



Missouri Lion

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Multiple District 26



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Missouri Lions Calendar

~Important Upcoming Events~

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Event:</u> | <u>Location:</u> |
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| September 21-23, 2023 | USA-Canada Forum | Reno , Nevada |
| September 29, 2023 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | St. Louis, Missouri |
| October 6-8, 2023 | PDG Weekend | Double Tree Hotel Westport, St. Louis, Missouri |
| October 28, 2023 | Council of Governors Meeting | Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, Missouri |
| November 4, 2023 | Mid-South Board Meeting | Via Zoom |
| December 5, 2023 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | Via Zoom |
| January 27, 2024 | Council of Governors Meeting | Jefferson City, Missouri |
| February 10, 2024 | M5 District Convention | Warrensburg, Missouri |
| February 24, 2024 | M1 District Convention | Ste. Genevieve, Missouri |
| March 2, 2024 | M3 District Convention | Warrenton, Missouri |
| March 5, 2024 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | Via Zoom |
| March 9, 2024 | M7 District Convention | Wardsville, Missouri |
| March 16, 2024 | M4 District Convention | Chillicothe, Missouri |
| March 23, 2024 | M6 District Convention | Branson, Missouri |
| April 5-7, 2024 | M2 District Convention | St. Louis, Missouri |
| April 12-13, 2024 | Mid-South Lions Visiting Day | Memphis, Tennessee |
| April 18, 2024 | Council of Governors Meeting | Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, Missouri |
| April 19-21, 2024 | State Convention | Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, Missouri |
| June 7, 2024 | Mid-South Golf Tournament | Olive Branch, Mississippi |
| June 8, 2024 | Mid-South Annual Meeting | Memphis, Tennessee |
| June 21-25, 2024 | International Convention | Melbourne, Australia |
| June 29, 2024 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | Kansas City, Missouri |
| July 27, 2024 | Council of Governors Meeting | Wardsville, Missouri |
| October 26, 2024 | Council of Governors Meeting | Meadowlake Acres Country Club, New Bloomfield, Missouri |
| May 1, 2025 | Council of Governors Meeting | Double Tree Hotel Westport, St. Louis, Missouri |
| May 2-4, 2025 | State Convention | Double Tree Hotel Westport, St. Louis, Missouri |
| 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 |

Meet Your Council Chair

Council Chair Harold Spire joined Maryville Pride Lions in 1992. Was the 11 Club Safety Chairperson. 2000-2005, Membership Chairperson 2005-2010, Club Director 2017-2019. Was elected President in 2004-2005. Region 1 and Zone 1 Chairperson 2019-2020 Lion Harold was the District Governor District 26 M-4 2020-2021 and 22-23. He is currently the District LCIF Chairman for M-4 Born and raised in Parnell, MO Attended Northwest Missouri State University. Worked for Nodaway Veterinary Clinic 1979-89. Worked for Farmland Industries as a Livestock Production Specialist until 1991. He then began work at Consumers Oil Company in Maryville as Feed and Grain Dept Manager, then Savannah as the branch manager until 1998. In 1999 he was hired as the CEO/ General Manager of Consumers Oil Company in Maryville, MO and is still in this position as of today. Harold has been Maryville Chamber of Commerce Past President. He currently serves as the Lions Freedom Rock Chairman. Chairman of the Missouri COOP Managers Association, Serves on Land O Lakes Region 3 Council as the Regional Council Representative (Ag Manager Kansas/Missouri) and is a member of the Associate Board of Directors for Connections Bank. CC Harold and Wife Lion Lori reside in Maryville, MO.



Lions, While attending the Lions Club International Convention in Boston it came upon us that the Lions Club International is truly a unique origination. There are 240 Countries and 1.3 million members that have a passion for serving and helping one another no matter where you call home. To bring all of the groups together for a week and the energy in the room was amazing. Everyone was there to share a common goal. We Serve! Dr Patti Hill was inducted as the International President. Dr. Hill slogan this year is “Changing the World” Lion Patti has the energy to carry the Lions forward with great momentum from IPP Brian Sheehan. It was great to see our District Governors from MD 26 become excited to serve as DG’s this year. Wish them success as we go forward. The First Council of Governors meeting was held in Jefferson City. As the New Year has started most committees have not met, but will soon. There are a lot of good things going on in Missouri Lions. If you want more info please let me know. We had a Lions Work Day at the Recycling Glasses center in Jefferson City. This is a project that every Lion should do a least once. Gives a great look at why everyone should recycle glasses. Sorting, cleaning, and reading the prescriptions are a process in itself. If any club or a group want to go please let me know and I will contact Jeff Hilke. If you only spend a couple hours doing this it will change how you look at the recycling program. If I can be of assistance please reach out to me.

Thank you

CC Harold Spire MD 26



NEWSLETTER
CC HAROLD SPIRE



MAY THE FORCE BE WITH YOU!

The Jefferson City Capital Lions are making comfort pillows for Children's Hospital Oncology units. The children & staff are so excited to have regular Star Wars character visits. These comfort pillows will be given to the children to "squeeze" while getting their cancer treatments and to lift their spirits!



Meet your M1 District Governor

Hello Lions,

1. I am Lion Marilyn Reaves, District Governor 26M1. Here are a few facts about me: .
2. Born and reared In Columbus, Ohio, the oldest of 4 living children, the only girl.
3. Moved to Alabama 2 months after graduation; 2 weeks later enrolled in college in Arkansas.
4. Met PDG Jerry during sophomore year; married after junior year.
5. Have a BA in Education with emphasis in English/ Language Arts/Communication Arts
6. Have a MS in secondary counseling from Arkansas State University.
7. Total of 36 years in teaching (@ schools- Mtn Home, AR and Malden, MO)
8. Have 2 sons/ daughters-in-law; 2 granddaughters, 2 grandsons and one great grandson 8. Lion by proxy for over 40 years
9. Sponsored by PDG Jerry in 2010 upon retirement.
10. Secretary/treasurer of Malden until 2012, retired from secretary, still treasurer
Appointed zone chair by PDG Don Shelhammer as well as Guiding Lion 2015-16 12. Became PDG Jerry's partner in service in 2019-2020. He became mine in 2022-23 13.
Received Melvin Jones Fellowship at State Convention from PDG Scott Sattler



Let me be perfectly honest. I'm finding this assignment a little difficult because I'm not certain of the direction I should take. So, I'm just going to jump in.

I want to thank every person who is a member of a Lions Club in District 26 M1 for your involvement with our organization. You are the foundation and the backbone of Lion International. Your voice is important, and your ideas are needed if we are going to keep Lions Clubs strong and vibrant.

I solicit your help in focusing on solutions and diminishing problems, of celebrating each individual / club success, of open lines of communication across the District, of "accentuating the positive, eliminating the negative, latching on to the affirmative and not messing with Mr. In-Between" through "Lion hearted" service.

Looking forward to hearing from you and working with you this Lion year in "Lion-hearted" service.

Lion Marilyn Reaves, District Governor 26M1



M 1 NEWSLETTER
DG MARILYN REEVES

Meet your M2 District Governor

Paul Carr from House Springs, Missouri, USA, was elected to serve a term of one year as a district governor of Lions Clubs International at the Multiple District 26-M2 Convention, February 17-19, 2023. District Governor Elect Carr was elected to serve a term of one year as a Vice Council Chairperson of Lions Clubs International at the Multiple District 26 State Convention, April 21-23, 2023. District Governor Carr has 25+ years of experience as a systems engineer at The Boeing Company working on both the F-15 Eagle fighter aircraft and F/A-18 Super Hornet fighter aircraft. Carr is currently leading projects as SAFe Agile Release Train Engineer, project management, system design and development along with customer engagement and supplier management. In June 2016 Carr joined the House Springs Lions club as an active member, reaching the level of Club Vice President, Club President, Zone Chairperson, and racks of district governor leadership in Lions Clubs International Multiple District 26-M2. In recognition of his service to the association, he has received the District Governor Winkeler Award and is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. In addition to his Lions activities, District Governor Carr has been active in numerous leadership roles in Boeing SCUBA club, Boeing St. Louis Leadership Association, and board of directors of non-profit organizations. District Governor Carr and his wife, Cyndi, also a Lion, have been married for 4 years and have four children, and now four grandchildren. The Carr's like to travel on their motorcycle, travel to other city destinations, travel to Mexico, Canada and soon around the world. Their activities include gardening in their backyard. Paul Carr likes to watch Viking shows and enjoys building projects from small woodworking items to building sheds or updating house projects.



Fellow Lions in District 26, What a start to the new Lions year 2023-2024! The International Convention in Boston, MA was great. Walking in the parade of nations, meeting new lions, creating new friends, enjoying the banquets and plenary session. The International Convention is a sight to see, if you have not attended one before, I encourage you to attend. In addition, the upcoming USA/Canada forum is just around the corner, September 21-23, 2023 in Reno, NV this year. The USA/Canada forum is a great time as well, as you get to learn all kinds of things that help with Lions, Home Life, and can apply to your work. There are seminars for all kinds of things like Marketing, Emergency planning, LCIF Grants, Servant Leadership – Inspiring your members, to Serving together and much more. Check out the USA/Canada forum website for more details at www.lionsforum.org which will have the features of over 80 seminars and four motivational speakers during the event. As part of my theme this year I am “Excited to Serve!” With that comes service projects, events, fellowships, collaborating with other clubs, and getting out in our community. I know that there are a lot of ideas and let us focus on one goal, serving our community. What does that mean? My Goal on Service: By the end of the 2023-2024 Lion year, our district will increase the percentage of clubs reporting service (meet or exceed last years’ service reporting numbers). Our team will ensure 65% of clubs in our district report service.

20 out of 37 clubs in our district reported service last year, with 54% reporting service. Let us break that Record! I know we can do it. By focusing on one goal, we can put plans together for serving our community and reporting that service is key to this plan. It allows us to be accountable, market our projects, and show our projects to others that view service on MyLion website. We are off to a great start as clubs are reporting their service, keep up the great work and if you do have any questions, please feel free to contact your Zone chairperson or anyone on our cabinet team. I 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!!!

Lion Paul Carr, District Governor



M2 NEWSLETTER
DG PAUL CARR



We Serve



President's Message **Changing the World with** **International President** **Dr. Patti Hill**

Dear Lion,

Changing the World begins with us, but we're not supposed to do it alone. Collaboration is the key to delivering meaningful and lasting outcomes in your community. That's why inviting more great members just like you can help your club and community reach their full potential.

Let's start with planning ambitious service that addresses the biggest challenges facing our communities. Then, let's bring in new members to help us make an even bigger impact.

You know the difference one Lion can make. You know the difference your club has made. Together, we are changing the world one life, one relationship and one community at a time.

Yours in service,

Dr. Patti Hill
International President

Meet your M3 District Governor

LION SHERL HORTON

Lion Sherl is currently a member of the Moscow Mills Lion, she had been a member of the Old Monroe Lions until the club merged with Moscow Mills. Lion Sherl has been a lion for twelve years and has served in multiple positions. Lion Sherl has been married for 26 years to Lion Greg Horton, and they have one son, Billy. Lion Sherl has worked for the last seven years for Frontline Managed Services in Accounting. Previous employment in Accounting was for Butler America (9 years) and TALX Corporation (9 years) Lion Sherl grew up in St. Louis County by the airport in Woodson Terrace. Please find below a listing of offices Lion Sherl has held:

Club Level:

07/01/12 – 06/30/14 – Old Monroe Lions club Treasurer

07/01/14 – 06/30/18 – Old Monroe Lions club Secretary

07/01/18 – 05/30/20 – Old Monroe Lions club President

District Level:

07/01/16-06/30/18 – Cabinet Treasurer

07/01/19-06/30/21 –
World Service for the
blind

07/01/20-06/30/21 –
Zone Chair

07/01/21-06/30/22 –
2nd Vice

District Governor

07/01/22- 06/30/23 –
1st Vice

District Governor



Hello Lions! Welcome to the 2023-2024 Lionistic year. I am excited for this upcoming year and looking forward to serving with you this year. The International Convention was in Boston this year, and we had several Lions from our district in attendance, which was terrific but was extremely warm there. Our new International President, Dr. Patti Hill presented her theme for the year: Changing The World We have been challenged to increase membership to 1.5 Million and service to 1 Billion throughout the world by 2027. This will be challenging but is obtainable. If you would need assistance with Membership or Service please reach out to our Global Membership Team headed by PDG Lion Susan Paden and our Global Service Team headed by IPDG Lion Sandy McCann. First Vice District Governor Carol Deters and I are always happy to work with you also. At each of our District Cabinet Meetings this year, we are presenting a service project that you can take back to you clubs and promote. This is just one way we can try to come up with new ideas for our clubs. I invite everyone to come out to our next Cabinet Meeting and join us, if there are certain things you would like to see at the Cabinet meeting just let us know. Shortly Lion Carol and I will be arranging for Zone and Club visits, so please be on the look out for an email/phone call from us. We look forward to attending these and assisting our clubs in any way they need us. I want to thank you for service and I look forward to this year with you.

District Governor, Sherl Horton



M3 NEWSLETTER
DG SHERL HORTON

Meet your M4 District Governor

Lion James Pedersen was elected to serve as District Governor for District 26-M4 for the 2022-2023 Lion's year. Lion James joined the Maryville Pride Lions Club in 2014. He has held various offices and became club president in 2016-17. He is also the recipient of the Melvin Jones Fellowship award. He completed his second term of club president in 2018-19. 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 and is currently the chair. He is currently state liaison for the athletic. 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. Lion James has attended many Multiple District 26 (State of Missouri) Conventions and numerous District 26-M4 Cabinet Meetings. He is also a 2018 graduate of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute. 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. Together, he and his wife, Lion Christine, have four children together. Ashley and Bethney have attended Northwest Missouri State University and majored in education. Ashley teaches at Lindburgh in St. Joseph and Bethney teaches at North Nodaway in Hopkins. Son, Brenden, is currently working for City of Maryville Parks and Recreation Department while Bryan resides in Nebraska working in a feed lot. Lion Chris and daughter Lion Bethney are also members of the Maryville Pride Lions Club.



Meet your M5 District Governor

District Governor Ron Ballard

Hello Lions of District 26 M5, my name is Ronald Dean Ballard (call me Ron) I have been a member of Pleasant Hill Lions Club for only 10 years. I will keep learning about 'Lionism' you know it's that state of caring, sharing, and SERVING others. Born and raised in Pleasant Hill, Elder of the First Christian Church, Educated at Southwest Missouri State and Longview Community College, but most importantly the 'school of harknocks' which is generally called LIFE. I currently reside on a 5 acre farm outside Pleasant Hill and am caregiver for my 86-year-old mother. I worked for the U.S. Government for 19 years, was a member of the employees union for 21 years (that's including 2 years after closure). I attended Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) in July 2017. I am available to you or your club if you need me, my cell PH# 816-204-0324 or via e-mail at ronald.ballard@ymail.com



We are continuing the Mercy Road Race this year and hope to challenge District M-4 to join us along the journey. Hot Wheel cars are the perfect fidget toy for a child confined to a hospital bed. Children's Mercy has asked us to continue this program. Start working with your club designing creative ways to encourage Hot Wheel Car donations. These cars must be new in the package, individual or multipacks are ok. Monetary donations are also accepted. We will purchase in bulk with any money collected. Contact our GST/2nd District Vice Governor at lionalenah@gmail.com or leave me a message at 660-553-1379 to arrange pick up. Donations may also be brought to any district cabinet meeting. I am planning 4 quarterly service projects as well. The first one will benefit Neighbor2Neighbor. Cash Donations Accepted on Their Website <https://www.n2n4kc.com/donate>. N2N offers a spirit of radical hospitality, generously welcoming all people with compassionate service and accountability. Neighbor2Neighbor is about relationships. When many helping agencies say "client," we say "neighbor." Hungry neighbors come each day to Neighbor2Neighbor looking for nutritious meals and a place where they feel safe, welcome, and respected. But more than just food, we are there to help them overcome their obstacles to living a more fulfilling life. Our drug treatment specialists are trained to personally engage with each neighbor who is looking for a way out of their habit cycle. We will find the right path for them - and follow them throughout the process. We Need Your Help Dear Friends, Fire has damaged the Mount Christian Worship Center where we base our operations and do all our outreach. There is extensive damage. Much of our food supplies were lost. But we will not be denied! We will continue to distribute sack lunches (since Thursday, July 13) from 9am to noon. We do not know yet what the future holds, but our trust in God does not waver. We desperately need your donations to restock our food supplies and continue to serve those who are in need. We currently feed over 300 meals per day. We have many methods for you to give. Please go to our donate page to make a difference today. All donations are tax deductible. Thank you! Lion Gregory Parr, Executive Director Neighbor2Neighbor.

“Kick up your Heels and Show Me Service”

DG Ron Ballard



M5 NEWSLETTER
DG RON BALLARD



MISSION 1.5

We're on a mission – MISSION 1.5

To make sure we are always there and ready to serve, we need to grow. That's why we're launching **MISSION 1.5**.

MISSION 1.5 is our drive to reach 1.5 million members by 2027 so we can better meet the growing needs of our communities and serve more people than ever before.

Watch a [special video message](#) from President Hill about what this important initiative means for Lions, and be sure to check out the [MISSION 1.5 webpage](#) to learn more.

Resources for Strengthening Your Club

Changing the world begins with healthy clubs. Here are four great resources to help you strengthen your club and the service you give to your community.



- [Community Needs Assessment](#) – Understand what your community needs and how your club can make an even bigger difference in people's lives.
- [Service Launchpad](#) – Find the right project planner to help you serve new causes or in new ways.
- [Just Ask!](#) – Invite great new members who can help your club make an even bigger impact.
- [Leadership Development Institutes](#) – Give your Lions and Leos the opportunity to learn, lead and grow into even better community leaders.

Let's keep working together to change our communities and make a difference in the world we share.

Meet your M6 District Governor

Hello LIONS of M6. I am humbled and honored to have your trust as District Governor for the Lions year 2023-2024. My start in Lions started with a invitation by a friend to lunch, I walked in the door and it's a Lions meeting! That was 30 years ago and we are still friends. The people we have met, the changes in our lives and the part we have played in changing other people's lives. what a ride! I am a graduate from Drury University, a US Army Vietnam-Era veteran and have been married to PCC Lion Phyllis for 28 years. We have no human children, but have raised 16 pups for Leader Dogs for the Blind. We have three dogs working now (Columbia, South America, Mexico City, Mexico and Ethan, SD (LD Wink, LD Gudrun and LD Bryla respectively), with others that have worked as guides and are now retired. My current Lions club is Springfield Host with prior service with the Springfield Queen City Our theme for 2023-2024 is a "Universe of Service", because our clubs serve their communities in so many ways. Who are your communities? Your club, your local community, your district, your members and so many others! So expand your Universe of Service, invite others to experience the Lions world you know so we can change more lives.

Lions International President Dr Patti Hill's theme is "Changing the World", a daunting task but as Helen Keller said "I am but one person and I can do little, but I won't let that stop me from doing what I can."

"Kindness Matters"

"With Service from the Heart"

"Together, we Can"

"Changing the World"

We Serve



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