



Missouri Lion

July-September, 2021

Multiple District 26



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Missouri Lions Calendar

~Important Upcoming Events~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
September 9-11, 2021	USA/Canada Forum	De Moines, IA
October 1-3, 2021	PDG Weekend	Jefferson City, MO
October 30, 2021	Council of Governors Meeting	Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO
November 12-13, 2021	Mid-South Second Quarterly Meeting	Overland, MO
January 29, 2022	Council of Governors Meeting	Rolla, MO
March 4-6, 2022	M2 District Convention	St. Louis, MO
March 11-12, 2022	Mid-South Third Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, Tennessee
March 19, 2022	M4 District Convention	Chillicothe, MO
March 25-26 , 2022	M6 District Convention	Springfield, MO
April 8-9, 2022	M3 District Convention	Canton, MO
April 28 – May 1, 2022	State Convention	Rolla, MO
May 20-22, 2022	Leader Dog Bus Trip	Rochester Hills, Michigan
June 3-4, 2022	Mid-South Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, Mississippi
June 4-5, 2022	Mid-South Fourth Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, Tennessee
June 24-28, 2022	International Convention	Montreal, Canada
July 7-11, 2023	International Convention	Boston, Massachusetts
June 21-25, 2024	International Convention	Melbourne, Australia
July 4-8, 2025	International Convention	Mexico City, Mexico
July 3-7, 2026	International Convention	Atlanta, Georgia
July 2-6, 2027	International Convention	Washington, DC
June 23-27, 2028	International Convention	Singapore



HELLO FELLOW LIONS! I AM LION BETHNEY PEDERSEN AND I AM EXTREMELY EXCITED TO GET STARTED ON THIS ADVENTURE! I WANTED TO TELL YOU ALL A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF AND HOW I GOT STARTED IN LIONS CLUB!

I AM A SENIOR AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY. I AM STUDYING TO BECOME A HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER. AS AN ENGLISH MAJOR, I HAVE WRITTEN LOTS OF PAPERS AND DESIGNED MANY PROJECTS MAKING ME THE PERFECT FIT FOR THIS POSITION! I GOT STARTED IN LIONS WHEN I WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL. MY FATHER, DG JAMES PEDERSEN, WAS BIG IN LIONS AND SO I DECIDED TO JOIN MY HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB. SOON AFTER I JOINED, I BECAME THE PRESIDENT MY SENIOR YEAR. AFTER I GRADUATED, I DECIDED THE NEXT STEP WAS TO JOIN THE LIONS CLUB THAT BOTH OF MY PARENTS ARE A PART OF, MARYVILLE PRIDE LIONS CLUB. SINCE JOINING, I CURRENTLY HOLD A COUPLE OF POSITIONS. I RUN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND AM THE ASSISTANT SPONSOR FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL LEO CLUB. I AM ALSO A MELVIN JONES FELLOW. I HOPE THAT EVERYONE ENJOYS THESE NEWSLETTERS AS THEY COME! THANK YOU ALL FOR GRANTING ME THE PRIVILEGE TO SERVE THE MISSOURI LIONS IN PROVIDING NEWS AND INFORMATION TO ALL!

WITH SERVICE FROM THE HEART,

MISSOURI LION EDITOR, LION BETHNEY PEDERSEN



Your New Editor

Council Chairperson, Lion Bob Noellsch, is from the Bowling Green Lions Club in District M3 where he has been a Lion since 1983. He has served as District Governor and 1st VDG of M3 twice, he has been the Cabinet Secretary once, and he has been the District Global Leadership Coordinator. Currently, in addition to the role of Council Chair, he is the District LCIF coordinator and the Global Leadership Coordinator. He retired in 2014 after working for 33 years with the United States Department of Agriculture where he was a Farm Loan Manager. He is married to Lion Mary Jane; they have 5 adult children and 10 grandchildren (so far).





Missouri Lions



Mid-Winter Forum

February 18th & 19th, 2022



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Meet your M1 District Governor

DG Jerry was born a long time ago and started at a country school. Sometime later, he graduated from Malden High School and Harding College (now University). (He stayed in school long enough, that they decided to graduate him.) While at Harding, he met Marilyn who is now his wife of 55 years. They have 2 sons who live in Nashville, TN area. He worked in management and sales until 1977 when he became self employed as a carpet cleaner. Marilyn taught school for a bunch of years. After 20 plus years of lifting hide-a-beds, triple dressers and everything heavy in a home, he began a career in Insurance and Financial Services. After 23 plus years there, he took a retirement contract and mainly serves his clients. He enjoys camping, jet skiing, golfing, motorcycle riding and fishing occasionally. He became a Lion in 1975 and now as District Governor enjoys visiting other clubs and learning how it is to be done.



Meet your M2 District Governor

DG Devin currently lives in Union, MO with his wife Marcie Struttmann. He has two daughters, Abby and Olivia Struttmann. He enjoys relaxing on his back porch. He has worked as a Director of Production Services at American Direct Marketing Resources for 33 years. He has been a Lions member for 21 years. The moment that he truly became a lion was when he attended an eye mission to Mexico in 2009. Positions that he has held within his own club, Union Lions Club, including Club President, Club Secretary, Zone Chairperson, District Treasurer, District GLT Coordinator, President of Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation. He has also received many awards which include Melvin Jones Fellowship, Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship, International President's Certificates, International President's International Leadership Award. His favorite way to give back to others is to go on eye glass mission trip.



M1 District Letter

DG Jerry Reaves



I enjoy being a Lion and visiting other clubs and different district events. Many clubs take different approaches in the same things that our local club does. And each district is unique in the way some things are done. But regardless of methods, I see a common thread with each club. The desire to help others is at the core of what we do. Our service methods may differ but our reason for doing is the same. We might even learn a new, more exciting and fun way of working when we are with other Lions.

I am especially fond of seeing clubs cooperating with each other in doing fund raisers or service work. This collective effort benefits everyone more by knowing other Lions on a more personal level during these events. It also permits new ideas exchanged and new methods employed to make a more beneficial outcome. The appreciation of getting acquainted with fellow Lions is the beginning of special friendships and lifelong friends. Sometimes habit causes us to not look for a better way to get a job done. Being open to new things is a growing process with a rewarding outcome in many cases.

Enjoy this year as a Lion and look forward to a growing process to further your experiences for the coming years.

Dear Lions Friends,

I want to begin by saying it's an extreme honor to be serving as your District Governor. It's a privilege that I don't take for granted. I'm excited about the 2021/2022 Lions year and all that is ahead.

It has been a busy Summer of Lions events. It's wonderful to see our clubs active again in their communities. As we often repeat, please let us know what events are happening within your club. You can also share on our District Facebook page.

Speaking of social media, look for exciting changes with our Facebook page. We also plan to increase our activity on Instagram. If you're not active yet on that platform, now is the time.

I think we all hoped that the pandemic would be in the rearview mirror by now. However, it's still a big part of our world. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy. I know it's

difficult for our clubs to navigate these difficult times. If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.

In closing, I want to express our sincere condolences to the Bernhardt family. PDG Jim Bernhardt was one of our outstanding leaders who remained active in our district until

the end. He proudly served as District Governor during the 2001/2002 Lions year. In recent years, he was an active member of the Used Eyeglasses Committee. He was always present for district and state events and would come wearing a mischievous smile. He certainly knew how to have a good time. There was nobody quite like him and he will be missed by all. We love and miss you Lion Jim.

In service,

Lion Devin Struttman,

District Governor



M2 District Letter

DG Devin Struttman



You are invited as we travel to Rochester, Michigan to experience the magic of LeaderDogs for the Blind!



Make checks payable to: **DG Phyllis Krebs**. In the memo area, please note **Missouri LeaderDog Trip**, then mail to: **DG Phyllis Krebs**, 3633 W. Morningside Pl, Springfield, MO 65807. leaderpupsinmo@gmail.com, 417-988-5330

Hotel accommodations must be booked on your own.

Hotel information is on next page.

Deadline for reservations is April 29, 2022



Passenger pick-ups sites, please circle your choice:

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	Washington, MO	Valley Park, MO

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This IS NOT your ticket, it will only reserve your seat on the bus. Tickets will be issued when payment has been received, at that point the reservation will be complete. We **MUST** have **40** reservations to do this trip!

Please book early!

Deadline (form with payment received) is November 14, 2021

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Missouri Lions Club <https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2439758>

Group room rates include the following for overnight guests*:

Complimentary Hot Breakfast - Start every day with make-your-own Belgian waffles, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, oatmeal, biscuits and gravy, KELSO+BROS® coffee and more. Complimentary hot breakfast is served daily from 6–9:30 a.m. on weekdays and 7–10 a.m. on weekends.

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Free Wi-Fi Throughout the Hotel - Get the score, check your social networks or email family members from anywhere in the hotel!

On-Site Facilities - Take advantage of the business center, fitness center or pool while away from home. Print boarding passes, finish a presentation or check e-mail in the hotel's business centers.

All this for **\$96-\$100** (plus tax) per night!

1 King Bed=\$96/night (limited availability) **2 Queen beds=\$100/night**

Please make your reservations by **Friday, April 29, 2022** to receive your group rate. Reservations made after this date will be subject to prevailing rate and availability. Reservations may also be made by calling

1-800-325-0720 and refer to your group number **2439758**.

You must make your own reservations for Friday night May 20 and Saturday night May 21!

WHO WE ARE

At Leader Dogs for the Blind we believe that everyone deserves a life of independence and mobility. All of our services are provided free of charge to our clients, including travel in the U.S. and Canada, room and board, equipment and training. This means that no one is excluded from living their most fulfilling life due to lack of funds.

We are 100% philanthropically funded by individual donors, Lions clubs, corporate partners and foundations. Simply put, we could not provide over one million days of independence each year without the immense generosity of our supporters.

Our programs are designed to provide our clients with the tools and training to reintroduce them to a life of confidence, safety and independence. Through our full-range of services—Guide Dog Training, Orientation & Mobility Training and Summer Experience Camp—we meet the mobility needs of our clients at every stage of their lives



OUR MISSION

Our mission is empowering people who are blind or visually-impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel.



Mid-South Lions



Fellow Lions and Friends: We had an excellent quarterly meeting on Saturday, only diminished by the fact that we were unable to gather LIVE!

We set our meeting dates for the next two years (!) more or less. PLEASE PUT THESE ON YOUR CLUB AND DISTRICT CALENDARS! Our upcoming meetings will be on Saturday, September 18 at the Cooper-Young Festival manning the Lions Kid Zone (not an official meeting, but I hope you'll come and help). You can sign up as a volunteer or contribute by going to our website and clicking on the Cooper-Young link. Or just click HERE: <https://midsouthlions.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/929180>

The next official meeting will be in Overland, MO on November 12-13 hosted by the Overland Lions Club. Their den is located at 2358 Lackland, Overland, MO 63114. We will have a St. Louis-style barbecue dinner on Friday night. Cost for that meal is \$17 per person. Saturday we will have another St. Louis favorite, pasta, for lunch. Cost for that meal is \$13. My understanding is that there will be an open bar included in both meals. The committee meetings will be on Saturday morning, and the board meeting after lunch on Saturday. There is no registration fee for just attending the meeting, but paid reservations are required for the meals. You can register for this meeting by checking our website www.midsouthlions.org and clicking on the appropriate links or just click HERE: [November 2021 Quarterly Meeting - Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, Inc \(churchcenter.com\)](https://www.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/929180)

The Embassy Suites Hotel will be our HQ hotel for the November meeting. President Lisa has arranged for a special rate of \$134 per night plus tax. You can call the hotel directly at 636-946-5544 or you can check the website and click the appropriate link or you can just click HERE: <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=STLEMES&arrivalDate=2021-11-12&departureDate=2021-11-14&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILTONLINK%2Cen%2CDirectLink>

Our March meeting will be at the Hamilton Eye Institute (COVID allowing) on March 12. Registration for that meeting has not been set up yet, but I hope you are planning to attend. This meeting is when we set our budget for next year and nominate the officers who will lead us in the next Lions year. We will also consider any changes to the bylaws during this important meeting. AND WE HOPE TO MEET IN PERSON! There is also a plan to have our L. B. Baker Hall of Honor induction ceremony for that meeting as well. We have three distinguished individuals to induct then. AND we might just be celebrating our 80th anniversary on that day. Stay tuned for further developments...

June's golf tournament, named after our great benefactor Sam Ware, will be called "The Sam" (pending the family's approval) and will be played at Cherokee Valley on Friday, June 3 in Olive Branch. Our annual membership and fourth quarterly meeting will be in HEI (COVID allowing) on Saturday, June 4. Registration has not been set up for this meeting yet, but please put it on your calendars.

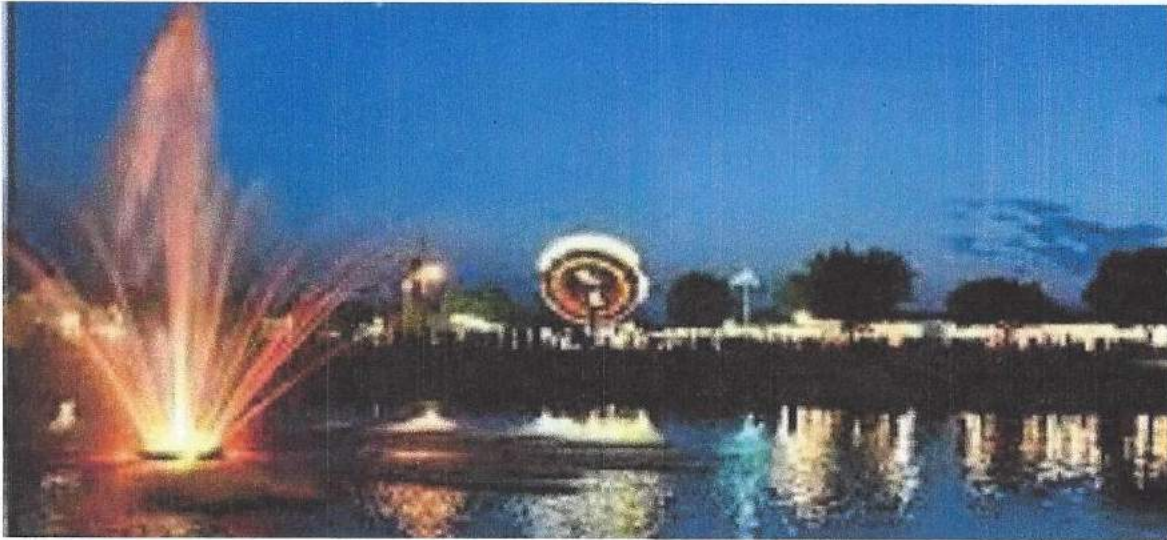
Our review of last year included a good financial report and an expanded patient report showing that we had a successful 2020-2021. Our success is not measured by monetary increase, but by how many people's lives are changed by our program through sight surgeries and hearing aids. At this we were highly successful, and we hope to continue that success in 2021-2022. The surprise of the weekend was IPP Scott's announcement that three Lions had been elected to the L. B. Baker Hall of Honor. PDG Herb Marshall from Charleston, MO who was a long-time supporter and past president of Mid-South helped to bring Missouri into the Mid-South family in the 1980s and continued his leadership until his death a few years ago. He will be honored at the November meeting in Missouri, and we hope his family can attend.

Beyond that, the past presidents elected Mona and I as members of the Hall of Honor as well. Mona spoke eloquently and emotionally in accepting this great honor, and for once I was pretty well speechless. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has made the past 31 years a true adventure in serving others. You all know we cannot do this by ourselves, and we don't do it for glory, but with your help we've been able to accomplish a lot of things at Mid-South, and with your continued help we'll continue to provide those MIRACLES we talk about.

Finally, thanks to all our officers and committee members who diligently set aside time for committee meetings and the board meeting. We did a lot via Zoom, and we hope to do even more when we MEET (in-person) again. I hope to see you in November at Overland, or before at other Lions functions around the four-state area.

Thanks again for all you do to help those in need.

Together in service,
PCC Brad Baker, CEO
Mid-South Lions



**2022 Missouri Lions State Convention
Registration**

**April 28th - May 1st, 2022
Rolla, Missouri 65401**

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2022 STATE CONVENTION

[Click Here for Convention Registration Sheet!](#)

Winery and Brewery Tour



2022 Missouri Lions State Convention

Winery and Brewery Tours & Tasting

Thursday April 28, 2022

Leave Hotel at 6:00 P.M. Return about 9:30 P.M.

Registration for April 28, 2022

Public House Brewery & St. James Winery Tours and Tasting

Cost is \$40/person (includes Bus and Pizza/salad Buffet)



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ Email: _____

District: _____ Club: _____ Title: _____

Registration:

Transportation by bus plus Pizza and Salad Buffet: \$40 X _____ = \$ _____

Please mail registration form and payment by 3/15/2022

No Refunds after 3/15/2022

Make Checks Payable to Missouri Lions 2022 State Convention

Cost does not include any additional beverage purchases.

Mail registration and payment to Lion Jennie Mosher

C/O MO Lions 2022 State Convention

1061 South Bishop Ave.

Rolla, Missouri

Lions Service Project: June 19-30, 2021



For Lion Mark Kross, living with diabetes has become second nature. Lion Tom Mengwasser, having a Doctorate of Pharmacy, has developed a lifelong quest for knowledge about disease states like diabetes that are, in many cases, preventable and treatable. When Lions Club International unveiled its diabetes initiative a few years ago, their ears perked up. Now they could impart much of that knowledge to their community through a great vehicle... the Jefferson City Host Lions Club.

Over the last couple years, Mark and Tom have given talks and presentations to various clubs and groups including their very own Host Club. Two years ago, prior to the pandemic, the pair championed Diabetic Awareness Day at Whaley's Pharmacy, a local central Missouri pharmacy. At that event Lion Kross and others handed out awareness literature and free glucose meter kits, while Lion Dr. Mengwasser screened customers and staff for high blood glucose and high blood pressure. Due to the ongoing pandemic, many of the now usual Diabetic Awareness activities were canceled and it seemed, like much of the world, the diabetes initiative would be put on hold. Then an opportunity was presented to Lion Mark that would turn into a great outreach to athletes from all over the Midwest.

In the early part of summer 2021, the Jefferson City Host Lions Club was contacted by a representative from the Special Olympics Missouri to see if the club knew of anyone that would be able to provide a good presentation on diabetes care and awareness to over 200 Special Olympic athletes, coaches, and trainers. The club contacted Mark, and then Mark contacted Tom. Both of them were very excited to be presented with this opportunity. The pair of Lions conversed via email, text, and in person finalizing plans and preparations. It was decided that to cover such a large audience it would have to be broken into 6 different presentations of the same material over two days. The logistics of the presentation schedules were handled by Carol Griffin, the Health-Partnership Manager for Special Olympics Missouri. She did a great job coordinating our multiple presentations into the Special Olympic Athletes' Olympic Trials rotation of events. Mark and Tom's presentation was the "Health Awareness" block on each athlete's schedule over their two days of Olympic Trials.

The presentation was set up as a quick and seamless transition of Lion Tom using a PowerPoint, "Diabetes 101" that he constructed prior, to Lion Mark detailing his life with diabetes. There was a short period for questions at the end of each block and the team gave out free glucose testing meters to all who wanted one.

The athletes were very attentive and genuinely interested in the subject of diabetes and how it will, or already has, affected them. Several great questions were asked and a few folks wanted to be screened for diabetes post presentation. Lion Kross and Lion Mengwasser worked together to take a year that could be seen by many as a wash due to the pandemic and capitalize on a very large and very attentive audience. Lions Kross and Mengwasser felt the call to do their part in making the Lions Club International vision a reality... "Serving in diverse communities all over the world, we see and feel the effects of diabetes and are doing something about it together."



Special Thanks to: Jefferson City Host Lions Club, Whaley's Pharmacy Inc., Carol Griffin and the rest of the Special Olympics Missouri staff, coaches, and athletes that made this project possible.

Meet your M3 District Governor

Lion Michael Sliger lives in Lagrange Missouri for the past 17 years. He is married to my lovely wife Lion Joanie for the last 30+ years. He has 2 step children Jennifer and Justin and two grandchildren Justin Jr and Alainah. He graduated in 1983 from Missouri Institute of Technology (Devry) with an Associate Degree in Electrical Engineering Technology. Currently he works for Industrial Design & Automation my occupation is controls programming. He is a member of First Baptist Church of LaGrange for the last 14 Years. On the Board on Director of the Church, Past Worshipful Master of Craft Lodge #287, and Secretary for Craft Lodge for the last eight years. Lion Michael Sliger of Lagrange Missouri, serve 3 terms as secretary of the LaGrange Lions Club. Past President for 4 terms. Multiple Melvin Jones Fellow. Also, member of Boling Green Kid Sight Team. Zone Chairman for 3 years. 1st Vice District Governor 2017-2018, District Governor 2018-2019. 1st Vice District Governor 2020-2021. LaGrange Lions support several functions in the community. We provide money to families that loss their house due to fire, eyeglasses to people in need, we also have 2 sight enhancing devices for those that are reading impaired. Some of our annual fundraiser, five annual fish fries, pancake and sausage day, Fourth of July Cookout.



Meet your M4 District Governor

Lion James joined the Maryville Pride Lions Club in 2014. He has held various offices and became club president in 2016-17. He completed his second term of club president in 2018-19. He is also a recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. He is continually active in the Club's various projects and fundraisers.

He has served as Zone Chairperson for Zone 1 – Region I for two different terms. He has also served on the District 26-M4 Basketball Committee for three years.

He is the original Co-Chairperson of the Lions Freedom Rock Committee and now is serving on the Board of Directors of the Lions Freedom Rock Plaza.

He was born in Maryville, Missouri and grew up in rural Nodaway County. He graduated from the South Nodaway School District. He was employed in the Construction and Electrical Departments at Northwest Missouri State University for two years. He then became employed with American Electric Company of St. Joseph, Missouri where he began his Sales and Management career. He then was transferred to Maryville where he is currently operations manager of the CED American Electric store.

He is active in the Open Door Christian Center Church of Bolckow, Missouri where he serves on the board and in the sound booth. He has served as an Outpost Commander for the Royal Rangers Ministry since 2004. He is also the Section Four Leader for the Assembly of God Northern Missouri District Royal Rangers. He has also been a 12-year board member.

Together, he and his wife, Lion Christine, have four children. One is currently attending Northwest Missouri State University while the others headed straight into the work force. Lion Chris and daughter Lion Bethney are also members of the Maryville Pride Lions Club.



M3 District Letter

DG Michael Sliger



With Covid almost behind us, I am looking forward to starting the new year with a bang!! As more and more Lions' clubs resume meetings and begin their regular summer fund raisers, I encourage everyone to contact your members and encourage them to come back. I know we all have missed them during the troubling times. It has been a busy time for that last couple of months preparing for the transition to District Governor. The State and District Conventions were a blast!! It has been fun filling the Cabinet positions. District Governor Elect Virtual Training this year was a real hoot!! This will be the first Virtual LCI Convention. I am looking forward to participating. It will be very exciting to see how it is pulled off this year. The 2023 LCI Convention will be held in Montreal Canada next year. This was changed due to Covid issues in New Delhi, India. Part of being District Governor is developing District Goals. We had two Zoom calls with the current cabinet, Club Presidents and Secretaries. We had a great time and generated a lot of great ideas. I used this information to develop my Goals for 2022. I listed my them below.

1. Increase District Reporting of Service to 35%.
2. Membership Development Start 2 new Clubs (1 Leo and 1 Regular).
3. Leadership Development Train all new Zone Chairs, Club President and Club Secretaries.
4. LCI Campaign 100. Encourage all Clubs to participate by making donation to LCI.
5. District Governor's Contest.

Membership: We will be starting the year with a record low number of members in District 26-M3 history. To date we have dropped 122 added 64 for a net loss of 58 members. That is -5% growth in our district. I would like to see the district reduce this number or even reverse it. I would be nice to have growth next year.

Upcoming Lions Events

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute will be July 22-25 in Maryville, MO. This is an excellent workshop for any Lions that want to improve themselves. There is a fee that covers the dorm room, meals, and materials. There are funds still available to pay the fee - Contact CC Bob Noellsch (lionbobnoellsch@hotmail.com) or myself.

USA-Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be September 9th - 11th in Des Moines, Iowa. This is a great chance to learn more about Lions. There are more than 70 sessions that participants may choose from. Many of us think this is the best event that LCI has - even better than the International Conventions. Registration costs \$285.00 per person.

Council of Governors Meeting the next meeting will be October 30th, at Camden on the Lake, Lake Ozark, MO.

District 26-M3 Cabinet Meeting the next meeting will be July 31st at Court House Basement Mexico MO. Meeting will start at 9:30 AM.

Michael Sliger,

District Governor



PDG Jerry Romig (M5) has long been collecting editions of the Lion Magazine that is published through LCI. He recently handed over his large collection to the State Office. PDG Jerry has meticulously catalogued, organized, and labeled 18 binders of magazines. Each Individual magazine is in a protective sleeve and the magazines arranged in chronological order, starting with March of 1971! However, he is missing several issues from his collection. He would like anyone out there that may have a copy of a missing issue to consider sending it to the State Office, in hopes of completing the collection. The collection will be on display on a bookshelf in the State Office if anyone would like to view this amazing Lions history. (It is fun to look at the changes in advertising, cars, hair styles, clothing styles, etc. over the years.)

Missing Issues:

April 1971	June 1978	October 1990
October 1971	May 1979	September 1992
October 1972	May 1980	October 2000
February 1975	June 1980	September 2009
March 1975	July 1990	May 2011
April 1975	September 1990	

Collection of Lions Magazines

M4 August Letter

DG James Pedersen



Hello from your M4 District Governor! I cannot believe it's already August and one month has passed since taking office as your M4 District Governor. As the old idiom states... "time flies when you're having fun." Fall will soon be among us, and all the trees will begin to flourish into many colors. Such a great time of the year to see some of nature's beauty. Speaking of August, this month I would like to take some time and honor our Veterans. Purple Heart Day was observed on August 7th and is a time for Americans to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice. As I drive from town to town, many Lions Clubs have a Purple Heart emblem along the highway. A salute to all who served and continue to serve today!

Have you been to Maryville to visit the first Freedom Rock established in Missouri? In 2017, Five local clubs of Nodaway County joined together to help make this "100th year anniversary" a memorial. Over 560 bricks surround the Freedom Rock. A choice of three different sizes were available to be purchased by various individuals who wanted to honor their loved ones that currently serve or have served. If you are interested in purchasing a brick to be engraved, please email: maryvillepridelionsclub@gmail.com or call Lion Ken Barnes at 660-541-0707, and we will get you the details to get signed up. Two other Freedom Rocks have been established since. The 2nd Missouri Freedom Rock was placed in Cape Girardeau and the 3rd Missouri Freedom Rock was placed in St. Robert.

Finally, a little trivia to close. Do you know what two colors were selected by Lions International as their official colors? The official colors for Lions are purple (or dark blue) and gold. The purple represents loyalty to country, friends, to oneself and to the integrity of mind and heart. It is also the color of strength, courage, and dedication to a cause. The gold symbolizes sincerity of purpose, liberality in judgment, purity in life and generosity in mind, heart, and commitment to mankind. These colors were selected in 1917, the same year the organization was founded.

Happy to Serve,

DG James Pedersen



1st Missouri Freedom Rock © Maryville, Missouri © Ray "Bubba" Sorenson II

MARYVILLE



CAPE GIRARDEAU



CAPE GIRARDEAU FREEDOM ROCK © © RAY "BUBBA" SORENSON II



ST. ROBERT MISSOURI FREEDOM ROCKS © RAY "BUBBA" SORENSON II

ST. ROBERT



Missouri Freedom Rocks

M4 September Letter

DG James Pedersen



As the sound of Cicadas travel through the air and the trees start to turn colors, fall is vastly approaching. I look forward to this time of year, seeing God's creation through and through. Many families have now returned from vacation and school is back in session. Now is the time to focus on getting outdoor events finished up before the weather turns too cold. From sporting events to tractor pulls, many Lions continue to serve together in their local clubs to make these event happen.

September is a month that draws attention to one of our five LCI main focus's, Childhood Cancer. Over 300,000 children and adolescents from the age of 0-19 are diagnosed each year with cancer. What are Lions doing to help this? Lions are increasing acts of support to families and children affected by childhood cancer and helping improve diagnostics, treatment, and continued care to those affected by childhood cancer. Did you know grants are also available to Lions districts and multiple districts in amounts from \$10,000 to \$150,000? Projects must be implemented in coordination or collaboration with existing government or charitable childhood cancer medical facilities. This Childhood Cancer grant program will not fund medical care directly, however, it could help fund construction, expansion, or renovation of waiting rooms and houses where families can receive rest, sleep, or cook while their child is receiving treatment. Projects can also help with access to improve transportation to and from medical appointments. Education & needs of patients receiving treatment are also on the list of examples listed for potential grants. If an applicant would like to implement a project involving medical equipment or infrastructure, they may be eligible to apply for support through the LCIF matching grant program.

Until next time, stay safe, stay involved, and stay focused on needs in your local community and club to help make a difference. Remember kindness matters and serve from your heart!

DG James Pedersen

Hello Lions! This summer I had the amazing opportunity to participate in the Youth Camps and Exchanges program put on by Lions Club International! This allows students to travel around the world and learn about different cultures while absorbing different home lives. I began my trip on July 14th at the Kansas City airport. My first flight was 3 hours to Detroit, Michigan. My next flight went directly to Paris, France and was 7 hours. After arriving in France, I rode a train for 3 hours to arrive in Rennes train station. This is where I met the other campers that I would be living with for the next 2 weeks and our camp director, David. David then drove us another 2 hours to finally arrive at our destination, Lanvalley. During this time, we visited many places around Lanvalley such as Dinan, Le Mont Saint Michel, Saint Malo, Caen, and many more. One of the campers, Tristan who was from France, became our tour guide and was able to drive us to all of these places. I was able to see a couple of chateaus, the WW2 museum along with the Normandy American Cemetery and Omaha Beach, and many more amazing views. We also got to visit with some of the Lions club's around the area that helped to plan events based on where their clubs are located. We threw a thank you dinner and on the last day of camp, invited them to say goodbye and a final thank you. I then was able to spend a couple of days visiting Paris where I got to see many popular places like the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. Next, I traveled with another Lion's Youth Camp Exchange director to her house in Bordeaux. The next couple of days we just toured the city itself and relaxed a little! Finally, the last week of my trip was spent with my host family in Port Navalo. It had an awesome view from the house because it was right on the ocean! This time was meant for just being around their family. This was considered their vacation so the first couple of days, the grandparents stayed with us and other family lived close by! On August 8th, it was time for me to come home and I was more then ready to see my family! I had a great experience and learned a lot about the culture in France! Thank you to every club that helped me be able to go on this trip by donating to me! Below is a picture of my host family and myself wearing shirts that I brought them from my college, GO BEARCATS! There is also a picture of me in front of the Eiffel Tower! The last picture is of all the campers!



**Youth Camp Exchange:
My Adventure in France!**

Meet your M5 District Governor

Jene Crook of Marshall, Missouri, was elected to serve as governor of District 26-M5 Missouri Lions for 2021-2022

District Governor Crook is a semi-retired CPA with the accounting firm of CHV Accounting and Consulting Services, Inc., in Marshall, working primarily with bookkeeping and tax clients.

A member of the Marshall Lions Club and a Lion since 1994, Lion Crook has held many offices at the club and district level including club president, treasurer, tail twister and director, district zone chair, region chair, cabinet secretary/treasurer, secretary, and treasurer and vice district governor and district governor for 2008-2009 and 2021-2022.

In addition to her Lion activities, Past District Governor Crook works actively with several Marshall organizations including the Marshall Saline Development Corporation as president of the board, Marshall Nicholas Beazley Aviation Museum board of directors as treasurer and the Friends of Saline County board of directors as treasurer.

District Governor Crook and her husband Lion Wayne have a son, David, who resides in Houston, Texas and a son, Brian, deceased.



Meet your M6 District Governor

DG Phyllis has been surrounded by Lionism from a young age as her father, 2 brothers and then her husband, Lion Phil were/are all Lions. After finishing high school in Arkansas, DG Phyllis attended Burge School of Nursing in Springfield, MO and became a Registered Nurse by the age of 20. She later completed her BSN at Drury University. DG Phyllis work for several years in the Operating Room at Cox North and then moved to St Louis to experience 'big city' life and pursue her dream of working in the Cardiac surgery field. Her position at St Louis Children's Hospital was immensely rewarding, but she missed the small-town atmosphere of Springfield and returned 'home'. DG Phyllis retired from nursing in 2017, having held many leadership roles throughout her career, including supervisor of a 24-suite OR.

DG Phyllis is a Lifetime Red Cross Nurse and received the AORN Perioperative Excellence Award in 2005, as well as numerous other recognitions throughout her professional life.

When DG Phyllis met her husband, Lion Phil, she had no intention of becoming a Lion as he was, or ever becoming District Governor. Lion Phil then introduced her to LeaderDogs for the Blind and she immediately became a Puppy Raiser. Through her experience with LDB, she saw and felt the immense impact of Lionism and service which led to joining the Springfield Queen City Lions club (after being invited for 19 years!)

In her Lions' life, DG Phyllis has been awarded Lion of the Year by both the Springfield Queen City Lions and the Springfield Host Lions, numerous Leadership awards and certificates, and the LeaderDogs for the Blind Founders Tribute. DG Phyllis is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

During the years of her service, her positions have included District Convention Chair, Springfield Host Lions Service Chairperson, LCIF coordinator, President, and Springfield Queen City Lions 1st Vice President

DG Phyllis's varied interests include spending time with Lion Phil, family and friends, training and competing with her dogs, teaching dog training classes, painting, knitting, weaving, baking, traveling, reading and pursuing new skills such preparing wool from a raw sheep fleece and spinning.



The Lions Clubs of District 26-M5 are actively providing service. Since 2019 we have been emphasizing a different service agency in the district by bringing supplies and/or money to buy supplies to each cabinet meeting. We particularly enjoy bringing new Hot Wheels cars for the patients at Children's Mercy Hospital. We have also provided school supplies for the Children's Center for the Visually Impaired, soups for the kitchen at the Veteran's Community Project, and hygiene supplies for Drumm Farm, House of Hope in Lexington, and the Veteran's Home in Warrensburg.

The clubs in the district have also begun another year of service. The Orrick Lions Club held an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 200th birthday of Missouri's admission as a state to the United States and they held a luncheon for the teachers and administrators of their local school district to celebrate the beginning of a new year. The Mayview Lions Club sponsored their annual Tractor Cruise celebrating farmers. The Sedalia State Fair Lions Club assisted with parking at the Missouri State Fair. The Marshall Lions Club has delivered Meals on Wheels and will begin distribution buddy packs each week when school starts. The Belton Host Lions Club distributed books to school age children at Back-to-School night as the children picked up school supplies. There are many service activities planned for the future as well.

Saturday, August 21, the district presented a check to the Veteran's Community Project representing funds raised by Leo Abigail Gilliam. Leo Abby was inspired to collect the funds when a program was presented to the District at a cabinet meeting.

M5 District Letter

DG Jene Crook





M6 District Letter

DG Phyllis Krebs

Fall is my favorite time of year. As schools around us start, I always have the urge to bake cookies. This probably goes back to my childhood as I remember the smell of freshly baked cookies when arriving home in the afternoon from school. I hope all the kids this year have a great and healthy school year while enjoying being back in person with their friends and teachers. Maybe they will even get some fresh baked cookies when arriving home! Even Oreos wouldn't be bad.

How many of your clubs help to prepare children for return to school as one of your club projects? Providing school supplies, providing backpacks, doing vision and hearing screenings, etc? I would love to hear about those projects. I recently spent a few hours with the El Dorado Springs Lions conduct Hearing screenings. We were able to screen about 40 children that day. I really enjoyed working with the great bunch of Lions there!

My theme this year is 'Harness Your Passion'. I'm really interested in learning what YOUR passion is and how your club helps to fulfill that passion. There are so many people in need in our communities, especially now with the pandemic finally receding (hopefully). This may be a good time for your club to reevaluate your community needs and identify new ways to serve. International President Alexander's theme is 'Service from the Heart', so whatever way you choose to serve, be sure it is meaningful to you, then it becomes less 'work' and more 'joy'.

Around the district, many things are going on. Friestatt will be holding their famous Erntefest this Saturday. IVDG Phil and I will be helping out at the Snack Shack, so be sure to stop by and say 'Hello'. The Springfield Host Lions just survived the Ozark Empire Fair and our 72nd year at the Duck Pond. It was a great year and so good to see people out enjoying themselves. As a nurse, I was pleased to see many still wearing masks, can we be too safe?

The Mountain Grove Lions are working hard to fund their project, the "Play for All" playground. District 26M6 will be helping with that project by helping to obtain an LCIF Matching Grant. For this effort to be successful, we need other clubs in the district to show monetary support, any amount helps. Please contact Lion Ray Richey at rrichey154@gmail.com or 417-259-0143. Arrange for him to come give a presentation for your club. You will be very impressed with this project.

Please consider joining us for our next Cabinet meeting, November 6, 9:30 am at the Branson/Hollister Lions building; then remain for HOB0 Day that evening(4:30pm). PDG Kevin Cantrell will be cooking for us again this year so we know the food will be great. You can also help by providing items for the silent and live auctions, cakes/pies for the Cake Walk (Pie Walk), and please, we would love to see some hobos show up for the contest. Hobo Day is designed as a fundraiser to help keep district dues as low as possible. We are counting on you!

Harness Your Passion! And stay safe!

DG Phyllis Krebs

Council of Governors



Second meeting will be held

Saturday, October 30, 2021

Meeting will begin at 10:00am

**Book a room with the Missouri
Lions for a rate of \$117 plus tax
per room, per night.**

**Call Camden on the Lake at
573-365-5620 and tell them you
are with Lions (code: Lion1021).**

**Rooms will be released on
September 30th.**

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute, GPLLI, was held July 23 to 25 at Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville. Fifty-eight Lions from Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and one from Kentucky attended. The event focused on teaching the attendees how to be better leaders within their clubs and communities. There were classes on goal setting, setting a personal mission statement, time management, working in teams, public speaking, motivating members, the fundamentals of Lions and more.

One of the more important things I walked away with was the camaraderie with other Lions. I had never been to a Lions event outside of Cabinet meetings and my local club meetings. It was nice to meet Lions from other areas and hear what they had to say about their clubs and how they do things. It was also nice to hear they face some of the same challenges. We are not the only club that hears, "we tried that before and it did not work," from some members when ideas are brought up. We are not the only club that struggles with finding new members or with new ideas for fundraising. It was great to trade ideas and get energy from others.

I will admit I found the pace of the weekend a bit overwhelming. It was a go, go, go; almost a race to the finish. Which I later found out is a theme for a lot of Lions trainings because there is often so much to cover. But the people. The people were amazing. I have been in a lot of trainings with a lot of different types of people and I have not seen so many people with such a singular vision and so many kind people. I was amazed by the kindness.

If you have the time to attend next year, I recommend GPLLI.
 President of Maryville Pride Lions Club,
 Lion Andrea Smith

GPLLI 2021



World Services for the Blind

Ron came to WSB just a few short weeks from a gunshot wound that left him blind. In a blink of the eye, his world changed. Ron went from being a former security officer and case manager for the United Way to helpless in the hospital. Suddenly sightless, this larger than life guy who was once security detail for Brittney Spears made up his mind to commit to the WSB program. Because of the life skills and vocational training programs at WSB, Ron is learning how to live again. Ron is a mentor and guide to others, and he has a bright future. But there are so many others.

"My big life was suddenly a cell, I was confined to a hospital bed and my mind." ~ Ron S., became blind overnight in 2020.

The truth is, Ron is not alone. Only 1 percent of the world's blind population are born blind, most become blind in adulthood due to disease, accident, or genetics. Imagine waking up tomorrow and being blind? How would you begin your day? Check your email? Get dressed? What would you do for work? In the United States, resources to help the adult blind and visually impaired are often limited to disability checks and subsidized housing.

You have the power to change that.

At World Services for the Blind, clients like Ron learn not only the life skills to function with dignity as a adult blind person, but also the option to learn a new vocation, to become a contributing member of society again.

Today you can help the adult blind and visually impaired in Arkansas, the United States and beyond. That's why I'm inviting you to support World Services for the Blind, a non-profit dedicated to serving the blind and visually impaired since 1947, through a gift to our Sustainable Independence Everyday Campaign.

Your contribution will:

Support Operations and Education, Expand Vocational Programs such as Credit Counseling, Assistive Technology Instructor, and more, Helps build permanent supportive housing, a safe and healthy alternative for those suffering from I/DD and blindness, and if you set up an automatic monthly gift, you'll make a huge impact without impacting your budget. You can feel great about setting up this convenient monthly donation and providing a predictable base of support for the blind and visually impaired.

As you reflect on the difference you want to make in the world, and how you will keep the good going, please remember people like Ron need you!

Your gift will make an immediate difference!

Thanks in advance,

World Services for the Blind

To donate please, please click [HERE!](#)





Greetings from our incoming International President Douglas X. Alexander.

Douglas X. Alexander, from Brooklyn, New York, USA, was appointed to the office of first vice president by the Lions Clubs International Board of Directors on January 9, 2020. Vice President Alexander is a retired vice president for J.P. Morgan Chase Bank. A member of the Brooklyn Bedford Stuyvesant Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, zone chair, region chair, vice district governor, district governor, cabinet secretary, cabinet treasurer, DGE group leader and international director. He also served as a Lions Eye Bank transporter, a member of the District and Multiple District PDG Association, a trustee of the New York State and Bermuda Lions Foundation and was appointed as the Lions representative to UNICEF-New York from 2012-2014. He has served on the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum Planning and Host Committees and has been a presenter at several USA/Canada Forums. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the club Lion of the Year, Club President's Award, the Robert J. Uplinger Service Award, several District Governor Appreciation Awards, and the Multiple District Membership Growth Award. He is also the recipient of numerous International President's Certificates of Appreciation, seven International President's Awards and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is a Dr. Franklin G. Mason Fellow, a W. P. Woods Fellow and a progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, Vice President Alexander is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He has served as chairperson of the advisory board for the New York Urban League and as a board member of the St. Francis DeSales School for the Deaf. He is also a recipient of the Congressional Record Award. Vice President Alexander has two daughters, and his partner in service, Shabiki Cazabon, is a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.



AS LIONS HEARING CHAIRMAN IN 26M6, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY FELLOW LIONS TO A PROGRAM OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WHO WORKS WITH A PARTNER HEARING CARE PROFESSIONAL TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH HEARING IMPAIRMENT WHO CANNOT AFFORD HEARING AIDS. HEARING PROVIDERS, REXTON LOCATED IN COSTCO AND MIRACLE EAR WHO IS WORKING WITH LCIF TO PROVIDE HEARING AIDS TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM THROUGH LIONS CLUBS.

ALSO, HEARING AID RECYCLING HELPS TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HEARING INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES. WE COLLECT HEARING AIDS AND SEND THEM TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN FULTON, MO.

YOU MAY CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO SPEAK TO YOUR CLUB PLEASE CONTACT ME AT BOBBYBARTELSMEYER@GMAIL.COM OR MY CELL AT 417-440-0078.

ALSO, THE HEARING SWEEPSTAKE TICKETS WILL PROBABLY BE AVAILABLE IN THE MIDDLE OF OCTOBER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO OUR CLUBS.



THANK YOU.

BOB BARTELSMEYER, CHAIRMAN
MO 26M6 HEARING COMMITTEE



Hearing Committee

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

Meet your M7 District Governor

As a “young” Lion, with only 5 ½ years of membership, District Governor Melissa Anderson presents with experience as the Holts Summit Lions Club secretary, president, service & membership chair, a district zone chair and is embarking on the final year of her District Governor journey. Lion Melissa has received a Quality Lion Award, International President’s award, attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute and was recently presented with a Melvin Jones Fellowship. In her professional and personal life, she works closely with LBOMB in the state liaison assistant supervisor capacity and is a busy mom and wife. Lion Melissa is passionate about her Lions journey and looks to makes Lions more visible in every community through service.



Hello Fellow Lions!

Typically the majority of our clubs in district M7 focus on what they can do in their communities. The Auxvasse Lions Club buys several pairs of eyeglasses a year for children in their local schools. The Holts Summit Lions Club donates to the Buddy Pack program and provide meals for the first responders in February every year. The Jefferson City Host Lions Club helps with the Special Olympics and A LOT of KidSight screenings! Sorry for the little bit of information. We are going through a growing pains process here in M7 trying to convince people that MyLion isn't evil and it's really not that difficult to post your service activities!

DG Melissa Anderson

M7 District Letter

DG Melissa Anderson



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