



# The Missouri Lion

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## MD26-M1 District Governor Larry Kimbrow Receives Lions Presidential Award



**Melaina's Magical Playground** was inspired by the daughter of a local couple. She was a spunky, 3-year old who did not let a disease like **Memaline Myopathy** diminish her spirit. Even though she had physical limitations, she still wanted the adventure that comes to a child through a playground. In her memory and honor, her parents and other local community leaders organized a committee with the goal of building a playground with no limitations for any individual. When the idea of the all-inclusive playground was first pitched to the community, the estimated cost was \$500,000. By 2010 the estimate had risen to \$750,000.

Lion Larry served as the District Governor during the 2010-2011 Lionistic year. The Cape Girardeau Noon Club had already joined as a partner on the project, but needed the support

of the Lions District. As his signature project for his DG term, Lion Larry decided to adopt **Melaina's Magical Playground**. He received unanimous support for the project during his first District Cabinet Meeting and began working to prepare and submit a Standard Grant Application to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a matching grant of \$75,000.

Once the grant was approved District Governor Larry traveled extensively through-out the 25 country area of the southeast and central Missouri soliciting donations for the " matching funds" from Lions Clubs, other civic organizations and local businesses.

After his 2010-2011 tenure as District Governor, he still worked closely with the original organizers to ensure the proper funds were raised for the playground. By March 2012, over \$780,000 had been raised. Lion Larry, representing District 26-M1, was invited to the official groundbreaking in Cape Girardeau. On September 27, 2013 after almost five years of fundraising and close to a million dollars in donations, a Ribbon Cutting and Official Opening was conducted for **Melaina's Magical Playground**.

Throughout the project, Lion Larry's exceptional planning and meticulous attention to detail added materially to the timely completion of the District's fundraising goals and timelines. His leadership, dedication and perseverance were directly responsible for the Lions Clubs being recognized as a valuable partner in this very successful regional project.

Lion Larry also stepped up to be District Governor again in 2013-2014, so he was able to be on the start and finish of this project while serving his district as Governor. With his professional ability, personal initiative and total dedication to the project, Lion Larry's performance reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of Lions Clubs International.

Lions Club International President Barry J. Palmer signed the letter officially recognizing District Governor Larry Kimbrow for actions above and beyond what would normally be expected. Past International Director Scott Rennels presented the Lion Recognition Award to DG Larry Kimbrow at the closing banquet ceremonies at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention .

Congratulations DG Larry Kimbrow from Lions all across Missouri.

**"What I am looking for is not out there, it is in me."**      [Helen Keller](#)

## 92nd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention Follow-up Highlights: Gavel Auction



The gavel was made from wood from a tree that used to stand beside the Joplin High School that was destroyed in the tornado May 22, 2011. Lion Jim Groff from Christiana, Pennsylvania went with PDG Gordon Wellman of the Joplin Host Club and collected the wood with permission from the school. Lion Jim took the wood back to Pennsylvania and lovingly made it into the gavel that was given to me to do as I wished to raise money.

I contacted the Missouri Lions State Convention Committee Co- Chairs PDG Kenny Goetz and PDG Jean Crook and offered to have the gavel auctioned during Convention. They happily agreed and loved the idea. I wanted the funds be designated to Lions Clubs International Foundation for Disaster Relief, my husband Lion Kevin and I felt it just made sense! I brought the gavel to State Convention and had partnered with PID "Doc" Garrett on the LCIF presentation to have it auctioned just after the power point. That is when DG Roger Unruh began his auctioneering skills and I presented for examination to the Lions present. PDG Kenny Goetz immediately challenged his district, M5, to give individually \$10.00 for an opening bid of \$370.00! After much enthusiastic and excitement Lion Robert Lamm, President of the Sedalia Lions Club, won the bid at \$2,000.00!



I called Lion Jim in Pennsylvania to let him know what it auctioned for and he was extremely happy and choked up about what had JUST happened in Missouri!"

**Above publication by PDG Debbie Cantrell**

Additional information about the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention can be found on line at <https://www.facebook.com/MoLionM1>

Gavel auction can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.707002246012317.1073741836.596278917084651&type=1>

## 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](mailto:newsletter@missourilions.org)

***Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor see page 20.***

**Deadline for article submission for the August 2014 Issue is July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition *the Missouri Lion* editor**

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## Missouri Lions MD-26 2014 Proposed Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws

Five propositions were submitted for delegates at the Multiple District on April 26, 2014 and reflect amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD26. These included approval of the 2016 State Convention location in Springfield, MO, expanding the scope of the Athletic Committee, updating references to the new Saving Sight organization, allowing for annual financial reviews instead of more expensive financial audits, as well as some housekeeping cleanup.

**The following proposition was rejected by the delegates**, the other 4 propositions were approved, and those amendments will be reflected in the Constitution and by-Laws of the Missouri Lions MD26.

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

A RESOLUTION TO MODIFY THE SCOPE OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE TO ALLOW FOR INCREASED INVOLVEMENT BY YOUTH IN LIONS-SPONSORED ATHLETIC PROGRAMS. IT ALSO WILL ALLOW FOR MALE AND FEMALE INVOLVEMENT BY ALLOWING FOR THE EXPANSION INTO OTHER SPORTS.

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED?

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article VI, Section 6 (m) of the Multiple District 26 Constitution be amended to read as follows:

State Athletic Committee -- In addition to the members appointed by the District Governors the committee may itself appoint advisors to help carry out its charge. Advisors are not entitled to vote or reimbursements for mileage expenses without prior approval by the Council. The State Athletic Committee shall be responsible for ~~the annual All-State All-Star Football Game~~ providing and supporting athletic opportunities for Missouri youth. The committee shall prepare a budget for ~~the game~~ its activities and for the activities of its subcommittees for Council approval.

**“Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.”**

[Helen Keller](#)

## 2013 - 2014 MD-26 Missouri Lions Peace Poster Winner



## 2013-2014 Merit Award Peace Poster Winner

The 2013-2014 Peace Poster above was done by Joanne Kim from the Carl Junction School District, she is 13 years old. Her winning poster was sponsored by the Carl Junctions Lion Club. This is the second time Joanne has advanced to the final competition where she was recognized as a Merit Award Winner for the 2013-2014 Lions Clubs International Peace Poster Contest.

Congratulations to Joanne and all her Carl Junction Lions Club friends.

## May 2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute Promotion

It's May, that means if you haven't already registered for the 2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute you are getting very close to being.....

***Late, LATE, LATE for a VERY IMPORTANT DATE!***



Don't forget the price of registration goes up to \$170.00 per attendee on June 1, 2014.

Don't delay make sure you take advantage of the lower cost by sending in your registration today!

You can go on-line to [www.gplli.com](http://www.gplli.com) and print a copy of the forms needed to guarantee your spot in this year's event

Here are the details:

**When:** July 25-27, 2014

**Where:** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri, U.S.

**Who:** Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who has attained majority, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute, is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

**Registration Fee:** \$150 U.S. funds until May 31, 2014 / \$170 starting June 1, 2014  
Fee includes seven meals, all institute costs and double occupancy dorm room

Remember, TIME IS TICKING!

For more information or any questions please contact:

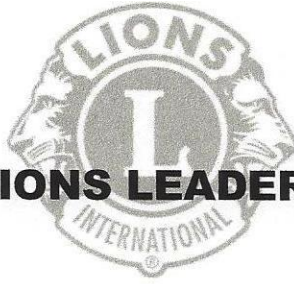
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## **GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**

- WHAT** GPLLI is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not yet served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 25-27, 2014. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 25. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 27, 2014. Lunch on Friday, July 25 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri
- COST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2014. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2014. Registration covers double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

This institute is being sponsored by Multiple Districts 5 (Saskatchewan, North Dakota and South Dakota), 9 (Iowa), 17 (Kansas), 26 (Missouri) and 38 (Nebraska).

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, management of change, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, public speaking and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at [nmbruce@bis.midco.net](mailto:nmbruce@bis.midco.net).

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND  
THE 2014 INSTITUTE**





**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**  
**Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38**  
**Northwest Missouri State University – Maryville, Missouri**  
**July 25-27, 2014**

**REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **Badge Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Initial M/F

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/PO Box City State/Province Zip/PC

**PHONE** ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Bus/Cell Email

**Sub-District No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Years in Lions** \_\_\_\_\_ **Highest Office Held** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee is US\$150 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2014, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2014, the base fee increases to US\$170. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the registration form mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

**Applications will not be accepted without full payment in US dollars.**

Your Registration Fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at Northwest Missouri State University. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You will be permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ (they run a little large).

The following information must be completed before registration will be accepted.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Single occupancy room requested (Add US\$40. to registration fee)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic Diet requested
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Diet requested
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair Access required
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vision Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hearing Impaired (List what accommodation(s) needed)

Please list any other special requests \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about the Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute may be directed to: PID Bruce Schwartz, Registrar, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486; 701-258-1189 or nmbruce@bis.midco.net

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2014 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

**Emergency Contact Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Relationship** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact telephone:** HOME \_\_\_\_\_ WORK \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical information that needs to be shared with emergency responders:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Messages from The District Governors

## District 26-M1

### District Governor Larry Kimbrow

#### Progressive Farm Credit CFO Recognized at State Convention

PFCS Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer Vern Griffith (pictured, right) was presented with the International President's Leadership Award at the recent Missouri Lions State Convention in Sedalia. The award was presented by Lions International Director Donal Knipp. Vern has been active in the Sikeston Lions Club since 1992 and is a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow. He is a past district governor and currently serves as District 26-M1 secretary / treasurer.



Vern has been previously recognized for his community service through Lions and Boy Scouts with Farm Credit Council's Phelps Martin Award for Community Service in 2005 and was named the Sikeston Area Chamber of Commerce Volunteer in 2006.



"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something that I can do." [Helen Keller](#)

## Houston Lions Club Recognizes Members for Outstanding Service



Pictured above on the left: PDG Tom Steinbach presents Melvin Jones Awards to Lion Nicole Shelhammer and Club President Jay Brown. Melvin Jones Fellowship recognizes donations of \$1,000 in an individual's name.

The Edwin Dalsrtom award is presented to Lions who have made a \$1,000 donation to Mid-South. Pictured on the right above is PDG Tom Steinbach presenting a Dalstrom award to Lion Ray Smith and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG Don Shelhammer.



Leader Dog Past President Miles James and Lions Club President Jay Brown.



The Cape Girardeau Evening Lions Club had the pleasure of sorting over 200 pairs of glasses collected by Postal Carriers in Cape Girardeau and Jackson! This was in addition to the club collecting 150-250 pairs of glasses mailboxes in Cape Girardeau and Jackson each quarter.

Amazing how so many want to help others when given the chance.

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**District 26-M2**  
**District Governor Sharyn Scheidt**

Spring has sprung or has it? One day it is 80 and the next we have snow flurries. I am not sure what has upset Mother Nature this year but I wish she would cut it out and straighten up. As I write this there has been storms all over the place and I hope everyone has come through them without any damage or injuries.

By this time all of the Districts have held their District Conventions. I would like to congratulate the following District 26-M2 officers for being elected to their new positions – District Governor Elect Lion Missy Carr – 1<sup>st</sup> VDG-Elect Lion Joe Foster and 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG-Elect Lion Jack Lenk. I know you will all do a wonderful job in your new positions.

As I write this the State Convention is over and a good time was had by all. PDG Roger and I were happy to see everyone there for fun and fellowship.

I would like to congratulate DG Jeff Hilke on his being elected as Council Chair. He will do a good job.

I hope all Lions and their families stay well and safe in the coming months.

DG Sharyn  
District 26-M2

**District 26-M3**  
**District Governor Sandy McCann**



Missouri School for the Blind provides services for more than 1,400 students, families and service providers in Missouri through the K-12 and short-term programs on campus, and Outreach Services. MSB is accredited through both state and national organizations and provides common core academics as well as an outstanding Expanded Core Curriculum (ECC). The ECC offers instruction in braille and communication skills, orientation and mobility, social interaction, independent living, recreation and leisure activities, career education, assistive technology, visual efficiency and self-determination.

MSB's short-term programs are available for students who are blind or visually impaired and attending public schools. The KEYS program offers targeted instruction in the Expanded Core Curriculum as determined by a student's individual needs – such as orientation and mobility, braille, and assistive technology. The LIFE program is designed for older students preparing to transition out of the academic setting and into a more independent lifestyle. Activities of daily living – such as cooking, cleaning, organizational skills, personal care and safety – as well as career preparation or college readiness are all **aspects of the** LIFE program.

This summer, MSB will offer two enrichment courses designed to improve student performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). In each of the two-week STEM sessions, students will use speech- and/or text-accessible assistive technology, as well as tactile models to facilitate independent exploration. The first session is "Fantasy Baseball and Real-Life Mathematics." Students will create and manage a fantasy baseball team while tracking stats and injury reports on a daily basis. At the end of this session, students will participate in the MSB Beep-Ball All Star Tournament under the direction of experienced staff

and a 2013 World Series Beep-Ball Finalist. The second STEM summer session, "Earth Journey," features nine days of exploring, hiking, researching and studying the ecosystem. Students will collect samples and conduct experiments in our state-of-the-art science lab to analyze data and make inferences regarding healthy and unhealthy ecosystems.

MSB's location in St. Louis enables the Orientation and Mobility (O&M) instructors to provide a variety of environments for mobility training using our campus, residential areas, urban, and natural outdoor settings. The O&M program teaches students to determine their location, no matter where they are, and how to safely reach their destination. As skills improve, public transportation is added to instruction.

In addition to the rigorous academic program, MSB offers students many unique extracurricular opportunities, including varsity athletics with competitive goalball, track and field, wrestling, cheerleading, swimming, and speech/debate. Students are also involved in intramural sports and a variety of special interest clubs. Our students enjoy outings to the zoo, circus, museums, riverboat cruises, baseball games and more. It is with the support of the community, and Lions like you, that we are able to offer so many of these experiences for a well-rounded educational experience for students who are blind or visually impaired.

If you or someone you know would like more information on any of our programs, visit our website at [www.MSB.dese.mo.gov](http://www.MSB.dese.mo.gov) or call 314-776-4320 for more information:

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Academic programs (on-campus) for students ages 5-21
- Jennie Mascheck, Coordinator of Outreach Services, [Jennie.Mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov](mailto:Jennie.Mascheck@msb.dese.mo.gov)  
Programs for students (off-campus) birth to age 21 and their families/school districts
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Lions Clubs liaison, contact for general information



**District 26-M4**  
**District Governor Roger Unruh**

**It's a Race to the End**

The saying goes, "April showers bring May flowers", in Lion speak it means we are beginning the last quarter of the Lion year. This past month we attended the Missouri MD-26 Convention at Sedalia, MO and as always return from the convention more convinced that, as Lions, we are the greatest organization in the world. It is always good to recharge yourself for the task ahead and that is what the conventions are for. Here we have an opportunity to refocus on the future of our club, our District, our state, and our International organization.

I often hear from various clubs that they only focus on the local, community needs. Then when we go to the conventions we hear about what Lions International has done in various ways through the years for our very own communities. Case in point is that since 1965 LCIF has put over 2.7 million dollars back into the State of Missouri for disaster relief. Over that same amount of time we have made less than that in contributions making us a net consumer of the relief dollars. Our district, over the last couple of years, have consumed more of the donated dollar than what we have contributed so as you can see we are part of the consumption of the LCIF relief effort. As we are passing through the weather season we receive news that Orrick, MO was hit and hit hard and once again the Lion and LCIF come through with need funds to help in the clean and the rebuilding of a community.

The point is we are a part of a big organization that helps those in need and sometimes that means we are the ones in need. I hope that your club will consider donating to LCIF, if not this year, definitely in the future.

Last quarter push to increase the membership in each of our clubs. Our District is staying balanced with gains and losses being about equal. May is a great time to invite new prospective members to be a part of the greatest service organization in the world.

As we close in rapidly to the end of the Lion year we should renew our focus and regenerate our energy to close the year with a strong showing. Our business is year round and there is always the opportunity to do more and to serve our communities.

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.

Yours in Lionism

Lion Roger Unruh DG

## **District 26-M6**

### **District Governor Nick Paulin**

As we near the end of another Lions year, I feel we need to reflect on the events of the year thus far.

First of all, I need to acknowledge that in 26-M6 we are not likely to achieve the goals that I set at the beginning of the year.

I had hoped that the district would be able to charter a new club in McDonald County. That did not happen, due in part to a lack of Guiding Lions in the area and a sponsoring club. Also, I felt the need to concentrate more on the membership of our existing clubs.

With regard to membership, due to the cancellation of the charters of two clubs, the loss of more than thirty members due to passing on, members moving from the district, and other dropped members for various reasons, we found the district declining in membership to 1,232 at one point. Although this far from the membership growth I had hoped for, I am happy to report that the membership has rebounded over the last couple of months to 1,251. In addition, I am aware of addition members being inducted, and others, who have completed applications.

At the beginning of the year, as I presented my theme of “New Milestones in Service”, I asked the district’s clubs to seek out new ways to serve our communities. I am happy to report that several clubs have adopted new community service projects or expanded those previously supported.

With two months remaining in this Lions year, I would like to remind everyone that it is not too late to meet the goal of increasing club memberships and to seek out new ways to serve the communities.

In March we held our 4<sup>th</sup> district cabinet meeting and 26-M6 District Convention in Joplin. Although attendance was lower than hoped for, the convention was successful and enjoyed by all. Our guest speaker International Director Mike Molenda and his wife Linda were great additions to our convention, and I am sorry for those unable to attend.

This past weekend, April 24<sup>th</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup>, we held our 4<sup>th</sup> Council of Governors meeting and the State Convention in Sedalia. This marks the beginning of the end of my year as District Governor of 26-M6. I still have clubs to visit, as well as other functions, so there remain things to get accomplished.

I would like to congratulate all of the District Governors-elect, and wish them success in the upcoming year. Also would like to say that it was a pleasure to work with the other Governors, and congratulate Council Chairperson Lion Gina on a job well done.



## 2013-2014 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
June 1, 2014	Council Budget Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
June 13-14, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 20-21, 2014	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
June 27 – July 9, 2014	Band Camp and Trip	Ft. Leonard Wood/ Toronto
July 19, 2014	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
July 19, 2014	Missouri Lions All-Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
July 25-27, 2014	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Northwest Missouri State Univ.
August 8-9, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	Memphis, TN
August 14-16, 2014	Leader Dog Visits 1 <sup>st</sup> VDG	Rochester, MI
October 4, 2014	PDG Weekend	Osage Beach, MO
October 25, 2014	Council of Governors Meeting	Warrenton, MO
November 7-8, 2014	Mid-South Board Meeting	TBD
January 24, 2015	Council of Governors Meeting	Cape Girardeau, MO
Sept. 11-13, 2014	USA/Canada Forum	San Juan, Puerto Rico
April 30 – May 3, 2015	93 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Cape Girardeau, Missouri
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.

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**“Smell is a potent wizard that transports you across thousands of miles and all the years you have lived.”**

**[Helen Keller](#)**



The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual USA/Canada Leadership Forum will be held September 2014 in San Juan, Puerto Rico and 2015 has been scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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





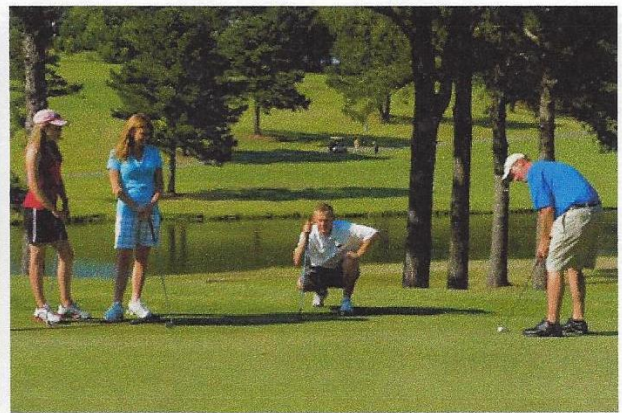
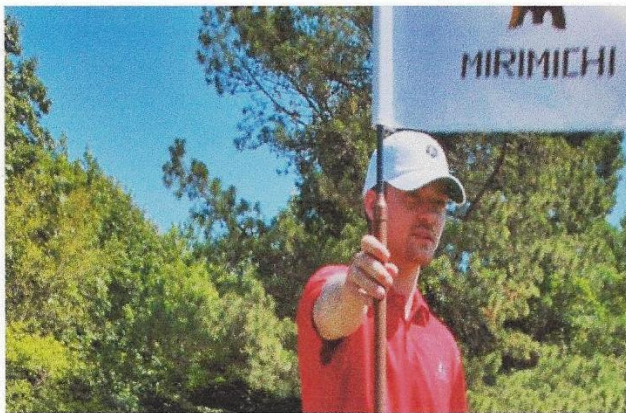
# 2014 Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament

Monday, June 16, 2014

Registration & Lunch 11 AM

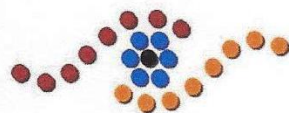
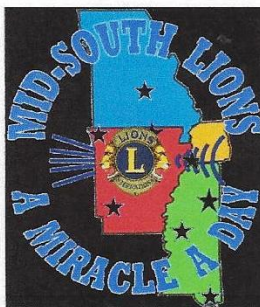
Tee Time: 1 PM

Proceeds benefit the sight and hearing impaired



Join us to play a great golf course with friends and/or Clients while helping the Lions provide sight and hearing to those in need.

Check [www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org)  
to see some of our "Miracles"



Hamilton Eye Institute Surgery Center  
Center for Advanced Eye Care



For Registration Forms and information go to Mid-South Lions website



Membership Application : New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Title : \_\_\_\_\_ Partner in Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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



### Missouri Lions All State Band

Lions:

We are getting very close to that magic number. 10 more students is what we need.

As for the opportunity, the committee has come up with a travel package for Lion members who would like to go to the convention: Single person \$700 - Double Occupancy \$500 each or \$1000 for both in the same room. this includes travel and lodging. This does not include meals or entertainment.

We will leave at FT WOOD July 2 at 7:30 AM and Return July 9th.

If Lion members want to stay at the Missouri Delegation Hotel and go to convention. We can drop those Lions at the hotel. If a Lion stays where we are staying, a bus can take Lions to the convention center in the morning and pick them up later in the day.

Thank you all for your dedicated support.

PDG Ron Koppelman, Jr MO. Lions All State Band Chair

## 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lion All Star Football Game

The **38<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lion All Star Football Game** will be held on **July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at the University of Central Missouri located in Warrensburg, Missouri. The game will start at 7:30 PM following pre-game activities. The banquet will be held on Friday July 18<sup>th</sup> and begins at 6:30 PM. If attending the banquet you must have reservations prior to the event. There will be no tickets sold at the door. Attending the banquet is an ideal opportunity to meet the players and coaches.

Your District Athletic Chairperson will be contacting each Lions Club asking for your support of this state wide youth project either by purchasing ads or helping a player sell ads for the program. To make the game a success we need full sponsorship for each player chosen to play in the game. Just think how exciting it would be if every Lions Club would participate in this great project!

Remember that although this is a money making event, all proceeds go to “our” Saving Sight, it is also an opportunity to showcase some of the finest young athletes Missouri has to offer.

Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the weekend events of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lions All Star Football Banquet and Game in Warrensburg.

For additional information, please contact your Athletic Committee Chairperson. Those serving on the committee by districts are:

District M1  
District M2  
District M3  
District M4  
District M5  
District M6  
District M7

PDG Casey Morris  
PDG Eugene Taylor/ Lion Kevin Carr  
Lion Jim McClintock  
PCC John Anderson  
Lion Bill Upchurch  
PDG Sue Blakley  
Lion Tim Wilbers/Lion Don Eggen



## 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions Convention Cape Girardeau, Missouri



### Welcome to Cape Girardeau

Excitement is everywhere as we welcome you to Cape Girardeau! Cape Girardeau is beautifully nestled along the western banks of the mighty Mississippi River in Southeast Missouri. You will find our community very rich in both history and heritage. For more than two hundred and fifty years, people have been drawn to Cape Girardeau and the river on which it lies.

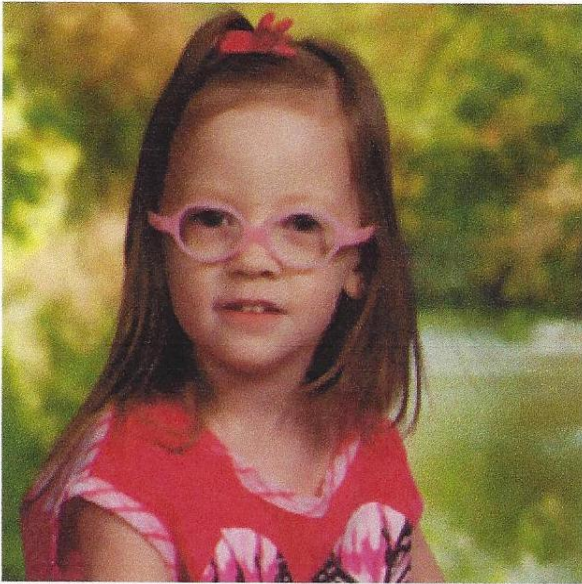
Our host convention committee is excited to extend to you our warm Southern hospitality, and show you what makes Cape Girardeau such a special and unique city. We look forward to welcoming you to the Missouri Lions 2015 State Convention. Come for the convention .....stay for the weekend!

<http://molionsconvention2015.com/>



**Check out the website and get prepared for the 2015 Missouri Lions State Convention!  
Watch the special invitation video for this event.**

## Four-Year-Old's Eyesight Saved by KidSight Screening



Thanks to a KidSight screening and her family's prompt response to the screening results, four-year-old Raileen of Arcadia, Missouri can still see today. Raileen was born with unequal vision in her two eyes, known as anisometropia, which resulted in 20/80 vision and a weaker left eye. When a KidSight technician visited the Iron County Head Start that Raileen attended, the screening equipment detected a problem with her eyes, and Raileen's parents were urged to take her to an eye doctor for professional examination and treatment. Thankfully, Jennifer, Raileen's mother, acted on the referral right away and

sought eye care for her daughter, first from a local eye doctor and then from a pediatric ophthalmologist in St. Louis. "Raileen was a late walker and didn't grab things as a baby like my other two kids," Jennifer said. "I did not know that you could be born with an eye disorder that bad. I thought eyesight just got worse as you get older. We had the pediatric eye screenings when she was a newborn, but it's hard to catch the problem then – children can't really see then anyway. As they grow, that's when you can find the problem."

The KidSight program screens children ages 6 months to 6 years old, with a special focus on preschool-aged children. Like Raileen, children at this age can be suffering from a vision problem but not yet be old enough to articulate or understand their poor eyesight. "That was my main question – does she know the difference?" Jennifer said. "When you're born with a problem, you get used to it. Raileen didn't know any better. She would try to walk and fall down sometimes, and we didn't know to think of her eyes." Anisometropia is the term for a difference in the refractive power between the two eyes. That difference affects depth perception, which could explain Raileen's difficulty with walking (i.e., she couldn't gauge distances very well). The difference in the eyes' ability to see also results in amblyopia, in which case the brain begins to ignore signals from the weaker eye. If left untreated, Raileen would have eventually gone blind in her left eye.

But Jennifer sought treatment for her daughter, and the ophthalmologist prescribed glasses as well as patching for two hours per day, for 6 months to a year. Patching is a common treatment for amblyopia that involves covering the functioning eye, which requires the child's brain to rely on and strengthen the weaker eye. "She keeps the glasses on, and she's

gotten comfortable with them,” Jennifer reported. “The patching was a battle at first, but she’s adapting to it. When the two hours are up, she takes the patch off and says ‘I have two eyes now!’ It’s the funniest thing.”

As long as Raileen keeps up with the patching and wears her glasses, her sight can be preserved. “She can actually see!” Jennifer said. “The KidSight screening saved my daughter’s eyesight. We are very grateful. If we wouldn’t have found the problem when we did, she’d be blind today.”

The KidSight team is proud to have helped Raileen get the eye treatment she needed. To learn more about KidSight or to request a free vision screening in your community, please call 800-753-2265 x8518 or request online at [www.saving-sight.org/request-screening](http://www.saving-sight.org/request-screening).

**[www.saving-sight.org/KidSight](http://www.saving-sight.org/KidSight)**

### **Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees**

Congratulations to the following Lion who was inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society between February 16, 2014 and May 15, 2014:

**PCC Leo Bauerle – PDG Association of MD26 M5**



## Announcing the Saving Sight Board of Directors for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Saving Sight is pleased to announce its Board of Directors for the upcoming fiscal year. Board members are key to the organization's success. They actively participate in long-range planning and secure financial resources to support sight-saving programs such as KidSight and cornea donation & transplantation. As highly visible members of their communities, the board members also enhance Saving Sight's public standing by sharing the mission, accomplishments, and goals with Lions clubs, the general public, and other partner organizations.

"Saving Sight must be authentically mission-driven and a responsible steward of the precious gifts of donated eye tissue as well as of financial gifts," said Lion Tony Bavuso, chief executive officer. "And our board members provide crucial oversight to help us achieve these goals. We are able to change more lives by saving sight through their engagement and support."

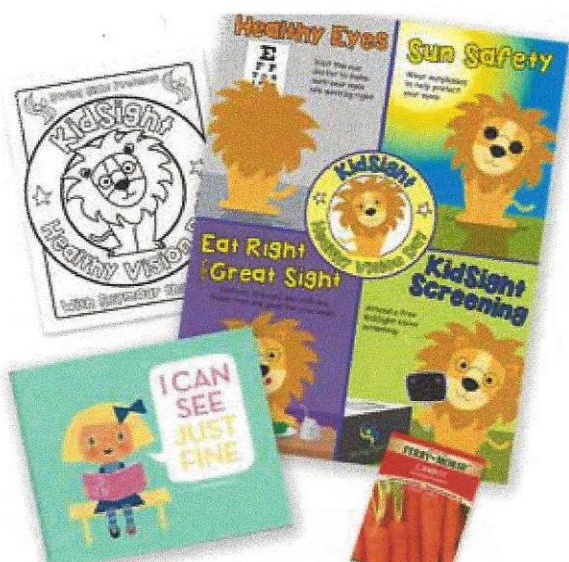
According to Saving Sight's bylaws, the board is composed of 13 members, including the Missouri Lions Council Chair and Vice Council Chair, one elected representative of each Missouri Lions district, and four community members who are knowledgeable about Saving Sight's work (e.g., eye doctors and program recipients).

The following representatives will serve on Saving Sight's Board of Directors in the coming fiscal year, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015:

- CC-E Jeff Hilke (Jefferson City Evening Lions)
- VCC-E Missy Carr (Washington Lions)
- M1: Lion Dr. Dan Obermark (Sikeston Lions)
- M2: PCC Al Blumenberg (House Springs Lions)
- M3: PDG Gary Clarkson (La Plata Lions)
- M4: PDG John Reese (St. Joseph East Side Lions)
- M5: Lion Allen Lohsandt (Wellington Lions)
- M6: PDG Stuart Payne (Carl Junction Lions)
- M7: PCC Dan Bernskoetter (Jefferson City Evening Lions)
- Tom Rocco
- Dr. Dan Schoenleber
- John Bailey
- Dr. Michael Korenfeld

As you build your club's calendar for next year, please contact your district's representative to schedule a presentation about Saving Sight and its programs.

## KidSight Pilots Healthy Vision Day in Saint Louis Area



Thanks to a grant from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis, KidSight is increasing its impact on childcare facilities in the Greater St. Louis region. The pilot project involves expanding KidSight to make the vision screenings interactive and educational for children and parents. In conjunction with the vision screening, childcare partners will receive a children's book about vision (*I Can See Just Fine* by Eric Barclay), a packet of carrot seeds to grow, promotional posters about healthy vision, and coloring pages about eye health. The project is designed to build relationships with childcare partners and raise KidSight's visibility amongst parents. As a result, the KidSight staff

hopes to help childcare partners teach their children about healthy vision and to better communicate with parents when their children are referred to eye doctors for detected vision problems.

Through the grant, Healthy Vision Day is being offered to 70 childcare facilities in the Greater St. Louis area (St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson, Lincoln, Warren, and Franklin counties and St. Louis City). When the project is completed this fall, the KidSight team will refine Healthy Vision Day based on partner feedback and then seek funding opportunities to grow the project on a broader scale.

## Bonnie and Charlotte: Correspondence After Transplantation

Correspondence after donation and transplantation can be a positive part of the healing process for many people. Saving Sight offers donor families and cornea transplant recipients the opportunity to write to each other in a safe, positive environment. Acting as an intermediary, Saving Sight accepts the letters and then passes them on to the appropriate parties, which helps preserve everyone's anonymity. Recipients and donor families alike have said that correspondence had therapeutic effects.

When Bonnie's son, Cody, died in Divernon, Illinois after a car accident, he was able to donate skin and corneas. "Cody always wanted to be an organ donor," she said. One of his corneas was received by Charlotte from Clinton, Missouri, who needed the transplant to treat a corneal infection that threatened to destroy her entire eye. Quite soon after her transplant surgery, Charlotte initiated the correspondence process with the help of Paul, her son who lived with her and cared for the family farm. Paul said his mother was eager to correspond with her donor's family because she understood loss, having recently lost two grandchildren. "Because of that unselfish loved one was a donor and gave me a gift, I still have my eye," Paul remembered Charlotte saying. "So she wanted to contact the family and thank them."

With Paul's help, Charlotte sent a letter to Saving Sight which was then passed on to Scarlett, Cody's wife. "Scarlett didn't feel like she was ready to correspond, so I asked permission to correspond instead," said Bonnie. And with that, Bonnie and Charlotte began the process of getting to know each other. "Charlotte was very understanding that someone died to give her this cornea," Bonnie recalled. "She was a really sweet lady."

When people correspond for more than a year and both parties consent to communicating without anonymity, Saving Sight will connect the donor family and recipient so they can pursue contact on their own. Bonnie and Charlotte wrote several letters in that first year and continued contact in the years that followed. "We talked on the phone sometimes, at birthdays and at Christmas," Bonnie said. Eventually, Bonnie offered to visit Charlotte at her home in Clinton.

"My daughter Tara and I had discussed from the time I first started corresponding with Charlotte how we would love to meet her, although we knew it would be difficult on us. However, Tara was unable to come with me so I drove there on June 16, 2012, which was Cody and Scarlett's wedding anniversary," Bonnie said. "I stayed at Charlotte's house for three or four hours and met Paul. We had a wonderful visit. It was nice to have a part of Cody with her, to know that he lived on. Cody had big blue beautiful eyes, and I just loved the fact that I got to meet her and look in her eyes." Paul said the feeling was mutual: "It meant a lot to Mom to get to finally meet the person behind the voice on the phone, as Mom was unable to travel long trips."

Despite the happiness of meeting Charlotte face to face, Bonnie also found the experience to be emotionally trying. "I held it all together until I drove out of her driveway, and then I cried all the way home," Bonnie said. "It was Father's Day the next day and just meeting her – she was a wonderful lady. She was very appreciative of how Cody had died but was willing to give his cornea. She never took it for granted. That's why she wrote the letter – she wanted to know about the person who donated and his family."

Charlotte's daughter made quilted table cloths, and she gave one to Bonnie as a keepsake from their visit. "I cherish that," Bonnie said. "Charlotte had health issues, and I think she knew we wouldn't see each other again." In April of 2013, Charlotte passed away at the age of 91, and thanks to Paul's care, she was able to remain on the farm until a few days before her death.

Paul described his mother as having "an abundance of love that she shared with her eight children and many outside her family" and that she "was proud of Bonnie's friendship." Bonnie, too, looks back fondly on the trip: "I felt so fortunate to have met Charlotte. It's hard to explain what it's like to meet someone who has your son's cornea. But I can't say enough how blessed I felt by it all."

*Join Laren and the millions of Americans who have declared their choice to be eye, organ, and tissue donors by signing up for the donor registry at the Donate Life America website ([www.donatelife.net](http://www.donatelife.net)) or the local Department of Motor Vehicles office.*

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### Waiver Form for the Missouri Lion Newsletter

We are aware that many families receive multiple copies of *the Missouri Lion* bulletin. While many Lions have sent in the waiver form to help us reduce the cost associated with publishing and distribution of our state newsletter we are still facing escalating costs. Please help us reduce the cost of delivering information about state wide Lion Club activities and events. If you have Internet access and your newsletter can be sent by e-mail, we can save money on postage as well as publishing costs. I understand many do not have the luxury of Internet service and it is our goal to be able to continue providing current Lion information to these members. Through your efforts we can continue to meet the needs of the Missouri Lions and keep our costs down. Thank you for your assistance. Send completed waiver forms to the Missouri Lion editor Lion Jennie Mosher.

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