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# *Things You Should Know about Lions*



## *District 26-M2*

*Lions Member Manual & Workbook  
2021-2022*




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MANUAL AND WORKBOOK - TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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## WELCOME



Dear Lion:

You are now part of the world's largest and most effective community service organization, with about 1.4 million members. Your club is one of more than 48,000 Lions clubs in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Regardless of what language they speak, religion they practice or politics they espouse, all Lions are dedicated to seeking out and helping those in need.

Your association has a proud heritage of service dating to 1917. With your help, the future will be even greater. The first step is active participation in your club's service, fundraising, and social activities. Learn all you can as soon as you can. This booklet will help give you a basic understanding of the history, structure, and activities of the association. But it is only from your fellow club members that you will learn what this means in your own community.

As you become active and more knowledgeable, please share your experiences and pride of accomplishment with your friends and family. Few things can be as gratifying as bringing another person into our community of service.

## WHO ARE LIONS?

Lions are...

- ◆ Members of the world's largest and most active service club organization.
- ◆ Men and women who believe that by working together they will accomplish far more than would be possible as individuals.
- ◆ Members committed to solving worldwide health and social problems, and who realize that solutions are possible when every Lions club does its share.
- ◆ People who cherish the fellowship of their own club, but who also feel a close kinship with Lions throughout the world.
- ◆ Patriotic citizens of their own countries and, who, in the global community, strive for a world at peace.
- ◆ Individuals dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards in their club and in their personal lives.
- ◆ People, who are serious about their commitment to humanitarian service, but have fun along the way.

**Lions are people like you!**

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## HISTORY



In 1917, a Chicago insurance agent named Melvin Jones convinced his luncheon club, the Business Circle of Chicago, that it should align itself with other independent clubs to form a national organization that would be dedicated not only to networking for business and social purposes, but to the improvement of the community as a whole.

Among the groups invited was the Association of Lions Clubs, headquartered in Evansville, Indiana and led by Dr. W. P. Woods. At the time of the meeting, June 7, there were several Lions clubs already in existence, some having been organized in 1916. They were an outgrowth of a now-defunct fraternal organization called the Royal Order of Lions.

The Business Circle and other clubs agreed to rally under the Lions name, and a convention was called for October at Dallas, Texas. Thirty-six delegates representing 22 clubs from nine states (including Missouri) heeded the call, approved the "Lions Clubs" designation, and elected Woods as the first president. Guiding force and founder Jones was named acting secretary, thus beginning an association with Lions that ended only with his death in 1961.

The convention also began to define what the association was to become. A constitution and bylaws were adopted, the colors of purple and gold approved, and a start made on the Lions Clubs Objects and Code of Ethics. Both the Objects and Ethics encouraged Lions to put service ahead of profit, and to uphold the highest standards of conduct in business and professions.

Community leaders soon began to organize clubs throughout the United States. The association became "International" with the formation of a club in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in 1920. Clubs were later organized in Mexico, China and Cuba. By 1927, membership stood at 60,000 in 1,183 clubs.

In 1935, Panama became home to the first Central American club. The first club in South America was organized in Columbia the following year. Sweden, then France, brought Europe into the association in 1948. Japan had clubs by 1952, and the so-called "Eastern Bloc" was unblocked in 1989 with the formation of clubs in Hungary, Poland, and Estonia. In 1990, a club was chartered in Moscow and Lions Clubs have been demonstrating the value of service in countries once closed to voluntary action.

A highlight of the association's early history was a speech at the 1925 convention, when Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." They responded, and Lions are now best known for our sight-related programs, including *Sight First and Sight First II*, the world's largest blindness prevention program. (Note: The text of this speech is provided in the "Resources" section.)

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## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION



The work of Lions since 1917 has resulted in...

- ◆ The creation of Sight First and Sight First II, blindness prevention programs that aim to eliminate preventable and reversible blindness worldwide
- ◆ The establishment and operation of a majority of the world's eye banks, resulting in approximately 10,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants every year.
- ◆ Development of the *Lions-Quest* curricula which have provided millions of young people with the tools to make responsible decisions regarding drugs, alcohol and other threats to a healthy future.
- ◆ Hospitals, clinic, playgrounds, parks and thousands of facilities that enhance day-to-day life in our communities.
- ◆ Services to the blind, including dog guides, white canes, and a wide variety of employment opportunities and vocational training.
- ◆ Immediate disaster relief and support for rebuilding efforts.
- ◆ Leo clubs, youth exchange and youth camps that help instill a philosophy of service in young people around the world.
- ◆ In addition to serving locally, Lions and Leos support five global service areas: vision, hunger, the environment, childhood cancer, and diabetes.

### Name

The official name of the association is "The International Association of Lions Clubs" or simply "Lions Clubs International." The name Lions was chosen because of the symbolism of what a lion animal represents – courage, strength, activity and fidelity.

### Emblem

The emblem of Lions Clubs International consists of a gold letter "L" on a circular area. Bordering this is a circular area with two Lion profiles facing away from the center. The Lions face both past and future - showing pride in heritage and confidence in the future. The word "Lions" and "International" appear at the top and bottom, respectively.

### Vision Statement

To be the global leader in community and humanitarian services.

### Mission Statement

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions Clubs.

### Motto and Slogan

The official motto of the association is "*We Serve.*" What better way to explain our mission?

The slogan of Lions Clubs International is "***L*iberty, *I*ntelligence, *O*ur *N*ation's *S*afety," the true meaning of citizenship.**



### Lions Clubs International Purposes

- ◆ **To Organize**, charter and supervise service clubs to be known as Lions clubs.
- ◆ **To Coordinate** the activities and standardize the administration of Lions clubs.
- ◆ **To Create** and foster a spirit of understanding among the peoples of the world.
- ◆ **To Promote** the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- ◆ **To Take** an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- ◆ **To Unite** the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- ◆ **To Provide** a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- ◆ **To Encourage** service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.

### Lions Code of Ethics (This is a guideline for the personal values that each Lion should exemplify)

- ◆ **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- ◆ **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- ◆ **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- ◆ **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- ◆ **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- ◆ **Always** bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in work, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- ◆ **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- ◆ **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.



Lions Clubs are the most important part of Lionism; this is where the majority of service is performed. Clubs carry out the programs and activities that have made Lions International what it is today -the largest and most active humanitarian service organization in the world.

Membership in a Lions Club is by invitation only, and clubs usually meet at least twice each month. A typical Lions Club is governed by a Board of Directors, which usually meet at a separate day and/or time from the club meetings. The table below depicts the members of the club's Board of Directors.

Complete the table with the appropriate individuals (and phone numbers) for your club.

***Your Club's Board of Directors***

President	_____
Immediate Past President	_____
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	_____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	_____
Secretary	_____
Treasurer	_____
Lion Tamer (optional)	_____
Tail Twister (optional)	_____
Membership Chairperson	_____
Service Chairperson	_____
Marketing Communications	_____
LCIF Coordinator	_____
Directors (four or more)	_____
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The **President** serves as the club's chief executive officer and presides at all meetings of the club and board of directors. The President calls for regular and special meetings in accordance with the club's by-laws or procedures, plans the agenda and ensures that the status of each committee activity is reported. The President and Secretary are also active members of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the zone in which the club is located.

The **Immediate Past President** and other past Presidents serve as an official greeter of members and their guests at club meetings and represent the club in welcoming new people into the community served by the club.



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The **Vice Presidents** perform the duties of the President if he/she is unable to perform the duties of office for any reason. Each Vice President, under the direction of the President, oversees the functioning of various committees of the club.

The **Secretary** acts as a liaison officer between the club and both the District and International Headquarters. Responsibilities of the Secretary include submitting membership and/or activity reports, maintaining club records (including meeting minutes) and issuing financial statements to club members. The Secretary (with the President) is an active member of the District Governor's Advisory Committee of the zone in which the club is located.

The **Treasurer** is responsible for all club financial matters. Duties include receiving all monies and paying club obligations, maintaining financial records, preparing financial statements and submitting financial reports. Treasurers should maintain two separate bank accounts: The first is to handle the administrative expenses of the club, such as International dues, postage, copying, member meals, etc. The second is for the service and charitable activities of the club. Club fees and dues are used to pay the club's administrative costs. *Money raised from the public must never be used to defray administrative expenses, it can only be used for legitimate community or public needs.*

The **Lion Tamer** is the custodian of club property such as flags, banners, podiums, badges, meeting supplies, etc. The Lion Tamer also serves as a sergeant-at-arms during meetings and distributes materials as needed at meetings.

The **Tail Twister** serves to promote harmony, good fellowship and enthusiasm at club meetings through the judicious imposition of fines on members. One common way for a member to be fined is to forget to address a fellow member as "Lion". The Tail Twister may not be fined except by the unanimous vote of all members present.

The **Membership Chairperson** chairs the Membership Committee and is responsible for developing membership growth programs, implementing recruitment and retention programs, and preparing orientation sessions.

The **Service Chairperson** implements impactful service and fundraising projects, increasing service project engagement of members, and elevating awareness of Lions' collective impact in fulfilling global humanitarian needs.

The **Marketing Communications Chairperson** uses social media to motivate and excite new and existing members. They publicize club activities, grow the club's outreach, and assist the Club President in communicating with club members.

The **LCIF Coordinator** educates club members about Lions Club International Foundation programs and initiatives, as well the many benefits of supporting LCIF. They provide important updates on significant initiatives and make annual club presentations. They also provide LCIF related content for the club website and social media outlets.

Assisting the Board of Directors are various administrative and activity committees. Committees are established to plan the club's activities and/or coordinate various functions. A chairperson or co-chairs are appointed by the President. Committee members are either appointed by the President or solicited by the committee chair. There are some core committees that most clubs will establish; however, many committees are unique to individual clubs. Ask your club for a list of committees.







## DUES AND MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

As mentioned under the Club Treasurer description, all money raised from the public must be used for service projects and community needs. As a result, Lions Clubs charge dues to its members to pay for administrative expenses.

Lions Clubs International charges an “*initial entrance fee*” to new members which is based on the type of membership:

- Regular Membership / 1<sup>st</sup> Family Member \$35.00
- Family Membership – *each additional Family Member* \$35.00
- Students
  - Between the ages of majority and through 30 \$ -0-
  - Students over age 30 joining a Campus Club \$10.00
- Current or former Leos \$ -0-

Each club establishes its own annual dues amount to cover the administrative costs to provide resources to the Lions Clubs and its members:

- International Dues Currently \$43.00 per year (2021)
- State of Missouri Dues Currently \$10.50 per year (\$6.00 for campus club) (2021)
- District 26-M2 Dues Currently \$11.00 per year (\$6.00 for campus club) (2021)
- Club Dues *Depends on operational expenses of each club*  
\_\_\_\_\_ My Club Dues
- Club Meal Cost *Either included in dues or paid personally at each meeting*  
\_\_\_\_\_ My Club Meal Cost

There are a few special membership categories in which annual International dues are billed to the club at a reduced rate. These include:

- **Family Membership** – After the first adult family member paying full International dues, additional adult family members living at the same address pay half International dues. (\$21.50 per year)
- **Student Membership** – Students enrolled in an educational institution and between the ages of 18 through 30 pay half International dues (\$21.50 per year) and are exempt from entrance fee when they join a Lions Club.
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Club Secretaries should ensure the appropriate paperwork is completed to take advantage of these savings to the club’s administrative expenses through the International dues billing. Each club is responsible for deciding how to pass these savings on to its members.

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## DISTRICT



District leadership is guided by the District Governor (DG) and two Vice District Governors (VDGs), who are officers of the international association. The 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG is elected by delegates from the clubs in the district at the annual District Convention, which is held in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter each year. After serving as 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG for a one-year term, the individual is normally elected to the office of 1<sup>st</sup> VDG the following year and DG the year after that.

The DG and the VDGs assume their respective offices at the close of the International Convention, or generally July 1. District clubs are divided into zones. Each zone has a chairperson who monitors their respective clubs. A map of District 26-M2 and the listing of clubs belonging to each zone are shown on page 16.

Each year, the District Governor and selected Cabinet Officers will visit each Club in the District. This is an excellent opportunity and a special event for the Lions, both old and new, to meet the District Governor and to learn more about the International Association.

The District Cabinet is the group of Lions who serve as advisors to the DG. The Cabinet is made up of the DG, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGs, immediate Past District Governor, Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Zone Chairpersons, and the Global Action Team (Leadership, Membership, Service).

District Cabinet meetings are held 6 times per year to help facilitate communication and promote fellowship in Lionism. The 2020-2021 District 26-M2 Cabinet Officers are shown below. District Committee Chairpersons are provided on the following page.

### **District 26-M2 Cabinet**

### **Lions Year: 2020-2021**

District Governor

Lion Devin Struttmann

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Lion Leon Hove

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2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor

Lion Paul Carr

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Cabinet Secretary

Lion Toni Mahoney

Cabinet Treasurer

Lion Dennis Hemsath

Immediate Past District Governor

IPDG Sandee Marshall



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Zone 1 Chairpersons	Lion Shanna Richardson Lion Tom Richardson
Zone 2 Chairpersons	Lion Geoff Mees Lion Caroline Satterfield
Zone 3 Chairperson	Lion Nikki Hull
Zone 4 Chairperson	Lion Ryan Winters
Zone 5 Chairperson	Lion Pam Manuel
Zone 6 Chairperson	Lion Becky Speeler
Zone 7 Chairpersons	Lion Sue Templeton Lion Judy Yingling
Zone 8 Chairperson	Lion Angela Sontag
Global Leadership Coordinator	Lion Michelle Foster
Global Membership Coordinators	Lion Leon Hove
Global Service Coordinator Mentor	Lion Teddi Speeler
New Voices Coordinator	Lion Monica Lawrence
Global Membership Approach	IPDG Sandee Marshall Lion Pete Amos



<b><i>DISTRICT COMMITTEES</i></b>	<b><i>CONTACT NAME</i></b>
<b><i>Administration Committee</i></b>	
Audit	Lion Robert Ell
Constitution & By Laws	PCC Kimberly Taylor
District Newsletter	<a href="mailto:editor@lions26m2.org">editor@lions26m2.org</a> Lion Dave Kinkade
District Calendar	<a href="mailto:calendarofevents@lions26m2.org">calendarofevents@lions26m2.org</a>
District Directory	DG Devin Struttmann
District Convention	PCC Gina Boettcher (Chair)
	Lion Sandee Marshall
	PCC Kimberly Taylor
	Lion Jennifer Winkeler
District Lion Tamer	Lion Bill Biele
District Website	PCC Kimberly Taylor
Long Range Planning	PDG Eugene Taylor
Media Communications	Lion Lee Howard-Ginther
	Lion Becky Speeler
PDG Organization	PCC Terry Boettcher
Public Relations / Signs & Banners	PCC Joe Foster
State & International Convention	PCC Gina Boettcher
<b><i>Community Services &amp; Activities</i></b>	
Alert Program	Lion Bill Biele
Blind Bowlers/Bette Mae Mahoney Tournament	Lion John Tumbleson
District Picnic	DG Devin Struttmann
<b><i>Lions Opportunity for Youth</i></b>	
Leo Clubs	Lion Toni Mahoney
	Lion Tom Richardson
Lions Peace Poster	Lion Toni Mahoney
State Athletics	DG Devin Struttmann

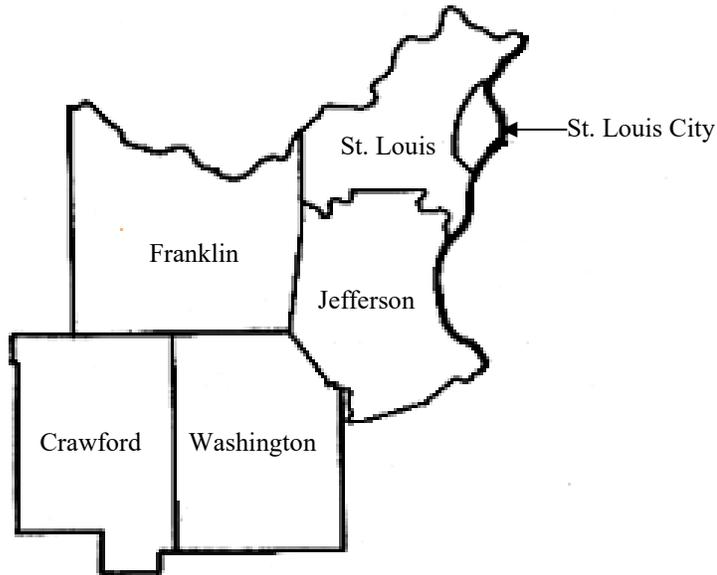


State Band	Lion Jeff Rackovan
Youth Camp & Exchange Students	Lion Toni Mahoney
	Lion Tom Richardson
<b><i>Sight &amp; Hearing</i></b>	
Delta Gamma Center	Lion Nikki Hull
Diabetes / Camp Jump Start	Lion Ruth Boyer
	Lion Jennifer Winkeler
District Hearing	Lion Sandy Halama
District Sight/Lions Assistance & Service	Lion Pam Manuel
	PDG Eugene Taylor
	PCC Kimberly Taylor
KidSight	Lion John Berger
Leader Dogs for the Blind	Lion Devon Marshall
Lions Business Opportunity for MO Blind	PCC George Winkeler Jr.
Lions Clubs International Foundation	PCC George Winkeler, Jr.
Lions Eye Care Committee	PDG Debbie Blumenberg (chair)
	Lion Lyn Karrer (secretary)
	Lion Dennis Hemsath (treasurer)
	Lion Jim Bauer
	Lion Tasha Broeker
	Lion Cheryl Davidson
	Lion Joe Kurkowski
	Lion Michele Oberg
	Lion Deanna Fey Stark
	Lion Barb Kurkowski (honorary)
	Lion Kelly Rackovan (honorary)
Lions Eye Foundation	PCC Charlie Hartmann (chair)
	Lion Kathy Pusateri (secretary)
	Lion Leon Hove (treasurer)
	Lion Paul Carr
	Lion Teddi Speeler



Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing	PCC Terry Boettcher
	Lion Jennifer Winkeler
Minds Eye	Lion Kathy Pusateri
Midwestern Braille	PDG Eugene Taylor
Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation	Lion Leon Hove
	PDG Missy Maune
	DG Devin Struttmann
	PCC Kimberly Taylor
Missouri School for the Blind	Lion Dan Adelsberger
Saving Sight	Lion Pat Martchink
State Hearing	Lion Sandy Halama
State Sight	Lion Kelly Rackovan
Used Eye Glasses	PDG Elmer Weinrich (chair)
	DG Devin Struttmann
United States Assoc. of Blind Athletes	Lion Tom Culliton
World Services for the Blind	Lion Kathy Pusateri
<b><i>District Governors Honorary Committee</i></b>	IPDG Sandee Marshall
	PDG Eugene Taylor
	PCC Kimberly Taylor
	PDG Elmer Weinrich

**DISTRICT 26-M2 MAP**



<p><b><u>Zone 1</u></b>                  De Soto                  Hillsboro                  Potosi                  Richwoods                  Valley</p> <p><b><u>Zone 2</u></b>                  Brentwood                  Concord Village                  Lemay JB                  Mehlville                  Pevely</p> <p><b><u>Zone 3</u></b>                  Fenton                  House Springs                  Meramec Heights                  Rock Community                  Valley Park</p>	<p><b><u>Zone 4</u></b>                  Beaufort                  Gerald                  New Haven                  St. Clair                  Washington</p> <p><b><u>Zone 5</u></b>                  Cuba                  Eureka                  Gray Summit                  Pacific                  Union</p> <p><b><u>Zone 6</u></b>                  Saint Louis University                  St. Louis Downtown                  St. Louis South Side                  Webster Groves</p> <p><b><u>Leo Clubs</u></b>                  Tri-County</p>	<p><b><u>Zone 7</u></b>                  Creve Coeur                  Ferguson                  Maplewood                  Overland                  St. Louis Mid Town</p> <p><b><u>Zone 8</u></b>                  Bonhomme                  Chesterfield                  Kirkwood                  Wildwood Area</p>
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**PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS OF DISTRICT 26-M2**



1935-37	Dr. C.W. Spies* (Jefferson Barracks)
1962-64	Russell W. Nixon* (Overland)
1974-76	Bill Steinbrueck* (Bonhomme)
1992-94	C. Wayne Henderson* (Ferguson)

**PAST DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OF DISTRICT 26-M2**

1927-29	Phil O. Viall* - Webster Groves
1931-32	Noel Chadwick* - Webster Groves
1936-37	Walter R. Douglas* - Clayton
1938-39	P.F. Nix* - North St. Louis
1940-41	Paul J. Collopy* - Kirkwood
1942-43	W.J. Moore* - Webster Groves
1944-45	John F. Robertson* - St. Louis Downtown
1946-47	Ben H. Nordmann* - St. Louis South Side
1948-49	Al J. Ruch* - Clayton
1950-51	Dr. H. F. C. Meyer* - St. Louis Mid-Town
1951-52	Russell W. Nixon* - Overland
1952-53	Dr. Robert F. Zoellner* - Washington
1953-54	Gus J. Hynek* - St. Louis Carondelet
1954-55	William H. Rodewalt* - Ferguson
1955-56	Dr. Howard E. Schilling* - House Springs
1956-57	Gus E. Koemer* - St. Louis South Side
1957-58	S.J. "Chick" Flori* - Affton
1958-59	Walter H. Hiener* - St. Louis Downtown
1959-60	Walter A. Scott* - Ferguson
1960-61	Ollie A. Kempf* - St. Louis South Side
1961-62	William A. Zander* - Bonhomme
1962-63	Richard A. Hepper* - Ferguson
1963-64	Abe Ashner* - St. Louis Hampton
1964-65	Earl Renfroe* - Brentwood
1965-66	Claude G. Weibell* Hazelwood
1966-67	Len Gorman* - St. Louis Hampton
1967-68	Bill Steinbrueck* - Bonhomme
1968-69	Ted Rigden* Ferguson
1969-70	Don Gilbert* - St. Louis South Side
1970-71	Charles Bovier* - Rock Hill
1971-72	Leslie Crecelius* Concord Village (26-A1)
	Harold Turner* - Valley (26-J)
1972-73	Richard Ward - St. Louis Cheltenham



1973-74	Leo Barner (DGE)* - House Springs
1973-74 (cont'd)	Erwin Knueppe* - St. Louis South Side
1974-75	George Janke* - West St. Louis County (26-A1)
	Harry Shanight* - St. Louis Downtown (26-A2)
1975-76	Pete Taylor* - Maplewood (26-A1)
	Elmer Klein* - Berkley / Ferguson (26-A2)
1976-77	Duane Yadon* - Webster Groves (26-A1)
	Jack Newman - St. Louis Baden (26-A2)
1977-78	David Crilley - Maplewood (26-A1)
	Fred DeHass* - Jennings (26-A2)
1978-79	Harry Colombo* - St. Louis Carondelet (26-A1)
	George O. Jones* - Clayton (26-A2)
	Willard Rieffer* - Valley (26-J)
1979-80	Thomas Dwyer* - Gerald (26-A1)
	Larry May* - St. Ann (26-A2)
1980-81	Richard Baker - St. Louis South Side (26-A1)
	Maurice Grider* - University City (26-A2)
	Robert Rees* - North St. Louis (26-A2)
1981-82	Roy Thomasson* - Rock Township (26-A1)
	Lester Jensen* - St. Louis Baden (26-A2)
	Charles F. Sutton* - Valley (26-J)
1982-83	Andy Anderson* - House Springs (26-A1)
	Thearon L. Buckner* - Walnut Park (26-A2)
1983-84	Bud Schroeder* - Chesterfield
1984-85	Manfred K. Nahser* - Fenton (26-A1)
	Bud Litzinger* - St. Johns (26-A2)
1985-86	John R. "Tiny" Schaper* - St. Louis Harmony (26-A1)
	C. "Wayne" Henderson* - Ferguson (26-A2)
1986-87	Jack Levy* - Fenton
1987-88	William "Bill" Heaston - Kirkwood
1988-89	David G. Leicht - St. Louis Hampton / Gerald
1989-90	Fred J. Phillips* - Pacific (26-A1)
	Fred Priese - Maryland Heights (26-A2)
1990-91	William "Bill" Klingemann* - Lemay Jefferson Barracks
1991-92	John Schwarztrauber - Brentwood (26-A1)
	Robert Neier* - University City Host (26-A2)
1992-93	Francis "Frank" McMullen - Pacific
1993-94	Oreon Farkas* - Chesterfield (26-A1)
	Roger Scheidt - St. Ferdinand Township / Maplewood (26-A2)
1994-95	Sam Murabito* - St. Louis Cheltenham-Chouteau (26-A1)



	Don Adams – Jennings (26-A2)
	Donald Dueker* - Cuba (26-J)
1995-96	Elmer Weinrich – Chesterfield
1996-97	Jim Wood* - Fenton (26-A1)
	Jim Salarano – University City Host (26-A2)
1997-98	Charlie Hartmann – Lemay Jefferson Barracks
1998-99	Marshall Yost* – Webster Groves (26-A1)
	Leo Bergeron* – St. Ann / Chesterfield (26-A2)
1999-00	Donald Erbs* - St. Louis South Side (26-A1)
	Ken Schimel – Creve Coeur (26-A2)
2000-01	Al Blumenberg – House Springs (26-A1)
	Carla Priese – Hazelwood / Creve Coeur (26-A2)
2001-02	Jim Bernhardt* – Fenton
2002-03	Jerry Flagg – St. Louis Cheltenham-Chouteau
2003-04	Roger Evans – St. Louis Carondelet (26-A1)
	Dick Klopfer* – St. Louis Downtown (26-A2)
2004-05	John Stallings* - Pacific (26-A1)
	Harold Halbert – Cuba (26-J)
2005-06	Eugene Taylor – Brentwood
2006-07	Ron Koppelman Jr. – Gerald (26-A1)
	Maxine Salarano – Bridgeton (26-A2)
2007-08	Terry Boettcher – Gerald
2008-09	Debbie Blumenberg – House Springs
2009-10	Marvin McAdams* – Washington
2010-11	Kimberly Taylor – Brentwood
2011-12	John Yount* – Richwoods
2012-13	Gina Boettcher - Gerald
2013-14	Sharyn Scheidt - Maplewood
2014-15	Missy Maune (Carr) - Washington
2015-16	Joe Foster - Beaufort
2016-17	John (Jack) Lenk - Webster Groves
2017-18	Joe Detter* - De Soto
2018-19	Joe Foster - Beaufort
2019-20	George Winkeler, Jr. - House Springs
2020-21	Sandee Marshall - Wildwood Area
2021-22	
2022-23	
2023-24	
2024-25	



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## SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY THE DISTRICT /STATE

*(The Service Organizations listed below are not considered to be the complete listing)*

### ***Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments***

1750 S. Big Bend Blvd  
Richmond Heights, MO 63117  
(314) 776-1300  
[www.dgckids.org](http://www.dgckids.org)  
[info@dgckids.org](mailto:info@dgckids.org)

In 1951, a group of Delta Gamma alumni from Washington University started a local organization to serve the needs of young children with visual impairments and blindness.

The founders set forth on a mission to provide educational services for children in the earliest years, prior to the start of school, with an emphasis on guidance and training for their parents.

Services include comprehensive early intervention services to address the needs of infants and toddlers who are blind or visually impaired and their families.

### ***Diabetes Awareness***

Diabetes is the number one cause of preventable blindness in the United States. Diabetes Awareness is a program designed to bring awareness of diabetes early detection and treatment. Those who suffer from diabetes are susceptible to blindness, heart disease, kidney failure, and stroke.

Additional information regarding Diabetes can be obtained from the following organizations:

- [International Diabetes Federation \(IDF\)](#)
- [American Diabetes Association \(ADA\)](#)
- [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation \(JDRF\) \(US\)](#)
- [Diabetes Education & Camping Association \(DECA\)](#)

### ***District Eye Care***

See District Directory for contact information

The purpose of the District Eye Care is to provide financial support for medical emergencies, surgeries or transplants necessary for individuals who suffer from conditions, diseases or injuries adversely affecting their ability to see. An individual who meets the financial requirements will be directed to a pre-approved Doctor and/or facility for further evaluation and necessary surgery. This service is only available to residents who live within the boundaries of this District. The District Eye Care does not provide eye examination or glasses beyond that which is needed from a surgical procedure.

### ***District Sight & Lions Assistance and Services***

Phone Number  
314-645-3500

District Sight will provide assistance with eye examinations and/or glasses to qualifying individuals who are indigent and who live in areas of our District that are not currently being handled by an existing Lions Club. If there is a need for more extensive medical assistance, the Lions Assistance and Services will direct these individuals to the District Eye Care for further assistance. In addition, other assistance (other than eye care) can be requested through this committee.

### ***District Hearing***

See District Directory for contact information

District Hearing provides assistance with hearing devices/aides to qualifying individuals who are indigent and who live within the boundaries of our District



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### ***KidSight***

10560 N. Ambassador Dr.,  
Ste 210  
Kansas City, MO 64153  
(855) 454-3744  
www.kid-sight.org

KidSight provides free vision screenings for children. The program was founded in St. Louis in 1995 with a handful of volunteers screening a few hundred children a year. Today, the program has grown to screen the vision of more than 67,000 kids throughout Missouri each year with the help of trained staff and volunteers operating in 5 offices across the state. Since 1995, KidSight has screened the vision of more than 500,000 children.

### ***Leader Dogs for the Blind***

1039 S. Rochester Road  
Rochester, MI 48307  
(888) 777-5332  
www.leaderdog.org

Leader Dogs for the Blind (Rochester, Michigan) provides guide dogs for the blind at NO charge. An approved recipient to receive a Leader Dog will travel to Rochester for an orientation and training program. The mission is to empower people with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.

Members of Lions Club International founded Leader Dogs for the Blind in 1939 and Lions have been dedicated ambassadors and loyal supporters of the mission since that time.

### ***Lions Business Opportunities for the Missouri Blind (LBOMB)***

615 Howerton Court  
Jefferson City, MO 65102  
(800) 592-6004

BOMB (Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind, Inc.) was established October 25, 1946, to help blind persons become self-supporting.

Under federal regulations Rehabilitation Services for the Blind, Division of Family Services, has since assumed responsibility for administration of the program. The Lions Clubs continue to have input into the program through appointment of the LBOMB Board of Directors. LBOMB acts as the Division of Family Services' "Nominee" in the provision of services to the blind vending facility managers. LBOMB receives its operating capital from several sources, the first being an administrative fee paid by the vending facility manager based on the net profit from his/her facility. The second source of revenue is income derived from the operation of unattended vending machines, including the Interstate highway road-side vending facilities.

### ***Lions Eye Foundation of District 26-M2***

The foundation's intent is to provide assistance for individuals with visual impairments. This is extended to clubs who are not financially able to do so themselves and/or for individuals who reside in an area where there is not a Lions Club. The only exception is the foundation does not provide assistance for eye surgeries.



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***Minds Eye Services for the Blind***

9541 Church Circle Drive  
Belleville, IL 62223  
(618) 394-6444  
www.mindseyeradio.org

In 1973, Minds Eye Information Service (Formerly Radio Information Service) was established as a broadcast service for the blind and print impaired.

Minds Eye provides free and verbatim readings of over 100 magazines, newspapers, books, and even retail ads to thousands of people in the St. Louis area who are unable to read them. You cannot hear this programming on your regular radio. Minds Eye will loan their listeners free radios tuned exclusively to their signal. Listeners can also listen live or to podcasts of all of their shows on Minds Eye website.

***Midwestern Braille Volunteers***

104 West Adams  
Kirkwood, MO 63122  
(314) 966-5828  
www.mbvola.org

Individuals who are blind rely on Braille for their reading materials. However, there is a limited supply of materials readily available. Due to the low volume and highly specialized nature of Braille transcription, there are very few commercial sources. Consequently, most Braille material is provided through non-profit groups. Midwestern Braille Volunteers assist the blind, helping them to lead active, productive, meaningful lives by transcribing a wide variety of materials into Braille. In addition, Braille volunteers also do embossing and training. However, their main focus is to transcribe textbooks for blind students attending classes with sighted peers on the elementary and secondary education levels. They also transcribe printed material for individuals, schools, businesses, governments, churches, hospitals and community organizations.

***Mid South Lions Sight & Hearing***

930 Madison Ave. – Suite 101  
Memphis, TN 38103  
(800) 546-6042  
www.midsouthlions.org

Since 1942, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service has been restoring quality and independence to the lives of men, women and children affected by preventable sight and hearing loss through a compassionate and comprehensive approach to opening avenues to costly medical care and assistance.

The mission of Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service is to positively enhance the lives of the indigent sight or hearing impaired by providing light, sound and hope through partnerships between Lions Clubs, medical professionals and facilities throughout the Mid-South. And to this day, Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service provides all of its services at NO CHARGE to the patient. Participating Lions Clubs provide transportation and eyeglasses. All other charges are provided by Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Today, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services extends its services into Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Missouri.

***Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation***

Facebook: Missouri-Lions-Eye-Mission-Foundation

Established in 2018, the foundation's mission is to provide eye exams and recycled eye glasses to the needy and low-income citizens in developing countries. They currently work with Lions in Sight of California and Nevada (LIS) to conduct two mission trips each year to countries such as Mexico and Panama. Lions can serve as doctors and volunteer technicians on these trips.



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### ***Missouri School for the Blind***

3815 Magnolia Avenue  
St. Louis, MO 63110  
(314) 776-4320  
[www.msb.dese.mo.gov](http://www.msb.dese.mo.gov)

Established on February 27, 1851, Missouri School for the Blind (originally known as The Missouri Institution for the Education of the Blind) has the finest comprehensive educational system for students with visual impairments in Missouri, actively engaging families and the entire community to ensure student learning and success.

The mission of Missouri School for the Blind is to provide individualized instruction, resources and educational services ensuring that students with visual impairments achieve the academic, social, employment, and life skills empowering them to enjoy full productive lives.

### ***Saving Sight***

10560 N. Ambassador Dr.,  
Ste 210  
Kansas City, MO 64153  
(800) 753-2265  
[www.saving-sight.org](http://www.saving-sight.org)

Saving Sight has a mission to change lives by saving sight. Founded in 1960, the organization has grown to become one of the nation's leading eye banks and is focused on providing innovative solutions to its clinical partners. Headquartered in Kansas City, Saving Sight facilitates eye donation in Missouri, Kansas, and Illinois, impacting the lives of those both near and far through transplantation.

### ***World Services for the Blind***

2811 Fair Park Blvd.  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
(800) 248-0734  
[www.wsblind.org](http://www.wsblind.org)

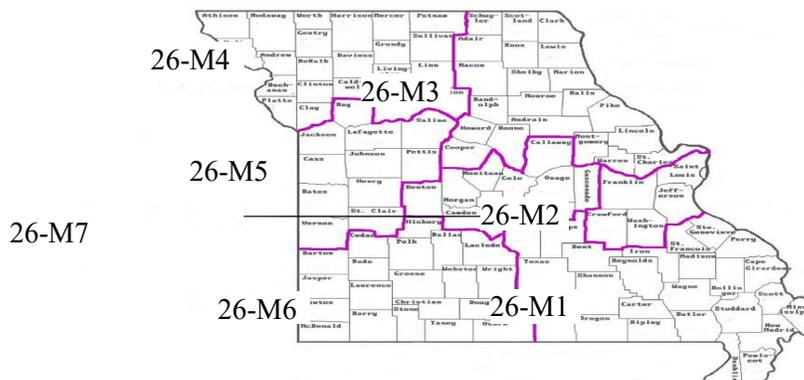
World Services for the Blind (WSB) in Little Rock, Arkansas, began in 1939 as Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. It later became Lions World Services for the Blind and is now known as World Services for the Blind. World Services for the Blind is a comprehensive rehabilitation center for blind adults that provides counseling for emotional and psychological adjustment to blindness, training in independent living and mobility skills, and provides 13 vocational programs. The training capacity is 100 clients and the average training lasts 6 months. Lions Clubs support WSB operations and individuals rarely pay for training.



## MULTIPLE DISTRICT 26

Districts are usually organized along national, state or provincial borders. Where warranted by the number of clubs and Lions, districts can be broken down into sub-districts. The State of Missouri is a Multiple District, and the information below depicts the growth of Lionism in Missouri from a single district into the seven sub-districts that presently operate. A sub-district is to have a minimum of 35 clubs and 1,250 members.

1917	Missouri at first affiliated with District 7, composed of Arkansas and Missouri. Then it became a part of the District 9, along with Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Eastern Wisconsin
1921	After the Convention in Oakland, CA Missouri became District 1 along with Illinois, Indiana and Eastern Wisconsin
1922	Missouri became District 26 as other states separated from Illinois who remained District 1 and took the remaining numbers available in alphabetical order that were not already assigned, thus Indiana becoming 25, Missouri 26 and Wisconsin 27
1931-32	Single District 26 divides to become Multiple District 26 composed of sub-Districts to be known as 26-A and 26-B
1940-41	1940-41, a new sub-District 26-C was created in this year. Multiple District 26 divides from 3 sub-Districts to 6 sub-Districts to be known as 26-A, 26-B, 26-C, 26-D, 26-E AND 26-F
1959-1960	Multiple District 26 divides from 6 sub-Districts to 8 sub-District to be known as 26-A, 26-B, 26-C, 26-E, 26-F, 26-G, 26-H
1974-1975	Multiple District 26 divides from 8 sub-Districts to 11 new sub-Districts to be known as 26-A1, 26-A2, 26-B, 26-C, 26-D, 26-E, 26-F, 26-G, 26-H, 26-I and 26-J
2008-2009	Multiple District 26 redistricts from 11 sub-Districts to 7 sub-Districts and changes its District designations to be known as 26-M1, 26-M2, 26-M3, 26-M4, 26-M5, 26-M6 and 26-M7



Multiple district leadership is guided by the Council of Governors. The Council is made up of the seven sitting District Governors, and a Council Chairperson (who is elected from the immediate Past District Governors by the seated District Governors).

A State (Multiple District) Convention is held each year, usually in April or May.

### WHO'S WHO IN MISSOURI LIONS LEADERSHIP



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***Immediate Past International Director***

Harvester St. Charles Lions Club

PID Don Noland

***2021 - 2022 Council of Governors***

District 26-M1

DG Jerry Reaves

District 26-M2

DG Devin Struttman

District 26-M3

DG Michael Sliger

District 26-M4

DG James Pedersen

District 26-M5

DG Jene Crook

District 26-M6

DG Phyllis Krebs

District 26-M7

DG Melissa Anderson

***Past International Directors***

Fred N.Redheffer\* 1924 – 1927

Dr. C.W. Spies\* 1935 – 1937

Russell McKee\* 1941 – 1943

Howard R. Sisson\* 1943 – 1945

Ronnie Greenwell\* 1949 – 1951

Al J. Rich\* 1953 – 1955

Dr. Harry E. Goodard\* 1958 – 1960

Russell Nixon\* 1962 – 1965

Charles G. Page\* 1969 – 1971

William E. Steinbrueck\* 1973 – 1975

B.W. Robinson\* 1980 – 1982

Cecil Ettinger\* 1983 – 1985

Harold D. Keely\* 1989 – 1991

C. Wayne Henderson\* 1992 – 1994

Dr. Dwayne Garrett 1996 – 1998

W.R. O'Riley 2003 – 2005

Leland R. Kolkmeier 2006 – 2008

Donal Knipp 2012 – 2014

Don Noland 2017 - 2019

\* = *Deceased*



## INTERNATIONAL

Lions Clubs International holds a week-long convention in late June or early July of each year. This is the annual meeting of the members of the association. Some of the activities held during the convention include voting on constitutional amendments, electing members to the Board of Directors, attending seminars of interest to all Lions, the District Governors-elect seminar, general business sessions, the parade of nations and installation of the District Governors.

International officers and directors act during the fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

The International Board of Directors for 2020-2021 consists of:

International President	IP Doug Alexander (New York U.S.)
Immediate Past President	IP Lion Dr. Jung-Yul Choi (Republic of Korea)
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	1 <sup>st</sup> VP Brian Sheehan (Minnesota, U.S.)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP Dr. Patti Hill (Alberta, Canada)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice President	3 <sup>rd</sup> VP Fabricio (Brazil)
34 International Directors	(11) Directors from the United States

The International Directors represent every area of the world where Lionism is active, and are elected to a two-year term; approximately half of the positions are elected each year. The International Board of Directors meets four times each year to set policy and monitor the ongoing programs of the association. During interim periods, the Executive Committee (the president, vice presidents and one international director) is authorized to act on the Board's behalf when necessary. All actions of the Executive Committee must be approved by the Board at its next regular meeting.

Lions International supports service programs in almost every imaginable focus area. The international office has resources that are available to clubs and Lions members for little or no charge. Some of these programs are:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Childhood Cancer       | Hunger                     |
| Citizenship Services   | International Services     |
| Diabetes               | Leo Clubs                  |
| Drug Awareness         | Public Services            |
| Educational Services   | Recreational Services      |
| Environmental Services | Social Services            |
| Health Services        | Vision/Work with the Blind |
|                        | Youth Exchange & Camps     |

The International Headquarters is located in Oak Brook, Illinois. This facility serves as the association's central administrative and information source.

There are five major operating divisions that divide the responsibilities of the International Headquarters: 1) Convention, 2) District & Club Service & Leadership Development Group (includes Leadership and District & Club Administration), 3) Global Development Group (includes Membership, Public Relations & Communications, Service Activities, Global Strategy, and Global Partnerships & Government Relations), 4) Treasury, Financial & Business Operations Group (Finance, Club Supplies, and Information Technology), and 5) Legal.



Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) is the grant-making arm of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Established in 1968, the Foundation's mission is to support the efforts of Lions Clubs around the world in serving their local and global communities by funding humanitarian service projects.

Grants provide both immediate assistance following natural disasters and long-term disaster relief for reconstruction efforts. Grants help preserve sight, combat disability, promote health or serve youth.

LCIF is an efficient and effective charity. Every dollar donated to LCIF goes toward a grant. Lions support is crucial as donations from Lions provide the majority of LCIF's revenue. LCIF receives a small amount of funding from foundations and corporations. It receives no club dues. LCIF is truly Lions helping Lions.

Since the first grant of \$5,000 in 1972 for flooding, LCIF has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants to improve the lives of people worldwide. Often, these are matching grants that double the funds raised by the local club or district.

The association's Immediate Past President is an international officer that serves as chairman of the LCIF Board of Trustees which manages the grant program. LCIF funds *SightFirst*, the Lions' global initiative to fight preventable and reversible blindness worldwide. Other LCIF grant programs are:

- ◆ **Matching** – a program designed to assist Lions in carrying out humanitarian service projects that are beyond the local district's financial capacity.
- ◆ **Emergency** – an immediate-assistance program available to Lions' districts when local natural disasters such as flooding, tornadoes and hurricanes strike.
- ◆ **Disaster Preparedness** – this grant program involves funding for Lions emergency readiness with training and disaster kit assemblage.
- ◆ **Community Recovery** – funding for community needs after the immediate phase
- ◆ **District and Club Community Impact** – a program where 15% of unrestricted donations to LCIF will be made available to Lions (Minimum donation level required)
- ◆ **Major Catastrophe** – a grant program established to provide assistance in times of catastrophes of national or international proportions.
- ◆ **Youth, Diabetes, Hunger, Childhood Cancer** – these grants are limited to specific funding priorities in these areas

LCIF grants are made possible by contributions received from personal donations from Lions, Lions clubs and districts, corporations and other foundations. The **Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF)** is the backbone of LCIF, providing 70 percent of its revenues. As recognition of humanitarian work, a MJF is given to those who donate \$1,000 to LCIF or to people for whom a donation was made by others. Melvin Jones Fellows receive an attractive lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

The Melvin Jones Fellowship Progressive program recognizes people who donate \$1,000 or more or people in whose name a donation has been made, beyond the initial Melvin Jones Fellowship donation of \$1,000.



Since its inception in 1990, the SightFirst program has played a key role in reducing blindness worldwide. It is only through the collaborative efforts of Lions, our partners, local health authorities, eye care professionals and other non-governmental organizations that SightFirst has been able to help 30 million people have improved or restored vision. SightFirst serves as a leading member of VISION 2020, the global initiative for the elimination of avoidable blindness.

SightFirst's strategy is extraordinarily effective and remarkably efficient. On average, just US\$6 can restore a person's vision or prevent blindness.

### ***Why the World Needed Campaign Sight First II***

SightFirst was extraordinarily effective but Lions' "Vision for All" had not been realized. The growth and aging of the world's population posed new challenges. Changing patterns of eye disease, barely discernable when Sight First began, were serious threats to sight world-wide.

- Cataract, a disease closely tied to aging, remains the world's leading cause of blindness.
- Today, more children than ever before suffer from blindness or low vision.
- River blindness and trachoma, which take the sight of millions, can be controlled, but increased global awareness and funding was required.
- Diabetes and glaucoma silently stalk the vision of millions who may not even know that they are at risk.

Lions did it again! The challenge goal was met with over \$200 million having been raised for Campaign Sight First II!

### ***One Shot, One Life: Lions Measles Initiative***

Measles is one of the most contagious yet easily prevented diseases in the world. It is still very much a deadly threat to people in areas that lack access to vaccinations. In fact, measles is a leading cause of vaccine-preventable deaths among children.

Lions have engaged in a long-term partnership with Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, committing millions of dollars towards the fight against measles. Every donation to the Lions Measles Initiative is matched 1 to 1 by the Gavi Matching Fund, which is financially supported by the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Today, Lions, LCIF, and our partners are hard at work, reaching those children who have not yet been vaccinated. Since becoming involved in the fight against measles in 2010, Lions and our partners have helped to vaccinate millions of children.

### ***Campaign 100***

In July 2018, Lions Clubs International Foundation launched "Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service." We're celebrating a century of service while working to support Lions' efforts for the next 100 years and beyond. With financial support from Lions, other donors, and partners, the foundation is committed to raising US\$300 million by June 30, 2022. Together, we'll reach this unprecedented goal. What's the power of your gift to Lions Clubs International Foundation and Campaign 100? A safer and healthier world in which Lions have even greater opportunity to support our global causes.

More information is available from our LCIF chairperson.



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## *New Voices*

The 2021-2022 New Voices Initiative promotes gender parity and diversity and seeks to increase the number of women, young adults and underrepresented populations within our association. It features a diverse group of Lions who strive for excellence in one of four areas: Service, Membership, Leadership, and Marketing.

## ***Global Membership Approach (GMA) - formerly North American Membership Initiative (NAMI)***

GMA is a focused program designed to address and reverse the decline in Lions membership. The Lions Clubs International Board of Directors authorized NAMI at the October 2018 board meeting for Constitutional Areas 1 & 2. Evidence of membership declines is appearing in many parts of the world. We need to establish a solid plan for revitalization and growth before our organization's ability to serve humanity—our core mission—is fundamentally compromised. The objectives of the initiative are:

- 1) Rejuvenate districts with new clubs,
- 2) Revitalize clubs with new members, and
- 3) Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting service.
- 4) Support District and Club leaders

The goals for the pilot districts are positive membership growth and the development of scalable best practices. By June 2021, we expect 200 new clubs and 44,000 new members in CA1, and 20 new clubs and 5,000 new members in CA2. The goals for June 2023 are 315,000 total members in CA1 and 38,000 total members in CA2.

## **MEDIA**

**District Website** address is [www.lionsdistrict26m2.org](http://www.lionsdistrict26m2.org). District resource documents are available there as well as the District Calendar of Events and current and past issues of the District Newsletter.

**District Newsletter** (The Lions That ROAR) is published digitally bi-monthly during the Lions year (following each cabinet meeting). This newsletter contains information about the District and its Clubs.

**District Facebook Page** is available by searching "Missouri Lions District 26-M2."

**State Newsletter** this publication is made available digitally quarterly following each Council of Governors meeting.

**The Lion** magazine is a publication of Lions Clubs International that is sent regularly to every member of the association. It is offered monthly with four (4) print and twelve (12) digital issues. The annual subscription price is included in the international dues.

**Lions Clubs International Website** is located at [www.lionsclubs.org](http://www.lionsclubs.org). This site contains a wealth of information about the association and its programs. There are also downloadable materials, online Club Supply sales, a club directory, and online report filing.

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## RECOGNITION AND AWARDS



As a service organization, the success of Lions all across the globe is dependent upon volunteers like you. While we are rewarded many times over for our service with the satisfaction of making a positive contribution in the lives of others, the organization takes great pride in recognizing Lions for certain achievements. A description of a few of these awards follows:

### ***Key Awards***

Bringing other good men and women into Lions should be one of your primary goals. Members who sponsor new members are recognized with Key Awards. There are 17 Key Awards available in various quantities ranging from 2 to 500 sponsored members.

### ***Chevrons***

Chevrons are “service stripes” that may be attached to your Lions lapel pin. There are two types:

- CHARTER MONARCH CHEVRONS for founding club members who have maintained 10 years of continuous membership;
- MONARCH CHEVRONS for Lions who have maintained continuous membership for ten years. Chevrons are then added for each additional five years of continuous membership.

### ***Perfect Attendance***

It is important to attend your Lions Club meetings and you may wish to aim for perfect attendance. Meetings contribute to the ultimate success of your club, form the bonds of fellowship, and carry out the business and activities of the club. If you miss a meeting unavoidably, you can usually make it up by attending another Lions meeting or event. Ask your Club Secretary about the club’s specific policies about when meetings must be made up.

### ***Club Excellence Award***

Make it your club's tradition to achieve excellence every year. Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications, and organizational operations may qualify for this prestigious award. The Club Excellence Award is more than an award... it is proof that your club is strong. You must meet requirements in four (4) categories:

- 1) Membership Growth
- 2) Service
- 3) Organizational Excellence
- 4) Marketing and Communications

*The exact requirements and award application for the 2020-2021 year are available at [LionsClubs.org](https://www.lionsclubs.org).*



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## HOW CAN I BE A GOOD LION?



A good Lion is one who is excited about the wonderful services that Lions world-wide provide to those in need. A good Lion is one who is active and enjoys meeting new people and experiencing new situations.

As a new Lion, you might be a little overwhelmed with the organization and our lofty goals. The next two pages will help you learn how you can become involved, and stay involved! The next page contains a checklist of activities that will help you become a better Lion. It is recommended that new members try to complete each of these during their first full year as a Lion. However, **EVERY** Lion can benefit from these guidelines.

The most beneficial thing that you can immediately do as a Lion is to go to your club meetings. The fellowship and informal interaction will help you get to know more about the people you will serve beside. No one is comfortable being a stranger among a group of friends, so don't let this happen to you.

The next thing you should do is learn as much as you can about the district and association. This workbook provides a brief summary of some of our major initiatives. If there are programs or activities that intrigue or interest you, notify the contact person and get more information. Also, don't be afraid to ask questions!

The most refreshing, but unfortunately underutilized, aspect of being a Lion is being able to see the benefits of your efforts. The most active Lions are those who have taken the opportunity to visit people and organizations supported by our Lions funds and programs. Witnessing the results of your hard work revitalizes you and keeps you exciting about being a Lion.

Take some time to think about your skills, talents, or interests. What do you like to do? What excites you? What would you or can you do to make a difference? Get involved with specific causes or activities that motivate you. If these do not currently exist, make a proposal to add that activity to your club's agenda. Take advantage of the association's programs to develop new skills and leadership abilities – don't be afraid to go for it.

**Finally, be proud to be a Lion and wear your lapel pin!**

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## CHECKLIST FOR NEW LIONS



### Complete this Workbook:

- District Cabinet provided
- District Program & Activity Contacts provided
- Club Board of Directors page 6
- Club Committee Contacts page 8
- Breakdown of My Dues Expense page 9

### Additional Information Gathering:

- Obtain a phone/address list for all club members from the club secretary
- Read your digital copy of the *Lions that Roar*, District 26-M2's newsletter
- Read your print and digital copies of *The Lion* magazine

### Club Activities:

- Work on at least one activity committee
- Attend a board of directors meeting for your club
- Participate in a service project
- Participate in a fundraising project

### District Activities:

- Visit another club's meeting
- Attend a zone meeting
- Attend a Cabinet meeting and/or District Convention



## LANGUAGE OF LIONS

### Commonly used acronyms

<b>CC</b>	Council Chairperson	<b>LAS</b>	Lions Assistance & Services
<b>PCC</b>	Past Council Chairperson	<b>LCI</b>	Lions Clubs International
<b>DG</b>	District Governor	<b>LCIF</b>	Lions Clubs International Foundation
<b>PDG</b>	Past District Governor	<b>LBOMB</b>	Lions Business Opportunities for the Blind
<b>DGE</b>	District Governor – Elect	<b>MSB</b>	Missouri School for the Blind
<b>VDG</b>	Vice District Governor	<b>NAMI</b>	North American Membership Initiative
<b>VDGE</b>	Vice District Governor – Elect	<b>USABA</b>	U.S. Association of Blind Athletes
<b>GAT</b>	Global Action Team	<b>IP</b>	International President
<b>GLT</b>	Global Leadership Team	<b>PIP</b>	Past International President
<b>GMT</b>	Global Membership Team	<b>ID</b>	International Director
<b>GST</b>	Global Service Team	<b>PID</b>	Past International Director

### OFFICER AND MEMBERSHIP NAME BADGES

(Metallic Gold Border)

 <p><i>Rectangle style</i></p>	<p><b>International President</b> (2) stripes upper left corner</p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Presidents Badge</b> <b>International Director Badge</b> (1) stripe upper left corner</p> <p><i>Spouses badge outlined in green</i></p>	<p><b>Past International President Badge</b> (2) stripes lower right corner</p> <p><b>Past International Director Badge</b> (1) stripe lower right corner</p> <p><i>Spouses badge outlined in green</i></p>	
 <p><i>Octagon style</i></p>	<p><b>Council Chairperson</b> <b>Past Council Chairperson Badge</b></p> <p><i>Spouses badge outlined in green</i></p>	 <p><i>Oval style</i></p>	<p><b>District Governor Badge</b></p> <p><i>Spouses badge outlined in green</i></p>
 <p><i>Oblong style</i></p>	<p><b>Past District Governor Badge</b></p> <p><i>Spouses badge outlined in green</i></p>	 <p><i>Square style</i></p>	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor Badge</b></p> <p><i>Spouses Badge outlined in green</i></p>
 <p><i>Round style</i></p>	<p><b>District Officer Badge</b> (includes Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Treasurer, Zone Chairperson)</p> <p><i>Spouses Badge outlined in green</i></p>		<p><b>Club Membership Badge</b></p> <p><i>Samples of different types</i></p>

## LIONS-RELATED INTERNET SITES



Lions Clubs International	<a href="http://www.lionsclubs.org">www.lionsclubs.org</a>
Missouri State Lions MD-26	<a href="http://www.missourilions.org">www.missourilions.org</a>
District 26-M2	<a href="http://www.lions26m2.org">www.lions26m2.org</a>
American Diabetes Association	<a href="http://www.diabetes.org">www.diabetes.org</a>
Delta Gamma Center	<a href="http://www.dgckids.org">www.dgckids.org</a>
KidSight	<a href="http://www.kid-sight.org">www.kid-sight.org</a>
Kilo Foundation	<a href="http://www.kilorf.org">www.kilorf.org</a>
Leader Dog for the Blind	<a href="http://www.leaderdog.org">www.leaderdog.org</a>
Mid South Sight & Hearing	<a href="http://www.midsouthlions.org">www.midsouthlions.org</a>
Missouri School for the Blind	<a href="http://www.msb.dese.mo.gov">www.msb.dese.mo.gov</a>
Saving Sight	<a href="http://www.saving-sight.org">www.saving-sight.org</a>
USA/Canada Forum	<a href="http://www.lionsforum.org">www.lionsforum.org</a>
United States Assoc. of Blind Athletes	<a href="http://www.usaba.org">www.usaba.org</a>
World Services for the Blind	<a href="http://www.wsblind.org">www.wsblind.org</a>
District 26-M2 Facebook	Missouri Lions District 26-M2
District 26-M2 Lions Assistance & Services	314-645-3500
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### ***A Note about "Molions"***

Molions is a mailing list that allows you to post (send) mail to the posting address, which is then automatically sent to everyone that is a member of the mailing list. Molions is intended for the Missouri Lions and their families; however other Lions and other friends of Lionism are welcome to participate.

You are allowed to post anything that is in good taste and of interest to Missouri Lions such as announcements of charter nights, club anniversaries, births, deaths, questions about membership, conventions, etc. Lively discussions of all things ***Lionistic*** are expected! However, please refrain from partisan politics, religion, jokes and items which might offend others. In other words, post the same sort of information that would be considered proper to announce at a Lions Club meeting.

This mailing list, like many others, does not permit attachments or HTML. You may not post in "multi-part", it ***MUST*** be ***plain text***. If you experience a problem with this, send an E-mail to PDG J.Y. Miller for suggestions. PDG J.Y. is responsible for the FAQ and certain administrative functions of the list. You may contact him at [j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:j.y.miller@sbcglobal.net)

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## TEXT OF 1925 SPEECH BY HELEN KELLER TO LIONS



Invited to address the 1925 International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio, Helen Keller pointed Lions in a direction that would change the lives of millions.

(For presentation purposes) I ask that you close your eyes to contemplate the darkness as you hear her words:

*“Try to imagine how you would feel if you were suddenly stricken blind today. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in night, your work, your independence, gone. In that dark world, wouldn't you be glad if a friend took you by the hand and said, ‘Come with me and I will teach you how to do some of the things you used to do when you could see?’*

*You have heard how through a little word dropped from the fingers of another, a ray of light from another soul touched the darkness of my mind and I found myself, found the world, found God. It is because my teacher learned about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. It is the caring we want more than money. The gift without the sympathy and interest of the giver is empty. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will indeed triumph over blindness.*

*“Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness; no little deaf, blind children untaught; no blind man or woman unaided? I appeal to you Lions, you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and kind. Will you not constitute yourselves Knights of the Blind in this crusade against darkness?”*

*The Lions responded and this was the beginning of becoming the largest Service Organization in the World.*

*Thank You for your Time, Service and Dedication.*

*If you would like additional information added to this document, have questions, want to be a future District leader or just want to be a well-informed Lion and need help; Please, contact your District Governor or the above Team Members.*

*Together We Serve, Together We Make Things Happen*

**“ TAKE A STEP ”**