



# Missouri Lion

*March-June, 2022*

*Multiple District 26*



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# Missouri Lions Calendar

## ~Important Upcoming Events~

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Event:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
June 24-28, 2022	International Convention	Montreal, Canada
July 23, 2022	Council of Governors Meeting	Wardsville, MO
July 29-31, 2022	GPLLI	Maryville, MO
August 5-6, 2022	Mid-South Quarterly Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
September 15-17, 2022	USA/Canada Forum	Calgary, Canada
November 4-5, 2022	Mid-South Quarterly Board Meeting	TBD
January 13, 2023	Melvin Jones' birthday	
April/May, 2023	State Convention	Branson, MO
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

It's nearly the end of the Lion Year. July 1 we will start a new year with new officers and a new Global Action Team. District Governor Phyllis Krebs will take over as Council Chairperson and I will slide into the coveted Immediate Past Council Chairperson slot.

It has been a great year and I have enjoyed being your Council Chairperson. Thanks to everyone that helped during the year. Lions Brenda and Jackie in the state office did great work and made my job much easier. The District Governors and Vice District Governors were very supportive and provided good oversight and guidance for the Multiple District. The Global Action Team put on a fun and informative Mid-Winter-Forum and also provided training to the Vice Governors.

We had a great state convention and good attendance; many thanks to DGE Jeanie Mosher and the Rolla Lions for all of their work planning and putting on the convention. The Rolla Lions have wonderful facilities and provide amazing food. The convention committees made everything run smoothly prior to and during the convention. Past International President Joe Preston and Lion Joni were our guests for the weekend; we enjoyed their participation very much. PIP Joe is one of those people that seems to do everything well, he presented an excellent talk, sang like a pro, and he paints (as in art – not houses), he donated a picture that he painted for us to auction and it brought over \$400 – that's a lot from a room full of tight Missourians.

We were able to update some things in our Constitution and By-Laws. Thanks to those committees that worked on the changes and to the Constitution & By-Laws Committee that had to review our proposals

and get everything ballot ready. And thanks to the other standing committees that work every year to make sure the Multiple District does everything that it is supposed to do.

And, thanks to

Parliamentarian, PCC Kimberly Taylor for keeping me out of trouble – for the most part.

Bob Noellsch, Council Chairperson 2021-2022



**Council Chair**

**Lion Bob Noellsch**

**Question:** What do you do when your partner-in-service is celebrating his birthday during the State Convention activities and traveling with his favorite cake is impractical? **Answer:** Find a recipe for cookies of the same flavor. Thank you to all who helped Lion Ed Marshall enjoy his special day! This is the recipe that many asked for...

## GERMAN CHOCOLATE CAKE COOKIES

### Ingredients

1 box [German chocolate cake mix](#)

- 2 eggs

- 1/3 cup oil

2 cups [chocolate chips](#) (divided)

1 can [coconut pecan frosting](#)

Here's how to make it:

1. Combine the cake mix, eggs, oil and 1 cup of the chocolate chips. Mix well.
2. Drop by spoonfuls onto cookie sheets. Press with your fingers to flatten a little.
3. Bake in a preheated 350-degree F oven for about 8 to 9 minutes. Remove from oven and allow to cool on the pan a few minutes before removing to aluminum foil or a cooling rack.
4. While the cookies cool, melted the remaining chocolate chips in microwave. Do this in 30-second intervals, stirring between each one, until smooth.
5. When the cookies are completely cool, top each one with some of the pecan-coconut icing and then drizzle with the melted chocolate.

- IPDG Sandee Marshall



# M1 District Letter

## DG Jerry Reaves



Just a few comments toward the end of our Lion year. First, a huge thank you for allowing me to serve as your District Governor this year. While everything that I had planned has not come about completely, many things are in place for the future growth and the good things ahead for M-1 and the rest of District 26. Second, I hope that the cooperation and help that I have received this year will continue, and our district will be a tremendous source of service for those needing help. Our future as a district necessitates that we grow numerically, and it will take the constant effort of all our clubs to make this happen. This year a few clubs had positive growth but most remained constant or lost members. While our number is not where it needs to be, there is still time left to change that. Let's make a concerted effort to gain one new member per club, and we will end the year with positive growth. Last, I ask each Lion in our district to support Lion Jennie, Lion Marilynn and Lion Wendy during their years as District Governors, This makes the work much easier and more enjoyable when help is available for the unexpected things that happen. And, when you are asked to serve in various positions, accept the challenge and know that you will have help along the way. While this year is rapidly coming to an end, I will see some clubs to present service awards and thank you for all that you do. Again, I thank each one who has been so helpful to me this year. Your cooperation and guidance has been valuable, and I appreciate all your kind words and deeds. Let's finish the year with enthusiasm and optimism for the coming year.

Lion Jerry



## Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

We bring you good news today! We're seeing a movement back to on-the-ground mission trips.

Our partner, Lions in Sight, has started scheduling trips for this Summer. Their first trip will be in late June going to Mexico. They quickly had a full roster and the interest is high. Due to the continuing Covid-19 issues, they hope to have 5-6 total clinics this year. They're trying to get one of these designated for the Missouri Lions.

Our ongoing plans for 2022-2023 (and beyond) include the following:

- Recruit volunteers and doctors for future trips
  - Become more active on social media
  - Give presentations to any interested party
- Explore the possibility of offering a local mission trip (identify a location, partner with local resources, secure doctors and volunteers, organize eye glasses)

In closing, I have a question for each of you. Do you have a desire to see the Lions members in your club or district become more engaged and "on fire" for Lions? If so, we see this play out over and over when our Lions volunteers return from a mission trip. They often become a true Lion for the first time while helping someone at a clinic in Mexico, or Panama, or wherever they may be. That's how it played out for me. I became a Lion in my heart in a small town called Union de Tula in Mexico. I came back ready to get involved, learn more about Lions, and tell everyone about my Lions experience.

This could be you. If you have a desire to go on a mission trip, or know someone in your club or district, please let us know. Our goal is to get you there as soon as possible. Then, we can't wait to see the passion and enthusiasm you bring back with you.

Yours in Lionism,  
*Devin Struttmann*  
 DG Lion Devin Struttmann  
 President, Missouri Lions Eye Mission Foundation

As we come to the end of the 2021/2022 Lions year, it's a little bittersweet to write this final message. When you become a Vice District Governor, you're warned that the years ahead, especially your District Governor year, will go quickly. You realize this is probably true.

However, it's a whole other thing to experience this in real time.

I'm really proud of all we have accomplished in MD 26 this year. Our group of District Governors worked well together and shared a bond that will live beyond this year.

We tackled a few things that were complex and challenging. Passions sometimes ran high. However, our goal was always to put the interests of the Missouri Lions first and foremost.

I'm also proud of everything that we accomplished in District 26-M2. We tried some new things,

had a lot of fun along the way, and we're positioned well for the future. Our clubs have been active with membership recruitment, service projects, and fundraisers. After a period of

inactivity during the pandemic, it has been exciting to see so much new (and returning) activity.

To the next Council of Governors, I wish you the very best. You're a great group of Lions

leaders. I know you will serve your state and district well. Plus, you have selected an amazing

Council Chairperson. My dear friend, Lion Phyllis Krebs, will work hard and serve you well. To

each of you, I say "fasten your seatbelts" for the ride ahead.

In closing, it has been an honor and privilege to serve as District Governor. I'm grateful for the friendships that have developed or strengthened. However, this is not an end. I now look forward to serving in other areas during the days, months, and years ahead. I hope to serve right alongside each of you.

Take a Step, Lion Devin Struttmann



# M2 District Letter

## DG Devin Struttmann

# **M3 District Letter**

**DG Michael Sliger**



**Wow what a year! How time flies. I want to thank all for a great year. We were able to convert a branch club to a regular club.**

**We add one new club O'Fallon Titans. I wish we could bottle and pass along the enthusiasm this club has shown.**

**I would like to thank the Harvester Lions Club for Hosting O'Fallon Titans charter night. We had a great turnout.**

**I believe we had around 80 lions show up for the event. The O'Fallon Titans have plans to start a LEO club in the works.**

**Covid has been tough this year as we lost several clubs. Let us do all we can to support DGE Lion Sandy as she prepares for her year as District Governor. If you were not able to make the last cabinet meeting, you missed a great time. I was**

**able to hand out several award to very special Lion in our district. I would like to**

**congratulate Columbia Rockbridge for winning the Governors Contest this year. They will receive a \$450.00 credit at the LCI store. We had a great picnic. The weather was great. Lunch was Pulled pork and all the sides and desserts. Check out the facebook page for pictures. Do not forget we have the first council of governors meeting coming up in July. Membership: As of June 6, 2022, we have dropped 154 members, Added 139 new for a net growth of -15 members. Please help by bringing in new members and encouraging existing members to stay. Let finish this year strong!! If you need help with membership, please contact our GMT Lion Susan Paden. PDG. I am sure she can help give ideas to gain new members. Council of Governors Meeting the next meeting will be July 23 rd , 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM. The meeting will be at the Wardsville Lions Club 3505 Rt. M**

**Jefferson City MO. Let us start the year off with a bang. District 26-M3 Cabinet Meeting the next meeting will be August 6 th , 2022, we will meet at Audrain County Court House Basement Mexico MO. Meeting will start at 9:30 AM.**

**Michael Sliger,**

**District Governor**





**MISSION:**  
**POSSIBLE**

**Come join us Aug 6 at 9am social and 9:30am for our brainstorming get together in the basement of the Mexico Court House. Spy attire requested. Each attendee will be given their assignments if they do accept. Come join the fun.**

**1stVDG Sandy McCann**



S-U-C-C-E-S-S is the preferred spelling for Service in District 26-M5. The planned District<sup>10</sup> Service goals for this year include LCI Global Causes and providing help to multiple geographic areas within the district. The District GST strives to propose service project ideas that are affordable, obtainable, and enjoyable. Each year, one project and recipient is scheduled for each quarter. In conjunction with the continuing project, Mercy Road, which is now in its third year, District Lions were notified of the service projects by newsletter and at meetings. Members then collected and brought needed items to cabinet meetings to be dispersed. The GST traveled to club meetings to share service goals, encourage service participation, and pick up project items for delivery. Lions are committed to helping the blind and visually impaired. As part of that commitment, CCVI (Children's Center for the Visually Impaired) was helped by collecting school supplies. Donated were 331 school items including glue sticks, crayons, markers, notebooks, scissors, playdoh, and paints for this project. The second quarter project was the collection of hats, gloves, and mittens. Those 272 items were delivered prior to winter to a home for children ages 2-18. The children live on campus in group homes with foster families. The thank you notes received from the children and foster parents were heartwarming. Collecting food and personal items for those in need was the third quarter goal. The items were donated to the Starfish Project to use in preparing blessing bags for the homeless and people in shelters. Lions donated 667 items and also made fleece blankets at the District Convention for donation. Mercy Road, 26-M5's continuous project, provides for the collection of Hot Wheels cars for Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. This year, the District GST modified the name to Mercy Road-e-o and used a rodeo theme to show progress on our service goals poster. This supports the goal of striving to do fun, enjoyable projects. The GST traveled the road and visited clubs to educate members about District Service and gather support. Clubs won rodeo prizes of bandanas and stick horses for donating to achieve and promote our goals. Many Lions said they could personally relate to the hospitalized children because of family members and friends who had been patients. Parents and hospital staff shared comments telling how the cars were an incentive to help a child face an appointment, and were a comfort and distraction during a dreaded procedure. The goal for this project was to collect 2200 cars and donate a total of 7500 over three years. This goal was met and revised early in the year! Service doesn't end. Our goal now is 10,000 Because of the hearts and strong beliefs of Lions that they can improve their communities and the world, the service goals poster required an addition to reflect the new goal. It seemed appropriate to add "I BELIEVE". We must believe in, work together, and find ways to spell Service S-U-C-C-E-S-S.



**M5 District Letter**

# District 26 ~ M5



## MERCY ROAD-E-O

Children's Mercy  
KANSAS CITY

CCVI  
SCHOOL  
SUPPLIES  
331 ITEMS



HUNGER  
PROJECT  
667 ITEMS

"I Believe"

HOT  
WHEELS  
4184

Mercy Road-e-o  
service goals poster.



GST delivering  
Hot Wheels to  
Children's Mercy  
Hospital.



26-M5 Lions making fleece blankets for service.



Having fun with Mercy Road-e-o and collecting Hot Wheels at District Con-



# Become a Host Family: Is Hosting Right for Me?



Are you interested in learning about other cultures and ways of life while sharing your own customs and experiences? Are open-mindedness, tolerance and cultural competence of high importance to you? Do you have a desire to contribute towards peace, international understanding, and the creation of young global citizens? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you may enjoy being a host family for the Youth Camp and Exchange Program (YCE)!

## ⇒ Benefits of Hosting

Hosting a young person from another country is a fulfilling experience and has many benefits:

- You experience the joy of sharing your culture and daily customs
- You learn about your visitor's customs and culture
- You open a new world of possibilities and thinking to a young person
- You make a new friend - maybe a friend for life

## ⇒ What to Expect

Youth participants are usually between the ages of 15 and 22, and come from any of the more than 200 countries and geographic locations where there are Lions clubs. He/she will have completed an admissions process before being accepted to participate in the program. He/she may or may not know the language of your country but will have a desire to learn. Host families should include the participant in their daily routine, including family meals, as YCE is intended to be an immersive learning experience. Local excursions are not required of host families, but the host Lions club often arranges for participants to visit local points of interest and engage in social activities, like picnics and get-togethers.

## ⇒ Host Family Eligibility

The host Lions club must approve all host families. To be eligible to become a host family you must:

- Have regular contact with youth of the approximate age of the participant
- Be familiar with Lions clubs and the goals of YCE
- Be able to provide a bed and meals for your guest
- Follow all local laws related to youth protection

## ⇒ How to Apply

Apply to become a host family today by contacting your [local Lions club](#). Or submit a [host family application](#) to your local Lions club for review.

Once an exchange is confirmed, you and your guest will correspond via e-mail, mail or telephone. You should also attend an orientation provided by the host Lions club. This orientation will help prepare you for one of the most exciting experiences of your life, and answer any questions you may have about the exchange program.

Topics may include:

- Cultural tolerance
- Cultural adaptation (including host family relations)
- Host family role
- Rules and logistics, along with other pertinent information about Lions clubs
- Role of sponsor Lions club and host Lions club and districts
- Travel
- Visas and passports
- Immunizations
- Insurance

Local currency and suggested out-of-pocket expenses

**Please contact Lion Toni Mahoney for more information:**

[Tkmahoney54@gmail.com](mailto:Tkmahoney54@gmail.com) (314) 805-7391



## C. Wayne Henderson Youth Service Award Application Form

### Donor Information

Club  Individual  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Multiple District No. \_\_\_\_\_ District No. \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Recipient Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lion? Yes  No

If the recipient is to be named at a later date, please check the box

*Please indicate how much you are giving; this award can be accumulated over a five-year period.*

Total Contribution: \$500.00 Paid in Full  Over 5 years or less

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Please inform the Lions Office where PLAQUE is to be sent and to whom, or if the award is going to be given at the State Convention. State Convention: Yes  No

Send Plaque to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check out to: Missouri Lions Opportunity for Youth and indicate funds are for "C. Wayne Henderson Award"

Send to: Missouri Lions (MD 26) State Office  
2415 B Hyde Park Road  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109



# Improving your Leo Club

## Checklist for Leos

You are part of an international community of young men and women dedicated to making a positive impact in your community. As a member of the Lions International family, Leos have a wide range of resources and advocates in Lions to enhance their service for the better.

**Use this checklist to become an even more engaged Leo and improve your relationship with your Lions family.**

- Develop goals with your Leo club officers to ensure impactful service
- Create a yearly calendar of events with your Leo club advisor and sponsoring Lions club
- Connect with other Leo clubs in your district to establish a joint schedule of service projects and conventions
- Check the Lions Clubs International website and the Leo Facebook page for Leo grants and award program deadlines
- Make it count! Confirm you are in MyLCI and report your service projects in MyLion
- Learn more! Attend a Leo/Lion convention in your area or take a class in the Lions Learning Center
- Invite your district Leo Chairperson or district governor to attend your officer or member induction
- Organize a district-wide Leo and Lion joint service project utilizing an LCIF Leo Service Grant
- Run for a Leo office and apply for the International Leo Club Advisory Panel
- Celebrate your service by applying for Leo awards and recognition
- Share success stories about Leos with Lions
- Encourage fellow Leos to transition to a Lions club through Leo-Lion membership



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## Engaging Leo Clubs

# Checklist for Lions

Organizing Leo Clubs offers Lions a chance to engage with young people in their community. Leos share your passion and are invested in Lions clubs' work. Recognizing Leos as prospective members is an effective way to ensure the future of Lions in your community.

**Use this list to help your Lions club engage with young people and promote the growth and development of Leo clubs in your community.**

- Start a new Leo Club and encourage other Lions clubs to do the same
- Share success stories about Leos with fellow Lions
- Check the Lions Clubs International website and our Leo Facebook page for Leo grants and award program deadlines
- Send a celebratory message to Leos on International Leo Day, December 5
- Meet with Leo officers to establish joint calendars for service and conventions
- Help us connect with future Lions! Promote the reporting of Leos in MyLCI
- Extend an invitation to all Leos to attend a Lions Club meeting to receive updates on their events
- Appoint Leos to serve with Lions on club, district or multiple district committees or boards
- Encourage active Leos to run for office and apply for the International Leo Club Advisory Panel
- Invite Leos to transition to a Lions club through Leo-Lion membership!
- Celebrate Leos for their service through awards and recognition



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# Leader Dog Bus Trip...

If you have never been to the Leader Dog facility in Rochester, Michigan, you need to sign up for next years trip! It is amazing! The bus trip is quite long but doesn't seem so if you sleep most of the time there and back! We left from Washington, Missouri at 6am and arrived at the hotel in Michigan around 7pm! The next morning, we headed to the facility and started out by having a short presentation. We then heard from Jeff Hawkins who is blind and has a leader dog named Dove. He spoke of his journey and how he got to where he is today thanks to Leader Dogs for the Blind. He then showed up how intelligent Dove truly is! She had never been to this part of the facility but still knew where the bathroom, trash, and chair was. After the presentation, the big group split into two. One group went on a small tour while the other had blindfolded walks and time to shop the gift area. The tour consisted of the puppy care area, the tackle, kenneling area for the dog in training, and the veterinarian area. The blindfolded walk was a bit trickier! It is not easy to but complete faith in a dog! Lastly, we had another small presentations including videos. Then it was time to head back to the hotel and rest up for the trip home! This was truly an excellent experience that I myself would love to get to see again! If you'd like to see the videos, go to the Leader Dog website and click on 'About' and then 'How we are'. DG Phyllis hopes for see more faces on the trip next year!

-Lion Bethney Pedersen, State Newsletter Editor





↑ Bus Trip  
Passengers!



DG's giving the funds raised to provide a brick for each 2021-2022 District Governor!



↑ Jeff Hawkins and  
Leader Dog Dove



← Blindfold Walk



...To Michigan



# M6 District Letter

**DG Phyllis Krebs**

I've heard that the year as District Governor goes by in a flash; this is certainly true! But it has been such a good year for Missouri, one of growth: in

membership for some of our districts, in friendships, in knowledge of areas of service and so many other ways. I hope you have found this to be true also. My personal theme for the year has been "Harness Your Passion"; I was surprised at how many times throughout this year I have heard others mention that word in relation to their Lion life, their areas of service. Isn't that why we do this, because we find something that touches our heart while we are helping others who need our assistance? Maybe your passion is introducing others to what Lions International can offer them. Your passion could be providing personal care kits to the homeless, or providing books for foster children and encouraging reading. The list is limited only by our imaginations; so many people, so many needs that we can help with. As we begin this new Lions year, I am excited for the new experiences presented by our travel to Montreal, QC for the 2021-2022 International Convention, seeing old friends and meeting new ones, all while learning more about the world of Lions. After 2 years without a live convention, it will definitely be special! I am honored to be traveling with the incoming District Governors and witnessing their oath of office as their Council Chair. They will be a great Council and will represent our state well. They will arrive back home energized and ready to begin their work in earnest. I enjoyed the opportunity to serve this past year as District Governor and am very proud of the accomplishments of 26M6. The "Play for All" playground in Mountain Grove is underway with potential completion scheduled for September. We have experienced some membership growth, chartered a new Leo club in El Dorado Springs and have the potential of 1 new Lions' club chartering plus rejuvenation underway for 2 other clubs within our area. We have work to do still but we are Lions, we can do anything. Kudos to the many 26M6 Lions who have worked so hard to make all this happen. DGE Bart Tibbs, you are my hero for taking this on and continuing to move forward. I am here to support you!

Council Chair Elect Phyllis Krebs

Harness Your Passion!



1st Place

2nd Place



3rd Place

Lions Basketball 2022

# 1st Place



# 2nd Place



# 3rd Place



# Lions Basketball 2022

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