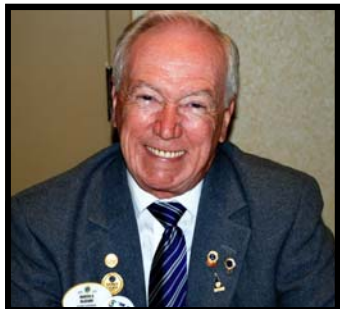


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Lion Marvin McAdams



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Lion Kimberly Taylor



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District Governor McAdams' Message

Hello Lions of District 26-M2.

December and January are now past us, I hope every Lion Member and your families had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We are in a New Year, which promises to be full of opportunities to excel in all endeavors in Serving our communities humanitarian needs.

District 26-M2 is an outstanding Lions District, with Great Lions Clubs and Leaders who are always on the leading edge of establishing phenomenal goals and accomplishing their goals. Each Lion member and each Lions Club can be very proud of aspiring to be very best in " Serving Others and their Communities".

In order to assure our continued success of Lionism now and in the future, I am asking each Lions Club in this Great District *to install two new* Lion Members between now (February 2010) and June 30, 2010. This will allow us to continue our humanitarian service to those less fortunate than ourselves. I have the greatest faith in each Lion member and each Lions Club, that this goal can and will be achieved, as I have personally witnessed Lion members in District 26-M2 coming together in accepting challenges that assure the greater needs of services to others. Thanking you in advance for your kind cooperation in accepting this request in increasing our District's membership, for the greater success in the future of Lionism.

Please remember the Second Annual District 26-M2 Convention, March 19th thru March 21st 2010 at the Holiday Inn, St. Louis Southwest/Viking Hotel & Conference Center at 10709 Watson Road, St. Louis MO 63127. This promises to be an exciting and informative convention. If you will, I encourage each Lion member in District 26-M2 to come and join your fellow Lions in this great event. Let's show our Lions strength in our District by coming together for our common purpose of " We Serve ".

You will find the Second Annual District 26-M2 Lions Convention Registration Form in this newsletter. You can also

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Remember District 26-M2 Convention
March 19-21
Holiday Inn Southwest/Viking
Call 1-800-682-6338 for Room Reservations
See Page Four for Registration Form

District 26-M2 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 13th, Saturday: Valley Lions Music Jamboree @ The Valley Lions Den. No admission fee, food & beverages available. Music is old country, bluegrass, and gospel. Time: 6:30 PM. For more info contact Lion Dave Ross 573-766-1413.
- 16th, Tuesday: Overland Lions, Maryland Heights Lions, University City Lions, St. Ann's Lions & Woodson Terrace Lions Combined Governor Visit @ Place and Time TBA.
- 16th, Tuesday: New Haven Lions Annual Pancake Supper @ UCC Church on Maupin Street, New Haven, MO. Time: begin serving at 4:30 PM.
- 20th, Saturday: Meramec Heights Lions Chili Supper & Texas Hold 'Em Tournament @ Meramec Heights Lions Club House, 1070 W. Outer 21, Arnold, MO 63010. \$30 for Dinner & Tournament. Register at 6:30 PM. Play at 7 PM. For more information: President Lion Karen at 314-368-6911.
- 20th, Saturday: Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. 8 AM – 5 PM
- 22nd, Monday: Valley Lions Governor Visit @ Country Café, 304 Hwy C, Belgrade, MO 63622. Dinner: 6 PM. Meeting: 6:30 PM.
- 23rd, Tuesday: Gray Summit Lions Governor Visit @ the Methodist Church, Hwy 100. Time: 7 PM.
- 24th, Wednesday: Region 1, Zone 2 Meeting @ the Ferguson Lions Club, 49 N. Clark Street, Ferguson, MO 63135. Cocktails – 5:30 PM, Dinner – 6:15, Meeting at 7 PM. Cost of meal: \$8. Please RSVP by Feb. 21st to Lion Georgia Durfee At 314-521-4434 or grldurfee@sbcglobal.net
- 25th, Thursday: Wildwood Lions Governor Visit @ Place TBD. Social Hour at 6:30 PM. Dinner at 7 PM.
- 26th, Friday: Washington Lions 13th Annual Poker Night @ Washington KC Hall. 2 Tournaments, 2 prize brackets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To register for advance tickets – contact 636-390-2004 or 636-239-1578.
- 27th, Saturday: Beaufort Lions Murder Mystery @ Beaufort Lions Hall, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd., Beaufort, MO 63013. Times: Doors open at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM (Steak or Chicken with all the trimmings). Enter the Charleston Dance Contest, solve a murder and come in Roaring 20s dress! \$25 in advance or \$30 at the Door. Call Lion Mary at 573-484-4227 for reservations by Feb 24th.
- 27th, Saturday: Potosi Lions Pancake Day @ Lions Den, Hwy 8 & Hwy 185, Potosi, MO 63664. Time: 6 AM – 11 AM. Adults - \$3.50. Children - \$2.50.
- 28th, Sunday: Pevely Lions Governor Visit @ Place & Time TBA.
- 28th, Sunday: Pacific Lions Pancake Breakfast @ the Pacific Lions Den, 319, Meramec, Pacific, MO. Time: 7:30 AM – 12 PM. Adults \$7 – Kids - \$4. For more information: Lion Rose 636-271-2308 or rose@reedins.com
- 28th, Sunday: Cuba Lions All You Can Eat Chicken Dinner @ Cuba Lions Den, 110 S. Buchanan, Cuba, MO 65453. Time: 11 AM – 2 PM. \$8 for Dinner. For more information: PDG Lion Harold Halbert at 573-259-6574.

MARCH

- 1st, Monday: District MERL++ Meeting @ Location TBD. 7 PM
- 6th, Saturday: Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. 8 AM – 5 PM
- 7th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. 12 Noon.
- 12th-13th, Friday-Saturday: Meramec Heights Lions BBQ @ Hwy 141 and Astra Way, Arnold, MO. For more information contact Lion Gene Owens at 314-409-4861.
- 13th, Saturday: Valley Lions Music Jamboree @ The Valley Lions Den. No admission fee, food & beverages available. Music is old country, bluegrass, and gospel. Time: 6:30 PM. For more info contact Lion Dave Ross 573-766-1413.
- 13th, Saturday: Hillsboro Lions Trivia Night @ the Civic Center. 6 PM
- 13th, Saturday: Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. 8 AM – 5 PM
- 17th, Wednesday: St. Ferdinand Lions Governor Visit @ Yacovelli's Restaurant, 407 Dunn Rd., Florissant, MO 63031. Social 6:30 PM – 7:15 PM.
- 19th-21st, Friday-Sunday: 26M2 District Convention @ Holiday Inn Viking.
- 28th, Sunday: Annual Lions Appreciation Night @ Missouri School for the Blind, 3815 Magnolia Ave., St. Louis, MO. For more information contact Lion Barbara Beal at 314-776-4320, ext. 135 or bbeal@msb.k12.mo.us
- 28th, Sunday: Beaufort Lions Shooting Match @ Beaufort Lions Club, 2041 Lutheran Church Rd, Beaufort, MO 63013. 12 Noon.
- 28th, Sunday: Union Lions Annual Chicken Dinner @ the Union High School Cafeteria, Union, MO 63084. Time: 11 AM – 2 PM. For more information contact Lion Devin at 636-583-8267.

APRIL

- 3rd, Saturday: Kirkwood Lions Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Kirkwood Park, corner of Geyer & Adams in Kirkwood. Starts promptly at Noon.
- 3rd, Saturday: Harmony Popcorn Sales @ Schnucks, 5055 Arsenal. 8 AM – 5 PM
- 5th, Monday: District MERL++ Meeting @ Location TBD. 7 PM
- 9th, Friday: Lions Appreciation Dinner @ Delta Gamma Center for Children, 1750 S. Big Bend Blvd, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Please contact Charlie Walch to schedule at cwalch@1stchoicecourier.com or 314-575-8355

Visit Delta Gamma Center April 9, 2010

The Lions of District 26-M2 played an important role making the dreams come true for the Delta Gamma Center. Our contributions, through their Capital Campaign, allowed the Center to equip their "Light Activities Room".

Delta Gamma Center would like to show their appreciation for our generous donations with an invitation to join them as they celebrate and unveil the "Lions of District 26-M2 - Light Activities Room". The Lions Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday, April 9, 2010 beginning at 6:30 pm. The Center is located at 1750 S. Big Bend Blvd., Richmond Heights. Please come visit Delta Gamma and enjoy a tour of their new facility.

Twelve District Football Players Drafted

If all district players that were drafted for the annual Lions Blue-Gold Football Game play we will be represented by twelve athletes. Gold team coaches selected eight players and blue team coaches selected four. With the tough economic times, last year's game was not as financially successful as in past years, but the athletic committee is working hard to make this year better. This project is designed to raise awareness of and promote Lionism statewide, to provide an excellent life attendance for these fine young athletes that will help develop them into quality adults and hopefully Lions, and finally raise funds for MLERF.

The project is totally funded from the sale of advertising in the game program. Letters have gone out to every club president asking for help. Ad prices range from \$35 to \$750. The cost to send a player to a game is \$750 so we need every club to make a donation to help cover the \$9,000 it will take to send our district's twelve players to the game.

This year's game will be Saturday, July 17 at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg.

Deadline for the next issue of The Lions That Roar is April 10. Now is the time to for you to get an article in spotlighting your club or a special event. Pictures will be used whenever possible. Do you want to share why you became a Lion? Maybe you can inspire others.

**Send to Leon Hove, editor at
hove@yhti.net.**

Washington Uses PR Tools



Washington Lions Club used one of the three foot by six foot vinyl signs from District 26-M2 Public Relations kits at their Super Bowl B-B-Q. They also put a brochure highlighting their clubs charitable donations and FUNdraising efforts in each bag of BBQ that went out the door.

The brochure idea came from the Richwood Lions Club and was modified to match Washington's activities. 500 brochures were distributed to people within the community as over 1600 meals were served. If only one or two people ask about Lions activities and later become Lions the effort will be worth it. Contact Lion Larry McClellan, 314-630-8516 or lmcclellan@sbemco.com to reserve a sign for your next event.

Have You visited The District Web Page?

If you haven't been on our District 26-M2 web site you need to take a look. Go to <http://www.lions26m2.org/> and browse through the pages. The calendar of events is there. The newsletters are there. Cabinet meeting minutes are there. There is almost anything you want to know about the district there. Lion PDG Eugene Taylor would like to know what you think about the web page. Is there something else you would like to see? Should the format be different? Should there be more or less information? Don't be bashful, (he sure isn't) let him know what you think.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MARVIN MC ADAMS HAS ISSUED
A CALL FOR THE
SECOND ANNUAL DISTRICT 26-M2 CONVENTION
To Be Held March 19th thru March 21th 2010
Holiday Inn - St. Louis Southwest/Viking Hotel & Conference Center
OUR HONORED GUEST - INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR DANIEL O'REILLY
FROM STICKNEY, ILLINOIS



Daniel O'Reilly, from Stickney, Illinois, USA, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 92nd International Convention, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA, July 6-10, 2009.

A member of the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club since 1984, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor and vice council chair.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including the 100% President Award, Lions of Illinois Foundation Fellow Award, three 100% Zone Chairman Awards, three 100% Region Chair Awards, eight Governor Appreciation Awards, 100% Governor Award, Super Chairman Candy Day Award, District Governor Extension Award, International Extension Award, Senior Master Membership Key, four International President Certificates of Appreciation and two International President Medals. He is also a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

Director O'Reilly and his wife, Maryanne, have two sons.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 th	SATURDAY, MARCH 20 th	SUNDAY, MARCH 21 th
Registration.....2 PM - 6 PM Hospitality Rooms.....5 PM to Midnight Parade of Banners.....8 PM Dancing & Party Time.....8:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Registration.....8 AM - 10 AM 1 st Business Session.....8 AM All Lions Lunch.....12 Noon - 1:15 PM 2 nd Business Session.....1:30 PM Voting..... <i>Immediately following session</i> Banquet.....7 PM	Breakfast.....8:15 AM Closing Business Session & Memorial Service.....9:00 AM

The Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking at 10709 Watson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63127 is holding a block of rooms and taking reservations at a discounted price of **\$73 + tax** for a standard room.
Please contact them directly at **800-682-6338** to make your room reservations and mention that you are with the District 26-M2 Lions Convention. After **February 16, 2010**, the room block will be released and the discounted price will no longer be available.

2010 District 26-M2 Convention Registration Form
March 19th thru March 21th, 2010 at the Holiday Inn - Southwest/Viking

Name of Lion: _____ Club: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

All Lions Lunch:	Number attending _____	X \$20.00=	\$ _____
Banquet:	Number attending _____	X \$32.00=	\$ _____
Breakfast:	Number attending _____	X \$18.00=	\$ _____
<u>3 Meal Discount per Person</u>	Number Attending _____	X \$ -5.00=	\$ _____
<u>After March 1st, 2010 - ADD</u>	Number attending _____	X \$10.00=	\$ _____
TOTAL FOR ALL EVENTS:			\$ _____

Make checks payable to: 26-M2 Convention Fund
Mail to: IPDG LION DEBBIE BLUMENBERG
5193 Athlone Ct., Cedar Hill, Mo. 63016

No refunds after March 12th, 2010
No reservations guaranteed (may not be able to accept) after March 12th, 2010
Reservations should include the names of those attending each event (tickets will be pre-assigned).
Please attach a list of all persons and the meals each individual will be attending.

Third Annual Christmas Parade Huge Success Despite Rain



Once again for the third time the members of House Springs Lions Club carried out a successful Christmas Parade. As is true weather is not predictable in December. But, to observe all floats, cars, trucks, vans (numbering over 80) from all over House Springs area lining up and decorated to the hilt at Faith Community Church parking area you would not think it would rain. With lights gleaming and beautifully decorated all proceeded at 7 PM up Highway 30 to WW as slight rain started as they departed.

Then as they proceeded East, with assistance of police departments, passing over 1,800 spectators lining the street. Then as walkers of over 100 moved into line the rain came down causing many to bring out their umbrellas but, hardy as most were the parade went on as scheduled down to House Springs Lions Hall where they met Santa and Mrs. Claus for pictures to be

taken. Over 300 at a time crammed the Hall enjoying cookies, hot cocoa and coffee.

Many were very complimentary that such a Parade could bring to life the House Springs area thanks to the Lions Club. The beauty of floats and walkers surpassed all expectations so a heartfelt thanks goes out to all that participated. Much candy as thrown covered the street was quickly gathered by children.

Thanks go out also to police departments in controlling traffic making for a safe parade. Further, thanks goes to Faith Community Church for use of their parking area allowing for all to get in line. To all that were kind enough to bring food items as requested, even though down from what was expected, goes our thanks. That which was collected went to those in need.

Many expressions of thanks were received by Lions Club member for having courage to pull off a great Christmas parade bringing together the House Springs community.

District Governor McAdams' Message

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access the District Web site (www.lions26m2.org) to obtain your Convention Registration Form, as well as review the convention information.

If you are not taking advantage of the District (26-M2) website (www.lions26m2.org), I encourage you to use this valuable vehicle (tool). There is a great wealth of information on this site including but not limited to District Calendar of Events, News Letter, Special Announcements, Convention/Meeting Announcements, District 26-M2 Lions Clubs Listing, and Links to other important Lions Sites.

Congratulations to PCC Lion Eugene Taylor, Multiple District 26 Leadership Chairperson, the entire Multiple District 26 MERL + Chairpersons, and all the Presenters, Moderators who put together and conducted an outstanding Mid-Winter Forum training seminar. The programs were informative and educational. The materials represented multiple study modules on Club Excellence Process, designed to provide all clubs wishing to participate with resources to strengthen their club in a way they see as fit.

The program allowed participants to:

- Identify the characteristics of an "excellent" club
- Determine club health and opportunities for improvement
- Identify club needs and match to club resources
- Implement actions as indicated by club analysis

Thanks to all who made this Mid-Winter Forum training seminar successful.

Wishing each Lion Club and Lion Members in District 26-M2 a very successful Lion's year, may you reach each and every goal you set for 2010.

Thanks for your continued dedication to serving others in need and thanks for your gracious support to the District and the Cabinet.

Your in Lions Services,

District Governor Marvin McAdams

Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation Celebrates 50 Years of Saving Sight!

For 50 years, the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, Heartland Lions Eye Banks and the Missouri Lions have been dedicated partners in the battle against blindness.

The Foundation and those we serve thank the Lions of M-2 for your continued support of our programs over the past half century. Because of your donations and volunteerism, we have provided tissue for more than 33,000 cornea transplants, screened 140,000 children for amblyopia, screened 27,000 adults for glaucoma, and provided 164 Missourians with financial assistance for eye care! This on top of the thousands of donated eyeglasses we have distributed to mission groups worldwide.

The positive effects of your support can be felt across Missouri. For instance, Michelle, mother of a child served by our amblyopia program, remarked, "The Amblyopia Prevention Screening program is a life saver! Without the screening, we may not have found out about Maggie's vision problems until they were too late to correct. Because of the Lions, we found out about Maggie's amblyopia in enough time to correct it."

We invite you to join us in celebrating this important milestone in our history. On Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 12 p.m., the Foundation will host a 50th Anniversary Luncheon at the American Legion Hall in Columbia, Mo. Tickets are limited, and details will be shared at the upcoming M-2 District Convention. If you have questions in the meantime, please contact the PR office at 800-283-1982, ext. 115 or at info@mleerf.org.

Foundation 50th anniversary pins are still available as well for \$10 each. If you would like to order a pin, contact Lion Stan Rehn of the Concord Village Lions or VCC Marvin McAdams of the Washington Lions. You may also send a check or money order to: 50th Anniversary Pin, Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation, 404 Portland Street, Columbia, MO 65201.

Thank you again for the past 50 years. We look forward to another 50 years of working together to save the sight of those in need here in Missouri and around the world!

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute – July 16 -18, 2010

This institute is designed to provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings and will be presented by "dynamic" presenters from across North America. The institute is designed to assist you in developing your skills for your Club or District and it can also help with your job, church and personal developments.

The Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is being sponsored by Multiple District 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), District 9 (Iowa), District 17 (Kansas), District 26 (Missouri) and District 38 (Nebraska) and will be held at Buena Vista University, Storm Lake, Iowa on July 16-18, 2010. Any Lion, Lioness or Leo (Leo must be of legal age) who has not yet served as District Governor is eligible to attend. For more information regarding the GPLLI, contact DG Marvin McAdams or IPDG Debbie Blumenberg.

Please Remember These Lions

**VALLEY PARK LIONS
CLUB**
LION WAYNE R LEE

BONHOMME LIONS CLUB
LION DOUGLAS BILYK

**HOUSE SPRINGS
LIONS CLUB**
LION HENRY GEERDES

**ST LOUIS CARONDELET
LIONS CLUB**
LION EDWARD G SMITH

**ST LOUIS HARMONY
LIONS CLUB**
LION JOSEPH MARINO

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

Welcome These New Members

Have you done your part? Have you made the "Move to Grow" Bring in a new member, help us grow!

CONCORD VILLAGE LIONS CLUB

James K Barrett

ELLISVILLE LIONS CLUB

Andrew Wolff

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS CLUB

Sherry J. Kuykendall

MAPLEWOOD LIONS CLUB

Sandra L Metzger

PACIFIC LIONS CLUB

Herbert C Adams

ST LOUIS SOUTH SIDE LIONS CLUB

Matthias Hanewinkel

Thomas L Milford III

James A O'Donnell

VALLEY PARK LIONS CLUB

Clarence David Hodges

WEBSTER GROVES LIONS CLUB

Quin M Swederska

WILDWOOD AREA LIONS CLUB

Emilio E Tellini

Message From Vice Governor Kimberly Taylor

Brrr! I am tired of the cold and snow. I know it is Winter, and this is Missouri and the weather is suppose to be like this at this time of year, but.....

Maybe if I will think about some of our Lions friends down in Florida right now, soaking up the sun and relaxing, it will warm me up. I know one Lion who donated a week at a Florida condo as a fundraiser for his club – I wish I had bought more tickets now. Maybe some of those 'snow bird' Lions, when they read this newsletter, will take pity on us and invite Lion Eugene and I down for a week or two to visit. I'm sure that we could find some Florida Lions events and meetings to attend so we wouldn't get too bored while we are thawing out.

While I wait for my phone to ring with all the invites, I will think about some warm, summer Lions events, like the All-Star Football game and the Missouri Lions All State Band. Right now these two state-wide youth projects are kicking into high, fundraising gear. These two programs offer high school athletes and musicians an opportunity to join their peers from around the State. But they need our support in order to participate. The cost this year is \$750 per person, which will cover the camps, lodging, food and transportation costs. The Band camp starts on June 28th and they will spend 10 days touring and performing across the state of Missouri. The Football camp starts in July and the All-Star Football game is on July 17th.

Some Clubs have already budgeted donations to these worthwhile projects, and their continued support is greatly appreciated. If your Club has not contributed to either of these projects in awhile, please take a look at your budget and see if there might be a few discretionary dollars your Club could donate to help support the youth of our District. If you would like some more information about these programs, please contact PDG Lion Ron Koppelman Jr. or Lion Fred Held about the All-State Band, and Lion Missy Carr about All-Star Football. You should also check your calendars and make plans to attend the Football Game in Warrensburg, MO on July 17th. Not only will you see some of the best senior football players in Missouri, but the All-State Band will perform there as well! I can almost guarantee that there won't be any snow to shovel at that time of year

Talking about all these warm weather Lions events has succeeded in chasing away some of my winter blues. I think I can make it until Spring now, which coincidentally, starts during our District Convention. Maybe it will be warm enough by then for some of our 'snow bird' Lions to return home to join us for all the fun and fellowship! I hope to see everyone there.

Take care, keep warm and continue serving others.

VDG Kimberly Taylor

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