M6 Eye Mission in Kimberling City (4 Ozark Seniors)

March 12 – M6 Eye Mission in Branson

March 27-28 - MD26 International Eye Mission in Monterrey, Mexico

April 7 – M2 Eye Mission in Bonne Terre (Rural Parish Clinic)

April 18 – M5 Eye Mission in Nevada – 9 AM-1 PM

House Springs Lions

Legendary

Mouse Races

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Races start at 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Hall

6800 Knights of Columbus Lane, House Springs

Enter from Dulin Creek Road

\$30 per person - \$240 per table

Open Bar - Beer, Wine, Mixed Drinks and Soda

Bring your snacks for your table



- Track Races
- 50 State Wheel
- 50/50s
- Silent Auction
- Raffle
- . D.

For info: Call Al at 636-606-5568 or

Gary at 636-222-0949





Kirkwood Lions Club

Come join us for an evening of fun and trivia at the Crestwood Community Center, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood, MO 63126 on **Saturday, January 31, 2026** at 7pm. Doors open at 6:15pm

- Soda and snacks provided
- Door prizes awarded
- Cash prizes for the top 3 teams
- Entry fee is \$180 per table of 8 and 1 free mulligan included.
 Additional mulligans can be purchased
- 10 categories of 10 questions each for a total of 100
- We will also host a silent auction and 50/50 drawings, with winners announced throughout the evening

**Kirkwood Lions Club will be celebrating 100 years of service in 2026 supporting our mission of vision and hearing in our community





Mark your calendars for a milestone celebration! On April 18, 2026, join us in the beautiful Discovery Ballroom at Ameristar Resort and Spa for the 2nd Annual Shining Light Gala—a spectacular evening honoring 75 years of DGCKids.

Together, under the glow of celebration and purpose, we'll reflect on a legacy of service, resilience, and possibility, while raising critical support for children who are blind or visually impaired.

Every sponsorship, ticket purchased, and story shared helps DGCKids continue to provide life-changing services, empowering children to thrive. Let's make this evening unforgettable—because every child deserves to shine!

Ticket and table purchases will be available soon!

For details on tickets and tables, connect with **Lauren Sanders**, Development Manager, at **lsanders@dgckids.org** or call **314-776-1300**.



THE GAMES 6:30 PM

FULL BAR & FULL MEAL AVAILABLE
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
COFFEE & SOFT DRINKS
AND FINGER FOODS TO ORDER

BINGO
PULL TABS
PROGRESSIVE
QUEEN OF HEARTS



BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013 (573) 484-3790



PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE SCOREHOLIO APP - TOURNAMENT WILL BE RUN OFF THIS APP.

FOR QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL OR TEXT SETH PURSCHKE AT 314-852-4753

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 <u>ANY</u> Lions club receives an independent request <u>OUTSIDE</u> 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

Please Remember These Lions

(October 2025 – November 2025)

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS

CLUB

WILLIAM HAROLD SEEBOLD

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

KEN BOUGENO VIRGINIA M RILEY

CREVE COEUR LIONS CLUB

WILLIAM L BIELE

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

GEORGE SCHWOERER

GRAY SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

RILEY PEMBERTON

WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

RICHARD A. HUDANICK JAMES C PERRY

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 2**, **2026**. Now is the time to 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 <u>"The Lions That Roar"</u> newsletter is published bimonthly. The following is the "ROAR" schedule for the Lion year of 2025 – 2026. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12th of the month of publication.

February 2026 April 2026 June 2026

Thank you,

Lion Dave, Editor