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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services



2013 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

Over 100 Lions gathered on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University for the 11th Annual Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute on July 26-28th. **These Lions traveled from the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, and South Dakota as well as Saskatchewan, Canada.**

The Lions were divided into three different groups and each group attended class on Building Effective Teams, Communication, Conflict Management, Delegation, Diversity, Leading Effective Meetings, Managing Change, Motivation, Project Management, and Public Speaking.

Instructors from MD-26 were PCC Kimberly Taylor and PDG Tom Rayfield.

Missouri had a total of 18 Lions that attended the institute.

Lion M. R. ...PID

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Congratulations Laura You are Never too Old to Receive a Melvin Jones Award



In May this year the Moscow Mills Lions Club in District 26-M3 awarded Laura Helmich a Melvin Jones fellowship. Laura who was 102 at the time she received her award, might be one of the oldest Lions to receive this prestigious award.

About 2 months ago Laura had a fall in the parking lot and broke her hip. Since her hip surgery, Laura’s health has unfortunately taken a critical decline very rapidly and she has severe abdominal problems. I am sorry to report to you her recovery prognosis is not good. She is currently in Troy Hospital, our prayers are with you.

2013-2014 Multiple District 26 Officers



The 2013 Lions Club International Convention was held in Hamburg, Germany this year. District Governors "Elect" from around the world attended the international event where they would be installed as District Governor's for 2013-2014 lionistic year by the incoming LCI President Barry J. Palmer from Berowra, NSW, Australia.



**MD 26 Council Chair
Lion Gina Boettcher**

**26-M1 D.G.
Lion Larry Kimbrow**

**26-M2 D.G.
Lion Sharyn Scheidt**

**26-M3 D.G.
Lion Sandy McCann**



**26-M4 D.G.
Lion Roger Unruh**

**26-M5 D.G.
Lion Ellen Upchurch**

**26-M6 D.G.
Lion Nick Paulin**

**26-M7 D.G.
Lion Jeff Hilke**

Messages from The District Governors

Multiple District 26-M2

District 26-M2 has had their Club officer training back in April and the Zone Chair training was held in May.

We held our first cabinet meeting on August 5 at the Holiday Inn Route 66. Zone chairs gave an update of their zones. Committee chairs also gave an update of what is happening with each of their committees.

Several clubs in District 26-M2 have hosted meals for the foreign exchange students. On Thursday July 25th PDG Roger and DG Sharyn along with Lions Barbara and Joe Kurkowski of the Maplewood Lions Club attended a tour of Sayersbrook Bison Ranch along with the exchange students and we had lunch afterwards. I think everyone enjoyed the outing.

I am looking forward to an interesting and exciting year as District Governor of District 26-M2.

DG Sharyn

Multiple District 26-M3

District 26-M3 had their first cabinet meeting August 3, 2013, in Mexico, MO. All district club presidents and secretaries were invited to attend the meeting; district chairs gave reports on their plans and goals for their committees for the upcoming year.

At this meeting PCC Don Noland shared the district survey information gathered to assess the needs of the clubs and Lion members in our district. This survey (through the Survey Monkey free service) will serve as the start of our Leadership Assessment.

At the zone chair training session, the zone chairs were asked to give the Presidential message and give the clubs "How are my ratings" at their first meeting. The second zone meeting will be "New member orientation". We are also working on our Rebuilding Club program

We are starting a new Campus Lions club in Columbia in the latter part of September. Paul Baker will assist with the New Club Development. The faculty advisor for the campus club works in the Ophthalmology Department in the MU Medical School; hopefully we can recruit faculty and staff from the department to be the backbone of the campus club. This club may lead to opportunities for students to grade glasses at MLERF, go on mission trips in the future, and help people in numerous other areas.

"Rory the Lion," our traveling backpack, has started his journey. He went to Germany and had a great time and was presented to the Columbia Community Lions Club. Each Lions club is asked to visit another club within 30 days. If a club keeps Rory more than 30 days, they will owe \$1 per day, with proceeds to go to any of the various Lions Organizations. Rory carries a notebook for club members to write about his travels from club to club. Clubs are encouraged to add items when he visits, such as a club brochure, event flyer, club project photo or business card. Hopefully, this will promote fellowship among neighboring clubs. If a club procrastinates too long, we will raise some much needed funds for the various Lions projects. At our cabinet meeting in May, we will reveal the path that "Rory the Lion" has taken.

District 26 M-4

Cabinet Meeting 8-3-2013

The first Cabinet meeting of the year is normally marked by the new Governor getting his feet wet with learning the ropes of running the District function. This was doubly the case with District 26 M-4; you see I was unable to attend the International Convention and training in Hamburg, Germany due to the accident with my eldest son. That being the case we moved forward on August 3, 2013 and 60 members of the Cabinet met in Liberty, MO for our first meeting of the year.

The Liberty Lions Club hosted a fantastic event with an opening reception with coffee and donuts and registration table full of activity. The meeting was planned as a wrap-up of the premier charities that are the mainstay of most Lions organization and the kick-off report of the Multi-District Athletic Committee. We were also very proud to be able to announce a new Committee for District 26 M-4.

The event was privileged to have as a visiting dignitary PIP Bill Biggs who was in town to visiting his daughter who is recuperating from a diagnosis of breast cancer. All of this made a great and energized meeting for our district.

At the final Cabinet meeting of the 2012-13 year District 26 M-4 adopted another committee chair position by adopting Children Center for the Visually Impaired, (CCVI). PDG Bob VanSickle is chairing this committee and we were addressed by the new Executive Director Nicola Heskett. Her address told the story of over 380 young lives that are being positively affected by the Lions Clubs International Foundation matching grant of \$75,000 and I am sure that PDG Bob V. will make it a part of several clubs budgets within the District.



PIP Bill Biggs pinning new Lion Nicola Heskett

PDG John Reese reported on the Districts participation in MLERF ranking 6th in the state. Lion John pointed out that we have one of the offices for the Heartland Eye Bank in or nearly in our District and we need to continue to work on supporting this organization. I hope that all clubs in the entire state view MLERF and Heartland Eye Bank as a mainstay in our annual budgets. Each and every Lions knows individuals that have been helped by this organization and I hope all clubs will join me in supporting this Lions organization.

We also heard from PDG Lion Joe Bullock on the World Services for the Blind out of Little Rock, Arkansas. This organization does great work with preparing those that are newly blind to cope with challenges presented by daily living. PIP Bill Biggs embellished the report in pointing out the fact that WSB trains many individuals for work with the IRS and are the individuals that answer and direct the customer service side of the IRS.

PDG Chuck Tripp was privileged to distribute \$15,200 in scholarship to various clubs in the District from the proceeds of the All Star Basketball Tournament played in early June. There was also a

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\$2000 donation made to Audio Reader. Lion Chuck points out that we need to continue to look to the future on the Leadership of such a fine fund raiser and would like to hear from any interested party that would like to co-chair this committee with Lion Chuck.

PID W. R. O'Riley reported on a very successful Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute which is being held at Maryville at NWSU. There were 67 participants at the institute this year with 18 coming from Missouri. PID W. R. was also recognized by PIP Bill Biggs for his work on getting the GPLLI in Maryville.

It is always a great opportunity for the Lions of Missouri when we can host such an event as the GPLLI. I want to encourage all Lions to take advantage of the fact that next year it will be in Maryville again and we need to work toward getting those Leaders for our future get this valuable training. This brings up the last thing I wish to bring up in the article on September 20-21 the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum will be held at Overland Park, Kansas. This is a great opportunity to meet and learn about Lions Leadership that can be used in all aspects of our daily lives. Please use this convenient opportunity to take advantage of the training and fellowships of Lions from throughout the USA and Canada.

It's going to be a Great Year—Lion Roger Unruh DG 26 M-4

District MD 26-M5

The District 26-M5 first cabinet meeting was held August 3, 2013, at the Alpha Pointe campus in Kansas City, MO. Lion Donal Knipp, International Director was present and gave a brief overview of the International Convention. District Chairs as well as Zone Chairs presented their reports and goals for the year. Several visitors were also present.

Mr. Douglas Olender, of Lee's Summit was present with his seeing eye dog Harry and gave an overview about his upcoming walk for the blinded and vision impaired veterans, Both Mr. Olender and Harry are going to walk 250 miles in September as a fund raiser for both Guiding Eyes for the blind and Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) Missouri Regional Group.

Why: For nine years following his diagnosis of progressive vision loss due to diabetic retinopathy, Mr. Olender, a heart attack survivor who battles Chrones Disease, spent much of his time at home. With the help of his new guide dog, Harry, Olender walks as much as 22.8 miles per day and has dropped 50 pounds. "I owe my very active life as a husband, grandfather, and full participant in society to the gift of freedom I received from Guiding Eyes for the Blind, Harry" Olender says. Olender also says that Missouri's blinded veterans are tragically underserved or afraid to ask for help. The annual budget for the Missouri Regional Group of the Blinded Veterans Association is \$1460 plus donations. Those funds are all that is specifically designated to serve the transportation and social needs of over 1200 blinded Missouri veterans. Yet the BVA Missouri Regional Group has only 200 members; many who would otherwise take part are unable to pay their life time dues. "It took me fifteen years to get full disability benefits," says Olender. "Some people simply become tired of the red tape and give up. I'm walking for them".

Lion Harry Maincof from Overland Park, Kansas came and spoke about the upcoming USA Canada Forum.

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Recent graduates of the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) gave an over view of their experience at the Institute and how valuable it was to attend.

After lunch Presidents, Zone Chairs, and Membership Chairs had an excellent meeting with both the GLT and GMT coordinators to discuss the new “Just Ask” Membership program. This was very well attended and it was determined we would continue to have interactive networking sessions after each cabinet meeting and work as a team in an effort to find a solution to slow the declining membership in the district and help clubs to develop a membership plan to build their membership.

COMING SOON -- Be sure to look for the new informational GLT newsletter from M5 which will be issued by monthly.

The District Governor’s team is visiting clubs, taking Zone Chairs and anyone else with them that want to go with them. They are spreading the word of President Palmer’s theme “Follow Your Dream” and encouraging other Lions do just that.

Martin Luther King did not say “I have a vision” or “I have a purpose”. He said “I HAVE A DREAM”! A dream embraces our most cherished desires. It embodies our identity and often we do not feel fulfilled as a person until we have found our dream and followed it to the end.

Follow your dream – one dream can make a difference. Dreams can change the world provided you have one – Discover your dream; follow that dream and the universe will open doors for you where once there were only walls. As I said previously – Lions have followed a dream – a dream of a Chicago business man – to be the global leader in humanitarian service. Share your dream with someone and go confidently in the direction of your dream. Live the life you imagined and always remember we create our tomorrow through the dreams of today.

District Governor Nick Paulin MD26-M6

On July 10th Lion Noma and I returned from Hamburg, Germany, where we attended the Lions Clubs International Convention. While in Hamburg, we were introduced to International President, Lion Barry Palmer of Australia, and learned of his theme of “Follow Your Dreams”, and of his goals for the year. The July-August issue of Lion magazine includes substantial information about the International president, his family and his goals and plans for the year.

In reviewing the International President’s goals, I find that my many of my goals and plans under my theme of “New Milestones in Service” equate on a smaller scale to his.

July 19th and 20th we attended the first Council of Governors meeting in Warrensburg, including the All-Star football game. August 3rd District 26-M6 held its 1st cabinet meeting of the year. In addition to the normal business of the cabinet, training was conducted for club officers and an orientation session for Zone Chairpersons.

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At the cabinet meeting, I introduced my theme, goals and plans for the 2013-2014 year, and my expectations for each club and zone. I have asked each club to adopt one new service project or expand on an existing one, to have a net growth of two in club membership, and to begin or increase contributions to the organizations supported by Missouri Lions.

Operating without Region Chairpersons, I have placed addition communications and coordination responsibilities upon the Zone Chairpersons.

Lion Noma and I look forward to an exciting year, and to meeting many of you as we visit clubs and attend functions as district governor and spouse.

District 26-M7 Upcoming Events

Friday, August 9, 2013, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Camdenton Lions Mini Golf Tournament
Pirate’s Cove Miniature Golf Course, Osage Beach

Saturday, September 14, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Jefferson City Capital Lions Trivia Night
Coca-Cola Community Room, Jefferson City

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 8:00 am – 5:00 p.m.
Belle Lions Harvest Fest
Downtown Belle, Missouri
Car show, Motorcycle show, Road Kill cook-off, Miss Tri-County AG contest, Quilt show, Kids area, BINGO, Cloggers, Clowns, Vendors, Food and Music

Saturday, September 28, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Jefferson City’s Oktoberfest, held in Jefferson City’s historic “Southside” district
Jefferson City Evening Lions will be serving burgers and hot dogs, along with their famous funnel cakes and deep fried Oreos

“Instead of comparing our lot with that of those who are more fortunate than we are, we should compare it with the lot of the great majority of our fellow men. It then appears that we are among the privileged.” [Helen Keller](#)

LET'S HAVE A ROARING GOOD TIME

DATE: October 25, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM - ???

WHERE: Apple Creek Farm

621 Murphy Ford Road

Centertown, MO 65023

Enjoy hayrides and music performed by the LION EYES.

Food to include pulled pork, cole slaw and chips.

Feel free to bring something to share if you wish.

Soda will be provided. Bring your own adult beverages.

Directions: Take US-50 W; Turn left onto Murphy Ford Rd;
Destination will be on the right.



RSVP by October 11

Jeff Hilke: (573) 690-8272; lionjeffhilke@gmail.com

Amy Bell: (573) 619-8504; lionamybell@gmail.com

Missouri Lions All Star Football

The 37th Annual Missouri Lions All Star Football game was played on July 20, 2013 on the campus of University of Central Missouri.

The event began on Friday with the Annual All Star Banquet. The teams were treated to a fine banquet meal and heard from our guest speaker, Chance Wistrom, who is the first person to have played in the game, coached the game and to come back and speak at the banquet. They also heard from our new executive director, Tony Bavuso, of the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation.



On Saturday, the head coaches for the game, Matt Webb from Maryville High School and Mark Barousse from Poplar Bluff High School led fifty one young all star athletes in an exciting game with a game ending score of 26 to 26.

One of the highlights of the week I would like to share with you is the trip to the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. These young men and their coaches went to visit and enjoy ice cream with the veterans. Below are just a couple of pictures from that visit.

During the week the teams had a pizza party hosted by the Warrensburg Lions Club and the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce had ice cream for all players and coaches on Wednesday.

A big "thank you" to the Missouri Lions All State Band for their performances before and at half time of the game.

PCC John Anderson



"We Are Serving Today So Others May See Tomorrow"



Missouri Lions All - State Band
 2415 B Hyde Park Road
 Jefferson City, MO 65109
 PHONE (573) 635-1773



"CANADA"

BOUND IN 2014

MISSOURI LIONS ALL - STATE BAND APPLICATION & CONTRACT 2014

IF INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE, APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED!!!

(PLEASE PRINT!! WHEN COMPLETING BOTH SIDES)
(DETACH WHERE INDICATED)

*****STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CURRENT PASSPORT*****

DETACH HERE!!!

Please reserve a place for me in the 2014 Missouri Lions All-State Band! Enclosed is my \$100 non-refundable deposit, which will be deducted from the total cost of \$1100 (checks are made payable to Missouri Lions). The final payment is due on or before June 12, 2014. I agree to participate in these three activities:

BAND CAMP - For drummers and color guard—June 26, 2014, Full band June 27, 2014, Ft. Wood, MO.

TRIP - Toronto Canada — July 2 —July 9, 2014

ALL- STAR FOOTBALL GAME - Warrensburg, Mo. July 19, 2014

First Name _____ (MI) _____ Last Name _____ Grade: _____

Primary Instrument _____ Secondary Instrument _____

Chair placement - 1st part _____ 2nd part _____ 3rd part _____

****Baritone musicians please specify Treble or Bass Clef**** The Missouri Lions will only provide Tubas and Percussion

Have you previously participated in the Mo. Lions Band? Which year(s)? _____

Date of Birth ___/___/___ Drivers License _____ SSN _____

(THIS INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF LODGING INFO FOR MILITARY BASES)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone(_____) _____

(check one) Male _____ Female _____ e-mail address _____

Band Director _____ School _____

School Phone (_____) _____ ****Band Director Letter(s) of Recommendation must be enclosed with application.**

Parent or Guardian Signature X _____

Band Member Signature: X _____

My local Lions Club President acknowledges this sponsorship and agrees to see that all funds are collected and submitted to the Missouri Lions State Office. **PAYMENT SCHEDULE MUST BE COMPLETED WHEN APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED**

AMOUNT	TO BE PAID BY WHOM	DATE WHEN TO BE PAID
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____
\$ _____	_____	_____

\$1100.00 TOTAL (ABOVE INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED WHEN SUBMITTED!!!)

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 12, 2014 WHICH IS TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO BAND CAMP!!!

Signature of Lions Club President X _____ Phone(_____) _____

Sponsoring Lions Club _____ Lions Club District _____

Sponsoring Lions Club or Club Officer's Address _____, _____, MO _____

IMPORTANT! Your application MUST be signed by your local Lions Club President. If you need assistance contacting a club or club president, please call the Missouri Lions State Office at (573) 635-1773.

Mail completed application with \$100 fee to: Missouri Lions All-State Band, 2415 B Hyde Park Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109 *****STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CURRENT PASSPORT*****

Cost of the trip

The \$1100.00 per student figure covers the camp, all meals, lodging, transportation, and all the planned recreation and sightseeing. The students will be responsible for getting their **PASSPORTS**, and getting themselves to Ft. Wood for camp and for the return home from Ft. Wood following the trip. The Missouri Lions will provide 2 colorful tee shirts that may be kept as a souvenir.

June 12, 2014—Student's final payment is due on or before June 12, 2014.

June 26, 2014— Percussion and Color Guard Camp, Ft. Wood, MO.

June 27, 2014 Full Band Camp at Ft. Wood, MO.

July 1, 2014 - Farewell Concert for Lions, Parents, and Guests at Ft. Wood, MO.

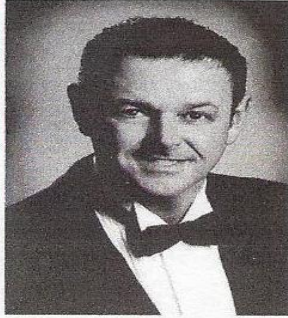
July 2—July 9, 2014 - Toronto, Canada

July 9, 2014 - Return to Ft. Wood, MO.

July 19, 2014 - Missouri Lions Blue and Gold All Star Football Game at Warrensburg, Mo.

For information please call 573 - 225 - 2651 or email: molionsallstateband@yahoo.com, or visit our website awww.missourilions.org.

The Staff



The Missouri Lions All - State Band Director is Mr. Steve Eubanks. Mr. Eubanks retired from Jefferson City High School following 25 years of service with that district. During his career at Jefferson City as assistant director and director of bands, the Marching Jay Band performed in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade, the Alamo Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl, the Freedom Bowl, two appearances at the Citrus Bowl and Orange Bowl Parades, and most recently at the Gator Bowl Parade. A native of Aurora, Missouri, he received his Bachelors Degree from Missouri Southern and his Masters Degree from the University of Missouri. He plans to begin his doctoral work in instrumental conducting in the near future. You can find a bio on Mr. Eubanks and his staff on the web at www.missourilions.org

The Band

The band is a combination marching band and show band. Versatility is the key word, as the group will perform in parades and concerts. A variety of musical styles will be performed. The band will consist of a balanced horn line, a full drum line, and color guard.



IF INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE, APPLICATION WILL BE RETURNED!!!

IMPORTANT! INDICATE UNIFORM SIZING INFORMATION AND SPECIAL NEEDS DIET

(CIRCLE YOUR SIZES): T-shirt Size: S M L XL XXL Sock Size (lady's S M L)(men's S M L)

For Marching Band uniform:

Jacket size _____, Hip Size _____, Waist size _____, Inseam _____,

Chest Size _____, Height _____, Weight _____ lbs.

For Short sizes: (ALL STUDENTS)

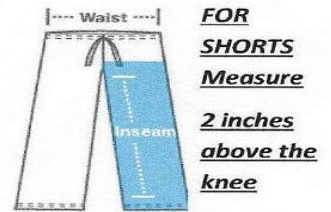
Waist size _____, Inseam _____ (MEASURED FROM TWO INCHES ABOVE THE KNEE)

FOR LADIES SIZES:

SIZE _____ (CIRCLE ONE) PETITE JUNIOR MISSES WOMEN

(MSHSAA Medical Release form will be sent upon acceptance)

Special needs diet Y or N _____



FOR SHORTS Measure 2 inches above the knee

How to become a member 2014 Missouri Lions All - State Band

- * Membership will be determined by musical or performance ability, attitude, moral character, and availability of opening in the band.
 - * To place your completed application for consideration, return the application on this flyer with a \$100 non refundable down payment to the Missouri Lions Band with the application.
 - * Please ask your high school band director or other school official to send an evaluation of your character and playing ability.
 - * Applications and evaluations of students will be reviewed as they are received. After the application is reviewed you will be notified of your acceptance by email.
- ***STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A CURRENT PASSPORT***



MAKING NEW FRIENDS!



WHILE HAVING FUN!

THE ADVENTURE AWAITS!!!

2014 Missouri Lions All-State Band

The Missouri Lions All State band is currently recruiting members to participate at the 2014 Lions Club International Convention in Toronto, Canada. The band would be composed of 200 members, a combination of marching and a show band. The plan is to have a balance horn line, a fully instrumented drum line and a color guard.

The cost of the trip is \$1100 per student. This includes the cost of the camp, all meals, lodging, transportation, and recreation. Lions Clubs can go together with other clubs or as a zone to provide the funds to send at least one student for the band.



Students will be travelling into Canada and will require a passport.



2013 Missouri Lions All State Band

Students must be signed up by December 2013. For additional information, please contact your District Band Chairperson.



Deadline for Band Student Application is December 2013

“Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties.” [Helen Keller](#)

May, 2013
Dear Fellow Lions,



Last year at the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service's quarterly meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas, Lions from four states came to a single conclusion--something must be done to help the people we had on our current waiting list. We decided that it was time for us to try new solutions to this old problem. And once we recognized that we needed a new idea, we found it! We asked that each club served by Mid-South schedule a special one-day fundraiser, on or around the Fourth of July. We called this campaign:

FREEDOM FROM BLINDNESS DAY

To be effective, it had to be a contribution that was above and beyond the club's budgeted contribution to Mid-South. Here's what we suggested. "If you already have a Fourth of July project in the works, agree to donate the proceeds. If you haven't planned anything special, start now. Set up a lemonade stand. Hold an old-fashioned ice-cream social. Sponsor a neighborhood parade. Cook hamburgers or hotdogs for your town's fireworks display. Invite your neighbors to a picnic. Sponsor a flag display along Main Street. Challenge other civic clubs to a sing-along. Sell miniature flags, or glow-sticks, or flashing pins. Do a white cane day collection. Do a road block. Pass the hat. But please do something."

Sixteen clubs and two individual Lions responded, and together they raised \$13,534. My own club held a fishing rodeo to kick off Germantown's all-day celebration. We asked for a donation from every entrant, with all proceeds going to Mid-South. We raised several hundred dollars. A small club from a very small town in Arkansas held a 5K race and raised several thousand dollars. Every dollar raised from this program was spent on patient care. With the help of these funds, we have been able to treat 156 patients this year, but our waiting list still stands at 114.

In 2013 we have an even greater opportunity. If your club can help us raise \$25,000, we can double that amount by applying for an LCI Matching Grant. Imagine how much good we could do with \$50,000! And if we use the money to purchase equipment for the Hamilton Eye Institute, the doctors will provide that amount in service credits. That's stretching your donation to provide maximum care to people from YOUR area! Help us work the miracles.

What will you do to help us reach this year's goal? Please let us know your plans. Call the office at 901-544-5443 and give us the name of your "2013 Freedom from Blindness Day" event, and we'll provide you with Mid-South brochures. And—as we get closer to the Fourth of July—we'll send you press releases that you can use to inform your community about your event.

Please join your fellow Lions from all over the Mid-South in extending "A Miracle a Day" to those waiting for care, as well as to those who will come to us for help in the future.

Thanks for all you do.

Lion Carolyn Schriber, President
Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service

FREEDOM FROM BLINDNESS 2013

2013-2014 Missouri Lions Calendar

August 8-10, 2013	Leader Dog Visit (1 st VDG's)	Rochester, Michigan
August 9-10, 2013	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
August 24, 2013	World Services for the Blind Visit (VDG)	Little Rock, Arkansas
September 14, 2013	MLERF Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
Sept 19-21, 2013	USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum	Overland Park, Kansas
October 4-6, 2013	PDG Weekend	Branson, MO
October 26, 2013	Council of Governors Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
November 8-9, 2013	Mid-South Board Meeting	Branson, MO
December 7, 2013	MLERF Board Meeting	TBD
January 25, 2014	Council of Governors Meeting	Best Western, Sedalia, MO
February 7-9, 2014	Mid-Winter Forum	Branson, MO
March 7-8, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
April 11, 2014	Mid-South VDG Visit	Memphis, TN
April 24, 2014	Council of Governors meeting	Sedalia, MO**
April 25-26, 2014	State Convention	Sedalia, MO
June 13-14, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
July 4-8, 2014	International Convention	Toronto, Canada
June 26-30, 2015	International Convention	Honolulu, Hawaii
June 24-28, 2016	International Convention	Fukuoka, Japan
June 30-July 4, 2017	International Convention	Chicago, Illinois*
June 29-July 3, 2018	International Convention	Las Vegas, Nevada

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

** Mohler Assembly Hall, State Fairgrounds/Best Western State Fair Inn

TBD To Be Determined

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"To me a lush carpet of pine needles or spongy grass is more welcome than the most luxurious Persian rug."
[Helen Keller](#)



The 37th Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held September 19th – 21st, 2013 in Overland Park, Kansas. Make your plans to attend this Leadership Forum while it is so close to home. The 2014 Leadership Forum is scheduled for Puerto Rico and 2015 has been scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Visit the website at: <http://usacanadalionsforum.org>



Lions World Sight Day (LWSD) is the second Thursday of October 2013 and recognizes the importance of eradicating preventable blindness. Lions Clubs around the world are encouraged to participate by sponsoring local activities on **October 10th, 2013**. Now is the time to plan your clubs activity. Some ideas are as follows but are only limited by your imagination:

- ◆ Screenings
- ◆ Partner with an organization in your community
- ◆ Recycle used eyeglasses



Does this Lions Pin belong to You? If you lost this pin when you were visiting the Missouri Pin Traders at the State Convention, please contact the editor at 417-532-9176, so I can return it to you.



2013-2014 Pin Trader Swaps				
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Missouri Lions Pin Traders Club

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Sponsoring Lion (new member only) _____

May we include your information in directory? Yes _____ **NO** _____

Please send check to : **Lion Nan Blakemore**

800 Geneva Street

Jefferson City, MO. 65109

(Dues are \$7.50 for July 1 – June 30)

“Strengthen Your Club Through Satisfied Members and Growth”



“Welcome LCI”
Hamburg, Germany

Multiple District 26 was represented by IPDG Lisa Alexander from MD 26-M3 this year at Lions Club International Convention held in Hamburg, Germany. Together with P.I.D. Mike Butler, IPDG Lisa Alexander discussed different ideas to use for improving your Lions club approach on stabilizing and attracting new members in this digital era. It was these skills and techniques which helped her start 4 new Lions Clubs in her area last year when she was District Governor.

Working nearly around the clock, IPDG Lisa went to clubs to help assist them with rebuilding their membership. Recognizing many of the current members are getting in their older years, she helped these clubs design new activities and worked side by side with the members. She could be found almost every day of the week at Lion Club events designed to increase local community awareness.

She told Lions who attended her training session, hard work was critical to getting people to join our Lions Club organization these days. Working with the recruiting specialists was only the starting point when they had the requisite 20+ members to join the new Lions Club which was being formed. It takes organization, communication and a sincere desire to see these new members develop into a cohesive group ready to help their communities.

Membership is always our number one goal, as we lose many members each year due to poor health related to being in their later years of life. IPDG Lisa will be the first to admit she is always looking for new Lions Club members to join in the fun and the hard work to provide service to their own community.

If you did not have the opportunity to attend this session and would like to learn more about this new program IPDG is available to assist clubs improving their approach on stabilizing and attracting new members. Contact IPDG Lisa Alexander for additional information.

“Love is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same.” [Helen Keller](#)

Save Sight in August – Children’s Eye Health & Safety Month



August is Children’s Eye Health & Safety Month, and the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation offers free Children’s Vision Screenings as part of its dedication to helping kids ages six months to six years old start off the school year with better vision. Our staff is scheduled to screen at back-to-school events, preschools, daycares, health fairs, and community events throughout the state this August, so we need Lions volunteers to serve and save sight.

Many parents think they could tell if their children had vision problems – they would sit too close to the T.V., squint while reading, or complain about their fuzzy vision. However, many children with vision problems never display any outward symptoms nor discuss their poor eyesight. In fact, only 15 percent of preschoolers ever undergo a preventative eye exam, and those with undiagnosed vision problems can encounter difficulties learning in school or even suffer permanent vision loss.

Early detection and treatment are the keys to preventing childhood vision loss. In its 19 years of service, the Children’s Vision Screening (CVS) program, with the help of Lions volunteers, has identified more than 25,000 Missouri children at high risk for amblyopia (“lazy eye”) and other common vision problems. The free screenings are painless, non-invasive, and take just minutes. The program’s automated system immediately reviews the screening results and produces a “pass” or “refer” report. Parents whose children are detected as having vision problems are then encouraged (“referred”) to take their children to an eye doctor for examination and any needed treatment. The American Optometric Association recommends that children receive full, dilated eye exams at six months, three years, just before first grade, and every two years thereafter.

Lions volunteers are crucial to ensuring these screening events are efficient and effective. If you would like to volunteer this August or some other time, you can find out about screenings in your community at www.mlerf.org/calendar. Your club can also request to host a screening at www.mlerf.org/request-screening or 800-753-2265 x8518.



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Lion Tony Bavuso Named as the New Executive Director

The Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's Board of Directors announced on Saturday, June 1, 2013 its appointment of Lion Tony Bavuso as the organization's new executive director, effective July 1, 2013. Bavuso brings 15 years of experience in organizational leadership and eye tissue banking, he previously served as the Foundation's chief operating officer, and he's a member of the Liberty Lions club.



Bavuso will serve as only the third executive director in the organization's 53-year history. Current Executive Director, Dr. Ron Walkenbach, will retire in March 2014 after 32 years in the job role.

"Tony's knowledge and presence in the eye banking industry made him a logical choice to succeed Dr. Walkenbach in this executive role," said Foundation Board Chair, PCC Al Blumenberg. "Tony will have a front row seat in setting the stage for the Foundation's future."

During his time at the Foundation, Lion Tony has served in a senior role leading our Heartland Lions Eye Banks division in pursuing new eye banking technologies and forging relationships with organizational partners. He also serves as chair of Vision Share, a nonprofit consortium of eye banks.

"We must be authentically mission-driven and demonstrate responsible stewardship of the precious gift of donated tissue as well as financial gifts," said Lion Tony. "I believe these ideals resonate with people and represent the true intent of those who selflessly give to our cause so that others may enjoy a better life."



"Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content."
Helen Keller

37th Annual Lions All-Star Football Game

Since 1976, the Missouri Lions have annually hosted the Lions All-Star Football Game to raise proceeds for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation. This year's game was played at the University of Central Missouri on Saturday July 20, 2013. Sixty-four recently graduated high school football stars from around the state converged in Warrensburg on Sunday July 14 for a week of football camp and fun in the week preceding the game. A banquet was held on Friday, and Lion Tony Bavuso, the Foundations' new Executive Director, spoke on behalf of MLERF to thank the organizers and volunteers for their continued support.

Over the past 37 years, the All-Star Football Game has raised over \$151,000 for the Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation's sight-saving programs. The impact of the Lions' volunteerism and gifts can be measured in the lives changed throughout Missouri and beyond. For perspective, \$151,000 translates into roughly 15,100 children screened for early childhood vision problems or 47 corneal transplants provided by our Heartland Eye Banks. Truly, everyone who organized, implemented, and attended the event was joining in to contribute to our mission: We change lives by saving sight.

Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Lions who were inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society between April 15, 2013 and July 15, 2013:

Lions Dwain and Marsha Basham – Branson-Hollister Lions Club

Lion Jim Bitter – Concord Village Lions Club

Lion Dan Baker – Independence Noland Road Lions Club

PDG Herb Marshall – MD26 Athletic Committee

PDG Jim Bernhardt – MD26 Athletic Committee

PDG Eldon Shipps – MD26 Athletic Committee

Lion Irene Smith – MD26 Athletic Committee



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Thank You for Your Support

On behalf of the MLERF staff and nearly 50,000 people we served last year, thank you to the following clubs for their donations made during the 2012-2013 fiscal year, July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri.

Outstanding Organizations & Districts

Missouri Lions Multiple District 26 - \$15,200
Past District Governors Association, District 26-M5 - \$5,000
Lions Eye Foundation of District 26 M2 - \$5,000
Lions All-Star Basketball Classic – Dist. M6 - \$4,650

Outstanding Contributors

Top 5 Lions Donations

Concord Village Lions - \$15,000
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$6,565
Branson-Hollister Lions - \$6,050
Webster Groves Lions - \$5,000
Columbia 20/20 Lions - \$4,450

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more in FY12-13

First Capitol Lions	Long Lane Lions	Jonesburg Lions
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St. Ferdinand Township Lions	Owensville Lions	
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Clubs donating between \$1,000 and \$1,999 in FY12-13

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 Stover Lions
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 Higginsville Lions
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 Hartsburg Lions
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