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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

Melvin Jones Legacy: "100" Years of Service with Lions Clubs International



Melvin Jones was the son of Lydia M. Gibler and Captain Calvin Jones of the United States Army stationed at Fort Thomas, Arizona. During his early childhood Melvin Jones's memories were filled with blue-clad troopers riding horses with bugles dangling from their sides and war cries of Native American Indians while wagon trains filled with settlers going west passed through the military facility he called home.

As a young man, Melvin Jones attended the Union Business School at Chaddock College in Quincy, Illinois. Torn between deciding if he should pursue a career as an attorney or as a tenor, he gave up both and took a position with an insurance agency. It was through this connection Melvin Jones

developed a circle of business friends which later became the foundation for Lions Clubs International Organization. The purpose of this group was business "pure and simple".

In 1915 Melvin Jones became the secretary for his business circle. It soon became obvious to this young man a sense of positive values was missing from his business circle as everything was directed toward personal gains. After some searching Melvin Jones came up with what is listed below as the Lions Clubs International "**Code of Ethics**". To the best of my knowledge this is the only document which contains only "**Positive**" statements and **no Negatives or thou shall not's**.

As Lions throughout the world prepare to celebrate “**100**” **years of Service** which have been provided by Lions Clubs to our communities; we as Lions realize the role these values played in guiding what we do in Service. Today these values are our guideline to success.

The Lions Code of Ethics is printed below as a reminder of the importance of always being positive as we extend a helping hand through Service to anyone who is in need.

- **To Show** my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.
- **To Seek** success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.
- **To Remember** that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself.
- **Whenever** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position or action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.
- **To Hold** friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.
- **Always** to bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state, and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act, and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.
- **To Aid** others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.
- **To Be Careful** with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

As Lions these are the values Melvin Jones has left for us to follow as we walk in his footsteps.



President's Message

Dear Lion,

2016 has been a year of life-changing service, new initiatives and a celebration of our legacy of bringing hope to underserved populations around the globe. I want to thank you for everything that you have done to help make this year a success.

Thanks to your hard work, Lions have **helped more than 120 million people during the Centennial Service Challenge**, far surpassing our initial goal of 100 million people—and we're still going! Lions have completed nearly **8,500 Legacy Projects**, providing lasting gifts and reminding their communities just how important Lions are. And more than **325,000 Lions have already received membership awards** for increasing our service impact by starting new clubs and inviting new Lions to join us in service.

We have accomplished so much this year. But there's so much more Lions can do during the holidays to help our friends and neighbors who need us most. Take the opportunity to finish 2016 strong and serve your community during the holiday season. And remember, when Lions come together for the good of mankind, there's nothing we can't accomplish.



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President

4 Areas of Focus & Strategic Initiatives

The goal of LCI Forward is to triple our impact worldwide by improving the lives of at least 200 million per year by 2020-21 through expanded humanitarian service.



Enhance Service Impact & Focus

The number of people in need served by a Lions Club - the visually impaired, people with disabilities, people needing urgent assistance and often life-changing medical assistance - has increased sharply (by four-fold) since 2010-11, and is increasing every year.

Reshape Public Opinion & Improve

The need for voluntary humanitarian service is higher than ever as a result, and we need to remind society of our impact, and what communities could be like without a Lions Club, and what people united in service can do to meet rising needs and build communities of hope and resiliency.

Pursue Club, District & Organizational Excellence

We are today the largest voluntary service organization in the world. Continuing to innovate in services to Lions clubs and districts, including further harnessing technology advances, will be essential to our second century of success and expanding our humanitarian service.

Improve Membership Value & Reach New Markets

People have more choices today to serve and give back to their community/people in need. We need to continue promoting new ways for caring people to be involved in our service and provide options for service engagement which are flexible and mesh with today's busy lifestyles. We will continue to welcome people of all ages, genders, races and faiths into our movement.

Own a Limited-Edition Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin



In celebration of 100 years of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs International is working with the United States Mint to produce a limited-edition, exquisitely crafted silver dollar coin. **Sales begin January 18, 2017.**

The coin features Lions founder Melvin Jones and the Lions Clubs logo on the front and a family of lions with a globe behind them on the reverse.

This commemorative coin is crafted to be rich in the symbolic history of Lions first century of service. Each coin is packaged in its own presentation case and is accompanied by a certificate of authenticity.

One Beautifully Engraved Coin—Many Noble Purposes

For a limited time only, you can order this historic Lions Centennial keepsake and support the life-changing work of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). For each coin sold, US\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a US\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.

These collectable coins make great gifts for family and friends and are the perfect way to show appreciation to your club members for outstanding service.

Supplies Are Limited

Lions Clubs Centennial coins will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Once sold out, no additional coins will be minted.

These commemorative coins will only be for sale during calendar year 2017. They will be available for purchase from LCI Club Supplies and the United States Mint.

Introductory price for the commemorative coin is \$47.95 from January 18th to February 21, 2017 at 12 noon ET. After this time the price returns to \$52.95

Mason Eye Institute Celebrates 1 Year of Service

About one year ago Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service joined in partnership with the Mason Eye Institute of Columbia, Missouri to provide needed corrective eye services to patients in the state. The agreement provided Mid-South patients residing in the middle to northern section of Missouri with a closer location where they could receive corrective treatment or surgery for eye problems.

The central Mason Eye Clinic is a full-service ophthalmic clinic located within the Mason Eye Institute located at the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. The Mason Eye Institute is an area leader in eye care with full coverage of ophthalmology sub-specialists including Mid-Missouri's only neuro-ophthalmologist, pediatric ophthalmologist and glaucoma specialists. The clinic features 17 equipped refracting lanes, an optical shop, a contact lens suite, a low vision suite, a minor surgery facility, photography/angiography area, laser suite, and diagnostic procedures such as corneal topography, specular microscopy, ultrasonography, and visual field testing.



The University of Missouri at Columbia signed this contract just 1 year ago, as of today Lions have referred 29 patients to the Mason Eye Institute. Mid-South Lions have provided \$118,117.74 in total patient care to those patients. Some of the patients have been seen or were provided surgeries multiple times.

Records indicate patients were referred from the following Lions Clubs: Lebanon Host, Graham, Hurricane Deck, Fulton Host, Rolla, Plato Roby NW Texas County, Republic, Harrisburg, O'Fallon and Maryville Host.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this agreement possible. Thank You Lions for supporting this program. Your donations are making these Miracles happen. Think of the lives we have changed in one year.

For additional information www.midsouthlions.org or Phone: 888-546-6042

BELIEVE IN
miracles

A decorative flourish consisting of a series of elegant, flowing lines that curve and swirl, resembling a stylized floral or scrollwork design.

Multiple District 26 Charters Two New Lions Clubs

District 26-M3 Wentzville Outreach Lions Club



Congratulations



District 26-M5 St. Clair County Lions Club



Congratulations and "Welcome" to all our new Lions as we join together to provide "Service" to our communities.

Lions Clubs International 2017 Rose Bowl Float



Lions 2017 Rose Float "Celebrating 100 Years of Service"

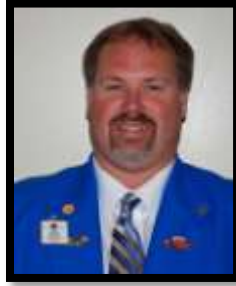
The float depicts the 1.4 million Lions in 210 countries and geographic areas serving the world in humanitarian efforts which make a positive impact on many lives through Vision screenings, Feeding the Hungry, serving Youth, and many Environmental projects. The Centennial Theme is: "Where There is a Need, There is a Lion" with the Centennial goal of serving 200 million people by July 2018. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest volunteer service organization.



The Lions Rose Float is Centerpiece for Worldwide Public Relations and Membership Recruiting

Lapel Pins (pictured on the right above) can be ordered from Lions Club International 2017 Lions Centennial Lapel pin \$10.00

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Lions Clubs International

Dear Lions Leaders,

In the past three months, Lions clubs in two small towns here in the U.S. received negative national media coverage and extensive negative chatter on social media.

In both instances, a Lions club sponsored an annual parade - something the clubs had done for several decades, and something many Lions clubs do in other communities across the United States. And in both instances, a float in the parade attracted unwanted and unintended attention by making a political statement, and doing so in an offensive manner. In neither case was the float in question actually built by a Lion member or club, but because the Lions club sponsored the parade, all the negative publicity and all that comes with it is assigned to the club.

These are but two of many other incidents that have occurred over the past several years that garnered negative publicity for a Lions club, and by extension negative publicity for all Lions clubs.

Lions clubs and their members are the fabric of their local communities, and are held in high regard for the work they do. But at the same time, and therefore, Lions are held to a higher standard. So when a Lions member or club does something that runs contrary to what the community believes to be acceptable, it harms our reputation, our brand, our image, and detracts from our overall mission of community service.

Over the past 90 days – the same period of time the incidents cited above garnered negative press – Lions spent more than 9 million hours of service better communities; we surpassed our goal of serving 100 million people through our centennial service challenge; more than 5,000 clubs completed centennial legacy projects; and countless numbers of people received the gift of sight through Lions programs. And during this same period of time Lions International was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

We are a non-sectarian, non-religious organization. Our mission is "To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding." We must be ever mindful of that mission, and strive to draw attention to the good work we do.

When organizing or sponsoring events in your respective communities, it is vital to be ever vigilant to guard against anything that might be perceived as offensive, and could potentially harm our reputation and negatively impact our mission of service.

Sincerely,

Bob Corlew

The above message was sent to all Lions Club Presidents from LCI President Bob Corlew; it has been included in this publication as it was felt it should be communicated to every Lion in our multiple district. All materials submitted for publication in the Missouri Lion should be free of any possible copyright infringement issues and should not contain any hidden negative symbolism.



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November 2016

Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of Lions,

In our centennial year, we are investing into the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 1,600 clubs. These clubs have served almost 800,000 people with over 6,300 service activities, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

Our Lions family calls us to reach for the impossible as part of our centennial celebration. With this in mind, we have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions' continued success. Our vision is a USA Leo Leadership Forum that will convene annually every August, starting in 2017.

From all over the U.S. and its territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make profound impact, and with us on their side there can be no limit.

Our forum will provide Leos with leadership training and seminars about the Leo Lion transition. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos that we believe they are the future of Lions.

As a supporter of the Leo Movement, we hope you may consider donating any amount, from \$50 to \$1,000, to the USA Leo Leadership Foundation. Your generous donation will help our foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual leadership forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized as a Founding Member of the 1st USA Leo Leadership Forum on our social media, webpage, and during the forum.

Our Leos are already the hands and feet of Melvin Jones' vision, but with our help they can make the impossible, possible.

Yours in Lionism,

Pablo M. Romano

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Secretary



Registration Fee:

- Registration Fee through January 13, 2017 is US\$130
- From January 13 through March 31, 2017 the regular registration fee is US\$180
- April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.

Use the following website information to register for the 100th International Lions Convention
<http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/index.php>

LCI Official Hotels in Chicago

- Guests at LCI's delegation hotels will have free shuttle transportation to all official convention events. Booking your hotel through LCI helps us keep convention fees low.
- Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis through January 13, 2017
- After January 13, Lions can choose their delegation hotel or a hotel based on rate or location (*subject to availability*).
- In addition to at least one adult registration fee, a hotel deposit in the amount of US\$200 per room is required to make a reservation. The deposit is not the daily rate but will guarantee the reservation. The deposit will be credited to your guest folio at check out.
- The deadline for group refunds of hotel deposits is May 1, 2017.
- The deadline for individual refunds of hotel deposits is May 1, 2017. Failure to cancel by this deadline will result in the forfeiture of your hotel deposit.



100th Lions Clubs International Convention June 30 - July 4, 2017/Chicago, Illinois Online Registration & Hotel Reservation

- Please have your credit card ready, you can only use the online system with a credit card payment. Visa, Mastercard and Discover are accepted.
- Type all information in CAPITAL letters.
- You will receive an email confirmation upon completion of your registration.
- Please check your spam mailbox if you do not receive an email confirmation immediately.
- LCI will mail your convention namebadge(s) in **May 2017**. You must bring these with you to Chicago.
- All fees are quoted in U.S. Dollars.
- If you need to register more than one person, you have the option to do so after submitting and paying for your registration. After completing your registration, return to this page to register another person.
- Contact us at registration@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Lions if you are planning on attending this International Convention please don't wait to make your reservations as the price will increase after January 13, 2017. Also you can only register by going to the website on the previous page.

The official schedule of events for this convention can be found at the following website:

<http://lcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/event-schedule.php>



MD-26 Council of Governors Endorses PID Judge Haynes Townsend

The 2016-2017 MD-26 Council of Governors endorsed Past International Director Judge Haynes Townsend for 3rd Vice President of Lions Clubs International. His bio and photo are included below.



HAYNES H. TOWNSEND PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Haynes Townsend, from Dalton, Georgia, 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.

Past Director Townsend is a judge.

A member of the Dalton Noon Lions Club since 1979, he has held many offices within the association, including club president, region chair, zone chair, district governor, district librarian and multiple district leadership chair. He also served as a presenter at the USA/Canada forum.

In recognition of his service to the association, he has received numerous awards including three Lion of the Year Awards, 15 District Governor Appreciation Awards, the Ervin-Crumbley Award, District 18-A Hall of Fame Award, six International President Certificates of Appreciation, two International Leadership Awards, an International President Award, a Membership Key Award and a Knight of Strength Award. Director Townsend is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lions activities, Past Director Townsend is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is currently the chair of the Dalton-Whitfield Christmas Parade and was honored as the Judge of the Year by the State of Georgia.

Past Director Townsend and his wife, Donna, also a Lion and a Melvin Jones Fellow, have two daughters.

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2017 Missouri Lions State Convention



Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri



ACCOMMODATIONS



Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Blocks of rooms are being held at Tan-Tar-A until April 1, 2017.

Tan-Tar-A Resort

494 Tan-Tar-A Drive
Osage Beach, MO 65065

Hotel Direct (573) 348-3131
OR

Toll-Free Room Reservations: 1-800-826-8272

Mention you are with the Missouri Lions State Convention.

Group Code: LION

1 King OR 2 Queen Bed Room = \$92.00
(plus applicable taxes and \$5.00 resort fee)

Visit Tan-Tar-A Resort's website for more information at www.tan-tar-a.com.



COMING SOON

The 2017 Missouri Lions Club State Convention website is in the process of being built & fully operational by the end of August 2016.

The website will have tons of information about the 95th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention including the list below at www.molionsstateconvention.org

Registration Hospitality
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LCI Centennial Service Challenges Link
LCI Centennial Information Link
Osage Beach Tourist Links



For More Information, Contact:

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OR message us on our Facebook Page at
"Missouri Lions State Convention"

95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention



SAVE THE DATE

May 4 - 7, 2017



CELEBRATE AT

Tan-Tar-A Resort
at Osage Beach, MO



WEBSITE

www.molionsstateconvention.org



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on our Facebook group page:
"Missouri Lions State Convention"






District 26 M7 Lions invite you to the
95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention
 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO
 on May 4 - 7, 2017.

We look forward to celebrating
 100 years of Lions Clubs
 with you at Tan-Tar-A. Just mail in
 your registration to the right or
 registrator on-line at
www.molionsstateconvention.org.

Don't forget to make your reservation
 with the hotel at www.tan-tar-a.com
 or call 1-800-826-8272.

We will do the rest to make your
 weekend trip a celebration to remember.

 **2017 Missouri State Lions Club Convention Registration**

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Mail registration form & payment to:
 Lion Janice Bornot 4873 Woodhaven Drive
 Jefferson City MO 65109

Checks payable:
 Missouri Lions 2017 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2017)

Questions contact:
 PCC Jeff Hilke at (573) 690-8272 OR
2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com

Convention Fees Per Person:

Registration: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Luncheon: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____)

Banquet: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Total: \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$ _____)

Hotel Information:
 Everyone is responsible for securing their own
 lodging. See the back cover for more information.



Attracting New Members

Are you actively seeking new members for your Lions Club? If you are how are you going about attracting them to your Club? Many people out there are looking for a sense of purpose and belonging, we just need to ask! You can give them just that if you simply extend your hand of invitation.

Here are some things you might want to consider while looking for new members...

Create a Facebook page for your Club. If you have already done that; then be sure you are posting frequently and include pictures and a description of what you are doing or planning. You never know who might see you "check in" to the meeting and be struck by what you or your Club are doing in your community. Also, be sure you have a 'check in' set up for all your club members to check in when they attend the meeting. This will let your community know who the Lions are and that they are meeting/working. A lot of Clubs create the FB page and then set it and forget it. You need to post to it!

Get involved with your schools any way you can. Arrange for screenings with schools or preschools with Saving Sight and be sure the local paper knows the screenings are happening and the Lions are involved. Or, get your high school involved with designing your Club a new pin or a banner for your Club. Give the winner a prize or gift card and recognize them at a School Board Meeting. Check with the band director and see if your Club can help work on a fund raiser for the band. Possibly get in touch with the elementary schools and see what the needs are and work on filling some of those voids. Parents seeing Lions involved with the kids and students will attract them to be a part of your Lions Club.

Give a break on dues. Consider having a certain allotted time where your Club pays part or all of the membership fees for a new Club Member. They can then take a look at what all you are doing locally and in the world during the year. You could have a "May Membership Month" and any new members coming into the Club during that time would get the new member fee paid by the Club. This will make the initial joining easily affordable for most that want to be involved.

Be fun and casual at your meetings. Keep you members engaged and attract new members by having the meetings filled with fun and some entertainment. You might try some games once a month like LION-O or Lion Jeopardy. Divide the Members of your Club in half and play Name That Tune! What FUN! Also, make sure you have programs that are meaningful and informative for the Lions attending. Your Tall-Twister can also attract members by greeting and being prepared with creative and fun-filled activities for those attending.

Make a personal connection with prospective members. Let them know all the benefits of being a Lions Club Member and be sure to ask what ideas they might have for the Club. Also, let them know that they are needed to fulfill the needs in your community. Possibly ask them up front what they might be looking for in a service organization. Maybe there are some uncharted waters that your Club has not thought of in the past. Make sure as they visit that they are made to feel welcome, ask them questions about their work and family. Consider sending them a card from the Club thanking them for visiting and let them know you would love to meet with them and talk more about what it means to be a member of the Lions Club.

If you are truly seeking new members for your Lions Club these are just a few ideas on how do just that! Remember, many are looking for a sense of purpose and belonging in this old world, we can help! Go ahead...extend that invitation, JUST ASK!

Lion Debbie Cantrell, PDG
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Information for Publication in *the Missouri Lion*

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication in the Missouri Lion but needs some assistance in writing the article can submit the basics of the article such as: **Who, What, When, Where, Why, Specific Details to be included in the article and your contact information.** After a draft has been written, you will receive a copy for review. Please review or edit the draft, when it meets your approval it will be added to the Missouri Lion bulletin.

Send basic information by e-mail to newsletter@missourilions.org

Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor at the following address:

the Missouri Lion

Lion Jennie Mosher

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Deadline for article submission for the April 2017 Issue is March 30th, 2016

Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition. All materials submitted for publication in the Missouri Lion should be free of any possible copyright infringement issues and should not contain any hidden negative symbolism. *the Missouri Lion Editor*

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Prepares for "Lions Leader Weekend"

1960's - 1970's

Methodist Healthcare
Our partnership with Methodist Healthcare grows to provide medical equipment, resident training and service to more patients

1990's

"Give the Gifts" Auction 1992

Lithuanian patient sees his son for the first time

And the miracles continue...

Our Stars of Service Satellite Clinics begin providing care in 1996

1980's

Missouri Joins Mid-South 1982

1989 Hearing service adopted and our name changed to Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service

Dalstrom Award established in 1995

Lion Leaders Weekend

Dr. Haik and UT Ophthalmology spearhead our state-of-the-art service

Booster Club 1993

Through our facilities in:

- The Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis TN
- Boozman-Hof Regional Eye Center and Mercy NWA Hospital in Rogers, AR
- Dr. Tom Wallace and Mercy Hospital in Hot Springs, AR
- Sneed Eye Center in Mountain Home, AR
- Mississippi Eye Surgery Center, Ocean Springs, MS
- Dr. Bill Ashford Eye Clinic, Jackson, MS
- Columbus, MS Eye Center
- Dr. Ifeanyi Orizu & Phelps County Regional Medical Center, Rolla, MO

2000's

The Hamilton Eye Institute Our new home 2008

Grants from LCIF helped build an oncology wing, provided surgical equipment and patient care as well as established the Lions Low Vision Center

2010's

Walmart Corporate

Grants from the Walmart Foundation Helped increase our service to NW Arkansas and Mississippi



Join us on our journey down the road to...



...Seventy Years of Miracles 1942 - 2012

1940's

Ed Dalstrom Our First President

Mid-South Sight Conservation Association's First meeting was at The Claridge House in Memphis

1950's

Mid-South Lions Sight Service
THE MISSOURI SIGHT CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION
A Story of a Service for Needy Unfortunates

"LIONS" Added to our name in 1953.

The Brinkley wing at Methodist Hospital becomes our new location in 1959

Our logo through the years

One of our Founders, Clifford Pierce becomes Lions International President

Our First Home And one of our founders

The mission of the Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, Inc is to positively enhance the lives of the indigent sight or hearing impaired by providing light, sound and hope through partnerships between Lions Clubs, medical professionals and facilities throughout the mid-south.

Join us in Memphis, TN April 7-8, 2017 for Lions Leader Weekend.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Celebrates 75th Anniversary July 1, 2016- June 30, 2018

Join us in Celebrating



The simplest and most effective way YOU can be a part of Mid-South's 75th Anniversary is to make a one-time contribution of \$75 during 2016-2017.

Some of you are already Boosters and/or Champions and your dedication to Mid-South is greatly appreciated. This would be an additional \$75 that would help Mid-South continue to provide comprehensive care to those in need from YOUR area.

For this contribution, you will receive a limited edition paper-weight featuring "The Crusader" 75th Anniversary medallion.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW TO JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION!



The DIAMOND Award will be limited to the first 75 Lions Clubs, individuals or businesses that contribute \$1,500 to Mid-South Lions. Please make this as an additional donation to Mid-South during 2016-2017.

Recipients will be recognized in our quarterly meeting programs and on our website www.midsouthlions.org



The STAR Award recognizes any Lions Club or person or business who makes a special 75th Anniversary contribution of \$750 during 2016-2017.

This unique award could be used to honor your "Lion of the Year" or someone in your community who supports your Lions Club activities and/or fundraisers.

Our request is that this contribution be in addition to your Club's traditional donation.

Recipients will be recognized in our quarterly meeting programs and on our website www.midsouthlions.org

2016-2017 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
January 21, 2017	Council of Governors Meeting	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO
January 21-23, 2017	Emerging Lions Leadership Institute	Chicago, Illinois
March 3-4, 2017	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
April 1, 2017	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, Mo
April 7-8, 2017	Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend	Memphis, TN
May 4-7, 2017	Missouri Lions State Convention	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO
June 2-3, 2017	Mid-South Lions Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 3, 2017	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, Mo
June 2-3, 2017	Mid-South Lions Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 3, 2017	Mid-South "Give the Gift of Sight Auction"	Memphis, TN
June 3, 2017	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
July 21-23, 2017	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	NWMO State University, Maryville
July 21, 2017	All Star Football Banquet	Warrensburg, MO
July 22, 2017	Council of Governor's Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
July 22, 2017	All Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
September 16, 2017	Mid-South Celebrates 75 Years of Service	Memphis, TN
September 29- October 1, 2017	Leader Dog All Missouri Lions Visit	Rochester, Michigan
October 28, 2017	Council of Governor's Meeting	Camden on the Lake Lake Ozark
July ?, 2017	Great Plains Lions Leadership Forum	TBA
September 21-23, 2017	USA/Canada Forum	Portland, Oregon
June 30-July 4, 2017	International Convention	Chicago, Illinois
June 29-July 3, 2018	International Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada
July 5 -9, 2019	International Convention	Milan, Italy
June 26-30, 2020	International Convention	Singapore
June 25-29, 2021	International Convention	Montreal, Quebec Canada

* **This will be the centennial celebration in the city where Lions Clubs started in 1917.**

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Nodaway County Freedom Rock



Lions across the state of Missouri continue to showcase outstanding Lions Clubs International Centennial Projects such as the Nodaway County Freedom Rock project. Lions Clubs International has encouraged Lions Clubs throughout the world to visually communicate their local Service projects they perform to celebrate “100 Years of Service” as LCI is 100 years old in 2017.

This Centennial project was initiated by the Maryville Pride Lions., but five Lions Clubs in Nodaway County (Graham Lions, Hopkins Lions, Pickering Lions, Maryville Host Lions and Maryville Pride Lions) have joined together to raise funds to have the rock painted in 2017 by Freedom Rock Painter, Ray “Bubba” Sorensen of Greenfield, Iowa. A painted “Freedom Rock” is pictured above.

The Lions would like to acknowledge the following for their contribution to this project: Bernard Gast donated the rock which artist Ray Sorensen will paint, Nodaway County Road and Bridge Crew, Ron Houston of JL of Houston; Hopkins donated the crane to move the rock and the men who ran the crane to relocate it.

From District 26-M1

Patton Lions Club



LCI Peace Poster Contest



Above left: PDG Lion Marshall James of the Farmington Lions kicks off some special entertainment..."On the South Side of Chicago, In the baddest part of town..." (you know the tune and where we're all goin') after a Lions Club Fish Fry Event

Above Right: Maddie Fitchpatrick 6th Grade Scott County Central Schools

Sikeston Lions Club Annual "Chili and Super Dog" Event (below)



Houston Lions Club of Texas County Fish Fry and Hunger Walk



From District 26-M2

Webster Grove Lions Club



Above: Each year the Webster Groves LIONS provide 3 families in the WG School district with all the trimmings for a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.

Below on left: Mind's Eye 2016 Beepball Game at Busch Stadium before the Cardinals Game



Above on the right: Beepball Volunteers

Below: right a Beepball game

<p>Mind's Eye Bring Performances Alive For The Blind</p>  <p>\$3,000 of \$5,000 raised 3 days to go</p> <p>This campaign is being matched by Lighthouse for the Blind - St. Louis</p>	 <p>9th Annual District 26-M2 Lions Convention March 24-26, 2017 St. Louis, Missouri</p>	
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From District 26-M3

LIONS ALERT PROGRAM by PDG Freda McKee

Often Lions are call upon to assist when disasters occur here at home and abroad. The ALERT program is designed to provide support to service personnel and disaster victims for short and long term. To do that Lions Clubs International encourages Lions to follow its objective development plan of action; based on the level of severity of a disaster. They are as follows:

LEVEL 1. Affecting a few people.

LEVEL 2. Affecting a Community.

LEVEL 3. Emergency, affecting hundreds of thousands of people.

We all live in hope that no disaster strikes our own communities but as some of you know is not the reality life. Disasters are natural, man-made or public healthcare.

MD26-M3 has with the assistance of Lions Clubs International purchased two newly built ALERT TRAILERS (picture) which will need to be stocked with emergency materials and supplies.

In order to assist in disaster relief LCI has developed an ALERT plan each district has an ALERT Chairperson. That chairperson has the responsibility to assemble a team of volunteers and emergency service professional. Lions can go to LCI's website to obtain information on guidelines, materials and checklists to assist in planning for disaster relief.

Prior to a disaster there are certain requirements that have to be met. Disaster team just can show up to help. Because we as Lions know where there is a need; there is a Lion. In this particular instance each member of the team is required by Missouri you have to attend a (FEMA G-317) Certified Three Day Emergency Preparedness Training Sessions. M3's 3 day training sessions are scheduled as follows:

MD26-M3's Emergency Preparedness Training
Conduct by: Mid America TEEN CERT

DATE: March 17-19, 2017

Friday 17th 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Saturday 18th 8:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 19th. 8:00am - 5:00pm



Photo on the right: District 26-M3 Alert Trailers

**Lions Club 2017 District 26-M3 Convention
Saturday March 24, 2017
Holiday Inn, Earth City, MO.**

From District 26-M4

Grant City Lions Club Christmas Party



Savannah Lions Club



St. Joseph East Side



Above Center: Savannah Lions Club proudly hung flags at all participating businesses today to honor our veterans for Veterans Day.

Above left: The St. Joseph East Side Lions Club Chili Supper event

Maryville Lions Club: (Below on left)

Below on right : St. Joseph's Lions Club fundraiser

Milestone awards presented to (L) Lion Orval Heywood for 55 years of Lionism, (M) Lion Joe Baumli for 10 years of Lionism. Presented by Lion President Jeff Von Behren at yesterday's meeting. Congratulations




2016
 Annual
LIONS CLUB
FRUIT SALE

Our FRUIT TRAILER will be set up by the
 St. Joseph Public Library
 on the EAST side of East Hills Mall.


 It will be visible from WOODBINE & FARAON Streets

The LIONS Club FRUIT SALE
 EXTENDED thru
TUESDAY, December 20th
 10:00 thru 7:00 each day
 unless we SELL OUT by Tuesday afternoon!

For QUESTIONS
 Call Brad Campbell at 816-262-9998
 Barbie Squires at 816-294-0961
 or any LIONS Club member!



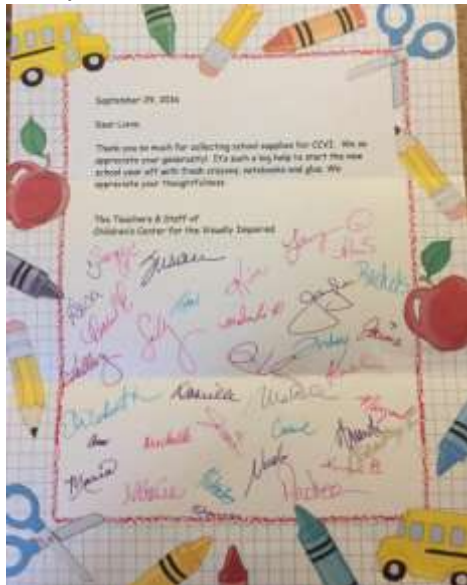

From District 26-M5



Above left: District 26-M5 207 Lions Convention

Above Right: 2017 Mid-Winter Rally

Below center: Special Training session in Columbia, MO. LCI President Bob Corlew spoke to current District Governor's, 1st and 2nd VDG's.



Above Left: A "big Thank You" from Children's Center for the Visually Impaired for all those district Lions and clubs that donated school supplies! Thank you Lions!!

From District 26-M6



District 26-M6 Annual "Hobo Days" January 21, 2017 Branson Hollister Lions Club Building



Above Center: Hartville Lions Club Auto Show Above Right: Abigail Reasoner El Dorado Springs Christian

Below Right: Ava Lions Club Open House Recruitment Night

Below left: Lions Wendy Jackson receives donation for Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks



Leader Dog "Bryla" "Fleming" Returns to Leader Dog.

Seymour lions Club "Food Drive"

From District 26-M7



Lake Ozark Lions cut the ribbon to signify their new membership in the Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. President Lion Kevin Kempf, cuts the ribbon while members of the club and Chamber representatives look on.



Hermann Lions present a donation to Saving Sight during their recent visit to the Lions Volunteer Center in Columbia.

WARSAW LIONS CLUB

59th ANNUAL 

MINSTREL SHOW

LION COUNTRY



River View High School
November 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.
November 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket Prices:
 \$10 Donation

River View High School
 All seats closed
 Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 & 19
 from 2:00 P.m. and
 Sunday, Nov. 20
 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ALL SEATS RESERVED - FOR TICKETS
CALL 740-622-5031 BEGINNING OCTOBER 26
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY 11 AM - 1 PM

JC Capital Lions
Have Nuts!!!




\$10 per bag 1 lb bag
 or
\$10 per 12 oz bag
of chocolate covered Pecans

Yes, 'tis the season that holiday bakers need nuts and the JC Capital Lions are selling only this year's freshly shelled Azalea Brand Nuts.

Whether you need Pecans, Walnuts, Cashews, Almonds, a Gourmet mix or the popular chocolate covered Pecan Halves, the Capital Lions have them.

To place your order
 call 573-230-9954 or 573-635-5564

Millersburg Lions Club
Turkey Shoot



November 20
December 4
December 18

Shotgun & .22 caliber Rifle

Lions Club Park
 2008 County Road 228
 Millersburg

Great Food and Drink

Check us out on Facebook:
 Millersburg Lions Club

WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION



The above information was obtained from District 26-M7 newsletter. For additional information please go [to missouri lions.org](http://missouri lions.org) and visit their web page under District 26-M7.



We change lives by saving sight.®



Cheerful Preschooler Corrects Double Vision Thanks to KidSight

Xavion is an active and cheerful 4-year-old who loves to be outside on the swings. His mom Tina says he talks a mile a minute, likes to joke with others and has a hard, deep laugh that leaves those around him with a smile on their face. But when Xavion would trip or sometimes run into walls, it wasn't to get a laugh. A KidSight vision screening at his St. Louis preschool identified a possible vision problem for the jovial preschooler. Tina knew the importance of healthy vision to Xavion's success in school and sought treatment right away.

"He loved writing, but would get frustrated and I think it was his vision," said Tina. "When I read him a book he'd point to something and say the thing that was above it. He's a very sweet kid, and I believe that his vision has been holding him back a little bit."

After the KidSight screening identified Xavion's potential vision problem, Saving Sight sent a referral packet home to Xavion's parents in his backpack. "When we received the report from KidSight, we made sure we made an appointment and we handed the eye doctor the papers for him to go over," said Tina. "That's when he made the suggestion of trying glasses and seeing how they help before doing surgery."

At their appointment, Xavion's eye doctor diagnosed him with myopia and strabismus. Myopia is more commonly known as nearsightedness, where things far away are blurry. Strabismus is the failure of both eyes to maintain correct alignment and work together. To correct this, the brain ignores the misaligned eye to prevent double vision. This can lead to amblyopia or 'lazy eye.' Xavion was prescribed glasses and may need surgery to help align the muscles in his eye. "If it wasn't for KidSight we might have waited too late for the doctor to be able to do anything for him," said Tina.



Xavion is reacting well to his glasses and Tina has noticed improvements in his double vision and his peripheral vision. "I saw a difference as soon as he put the glasses on – it's amazing watching him see things as they are with such clarity! Before if there was a ball sitting on the floor, and he was looking forward, he couldn't see the ball on the floor in front of him," said Tina.

Tina is thankful KidSight spotted Xavion's vision problem early. "I would recommend a KidSight screening for all children because they can't voice what they don't know; it's really hard for the child when they can't see and can't tell you they can't see," said Tina.

Thanks to the support of generous donors, Saving Sight's KidSight program provides free vision screenings for children 6 months to 6 years to ensure children have the healthy vision they need to succeed in school. You can help prevent vision loss for children like Xavion by supporting our work at circleofsight.org.

We change lives by saving sight.®



Recycled Eyeglasses Help 98-year-old Father Care for Son



Domingo pushes his adult son's wheelchair through the streets of their remote, Mexican village. Domingo's son fell ill at the age of three and has never been able to walk again. Although Domingo has cared for him all his life, at 98 years old, pushing his son's wheelchair is a difficult feat for Domingo. The uneven terrain and roots in the path are hard enough to navigate but, for Domingo, the act of helping his son is challenged by his deteriorating eyesight. When a group from Jefferson City, Missouri set up an eyeglasses clinic in his village, Domingo made the 20 minute walk from his house with two of his grandchildren in hopes of restoring his sight.

Volunteers from Concord Baptist Church fit Domingo with a pair of recycled eyeglasses from Saving Sight's Eyeglass Recycling Program during one of their four sight-saving trip eyeglasses clinics in the southernmost part of the jungle state known as Chiapas, Mexico.

"Domingo was very happy to receive the glasses and thanked us for the effort we took to bring him glasses in such a remote area," said Larry, leader of the eyeglass ministry trip. "Had we not come, he would not have been able to get glasses himself."

Saving Sight Columbia Facility Update & Commitment

Over the past several months Saving Sight's board and leadership have explored ways to best use organizational assets to sustain the impact of our programs in an increasingly competitive non-profit environment. As a first step in this process, four acres of underutilized property at Saving Sight's Columbia location were listed for sale. A portion of proceeds from the sale were to be earmarked for building improvements in the outdated Columbia facility necessary to continue operations in the building.

Once the land was listed for sale, the Saving Sight team worked with a local real estate developer to conduct a facility analysis of the Columbia office. The report identified the building's HVAC system would need to be replaced, the elevator replaced or decommissioned, the parking lot resurfaced and exterior lighting addressed just to improve some of the basic building functions. Through the facility analysis, it became apparent that the investment required to bring the building's systems up to date and change building layout to improve workflow for local operations would be greater than the value of the building at the conclusion of improvements. Seeing a clear need for a more modern and usable space for operations in Columbia, Saving Sight's board of directors voted to list both the Columbia building and land it sits on for sale at their December meeting. The board action was explicit that while the current Columbia facility should be listed for sale, Saving Sight will continue all local operations, including the Lions Volunteer Center, in the Columbia area. Those functions and staff members will simply be relocated to a different and more updated facility in Columbia that better meets the organization's needs upon the sale of the current building.

We look forward to keeping Lions volunteers and other key local supporters up-to-date on the progress of the building sale and future site of our local Columbia operations as new information is available.

Your Contributions are Critical to the Work We Do!

On behalf of the people 'We Serve', thank you to the following clubs for their donations made to date during the 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri.

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more

Lions International of Missouri, MD 26 - \$8,525
PDG Association of 26-M5 - \$5,030
Columbia 20/20 Lions - \$2,000
Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000

Lions Patrons

Clubs donating between \$1,000 and \$1,999

Booneville Lions - \$1,320
Creve Couer Lions - \$1,000
Hermann Lions - \$1,000
Lexington Lions - \$1,000
Paris Lions - \$1,000

Lions Benefactors

Clubs donating up to \$999

Alma Lions
Auxvasse Lions
Branson-Hollister Lions
Farmington Lions
Forsyth Lions
Granby Lions
Higginsville Lions
Higginsville-Lafayette Lions
Holts Summit Lions
Hunstville Lions
Independence Noland Road Lions

Jefferson City Breakfast Lions
Jefferson City Capital Lions
Malden Lions
Marshall Lions
Missouri Lions District 26-M4
Moberly Lions
Neosho Lions
Orrick Lions
Past District Governors of District 26 M2
Weston Lions



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Jeni Hopkins - Lions All-Star Basketball Classic, M6



State Sight Project of Missouri Lions

Program Statistics: July 1, 2016 - November 30, 2016

Corneas Distributed for Transplant Surgery			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
Missouri	246	246	611
Kansas	208	214	398
Illinois	21	21	46
Other US	151	243	835
International	335	521	979
Research	635	625	1,466
Total	1,611	1,890	4,330

Lions Giving			
	YTD	LYTD	LYTotal
M-1	\$ 1,178.75	\$ 1,542.50	\$ 5,207.50
M-2	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 41,899.00
M-3	\$ 4,034.31	\$ 6,325.00	\$ 14,190.25
M-4	\$ 305.00	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 8,021.00
M-5	\$ 5,875.00	\$ 9,025.00	\$ 19,009.50
M-6	\$ 230.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 12,155.00
M-7	\$ 1,758.30	\$ 6,252.41	\$ 9,425.41
MDU26	\$ 8,525.00	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 11,951.41
Total	\$ 25,176.36	\$ 42,383.91	\$ 122,950.07

	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	5,092	358	95	5,724	402	91	10,095	700	187
M-2	6,540	267	78	6,314	376	103	13,371	732	204
M-3	4,568	254	111	5,321	339	110	11,888	751	258
M-4	3,715	149	71	3,153	110	67	6,825	217	138
M-5	3,244	176	75	3,508	166	64	7,357	287	140
M-6	6,969	328	89	7,356	578	92	12,982	916	181
M-7	1,659	61	43	2,239	131	48	3,759	190	99
Total	31,513*	1,595**	562	35,625	2,105	595	67,127	3,802	1,250

*Includes 31 children screened whose district was not available.

**Includes 2 referrals whose district was not available.

Healthy Vision Screening									
	YTD			LYTD			LYTotal		
	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings	Screened	Ref.	Screenings
M-1	30	0	1	74	0	2	74	-	2
M-2	259	0	6	205	0	6	333	-	18
M-3	107	0	3	168	0	3	289	-	11
M-4	0	0	0	3	0	1	29	-	1
M-5	25	0	2	26	1	1	284	1	13
M-6	42	0	2	63	0	3	304	-	12
M-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	-	1



Pre-kindergartner Gentry can see today thanks to the gift of sight made possible through eye donation. Sustain our work by joining the Circle of Sight's Century Society as one of our first 100 monthly supporters and change lives like Gentry's.

Join today at circleofsight.org!

