

# The LIONS That ROAR



# ROAR

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District 26-M2

December 2023



**District Governor**  
Lion Paul Carr

**1st Vice District Governor**  
Lion Michelle Foster

**2nd Vice District Governor**

**Cabinet Secretary**  
Lion Sandee Marshall

**Cabinet Treasurer**  
Lion Joseph Schroeder

## District 26-M2 Governor Paul's Message

### Fellow Lions in District 26-M2,

We are getting close to the end of the calendar year; therefore, I am sure that you are preparing for the holiday season, Merry Christmas! It is also a time of the year to give thanks and blessing for the gifts that you provide not only to your club but for our community. Thank you for volunteering for the Salvation Army ringing the bell to provide cheer! Thank you for the Christmas parades and Holiday parties to celebrate the Lions this year! You are doing a fantastic job being a Lion in one of the greatest service organizations in the world! Give thanks to your fellow Lions and Thank you again for being a Lion! My hope is that you have a Merry Christmas with your family and friends!

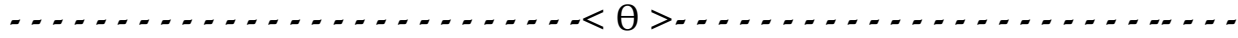
I have Club Excellence awards to give out this year therefore, I will be coming around again to get those to your clubs. You say "What is a Club Excellence Award?" It is an ideal way to set your club on the path to continued success while gaining prestige for excelling in the areas of membership, service, leadership and organizational excellence, and marketing. When your club receives this award, the club will be provided a banner patch and pin to your club president. However, more importantly, your club's excitement will be revitalized, your service impact will grow, and your members will see greater opportunities in our community. Find out more information on how you can apply for Club Excellence here: <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards>.

Our next State of the District Address is coming up soon, it will be on Sunday January 7, 2024, via Zoom and our International Director Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin will be in attendance. Make sure you ask your club President or Secretary for the invite. We will have a discussion on our District goals, where we are heading in the 3rd quarter of Lions year and hear from ID Lee Vrieze. You are doing a great job at our district goals, keep up the great work! It is an exciting time to be a Lion!

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I continue to look forward to serving with you in this great district MD26-M2 and seeing what we can do to “Be More, Do More and Serve More!” You know that I am “Excited to Serve!” this year!!! Let’s keep the momentum going!

*Lion Paul Carr,  
District Governor*



## District 26-M2 - 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Michelle’s Message

### Happy Greetings Lions!

The Hustle and Bustle of the Season has arrived in full force. The gifting, giving, and spirit of the Lions at this time of the year is extremely heart warming. The Community Parades with Lions showing support, displaying banners, and having fun, some are giving food, clothing, toys and gifts, and while some are having breakfast with Santa! These are all things that the Holidays are made of. Be proud of what your club is doing and share all this great service online reporting for your Club’s Service. As the New Year starts, we need to remember there are great Service opportunities available and needed the whole year through. Keep up the Excellent work and continue with old & new service ideas!

Wishing you and Yours a Healthy, Memorable, and exciting Holiday Season!

Passions that create Service!

*Lion Michelle Foster  
1st Vice District Governor*



## Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Bring in a new member, help us grow!  
Thanks to all Lions who have brought in new members this past year.  
Continue to work towards increasing our membership.  
(October 2023 - November 2023)

### CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

RONALD M BERGMANN  
MARK T LAMCZYK

### PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

GLENN W STEPAN

### FERGUSON LIONS CLUB

DARREN C BRANDT  
DEBORAH L BRANDT  
ROBERT R TRACY

### WASHINGTON LIONS CLUB

MARY J. GLASTETTER

**District 26–M2 of the International Association of Lions Clubs**  
**Cabinet Meeting Minutes**  
**December 4, 2023**  
**Valley Park Lions Hall**

Call To Order at 6:50 p.m. by District Governor Paul Carr.

Pledge was led by Lion Duane De Clue (De Soto).

Song was led by Lion Jennifer Sinn (Union).

Prayer was led by District Governor Paul Carr.

Moment of silence for those suffering and in need of healing.

Introduction of 1st Time Attendees/Guests: Lorie Nipper, Lion Pam Evans (Valley Park), Lion Holly Boyd (Valley Park), Lion Lucy Couch (Valley Park), Alan Decker

7:00 p.m. Adjourn for dinner.

7:30 p.m. Reconvene meeting

**Secretary's Report:** PDG Sandee Marshall reported that the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Cabinet meeting had been distributed and were also in the District newsletter. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by Lion Pam Manuel (Pacific) to accept the minutes as presented; second by Lion Teddi Speeler (Webster Groves). Motion passed. PDG Marshall reminded those present that food will not be ordered for the February meeting but everyone is encouraged to bring food to enjoy in fellowship with their fellow Lions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lion Joe Schroeder reported a balance of \$31,412.88 in the Service Activity account and \$96,176.76 in total assets as of December 1, 2023. No corrections or additions were made. Motion by IPDG Leon Hove to accept the report as presented; second by 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Michelle Foster. Motion passed.

**Governor's Opening Remarks:** DG Paul Carr reminded everyone that his emphasis this year is on service and service reporting.

**GLT:** No report

**GMT:** No report

**GST:** No report

**Zone Chairperson Reports:** No reports

**Committee Reports:** No reports

**Old Business:** DG Carr asked for any completed Quality Lion Award forms. PCC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Eugene Taylor received awards for the 2022-2023 year. The District winner of the Peace Poster contest was sponsored by the Hillsboro Lions Club; the poster advanced to State competition.

**New Business:** PDG Sandee Marshall presented the 2022-2023 District audit report for Lion Robert Ell (Bonhomme). DG Carr reported that only 25 of 37 clubs have scheduled their Governor's visit. Nominations for District Governor, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice District Governor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District Governor and a director of the District 26-M2 Eye Foundation Board will be made at the February Cabinet meeting. Raffle tickets for the Hearing sweepstakes to benefit statewide hearing projects were distributed to the clubs represented at the meeting and to Zone Chairs; they must be returned before the District convention. Officer training will be held at the District convention before the beginning of hospitality night and after the last session on Sunday. PDG Sandee Marshall gave a reminder about the fall/winter service project to benefit Canterbury Industries by helping to fulfill their Easter orders. Call her to reserve a Saturday morning in January or February. PCC Kimberly Taylor clarified the new delegate formula that was voted in at the International Convention in Boston.

**LCIF Grant Requests:** PDG Devin Struttman, LCIF co-chair, presented a previously discussed request for an LCIF District Community Impact Grant for \$1300 to fund the one-year rental of signage along I-64 in Chesterfield to promote brand awareness and humanitarian projects. Motion by IPDG Leon Hove to submit the application; second by PCC Kimberly Taylor. Motion passed.

IPDG Leon Hove, LCIF co-chair, presented a proposal for a LCIF Matching Grant by the Missouri Eye Mission Foundation for \$19,250 for additional equipment and storage of same to facilitate the new in-state

eye missions program. \$19,250 has already been received/pledged from individual Lions Clubs, the 26-M2 Eye Foundation and the Missouri Eye Mission Foundation. The total amount from contributions and the grant is \$38,500. Motion by Lion Pam Manuel submit the application; second by Lion Vickey Engel. Motion passed.

**Holiday Sweater Contest:** Lion Judy Yingling (Maplewood) won 1<sup>st</sup> place and IPDG Leon Hove (Washington) won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the ugliest sweaters. Lion Cyndi Carr (House Springs) won 1<sup>st</sup> place and Lion Nikki Hull (Webster Groves) won 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the prettiest sweaters. All winners received \$25 QT gift cards.

**Attendance Prizes:** \$25 gift cards to QT were won by PCC Gina Boettcher (Beaufort) and Lion Janet Weinrich (Chesterfield).

**1<sup>st</sup> VDG Closing Remarks:** 1<sup>st</sup> VDG Michelle wished everyone “Happy holidays” and complimented them on the many parades and services activities this season. She was personally moved hearing what disadvantaged children were asking of Santa at a recent event.

**DG Closing Remarks:** With 6 months of the year completed, DG Paul Carr reminded us of his goal and commitment to service and fellowship. His next “State of the District” zoom meeting will be held on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.; ID Lee Vrieze, our convention speaker, will be the special guest.

Deadline for submissions to the next issue of the newsletter is December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Next GAT Meeting will be January 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Timbers in Eureka.

Next Cabianet Meeting will be February 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m at the Timbers of Eureka.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. by Lion Pam Manuel, second by IPDG Leon Hove. A group photo was taken.

Respectfully submitted,  
Past District Governor Sandee Marshall  
Cabinet Secretary 2023 – 2024

# Lion LCIF

Do you Remember Lion Friendly?

Several years ago, Lion Friendly traveled throughout our district from club to club. Some say he got mange; others dressed him up and one Lions even built him a cage. No one knows where he is today but we now have a new traveling Lion.

Lion LCIF exists thanks to Lion Eugene Morse's wife who gave him and a few other things to us to see if we could raise money for the Lions from them. He is rather large with a 38" neck. He has started his travels around the district with the Union Lions who plan to help him along the way with a visit to Wildwood Area Lions.

There are two purposes behind Lion LCIF.

One: To raise money for LCIF. If a club keeps Lion LCIF longer than two weeks after having received it from another club, they are "assessed a fine" of \$25 payable to LCIF. Lion Leon Hove or Lion Devin Struttmann will be happy to take the check. Each additional period results in another "fine". Of course, all are encouraged to make a "fine" donation to LCIF even if they help Lion LCIF along the way in his travels before the two weeks.

Two: Encourage interaction between clubs and members. Hopefully when a club brings Lio LCIF to another club they will have a delegation and the members of the two clubs will exchange ideas.

LCIF has given our district grants to purchase SPOT vision cameras, a tonometer and peripheral vision equipment, several disaster grants to various clubs including St. Louis, Union, Pacific, Valley Park and De Soto. The Springfield area just received a matching grant of \$100,000 for an all-abilities park. The Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation is preparing a grant request now for new and additional equipment.

LCIF does not just distribute money overseas and in third world countries. We receive much more here in the USA than we contribute. Please consider a contribution on a personal level. Why not commit a dime a day or just \$3.00 a month. You could set that up as a regular deduction out of your bank account or on your credit card.

There are more new things coming regarding LCIF. Watch the newsletter and check facebook for exciting ways to help LCIF.

## PROJECT EASTER EGG

### The District 26-M2 Fall/Winter Service Project

is a unique opportunity to develop an ongoing service partnership with  
**Canterbury Enterprises, Inc.**, (A Workshop for Individuals with Disabilities)  
7228 Weil Avenue, 63119 (Shrewsbury)

Canterbury *desperately* needs help filling their contracts for Easter eggs and wrapped Easter baskets. There is no heavy lifting involved. Some positions require standing but anyone can fill eggs while seated. 20 or more Lions and friends can work at a time.

We would like to help them on every Saturday in January and February from 8 to noon.

If you wish, we can also schedule on weekdays this fall.

These are the Saturdays we are really trying to fill:

January 6<sup>th</sup>, January 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 20<sup>th</sup>, January 27<sup>th</sup>  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Contact: PDG Sandee Marshall with questions or to schedule  
[LionSandee2020@gmail.com](mailto:LionSandee2020@gmail.com)  
314-498-0659





PRO WRESTLING EPIC PRESENTS LIVE PRO WRESTLING  
**FIRST TIME EVER IN PACIFIC MISSOURI**

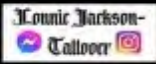


# DECLARATION OF WAR

**SATURDAY JAN 6TH - ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
223 WEST UNION STREET PACIFIC MISSOURI 63069**

**TICKETS - FRONT ROW \$20 - GA \$15 DOORS OPEN AT 6PM - BELLTIME 6:30 PM**

**FOR TICKETS OR INFO  
CALL 618-806-4656**



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FB.COM/  
PWEPIC**



**INSTAGRAM:  
pwepic**





# PIANOS FOR A PURPOSE

## JANUARY 27, 2024

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM - DINNER 6PM

PIANOS 7-10PM

### DUELING PIANOS AND DINNER EVENT



Tickets: \$40 each or \$300 for Table of 8

INCLUDES: DINNER AND SHOW \*CASH BAR AVAILABLE\*

**Must be 21 + to attend**



To purchase tickets online Scan here

[pacificchamber.com/events](http://pacificchamber.com/events)

Or contact the Chamber office 636-271-6639



#### Hosted by:

Pacific Area Chamber of Commerce and  
Pacific Chamber Foundation

#### Place:

Pacific Eagles  
707 E Congress  
Pacific, MO 63069

#### Benefits:

Pacific Lions Club  
New Roof





# **DISTRICT 26-M2 EYE WRAP**

**Hosted by  
Used Eye Glasses Committee**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024**

**Wildwood Community Park  
17155 Pond Grover Parkway  
Wildwood, MO 63038**

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

**Donuts Provided**

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

Lion Ed Marshall at (314) 498-0655 or [elmwildwood@charter.net](mailto:elmwildwood@charter.net)

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

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

**PLEASE BRING USED EYE GLASSES  
AND HEARING AIDS**

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

A CALL FOR THE  
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION  
To Be Held April 5th – 7th, 2024

Attention Lions!!

As the 16th annual District M2 Convention approaches, now is the time to make your plans to be there and participate in the weekend events.

The Convention will be April 5th – 7th, 2024.

The entire Convention will be held at the DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport. The Friday night Hospitality will be held in the Grand Ballroom. We are planning on being able to accommodate as many Clubs' hospitality booths in one large area as we have in past years, including entertainment and a dance floor.

There will be a theme this year – PATRIOTIC! So, plan on decorating your booth and yourselves in red, white and blue or something similar. More information will be shared as it becomes available!

The DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146 is holding a block of rooms and is taking reservations at a discounted price of \$94 + tax for a standard room.

Please contact them directly at (314) 434-0100 to make your room reservations at the DoubleTree Hotel and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention. After March 14, 2024 the room block will be released, and the discounted price will no longer be available.

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

You can find this and more information on our website:

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

2024 District 26-M2 Convention Committee

A CALL FOR THE  
**SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION**  
 To Be Held April 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
 DoubleTree Hotel St. Louis at Westport, 1973 Craigshire, St. Louis, MO 63146



**Our international guest for the weekend will be International Director Lion Lee Vrieze.**

Lee Vrieze from Jim Falls, Wisconsin, USA was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of Lions Clubs International at the association's 104th International Convention, June 24 - June 28, 2022.

He works professionally as an information technology infrastructure manager. He has been an active member of the Jim Falls Lions Club since 2001 and continues to serve with them to this day. He and his wife, Mary, also a Lion and Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have been married for over 43 years and have two children, two grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

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

FRIDAY, April 5th	SATURDAY, April 6th	SUNDAY, April 7th
Club Officer Training ..... 3 PM – 5 PM	Registration ..... 8 AM – 10 AM	Breakfast.....8:15 AM
Registration ..... 3 PM – 5 PM	Q/A with ID Vrieze ..... 8:30 AM	Closing Business Session & Memorial Service .....9:00 AM
Hospitality ..... 5:30 PM – 11 PM	Morning Business Session..... 9:00 AM	Club Officer Training ..... Noon – 2 PM
Parade of Banners ..... 6:30 PM	All Lions Lunch ..... 12 Noon – 1:00 PM	
Live Music, Dancing & Party Time..... 7 PM – 11 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	

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**2024 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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

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

**Full Convention Package:**

(Hospitality, Luncheon,  
Dinner Banquet, Breakfast & Wrist Band)

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Luncheon Only:

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

Dinner Banquet Only:

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

Breakfast Only:

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

After March 22, 2024 - 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 March 22, 2024.

No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 22, 2024.  
Reservations must include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).

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

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





# Please Remember These Lions

(October 2023 - November 2023)

## BRENTWOOD LIONS CLUB

JOHN H STEUBER JR

## FENTON LIONS CLUB

DAVID R HANDLANG

## ST LOUIS DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB

WILLIAM M MCROBERTS

## WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB

GEORGE KOOB

**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 **January 12, 2024**. Now is the time for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Do you have a “Did You Know” article? Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

**Send to Lion Dave Kinkade, editor, at:**  
[editor@lions26m2.org](mailto:editor@lions26m2.org)

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise stated, the District 26-M2 “The Lions That Roar” newsletter is published bimonthly. The following is the “ROAR” schedule for the Lion year of 2023 – 2024. Unless otherwise **noted above**, please send articles for publication by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month of publication.

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June	2024

Thank you,  
Lion Dave, Editor