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Lion George Winkeler Jr.



1st Vice District Governor
Lion Sandee Marshall



2nd Vice District Governor
Lion Devin Struttman



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District 26-M2 Governor George's Message

Hello Lions,

Wow how the World has changed since our District Convention. A HUGE shout out to all the Lions that attended our convention, it was epic and I know everyone had fun. I hope that if you could not attend that you consider to attend next year, I know the committee has started on the planning already.

We went from the highs of our convention to COVID-19. Conventions being cancelled, meetings and fundraisers postponed and everyone wondering when will things get back to normal. What will be the new normal? Well we, your district leaders, are meeting weekly via ZOOM meetings and we want you all to know that we are here for you.

At this time, I feel that I need to extend the length of time before we start meeting again, face to face, and we need to continue to protect our families with social distancing. With that being said, I think the date should be extended from April 19th to May 17th in our District. We still need to meet and help, we just need to do it smart.

This is the time WE need to come together. This is the time we need to keep in contact with our club members and help with our communities. We can help. If you want to set up a Virtual meeting and need help, let me know. If you want me to make some calls, let me know. If you know of anyone that is going hungry, let me know. Communications is the key in times like this.

Let's brainstorm, get with your Zone chairs and with me on your ideas on how the Lions of M2 can make a difference in our communities. Let's show everyone how the Lions Serve. Nothing is too small, nothing is too big. I know of a few Lions clubs in the Texas area that are getting together (6' apart) and BBQing hot dogs and delivering them to retirement homes, hospital workers, and the like. We can do this.

Now is the time to come together. Now is the time to serve. Now is the time to take care of your families and our communities. All we are needing is New Ideas and You.

Stay safe, Help others and remember to wash your hands.

Love you All,

DG Lion George Winkeler, Jr.

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District 26-M2 1st VDG Sandee's Message

Lion friends,

My first thought is that I hope you are all well and doing everything you can to remain healthy. We will get back to what we love—serving as Lions—as soon as it is safe to do so. For the moment, we must focus on ourselves and our families.

How strange it is to not be able to be near people that I usually see several days per week! But your District 26-M2 leadership team is still hard at work. We are reaching out in new ways to help your club stay connected to Lions at all levels while we maintain social distancing to be safe.

One thing that some of us have a lot of right now is time. I know that we are all frustrated at not being able to SERVE at a time when so many are in need. But we can view this time as an opportunity. One thing we can do as we wait for the time when we can be back out in our communities is to strategize. We can take the time to have discussions with our Lion members and plan for the future. What has worked for us in the past? What has been missing from our Lion experience? How can we reach more people as members and those needing our assistance? We will soon be back to pub crawls, trivia nights and BBQs. I hope that we will also remember how important it is to make those personal connections that we are craving now.

District Governor-Elect Sandee Marshall

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District 26-M2 2nd VDG Devin's Message

Dear Lions,

The District Convention seems like it happened a long time ago. Who knew it would be the last chance many of us would see each other for an extended time? I don't know about you but I can't wait to gather again as Lions. Won't that be a joyful time?

We know it's difficult to continue our normal club activities but we encourage you to be flexible and creative. We can all find ways to stay in contact, even if it's electronic or virtual.

Don't stop being Lions or a club. Find ways to still have fellowship. Find ways to still serve the community and each other.

If we can help in any way, please reach out. If you want to have your first zoom meeting, let me know. I will help and we can practice together.

If you or your family have been affected by the COVID-19 crisis and we can help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

I can honestly say I value your friendship more than ever and I can't wait until we're together again.

God bless you,

2nd VDC Lion Devin Struttmann



Editor's Note: Please be advised that many events in the Calendar of Events have been cancelled or postponed. Some of the future events shown in the flyers may also be cancelled or postpone when closer to time. Please check with the individual Lions Club.

Calendar of Events

May 2020

- 1st/2nd, Friday and Saturday: Eureka Lions Annual BBQ @ Eureka Hwy 109 at central Ave 10:30am-Sundown
- 4th, Monday: District GAT (Global Action Team) Meeting @ The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Elevators directly inside front entrance. Start 7:00 pm
- 6th, Wednesday: Eureka Lions 29th Annual Bowling Tournament Fundraiser @ West County Lanes in Ellisville. 50/50 raffles and attendance prizes. Contact Lion Steve Downs at 636-391-9111 for more info.
- 8th/9th, Friday-Saturday: Webster Groves Lions BBQ at General Grant Center 10am-7pm contact Lion Becky Speeler 314-724-3735*8th/9th, Friday and Saturday: Eureka Lions Annual BBQ @ Eureka Hwy 109 at central Ave 10:30am-Sundown
- 16th, Saturday: District Eye Wrap @ House Springs Lions Hall, 6482 Hwy MM, House Springs, MO 63051 from 10am-1pm with lunch at 1pm contact Lion Devin Struttmann for details 314-277-8292

June 2020

- 1st, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting @ The Timbers of Eureka, 1 Coffey Park Lane, Eureka, MO 63025. 2nd Floor Meeting Room. Elevators directly inside front entrance. 6:30 pm – Start, 6:45 pm -Informational Program, 7:00 pm – Dinner, 7:20 pm - Cabinet Meeting. Meeting will be over no later than 8:55 pm. RSVP your dinner reservations prior to meeting only \$13; no dinner reservations prior to meeting pay \$16 at the door.
- 11th, Thursday-Sunday: **(CANCELLED)** Mission Trip Mazatlan Mexico. Questions or information contact 2nd Vice District Gov Lion Devin@ devin@admr.com
- 12th, Friday: Webster Groves Lions Blood Drive @ General Grant Center contact Lion Becky Speeler 314-724-3735
- 26th – 30th, Friday – Tuesday: **(CANCELLED)** 103rd Annual Lions Clubs International Convention in Singapore.

July 2020

- 24-26th, Great Planes Lions Leadership Institute at Northwest Missouri State University, contact PID Gary Fry 515-967-4645

August 2020

- 1st, Saturday: Mehlville Lions BBQ

September 2020

- 17th – 19th, Thursday – Saturday: USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum in Louisville, Kentucky. The Mission of the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum: To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International. <https://lionsforum.org/>



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.
(Feb 2020 - Mar 2020)

EUREKA LIONS CLUB
ROBERT CONAWAY

UNION LIONS CLUB
PEYTON H STRUTTMANN

OVERLAND LIONS CLUB
JOHN P COLLINS

VALLEY LIONS CLUB
RICKEY W. DALTON

MESSAGES FROM YOUR GLOBAL TEAM

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A Tip from Your Global Membership Chair

There is not much I have on the matter of membership to offer in this tip. What I would like to ask is for all the clubs to take the time to contact other members in there club. We all start to become comfortable not going to LIONS meeting or functions. Think about the last time you wore LIONS apparel outside your house. I would like to suggest that the president and the board of directors of each club call their members just to stay in contact with them. Start with the most active members in the club such as the ones who never miss a meeting. And then call the not so active members.

The object is to keep the member thinking about their club. People who fall into the habit of staying home instead of attending meeting or not working a fundraiser may fall out of habit. The result will be less active member coming back to the club when the “stay at home” is lifted. Club Presidents must be the leaders in their clubs and take the imitative to instigate the connection with their members. Keeping them thinking of being a LION even if it is just for a short while it is better than going without the whole time. The few minutes it takes to call someone can make all the difference when the club becomes active again.

In the call the goal is to make sure that the LION member understands how important they are to the club and the community.

Lion Mike Swederska

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New Voices Spotlights!

New Voices Spotlight for March

Hello 26-M2 Lions, from Lion Sandy Halama - New Voices Coordinator!

As we all navigate this strange time of social distancing, arms-length (or more) from our loved ones, and scavenging at the grocery store for paper products and food basics, it is important to remember that this too shall pass, and we will be stronger for it.



My New Voices article spotlights our March New Voice, Lion Ruth Boyer, and her words of inspiration. But first, I am also spotlighting another New Voice for April. Not one of our Lions, but someone near and dear to the LIONS Family, Helen Keller (June 27, 1880 – June 1, 1968). Her strength, perseverance, and true grit are traits we all hope to demonstrate. Whether in our current daily lives of surviving this pandemic, or our normal routines of LIONISM, Helen Keller is a beacon of light. ***“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller.***

Everyone knows in 1925, as an ambassador for the newly formed American Foundation for the Blind, Helen Keller addressed the LIONS Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point, Ohio. She asked the LIONS to be the Knights of the Blind. But how many of us have actually read the transcript of her speech that day? It is truly inspirational, and touched my heart as it did the many LIONS that day. Here is the full transcript;

Dear Lions,

I suppose you have heard the poetic legend which represents Opportunity as a capricious lady who knocks at every door but once, and if the door isn't opened quickly, she passes on never to return. And that is as it should be. Lovely, desirable ladies won't wait, you have to go out and grab 'em. I am your Opportunity, clothed in visibility. I am knocking at your door. I want to be adopted. The legend doesn't say what you are to do when several beautiful Opportunities present themselves at the same door. I guess you are to choose the one you love the best. I hope you will choose me. I am the youngest, and the opportunity I offer you is full of splendid possibilities of service.

The American Foundation for the Blind is only four years old. It grew out of the imperative needs of the blind and was called into being by the sightless themselves. It is national and international in scope and importance. It represents the best and most enlightened thought on our problems that has been reached so far. It embodies a new idea in our work, unity of effort, which is scientific and modern. It will render impartial assistance to all classes of the blind. It will make the efforts of local organizations more effective, more fruitful in results.

The time has come to regard the work for the sightless as a whole, in which the kindergarten, the school, the library, the workshop, the home for the aged blind and prevention are seen to be parts of a great movement with one end in view, namely making life more worth living for the blind everywhere. Beside the young blind, for whom existing institutions are supposed to provide, there is a large class of men and women who lose their sight when it is too late for them to go to school. Those who are in the dark from childhood are hard pressed to find their place in the work of the world; but the man suddenly stricken blind is another Samson, bound, helpless, dependent, until a way is found to unchain him.

Try to imagine how you would feel if you lost your sight tomorrow. Picture yourself stumbling and groping at noonday as in the night, your work, your independence gone! In that dark hour wouldn't your heart cry out for a friend to teach you how to live in the dark?

That is just the kind of friend the American Foundation for the Blind will be to all the blind if people with sight will only give it the support it must have. Adequately financed, it will help the blind in every emergency of their lives.

You have heard how I was taught—how a little word 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, and found God! It is because my teacher cared about me and broke through the dark, silent imprisonment which held me that I am able to work for myself and for others. If you care, if we can make the people of this great country care, the blind will triumph over blindness.

This is the opportunity I offer you, Lions—to foster and sponsor the work of the American Foundation for the Blind. Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no little deaf blind child 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 my crusade against darkness?



Because of that speech, millions of lives around the world have been changed due to the vision related works of LIONS. To this day, Helen's challenge to LIONS continues in our service.

However, as we know, Helen didn't stop at that convention. Her crusade against blindness took her to many organizations in her continued fight. In fact, there may be some thought that she was the impetus for organizations like Lions Business Opportunities for Missouri Blind In 1942, at a luncheon given by the Illinois Industries for the Blind in Chicago, Ill., Helen pleaded with business owners, who had provided jobs to the blind during the war effort, to continue that strategy in post war reconstruction enterprises.

"I appeal to you dear friends and to the people of Chicago, hold up Mr. Molineaux's hands permanently in this historic undertaking, and assist the blind to keep the fire of their interest in life burning and their hope in their future bright. I plead with you to do unto my blind fellows in Chicago as you would have others do unto you. There is no nobler way to thank God for the sight in your eyes and the eyes of your loved ones than by helping the blind to convert their handicap into stepping-stones to independence and accomplishment."

Helen was also instrumental in identifying the need to help young blind children, before entering school, to understand and receive critical training, to enrich their lives and prepare them for school. It was her goal for organizations to understand that the first six years of a child's life are when they are introduced to the world, and all it can hold. In Helen's words to the National Conference on the Pre-School Blind Child, Chicago, 1947, ***"Let there be light" remains an inviolable decree, and unless the blind child has inward eyes planted in his mind, he is denied the very beauty of childhood.*** Helen's crusade against blindness, inspired more awareness for childhood blindness, and how parents, teachers, doctors, and the community could cause a young blind child to have normal and fruitful experiences. ***"Equipped with this precious equilibrium the blind child has in store boundless possibilities springing from his inner resources. Yes, a holy task of education will be fulfilled when the parent and the teacher search n the treasures of darkness*" and "bring out the blind child That Hath Eyes."*** -Helen Keller



Although Helen Keller's words about the fight against blindness were spoken many decades ago, the need to continue the fight against not only vision, but hearing loss as well, is so true today. At this time, when we all need a little positive thinking in our lives, remember her words, ***"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows."*** -Helen Keller

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The New Voices March Spotlight is a Lion who has a passion for Lionism and wears it well! Here is her story.

Lion Ruth Boyer began her LION journey in March 2007. She and husband Kevin were attending a Cub Scout event at the Beaufort Lions Club. Past Council Chair Joe Foster noticed they were at all of the scouts' events, and asked them to join. She hasn't looked back since! Lion Ruth wanted to be active in the community, and Lionism fits that need!



Since joining, Lion Ruth has been President (and all VP positions leading to President), Tail Twister, Chairperson for a variety of committees, to include Candy Days, Diabetes collections, food pantry drives, collecting school supplies, and overall Public Relations. In fact, her first event was a Candy Day.

Lion Ruth enjoys working Beaufort LIONS Club's Friday Night Bingo. "I am almost up there every Friday. I am teased a lot about living at the Club. I just love being involved with all our events."

With all of those activities, Lion Ruth's favorite project is handing out Christmas gift cards to local school students.

Aside from President of her Club, Lion Ruth's favorite position is District 26M2 Diabetes Chairperson, a position she has held for 8 years.

When thinking about the challenges faced over her LIONS tenure, Lion Ruth describes the fear of giving reports in front of crowds, and how she overcame her fear. "I used to read real fast and shake. I was also out of breath due to it. Now I have made so many friends from other clubs that I am getting better". Lion Ruth's story just proves fellowship and friendship, the heart of LIONS, can help in so many ways.

Lion Ruth is inspired by serving the community with eye glasses, the food pantry, and the local school. If you look at all of the projects and committees in which Lion Ruth participates, it will show her spirit and kindness toward helping others. In an effort to help others have a voice in LIONS, Lion Ruth says "We are here to serve others. Step up and get involved in your club and community. Don't be afraid of getting involved in activities in your club and asking questions. Look up to the older members for advice or questions."

Lion Ruth has these final thoughts, "Please get involved and attend District and State conventions. Take advantage of all the District has to offer. I have made a lot of new friends in the District and other districts".

Thoughtful words from a dedicated LION!



## On Becoming a Lion

Lion Dawn Sweeney  
(Maplewood)

I became a member of St. Ann's Lions Club in 2000. I met Lion Dennis Donze (Webster Groves) and Lion Kathy Pusateri (Fenton) at the Lion's Club at St. Ann Days. They told me and my husband, Calvin, about what Lionism was and that they supported services for the visually impaired and leader dogs as well as other chapter and International projects.

We went to our first meeting and before we knew it, my husband, Calvin, was the President and I was the secretary. We grew to 7 active members. We loved the enthusiasm Lion Dennis and Lion Kathy displayed. We collected 451 pairs of used eye glasses that year for third world countries.

We participated in visual impairment programs at Gamma Delta and the Missouri School for the Blind. We went to our first convention at the Holiday Inn on Watson Road. There were several hospitality rooms and we met many other 26-M2 District Lions. We went to the workshops on Saturday and learned more about Lionism. We went to the banquet on Saturday night and

listened to the International President speak about what was going on in the global picture with Lionism. My husband won a presidential pin for starting up the new St. Ann chapter. Both Lions Dennis and Kathy were so proud. Lionism had a personal and professional connection for me.

I was working as a social worker with patients having diabetes, and I later developed type 2 diabetes myself. I was a third generation type 2 diabetic. Diabetes became a new life style for me that affected my entire life going forward. St. Ann chapter closed after 3 years. Three members retired and two moved out of state. My husband and I joined Maplewood Lion's Club.

Before St. Ann Lion's Club folded, we sponsored a "Green Day" with the USO at Lambert Airport. My husband, Calvin, had been working for the TSA for about 10 years so he had the connections. My husband also served 22 years active duty in the Air Force, Mo. National Guard, and AF Reserves. He loves the military and his passionate for causes to help them like the USO. We both became volunteers for the USO. We coordinated a "Green Day" for several clubs in our 26-M2 District.

For those that do not know what "Green Day" is, it is when Fort Leonard Wood Army base let their soldiers go home for the Christmas holidays. Thousands of soldiers participate. Hundreds of bus loads. Several Lion's Club members answered the call to assist the USO with this huge endeavor. We had Lion's Club members from several different chapters including; St. Ann, Maplewood Lions ( Zone chairwoman Lion Sue Templeton, Lion Joe K), Webster Groves, Florissant, Kirkwood, Fenton (Lion Kathy Pusateri), South City, Beaufort (Lions Joe and Michelle Foster, Lion John Tumbleson) and many more. I am so sorry if I missed your name.

We started setting up tables for snacks and beverages, a Santa Claus to receive special Christmas wishes, a three piece band (I can't recall the name, sorry), and giving out directions to hot spots (USO, restrooms, airlines and baggage for both terminals). We started working at 10 pm at night and I dragged myself home around 4 am. I passed several Lions that were still working. Lion John Tumbleson said he was helping the Hooter gals. Yes, I'm sure he was. It was one of my most beautiful moments of my life and definitely made me proud to be a Lion. We put thousands of smiles on the soldier's faces, and they were very grateful for what we were doing. It was a win-win.

We continued to do "Green Day" for several years, but the USO changed their volunteer rules and all volunteers had to go through specialized training in order to volunteer for "Green Day." My husband and I completed the formalized training program and are still volunteers of the USO. It is truly rewarding.

We started visiting other Lions clubs including; Maplewood, Webster Groves, Kirkwood, and Overland chapters. We were impressed with all of these chapters but Maplewood tugged at our heart strings. My husband was a Maplewood-Richmond Heights class of 1980, and we were married at Maplewood Baptist Church in 1996, and lived off Sarah for the first few years of married life.

Maplewood was a very active chapter. I loved the Easter egg contest at Deer Creek Park. Our Lion's club has spent a lot of sweat at Deer Creek Park. Lion Joe K. did a lot of work himself on

the pavilion. We bought a doggie's drinking fountain. We had a 5k race that Lions Leslie and her sister sponsored. It was a lot of fun. We now have My Little Libraries all over Maplewood.

Maplewood is very civic minded. Maplewood participated in Taste of Maplewood and handed out tons of free books at this event as well as served concessions. Maplewood had a good relationship with the local American Legion. We were sad when they sold their building and we had to look for another meeting place so we started meeting at VFW. Many of our members are veterans including my husband. My husband belongs to American Legion Post 338 in Overland. I was the Vice President of the auxiliary. We also belong to post 55 AM VETS and auxiliary. I have been the chaplain for the past 3 years. Most of my job can be done on the phone or skyping.

I have had several medical conditions and surgeries in the past 10 years. I know it's tough getting old right? No mercy. I had cataract and glaucoma surgeries. I had double bypass in 2016 and fell and had c-spine surgery with metal plates in my neck in 2017. Even though I missed so many meetings due to my health, I still tried to make it to every meeting I could. Lion Barb K. called me, sent me Get Well Cards and thanked me for coming to every single meeting, knowing how difficult it was for me to make it to the meeting. I'm on facebook like a crazy lady 2 or 3 hours per day so kept in touch with several Lions there. Thank goodness for facebook. It truly has been a blessing to me. I thank everyone for keeping me plugged in.

Maplewood Lions has many other service projects and fundraisers. Too many to mention. I would like to give a special shout out to my visually impaired fellow Lions. I love you all and these people work hard. Never complain. Always the first to volunteer. I enjoy the Delta Gamma Center, and the Missouri School for the Blind. Zone chairwoman Lion Sue Templeton does a wonderful job with our Missouri School for the Zone Blind Christmas Party. Each student enjoys presents from the Maplewood Lions. Lion Sue sets up a scrumptious buffet and members bring homemade items. It is always a well-attended event. Special thanks to Lion Sue for doing this Christmas event every year for several years. You rock Lion Sue.

I know we all do what we can to SERVE. Please thank each and every member for all they do. It may be small but it is big for them. Love to all my fellow Lions in District 26-M2 and Internationally. Hugs.



# Zoom Meeting

District Governor George Winkeler, (26-M2) is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

**Topic:** District 26-M2 meeting

**Time:** Apr 20, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Mon, until Jul 6, 2020, 12 occurrence(s)

Apr 20, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 1, 2020 06:30 PM

Apr 27, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 8, 2020 06:30 PM

May 4, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 15, 2020 06:30 PM

May 11, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 22, 2020 06:30 PM

May 18, 2020 06:30 PM

Jun 29, 2020 06:30 PM

May 25, 2020 06:30 PM

Jul 6, 2020 06:30 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qcemrrDsoG9PQREcuntI9p5-h3oWdaRUf/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhqT0qGdaVshiARpx5B4\\_oc-nzpmJBjfpTrS3AIDVddiqvJrcPOuFwJ9zR](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZ0qcemrrDsoG9PQREcuntI9p5-h3oWdaRUf/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGhqT0qGdaVshiARpx5B4_oc-nzpmJBjfpTrS3AIDVddiqvJrcPOuFwJ9zR)

## Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdFTCT49dl>

Please reach out to a Cabinet Member or Zone Chair if help needed to know how to join the zoom meeting. Looking forward to hearing or seeing everyone on the meeting.

The District now has its own Pro Zoom account, contact me to schedule a meeting.

"Aspire to Inspire"

DG George



# COVID-19 & the State of Affairs with 26-M2 Clubs & LCI

Monday April 20, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

ZOOM Meeting via Call-in or Video appearance

Sign on info:

**Meeting Facilitator:** DG George Winkeler

**Electronic Note Taker:** PDG Eugene Taylor

**Participants:** Cabinet, GAT, Zone & Committee Chairs, PDG(s), Lions of the District, Guest(s)

**Purpose of Meeting:** What the Clubs are doing / meeting / electing of officers / reporting to District & LCI; Community Outreach, Service, Fundraisers, How are we Serving others? WHAT are the NEEDS ?

## Meeting Agenda

*“ Welcome, Please Mute your feed, lower left corner & space bar “*

**“This is Zoom” Q&A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DG opening remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Lion, Club, Zone Chairs reports:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PR / Committee's / Q & A:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GMT & New Voices, NAMI remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cab. Secretary / Cab. Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DGE & 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**State GLT remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PDG remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**District Lion Remarks:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW can We Serve & what can we do Together:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wind up by DG and Marching orders:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2020 @ \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ am/pm Meeting Via: \_\_\_\_\_

**Who to invite next time:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Along the Wildwood Trails

The trails in Wildwood are getting a lot of use by residents suffering from cabin fever. Lion Ed Marshall, president of the Wildwood Area Lions Club, has found a way to not only get some exercise and but also make the community a little safer. He has been using disinfecting wipes to sanitize the bench that the Club placed along a trail as a Legacy project during the Lions Centennial celebration. We serve!



### A Lion in need

Lion Terry Nord, a blind member of our club, is in need of a little financial help. Go to Terry Nord Go Fund Me page "Stolen equipment fund" for a complete explanation. Any small consideration will be greatly appreciated. Lion Terry thanks you in advance.

Yours in Lionism  
Don Harbaugh  
Secretary, St. Louis Southside Lions Club

## In Memory of Lion Georgia McGuire



(nee Helfrich) of Richmond Heights, MO peacefully passed away at the young age of 84 at her home on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Susan E. Cagle, and her son Steven G. Werner, her husbands, Raymond E. McGuire and Albert G. Werner. Georgia is survived by her daughters Lynn Sansone (Charles Dalton) and Leslie McEntire (Tony), grandchildren, Christine Cole (Tommy), Jessica Cagle, Rebecca Lilienthal (Amir), Heather Neill (Kevin), Daniel Watson, Jillian Bivens (Jacob), Jacob McEntire (Ashlee), 17 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren, her brother Thomas Helfrich (Donna), and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Georgia was an RN and had a passion for helping others. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a lifetime member of the VFW Women's Auxiliary and a proud member of the Lions Club and received the highest honor, the Melvin Jones Award. She was a lover of the arts, especially passionate about painting, poetry, and literature. Posthumously, she carries on her passion for helping others by donating her body to science. Memorial service to be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers or donations, reach out to help others in need.

Lion Georgia, while a member of Maplewood Lions, was instrumental in starting the Little Book Houses in Maplewood. After several years of hard diligent work collecting books and convincing club members and Maplewood city council of the need for the book houses the Maplewood Lions Club now operates three little books houses in three of Maplewood's parks. They are maintained by Georgia's Daughter, Lion Leslie McEntire, husband Tony, Lion Onie Harper and Lions Barbara and Joe Kurkowski. Georgia chaired free book give away book booth at Maple Days which is still held annually and chaired by Lion Leslie. Georgia served as Secretary and President of Maplewood Lions Club.

Rest in peace Lion Georgia. You will be greatly missed dear friend.

## With a Heavy Heart

The Ellisville Lions club has decided to end its service to the west St. Louis county area. We chartered in 1979 with 85 members and have been strong contributors to our service area for these 40 years. The last 10 of these have been a real struggle for the few remaining Lions in the club. With a steady decline in membership and no new members the burden has become too great to continue.

We lost our single remaining charter member, Lion Bill Gamlin, president and prime motivator for our club, in November. His death and the resignation of two of his immediate family have left us unable to carry on. The other clubs in the area, Wildwood, Bonhomme and Chesterfield Lions have all been great supporters in the last several years. We wouldn't have survived this long without them. It was a very hard decision to make after so many years of service to the community.

We raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Lions charities, collected hundreds of thousands of used eyeglasses and participated in most of the civic events the community of Ellisville has had. Our members have dedicated countless hours of community service and I know the community will miss us.

Three of us, half of the surviving club members, will join the Chesterfield Lions. We hope to keep serving west St. Louis county residents for a long time to come.

Lion Paul McCool  
Secretary, Ellisville Lions Club

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

## **Congratulations Lion Nikki**

District Governor George Winkeler recognized Lion Nikki Hull with an International President's Certificate of Appreciation during the banquet at the District Convention for her enthusiasm, dedication and inspiration! International Director Gary Brown also gave Nikki one of his International Director pins!

Lion Nikki is an asset to not only the Fenton Lions Club but, to the Lions District 26-M2 as well. Besides her dedication at the club level, Lion Nikki is also the Delta Gamma Center for Children chairperson.

God has a purpose for each of us; for some, it takes nearly a lifetime to figure out that purpose. However, Nikki discovered her purpose at a very young age. Besides her service as a Lion, Nikki volunteers at Ranken Jordan and at a daycare center for children with medical and physical challenges. Nikki enjoys helping others and making others feel happy!

I fully believe that the Lord brought Nikki and I together! Shortly after we met; while we were having a conversation about the fact that she is visually impaired, she told me, "it's no big deal, the only thing I can't do is drive a car". Wow, what a fantastic and positive attitude!!!

Congratulations Lion Nikki for the well-deserved recognition!!!

Lion Kathy Pusateri



## New Haven Lions Club's Annual Pancake Dinner

The New Haven Lions Club had a great turn out for our Annual Pancake Dinner on "FAT TUESDAY". Thanks to the Lions Team and the New Haven community for the support it gives every year. It is always great when Our Club members has time to visit with our great patrons. During this event we had a LIONS cub learning how it feels to help serve in his community. Thanks for your help Mr. Cub!



## New Haven Lions Club's KidSight Vision Screening

The New Haven Lions KidSight Team completed an EARLY CHILDHOOD vision screening at New Haven Elementary School using the SPOT camera from 26 M2 District which was provided by a grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation. Where there is a need there is a LION. Because of this equipment we are helping those children/parents who may not be aware they are having a vision problem. Thanks to Lion Rosa Berger, Lion John Berger and Lion Audy Freitag who have completed the training with KidSight to become a certified volunteer screener. This is a commitment and we are here to serve our youth and LIONS. If you are interested in becoming a screener or just an assistant please contact KIDSIGHT and completed the volunteer application which you can find on KIDSIGHT web site. (<https://kid-sight.org/>)





# **DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP**

**Hosted by  
House Springs Lions Club**

**Saturday, May 16, 2020**

**House Springs Lions Hall  
6482 Hwy MM  
House Springs, MO 63051**

**10:00 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Lunch Will Be Served at 1:00 p.m.**

**If you need glasses picked up - Call or Email:**

**PDG Lion Jim Bernhardt at 636-343-5268 or [bernjl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bernjl@sbcglobal.net)**

**PDG Lion Elmer Weinrich at 314-378-4758 or [eljanwein@aol.com](mailto:eljanwein@aol.com)**

**Lion Devin Struttman at 314-277-8292 or [devin@admr.com](mailto:devin@admr.com)**



**PLEASE BRING USED EYEGLASSES  
AND HEARING AIDS**



The Lions of Kansas, Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska invite you to be a participant in a great learning opportunity.

## Attend the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Don't miss out on this sweetheart of a deal! The 2020 Great Plains Lions Leadership is scheduled for July 24-26, 2020 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO. The Great thing is that you can receive a scholarship from your district or multiple district to cover most or all the cost! Ask your District Governor or GLT Coordinator for all the details in your area.

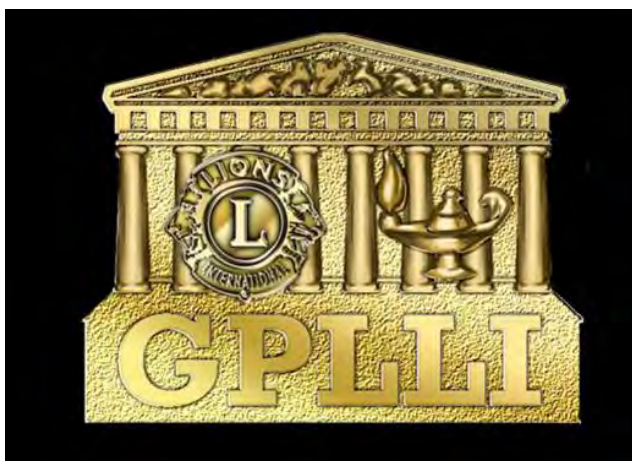
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For additional information please contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at [atfrygj35@msn.com](mailto:atfrygj35@msn.com) or 515-967-4645.



Go to [http://gplli.com/GPLLI/files/2020/2020\\_GPLLI\\_Registration.pdf](http://gplli.com/GPLLI/files/2020/2020_GPLLI_Registration.pdf) to get the GPLLI Registration Form.

# GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE



This is a three-day training curriculum that will teach you every aspect of leadership you can imagine; starting from the minute you arrive.

The institute is filled with seminars, workshops, and lectures on subjects such as time management, team building, delegation, management of change, leadership styles, public speaking, motivation, goal setting, and working in teams just to mention a few.

**What:** GPLLI is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor within the last five years. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development

**When:** July 24-26, 2020. Registration is from 9:00A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Friday, July 24. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 P.M. Sunday, July 26, 2020. Lunch on Friday, July 24 is at 12:00 noon sharp.

**Where:** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri.

**Cost:** US\$190 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May1, 2020. Cost increases to US\$210 beginning May 2, 2020. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.

**Who:** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not served as a District Governor in the past five years is eligible. No previous attendees are eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Ardie Klemish.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please go to the GPLLI website, <http://gppli.com/>, or contact Registrar PID Gary Fry at [frygj35@msn.com](mailto:frygj35@msn.com) or 515-967-4645.



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- And so much more awaiting your arrival!

## **Don't Delay...Register Today!**

**Our USA /Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning Committee, along with the Kentucky Lions Host Committee, are working very hard to provide you with three (3) days of a great leadership experience!**

**We welcome all Lions, Leos & Guests to our Forum!**

**Here are just a few events planned for the Forum:**

- **Walk 1/2 mile, one mile, or 1 1/2 miles in our Strides Walk for Diabetes Awareness**
- **Receive certification from Lions University**
- **State-of-the-Art motivational speakers**
- **Quality entertainment**
- **Informative sessions to enhance your leadership role in Lionism**
- **Attend a first-timers class; and be recognized**
- **Purchase the latest gifts and Lions merchandise from the store**
- **Numerous exhibitors (including a display of this year's peace poster winners)**
- **Design a derby hat (or bring your own); enter it in a contest to win FREE registration to the 2021 Forum in Des Moines, Iowa.**
- **Actively participate in the service project**
- **Most of all...come have FUN, FELLOWSHIP, and LEARN to be the best leader in Lionism you can be!**

## **Be involved in our Forum!**



**We are looking for numerous volunteers, whether it be for one (1) hour or all day to help make this Leadership Forum run smooth and be successful.**

**Volunteers will be needed in the following areas (to name a few):**

- **Forum Store**
- **Registration**
- **Strides Walk**
- **Supply truck Unloading/Loading**
- **Compile Registration Packets**

**If you would like to help with one of these areas, please contact Host Co-Chair Lion Bob Swett at 207-239-4766 or [bobswett51@gmail.com](mailto:bobswett51@gmail.com).**

# Register NOW!!!

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## You're Going to Love Louisville

### Overall

- "Top 10 U.S. Destinations for 2018" (Bourbon Country) – Lonely Planet
- "The 10 Coolest U.S. Cities to Visit in 2018" – Forbes
- "11 Cities on the Rise You Can't Pass Up" Smart Meetings
- "3 Hottest US Cities for Events" – Experient
- "29 Best Small Cities in the US" – National Geographic
- "30 Best US Summer Travel Destinations" Travel Pulse
- "America's Best Cities for a Long Weekend" Pure Wow

### Eat & Drink

- "The Best Drinking Neighborhoods in the Country (Downtown/Nulu) – Thrillist
- "The World's Top 10 Beer Destinations for 2018" Vinepair
- "Most Romantic Restaurant in Kentucky" (English Grill) – Food & Wine
- "Cities with an Unexpectedly International Food Scene" – Fodor's Travel
- "12 Foodie Cities to Discover Before Everyone Else" Where Traveler
- "The 10 Fastest-growing Beer Destinations in America" – AirBnB



Bourbon City – Louisville's first distillery since Prohibition opened in the heart of downtown in 2013 signaling a new era in Bourbon in its native home.



The Evan Williams Bourbon Experience became the first distillery the public could tour in Louisville as other brands have joined the Urban Bourbon renaissance. The picturesque Bulleit Frontier Whiskey Experience, rock 'n' roll brandy distillery Copper & Kings, and father-son craft distillery Kentucky Peerless Distilling Co., were soon to follow. The Jim Beam Urban Stillhouse opened a micro distillery and visitor experience at Fourth Street Live!

The Frazier History Museum on Museum Row is the official starting point for the Kentucky Bourbon Trail® with a Welcome Center & Exhibit.

As Louisville's reputation as a food destination has come to garner worldwide recognition, local chefs and entrepreneurs have taken culinary experiences beyond the dining room. Bourbon-themed tour company Mint Julep Tours offers customizable Culinary Artisan Tours to either sample Kentucky's staple dishes or to experience tasting dinners, chef's table experiences or mixology classes.



The accolades continue to grow - from the World Food Travel Association's grand prize award for "Best Destination Experience" to Zagat naming Louisville "one of the top eight 'awesome foodie getaways in the world'" – the only US destination.



You'll love Louisville... There are endless things to do and see.



The Big Four Pedestrian Bridge opened in 2014, connecting Louisville's award-winning Waterfront Park to the town of Jeffersonville in Southern Indiana. Jeffersonville is dotted with restaurants and breweries and has become a hotspot for locals flocking to places

like Portage House for oysters, Parlour for pizza and Flat 12 Bierwerks for local brews. A walk or bike ride across the bridge offers magnificent views of the Louisville skyline, the Falls of the Ohio and the Indiana waterfront. Bike, surrey and Segway rentals are at the base of the bridge, as well as Stand Up Paddle Boarding with Endless Summer Paddle Company.

In September, free music concerts are held at the base of the bridge attracting regional and national musicians, vendors and crowds.

Footsteps of Greatness – Muhammad Ali's legacy carries on in the Champ's Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky. Follow Ali's footsteps of greatness on a self-guided tour around Louisville. The Muhammad Ali Center was created in the vision of the Ali family to celebrate the legacy of Ali as a world-class boxer and global humanitarian.

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To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.



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- & More!

### Opening Day... Thursday Evening

It's a fun time welcome to Louisville featuring "Hat Night" and a Live Rock Band for dancing including a dance floor!

It's high energy and classic entertainment for great leaders like you!



### Friday Lunch... Katherine Greenland



Katherine Greenland is a cultural innovator and inclusion strategist with over 20 years of experience as a public speaker, team builder and advisor.

She speaks to businesses, non profits and universities on

millennial mindset, diversity and inclusion, women's empowerment and transformation leadership.

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### Saturday Evening... Striker Corbin

As a motivational speaker, certified hypnotist\*, and success coach, Striker Corbin focuses on personal development.

Optimistic, passionate, motivated individuals enjoy each day and contribute to the direction, success, and ultimately the prosperity of their family and/or business. Mr. Corbin stimulates self-improvements through the use of humor, presentations, life coaching, and hypnosis.



Striker has appeared on NEWS12 Long Island and the WBLI Morning Show. As the chosen EXPERT for LongIsland.com and the author of **THE CODE: 49 Rules for Living A Happy Life**, Striker conveys the strategies for success and the methodology to turn success into a habit.



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### **CUBA LIONS CLUB**

ROBERT MULLEN

### **DE SOTO LIONS CLUB**

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

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