

BALLOT ISSUES AT STATE CONVENTION

There will be two ballot issues to be determined at the State Convention this spring. The first will be whether to endorse Past International Director Dr. Dwayne Garrett to run as a candidate for International Second Vice President. There are several articles concerning his candidacy elsewhere in this newsletter. The second question will be to decide the following proposition.

PROPOSITION NO. 1

PROVIDES FOR A TEMPORARY INCREASE OF \$1.50 PER MEMBER PER YEAR IN THE ANNUAL PER CAPITA TAX, TO BE PLACED IN THE INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES' ELECTION FUND. THIS INCREASE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN YEARS DURING WHICH MULTIPLE DISTRICT 26 HAS AN ENDORSED CANDIDATE FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT OR HAS A SITTING INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT, OR IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT.

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SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 1(a) of Article XV of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Total Per Capita Tax.

(a) To provide necessary revenues for the State Lions activities, there shall be levied upon each Lion in each District an annual per capita tax of \$10.50; *except in years during which Multiple District 26 has an endorsed candidate for International Vice President or has a sitting International Vice President, President, or Immediate Past President the annual per capita tax shall be \$12.00 commencing with the first billing following said endorsement and continuing until said condition no longer exists.* Said per capita tax shall be payable in equal semi-annual installments. Billings for the per capita tax shall be mailed to each individual club by each District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer between the dates of September 1st to 10th and March 1st to 10th of each year, based upon the number of members of each club on the last day of August and February of each year, as indicated on the Membership and Activities Reports of each club. Said billings shall be declared delinquent if unpaid by the dates of October 1st and April 1st of each year.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Section 3 of Article XV of the Constitution of Multiple District 26 be amended to read as follows:

Section 3. State Council Funds.

(a) \$7.00 (*\$8.50 if the exception in Section 1(a) has been invoked*) per member of the annual per capita tax shall be forwarded by the District Cabinet Secretary-Treasurer in semi-annual installments to the State Council Secretary-Treasurer and shall be divided in the following proportions and placed in the following funds by the State Council Secretary-Treasurer: \$0.70 per year in the International Convention Fund; \$5.40 per year in the State Administrative Fund; \$0.70 per year in the Missouri Lions All-State Band Fund; and \$0.20 per year in the International Candidates' Election Fund *except when the condition in Section 1(a) is invoked the International Candidates' Election Fund will receive \$1.70 per year.*



MEXICO LIONS CLUBS AT WORK

The Mexico Noon and Sunrise Lions Clubs met at the Audrain County Historical Society grounds to donate their talents in painting the Gazebo and the antique fence.

IPP Bill Garner zipped right up the ladder to paint the decoration on the top of the Gazebo, while other members carried out their tasks.

A total of 35 members from both Clubs participated in the work. Upon completion of the painting, a carry-in supper was enjoyed by all.

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Another Dues increase! Is it really necessary?

In a word, YES . . . IF we really are sincere in our desire to have an International President from Missouri. The cost of running a candidate for International Second Vice President is much greater than that for International Director and the un-reimbursed expenses of the offices held in the Presidential line are also much greater than those for an International Director. To compensate for the increased costs there are increased benefits to both the candidate and to the Lions of the State. PID Garrett writes about some of those benefits elsewhere in this issue. They are real, many, and long lasting.

When we endorse a candidate for any office we should also show our commitment to that candidate with both sufficient funds and personal dedication to ensure a successful candidacy. We also should not guarantee that only the rich Lions have the opportunity to serve in high office by assuming a portion of the un-reimbursed expenses of those offices. This is only fair to those serving us and lionism in Missouri.

With Proposition 1 we have crafted a constitutional amendment that will impose a dues increase of \$1.50/member/year on our membership every time we endorse a candidate for International Vice President. This increase will last as long as we have an endorsed candidate for these offices or a sitting International Vice President, President or Immediate Past International President. If for any reason our candidate should drop out or a sitting officer be unable to continue in office the increase would end. This is only fair to the candidate/officer and to the Missouri Lions.