

# The LI NS That **ROAR**

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District 26-M2

October 2022



**District Governor**  
Lion Leon Hove



**1st Vice District Governor**  
Lion Paul Carr



**2nd Vice District Governor**  
Lion Michelle Foster



**Cabinet Secretary**  
Lion Toni Mahoney



**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Dennis Hemsath

## District 26-M2 Governor Leon's Message

### Fellow Lions,

One quarter of my governor's year is history. Two cabinet meetings and two GAT meetings have been held and three out of thirty-seven governor's visits have been completed. This has been an exciting and eye opening three months. I wish all of you could experience the learning opportunities offered at USA Canada Forum that I attended in Calgary. Hopefully I can use some of the knowledge gained to benefit each of our clubs and district.

These next three months are a period of holidays and parties for most of us. We need to remember that not all in our communities can celebrate with a bountiful Thanksgiving dinner that may cause us to loosen our belts and possibly take a nap in our recliner as we watch a football game or two. Some will be lucky to have enough food to feed their families, and if they have a job, may be working instead of enjoying an afternoon nap. We will have numerous Christmas parties with lots of goodies and adult beverages. Trees will be decorated, and packages will magically appear to be opened with joy on Christmas eve or Christmas morning. Some families may not have a tree, and many will not have numerous packages to open.

We, as Lions, can donate and deliver baskets for Thanksgiving and can "adopt" children or families for Christmas, bringing a little joy into the lives of those who are not as fortunate as we. I urge you to seek out those who need your help in each of your communities.

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We have not been successful in our membership efforts these first few months. Yes, we've brought in 20 new members, but we've also lost 24. Twenty of those we lost either didn't attend meetings, pay their dues, or left in good standing. This means to me that we didn't find their passion. They became a Lion for a reason and whatever that reason was we didn't fulfill their need. We need to modify our thinking and find the passion of our members — listen to the new ideas — look for new ways to serve.

November 6 Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation will be conducting an Eye Mission in St. Louis at St. Peter's and Paul Church. Most of those involved will be from 26-M2 and this will be the first mission in Missouri utilizing the recycled eyeglasses Lions have collected. Plans are being developed to have additional missions in Missouri in 2023 possibly in the Boot Hill or other areas where there is a need for vision assistance.

We have seen several major weather related disasters in the last few months. Kentucky has had tornadoes, the St. Louis areas has suffered from flooding, Puerto Rico has experienced destruction from another hurricane again and the worst hurricane in their history hit Florida only two weeks ago. These are only the disasters in the United States. There have been others in the world as bad. This doesn't even touch on the war in Ukraine. Lions International Foundation has given grants in all these areas to help with immediate assistance and offer help with food and shelter to those countries surrounding the Ukraine who are sheltering refugees. Remember LCIF when you are making your year-end donations. Sign up to become a monthly donor.

Be Free to Serve!

Be Free to Be a LION!

Together We Can

*Lion Leon Hove,  
District Governor*

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## **District 26-M2 - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Paul's Message**

### **Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,**

Getting back from USA/Canada Forum gets the blood pumping for excitement! I encourage you to attend the next USA/Canada Forum event in Reno, Nevada Sept 21 – 23, 2023 (registration <https://lionsforum.org/> ), it is going to be a fun event! USA/Canada Forum is an excellent place to learn about what Lions Club International are doing for Service Projects and learn all kinds of things at specific seminars.

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It is that time of the year when the summer cloths get put away and the sweaters are brought out of the closet or drawers. It is the time of the year when Car Shows are happening, craft shows are brewing, and the Service projects are getting into full swing. Speaking about service, I want to continue making it my mission that we help in the service of fellow lions. We have great ideas, wonderful events, raise money however, we must excite the membership to get involved! If you or your club needs service hours, help fill hours by going and helping a fellow club out at their event. Together we can make our events even better when we work as one team, Lions team 26-M2!

I encourage you to make it your mission to help celebrate your lions club! Post your events on the district Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/112111485465968>), send in your accolades about your event to this newsletter, and get your service recorded in LCI. If you need any help with LCI website or input to your service hours, please let me know. We need to continue to do our best in promoting your lions for Together We Can!

We are also getting out there with Diabetes awareness and have a new sign for the table. Lions Clubs are all about at festivals, chamber of commerce events and club events. If you have events that we can setup a booth and talk about your Lions club, please let me know. I am "Excited to Serve" as your 1st Vice District Governor and let us get out there to serve our community!

Also, I had a wonderful opportunity to visit the Leader Dogs for the Blind in Rochester Hills, MI on September 25 with other 1st Vice District Governors. This is a wonderful place to learn about what Leader Dogs have done with helping the visual impaired get around with the freedom that sighted people have. Keep up the magnificent work that our Lions Clubs do for the Leader Dogs for the Blind and keep supporting their efforts by donating. In addition, get promotional items from Leader Dogs for the Blind for your next fund raiser for FREE!

<https://www.leaderdog.org/lions-club/resources/order-promotional-items/?fbclid=IwAR28g8VIEueZ8GWILCilaZT6pVylmCZQZ9LUD2aR7MbVqkFFIh3WMqSCv9I>

*Lion Paul Carr,  
1st Vice District Governor*

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## District 26-M2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Michelle's Message

### Greetings Lions,

This Lion year seems to be going by in a blink of an eye. I have enjoyed the Governor visits with the District Governor and the team. It has been a great joy seeing all the long time Lions and meeting the new Lion members along the way also. I have also had the opportunity to help some clubs with their service projects and fundraisers, which have been fun learning the great ideas other Clubs have. I hope to continue doing this as my time allows. The Holidays are fast approaching and that is my favorite time of the year for many reasons. First for my family time, Second for all the extra giving and caring that the Lions do at this time of year, Third for all the celebrations, and Fourth for all the wonderful food. We want everyone to keep posting, sharing, and liking events on social media. Keep turning in pictures of those events, new member installs, or anything else great about your Club & the Lions in it to be put in the newsletter ([editor@lions26m2.org](mailto:editor@lions26m2.org)), and get those events (service or fundraising) on ([calendarofevents@lions26m2.org](mailto:calendarofevents@lions26m2.org)).

Hope everyone continues to be excited as I am to be a Lion. Lions = Loving – Individuals – Offering – Needed – Services! Share your stories with non lions, because they want to serve also. We need to let them know we do more than go to meetings, BBQ, trivia, Pancake breakfasts. Let them know the good things that come from these events such as buying eyeglasses for some child, giving a child with Cancer new hope, helping with Cataract surgery, giving food, giving someone a chance to have a Leader Dog, and so much more. Ask me or anyone with the Cabinet to come help share this joy at your upcoming events. We want to help spread the word about what your club supports!

Yours in Lionism,

*Lion Michelle Foster*  
*2nd Vice District Governor*



## Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!  
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.  
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.  
(August 2022 - September 2022)

### BEAUFORT LIONS CLUB

CINDY L MORITZ  
ERIC D MORITZ

### CHESTERFIELD LIONS CLUB

MOONYEEN POWERS  
WILLIAM F. POWERS

### CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

RAYMOND C BAUER

### HILLSBORO - LIONS CLUB

KIM A SEBAUGH

### LEMAY JEFFERSON BARRACKS LIONS CLUB

MELISSA A SZYMANSKI  
AUDREY S. WINKLER

### ROCK COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

DAVID A BROWN  
VIRGIL DAVID NORMAN JR

### ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

CHRIS G HOUSKA

### WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

BRAD R BREWER  
MADELENA J BUSH  
SPENCER A MOWERY



## Hillsboro Lions Request

The Hillsboro Lions, District 26-M2, are looking for a BBQ trailer to replace the one they have that is on its last leg. Please contact Lion Jerry Greenstreet, [greenstreetbeamvac@gmail.com](mailto:greenstreetbeamvac@gmail.com) if you have one for sale or know of one.

**District 26-M2**  
**2022-2023**  
**Calendar of Events**

*Updated 10/03/2022 (\* denotes additions or changes)*

[www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html](http://www.Lions26m2.org/calendar.html)

**October 2022**

- 3rd, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting, The Timbers of Eureka, 6:15 to 8:45 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! RSVP for dinner (\$15) to [LionSandee2020@gmail.com](mailto:LionSandee2020@gmail.com) by 9/26. The St. Louis Society for the Blind will present an informative program.
- 7th, Friday: Fenton Lions Club BBQ at the Memories Car Cruise at Faith Church on Rahning Rd. Just off of Hwy 30 near I-270. 4 pm-8 pm. Brats, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, Frito pies, pretzels, sodas, & water. Parking in the front parking lot in front of the church.
- 14th – 15th, Friday – Saturday: Webster Groves Lions Club BBQ @ General Grant Center, 8400 Watson Rd, Webster Groves, MO 63119. Serving 10am – 7pm (or until we sell out).
- 15th, Saturday: **CORRECTED UPDATED DATE:** USABA Trivia Night @ Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church Gymnasium, 6596 Smiley, St. Louis, MO 63139 Door open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Gather your friends and family for fun! Reservations accepted for tables of up to 8 @ \$20/per person (\$160/table). (You do not have to have a full table - you may connect with other partial tables if you like or have more but you will not be eligible to win). Reservations provide beer, soft drinks. Please feel free to bring your own food to enhance the experience. For more information call 314-482-3295 or email: [mousaba@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mousaba@sbcglobal.net) For more information about USABA check out: <http://usaba.org/>
- \*15th, Saturday: Southside Lions Club Annual Trivial Night @ The Pavilion at Lemay, 305 Gregg Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 7pm. Cost \$200 per table of 8. Includes Beer, wine and soda. 50/50, Raffles, Silent Auction. For more information contact Lion Sam Ribaud 314-565-2148 or [SRI54102002@oal.com](mailto:SRI54102002@oal.com) or [www.southsidelions.com](http://www.southsidelions.com)
- \*16th, Sunday: I-55 Dragway Reunion Car Show @ 1540 Herky Horine Road, Pevely, MO 63070. Rock Community Lions will be the food vendor for the event (Burgers, Brisket, Brats, etc). Spectator Gates open at 10am. For more information, see "I-55 Dragway Reunion" Facebook page.
- 18th, Tuesday: DG Visit at Beaufort, Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd., 63013.
- \*22nd, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club Annual Fall Craft Fair @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. Time 8am to 2pm. For more information contact Lion Ruth Boyer at (636) 283-1234.

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## ***Calendar of Events***

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### **October 2022 *(Continued)***

24th, Monday: DG Visit at Chesterfield, Mimi's Café, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Rd., 63005

\*29th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Club Trick or Treat at @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. Time: 5pm to 7pm. All is welcome to set up a booth and hand out candy to the children. For more information contact Lion Katie Monzyk at (314) 435-2814

29th, Saturday: Missouri Lions Council of Governors Meeting @ Knights of Columbus Hall – Jefferson City, MO. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **November 2022**

2nd, Wednesday: DG Visit at Hillsboro, Russell House Restaurant, Hwy. 21, 63050

\*6th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Club Shooting and BB Gun Matches @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. The matches will start at 12 pm. For more information contact Lion Roy Brunkhorst Jr. at 00(573) 459-2029 for Shooting Matches and Lion Darrell Glosemeyer at (573) 237-7029.

\*6th, Sunday: Lions Clubs Eye Missions @ Sts Peter and Paul Church, 1919 S. 7th Street, St. Louis, MO 63104. Time: 12pm – 4pm. Serving those in need in St. Louis area; Eye screenings and recycled eye glasses will be given on site if needed. For information call Lion Pam 636-675-3186 or typamed@gmail.com

10th, Thursday: DG Visit at Webster Groves, CJ Muggs, 101 W. Lockwood, 63119

\*11th, Monday: Global Action Team Meeting @ Pacific Lions Club, 319 W. Meramec, Pacific, MO 63069. Starts at 7:00pm. ZONE CHAIR REFRESHER TRAINING

\*15th, Tuesday: Peach Poster submissions must be postmarked and turned into DG Leon Hove by this date.

### **December 2022**

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\*5th, Monday: District Cabinet Meeting, The Timbers of Eureka, 6:15 to 8:45 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

\*10th, Saturday: House Springs Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade @ Hwy MM, House Springs, MO.

\*15th, Thursday: Missouri School for the Blind Christmas Extravaganze and MSB Giving Tree. Contact Carlie Lee for more information carlie.lee@msb.dese.mo.gov or 314-633-1562.

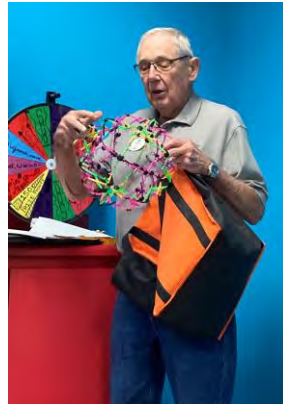






**President Lion Nikki Hull,  
DG Leon Hove,  
Secretary Lion Steve Maginnis  
& Treasurer Lion Terry Meek**

## **District Governor Lion Leon Hove's Visit With The Fenton Lions Club At Swing Around Fun Town**



**WE HAD FUN!!!**



**1st VDG Paul Carr**



**2nd VDG Michelle Foster**



**PCC Joe Foster**



**DG Leon presented  
Lion Dave Kinkaid  
With a DG Banner**



**Lion Vickey Engel**



**Gracie, Lion Vickey Engel's  
granddaughter got the best score  
playing miniature golf...  
scoring better than DG Leon...  
who is an avid golfer.  
This was Gracie's first time playing.  
She scored a hole-in-one!  
Beginner's luck, or a natural?**



**Gracie,  
Lion Vickey Engel's  
Granddaughter**



## More photos from the Governor's Visit to the Fenton Lions Club



**Left to right:**  
Fenton Lions President Lion Nikki Hull,  
DG Leon Hove,  
Fenton Lions Secretary  
Lion Steve Maginnis,  
& Fenton Lions Treasurer



**Front to back:**  
1st VDG Lion Paul Carr,  
Fenton Lions Secretary  
Lion Steve Maginnis ,  
Fenton Lions 1st VP



**DG Leon Hove &  
Fenton Lions President  
Lion Nikki Hull**



## Lemay JB Lions Donate to the St. Louis Zoo Education Department

The Lemay JB Lion's made a \$5,000.00 donation to the St. Louis Zoo Education Department. The gift will support the inclusion classes and equipment for the



## St. Louis Downtown Lions Club celebrate Blind Equality Achievement Month



The Downtown Lions Club banner hung high as it boldly proclaimed our presence at the 155th Italian Heritage parade and Festa held on "The Hill" in St. Louis on Sunday October 9, 2022. Pictured from left to right are Lion Annette Nowakowski, Downtown Lions Club; Jenny Carmack, president, Lewis and Clark Chapter, National Federation of the Blind of Missouri; and Stephanie McDowell, member of the Lewis and Clark Chapter. Lion Annette and Stephanie are also members of the Missouri Association of Guide Dog Users. Guide dogs Gazelle and Japan also posed for the photo.

Also present were Lion Eugene Morse and Lion Mell Roll and Judy Redlich, a federation member as well. These three organizations came together to celebrate Blind Equality Achievement Month by showcasing how the blind live, work, and travel in the community.

Jenny and Judy demonstrated use of the braille machine and treated guests to having their names embossed in braille on index cards. Stephanie and Lion Annette talked about how their dogs guide them using voice and hand gestures. Gene and Mell provided information about where lions eye glasses collection boxes are located and how used glasses are recycled and distributed to those who need them. Guests came away interested and informed as the three organizations demonstrated their mottos in action: "We Serve"; "In Dog We Trust"; and "live the Life You Want".



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Lions,

Just a quick update for you as your Lions Representative with the Midwestern Braille Volunteers (MBV).

First, I would like all of you, especially Zone Chairpersons, to encourage all your clubs to continue and or increase their donations to the Midwestern Braille Volunteers.

Additionally, I would like to see the Lions help fund a piece of equipment that will be truly useful for your communities where we have sighted parents with blind children who are learning braille. If we can get enough donations, we would like to purchase an embosser that includes braille and typical text on the same document. It's expensive so it will require a lot work. It costs approximately \$10K.

Also, I would like to offer you the opportunity to encourage persons who are not Lions that you know that may be interested, to think about joining Midwestern Braille Volunteers. Currently we have opening for board members as well as our regular production volunteers. The reason I am suggesting non-Lions is we already ask so much of our existing Lions, we don't need to overload them. There may be someone from your church or other group that maybe doesn't want to be a Lion but do have some valuable time to be a participant with MBV.

The reason I suggested no-Lion is that this an organization (a separate organization) that we support, and we don't want to include too many Lions on the board as that may make it feel like an extension of Lions and it is not. Yes, we support it, but it is a separate organization with a very specific goal.

So, if you know anyone who may be interested, please let me know or let them know about me so that I can help them understand how they may be part of this important effort. Feel free to share it.

Stay Energized,

PDG Lion Eugene C. Taylor

Your representative on the Midwestern Braille Volunteers

314-660-1337

[LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:LionPinkFloyd@sbcglobal.net)

## Volunteer Opportunities for the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Laura Park-Leach spoke at the cabinet meeting October 3 and mentioned St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired has several opportunities for volunteers. Those opportunities are listed below for those who would like to take advantage of a different form of service than what they are currently performing.

November 29, 2022 – Giving Tuesday SLSBVI Open House (late afternoon/early evening)

Another open house will be on Saturday in the spring of 2023

December 9, 2022 – Client Holiday Luncheon at SLSBVI (10:00 – 2:00)

April 15, 2023 – Visionary Gala at the Danforth Plant Science Center; set up during the day, registration, silent auction and checkout, seating, and general assistance

Gala committee members are needed one time per month from now until the event.

Fall 2023 – Wine Tasting Event

Host or hostess at peer and agency meetings; during the weekday, typically on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Ongoing need for drivers for our clients to come to Society and points of interest in the community. Agency vehicle is available for volunteer use. Volunteer is covered by agency insurance.

Occasional front desk receptionist needed.

Please contact SLSBVI Volunteer Coordinator Mary Morgan-Corbitt if interested. [mcorbitt@slsbvi.org](mailto:mcorbitt@slsbvi.org).

Kind regards,

Laura Park-Leach

President and CEO

St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired

8770 Manchester Road

St. Louis, MO 63144

314-301-7307 Direct

314-968-9000 Main

314-968-9003 Fax



# House Springs Lions Christmas Parade

**December 10, 2022**

Line up on church lot at 5 pm.

Parade starts at 7 pm.

For more information contact  
Kim at 314-422-8788

**The theme is  
“It’s a wonderful life.”**



**Registration is \$15 per group.**

## **Important**

Please register your float or group on  
Thurs, November 17 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm  
Sat, December 3 from 10 am to 2 pm

or

Thurs, December 8 from 5:30 pm to 8 pm  
at

Jefferson County Library - NW Branch  
5680 Highway PP  
High Ridge, MO



Bring canned goods. We donate them to  
pantries in our area.





## *Overland and Maplewood Lions Clubs*

*Invite you to join us as we host*

### *The Annual Zone 7 Christmas Party*

*Tuesday, December 13, 2022*

*Social Hour 6:00 pm; Dinner 6:30 pm; Meeting 7:00 pm*

*Overland Lions Hall*

*2358 Lackland Road, Overland, Mo. 63114*

*Buffet Meal catered by Overland Lion Member*

*\$15 per person; Cash Bar available*

*If you wish to participate,*

*Please bring an unwrapped gift for a child or teenager.*

*We will be auctioning desserts as we have done in past years.*

*If you wish to donate a sweet, please just bring it with you.*

*Money collected will be donated to the Bennet Project.*

*Please RSVP by Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> to ZC Sue*

*Bring a Guest*

*This is a great place to show the good we do and the fun we have.*

*[suetempleton@live.com](mailto:suetempleton@live.com) or call 314-644-1915*

# **Lions Invited**

## **Washington Christmas Party Tuesday December 20.2022**

**Get Acquainted 11:00 AM**

**Elks Club Bar**

**Luncheon 12 Noon**

**Elks Club**

**Gifts and Roasting of Lions 1:00**

**Elks Club**

**1:30 til Everyone Gives Up  
Trolley Ride Around Town  
Stops at Local Establishments**

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

## 15th ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION

To Be Held

February 17 – 19, 2023

**Doubletree Hotel St. Louis at Westport**

1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146

**NOW** is the time for you to make plans to be there and participate in the weekend events. This is where all the Saturday business meetings, luncheon, voting, banquet and Sunday memorial service will be held. You will get to select your entree (Beef or Chicken or Salmon) for the dinner meal.

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

**HOWEVER**, in these days of unknowns and social distancing, the Committee needs to be prepared to possibly have fewer booths than normal, based on local guidelines and hotel requirements.

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of \$93 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Club Convention. Or you can book online at <https://group.doubletree.com/thrdyg> group code LIONS CLUB. After January 27, 2023, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

The Doubletree Hotel is looking forward to hosting the Lions in 2023.

Make your plans now so that you don't miss any of the **fun and fellowship**. The registration form is included in this email and we would love for you to register early so you don't forget it later and miss the great time we have planned.

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

*2023 District 26-M2 Convention Committee*

A CALL FOR THE  
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION**  
 To Be Held February 17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
 DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



**Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion Ernesto "TJ" Tijerina.** Director Tijerina is from San Antonio, Texas, USA and was elected to serve a two-year term as international director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 103rd International Convention in 2021. He has worked for 47 years as a professional educator and in school administration. He became a Lion in 1977 after joining the Del Rio San Felipe Lions Club and continues to serve with them to this day. He and his wife, Juanita, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for 48 years and have three children and four grandchildren.

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

FRIDAY, February 17 <sup>TH</sup>	SATURDAY, February 18 <sup>TH</sup>	SUNDAY, February 19 <sup>TH</sup>
Registration..... 3 PM – 5 PM Hospitality ..... 5:30 PM – 11 PM Parade of Banners ..... 6:30 PM Live Music, Dancing & Party Time..... 7 PM – 11 PM	Registration ..... 8 AM – 10 AM Q/A with ID Tijerina..... 8:30 AM Morning Business Session..... 9:00 AM All Lions Lunch ..... 12 Noon – 1:00 PM District Service Project..... 1:15 PM – 1:45 PM Afternoon Business Session ..... 1:45 PM Voting ..... <i>Immediately following session</i> Dinner Banquet..... 7 PM	Breakfast..... 8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service ..... 9:00 AM

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**2023 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form**  
**February 17th – 19th, 2023**

Name of Lion: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Package:**

(Hospitality, Luncheon,  
Dinner Banquet & Breakfast)

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$95 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* OR \*\*\*

Luncheon Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner Banquet Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Breakfast Only:

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

After February 3, 2023 - ADD \$10

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate how many of each meal choice for DINNER so we can make sure to give an accurate count to the hotel.

Dinner Banquet - *Beef* \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Banquet - *Chicken* \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner Banquet - *Salmon* \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to:**  
 26-M2 Convention Fund

No refunds after February 3, 2023.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after February 3, 2023.  
 Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

**Mail to:** PDG Devin Struttman  
 770 Oakmont Lane  
 Union, MO 63084

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



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

## **Please Remember These Lions**

(August 2022 - September 2022)

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

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

**Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at:**  
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December	2022
February	2023
April	2023
June	2023

Thank you,  
Lion Dave, Editor