

Missouri Lion

June, 2020

Multiple District 26

Oh what a Lions year! This year as a Lion has been different from any other year. We have all had to adjust to a new normal. Our clubs have had to make changes with most of the Spring activities being cancelled. Many clubs have had Zoom meetings and some just didn't meet. Several clubs have been meeting face to face again. Which ever way, the clubs have stayed true to Lions and have taken care of business for the clubs the best way possible. Our communities need us now more than ever and we continue to "serve" any way we can. This has taken a toll on many club budgets, but the Lions of Missouri have stayed strong.

With the cancellation of the Missouri Lions State Convention, we are all missing our Lion friends. We don't realize just how much of a family we are until we don't get to be togerher. Let's hope in July things have stayed settled enough to all meet together at the Council of Governors meeting. There will be a notice in the near future.

Thank you to the Council of Governors for my appointment as editor of the Missouri Lion. It has been a new and challenging experience. This issue proves that there are Lions who will step up to the plate and help me put the issue together with articles of interest for the Missouri Lions during times of distress.

Please enjoy the messages from the Lions in this issue.

PDG Ann Anderson

🕻 Missouri Lion Editor



A Message from PID Don Noland

Fellow Missouri Lions;

Hope all is well with you and your family in these challenging times Just a few thoughts and updates:

LCIF: Enclosed is a sign reflecting the COVID -19 Frontline Relief as of June 5,2020 and a worldwide impact in all 8 constitutional areas. I received an update on Friday the 12th, 273 Grants totaling \$4,566,432. As you can see LCIF is still proactive in addressing the needs all around the world. Please keep LCIF in mind with all that is going on and knowing that with the Pandemic our fundraisers have disappeared. This will be a challenge for everyone. Note the Campaign 100 has been extended till 2022. As of the last report we were over half of our goal of \$300 Million before all of this started. <u>The Lions of Missouri need to thank PID Doc Garrett for being the MD</u> <u>26 LCIF Leader for the past seven years.</u> I am honored and privileged to pick up the baton from PID Doc and hope I can do just as well and continue the momentum.

WSB/ World Services for the Blind: Currently in a Capitol Campaign repairing and bringing up to date an infrastructure for a facility founded in 1947. Currently there are 25 people on the pending admissions list from 17 states, 9 for on campus,14 online,note 2 to begin online transition to on campus, 7 on hold for one reason or another in addition to the 25. You can see they are very active in "The Path to Sustainable Independence"

<u>A big thanks to the Lions of Missouri for their contributions of \$16,840.33. Note we are only second to Arkansas.</u>

General Thoughts and comments: Lions Clubs Headquarters has been shut down and to open back up next week. The website has also been an issue and hope to be resolved soon. The USA/ Canada Forum is on hold pending a decision by the Governor of Kentucky. The committee hopes to hear by the 20th of June if it can be held. With the cancellation of the International Convention in Singapore, several districts and our state convention, we are in unprecedented times with the lack of club meetings and social distancing. I can't stress enough the importance of keeping in touch with your fellow Lions via email, phone call or Zoom. We need to keep our main objective and not lose sight "WHERE THERE IS A NEED THERE IS A LION"

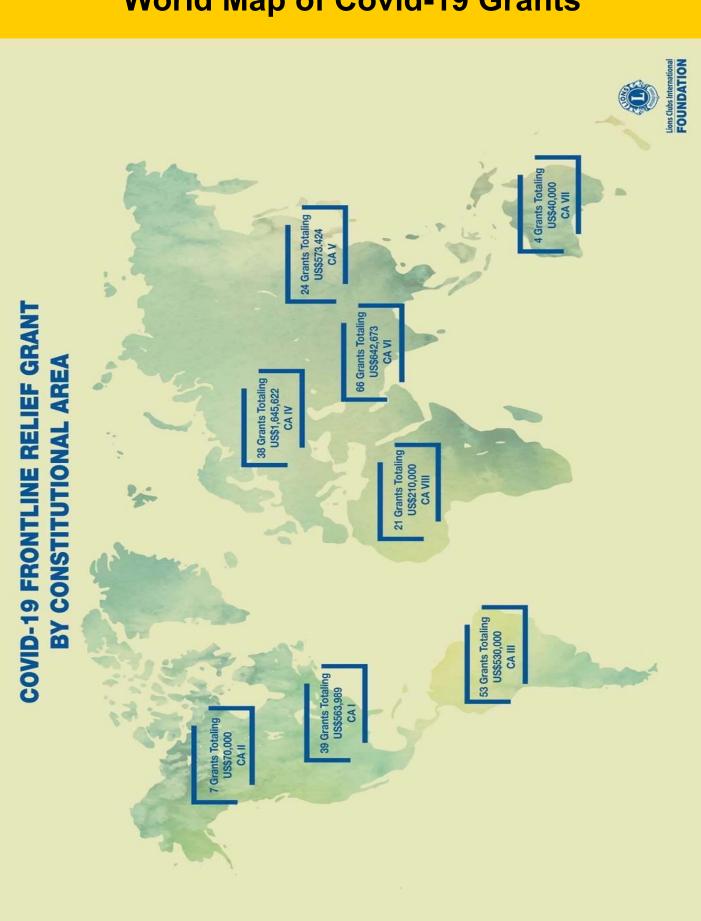
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As of June 5, 2020 LCIF has awarded 257 grants totaling \$4,406,432 To Covid-10 Frontline Relief



World Map of Covid-19 Grants

Campaign 100



WE make lifelong connections.

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Lions Surviving with Heart

A Virtual Event

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Saturday, July 25, 2020

A VIRTUAL EVENT

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Saturday, July 25, 10:00 — 11:30 AM CDT

We'll be learning virtually via Zoom.

2020 Faculty of GPLLI will facilitate three 20-minute sessions to help Lions and clubs navigate our challenging times.

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K—What do I know after these last several months?

W—What do I want to know after these last several months?

L—What have I learned in the last several months?

We'll have time to share our ideas and stories.

Register by July 20

e-mail Lion Gary Fry

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Respond with name, club and district

Zoom link sent a few days before event.

RSVP NOW and mark your calendar. Share the event with as many Lions as you can!

A message from PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett

As I reported to the Council of Governors we are down in donations. What else could we expect when we are missing a vital time in the year for our fund raising. The question is what are we going to do in the future until the situation changes and we get back to being NORMAL? We may not know if and when it could happen, or if it will happen.

We have to expand our efforts of communications to the club and individual Lions. District Governors and District Coordinators must encourage the formation of Model Clubs. If the Wentzville Lions Club can do it I know there are many other clubs that can do it as well. Smaller amounts from clubs and individuals can also be sent. Large or small it all helps and all Lions should participate. I want to thank all who donated their registration for conventions which were cancelled to LCIF.

Try to think of alternate ways of raising funds. An example that was suggested was to have a virtual auction by district or club. Also our District Officers and District Coordinators have to be more active in contacting clubs by internet and personal calls. We can designate LCIF as a charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases on Amazon Smile. Do this on: smile.amazon.com

The club coordinator program is now becoming functional after a slow start. Packets are being sent to secretaries of all clubs with information and asking that one person be designated to share this information with the club and be the advocate for LCIF. I suggest the President, Immediate Past President or Club LCIF Coordinator if one has already been designated to be the advocate, Communication and the distribution of LCIF information is the key to success in the immediate future and will continue to be more important.

I want to thank all the District Coordinators who have served over the past seven years. Your efforts from the start of that time have made our great multiple a strong supporter of LCIF instead of just being a mediocre supporter. Thanks again for your service and thanks to all Lions in MD-26.

Again, if you or your club has not contributed to LCIF please consider doing so. The immediate needs are obvious. The future needs for service will continue to grow. "IF IT IS TO BE IT BEGINS WITH ME"

I pray that each of you and yours as well as the world stay safe,

Yours in Lionism, PID Dr Dwayne Garrett

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OUR MISSION

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

A message from District M1 Governor, Rodney McConnell

The district M1 Final cabinet meeting of the year will be held as an in-person, on-site meeting with proper distancing procedures at the Willow Springs Lions Den on Saturday, June 20. Business for this past year will be wrapped up and the incoming District Governor, Scott Sattler, will give an overview of his goals for the 2020-2021 Lions year. Awards will be presented to several deserving Lions, including the last surviving charter member of the Willow Springs Lions, former Missouri state Treasurer Wendell Bailey, who will be welcomed as a Melvin Jones Fellow through the efforts of district LCIF coordinator Lion Don Noland. This award was originally to have been presented at the state convention in April before it had to be cancelled due to the coronavirus restrictions. Two district M1 Lions, Cabinet Secretary Jennie Mosher and Governor Rodney McConnell, will be awarded their Faculty Development Institute certifications by PDG Greg Gilliam for having successfully completed the three-day FDI workshop in Independence last fall. FDI certification is now required of all presenters at the annual Great Plains Lions Learning Institute.

26-M1 District Governor-Elect Scott Sattler has announced the dates and location of the 2021 district convention. This year the event was moved from the usual February dates to March 5-6 to avoid a conflict with another district. The site will be the new Catalyst Center for Business and Economic Development office in historic downtown Perryville. The center is also the home of a large antique tractor collection which will open this August 8th and is expected to be a major attraction for the downtown Perryville area.

Houston, MO Lions club observed their 80th anniversary May 15. This was their first meeting since the COVID-19 shutdown. Special guest for the occasion were District Governor Rodney McConnell and local city and county law enforcement officers along with highway patrol members all of whom were there to be recognized for their service to the community.

In Sikeston, Lions delivered lunch prepared and donated by a local restaurant to National Guard teams who were conducting a COVID-19 screening at the local higher education center. Sikeston Lions also conducted a previously cancelled membership event at the Fox Haven country club June 17. Approximately two dozen prospective members (a record turnout!) heard presentations from District Governor Rodney McConnell and club members on how service, rather than perfect attendance, is now the emphasis for Lions club members. Over ten of the guests requested membership applications as they were leaving!

District M1 News, continued

District Governor Rodney McConnell and District Governor-Elect Scott Sattler attended the East Perry County Lions anniversary dinner June 16 at the Altenburg Fairgrounds Lions Pavilion. Social distancing guidelines were followed and an outstanding meal was served. The East Perry Lions have served the Altenburg area since 1958 and are an extremely active club that serves as a key resource in the small community. The visiting Governors made some brief remarks about the ongoing need to recruit new, and retain existing members.

Rolla Lions have moved their annual carnival, traditionally held in conjunction with the 4th of July, to October 6-8. It's at the same location at the Lions Park on Hwy 63 South in Rolla.. This year's raffle is for a new Chevrolet Colorado truck. Raffle tickets are still available; contact Jennie Mosher at jamosher9891@gmail.com

Patton Lions club opened its much-delayed season of lawn mower races Saturday June 13. Over 50 competitors brought their "racing mowers" to the track and entertained an enthusiastic group of spectators. Turnout was a little lower than usual as this was the club's first race of the year, the COVID-19 restrictions having resulted in the cancellation of all April and May events. Patton Lions members expect the spectator count to return to near normal for the next event, which will also feature a fire-works display. The lawn mower races are the club's biggest fundraiser, and there will one again be a nationally sanctioned mower race this fall!



Patton Lions Club holds Lawn Mower races

District M1 Lions projects



East Perry County Lions Club at Altenberg anniversary meeting

DGE Scott Sattler addresses the East Perry Count Lions



East Perry County Lions Peace Poster winner #1



East Perry County Lions



Sikeston Lions Club June membership drive event



A message from District M2 Governor, George Winkeler

Hello Lions of MD26,

As the 2019-2020 years starts to wind down, I get the chance to look back and say "Thank You" to the Lions of 26-M2 and the Lions of the State of Missouri for their help during my term as Governor.

Thank you for being my mentors and leading me to be a Governor. Lion Jennifer and myself have had a Fantastic year.

This COVID-19 has taken a toll on membership in Lions. No meetings, fundraisers, etc have taken the toll on our communities. As we come out of the darkness, remember we are a family and as a family we are here for all of you.

Last but not least, being the Council Chairperson elect for Missouri has me very excited. I look forward to represent the State of Missouri and to work hand and hand with the Council of Governors. Contact me if I can be of assistance.

Let's "Aspire to Inspire" to make this a fantastic year !!

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