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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services



Lions Worldwide Week of Service

January 10-16, 2015



The Lions Worldwide Week of Service kicks off January 10, 2015, and we'd like you to be a part of this special Centennial Service Challenge event!

The Worldwide Week of Service is an international event that brings Lions around the world together for a special week of celebration and service. It's an opportunity to strengthen your community, showcase your club and celebrate the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones.

Join the Lions Worldwide Week of Service in January

Here's how your club can take part in this special service event:

1. **Plan your project** – Host a service project that benefits youth, vision, hunger or the environment during the week of January 10-16.
2. **Share your project** – Invite your community to serve with you to showcase your club and the power of service.
3. **Report your project** – Report your service on the [MyLCI Service Activity Report](#) to earn a [Centennial Banner Patch](#) for your club.

Celebrate Your Service

Share photos of your project on social media so everyone can see what a difference you're making in your community. Use the hashtag **#Lions100**, and we'll share your images on the LCI Facebook page!

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Information for Publication in *the Missouri Lion*

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

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

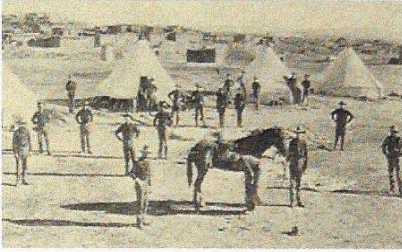
Paper copies of the above information can be sent to the editor at the following address:

the Missouri Lion
 Lion Jennie Mosher
 27011 Harrill Lane
 Lebanon, MO. 65536-4470

Deadline for article submission for the Jan 2015 Issue is January 15th 2015

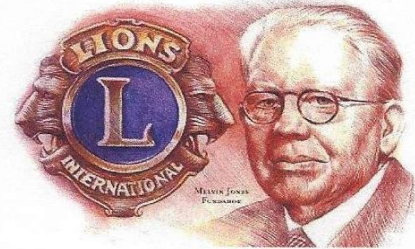
Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition *the Missouri Lion Editor*

46th Annual Melvin Jones Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony



Fort Thomas, Arizona

January 10, 2015
Fort Thomas, Arizona



January 13, 1879 - June 1, 1961

Melvin Jones was born January 13, 1879 in the Arizona Territory, today this military facility is called Fort Thomas. He was the son of a captain in the United States Army stationed at Fort Thomas, Arizona. He spent the early years of his childhood watching the soldiers until approximately 1886 or 1887 when his parents moved east as his father was transferred to another facility.

After his family moved to the east, Melvin Jones settled in the Chicago area where he studied at Union Business and Chaddock Colleges of Quincy, Illinois. It is no surprise he would remain in the Chicago area to develop his own business. In 1912, Melvin Jones was the sole owner of his own insurance agency in Chicago, Illinois. This is how he became a member of the local business circle. After spending two years as the secretary for this business group, he proposed the circle of business members could provide needed services in their local communities. Then in 1917, Melvin Jones gave up his insurance agency to work full time at Lions Clubs International headquarters.

The Melvin Jones Memorial was erected and dedicated to honor the founder of Lions Clubs International Association in 1965. Each year an Annual Rededication Ceremony is held at the facility, this year the event will be held on January 10th, 2015. Every Lion is invited to attend this special ceremony to honor the founder of



Today members of the Melvin Jones International Memorial Board MJIM are working to restore the buildings that remain at Fort Thomas, Arizona. Proceeds from the **Melvin Jones International Memorial "Centennial" Brick** are being used to restore this historical facility.

For additional information please contact PDG Lisa Alexander, MD26 MJIM Director:

C: 314-258-1069 or Lisa Alexander lisa@yahoo.com

93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

May 1st-3rd, 2015



Step back in time in Cape Girardeau, and feel the passion that led Mark Twain to write so eloquently about our river city in *Life on the Mississippi*, the inspiration that General Ulysses S. Grant used to lead with firm conviction as he took command of the Union Army on the Mississippi in our historic downtown and the warmth and hospitality that our community founder Louis Lorimier extended to Lewis and Clark while on the journey of a lifetime as they set forth on their Corps of Discovery.

Plan your trip to Cape Girardeau to discover more than 250 years of rich history and heritage - this [Historic Weekend in Cape Girardeau itinerary](#) is a great place to start!

<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. Register on – line.



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

When

Friday February 6, 2015 at 8:00 AM CST

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Saturday February 7, 2015 at 10:00 PM CST

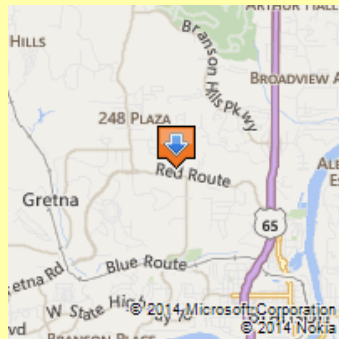
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Where

Chateau on the Lake

415 N State Hwy 265

Branson, MO 65616



[Driving Directions](#)

When

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-to-

Saturday February 7, 2015 at 10:00 PM CST

[Add to Calendar](#)

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

chief92@sbcglobal.net

816-331-7531



2015 ALL LIONS MID-WINTER FORUM REGISTRATION

Friday & Saturday, February 6-7, 2015



*** LOCATION ***

Chateau on the Lake Resort • 415 N State Hwy 265 • Branson, Missouri 65616

Your Registration Packages may be picked up on Friday from 4:00–6:00 PM and Saturday from 7:30–8:30 AM

***** Session starts at 8:30 AM Saturday *****

- In order to lead others you have to first lead yourself- As we look to "Strengthening the Pride"- what is your Role? What is your personal and leadership vision for your pride? It all starts with WHY. In this high energy and intensive day, the first half will be dedicated to personal and leadership growth and connecting to the Vision. The afternoon session will be focused on the keys of execution, implementation, and living the message. Every leader must know they are the message- how they live is the message and everyone is looking at them to see if they are the real deal.
- We strengthen the Pride one member, one leader at a time. When a leader grows and builds followers join - When leaders build leaders- explosive growth takes place! *Discover how this develops!*
- Morning- Session: The vision workshop - Afternoon Session: Living/Implementing the Message/Mission/Vision. If Joe has a vision- do you? What is your role in his Vision, Lions vision, your life vision? These two sessions will lead you to a better understanding of others, using common sense and a strong sense of direction. You will be able to use all of these at all levels of your Lions activities as well as in your personal life.

* Full registration includes Friday evening hospitality, all seminars on Saturday, and the lunch on Saturday. Anyone planning on attending any of the seminars will need a full registration. If you will be attending only the hospitality on Friday and the lunch on Saturday, a lunch registration is all that is needed. **Note: "COMPLETE ONLY ONE SECTION BELOW PER PERSON"**

UNFORTUNATELY - NO LATE OR WALK-UP REGISTRATIONS CAN BE ACCEPTED!

* Reservations and payment to MD26 Mid-Winter Forum MUST be postmarked by January 27, 2015.

* The Saturday Dinner and Show will be held at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Hotel. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and Show. This cost is not included in the Full Registration and is a separate charge.

* Tickets WILL NOT be issued for any of the events – your name will be included on a list.

First Registrant

Name: _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Club: _____ District 26- _____

Special Program Needed: Large Print or Braille - **Special Meal Requirement:** Description _____
 Full Forum Registration..... \$40
 OR Lunch Only \$25
 Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show \$30

Second Registrant

Name: _____ Are you a Lion? _____ Is this your first Mid-Winter Forum? _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ Club: _____ District 26- _____

Special Program Needed: Large Print or Braille - **Special Meal Requirement:** Description _____
 Full Forum Registration..... \$40
 OR Lunch Only \$25
 Optional Saturday Night Dinner/Show \$30

TOTAL AMOUNT is due in advance for all events **Total:** _____

Everything can be paid with one check payable to MD26 Mid-Winter Forum. Mail Registration form and check to:
Lion Donna Jungerman, 8627 Three T Rd, Mayview, MO 64071.

NO REFUNDS AFTER JANUARY 28, 2015.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: Please call the Chateau on the Lake Resort in Branson at 1-888-333-5253. A block of rooms has been set aside for this event. Mountain or Lake View rooms are \$79 + tax per night and Ambassador Suites are \$149 + tax per night. This room block will be held until January 15, 2015, at which time the rooms will be available on a *space and rate available* basis. You must be sure to tell the reservations associate that you are with the Missouri Lions Forum to get the special room rate. These rates will also be available two days before and two days after for attendees wishing to stay longer.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services Leader Weekend



Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center Lion's Leader Weekend April 10-11, 2015



THE ONE AND ONLY
BRIAN STARON
ENTERTAINS US
ON FRIDAY NIGHT!



Brian has been a full time performer for over 30 years. His family friendly show is made up of a special blend of slap-stick humor and incredible magic. Brian's show has been described as "live situation comedy". The show is suitable for all ages and relies heavily on audience participation, that's right, you and your guest will be part of the show!

Brian has performed before millions of people throughout the world at world renowned theme parks, cruise ship lines, colleges, and private venues, including the world famous Magic Castle, in Hollywood!

**ROOMS AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS
WILL NOT BE READY
UNTIL AFTER 3 PM.**

LION LEADERS WEEKEND
APRIL 10-11, 2015
4 PM Friday till 3 PM Saturday
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

JOIN ABOUT 100 OF YOUR
FELLOW LION LEADERS
FOR THIS EXCITING,
INFORMATIVE AND
INSPIRATIONAL WEEKEND!



MAKE ROOM RESERVATIONS BY
COMPLETING THE ENCLOSED FORM
OR CALL 888-546-6042
FOR DETAILED INFORMATION

ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB TO SEND
SOMEONE PLEASE!

HEAR THE DOCTORS AND
LEARN THE LATEST
ON EYECARE. OUR HOST
HOTEL IS THE HOLIDAY INN
EXPRESS 1180 UNION AVE.



Attendees will enjoy the famous Mid-South Lions hospitality on Friday afternoon followed by a traditional Memphis Barbecue dinner. After dinner we'll be joined by our doctors for a fun and magical presentation by former Disney performer Brian Staron at the Hamilton Eye Institute.

Saturday Lions will tour the Hamilton Eye Institute. Included on the tour will be the pediatric clinic, the Surgery Center and the Lions Low Vision Center.

Some of the most renowned ophthalmologists in the world will provide presentations about the latest in eye care, and will also lead tours of the Mid-South Lions clinics.

Mid-South Lions
Leaders Weekend
April 10-11, 2015
Memphis, TN



The Miracles of
Mid-South
are available to
people in **YOUR**
Community

Look inside for all the
details! Or go to
www.midsouthlions.org

Perhaps the most important weekend of the year for the sight and hearing impaired in your community...

Lion Leaders Weekend 2015 is open to anyone who has the desire to learn more about Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service and how the organization can bring miracles to people in your community.



Hear our doctors and see all the latest in medical facilities and equipment on the hospital tours.

Let our Past Presidents, Trustees, Officers and Staff show you how to bring light, sound and hope to those in need from your area.



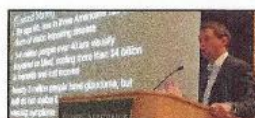
Consider the Cost

Mid-South Lions provides meals, entertainment, tours and handouts.

Your only cost to attend is your travel and lodging.

Rooms have been arranged at the Holiday Inn Express on Union Avenue at a rate of \$105 for one night and \$190 for two nights. This great rate includes lodging, parking, and a hot breakfast.

Room Reservations must be made by completing the enclosed form. Payment is required to reserve a room. Cancellations must be made no later than April 5 to receive a full refund.



Consider the Benefits

The information you'll receive during this weekend will help you understand how Mid-South Lions can be a tool to bring the gifts of sight and hearing to those in need from your community.

- Experience our
 - ▲ Hearing clinic
 - ▲ Low Vision Center,
 - ▲ Surgery Center,
 - ▲ Research facilities,
 - and our
 - ▲ one-of-a-kind
 - ▲ Pediatric Clinic

Plus you will see how your Lions money is being put to use to preserve and restore sight and hearing.

AND you should get a rejuvenating jolt of the spirit of Lionism that will help YOU take new enthusiasm and energy back to your fellow Lions Club members.



Special thanks to Wal-Mart Foundation for helping Mid-South provide MIRACLES!

**DON'T WAIT, MAKE YOUR
RESERVATIONS TODAY!
CALL 888-546-6042 EXT. 13**

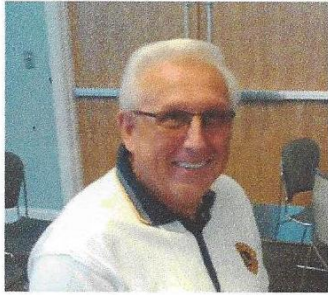
Don't miss this
chance to find out
how Mid-South
AND YOU
can serve your
community!



**AND WE'LL HAVE
LOTS OF FUN TOO!**



2015 Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

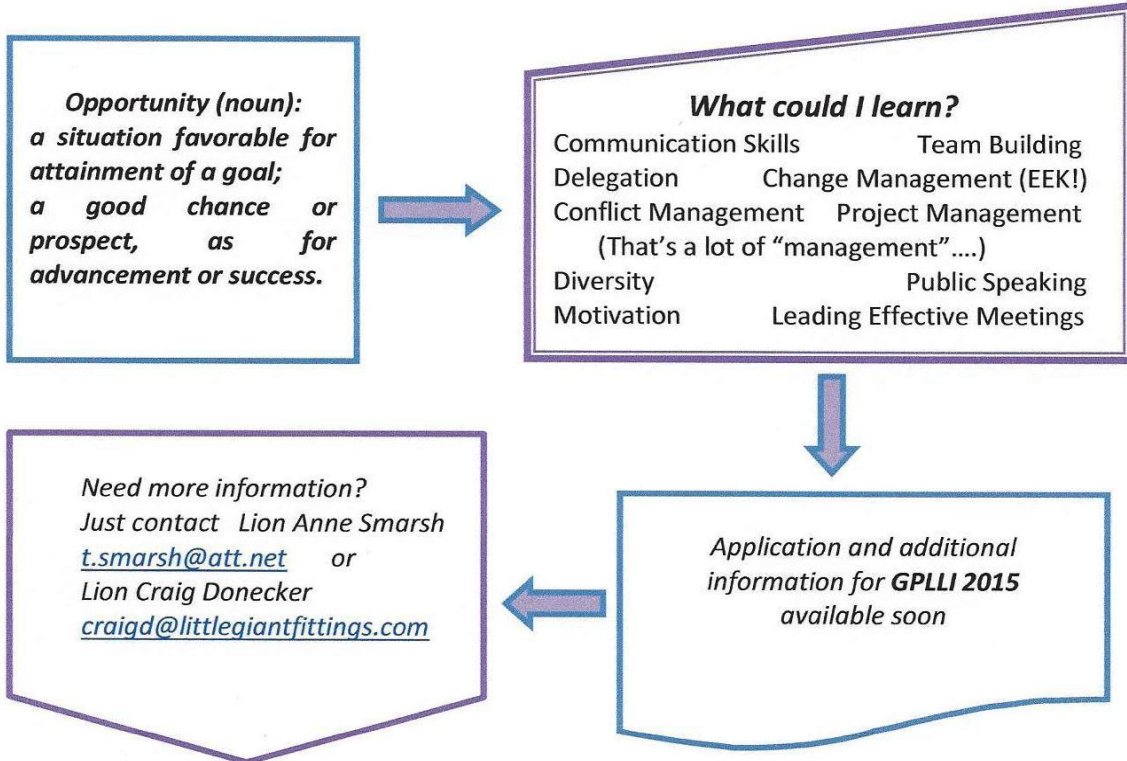


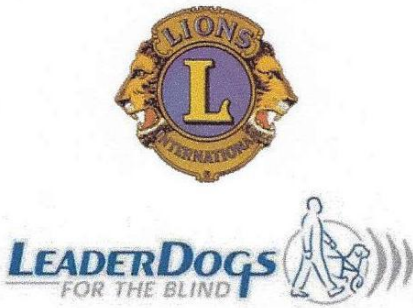
Lion Ed says. . . .



Everybody knows Kansas Lion Ed McCormick. If Ed says it's amazing, it's amazing!!!!

- What is GPLLI? **GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE**
- Where? Jamestown University in Jamestown, North Dakota
- When? Ed says **July 24-26, 2015**
- Cost? We don't know yet.....still working on facility details. We'll let you know as soon as we know. . .
- Who can attend? Any Lion, Lioness, or LEO who's 18 or older, who has not yet served as District Governor as of July 24, 2015





Fellow LIONS of Missouri and Arkansas

I am LION Phil Krebs of Missouri district M6, and I am Regional coordinator for the LIONS portion of the Canine Development Center campaign for Leader Dogs for the Blind.

It is my pleasure to bring you news of the work at Leader Dog and to enlist your help for the next 75 years of service to the vision impaired. Leader Dog was started in 1939 by three LIONS with "\$400 and a hat full of ideas" and 75 years later LIONS are 25% of their referrals for service, and annually contribute \$2 million of their \$11 million dollar budget for operations and client services.

To serve the current clients and those yet to come, Leader Dog has embarked on a 14.5 million dollar renovation and reconstruction of the 50 year old kennel and veterinary facilities. Think for a moment about our world today and what it was like 50 years ago. Imagine being blind then and the world you were travelling in, versus today and you will understand the need for the project. 75 years of experience in housing, training and caring for dogs have created the blueprint for the next 50 years in facilities, methods of training and animal husbandry.

"Our dogs have the immense responsibility of being the eyes of our clients"

Do I need to say anything more? In one word, what we offer the client is independence. The ability to be involved in the world, the confidence to travel, the ability to show the sighted that *I am not blind, I just see things a little differently than you do.*

How can you help? Several ways really, but for now we need a pledge of support from your club, you as an individual LIONS member, or individuals that you know that feel this is an important endeavor worthy of support.

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Your current club contributions go to support the daily operations of Leader Dog, the support for current recipients, future recipients, housing of dogs in training and everything else that goes with the LIONS motto "We Serve".

What we need are pledges of support over a 3-5 year window. Club pledges at the \$7500 level and above gain naming rights within the Canine Development center. All contributions from LIONS clubs at a \$75/member level and above get a banner patch for your banner based on the per member contribution level. In addition, personal member donations or non-LION personal donations on behalf of your club to the campaign are tax deductible and accrue to your club pledge of support. One time gifts are also welcome.

What else should you do? Have your Leader Dog chair in for a club visit and invite non-LIONS to hear about Leader Dog (maybe you'll get a member). Go to www.leaderdog.org and see what wonderful things they do. Go to www.leaderdog.org/canine-development-center-project to learn more. If you'd like to view the video Leader Dog produced in support of the Canine Development Center project, go to <http://youtu.be/7am9nZuGtI8>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail me at philx2@sbcglobal.net or contact your district Leader Dog chairperson.

In LIONISM, I am

LION Phil Krebs
MO/AR LIONS-Leader Dog coordinator

Past District Governor Lisa Alexander Receives Membership Award

Increasing Lions Club membership through developing new clubs throughout a District is critical to our organization here in the United States. It is no surprise that Past District Governor's such as Lisa Alexander would be recognized for her efforts during her governor year. During the 2012-2013; four new Lions Clubs were chartered in District 26- M3. Each new club requires at least 20 new members before they can apply for membership in Lions Clubs International Organization.

PDG Lisa Alexander was recently awarded a special Lions Club pin by Immediate Past President Barry J. Palmer for her work to increase the membership in her district in 2012-2013 lionistic year.

Congratulations **PDG Lisa Alexander** for a job well done.

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES OVER \$12,000 TO HELP PEOPLE WITH LOW VISION AND VISION LOSS



Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks presented the 13th Annual Memorial

“Sight Saving Scramble”

Golf Tournament

on Friday, October 24, 2014.

SPRINGFIELD, MO, October 24, 2014 - Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks (VRCO) and the Queen City Lions Club hosted the 13th Annual Memorial “Sight Saving Scramble,” Friday, October 24, 2014. 52 golfers hit the links on to enjoy 18 holes of golf and some gorgeous fall weather at Millwood Golf & Racquet Club. The tournament included a sponsored beverage cart and an after party reception.



“Close your eyes and imagine for a moment that you could not read these words, watch TV or see your children grow up due to vision loss,” shares Wendy Jackson, VRCO Executive Director. “VRCO is here to meet those needs and many others that people with vision loss face every day.”

VRCO provides services to people of all ages regardless of their ability to pay. The latest technologies for low vision care are expensive and not covered by insurance. Patients face great challenges completing daily activities without proper vision care and assistive devices.

Since opening its doors in 2010, VRCO has helped over 1,700 people maintain independence through specialized vision care and the use of adaptive technology. VRCO has worked with more than 100 children, age’s birth to three, and their families learn how to do things like explore their environment safely, prepare them for using braille, and transition into the school system.

It is through the continued support of the community that we are able to help improve the quality of life for people with vision impairments. The event proceeds of over \$12,000 will continue to help to magnify the quality of life for people with low vision or vision loss by providing these needed services and equipment.

Vision Rehabilitation Center of the Ozarks, VRCO, is the Ozarks’ leader specializing in low vision optometry, neuro-optometry and First Steps vision services for children ages birth to three.

Founded by Mercy Eye Specialists, VRCO is a 501(c) (3) organization that is operated through private donations, local grants, and insurance reimbursement. Community partners include Abilities First, Delta Gamma Alumnae, Drury University, Lions Clubs of District 26, Mattax Neu Prater, Mercy Health System, and Missouri State University.

Wendy R. Jackson, LCSW, MSW

Executive Director
Vision Rehabilitation Center
Phone: 417.831.0555
Fax: 417.831.0532
Mobile: 417.844.5636

2015 MD-26 District/State Conventions


District	Date	International Speaker	Location
26-M1	Feb. 20-22	ID Karla Harris	Rolla
26-M2	Mar. 27-29	ID Linda Tincher	St. Louis
26-M3	Mar. 6-8	ID William “Bill” McKinney	Columbia
26-M4	Mar. 13-15	ID Ed Farrington	Chillicothe
26-M5	Mar. 21	ID Esther LaMothe	Warrensburg
26-M6	Feb. 27-28	ID Robert Littlefield	Springfield
26-M-7	Mar. 6-8	ID Donald Shove	Jefferson City
MD26	Apr. 30-May 3	2nd VP Bob Curlew	Cape Girardeau

Messages from the District Governors

District 26-M1

District Governor Don Beckham

Lions in District 26-M1 will host the 2015 Missouri State Convention. They send a special invitation to Lions all across the state to attend this event. A paper registration Form is included below. Please join us in May.

2015 MISSOURI STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION				
Complete this form for mailing or register online at MOLionsConvention2015.com				
Lion's Name _____	Guest _____		<input type="checkbox"/> Same address as Lion	
Address _____	Address _____			
City _____	City _____			
State _____ Zip _____	State _____ Zip _____			
Phone (_____) _____	Phone (_____) _____			
Email _____	Email _____		Is your guest a Lion? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
District _____ Club _____	District _____ Club _____			
Title _____	Title _____			
Name for Badge _____	Name for Badge _____			
Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Special dietary needs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Details _____	Details _____			
CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON				
 ACTIVITIES	Standard Registration	Late Registration	LION	GUEST
	Postmarked by April 1, 2015	Postmarked after April 1, 2015		
Registration	\$25	\$30	\$	\$
Friday Evening Social	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Exhibits	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Luncheon with Speaker	\$15	\$20	\$	\$
Reception	<i>Free admission</i> with registration!		<i>Free!</i>	<i>Free!</i>
Banquet with Speaker	\$30	\$35	\$	\$
			TOTAL \$	
Please make checks payable to 2015 Missouri Lions State Convention . No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2015 . Mail completed registration form and payment to Lion Clint Karnes, PO Box 724, Cape Girardeau MO 63702-0724 . Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. See the back cover for details regarding accommodations. If you have questions regarding registration, contact Lion Tom Grantham at 573-579-3290 or tomgrantham@charter.net				

East Perry County Lions Being Busy

The East Perry County Lions have been busy, raising money, helping their neighbors and getting another beautiful float ready for the East Perry County Fair!



Houston Lions Club Fish Fry

Members of the Houston Lions Club prepare fried fish while Miss Texas County helps arrange the deserts for their fund raising project. Look at all the French fries and fried fish; they are prepared for a large crowd.



"I can see, and that is why I can be happy, in what you call the dark, but which to me is golden. I can see a God-made world, not a manmade world." [Helen Keller](#)

Patton Lions Club Sponsors Lawn Mower Races

Many stories were told by Past District Governor Murray Dunn from District 26-M1; as he described this annual event sponsored by his Lions Club. This event sure looks like a lot of “FUN” and we have the pictures to share with Lions all across the state. It certainly looks like these racers are having a lot of fun! This event also featured future “Lions” racing in their motorized vehicles as shown below in the picture on the left.



District 26-M3 District Governor John Clark

Columbia 20/20 Lions Club

September 10th, 2014 Columbia 20/20 Lions Club had one of their members, Mindy Young, honored by Jason Noland, Director of Development at Saving Sight, along with the Club President, Jacki Davidson for the Haywood Snipes Award!!



Also the 2nd picture above on the right is all the Haywood Snipes honorees from Columbia 20/20 Lions Club. We are very proud of this honor!!! Mary Brunkhorst, Mindy Young, Bob Young, & Julie Koirtyohann.

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Pictured below: Columbia 20/20 Lions Club members: Jacki Davidson, Mary Brunkhorst, Lori Geissert, Rebecca Pattillo, Nancy Drebes, & Marilyn Bell holding their "Certificate of Appreciation" from Saving Sight for working the Back to School Fair. We were awarded this at our Club meeting Sept 10th, 2014. Saving Sight told us they appreciate our continued support & invaluable service in helping bring eye care to the Children of Missouri!!



Pictured below: Mary Brunkhorst, club secretary, Patty OBrian, Past President & Jacki Davidson President stand with Jason Noland, Director of Development at Saving Sight. We were honored with a plaque for our services to Saving Sight. What an honor for our Columbia 20/20 Lions Club on September 10th, 2014.



District 26-M
District Governor Richard Werner
Wellington Food Drive Restocks Pantry



The Wellington area responded generously for the Community Wide Food Drive Saturday August 23. Pictured from left with the food collected are Lions members Marvin Siefker, Allen Lohsandt, Tim Logan and Kelly Logan. Donations of \$75 were also received for the Food Pantry to purchase need items of food.

A community wide food drive for the Wellington Food Pantry was set from 1:00 to 3:00 on Saturday August 23rd. Drop off location was at the Wellington Park Band Stand located north of the 4 way stop at the Jct. of Hwy 224 and Hwy 131.

Most needed items are fruit, soup, hamburger helper, pork n beans, pasta sauce, pasta, mac & cheese, tuna, spaghetti o's, peanut butter, snack items, and toilet paper.

The Food Pantry serves families that are on the brink. Hunger exists in LAFAYETTE COUNTY according to the Missouri Hunger Atlas. With a population of 33,000 the survey found 16% of families with children food uncertain and 4% of households with children with serious need for food. The Wellington Food Pantry serves families in the Wellington and surrounding area twice a month. Over 35 families are given food through the Wellington Food Pantry. The Wellington Lions will collect the food and deliver it to the food pantry.

Norborne Soybean Festival

Late summer and fall are seasons of festivals, large and small, throughout Missouri, and the Norborne Lions Club is no exception.

Coordinated in conjunction with the Norborne Soybean Festival Committee, the Norborne Lions Club began sponsoring the Norborne Soybean Festival in 1968. Since that time there have been many years of celebration, community spirit, and good will towards the Lion organization and its purposes. The celebration is held annually on the second weekend in August (Thursday night through Saturday).

As with many festivals in the Midwest, the merriment features a variety of foods and refreshment, entertainment for the adults and races, games, and contests for the children. Highlights of the Norborne Soybean Festival include the Southern Fun Carnival, a parade, the “homegrown, Hometown “Ha! Ha! Show” and the crowning of “king Soybean”. The Norborne Lions Club also provides a “beer garden” seating area with karaoke or live band every night of the festival.

Each Year the Norborne Lions Club are in charge of a covered area with tables known as “the Soybean Patch”. On rotating shifts, members of the club man the kitchen, serving pork burgers, drinks, chips and many other edibles through the Soybean Patch Serving Window.



There are a few long time members still in attendance at the Norborne Lions Club meetings. Resting firmly on the edge of the head table resides a metal bell. It was a gift from the Carrollton Lions Club chapter when the Norborne Lions received their charter back in 1955. A photo on the wall of those in attendance at the founding meeting so long ago is a reminder of those who have gone before, and those who are still at the meeting after so many years of faithful community service.

So, we tip our hats to the current pride of Lions in Norborne, Missouri. The service is firm, and the tradition continues.

District 26-M6

District Governor Peter Frantzen

District 26-M6 held its second cabinet meeting on November 1st, it was well attended. Perhaps a reason for better attendance was the selection of a more central location for District Cabinet meeting. Previously, the District Cabinet meeting was rotated to various Lions Clubs who had their own facility throughout the year. As the travel time to the meeting increased we noticed fewer Lions coming to the District Cabinet meeting. Hopefully, we have reversed this trend by returning to Springfield at the Chubb O'Reilly Cancer Center; a more central location for everyone in the district.

As I have made my visits to Lions' Clubs in my District I have found several new Lions who have accepted positions on my cabinet this year. At the second District Cabinet meeting all those present were treated to a special report done in sign language by one of these new additions. This report was very well received and seemed to add a surge of revitalization to those Lions present. My take home message for the incoming Vice District Governor's is look for new cabinet members when you make all those club visits; the growth/survival of our organization depends on bringing in new members with different ideas.

Like my fellow District Governor's I continue to visit the Lions Clubs within my district. When I see a Lions Club could benefit from assistance from a member of my cabinet, I suggest they contact the cabinet member directly and I also request the Cabinet Chair contact that particular Lions Club. This is a win-win for our Lions Clubs International Organization.

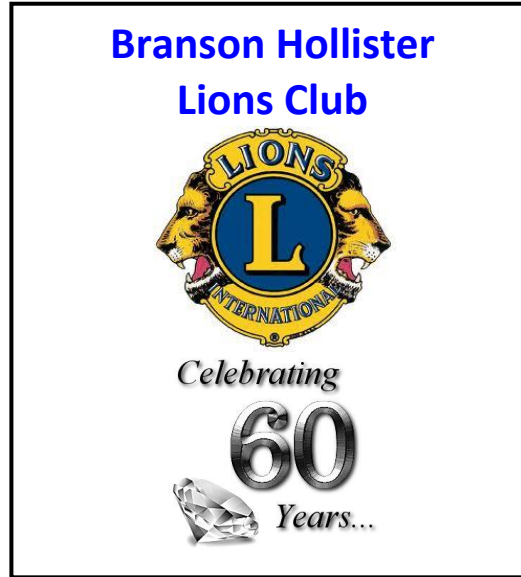
I recently attended a 60th Anniversary at the Branson-Hollister Lions Club. Today not many clubs reach this level of existence in a community. It was very interesting listening to all the wonderful community service projects members of this group had done since their beginning in October 1954. Their celebration was simple but very much team orientated. I have included a few photos from this event on the next page.

"Self-pity is our worst enemy and if we yield to it, we can never do anything wise in this world."
[Helen Keller](#)

Branson-Hollister Lions Club 60th Anniversary cont'd



PCC Howard Hawkins Club President



Leader Dog in Training



The Branson Hollister Lions Clubs was recognized for its 60 years of community service by both the mayor of Branson and the mayor of Hollister. Since the club was chartered in 1954; the members have provided many valuable community services to the Branson-Hollister area. Pictured above far left is Lion Pete Waldo with the mayor of Branson. In the middle is Lion Club President PCC Howard Hawkins with the mayor of Hollister. District Governor Peter Frantzen congratulates the Branson-Hollister Lions Club on 60 years of service.

Also, like the other six sitting District Governor's; we are busy planning our 2015 District 26-M6 Convention. Our convention will be held February 27-28, 2015 and our International Director will be Robert S. Littlefield, PH.D from Minnesota. We invite any Lion who wants to attend to come to Ramada Oasis Inn in Springfield.

On January 10th we will have our Annual Lions HOBO Day at the Branson Hollister Lions Club building. This event will feature both silent/live auctions, a cake walk, great Hobo stew and lots of **FUN**. Local Branson area facilities often donate weekend packages which are auctioned off during the live portion of the auction. The event starts at approximately 4:30 PM, you don't have to be from our district to come and have FUN.

As the holidays are upon us, I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday as well as a Merry Christmas. May your New Year be better than 2014 for you and your Lions Club.

During the past few months we have had a lot of summer and fall activities happening around the district. Like most Lions Club the warm days of summer and fall are when we are most active in the community raising funds to support or various community service projects.

At the end of August the Lamar Lions Club could be found at the local fair selling items from a concession stand while selling chances to win a John Deere Z₂₅₅ Zero Turn Lawn Mower. The lucky winner was Mike Kelly from Lamar, Missouri (pictured below sitting on the mower).



Pictured left to right: Lion Kevin Bull, Lion Dean Westbay, Lion Dorris Westbay and Lion Darlene Lehman

During this past quarter the Monett Lions Club could be found making its Annual Apple Butter. Everyone wants to buy this wonderful treat, if you have never tried their Apple Butter you do not know what you are missing. The Monett Lions Club has it down to a science; the following pictures do not begin to describe all the work that goes into this fundraiser.



As I am sure anyone who has had the Monett Lions Club Apple Butter would say, you will look forward to getting more next year.

Another crazy wet and wild event was held by the Forsyth Lions Club; it was a cardboard boat race. This is just the perfect event if the day it is held is **HOT**. However, if the temperature is below normal it can get a bit chilly when your cardboard creation suddenly starts to take on water. This is a fun activity to raise funds to support all our Lions Club community projects. The pictures below are from this event. Pictures were not available at publication; below is an example of a generic cardboard boat.



So many different ideas from Lions Clubs throughout our district, some more successful than others, some certainly a lot more fun but done for the sole purpose of helping those in need in our local communities. With that I will remind Lions this is the season when Lions help so many in need with food, shelter and clothes as we give back to our local communities.

“The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.”

[Helen Keller](#)



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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)



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

2014-2015 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
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 11, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
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
June 5-6, 2015	Mid-South Annual Membership Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 20, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
July 17-18, 2015	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Jamestown, N.D.
July 18, 2015	Football/Council of Governors Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
April 30 – May 3, 2015	93 rd Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Cape Girardeau, Missouri
	USA/Canada Forum	
TBA	94 th Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Springfield, MO
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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Thank you to everyone who joined us on Saturday, September 27th from 12-2 p.m. for an open house at our newly renovated Kansas City office. Lions from M5, M4, and M6 made trip in, plus our board members from around the state. Attendees enjoyed a tour of Saving Sight's new, state-of-the-art eye tissue processing labs as well as information about volunteering with KidSight and Eyeglass Recycling.

Upcoming Events

May 15-16, 2015 Lions L.E.A.D. Weekend

Join us at Saving Sight for a weekend of leadership, education, and development. Saving Sight's board of directors and honorary board of directors as well as the incoming Missouri Lions District Governors, 1st and 2nd Vice District Governors, and Sight Committee members are strongly encouraged to attend this learning opportunity. All Missouri Lions are invited to participate as well.

The event will begin in Columbia on Friday, May 15 from 5:30-8:00 p.m., and the conference will take place on Saturday, May 16 from 8:30-3:30. Exact location is TBD.



FY14-15 Board of Directors Meetings

All Lions are welcome to attend Saving Sight's quarterly board meetings, and Lions leaders are especially encouraged to attend. Save the date for the following board meetings, to be held at the Columbia office (404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201) from 9-11 a.m.:

Saturday, December 6, 2014
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Saturday, June 20, 2015

Mission Group Recycles Used Eyeglasses in Jamaica



Many students from the local community received glasses to help them succeed in school.

Richard, a pastor from Bolivar, Missouri, has been doing mission work in rural Jamaica for the past 17 years. He and his fellow missionaries have built two churches in the Craighead and Warsop districts near the center of the island. Twice per year, they bring at least one physician down to offer medical services to local people in need. Recently, Richard contacted Saving Sight to add eyeglasses to his mission clinics, and during his July 2014 trip, he and his team distributed 125 pairs of glasses.

"We were able to brighten so many lives," said Pastor Richard. "There were some so poor that they couldn't manage to purchase reading glasses even though they needed. It was a blessing to have Saving Sight help us in that community with the eyeglasses. It's added to our clinic in a remarkable way." Furthermore, providing glasses to those with vision problems has improved the efficiency

and effectiveness of the medical clinic. "The doctor was able to treat more patients who needed serious medical attention, as opposed to vision problems," he said. "He treated 300 patients in a week's time because the 125 people who came for glasses didn't need his time."

Pastor Richard and his team will be returning to Jamaica in October for another medical mission trip. Saving Sight has provided an additional 100 reading glasses for the upcoming trip. "To watch the people's faces—it's so wonderful that they're able to see after being handicapped for so many years," he said. "That's a blessing." Saving Sight looks forward to an ongoing partnership with Pastor Richard and his team as they change lives by saving sight.

A big thank you to PDG Stuart Payne from the Carl Junction Lions for connecting Pastor Richard with Saving Sight. If you or someone you know is traveling overseas for a medical mission and used glasses are needed, please contact Lion Sheila Fields at 573-443-1479 or sfields@saving-sight.org.

Learn more about Eyeglass Recycling at www.saving-sight.org/eyeglass-recycling-program

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 still 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 our volunteer coordinator, Lion Sheila Fields, at sfields@saving-sight.org or 573-443-1479 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 the trip.

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Thank You for Your Support!

Last fiscal year we served more than 50,000 people, and with your help, we can serve 50,000 more this year. Thank you to the following clubs who made a financial donation during the first quarter (July 1 to September 30, 2014).

Multiple District 26:

Missouri Lions Multiple District 26 - \$75.00

District: M2

Creve Coeur Lions - \$1,250.00

Webster Groves Lions - \$1,000.00

St. Louis Harmony Lions - \$500.00

Beaufort Lions - \$175.00

Woodson Terrace Lions - \$150.00

Chesterfield Lions - \$50.00

Past District Governors of MD26-M2 - \$50.00

District: M3

First Capitol Lions - \$2,500.00

Columbia Rockbridge Lions - \$1,500.00

Madison Lions - \$250.00

District: M4

Green City Lions - \$500.00

Brookfield Lions - \$500.00

Fairport Lions - \$200.00

Salisbury Lions - \$100.00

Cosby Lions - \$50.00

Gentry Lions - \$50.00

District: M5

Past District Governor Association of MD26-M5 - \$5,030.00

Concordia Lions - \$1,300.00

Higginsville-Lafayette Lions - \$200.00

Marshall Lions - \$50.00

District: M6

Gainesville Lions - \$100.00

Springfield Host Lions - \$50.00

District: M7

Brazito-Honey Creek Lions - \$300.00



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Lions who were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society:

Lion Bob Linnenbrink – Wardsville Lions
Lion Mindy Young – Columbia 20/20 Lions

Preschooler Treated for Amblyopia Thanks to KidSight Screening

Colton, a 4-year-old from Florissant, MO, was screened by KidSight at his preschool. "That day, I got a letter home stating that they believed Colton had astigmatism and was nearsighted," said Kristina, Colton's mother. "At first I was concerned it was some sort of business ploy, so I brushed it off. But when I took Colton to school the next day, the teacher said Colton was the only one who received a referral. My heart sunk immediately." Once she understood the gravity of the situation, Kristina wasted no time in scheduling an appointment to have Colton's eyes examined by a pediatric eye specialist.

The doctor confirmed the screening results: Colton suffered from astigmatism and nearsightedness, which contributed to bilateral amblyopia, or "lazy eye" in both eyes. "I got tears in my eyes while the doctor explained all of this," said Kristina. According to the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, bilateral amblyopia is best treated with consistent wearing of glasses, followed by regular visits to the eye doctor. And like most childhood vision problems, the earlier the problem is detected, the better it can be treated.

It took Colton a few weeks to start seeing a lot better with the prescription glasses, but he understands that he must wear them all the time. In fact, Colton has said, "These glasses give me x-ray vision. I can see everything now." Kristina said he enjoys sports and video games, and as the middle child of three boys, his brothers are his best friends. He likes taking care of his younger brother and playing with his older brother.

Because children with vision problems don't know their sight is poor, they just adapt to it and don't mention anything to their parents. Kristina now recalls how Colton always lay closest to the TV when the family gathered to watch. "I felt like a terrible parent for not realizing this sooner," said Kristina. "I didn't know how much he couldn't see." But small signs like this are only obvious in hindsight—most vision problems are undetectable to parents. That's why vision screening and professional eye care recommendations are so useful: vision problems can be found early and children like Colton can get the treatment they need before problems worsen.



"It takes this technology to help parents figure out that their children need help," said Kristina. "I cannot say thank you enough to Saving Sight and KidSight for the impact it has had on Colton. He would have missed out on however many years of not being able to see things properly."

Eye doctors recommend that children receive an eye exam before starting grade school, and children with vision or learning problems should get exams earlier.

To learn more about volunteering for the KidSight program, visit www.saving-sight.org/lions or call Volunteer Coordinator Lion Sheila Fields at 573-443-1479.

Learn more about KidSight, including how to volunteer, find a screening near you, and request a screening in your community at saving-sight.org/KidSight



KidSight Impact Report

Below is the KidSight screening statistics for July 1 to September 30, 2014. "Referrals" are the number of children who the KidSight technicians and volunteers have found to be at high-risk for vision problems.

YTD			
District	Screened	Referrals	Screenings
M1	2096	77	49
M2	3792	150	61
M3	2656	143	60
M4	1973	92	44
M5	878	42	31
M6	2863	226	51
M7	1416	66	16
Total	15,674	796	312

Learn more about KidSight at www.saving-sight.org/KidSight

PDG Leo Bergeron Added to Saving Sight's Memorial Plaque in Columbia

Saving Sight was saddened to hear of the loss of PDG Leo Bergeron, a wonderful Lion and committed supporter of Saving Sight. After an outpouring of memorials donated in support of Lion Leo, Saving Sight has added his name to the memorial plaque in the Columbia office's library and board room.

Memorials are an important way to enable our loved ones to continue to help others. From the corneal transplant recipient who gains sight thanks to cornea donation, to the child who receives care for vision problems after one of our KidSight vision screening events – gifts made in memory of Lion Leo will empower people in our communities through the precious gift of sight.

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