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93rd Missouri Lions State Convention



93RD MISSOURI LIONS STATE CONVENTION

Thursday, April 30 – Sunday, May 3

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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Great Food & Beverage
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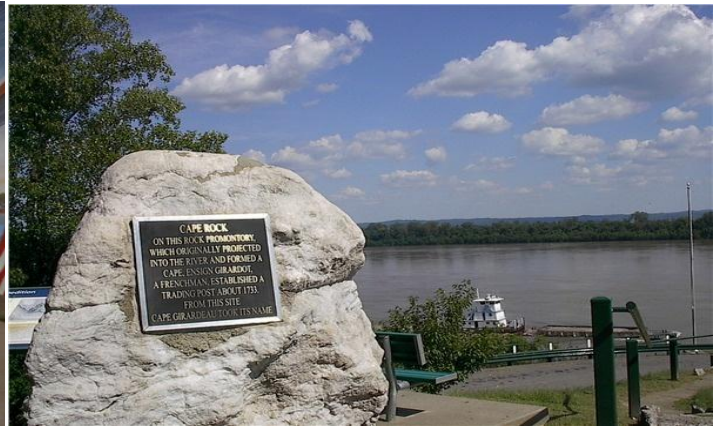
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The All Accessible Playground
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KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

Remember To Pack a Hat

Go To <http://www.molionsconvention2015.com/Register/>



Walk along the mighty Mississippi River; watch the barges carry their cargoes up and down the river. Close your eyes and think back to early days when Mark Twain would write so eloquently about life on the river. Cape Girardeau, Missouri has so many historic landmarks for you to visit when you come to the Missouri Lions State Convention.



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!

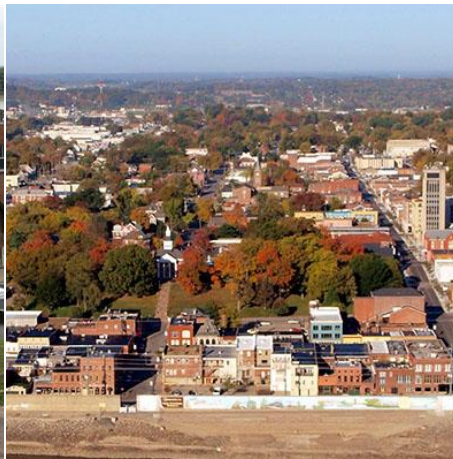
Visit Historic Downtown Cape Girardeau, Missouri



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.

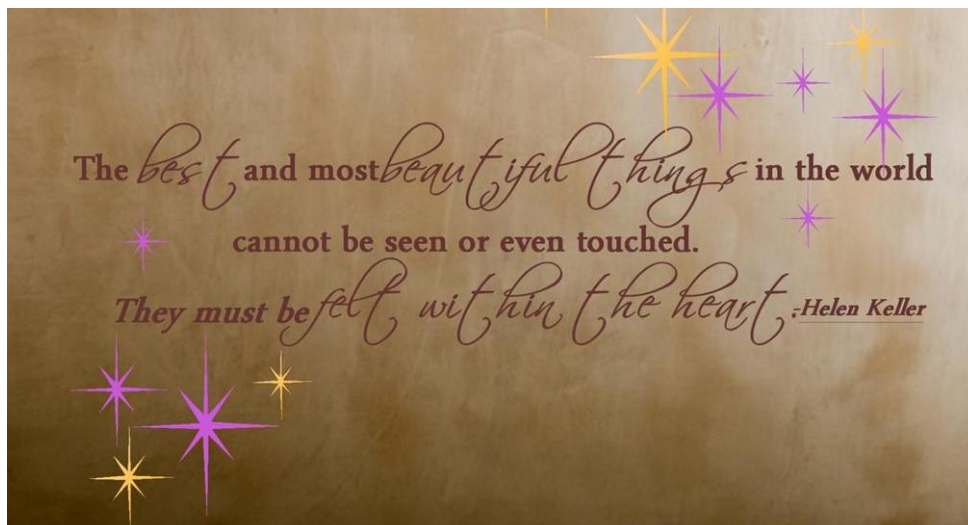
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The pictures below are just a few n the reasons to attend the 93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention in Cape Girardeau, Missouri from April 30th thru May 3rd, 2015. You can register on line, use your credit card to pay.



Additional information can be found at the following web site:

<http://molionsconvention2015.com/>



93rd Annual Missouri State Lions Convention

Derby Party

Ladies gather up your decorative hats with feathers, lace and all the fancy trim to wear to the party. Gentlemen find your grand old "Top Hat" to wear to this festive occasion. Remember all this is in the name of fun with all profits going to a great charity.




2015 Lions State Convention Service Project

Members of the 93rd Annual Missouri State Convention have identified a special service project for Lions attending this year's event. They are collecting new cards for all occasions so Lions can write a special message/Thank You to our military personnel. What a great Service Project. I know the recipients of these hand written cards will truly appreciate them. If you have blank cards which you want to donate for this project bring them with you to the Convention.

Contact Lion Laurie Taylor at lhtaylor@semo.edu"

The official 2015 registration form follows if you prefer to not to register on-line.

 CONVENTION FEES PER PERSON				
ACTIVITIES	Standard Registration Postmarked by April 1, 2015	Late Registration Postmarked after April 1, 2015	LION	GUEST
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

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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 May 2015 Issue is May 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

Lions Club International Foundation LCIF

I want to thank all clubs who have donated to LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. In MD-26 gifts have ranged from \$20 to several thousand. All are needed and much appreciated by LCIF (our foundation).

Seven months have now gone in our lionistic year. Totals given by 73 clubs out of the 363 clubs in MD-26 totaled \$38,976.00. This amounts to 20.68% of clubs in MD26 donating to LCIF. OUR OWN INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION. MD-26 has received over two million dollars in grants from LCIF since it's inception, so it can't be said LCIF money only goes elsewhere in the world. Much has come to Missouri. The most recent example of grants are those in Cape Girardeau, Joplin, Kansas City, and Missouri Lions Eye Research Foundation (now Saving Sight).

Two years ago total MD-26 giving for 2012/13 was \$115,000. Last year, 2013/14, the total was \$105,000. I think it is safe to say that we could do better. The last lionistic year a letter to all clubs president was sent with information on LCIF and encouraging them to contact the LCIF coordinator in their district for presentations to their club. There was some direct replies received and there will be another letter sent to this year's club presidents. The district coordinators are listed in district directories however I am also listing them in this article.

26-M1	PDG Murray Dunn	moonlite37@hughes.net	Phone (573) 866 2480
26-M2	PCC Terry Boettcher	liontdb@fidmail.com	(573) 368 8185
26-M3	PCC Pat Porterfield	lynpat@charter.net	(636) 359 0628
26-M4	PDG Roger Unruh	rquruh@att.net	(816) 752 3034
26-M5	PDG Johnny Stabno	jstabno@sbcglobal.net	(816) 812 5234
26-M6	PCC Jim Tesreau	jtesreau@msn.com	(471) 629 2613
26-M7	PDG Bryan Rogers	bear4mokane@gmail.com	(573) 678 3978

I would ask clubs who have not donated to consider doing so. Just as an example, if all 280 clubs who have not yet donated would donate an average of \$300 we would have a total for all clubs of \$123,000 which would surpass any previous total by approximately \$7,000. I know not all clubs can donate \$300 but others can do more, so help your LCIF Foundation with what you can. Let's remember the quote of Helen Keller which reminds us that alone we can only do so much, together we can accomplish so much more, (not her exact wording) but I'm sure you get the point.

Yours in Lionism,

PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett
MD-26 LCIF Coordinator
EDGJAG@aol.com (636) 262 8770



Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute



Your Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute is an amazing opportunity to enhance leadership skills, meet Lions from six U.S. states and one Canadian province and have fun.

When: July 24 – 26, 2015

Where: Jamestown University, Jamestown, North Dakota, U.S.

Registration Fee: \$150 U.S. funds before June 1
\$170 U.S. funds after May 31
Fee includes meals, institute costs and double occupancy dorm room

Who: Any Lion, Lioness, or Leo who 18 or older, who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute, is eligible. *No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.*

This weekend features seminars that apply to Lions volunteer service AND to one's career, community and home life. Topics are:

<i>Building Effective Teams</i>	<i>Communication Skills</i>
<i>Conflict Management</i>	<i>Delegation</i>
<i>Diversity</i>	<i>Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission Statement</i>
<i>Leading Effective Meetings</i>	<i>Managing Your Time</i>
<i>Motivation</i>	<i>Project Management</i>

We will also present a luncheon session specifically geared towards Lions Clubs International, its programs, legacy, and resources available.

Wait! There's another benefit: graduating the GPLLI program meets one requirement for completion of the Master's Program of Lions University. Check out www.lionsuniversity.org

Application form attached for registration, dorm and special needs information.



Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh
e-mail: t.smarsh@att.net
or
Lion Craig Donecker
e-mail: craigd@littlegiantfittings.com

Put it all together! Make your reservation. DO it now!

Feb. 2015

GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE 2015

- WHAT** **GPLLI** is an intensive, professional and valuable leadership skills program for Lions who have not served as District Governor. You will learn skills for club, job, community and church, as well as personal development.
- WHEN** July 24-26, 2015. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 24. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 26, 2015. Lunch on Friday, July 24 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota
- COST** US\$150 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May 31, 2015. Cost increases to US\$170 beginning June 1, 2015. Registration covers a double occupancy room, seven meals, and all course materials. Single occupancy rooms, if available, require an additional US\$40. Any remaining costs will be covered by funding from Lions Clubs International and contributions from participating multiple districts.
- WHO** Any Lion, Lioness or Leo who has attained majority and who has not yet served as District Governor as of the dates of the institute is eligible. No previous attendee is eligible without prior approval of the Institute Coordinator, PID Marvin Chambers.

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

Dynamic presenters from across the Great Plains will provide emerging Lion leaders with modules on communication skills, team building, delegation, time management, conflict management, project management, diversity, motivation, goal setting/action planning/personal mission statement and leading effective meetings.

For additional information please contact Secretary/Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz at nmbruce@bis.midco.net or 701-258-1189.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

Leader Dogs for the Blind is Accepting Applications for their 2015 Summer Experience Camp

Do you know any teenagers who could use a week of fun, outdoor activity and friendship this summer? Do you think they would enjoy kayaking, rock wall climbing and tandem biking?

How about the challenge of developing new travel skills and stretching their independence? If so, the Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp was designed with them in mind



The program combines outdoor activities with things exclusively Leader Dog—audible pedestrian GPS training and the opportunity to spend time with Leader Dogs in training and guide dog mobility instructors. The combination will help them increase the skills they need to live independently!

Summer Experience Camp is for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind. The program is completely free including airfare to Michigan—and everyone receives a free HumanWare Trekker audible pedestrian GPS device to keep. Summer Experience Camp is scheduled for June 26—July 3, 2015. Applications are due by April 1, 2015.

For more information and to download an application, go to

www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp

or call the Leader Dogs for the Blind client services department at 888-777-5332.

Visit us online at leaderdog.org or 'like' us on Facebook

Empowering people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for independent travel through quality Leader Dogs, highly effective client instruction and innovative services.

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
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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.



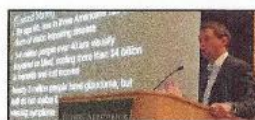
Consider the Cost

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!**



Complete (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

and mail as soon as possible
(PLEASE NO RESERVATIONS
BY E-MAIL OR PHONE)
to Mid-South Lions, 930 Madison,
Suite 101 Memphis, TN 38103

VDG / DGE OTHER LION LEADER
 HOST

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST _____

CLUB _____

DISTRICT _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST ZIP _____

PHONE _____

E-MAIL _____

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY APRIL 6, 2015

FRIDAY 4/10 ONLY

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$105 CHECK OR CARD #

CARD # _____

EXP DATE _____

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 4/10-11

PLEASE ENCLOSE \$190 CK OR CARD #

ROOM TYPE: 1 BED 2 BEDS

NO ROOM NEEDED

ALL ROOMS ARE NON-SMOKING

Dear Lion President: LION LEADERS WEEKEND IS APRIL 10-11, 2015 IN MEMPHIS!

Please look over the enclosed 2015 Lion Leaders Weekend brochure. It has information about a weekend that will enhance the way your Club serves your community.

Not only will you see the state-of-the-art facilities utilized by your Mid-South Lions Sight And Hearing Service, but you will be able to discuss service projects, fundraisers, activities and events with Lions from Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.

This special weekend will include a command performance from comedy magician Brian Staron on Friday evening, and you'll hear from some of the world's most renowned ophthalmologists, and see some of the absolute latest technology during Saturday's program.

This is a once-a-year opportunity for leaders in your Lions Club to observe, learn and put into action methods and experiences that will help your Lions Club to provide sight and hearing to those in need from your community.

What is the cost? 1) Your time and 2) Expenses for travel and lodging (see brochure for hotel rates). What is the benefit? 1) Your Lion leaders will bring back more enthusiasm and expertise for serving those in need 2) Leaders will have more ideas on what other clubs do to raise money and ways to serve better and 3) Attendees will actually see our medical facilities through the eyes of our doctors and hear what a positive difference YOU are making through Mid-South Lions.

Join me and the Lions of our four states at the 2015 Lion Leaders Weekend. You and the people you serve will be glad you did.

Complete the attached form and return it to Mid-South to make reservations. To secure your room and set our meal guarantees, we need your reservations no later than April 6.

Together in service,



PDG Bill Norris, Mid-South Lions President 2014-2015

2015 USA/Canada Forum: Grand Rapids, Michigan



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The Dramatic Story of a Century of Lions Service

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 Clement Kusiak Wayne A. Madden J. Frank Moore III Joe Preston
 Jimmy Ross Sid L. Scruggs III Judge Brian Stevenson Wing-Kun Tam
 Joseph L. Wroblewski Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada Dr. William H. Wunder

and
YOU

USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum

September 17-19, 2015
 Grand Rapids, Michigan

email: registrar@lionsforum.org Phone: (605) 723-4007

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

2015 MD-26 Schedule of District 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. 20-21	ID Esther LaMothe	Warrensburg
26-M6	Feb. 27-28	ID Robert Littlefield	Springfield
26-M-7	Mar. 6-8	ID Donald Shove	Jefferson City

HOW TO RECEIVE SERVICE FROM MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICE



You will need to complete an application for service when sponsoring a patient to the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. There are separate applications for sight and hearing, please use the appropriate application. The federal financial guidelines to qualify for our service are listed on the other side of this and must be strictly followed. Unless there are extenuating circumstances (there are very few exceptions such as medical bills or recent unemployment) patients whose income is greater than the guidelines cannot be considered for service.

Due to the increased cost of hearing aids, ALL hearing applications must be accompanied by a **\$250** check to cover the cost of one hearing aid. Hearing aids are limited to one per patient, per year unless two hearing aids are prescribed by our audiologist. The club must decide whether to fund two hearing aids (**\$500**) if so prescribed. If a hearing aid is not prescribed, the club has the option of a refund, holding it for their next hearing patient, or allowing Mid-South to keep the funds as a club contribution.

The main sight clinic is located on the 2nd floor of the Hamilton Eye Institute at 930 Madison Avenue in Memphis. Additional satellite clinics and specialty clinics (prosthetics, retinas) are located throughout the four-state area (see application for details). The Methodist hearing clinic is located on the Ground floor of the Tower at Methodist University Hospital, 1265 Union Avenue in Memphis. A second location for hearing is the Memphis Speech and Hearing Clinic at 807 Jefferson Ave in Memphis. And we have added another location for hearing at the Bella Vista Hearing Center, 22 Sugar Creek Center, Bella Vista, AR. The hospital and clinics require proof of current income, such as a copy of the patient's current income tax return or a copy of the patient's last paycheck or social security check. It is also important for you to make a copy of the application for your Club's records.

The interviewing Lion should meet with the patient and complete the form *totally*, then mail it to the Mid-South office. We will notify the patient and the interviewing Lion as to whether or not the patient has been approved for service, and if approved when and where their first appointment will be. It will be up to the patient and the interviewing Lion to arrange transportation. At this time there is a somewhat lengthy waiting period to get an appointment and/or surgery. Please be sure to include *all* the information requested on the form. *It is important that you fill out the form completely. Incomplete forms will cause unnecessary delays in processing of the application.* Please mail the application and applicable attachments to the Mid-South office, not the clinic. Faxing applications will not expedite the process. The patient's first visit to Mid-South is for evaluation purposes **ONLY**. Please do not expect surgery on the first visit. Also, after hours emergency service is not available through Mid-South Lions.

If you have a patient who needs urgent care please call the office directly at 888-LION-042 (888-546-6042). If we determine that it is indeed an emergency case and the patient qualifies for service, we will do everything we can to get the patient seen at one of our clinics as soon as possible.

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service depend on Lions Club contributions to continue providing "A Miracle A Day" to patients in your service area. Currently, Mid-South Lions suggested level of giving is at least \$25 per member, however a club contribution is not required to receive service and all contributions are welcome. Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service appreciate your assistance and your continued financial support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!
MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICE
Federal Indigent Guidelines through January 31, 2016

Or until further notice

This is a list of hospital limits on income

BEFORE ANY DEDUCTIONS

**INCOME FIGURES MUST BE POSTED ON ANY APPLICATION FOR SERVICE
FAILURE TO POST INCOME WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF APPLICATION**

INCOME BEFORE DEDUCTIONS:

NUMBER IN THE FAMILY	WEEKLY*	MONTHLY**	ANNUAL***
1	\$226	\$981	\$11,770
2	\$306	\$1,328	\$15,930
3	\$386	\$1,674	\$20,090
4	\$466	\$2,021	\$24,250
5	\$546	\$2,368	\$28,410
6	\$626	\$2,714	\$32,570
7	\$706	\$3,061	\$36,730
8	\$786	\$3,408	\$40,890

- * For family units of more than 8 members, add \$80 for each additional member
- ** For family units of more than 8 members, add \$347 for each additional member
- *** For family units of more than 8 members, add \$4,160 for each additional member

Anyone making more than this is considered OVER SCALE by the United States government guidelines, which the hospital must follow. However, the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service staff examines each case on an individual basis. Barring extenuating circumstances, each Lions Club should see that these guidelines are met.

The hospital requires that all sponsored patients provide proof of their current income. This may be in the form of a current income tax return or a copy of the last payroll check or Social Security checks.

If the patient is a minor, they MUST be accompanied by one of the parents or a legal guardian.

The income requirement standards on this form are subject to change as government guidelines change.

Lions Club International Environmental Programs

Protect the Environment and be part of the Centennial Service Challenge Each April, Lions around the world to focus on Protecting Our Environment. Your club can get involved in the Centennial Service Challenge and celebrate Earth Day on April 22 by organizing special projects throughout the month that raise awareness and protect our planet. Ideas include planting trees, organizing a beach or roadside clean-up, establishing a recycling program, and hosting an environment-related seminar or workshop. Environmental projects are a great way to engage the entire community in hands-on volunteer work that makes a big impact. Start planning today for a greener tomorrow! - See more at:

<http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/newsletters/newswire.php#sthash.y1eD9S0Q.dpuf>



2015 Lions Club International Convention Deadline

Aloha Lions! March 31 is the deadline to [register](#) for the International Convention at the special rate of US\$150 – a savings of \$20 off the full registration fee!

Be sure to book your hotel through LCI. Free shuttle transportation to all official convention events is provided for Lions and their guests when booking your room through LCI.

Don't delay –register today for the convention to receive the \$150 registration fee. Also, [book](#) your hotel room with LCI and stay with your delegation.

We look forward to seeing you in Honolulu. Mahalo!

- See more at: <http://members.lionsclubs.org/EN/resources/newsletters/newswire.php#sthash.y1eD9S0Q.dpuf>

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 on page 5 of this publication. Please join us in May.

Houston Lions Club



Here is a note we received from a lady in Houston, Kind of makes you appreciate what the Lions is all about

I was a part-time cashier at a local store in Houston several years ago. I was having trouble seeing and was having trouble doing my job. I had no insurance or money to see an optometrist or buy glasses. One of my customers was a Lions Club member and I asked her if there was a way the Lions could help. She got me an application and submitted it to the club. I was scheduled for an appointment and Thanks to the Lions I received a new pair

of glasses. The story does not end here. After I received a new pair of glasses I noticed the brown spots on my legs that I could not see before. My friends told me I had to get them checked out and thankfully I took their advice. As it turned out the brown spots were a cancerous growth I was told that if left untreated they could have been fatal. Because of the Lions helping me get my glasses I discovered the cancer and received treatment to remove the growths. In short because the Lions Club and the glasses I received probably saved my life. I cannot think the Lions enough for not only giving me the gift of sight but a few more years to spend with my family. I will be forever grateful to the men and women of the Houston Lions Club.



House Springs Lions Club collected new/slightly used stuffed animals to hand out during the local Christmas Parade. Last year they handed out 900 stuffed animals. What a great community service project for a Lions Club to do.



District Governor Elect 26-M1

Don Shelhammer of the Houston Lions Club was elected District Governor of Missouri Lions District M-1 at last weekend's convention in Rolla. He is just the third member of the local club to receive the honor since it was chartered in 1940.

Shelhammer, who will begin his one-year term following the Lions Club International Convention in June, has been a member of the Houston Lions club since 1988. He joins James Brown from the 1950s and Elmer Murffin in the 1960s as the only District Governors from the Houston Lions Club.

Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club

The picture below shows PDG Casey Morris and Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus with all the Christmas gifts collected by the Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club for military personnel stationed at that facility. It was a great success once again.



2015 District 26-M1 Lions Convention



Top picture is with ID Lion Karla Harris (center standing) from Milwaukee.

Middle picture: Rolla Lions Club President Lion James Tharp holding the Certificate of Appreciation from the International President presented to the club by International Director Lion Karla Harris (standing on the right).

Bottom picture is District 26-M1 Treasurer Lion Wendy Williams receiving the Certificate of Appreciation from the International President presented by International Director Lion Karla Harris of Milwaukee and District Governor Lion Don Beckham.

District 26-M2
District Governor Missy Carr



6th ANNUAL
"RUN FOR THE CHEESE"
CHARITY MOUSE RACES

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2015

\$15.00 per ticket

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Races Begin at 7:00 p.m.

Call Kim @ 314-412-3843
FOR Ticket Information
FOR Advanced Table Reservations
Special Table Discounts for Charity Organizations!

St. John Lutheran Church
15800 Manchester Road
Ellisville, MO 63011

For childcare information
Wildwood Family YMCA
636-458-6636
Reservations required
before February 14, 2015

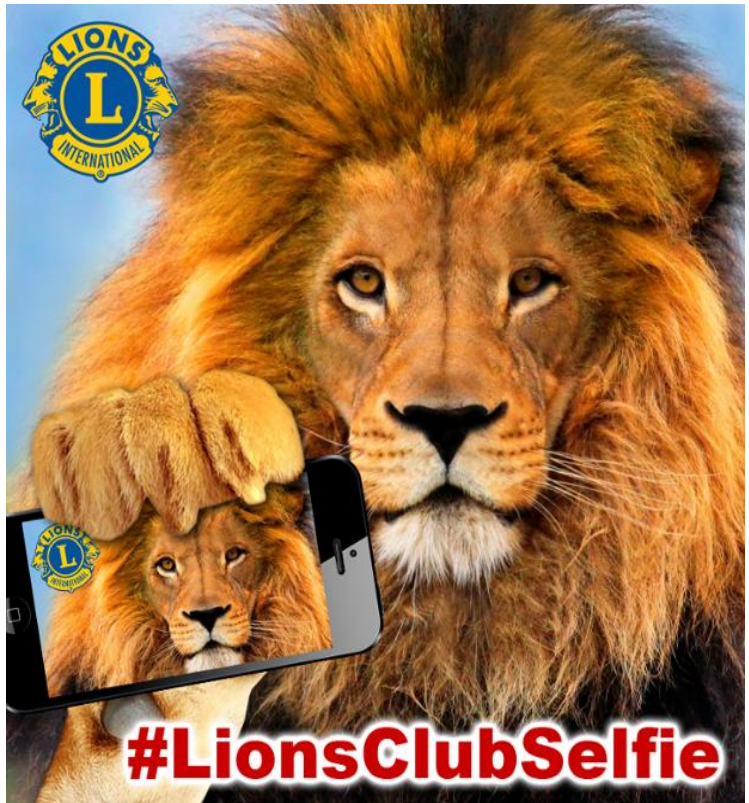
Cash bar for
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Soda & Water
Provided

For Sponsorships call Larry Sontag 636-405-0196 or
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District 26-M6
District Governor Peter Frantzen



District 26-M6 Lions Convention

February 27 & 28, 2015

Oasis Ramada Inn/Convention Center
Springfield, Missouri

Guest Speaker

International Director Robert S. Littlefield PH.D

Pictured on the left is DG Peter Frantzen with
the International Director during the opening
session of the 2015 District 26-M6 Convention

Parade of Checks

This activity was held at the District Convention Luncheon. During the parade members of Lion Clubs throughout the District could give a monetary donation to different Lions Projects; Leader Dog, Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services, World Services for the Blind, Missouri All State Lions Band, Missouri Lions All Star Football and Vision Rehab of the Ozarks (VRCO).



International Director Robert S. Littlefield PH.D inducted 3 new Lions during the lunch session. (See the picture below).



International Director is reminding the sponsors of the 3 new Lions in the previous picture of their responsibilities as a mentor for these new members.



As with all District Conventions those attending elect the officers to serve in their area for the following Lionistic year. Pictured below from right to left are as follows:

Vice District Governor Elect: Craig Lehman, 1st VDGE Lewis Carnes and 2nd VDGE Kevin Cantrell. (Right to left). Congratulations.



District 26-M7 District Governor Emery Smola



STOVER CHRISTMAS PARADE

Congratulations to the Stover Lions who enjoyed being honored as the Grand Marshalls in the Stover Christmas Parade!

JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS PARTICIPATE IN THE LIONS WORLD-WIDE WEEK OF SERVICE

Members of the JC Host Lions Club participated in the Lions World-Wide Week of Service this by volunteering 40 hours at the local Samaritan Center's food pantry. We packed grocery orders for 250 clients. Club President Pat Mills is actively encouraging club members to perform more service projects in addition to our regular fundraisers. Also in celebration of the birthday of our founder, Melvin Jones, the club held an induction of new members ceremony on Wednesday, January 14. PDG Lion Ron Jordan inducted four new members, Lions Ed Gray, Doug Shoemaker, Kurt Propst and Shalon Schonhardt.

JEFFERSON CITY HOST LIONS MEETING THE CHALLENGE



In response to our International President Lion Joe Preston's request to perform more service projects, the Jefferson City Host Lions Club is now working with The Food Bank for Central and Northeast Missouri in assembling food packets for their Buddy Backpack Program. Approximately, 56,000 students in the Food Bank's service area qualify for free and reduced-price school meals. For many of them, breakfast and lunch at school offer the only source of reliable nutrition and they are at risk of hunger over the weekend. To alleviate this risk, the Food Bank partners with elementary schools in 28 of the 32 counties it serves to provide Buddy Packs to school children. Buddy Packs are backpacks filled

with kid-friendly, nutritious food that students take home over the weekend or holiday periods to supplement their meals when there is not enough for them to eat at home. The program continues week after week throughout the school year to keep the growing youngsters happy and healthy.

Members of the Jefferson City Host Lions Club began packing these Buddy Packs on November 5th. We help pack these every other week on Wednesday evenings. To date we have assembled over 1550 Buddy Packs. It's a fun service project and rewarding in knowing that children will be provided nutritious supplements for growing healthy, strong, minds and bodies.



2014-2015 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
March 13-14, 2015	Mid-South Board Meeting	Hamilton Eye Institute Memphis, TN
March 23, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	By WebEX
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 15-16, 2015	Saving Sight Lions L.E.A.D. Weekend	Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, MO
June 5-6, 2015	Mid-South Annual Membership Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 6, 2015	Incoming Council Budget Meeting	Jefferson City, MO
June 20, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, MO
July 17, 2015	Football Banquet	Warrensburg, MO
July 18, 2015	Council Meeting/Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
July 17-18, 2015	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Jamestown, N.D.
April 30 – May 3, 2015	93 rd Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Cape Girardeau, Missouri
Sept 17-19, 2015	USA/Canada Forum	Grand Rapids, Michigan
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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Let's Connect at the MD26 State Convention

Saving Sight will be in attendance at the State Convention on April 30th and May 1st. In addition to telling you about our sight-saving programs, we'd also like to introduce you to Seymour (pictured in the KidSight logo at left). Seymour is the new mascot of our KidSight vision screening program. At the State Convention, we will have Seymour car magnets for sale, with the proceeds supporting KidSight vision screenings in Missouri. So stop by our booth to say hello, make a donation in support of childhood vision screening, and you can take Seymour home with you.

Upcoming Events

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

Join Saving Sight for a weekend of Leadership, Education And Development at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. All Missouri Lions are invited to attend Saturday's session from 8:30 - 3:30. Lions Clubs are encouraged to send a representative to participate.

Participants will learn about Saving Sight in a conference-style format on Saturday. After the weekend, you'll know more about Saving Sight's mission and programs (e.g., the eye bank, KidSight, eyeglass recycling, and volunteer opportunities), the people we serve, and how together we change lives by saving sight. Saving Sight will provide hospitality on Friday night

as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday for all attendees. Your spouse or guest is welcome to attend—just add them as an attendee when you register. A block of rooms is being held for us at a special rate until April 15th. If you plan to attend, please register by Tuesday, May 5, 2015 to reserve your spot for L.E.A.D. weekend. To reserve your space today, please visit <https://lions-lead-2015.eventbrite.com>.



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. The March date will be held via conference call. Visit <https://www.saving-sight.org/content/board-meeting-spring-2015> or call 800-283-1982 x107 for details of how to join the call. The June meeting will be held at the Columbia office (404 Portland St., Columbia, MO 65201).

Monday, March 23, 2015, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 20, 2015, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Lions Mission Clinics: Toluca City and Panama City



Want to help distribute recycled eyeglasses to people abroad who need them?

Saving Sight has collaborated with Lions leaders to coordinate two Lions Mission Clinics in 2015. In cooperation with Lions In Sight of California and Nevada, Saving Sight is pleased to announce the dates for this year's mission clinics in 2015.

1) For those who have never experienced an eyeglass mission clinic, we have been offered a trip to Toluca City, Mexico (about 50 miles from Mexico City). There is space for 6 technicians from May 21 -24. This is a two-day clinic and would require travel on Thursday the 21st and Sunday the 24th. On average, these clinics see around 400 people per day.

2) For those with mission clinic experience, there is a week-long experience available for 4 technicians to Panama City, Panama, September 5 – 12. This will be an intense experience, with more than 1,000 clients per day. Travel will occur on the 5th and the 12th. Screenings will occur on the 7th and 8th, and the 10th and

11th. Wednesday the 9th is an opportunity to sightsee and relax.

NOTE: Spaces will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. At this point, we have sufficient volunteers for the Panama City clinic. If you would like to join the waiting list for that trip or sign up for the Toluca City clinic, please contact us at 800-283-1982 x107.

To sign up for a Lions Mission Clinic or to learn more, please contact Lion Jason Noland at 800-283-1982 x107 or jnoland@saving-sight.org.



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

Congratulations to the following Lions who were recently inducted into the Haywood Snipes Society by their clubs, in recognition of the club's cumulative gifts of \$10,000:

PDG John and PDG Ann Anderson - MD26
Lion Maynard "Andy" Anderson - Hermann Lions
Lion Paul Bloch - California Lions
Lion Jim Brown - Stover Lions
Lion Leo Christ - Webster Groves Lions
Lion Fred Ciesla - Harvester Lions
PID Dwayne "Doc" Garrett - Wentzville Lions
Lion Lila Gunn - Adrian Lions
Lion Greg Hanser - Webster Groves Lions
Lion Carl Houchins - Millersburg Lions

Lion Robert Jobst - Pickering Lions
Lion Robert "Bob" Johnson - Hurricane Deck Lions
Lion Allen Mahnken - Corder Lions
Lion Dr. Dan Obermark - Sikeston Lions
Lion Walter "Bud" Roehrs - Bunceton Lions
Lion Mike Swederska - Webster Groves Lions
Dr. Wilbert Stock - LaPlata Lions
Lion Gordon Tanner - Hartsburg Lions
Lion Vernon Towner - Jefferson City Host Lions

Announcing the Eyeglass Recycling & Lions Volunteer Center

Eyeglass Recycling has been a signature project of Lions Clubs across the country for more than 70 years. Saving Sight supports the Lions in this cause by serving as a collection and distribution center for recycled eyeglasses, collecting approximately 60,000 pairs per year. Now we are reorganizing how we recycle eyeglasses in order to help more people in need, which will require major support from Lions.

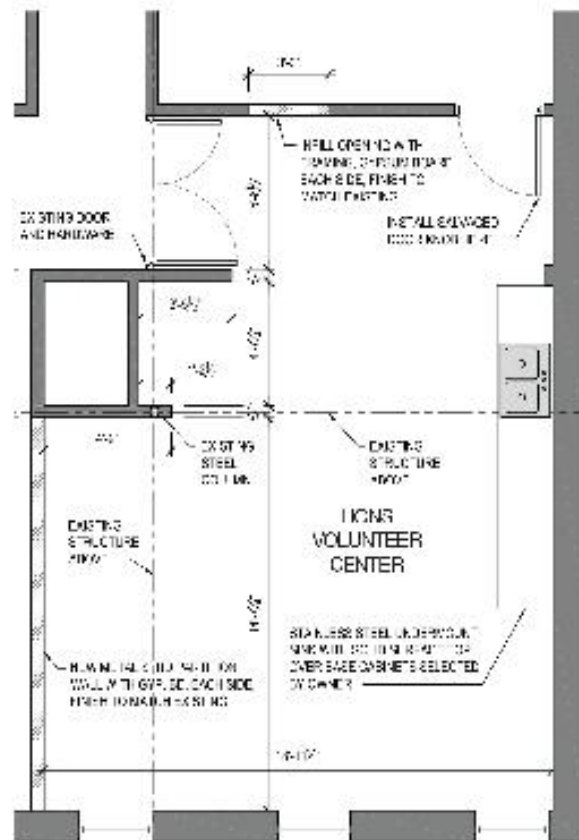
Space has been set aside within Saving Sight's walls in Columbia to build the Lions Volunteer Center (blueprints at right), where Lions and other community members can come and use state-of-the-art equipment to clean, photograph, and catalog eyeglasses for distribution. In addition, we will be better prepared to distribute specific prescription needs and styles in support of our annual mission clinics and new partnership with ReSpectacle. ReSpectacle is a nonprofit organization that uses the power of the Internet to allow people to order quality, used eyeglasses for free, both here in the U.S. and globally. Learn more at ReSpectacle.org.

With the blessing of the Council of Governors, we have appealed to Lions Clubs International Foundation for a matching grant to fund the construction, equipment, and other startup costs associated with the Eyeglass Recycling & Lions Volunteer Center.

We need your help to support this effort. So far, two Lions organizations have stepped forward to contribute a financial gift for the center. Please consider a tax-deductible contribution that will honor a legacy and our ongoing relationship of changing lives by saving sight.

All gifts will be recognized prominently in the naming and use of the Lions Volunteer Center, including a VIP reception to celebrate its opening.

- Partner: \$5,000 or more**
- Member: \$1,000 to \$4,999**
- Sponsor: \$500 to \$999**
- Friend: \$100 to \$499**



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 that made a financial donation between October 1, 2014 and February 28, 2015.

District MD 26

Missouri Lions MD26 - \$10,188

District M1

Cape Girardeau Noon Lions - \$2,000
Houston Lions - \$500
Kennett Lions - \$150
Malden - \$320.95
Missouri Lions MD26-M1 - \$34
Northwest Texas County Lions - \$500
Rolla Lions Club - \$1,000
Sainte Genevieve Lions - \$1,000
Willow Springs Lions - \$200

District M2

Concord Village Lions - \$15,000
Creve Coeur Lions - \$100
Jennings Lions - \$2,641.23
Meramec Heights Lions - \$300
St. Louis Downtown Lions - \$500
Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000

District M3

Columbia Host Lions - \$450
Higbee Lions - \$100
High Hill Lions - \$100
Jonesburg Lionesses - \$300
Jonesburg Lions - \$2,000
Kahoka Lions - \$200
Madison Lionesses - \$100
Mexico Host Lions - \$1,000
Mexico Noon Lions - \$250
Moscow Mills Lions - \$350
New Florence Lions - \$200
Old Monroe Lions - \$500
Paris Lions - \$1,700
Wentzville Lions - \$100

District M4

Cosby Lions - \$50
Graham Lions - \$500
Grant City Lions - \$900
Green City Lions - \$500
Hamilton Lions - \$1,000
Hopkins Lions - \$340
Laredo Lions - \$250
Marceline Lions - \$100
Mendon Lions - \$100
Pickering Lions - \$308
Platte City Lions - \$800
Salisbury Lions - \$100
St. Joseph South Side Lions - \$500
Trenton Lions - \$500
Weston Lions - \$100

District M5

Alma Lions - \$307.30
Corder Lions - \$100
Higginsville Lions - \$150
Higginsville-Lafayette Lions - \$200
Hume Lions - \$100
Independence Host Lions - \$200
Independence Noland Rd Lions - \$1,000
Kansas City Red Bridge Lionesses - \$75
Kansas City World Outreach - \$100
Knob Noster Lions - \$550
Lake Winnebago Lions - \$1,000
Lee's Summit Lions - \$250
Marshall Lions - \$750
Mayview Lions - \$500
Miami Lions - \$200
Nelson Lions - \$100
Nevada Lions - \$500
Orrick Lions - \$100
Raymore Lions - \$250
Sedalia Lions - \$1,825
Warrensburg Lions - \$350

District M6

Branson-Hollister Lions - \$5,000
Christian County Lions - \$150
El Dorado Springs Lions - \$200
Elkland Lions - \$130
Gainesville Lions - \$100
Joplin Host Lions - \$200
Lebanon Host Lions - \$400
M6 Basketball All-Stars East - \$4,660
Marionville Lions - \$500
Miller Lions - \$1,000
Patton Lions - \$100
Pleasant Hill Lions - \$500
Republic Lions - \$100
Seymour Lions - \$975
Springfield Evening Lions - \$100
Springfield Queen City Lions - \$775

District M7

Auxvasse Lions - \$308
Fulton Host Lions - \$200
Hermann Lions - \$2,400
Jefferson City Breakfast Lions - \$100
Jefferson City Capital Lions - \$25
Jefferson City Evening Lions - \$1,000
Owensville Lions - \$2,000
Stover Lions - \$50

KidSight Impact Report

Below is the KidSight screening statistics for July 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015. "Referrals" are the children who the KidSight technicians and volunteers identified to be at high-risk for vision problems.

YTD			
District	Screened	Referrals	Screenings
M1	4,163	357	81
M2	9,321	603	151
M3	7069	518	135
M4	4151	183	97
M5	5395	296	107
M6	8303	760	130
M7	2764	165	51
Total	41,166	2,882	752

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

Life Changed by KidSight



"As a PAT Educator and Title 1 Reading teacher, I know how important accurate vision can be," said Kristi from Archie, MO, whose son Rylan (pictured at left) was screened by KidSight and then referred to eye care. "Never would I have thought my own child would be the one who didn't pass the screening. My husband and I are thankful that we got this information before Rylan entered grade school. He hasn't lost any learning ground yet."

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

