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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

Missouri Lions All State Band Leads the Parade in Toronto, Canada



Members of the Missouri Lions All State Band walked the **Parade of Nations** twice in the 2014 Lions Club International Convention held in Toronto, Canada. Their first appearance was for the International President Joseph (Joe) Preston from Dewey, Arizona. They would later march again in the Parade of Nations to represent our Missouri delegation.

The picture above shows the Missouri All State Band performing for our Missouri delegation.

This year the Missouri Lions All State Band had 68 members, they were great, and in fact they took second place. The kids participating in this event had the desire to be the best band. Next year the International Convention will be in Honolulu, Hawaii. To be a serious competitor at this convention, the Missouri Lions All State Band needs over 100 members. Now is the time to recruit students to perform, it will take a lot of effort and Teamwork to make this happen. Lions start looking for our winning band students help them raise the funds to compete at this event. Help provide the opportunity and experience in a program where they work hard, have fun; learn about Lions, life, how to help others and give back to the community.

What a **“Great job Missouri Lions All State Band”** and many **Thanks** to all the Lions who provided the support to make this happen.

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Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services Leader Weekend



Join Your Fellow Lions at Leaders Weekend



**Hamilton Eye Institute, Memphis TN
April 10-11, 2015**

Make your Plans to attend Now!

**Make Your Reservations through the Mid-South Lions Office
By Calling 888-546-6042 or check www.midsouthlions.org**



Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) News Article

The percent of clubs contributing to LCIF for the multiple districts is 38%. This is for the past lionistic year. Special thanks to districts M2 with 56%, M5 with 54%, and M6 with 40% of clubs participating. The total amount donated from all seven districts was \$105,349. This is down from the previous year donation of \$121,600.

There is no discussion needed about the competition for money for charitable work requested from our clubs. Of course we need to take care of community requests first.

However, if all clubs in the multiple would help our own international foundation by any amount we would surpass any monies raised in previous years. No matter how much or how little please consider your own international foundation (LCIF) this year in your donations.

Clubs can contact their district governor or their district LCIF chairperson for information about programs or donations or myself. Remember the measles campaign will continue through 2017. Each dollar we donate will vaccinate one child. I hope by the MD26 State Convention in Cape Girardeau we will have equaled last year's donations and will go forward from there. At the convention look for the LCIF events now being planned.

Yours in Lionism

P.I.D. Dr. Dwayne Garrett

MD 26 LCIF Coordinator

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

27011 Harrill Lane

Lebanon, MO. 65536-4470

Deadline for article submission for the Oct. 2014 Issue is Sept. 30th, 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*

2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



Missouri Lions pictured above attended the 2014 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute (GPLLI) held on the campus of Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, Missouri. The Institute was held July 25 – 27, 2014.

The attendees from MD26 were Larry Boettcher, Theresa Botzow, Peggy Campbell, Ronald Campbell, Michael Clay, Molly Clay, Nancy Eaves, Pamela Engelhard, Angela Fyffe, Carol Hall, Mike Hall, Doreen Jackson, Jeramy Kee, Allen Moore, Audrey Morrison, Al Orgeron, Babette Orlich, John Orlich, Robert Rice, Sherrie Rundee and Polly Scott.

PCC Terry Beottcher and PDG Debbie Cantrell were members of the faculty. PID W.R. O'Riley is a member of the board of directors and severed as facilities chairman.

The Institute for 2015 will be held on campus of Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota.

38th Annual USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum September 2014



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

2015 has been scheduled for Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Missouri GLT Opportunities



2015 MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum

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Friday February 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM CST

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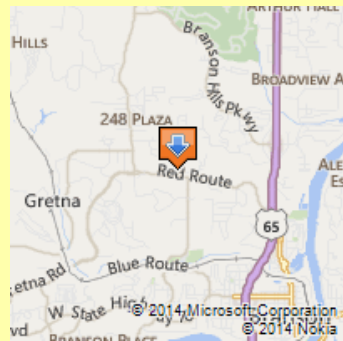
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[Add to Calendar](#)

Where

Chateau on the Lake

415 N State Hwy 265
Branson, MO 65616



[Driving Directions](#)

When

Friday February 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM CST

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Saturday February 7, 2015 at 10:00 PM CST

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Where

Chateau on the Lake

415 N State Hwy 265
Branson, MO 65616

Dear Missouri Lion:

We hope you will join us for the MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum being held in Branson, Missouri on 6-7 February 2015. This year's forum will be lead by a professional guest speaker and forum seminar leader.

This promises to be a premier event that will offer you an opportunity to come away with new found skills you can use both as a Lion and in your personal life.

So won't you click on the "Register Now" button and come spend two exciting days with us at the MD26 All Lions Mid-Winter Forum!

[**Register Now!**](#)

[I can't make it](#)

If you encounter any issues with your registration please contact me at the number listed below.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's exciting forum!

Sincerely,

Lion Tom Rayfield, PDG
MD26 Global Leadership Team
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816-331-7531

93rd Annual Missouri Lions State Convention

Missouri Lions You're Invited



Come to the 93rd Missouri Lions State Convention and enjoy historic Cape Girardeau, MO.

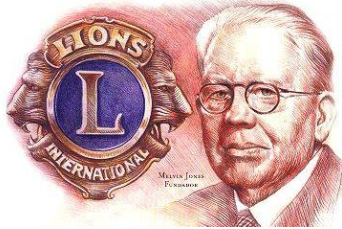
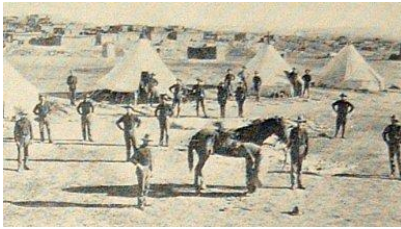
 <http://molionsconvention2015.com/>



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

Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial

Located at Fort Thomas, Arizona



Fort Thomas, Arizona was the birthplace of **Melvin Jones**, founder of **LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL** in 1917. The **Melvin Jones International Memorial Board** has started to rebuild this historic site. Proceeds from the sale of the Melvin Jones International Memorial “**Centennial Brick**” will be used to restore Fort Thomas.

Melvin Jones International Memorial “*Centennial*” Brick

Purchase a special Melvin Jones Brick to be engraved with your personal information.
Cost \$100 donation per individual **Commemorative Melvin Jones Memorial Brick**



Donate via 

Name to be Engraved on Memorial Brick: _____

Lions Club Name: _____

Lions Club Office/Title: _____

Make Checks payable to **The Melvin Jones Memorial**

Contact Your Melvin Jones Memorial Board Representative. Your local MJIM representative is PDG Lisa Alexander, contact information is listed below -

Phone: 314-258-1069

e-mail: districtgovernorlisa@yahoo.com

August 18, 2014
Press Release for Local Lions Newsletters
Information about Leader Dogs for the Blind –
The Campaign for The Canine Development Center

A Message about Leader Dogs for the Blind from Bill Hansen, PID

Dear Fellow Lions,

Seventy-five years ago, Leader Dog was founded by three Detroit-area Lions club members. Working together, the Lions family and Leader Dog team have changed the lives of more than 14,500 blind or visually impaired clients worldwide.

The process starts in the Leader Dog kennel in Rochester Hills, Michigan. It is here that the Leader Dog team breeds future Leader Dogs, cares for young puppies and prepares the dogs for lifelong partnerships with people who are blind. Lions are an integral and invaluable part serving as breeding host families, puppy raisers, donors and advocates for the program.

The kennels are a key component to the Leader Dog program. The newest facility, built in 1992 (and the oldest in 1968) no longer meets today's needs. The last 20 years have witnessed dramatic changes in breeding techniques, the type of dog needed for clients, the kenneling environment and training techniques. Leader Dogs for the Blind has created a redesign of the kennel into a Canine Development Center--a critical component to meet current and future mission needs.

Just as Lions did 75 years ago, once again we will play a key role. Leader Dog needs our support to fund this project. Success depends on our committed leadership and involvement, and yet, we must continue to promote Leader Dog's mission and strengthen our community-based outreach and referral efforts.

Through our participation as Lions in Leader Dog's campaign, we have the power to continue to make a difference as we have for 75 years. It all begins with you.

Sincerely,
Lion Bill Hansen
Past International Director
Lions Phase Chair, Campaign for Leader



*If you have any questions about the campaign and/or how you can help, contact **Lion Philip Krebs**, who is the Lions Campaign Region Coordinator for your area, at 417-848-8450 or 417-886-5684 or email Philx2@sbqglobal.net. You may also contact the MD26/M6 District Leader Dog Chair Lion Phyllis Krebs at 417-988-5330 or 417-886-5684 or email Philx2@sbqglobal.net.*

For more information about The Campaign for The Canine Development Center go to the website: www.leaderdog.org

Missouri Lions on a Mission to Mexico... Starring Murray Dunn

PDG Lion Murray Dunn and five other Lions from throughout the state, participated in a mission to Vera Cruz, Mexico to assist a team of optometrists from California Lions Clubs to perform eye exams and to distribute eyeglasses.

In a weekend they distributed 550 pairs of eyeglasses! The eyeglasses for this project have been collected from drop boxes like the one at Countymart in Marble hill and other locations throughout MO Lion District 26-M1 and the US. The glasses are picked up and delivered to Columbia, MO where volunteers inspect, clean and sort by prescription all the glasses before being sent to mission projects. Individuals who donate their old prescription and non-prescription glasses make this project possible and Lions thank you for your generosity!



PDG Murray Dunn helps fit glasses to older gentleman.



Lion Club Volunteers in Vera Cruz, Mexico



Long lines wait patiently hoping to have better vision.



Michael fits a young boy with donated glasses



Murray Dunn (r) of the Patton Lions Club joins five other Lions from Missouri on a mission to Vera Cruz! (Back row, l to r) Past Council Chairman Lion Don Noland and Lion Betty Noland of St. Peters Lions club, Lion Sheila Fields, Office Manager of Saving Sight. In the front row; PDG Lyn Porterfield from the St. Charles Lions Club and his grandson, Michael Barnett. — in Veracruz, Veracruz

2014-2015 Multiple District 26 Officers



The 2014 Lions Club International Convention was held in Toronto, Canada this year. District Governors "Elect" from around the world attended the international event where they would be installed as District Governor's for 2014-2015 Lion year by the incoming LCI President Joseph Preston from Dewey, Arizona, United States of America.

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| MD 26 Council Chair Lion Jeff Hilke | 26-M1 D.G. Lion Don Beckham | 26-M2 D.G. Lion Missy Carr | 26-M3 D.G. Lion John Clark |

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| 26-M4 D.G. Lion Richard Warner | 26-M5 D.G. Lion Gary Curtis | 26-M6 D.G. Lion Peter Frantzen | 26-M7 D.G. Lion Emery Smola |

Messages from the District Governors

District 26-M1

District Governor Don Beckham

MD26-M1 has had multiple activities going on around the District. One of these is pictured below with members from the Ste. Genevieve Lions Club working at the **Jour de Fete**. St. Genevieve Lions work to get the park ready for the big event.



Jour de Fete is an annual Festival which is held the second full weekend in August in historic downtown Ste. Genevieve, MO.

The funds raised by the local Lions in Ste. Genevieve at this event help fund their various Lions Club projects in their Community, and state approved Lions activities.



— Lions Park —



World-Famous Hamburgers!

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Seating and Shade!

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Helping The Blind
Since 1931

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LIVE MUSIC ALL WEEKEND!

— SATURDAY —

"Thundercreek" 12-4 pm

"Kickin' Country" 5-9 pm.

— SUNDAY —

"Bon-Fire" 12-4 pm

ADDITIONAL FUNDING: STE. GEN MUNICIPAL BAND GRANT PROGRAM

In about 1968. John Heine, a member of the Rock Hill Lions Club, was killed in a car wreck. The club erected a flag pole with a plaque honoring this Lion. The flag pole was at a school at the junction of Mason Avenue and Manchester Road. The flag pole and the plaque were removed later to build a shopping Center.. I am trying to get information for his surviving daughters who are prospective members of the Patton Lions Club. PDG 26-M1 Murray Dunn Secretary Patton Lions Club. P.O Box 7 Patton, Missouri 63662 (573) 866-2480 moonlite37@hughes.net

ST. JAMES LIONS CLUB-CHANDLER INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE



The Lions Club International Youth Exchange Program was from July 20th – 27th, 2014. Again, for the 13th year the Chandler youth camp was held at Camp Brim Shire. With 14 students from countries around the world, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Italy, Netherlands, Finland, Austria, Brazil, Germany and Spain. PGD Toni Mahoney of Richwoods Lions again was an excellent Camp Director while PDG Lisa Clinton of Fort Leonard Wood provided excellent off site/touring support for the group. Lions Richard and Sherry Hashagen founders and owners of the beautiful Camp Brim Shire hosted the visiting Chandler Youth at the full facility, ADA campus; 6 miles North of St James.



2014 Lions Youth Exchange Program

With a full, daily busy schedule of touring and visiting during the day, the Chandler Youth would return to camp for excellent meals (prepared by Lion Toni) and had time for swimming, basketball, volleyball, visiting and FISHING in the camps stocked lake which became a very popular event as the majority of the kids had never...ever been fishing in their home countries. A brand new experience for them which concluded with a Nature class where they all learned much about Missouri Wildlife in Brim Shires Learning Center.

The week's events were topped off with a pizza dinner / ice cream social provided & served by the St James Lions, followed by a night of music & fun provided by St James Lions VP Lion Jim Gordon's band "UNTAMED".

MD26 Lions can learn more about Camp Brim Shire www.campbrimshire.com or call 573-699-4351.

Cape Girardeau Lions Clubs Raise Money for SEMO Food Bank

Lions Clubs International organization has five major areas of focus:

- Sight Programs : Includes preventing Blindness and Saving Sight
- Youth Programs: Provide Life-Changing Services and Opportunities for Youth
- Community and Environment Programs : Programs to help our community
- Health Programs: Programs that focus on Hearing, Diabetes and More
- Disaster Relief: Programs to provide financial assistance to disaster area victims

The Cape Girardeau Lions Evening Club was certainly thinking of their local community when they sponsored a Golf Tournament for the SEMO Food Bank. Lion Mona and Lion Dave proudly display their clubs signs to demonstrate their Golf course hole sponsorships. See below:



Members of the Cape Girardeau Evening lions are shown in the pictures below collecting funds for the SEMO Food Bank. The club fully supported the "Backpacks for Friday" through the SEMO Food Bank. Below Lion Ed Tilley is very creative in getting both the young and old to contribute.



Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club Screen Local Kids



The FLW Lions Club assisted by Laura Yohai from Saving Sight at Feed the Children, a community event in Waynesville. During the event 83 children were screened.

Pictured (l-r) PDG Lisa Clinton, PDG Casey Morris, Ms Laura Yohai, Lion Wendy Williams, Lion Louise Bibbs, Lion James Norris, Lion Joseph Noel

District 26-M3

District Governor John Clark

MU Campus Lions Club

A Lions Club Charter Night Celebration was held May 4th at Bandana's Restaurant in Columbia, MO. The celebration was a "jungle party" to welcome the MU Tigers into Lions Club International. The club chartered with over 30 students and faculty members from the university.



Honor Flight for Lion Bob Young WWII Hero

Bob Young was honored to be able to go on the Central Mo Honor Flight trip on June 7, 2014.

Bob joined Lions in August 1956 and has **58 years perfect attendance**. He has held every office in the club several times.

Lion Bob was District Governor twice: 1987-88 and again in 1990-91 (Instrumental in starting the all women's Club - Columbia 20/20 Lions Club). Lion Bob served as Council Chairman 1990-91.

Bob Young was an Aircraft Controller who was honorably discharged from the Air Force in 1955 with the rank of Captain.

District 26-M5 District Governor Gary Curtis

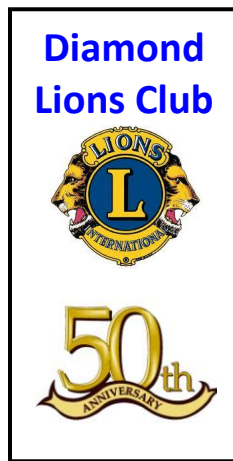
One of my goals for the District was to add at least one new club. Recently, GMT Pat Scott and I attended an involvement fair at the University of Central Missouri. Our purpose was to solicit interest in forming a campus club. To our amazement the interest was overwhelming. 52 students and 5 faculty members indicated that they would be interested in becoming Lions. Many of these students were International students. We heard some amazing stories concerning the activities that our fellow Lions are conducting abroad. One young man from the Netherlands told us that in his country it would cost \$1000 to make application. After this application process he would have to participate in three Lion sponsored activities. After an evaluation of his work on those projects he would then be considered for membership. His interest is to become a Lion on the UCM campus with hopes of being able to transfer to a Lions Club in his home country. Our next meeting will be Sept. 9. That meeting will determine the number of students who are interested in chartering a club on the campus of UCM.

District 26-M6 District Governor Peter Frantzen

Actually before becoming the District Governor of MD26-M6, I had the privilege of attending the **50th Anniversary** for the **Diamond Lions Club**. The Lions Club President and his committee did a great job of reminding all the Lions who attended exactly why they became Lions. The entertainment for the event was a standup comedian who did a great monologue which had the audience laughing. This was a tough act to follow, however PCC Lion Steve Wise, the guest speaker, helped the members of the Diamond Lions to understand the important role each of them served in their organization.



Above the evening's entertainer



Guest Speaker: PCC Steve Wise



Charter Member Lion Paul Dieckhoff



PCC Steve Wise and Lion Paul Dieckhoff

The Diamond Lions Club is really in rural Missouri and is the only service organization in their community. Its members have worked hard to get local citizens to become Lions and join their cause in serving the community.

Diamond Lions Club at 50th Anniversary Celebration



Following this wonderful event, I prepared to attend the International Convention in Toronto, Canada. Unfortunately, that was not to happen as I found myself suddenly very ill. My recovery took about a week with hospital rest and proper medical treatments, a few more weeks of a slow pace before I could come back full time attending district activities as the District Governor.

We had our first MD26-M6 District Cabinet meeting on August 2nd in Monett, Missouri. The morning session provided training for new Lions Club Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers. Past District Governors attended these sessions and helped provide insight to the new officers. Following the morning training sessions, Lions were treated to a home cooked lunch which was provided by the Monett Lions Club. In the afternoon the District Cabinet meeting followed, all items which required approval by the members were addressed. The next cabinet meeting will be November 2nd, 2014. Location is still to be determined.

Attendance was good at the District Cabinet meeting, a special invitation was sent to every Lion asking them to attend. The purpose was to let everyone know they were important to our organization and welcome to come to be part of the decision process and hopefully decide they would want to become involved at the district level.

Now back to fun at the **Ozark Empire Fair** at the "Duck Pond" sponsored by the Springfield Host Lions Club. I spent some time at this event and must say I had a great time. There's an art to the pitches from ride and game operators at the Ozark Empire Fair, but Jim Schatz's is likely the only one that involves a duck impression. "**Quack, Quack, Quack**". Hey folks, come into the duck pond. Every duck's a winner. Help the Lions charities." Volunteers from different area Lions Clubs help man this Lions Club fundraiser, intra club cooperation is what makes it successful.



The Missouri Pin Traders met in Branson recently, since our own 1st Vice District Governor Craig Lehman is the secretary for this Lions organization, I thought I would check it out. WOW.... What a collection, these folks are very serious about collecting and trading Lions pins.

My present plans are to start all my club visits to met with their Lion members and learn about all their wonderful service activities. I am encouraging all our Lions to share their events by sending pictures and stories to post on the district web page as well as publish in our District newsletter **Between the Lions**. Also it is my hope these stories can be published in the local newspapers or announced on local radio or television.

Needless to say, I have plenty of things to do before our next Council of Governors meeting on October 25th in Warrenton. Missouri.

Some other activities going on around MD26-M6 are as follows:

Mountain Grove Lion's Club Annual "Kid's Fest"

"Kid's Fest" is a cost free event sponsored by the Mountain Grove Lions Club for kids in their local community. The Mountain Grove Lions set up a booth where children put on goggles or painted sunglasses and performed simple tasks without the benefit of sight. These tasks included buttoning a shirt, counting money, identifying objects by touch, etc. What a great learning experience for these youth.



Shown in the photo to the left are Lions Vicki Thompson, Annie Wojcik, Dee Lewis and Peggy Hirt along with Lizette Brown, daughter of Lion Tim Brown.



Republic Lions Car Show

The Republic Lions 2014 Auto Show was a success. With 35 cars and with rainy weather that's not bad. The show was held at JR Ewing Park on Hines Street in Republic. We had Goodie bags for the participants of the show, food & drinks to buy and a Silent Auction. All proceeds went to our eye glass fund which was hit hard in 2013. So with a profit of over \$1000 we will be having it again in 2015 as our main event. The date for next year will be in May or June. Hope to see more area Lions at the show. We serve!



**District 26-M7
District Governor Emery Smola**



Fellow Lions,

This finds me very busy with all the tasks of being a District Governor. I hope to have some information for you in the next issue of the Missouri Lion when it is published after the middle of October 2014.



Membership Application : New _____ Renewal _____

(Please Print)

Name : _____ Title : _____ Partner in Service: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Country: _____

Home Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Club: _____ District: _____ Multiple District: _____

Will you trade by mail? Yes _____ NO _____ Outside Country? Yes _____ NO _____

Sponsoring Lion (new member only) _____

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

Please send check to : Lion Craig Lehman at 519 S. Hwy "O", Lamar, MO 64579

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

Watch for schedule of upcoming pin trading events in the next issue of this publication.



*WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND
IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE*

THE
**Roy Kumpe
Award**

WORLD SERVICES FOR THE BLIND

The Roy Kumpe Award was created to honor the legacy of our founder and the individuals who support it. Donors who make a \$1,000 contribution to World Services for the Blind may choose to receive the Roy Kumpe Award for themselves, or can give it in honor of a fellow club member. Simply fill out the form below and return it with your gift of \$1,000 to request the Roy Kumpe Award.

Order a World Services for the Blind Roy Kumpe Award

By completing this form, it is my request to receive the engraved Roy Kumpe Award from World Services for the Blind.

Name to appear on award (please print)

PLEASE SEND THE AWARD TO:

Name

Address

Contact Phone

Return the completed form along with a check for your gift to: World Services for the Blind, 2811 Fair Park Blvd. Little Rock, AR 72204. To pay by credit card, please call 501-664-7100. You may also return this form via fax: 501-664-2743.

WSB is a nonprofit organization as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Contributions are tax deductible.



THE ORDER OF THE SILVER CANE AWARD

The Order of the Silver Cane was established by Roy Kumpke around 1960 as part of the capital campaign to expand the WSB campus. The tradition continues today, and the **Silver Cane Award** can be requested with a \$500 gift. Simply fill out the form below and return it with your donation. Donors can choose to receive the **Silver Cane Award** for themselves, or can give it in honor of a fellow club member.

Order a Silver Cane Award

By completing this form, it is my request to receive the engraved Silver Cane Award from World Services for the Blind.

Name to appear on award (please print)

Presented by

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Name

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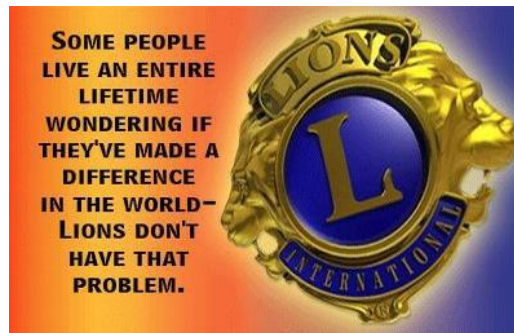
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IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN FOR Campaign #2

FREEDOM FROM BLINDNESS DAY



Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center is a cooperative project funded through the efforts of Lion Club members in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee. This is a Missouri State Lions sponsored project. Lions Clubs throughout Missouri can and have referred patients needing corrective eye service or hearing improvements to this facility for treatment at no cost.

These **“Miracles a Day”** are provided through various fundraising efforts such as:

- Support with Donations from Lions Clubs, Businesses, Foundations & Corporations
- Donated Time and Service from Doctors and Medical Professionals
- Continued Support of LCI and LCIF
- Countless hours worked by volunteers
- Dedicated staff at Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center
- Special Fundraisers

This year Lions Clubs are being asked to do a special fundraiser and all the profits from this event go directly to Mid-South. The summer time donations are typically not as great as other times of the year; this means the patients waiting treatments gets longer. Please consider this request for help in shortening the time it takes to correct our patient's problems.

The federal tax identification number is 62-0632682. All qualifying contributions are tax deductible.

2013 - 2014 Lions Club International Peace Poster Winner



Grand Prize Winner

Tongbram Mahesh Singh

12 years old from India

Sponsored by Moirang Lions Club

"Where there is peace, there is harmony. Where there is harmony, people will be happy."

The theme for the 2014-2015 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest is **"Peace, Love and Understanding"**. Lions clubs can sponsor this art contest for kids in their community for children between ages 11 and 13 in their local community schools or organized youth groups.

The Peace Poster kit is \$11.95 plus shipping and handling costs and is available from the Club Supplies Sales Department at International Headquarters. Lions must purchase a kit for every contest sponsored.

Timeline for the 2014-2015 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest

- October 1:** Deadline to order Peace Poster kits
- November 15:** Postmark deadline for clubs to send one winning poster to District Governor
- December 1:** Postmark deadline for District Governor to send 1 winning poster to multiple district council chairperson
- December 15:** Postmark deadline for multiple district council chairperson to send 1 winning poster to the Public Relations Department at International Headquarters



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2014-2015 Missouri Lions Calendar

| Date | Event | Location |
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| September 27, 2014 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | Kansas City, Missouri |
| October 3- 4, 2014 | PDG Weekend | Osage Beach, MO |
| October 25, 2014 | Council of Governors Meeting | Warrenton, MO |
| November 7-8, 2014 | Mid-South Board Meeting | Gold Spike Casino Tunica, Mississippi |
| December 6, 2014 | Saving Sight Board Meeting | Columbia, Missouri |
| January 24, 2015 | Council of Governors Meeting | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| February 6-7, 2015 | Mid-Winter Forum | Chateau on the Lake, Branson, MO |
| March 13-14, 2015 | Mid-South Board Meeting | Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis, TN |
| April 10-11 | Lion Leaders Weekend | Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis, TN |
| April 30, 2015 | Council of Governors Meeting | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| May 1-3, 2015 | 93 rd Missouri Lions State Convention | Cape Girardeau, MO |
| May 15, 2015 | Saving Sight Lions L.E.A.D. Weekend | Columbia, MO |
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| Sept. 11-13, 2014 | USA/Canada Forum | San Juan, Puerto Rico |
| April 30 – May 3, 2015 | 93 rd Annual Missouri Lions State Con. | Cape Girardeau, Missouri |
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| 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 |
| July 5-9, 2019 | International Convention | Milan, Italy |

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

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KidSight Helps Child Obtain Healthy Vision to Read



Layla was a first-grade student in Richmond, Missouri when she was screened by KidSight. Her reading skills were lagging some, but generally, she was able to keep up with her coursework. “Layla never complained about not being able to see,” said her mother, Delaina. “When she was learning to read, everything was very repetitive, so she caught on. But something seemed not quite right. Sometimes she’d close down and say, ‘I’m done.’” Layla also began having frequent headaches, but because they started during allergy season, her parents treated them as allergy symptoms. After taking some medicine and a nap, Layla would be fine again so Delaina thought nothing more of it.

At the screening, though, the KidSight technician identified Layla as potentially suffering from vision problems and encouraged her parents to take her to an eye doctor. “I thought she’d get glasses, and it would be no big deal,” said Delaina. “Instead, the doctor said, ‘I cannot let her leave without some glasses, but the best I have today are half the prescription she needs.’” The eye doctor fitted Layla with the strongest glasses he could so she would have something to improve her vision. But he also specially ordered stronger glasses. “That was when we found out she was learning by hearing, not reading,” said Delaina. “Layla would memorize what people said and repeat it back.”

The eye doctor later referred Layla to a specialist who gave a series of tests to determine the right prescription. One eye was worse than the other, but both suffered from severe astigmatism. “The best we could get was 20/80 vision, but over the month, we saw improvement,” Delaina remembered. “Layla was reading longer and more interested in books. The doctor said it would be six months for her eyes to adjust completely to the lenses.” Layla also had to retrain herself on what letters look like since she hadn’t been seeing them clearly before.

Delaina described Layla as very outgoing and creative. “She wakes up vibrant and goes and goes until she goes to sleep, then wakes up that way again,” Delaina said. “Layla was the one out of my four children who will play with boxes or make the most of things. She’ll play with whatever’s there and make it into something. She’s very creative that way.”

Layla’s creativity was also at work in the classroom before she got her classes. Like many children with vision problems, Layla adapted to her poor vision by using her sense of hearing instead. “I thought if she needed glasses she’d say she couldn’t see the board or have serious headaches all the time, but we never saw any of that,” reported Delaina. Children adapt to their poor vision and can’t always explain the problem, so parents often don’t know when their children have vision problems. That’s why vision screenings and eye exams are helpful in identifying problems. “Thanks to KidSight, we found out she needed glasses, and we needed to hear that,” Delaina said.

The eye doctor and Delaina are still working to help Layla achieve healthy vision, but Delaina is seeing progress already. “Layla does seem to be able to read better,” she said. “With her glasses on, she can read

for longer periods. She doesn't shut down as fast. Earlier, her teacher said Layla was behind. But at the end of the year, the report card said she reached the first grade reading level so she's where she should be. We know the screening made a big difference."

Eye doctors recommend that children receive an eye exam before starting grade school, and children with vision or learning problems should get exams earlier. Regular eye exams can help make sure your child has healthy vision.

Learn more about KidSight, including how to volunteer, find a screening near you, and request a screening in your community at:

www.saving-sight.org/KidSight

Interested in Serving on a Lions Mission Clinic?

Are you interested in traveling abroad with your fellow Lions to distribute recycled eyeglasses to people in need? Saving Sight is collaborating with Lions leaders to coordinate Lions Mission Clinics in 2015. At this point, we're gathering a list of interested Lions and eye doctors so we can notify them with details about the trip once the logistics have been confirmed.

If you are interested and able to serve on a Lions Mission Clinic next year, please contact Lion Sheila Fields at sfields@saving-sight.org or 573-443-1479 by September 22, 2014 to get your name added to the contact list. More information will be available at a later date, so there is no obligation at this time. Just sign up if you're interested in serving on a trip in the future.

Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

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

Lion Pete Waldo – Branson-Hollister Lions

Thank You for Your Support!

On behalf of the more than 50,000 people we served last year, including Layla in the story above, thank you to the following clubs for their donations made during the 2013-2014 fiscal year (July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri.

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District 26-M2 Eye Foundation - \$8,000
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Kidney Transplant Recipient Lives On as Cornea Donor



In February of 1990, Jerry received a kidney transplant that saved his life. When he received the kidney, Jerry was told he had seven more years to live. Thankfully, his doctors were wrong — he lived 23 more years to age 64. Jerry became a major supporter of donation in the extra years the transplant afforded him, and when he passed away on October 7, 2013, he became a donor himself.

“He wanted to pass on to help others,” said his daughter, Janice. She and her brother, Jay, had no doubt that he wanted to be a donor when he died, which made the decision simple and peaceful. “It’s really helped our family. Knowing that he’s helping other people and that he wanted to do that and his body was able to be used, that helps us. We like knowing we carried out his wishes.”

Janice described Jerry as a friendly man who didn’t know a stranger. He enjoyed fishing, helping Randy cut hay in the hayfield, and spending time with his family and friends. The diabetes affected his sight, but when he could see well, he enjoyed reading, too. He also used his new lease on life to participate in donor awareness programs. “He went to Jefferson City at one point to plant a tree at the governor’s mansion as part of an awareness program,” Janice remembered.

When Jerry retired after 30+ years at MFA Feed, he was able to watch Janice’s three children so she and her husband could both work full-time. Now Janice works at Salem Christian Church’s daycare, enabling her to continue working and be with her children while her husband is away for his railroad job. But before this career change, she worked as an EMT, an Emergency Room Technician, and a Certified Nurse’s Assistant. “Since Dad was in the hospital from the time I was four years old, healthcare is all I’ve ever known,” she said. “I wanted to help others. As an EMT, there was a rush because you didn’t know what was going to be there when you got the call.”

The excitement of EMT work didn’t prepare her to receive a letter from one of Jerry’s tissue recipients. Jerry donated his corneas, one of which helped a woman who was going blind from Fuchs’ dystrophy. The thank you letter she wrote to Janice made an impact. “I had to have my husband read the letter to me,” she said. “But then I’ve been taking it around and showing it to my friends and family.” Janice plans to respond to the cornea recipient’s letter, to share what it’s meant to her and her family that Jerry helped someone through donation. “I knew [Saving Sight] would let us know if he was eligible to donate corneas, but I didn’t know we’d find out if somebody got them,” she said. “Knowing a specific person could get use from his cornea, that he’s actually helping someone, that’s comforting to all of us.”

Jerry’s heroic decision to be a donor continues to be meaningful to his family. “We all still wear the green Donate Life bracelets,” Janice said. “We all registered and got our licenses changed. Even his grandchildren know that some of his body parts helped other people and they think that’s awesome.”

To join Janice, her family, and millions of Americans like Jerry who signed up for the donor registry, register online at www.DonateLife.net or at your local Department of Motor Vehicles office. And be sure to share your decision with your family and friends.

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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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