



# Between the LIONS

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Governor Stuart

*Lions of MD26-M6,*

Trip 5 – The next trip I want to share was another first for me. My friend, David, suggested that we take my canoe and go frogging. This was my second summer in Missouri and I had never eaten frog legs, let alone gone frogging, so I was willing to give it a try. After asking questions, I found out I needed a few things. The first trip was to Wal-Mart to purchase a fishing license, gig prongs, a good flashlight, and a new battery.

In case you have never been frogging, the concept is simple. You shine the light from the bank to the river and back, and look for the reflection of the light from the frog eyes. Ease up to the frog, making sure the light is constantly shining in the frog eyes. When you are close enough, you gig the frog, kill it and put it in the bag.

The uniqueness of this trip is canoeing at night. To see the V's in the river, it required constant searching with the spotlight. The person in front was the spotter and the person in the back did most of the paddling. When a frog was spotted, the paddler would slowly paddle up to the frog as quiet as possible.

This was a great learning experience in handling the canoe. Working with or against the current, avoiding snags or rocks that could hang you up, keeping the light in the frogs eyes, and the spotter as close as possible. While there are many variables in canoeing, the one thing constant is the canoe.

In Lionism, there are many variables, but the one thing constant is Lions and their desire to serve. Clubs and club members have the choice how they want to serve. Try something new. Acquire new skills. Brainstorm for new ideas. "I Believe" you will enjoy being a Lion.

Remember, "IT'S THE TRIP"

Lion Stuart Payne

District Governor

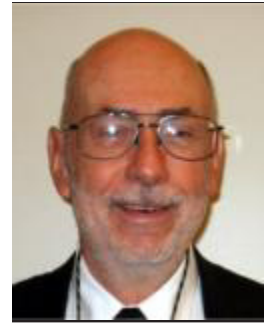
P.S. Frog legs are delicious!



Happy Valentine's Day  
Hobbyist, Artist, & Designer

***The El Dorado Springs Lions Club  
50th Anniversary celebration  
evening of February 25, 2012  
Sac-Osage Electric Co-Op Community Meeting room  
Full details (time, cost, speaker) will follow.***

As the winter winds and temperatures are raising your heating bills and making it hard to think about canoeing down the river, let me turn your hearts to warmer thoughts. In September the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be taking place in Tampa, Florida. Think palm trees, warm ocean breezes, sunny beaches! But also think about enjoying all of that and learning how to be a better Lion, a better citizen, a better worker, just plain better person. The Forum provides all of this and so much more, like fellowship with Lions from all over the North America continent as well as many foreign countries. As the district coordinator for the Forum I have brochures and registration forms that will give you all the needed information. Or you can go to <http://usacanadalionsforum.org> and get all the information on line, including early registration to get a great choice for a hotel. Lion Karen and I will be going and have already registered. Please join us for the Forum September 13-15, 2012. Think palm trees, warm breezes... Don't you feel better already?!



1st VDG Walter

I am enjoying my work visiting clubs on behalf of Lion DG Stuart. I have never met a bad bunch of Lions and that continues to be the case. I want to thank the Lions Clubs of Louisburg, Miller, Seymour, and Forsyth for their hospitality, tolerance, and gracious Lion spirit. These clubs all have a wonderful history and their communities are grateful for their past and continuing service. I am looking forward to my upcoming visits to the Lion Clubs in Morrisville (Jan 26), Ava (Jan. 30), Hartville (Feb 2), Kimberling City (Feb 7), Mountain Grove (Feb 9), Willard (Feb 9), Grovespring (Feb 13), Springfield Evening (Feb 14), Branson-Hollister (Feb 16), Granby (Feb 23) and Lamar (Feb 27).

I am planning to be at the Council of Governors meeting (Jan 27-28), Mid-Winter Forum (Feb 3-4), M6 Cabinet Meeting (Feb 11), Columbia Lions charter night (Feb 24), and El Dorado 50th Anniversary on February 25. All of this, of course, being on the will of God, who directs all of our courses in life.

Until then let's keep working to make Lions not only the world's largest service club, but the world's greatest service club.

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Well, the holidays have come and gone, and Spring is just around the corner. Beginning this time of year activities tend to speed up.

In November I attended the Senior Leadership Institute in Oak Brook, Illinois. The class consisted of 100 Lions, mostly 2nd Vice District Governors from the USA and Canada, with one participant from New Zealand. The instructors and course materials were excellent, as well as the accommodations and meals. I look forward to meeting again with some of the participants at the USA/Canada Forum and at the International Convention in Hamburg. I urge any Lion who gets the opportunity to attend the institute, to do so.



2nd VDG Nick

Noma and I attended the Hobo Day event weekend before last. There was a good crowd and, though I haven't heard the results yet, it appeared to be successful. Food was great (as usual) and the auction lively.

This weekend we will be attending the Council of Governors meeting in Jefferson City. I am looking forward to it, since I was unable to attend the first two meetings due to family issues.

The next weekend will be the Mid-Winter Forum in Branson, which I will be attending.

The following weekend will be our District Cabinet meeting in Miller, and before you know it, it's time for the District Convention.

Planning for the convention is coming together, and it is time to get your reservations made.

I will be attempting to visit 3 or 4 clubs a month for the balance of the year, and have laid out a tentative schedule.

## NOTICE OF LIONS DISTRICT 26-M6 CABINET MEETING

The District 26-M6 Governor's Cabinet is hereby called to meet as follows:

**DATE:** February 11, 2012 (Saturday)

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Miller Lions Club Building – 200 E. Main St., Miller, MO

### Who should attend?

#### All Committee, Region and Zone Chairs: (Voting Cabinet Members)

Please make every effort to attend this meeting. You are a voting member of the cabinet and your attendance is valuable to our District. For those making reports, please bring copies of your reports for the District Governor and the Cabinet Secretary. As we continue to build our district, your participation is very important. **NOTE: Please keep your reports to a maximum of 3 minutes.**

#### Club Presidents and Secretaries: (Non-Voting Members of the Governor's Advisory Council)

You are part of the Governor's advisory group. Please make this meeting known to all the officers and members of your clubs. All Lions are welcome and encouraged to attend whether or not they are currently a club or district officer.

#### Past District Governors: (Voting Members of the Cabinet & Advisors to the Governor)

Your knowledge, input and support are valuable resources for our District and there are many important decisions to be made as we continue to develop District 26-M6. Please make your attendance a priority on your calendar.

Thank you all for the service you provide to the Lions of District 26-M6. We look forward to seeing you at all of the Cabinet Meetings.

**Dinner will be served by the Miller Lions Club immediately after the meeting. \$8.00**

**(Voting Cabinet members: Your meals will be paid by the district.)**

Lion David E. Harris, PDG

Cabinet Secretary, District 26-M6

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## The Miller Lions have begun their Fish Fry season



1st Sat of every month (Oct - May) 11 am - 2 pm

Miller Lions Club Building  
(Main Street, Miller, Mo)

Adults \$7, Children \$4 (12 & under)

Menu: Fish, Ham & Beans, corn bread, french fries,  
coleslaw, hush puppies, dessert & drinks

Fellow Lions — There are vacancies!

The month of August of 2012 is available for Missouri Lions to volunteer to serve on an LIS recycled eyeglass clinic trip to Mexico. The dates are August 16-19, 2012.

Please contact PID W.R. O'Riley if you are interested.





### **Lion's Legacy Lives on Through Donation**

In McDonald, Kan., Duane Wilkens was long known as someone you could turn to for help in the community.

A grain elevator operator, father to three, and grandfather to seven, Duane devoted much of his free time to his family, yet still found time in his busy schedule to lend a hand to organizations in McDonald. Duane was actively involved in the St. Joseph's Church Policy Council, the Knights of Columbus, Cheyenne County Wild Life Board, the Cheylin School Board, and McDonald Area Development.

One group that was especially close to his heart was the McDonald Lions Club in which he was a member for 34 years. "The Lions' motto is 'we serve,' and that is exactly what Duane liked to do...to serve and help others," said Tish Loker, McDonald Lions Club member. "Whenever there was a need in the community and the club could be of service to that need, Duane made sure it got brought to the club's attention and carried it through. He was always the one that had a huge hand in getting things rounded up and put together for the annual community events. He loved helping people and giving back to the community."

Duane's favorite time of year was the club's Santa Claus day, an annual event which raised money for organizations in McDonald. Duane was always on hand with a big smile on his face, making sure all the families had a great time as they gathered to play games while their kids shared their wish lists with Santa.

When Duane passed away in February 2010, his family was asked if they wished to donate Duane's corneas for transplant. Even during the most difficult time of their lives, Duane's family didn't think twice about helping their father's caring spirit live on through two cornea recipients.

Duane's children shared, "Dad always believed in helping others. So when it came time to decide on whether or not Dad's gift of sight should be donated, there was no question. After all, this is what Dad always wanted. We know he would be so happy to hear that he was able to help others and pay it forward!"

You can join in honoring Lion Duane's legacy by pledging to be an eye, organ and tissue donor to help those in need. Please visit [www.donatelifemissouri.com](http://www.donatelifemissouri.com) and spread the word about donation in 2012.

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***Find Mid-Winter, District and State Convention forms here!***

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# 2012 Hobo Day

Chairperson PCC Howard declared this one to be the best attended in recent years.

Chef PDG Bill Botzow and crew produced some great food, including PDG Debbie's sourdough bread.

Cake walker Lion Pete Waldo had some great cakes

The silent auction included many fine items

PDG Bob Crump's live auction featured some very fine sale items

50/50 raffles made two Lions happy





## **Carl Junction Lions Club**

requests your presence  
at the

### Charter Night of the Carl Junction Leo Club

to be held

Saturday, February 18  
6:00 pm

Carl Junction Community Center  
303 N. Main  
Carl Junction, Missouri

**District 26-M6 of Missouri**  
**Last Amended March 12, 2011**

**CONSTITUTION**  
**ARTICLE IV - District Organization**

**Section 3. ELECTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR/VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR:** The district governor, first vice district governor and second vice district governor shall be elected at the annual convention of the district.

**BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE III - District Nominations, Elections and Appointments**

**Section 1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** The District Honorary Committee shall serve as the District Nominating Committee, however, no candidate for office shall be a member of this committee. The Chairperson of this committee shall be determined by the District Honorary Committee.

**Section 2. DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of District Governor, such Lion must:

(i) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in this district, and be endorsed by letter by their club to the chairperson of the Honorary Committee.

(ii) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as District Governor:

a. Currently be serving as First Vice District Governor of this district.

b. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years;

c. As Region or Zone Chairperson for a full term or major portion thereof; and

d. As a member of the district cabinet for two (2) full terms or major portion thereof.

e. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

f. Only in the event the current first vice district governor does not stand for election as district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of first vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution and who is currently serving or who has served one (1) additional year as a member of the district cabinet, shall fulfill the requirements of subsection a. (ii) a. of this section.

b. Any qualified member of a club in the district seeking the office of District Governor shall file a letter of intention to so run in writing with the Honorary Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall place in nomination at the district convention the name(s) of all candidate(s) so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. A candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

**Section 3. FIRST VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of First Vice District Governor, such Lion must:

(i) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in this district, and be endorsed by letter by their club to the chairperson of the Honorary Committee.

(ii) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as First Vice District Governor:

a. Currently be serving as the second vice district governor within the district from which he/she is to be elected.

b. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years;

c. As Region or Zone Chairperson for a full term or major portion thereof; and

d. As a member of the district cabinet for one (1) full term, or major portion thereof.

e. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.

(iii) Only in the event the current second vice district governor does not stand for election as first vice district governor, or if a vacancy in the position of second vice district governor exists at the time of the district convention, any club member who fulfills the qualifications for the office of second vice district governor as set forth in these by-laws or constitution shall fulfill the requirements of subsection (ii)a. of this section.

b. Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of First Vice District Governor shall file a letter of intention to so run in writing with the chairperson of the Honorary Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

**Section 4. SECOND VICE DISTRICT GOVERNOR QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION PROCEDURES:**

- a. In order for a Lion to be eligible and qualified to seek the office of Second Vice District Governor, such Lion must:
- (i) Be an Active Member in good standing of a chartered Lions club in good standing in this district, and be endorsed by letter by their club to the chairperson of the Honorary Committee.
  - (ii) Have served or will have served at the time of taking office as Second Vice District Governor:
    - a. As president of a Lions club for a full term or major portion thereof, and a member of the board of directors of a Lions club for no less than two (2) additional years;
    - b. As Region or Zone Chairperson for a full term or major portion thereof; and
    - c. As a member of the district cabinet for one (1) full term, or major portion thereof.
    - d. With none of the above being accomplished concurrently.
- b. Any member of a club in the district seeking the office of Second Vice District Governor shall file a letter of intention to so run in writing with the chairperson of the Honorary Committee prior to the day of its report to the convention, and furnish evidence of compliance with the qualifications for said office set out in the International Constitution and By-Laws. The Nominating Committee Chairperson shall place in nomination at the district convention the names of all candidates so qualified. If none are so received and/or so qualified, then, but then only, nominations for the office may be made from the floor. Each candidate shall be allowed one nominating speech of no more than five (5) minutes duration, and one seconding speech of no more than three (3) minutes duration.

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

*The fiscal year is just a little more than half complete.*

*Still, it is time to get election activities started.*

*Information required to begin the new year must be available prior to July 1, 2012.*

*It is vital that data be updated at this time of year.*

*The Standard Form Constitution provides the process.*

*For information or help using your password in updating your club data,*

*Please call Cabinet Secretary David Harris, PDG 417.437.9767*

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL  
STANDARD FORM CLUB CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE IV - Elections and Filling Vacancies**

The officers of this club, excluding the immediate past president, shall be elected as follows:

**Section 1. NOMINATION MEETING.** *A nomination meeting shall be held in March of each year, with the date and place of such meeting to be determined by the board of directors and notice mailed to each member of this club at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date of the meeting.*

**Section 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The president shall appoint a nominating committee which shall submit the names of candidates for the various club offices to the club at the nomination meeting. At this meeting, nominations for all offices to be filled in the succeeding year may also be made from the floor.

**Section 3. NOMINEE UNABLE TO SERVE.** If in the interim between the nomination meeting and the election meeting any nominee is unable for any reason to serve in the office to which he/she was nominated and for which office there was no other nominee, the nominating committee shall submit, at the election meeting, names of additional nominees for that office.

**Section 4. ELECTION COMMITTEE.** *An election meeting shall be held no later than April 15 of each year, at a time and place determined by the board of directors, and fourteen (14) calendar days prior written notice shall be given to each member of the club by the secretary, by mail or personal delivery. Such notice shall include the names of all nominees approved at the preceding nomination meeting, and, subject to Section 3 above, a statement that these nominees will be voted upon at this election meeting. No nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.*

**Section 5. ANNUAL ELECTION.** Subject to the provisions of Section 8 of this Article all officers, other than directors, shall be elected annually and shall take office on July 1st, and shall hold office for one year from that date, or until their successors shall have been elected and qualified.