



# *The Missouri Lion*

*Multiple District 26*

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**Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services**

**98<sup>th</sup> Lions Club International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii**



For five days, Lions from across the world conducted association business, shared fellowship and enjoyed the sights of this international city. This Lions Club International Convention is one of the largest of its kind as we are the largest service organization in the world. Our 1.4 million members and more than 46,000 Lions clubs are serving communities in more than 200 countries.

While the water looks very refreshing and the night life is very colorful in Honolulu, Hawaii this trip is full of classes and final preparations as Council Chair persons and District Governors from around the world prepare to assume their jobs on July 1st, 2015.

Our own Multiple District Governors from Missouri's seven districts attended this International Convention. Following the installation of incoming Lions International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada for the 2015-2016 lion year; he will then install the incoming Council Chairs and District Governors from around the world on the last day of the convention. After all the festivities these newly installed officers will return to their home locations to continue the process in their individual Lions Clubs in their districts.

Celebration during the 98<sup>th</sup> International Lions Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii (left)



2014-2015 Lions International President Joe Preston and his wife Joanie (right)



Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan, a neurosurgeon; is the 2015-2016 Lions Club International President. He is a member of the Minokamo Lions Club, Yamada has been a Lion since 1985.

President Yamada and his wife, Dr. Toshiko Yamada, also a Lion and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow, have one son, one daughter and three grandchildren



**Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada, 2015-2016 Lions Clubs International President    Dr. Toshiko Yamada**

Watch for additional information about Lions Clubs International President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada in the next edition of *the Missouri Lion*.

## 2015-2016 Multiple District 26 Officers



The 2015 Lions Club International Convention was held in Honolulu, Hawaii this year. District Governors "Elect" from around the world attended the international event where they would be installed as District Governor's for 2015-2016 Lion year by the incoming LCI President Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada of Minokamo, Gifu, Japan.

### MD26 Officers for 2015-2016

			
<b>MD 26 Council Chair Lion Gary Curtis</b>	<b>26-M1 D.G. Lion Donald Shelhammer</b>	<b>26-M2 D.G. Lion Joe Foster</b>	<b>26-M3 D.G. Lion John Deters</b>
			
<b>26-M4 D.G. Lion Tharran Gaines</b>	<b>26-M5 D.G. Lion Bruce Dugan</b>	<b>26-M6 D.G. Lion Craig Lehman</b>	<b>26-M7 D.G. Lion Allen Moore</b>

## Highlights from 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention

This Lionistic year started off at a very fast pace and continued to pick up momentum with each passing month. The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention was held in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. If you were not part of this year's event; I have to say you missed a great convention. This year the Convention was hosted by Lions from District 26-M1 and they did a fantastic job. Next year District 26-M6 is the host for the 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention which will be held in Springfield, Missouri in 2016.

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention started with the Council of Governor's meeting on Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 PM with committee reports from various State chairs providing details about their activities for the past three months.

Past International Director Donald Knipp introduced the conventions special guest speaker; International 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Robert Corlew and his partner in service Lion Diane Corlew.



Pictured above from left to right: PID Donal Knipp, DGE 26-M1 Don Shelhammer, DGE 26-M2 Joe Foster, DGE 26-M3 John Deters, DGE 26-M4 Tharran Gaines, DGE 26-M5 Bruce Dugan, DGE 26-M6 Craig Lehman and DGE 26-M7 Allen Moore.

The 2015-2016 District Governor Elects are shown in the picture above. These new incumbents were advised by many current sitting governors you have much to do and the time to get it done is all too short.

The various exhibits and booths were open for Lions to pick up literature and ask questions of any of the representatives before the opening Plenary Session on Friday afternoon. Cards were donated from every district throughout Missouri to **"Operation Write Home"**. When the final tally was counted, a total of 518 cards had been written to send to military personnel overseas. Many Thanks to all the Lions Club in Missouri who helped make this a successful **"Service Project"** for the 2015 Lions State Convention. See picture on the next page.



The official start of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention was 3 PM on Friday afternoon. It began with the call to order and a Welcome from Council Chair Jeffe Hilke followed by the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, patriotic song and the establishment of protocol. Next on the agenda were introductions. Past International Director Donal Knipp introduced our Convention International guest speaker 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bob Corlew from Tennessee. Following his introduction; meeting attendees heard reports from the state chairpersons for **Leader Dog** and **Lions Business Opportunities for the Blind (LBOMB)**. Both of these are Missouri Lions approved projects. The convention was adjourned; Lions were reminded to return at 6 PM for the hospitality event.

### Friday night Hospitality



Picture above Table for 26-M7 & 26-M1

Above: the 2015-2016 District Governor Elects

Everyone had a great time at the **Friday night Hospitality** event; each Lion who registered for the convention was given a souvenir glass as a Thank You for attending.

Convention activities started again promptly at 9 AM Saturday morning and continued throughout the day. During our Lunch the Missouri State Peace Poster Winner was introduced and awarded a check for her participation in the 2014-2015 Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest.

The highlight of Saturday afternoon was the **Kentucky Derby Party**; ladies attending this event proudly displayed their fancy hats. Some gentleman came with their own version of a Derby Hat, no winner was chosen for that category. This event raised \$1,000 for Lions Club International Foundation in less than 2 hours. Lions selected a horse and bought tickets which they deposited into numbered buckets corresponding to the horse's race number. Finally the horses were off; the winner was number 18 American Pharoah from Zayat Stables, LLC.



Above: Kentucky Derby Party in the Auburn Inn in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Evening activities started with the Grand March of the current sitting Governors and their partners in Service if they had one. Next to enter were the 2015-2016 District Governor Elects and their partners in Service, 1<sup>st</sup> VDGE's and their partners in service followed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> VDGE's and their partners in Service. Seated at the head table was 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Robert Corlew with his partner in Service Lion Diane Corlew, and PID Donal Knipp and his wife Betty. Two additional PID were present: PID Dr. Dwayne Garrett and his wife Jeanette and P.I.D. W.R. O'Riley and his wife Carole.

Following the usual opening ceremony procedures, Lions and guests heard from Missouri Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder, who just happens to be a member of Lions Club International from the Cape Girardeau, MO area (picture on next page).



Picture on the left was taken during a banquet speech. Picture on the right above is the 2015-2016 District Governors elect before the evening banquet festivities.

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



Lions from Multiple District 26 want to express their sincere appreciation for all the "Hard work" the Lions in District M-1 did to make this a "GREAT" Lions event for all who attended.



Make your plans to attend the 2016 Lions State Convention in Springfield, MO.



The Missouri Lions Pin Trading Club will have a pin swap and meeting at the Marshfield Lions Club Clubhouse on Sunday July 19, 2015. The swap will begin at 9AM, lunch will be served by Lion Ron Cole of the Marshfield Lions Club at Noon, and the meeting will begin at 1PM. All Lions and guests are welcome to attend.

The Marshfield Lions Club Clubhouse is located at 210 West Maple Street. Take exit 100 from I-44. Turn east on State Hwy 38. Stay on 38 until it intersects with State Hwy A. Turn right (west) and the clubhouse is 3 blocks down on the left (south).

Lion Tom Owen, President

## 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Convention



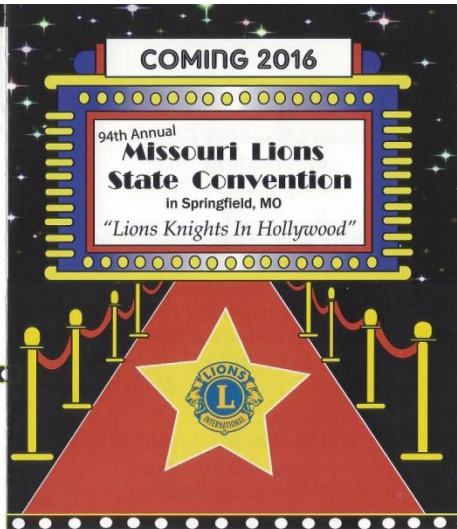
This is not the actual basket.

The 2016 State Convention committee has created a great movie basket, valued at \$100. Register before February 1, 2016 for your ticket to win!

Check out the website for all your questions about our 94th Annual Missouri Lions State Convention at [www.molionsstateconvention2016.org](http://www.molionsstateconvention2016.org)

The website has tons of information including:

- ☆ Registration
- ☆ Schedule
- ☆ Accommodations
- ☆ Voting Info
- ☆ Springfield & Branson Tourist Links
- ☆ Hospitality
- ☆ Directions
- ☆ Guest Speakers
- ☆ Pin Traders



### ACCOMMODATIONS

Attendees are responsible for securing their own lodging. Blocks of rooms are being held at the Ramada until April 11, 2016.

**Ramada Hotel & Oasis Convention Center**  
2546 North Glenstone, Springfield, Missouri  
(417) 866-5253 OR (888) 532 - 4338

**1 King OR 2 Queen Bed Room = \$87 (+ Tax)**  
(Rates include a hot breakfast, indoor pool and fitness room.)

Mention you are with the Mo Lions State Convention.

Visit our website for more information on the Ramada Hotel & Oasis Convention Center .



### For More Information, Contact:

- ★ Chairman: PDG Bill Botzow  
[billbotzow@gmail.com](mailto:billbotzow@gmail.com) or (417) 235-7337
- ★ State Convention Email Address:  
[2016molionsconvention@gmail.com](mailto:2016molionsconvention@gmail.com)
- ★ OR message us on our Facebook Page at:  
"Missouri Lions State Convention 2016"

We are rolling out the red carpet and YOU are the star!!!

☆☆☆ **SAVE THE DATE** ☆☆☆  
April 28 - 30, 2016

☆☆☆ **SHOW STARTS** ☆☆☆  
Ramada Plaza Springfield Hotel & Oasis Convention Center  
Springfield, Missouri

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[www.molionsstateconvention2016.org](http://www.molionsstateconvention2016.org)

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on our facebook closed group page:  
"Missouri Lions State Convention 2016"

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## 2016 Missouri State Lions Club Convention Registration

Lions Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs?  Yes  No Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Badge \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Special Dietary Needs?  Yes  No Details: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail registration form & payment to:

Lion Justin Medley,  
PO BOX 895 Monett, Missouri 65708  
Email: medley.j.dean@gmail.com

Checks payable: "2016 Missouri Lions  
State Convention"  
(No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2016)

Questions contact:  
billbotzow@gmail.com or (417) 235-7337

### Convention Fees Per Person:

Registration: \$25 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(After 4/1/16: \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Luncheon: \$15 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(After 4/1/16: \$20 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Banquet: \$30 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(After 4/1/16: \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(After 4/1/16: \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

### Hotel Information:

Lions & Guests are responsible for securing their own lodging. See the back cover for more information.

## Missouri Lions,

The time has come for the Lions of MD-26 (Missouri) to endorse a candidate for International Director of Lions Clubs International. The qualifications and requirements for potential candidates are provided in the LCI By-Laws (Article II, International Board Elections, Section 3) and the MD-26 Constitution (Article 6, Committees, Section (g) - Pages 9 and 10).

**IPID Donal Knipp**

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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](mailto: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 August Issue is August 15<sup>th</sup>, 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***



## **"GIVE THE GIFTS XXII" DINNER & AUCTION'**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**Didn't go to this event last year? Time to get all those great items in for this year's Mid-South Lions "Give the Gifts XXII" auction. Rumor has it a "YETI" cooler chest worth \$500 will be up for auction at the live session during the evening meal.**

Lions Clubs throughout the four state areas have been asked to provide items which can be auctioned off at either the silent or live auction. For the past several months members of the Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service committees and various Board members have been bringing in items they have collected. Already CEO Brad Baker's conference room has an assorted variety of baskets: pick your own theme and put together some things which can be put in the silent auction. Remember that old saying: "One man's junk is another man's treasure".

The live auction items usually feature some wonderful trips that can be gotten for less than cost. A live auctioneer provides the momentum to encourage the attendees to bid for the items. Remember all profits go to Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service to provide sight and hearing to needy people who without our help might never see or hear again.

This event is held at the Memphis Hilton Inn. The event has a great evening meal for participants to enjoy while they bid for top dollar items which are donated for this event. Take the weekend off, come to Memphis and spend it with Lions who volunteer year round for this facility. Make new friends and better yet plan to spend some quality time in Memphis on Beale Street downtown. If you like "Jazz" well this is just the event for you come to, spend an extra day and enjoy a mini vacation in this wonderful city located on the Mississippi River.

If everyone gives, even small donations can add up to big profits for this event. If you cannot attend the auction your donations can always be given to any 2014-2015 Mid-South Officer or Board Member to bring to the event.

**MEMPHIS HILTON HOTEL FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 901-684-6664**

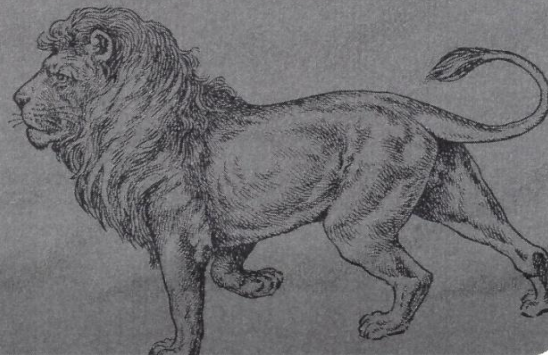
***Lion Room Rate Reservation Deadline July 17<sup>th</sup>***

**A copy of the invitation and "Dinner" registration form can be found on page 7.**

**Get a group together and carpool: Tables of 8 make for a fun evening.**

# GET YOUR LION ON!

Mid-South Lions Sight & Hearing Service  
**GIVE THE GIFTS XXIII**  
**DINNER & AUCTION**  
Saturday, August 8, 2015, 6 PM



## RESERVATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club name (if member) \_\_\_\_\_

Quantity:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Ticket, \$80 each

\_\_\_\_\_ Table of 8, \$640

\_\_\_\_\_ Table of 8 plus full page program ad, \$690

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check (enclosed)

\_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card (write credit card number below): \_\_\_\_\_

### MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service  
930 Madison Avenue, Suite 101  
Memphis, TN 38103

### OR ORDER ONLINE AT MIDSOUTHLIONS.ORG.

When we receive your order, we'll send you a confirmation.  
You can pick up your tickets at the event.

Rooms at Hilton Memphis start at \$119/night. Call  
901-684-6664 to make your reservation; be sure to  
tell hotel staff you are with the Lions Club group.

## *\$25 for 25 Years*



**Mid-South's CEO Brad Baker** celebrates 25 years of Service October 2015 at Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service. What better way to honor Brad; the Staff of Mid-South and the 2014-2015 Officers are asking for a \$1 donation for each of his 25 years of Service. This is a one-time donation of \$25 to help Mid-South provide miracles and honor our own **"Champion of Change", Lion Brad Baker.**

During Brad's quarter-century of service at Mid-South numerous dramatic and creative programs have been implemented.

Starting in 1990 as the Director of Development, Brad was instrumental in extending service through satellite clinics and negotiated agreements for service. Today almost every vision patient can obtain treatment at a facility within 3 hours of the Mid-South facility.

Currently negotiations are on-going to increase access to Mid-South's service throughout the four state area.

Complete the following information and mail along with your \$25 Contribution to Mid-South Lions at 930 Madison Ave, Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38103. For more information, please check our website: [www.midsouthlions.org](http://www.midsouthlions.org)

### **Please Print Legibly, Thank You**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City ST Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Lions Club (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

# Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services Leader Weekend



## Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Center Lion's Leader Weekend April 15-16, 2016



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!

**Plan now to attend**

**April 15-16, 2016  
Don't Miss It!**

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 15-16, 2016**



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

Look inside for all the details! Or go to [www.midsouthlions.org](http://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.

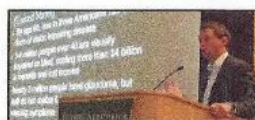
Let our Past Presidents, Trustees, Officers and Staff show you how to bring light, sound and hope to those in need from your area.



### Consider the Cost

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

**More details  
will be  
available  
soon; Watch  
this site.**



### 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!

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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!**





You can do what I cannot do.

I can do what you cannot do.

Together we can do great things.

*Mother Teresa*

If you are a Lion who is ready to do great things, enhance your leadership skills, work within and outside your club at the district level and build up your Lions network, this amazing weekend's for you.

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!!!

Where else can you get TEN learning seminars for \$150?

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

Make your reservation  
DO IT NOW!!

Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anne Smarsh

e-mail: [asmarsh@ptt.net](mailto:asmarsh@ptt.net) OR

Lion Craig Donohue

e-mail: [craided@krci-eastmtbtoctua.com](mailto:craided@krci-eastmtbtoctua.com)



## GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

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 is 18 or older, 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, Lion Marvin Chambers, PID.*

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

- *Building Effective Teams*
- *Communication Skills*
- *Conflict Management*
- *Delegation*
- *Diversity*
- *Goal Setting/Action Plan/Personal Mission*
- *Leading Effective Meetings*
- *Managing Your Time*
- *Motivation*
- *Project Management*

EXTRA - Luncheon session geared towards Lions Clubs International, its programs, legacy, and resources available.

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*We Serve*

June 2015



# Leadership

Running with the Lions Award to

**YOU**

The Biggest Risk Taker

If you are a Lion who is ready to enhance your leadership skills, perhaps work outside your club at your district level, this weekend's for you.

If you are a district or multiple district leader Lion, then you have a very special charge:

Look for the next generation of leaders...those who are demonstrating leadership already or who show through their actions that they want to assume more responsibility.

Encourage them. Ask their club and district to help with the registration fee and transportation costs.....make it easy for them to grow as leaders.

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!!!

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

Make your reservation  
**DO it NOW!!**

Need more information? Contact:

Lion Anna Smarsh

e-mail: [asmarsh@art.net](mailto:asmarsh@art.net) OR

Lion Craig Doncker

e-mail: [cdonker@lionsuniversity.org](mailto:cdonker@lionsuniversity.org)



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May 2015





# 12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38  
University of Jamestown, Jamestown, North Dakota  
July 24-26, 2015

## REGISTRATION FORM (Please type or print legibly)

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

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

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

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

Registration Fee is US\$150 if received by the Registrar by May 31, 2015, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning June 1, 2015, the base fee increases to US\$170. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and along with the registration form mail to Registrar PID Bruce Schwartz, 1237 S. Highland Acres Road, Bismarck, ND 58501-2486. Sorry, no refunds can be made for cancellations.

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

Your registration fee includes seven meals, all Institute costs and dormitory rooms (double occupancy) at the University of Jamestown. Please note that the dormitories are smoke free. A limited number of single occupancy rooms are available at an additional cost of US\$40. You are permitted to request a specific roommate. Check in at the dormitory is permitted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. We offer a souvenir shirt for an additional US\$25. Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_ (they run a little large).

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

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

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

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

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2015 Institute. This information will be maintained until the close of the Institute and then shredded.

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2015-2016 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
July 2, 2015	Band Farewell Concert	Fort Leonard Wood, MO
July 3-11, 2015	Lions Band Trip	Orlando, Florida
July 17, 2015	Football Banquet	Warrensburg, MO
July 18, 2015	Council Meeting/Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
July 24-26, 2015	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	Jamestown, N.D.
August 7-8, 2015	Mid-South Board Meeting & Dinner/Auction	Hilton, Memphis, TN
August 13-15, 2015	Leader Dog Visit (1 <sup>st</sup> VDG's)	Rochester, Michigan
September 19, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Embassy Suites-K.C. Airport
October???? 2015	PDG Weekend	To Be Determined
October 24, 2015	Council of Governor's Meeting	Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, MO
November 13-14, 2015	Mid-South Board Meeting	Grand Plaza Hotel, Branson, MO
December 5, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
January 30, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Ramada Oasis, Springfield, MO
February?? 2016	Mid-Winter Forum	To Be Determined
April 15-16, 2016	Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend	To Be Determined
June 25, 2016	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
Sept 17-19, 2015	USA/Canada Forum	Grand Rapids, Michigan
April 28-May 1, 2016	94 <sup>th</sup> Annual Missouri Lions State Con.	Springfield, MO
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
2020	International Convention	Singapore

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

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## Missouri Lions Youth Exchange Camp



### 2015 Has another Great Youth Exchange Group

Please add me, Lion Toni Mahoney, as friend on Facebook to see all photos. I've attached our first youth exchange student; Kamile's arrival from Lithuania on Sunday June 28, pictured with host family and myself. The last of 16 arrived June 30th.



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# From District 26-M1

## West Plains Lions Club

The pictures below are from the West Plains Lions Club; they did a fund raiser DINING IN THE DARK where the participants were blind folded and so forth as they ate to experience what it would be like to be blind. They raised around \$3,000 which is great for a project not tried before.



## Rolla Lions Club

The pictures below on the left and center are from carnival. The Rolla Lions Club have annual drawing for a brand new car, this event seems to be a great fundraiser for this club. Also, there is (below on the right) a photo of the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Wall that was at the Rolla Lions Park this past month.



## Sikeston Lions Club

Sikeston packed meals for Haiti; No photo available for publication at this time.

## Popular Bluff Lions Club

The Popular Bluff Lions Club held a Golf Tournament. Question is did someone win the “Hole in One Prize” ?



## Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club

The following pictures show what happens at “Lions All State Band Camp” before they depart on their tour with the final destination being Orlando, Florida. Look for more next issue.



## District 26-M3



From left to right: Tamara Oberback, Mary Brunkhorst, Freda McKee and Jacquelyn Davidson

As you know, our sight is one of the most precious gifts we human beings have. When someone has visual impairment he or she may miss out on some of life's most rewarding spectacles, such as a loved one's smile, sunsets, waterfalls, hummingbirds hovering at frantic speeds, children at play, art masterpieces, or the prose of literary classics. Even those who might only need eyeglasses always rejoice in the clarity of the images they can now behold.

The Columbia 20/20 Lions Club signature charitable program is KidSight. Kidsight technicians and volunteers have screened more than 350,000 Missouri children (ages 6 months to 6 years old) for most common causes of childhood vision loss free of charge. That's why our 3rd Annual Outrageous Tea Party: Derby Theme event was held on June 7, 2015 to benefit Saving Sight. Our Club raised over \$10,000 for the 2015 Outrageous Tea Party and overall donations for the Saving Sighting. The club's 24 years of service in the Columbia has contributed the following to our Community.

- Hands on Volunteer services hours equate to \$596,000;
- Fundraising hours have contributed \$299,000;
- Donations Raised and Given is actually \$167,000;
- Grand Total for 24yrs equates to \$1,062,000.

All Funds raised from our Outrageous Tea Party event will go to help over the costs associated with free eye screenings done in the schools and marketplaces throughout the year, eye tissue transplant transportation and surgical cost associated with free eye screenings don in schools, marketplaces throughout the year and subsidizing eye wear for local adults and children in need. The 20/20 Columbia Lions Club has volunteered over 500 hours each year. The Outrageous Tea Party affords the club and the Columbia Community a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate their support of Saving Sight in its' mission to "Change Lives by Saving Sight."

PDG Lion Freda McKee

## District 26-M6

### Mountain Grove Lions Club

Members of the Mountain Grove Lions Club are pictured at the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on a three month long community service project where they totally renovated the fairgrounds kitchen in time for the Tri-County Fair.



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## Shoot for Sight, June 13, 2015 8am – 3pm

The Rock Bridge Lions and Saving Sight are partnering for the Shoot for Sight tournament at River Hills Sporting Clays in Boonville, MO on Saturday, June 13th from 8 am to 3 pm.

Learn more about the event and register online at [www.saving-sight.org/shoot-for-sight](http://www.saving-sight.org/shoot-for-sight). Or call 800-283-1982 x107 for more information.

## State Convention Luau Photobooth Pictures Now Online!

Want to see the pictures taken at our luau photobooth at State Convention on Friday, May 1st? They're available on our website at:

<https://www.saving-sight.org/gallery/lions-state-convention-2015>.

Enjoy! And thank you, all who joined in the fun!





## Volunteer Applications Will be Available on June 1st



**The Fort Leonard Wood Lions Club volunteers at KidSight screenings in their community.**

Lions who wish to volunteer with Saving Sight will need to fill out a short application, including a background check (paid for by Saving Sight). As we continue to grow our network of KidSight screenings, school districts in particular are asking for this type of credibility from our volunteers.

Volunteer applications and background checks give Saving Sight and the Missouri Lions more transparency with the schools we screen at. The free application will be available at [www.saving-sight.org/volunteer](http://www.saving-sight.org/volunteer) as of June 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact Lion Sheila Fields, Volunteer Coordinator, at 800-753-2265 x8504 or [volunteer@saving-sight.org](mailto:volunteer@saving-sight.org).

## Glaucoma Screening Equipment Available to Lions, starting July 1, 2015

Does your club have an upcoming event or want to host a glaucoma screening in your community? Saving Sight is going to make its tonometers available to Lions Clubs to conduct their own glaucoma screenings. Tonometers blow a puff of air at the screened person's eye to read eye pressure, which can indicate a risk for glaucoma. Beginning on July 1, your club can borrow one of Saving Sight's tonometers for use at a local screening.

The machines are very easy to use, and Saving Sight will provide instructions. To reserve one, please contact Leigha Bartlett at 573-777-8507 or [lbartlett@saving-sight.org](mailto:lbartlett@saving-sight.org) at least 2 weeks before your event to make arrangements. Know that these devices are heavy. Tonometers come in a padded rolling case, but it is recommended that users be able to lift 50 lbs. Future screenings and tonometer reservations will be viewable on the Saving Sight web calendar.



## Cornea Recipient Can Watch the Shows and Work Again

For Jamie from Branson, MO, cornea transplantation has been a truly life-enhancing experience. Jamie works for Tantone Industries, a nonprofit sheltered workshop that provides meaningful work opportunities to people like Jamie who have developmental disabilities. Additionally, as a resident of Branson, he loves to watch the country and gospel music shows for which the city is so famous. Jamie suffers from keratoconus, though, which could have caused him to go blind in both eyes, losing his ability to work and enjoy the music shows. But thanks to cornea transplantation, he has regained his sight.

"He's never been able to see very well," said Dorothy, Jamie's grandmother, with whom he's lived for the past 10 years. "About six to seven years ago, Jamie started complaining about his eyesight." According to the National Keratoconus Foundation, keratoconus "is a non-inflammatory eye condition in which the normally round dome-shaped cornea progressively thins, causing a cone-like bulge to develop." As his eye lost its round shape, Jamie couldn't get a pair of contacts to fit well on his eye. "Jamie's mother is a dispensing optician," said Dorothy. "She tried several different lenses, but he was really not able to use any of them very long." Eventually, Dorothy took Jamie to an ophthalmologist who recommended a specialty pair, but they were difficult to put in place as well as rather expensive. "It got to the point where he'd only put them in when we went to a show or somewhere he needed to see better," said Dorothy.

Ultimately, Jamie had to get cornea transplants, the first in May 2013. Transplant surgery for keratoconus takes longer to heal than some other cornea surgeries, so the second transplant took place 18 months later after the first was healed. He is still healing, but his vision is already greatly improved. "I can see everything clearer," said Jamie. "I'm happy with the transplants. I'm happy I have good eyes to see. It's really good not wearing the contacts." He notices the improvement most at the Branson music shows. "Normally we ask for a seat in the third or fourth row, but after the first surgery, we sat in the twenty-third row and he could see," said Dorothy.



**Thanks to his donors, his surgeon, and Saving Sight, Jamie regained the vision he lost to keratoconus.**

Once his eyes heal, Jamie hopes to return to work at Tantone Industries. Tantone offers a variety of employment options to more than 40 disabled adults, and Jamie's favorite occupation is the laundry department. "They have a commercial laundry with two huge washers and two huge dryers," said Dorothy. "In summertime he's especially busy."

Before he returns to work, Jamie and Dorothy want to thank the families of the heroic people who donated corneas so he could see again. "Jamie is very grateful to his donors," said Dorothy. "He grasps where his 'new eyes' came from." The transplant experience has been such a success that Jamie and Dorothy also have become big supporters of donation. "We just appreciate so much that he had these donors, and Jamie would like to express his appreciation to their families," said Dorothy. "He wouldn't have his eyesight back if it weren't for the donors."

**Join Jamie, Dorothy, & millions of Americans who said "Yes" to eye, organ, and tissue donation. Sign up for the Missouri donor registry at [www.missouriorgandonor.com](http://www.missouriorgandonor.com) or at your local DMV office.**

# Thank You for Your Support!

Last fiscal year we served more than 55,000 people, and with your help, we can serve 55,000 more this year. Thank you to the following clubs that made a financial donation between March 1, 2015 and May 15, 2015.

## **District MD 26**

Missouri Lions MD26 - \$25.00

## **District M1**

Cape Girardeau Evening Lions - \$250.00

East Perry County Lions - \$500.00

Missouri Lions District 26-M1 - \$100.00

Wappapello Lions - \$400.00

West Plains Lions - \$100.00

## **District M2**

Beaufort Lions - \$175.00

Bonhomme Lions - \$200.00

Brentwood Lions - \$200.00

Chesterfield Lions - \$1,500.00

Ellisville Lions - \$1,500.00

House Springs Lions - \$150.00

Lemay Jefferson Barracks Lions - \$1,000

Lions Eye Foundation of M2 - \$5,000.00

Maplewood Lions - \$500.00

Richwoods Lions - \$125.00

St. Ferdinand Township Lions - \$4,000.00

St. Louis South Side Lions - \$1,000.00

St. Louis University Lions Club - \$20.00

Washington Lions - \$1,000.00

Wildwood Area Lions - \$500.00

## **District M3**

Bowling Green Lions - \$1,000.00

Cairo-Jacksonville Lions - \$280.00

Columbia Community Lions - \$500.00

Jonesburg Lionesses - \$1,000.00

Lake St. Louis Lions - \$650.00

Macon Lions - \$500.00

Missouri Lions District 26-M3 - \$5,000.00

Moscow Mills Lions - \$350.00

Prairie Home Lions - \$1,162.00

St. Charles Lions - \$1,500.00

## **District M4**

Braymer Lions - \$100.00

Faucett Lions - \$50.00

Gallatin Lake Viking Lions - \$200.00

Gallatin Lions - \$100.00

Kearney Lions - \$600.00

Maryville Pride Lions - \$1,000.00

Norborne Lions - \$310.00

Pickering Lions - \$372.00

Savannah Lions - \$50.00

Smithville Lions - \$200.00

## **District M5**

Belton Bel Ray Sunrise Lions - \$200.00

Concordia Lions - \$1,500.00

Higginsville Lions - \$50.00

Leeton Lions - \$100.00

Marshall Lions - \$50.00

Sedalia State Fair Lions - \$1,000.00

## **District M6**

Christian County Lions - \$150.00

Diamond Lions - \$200.00

Elkland Lions - \$90.00

Forsyth Lions - \$100.00

Freistatt Lions - \$500.00

Kimberling City Lions - \$400.00

Lebanon Host Lions - \$400.00

Lions All-Star Basketball Classic - \$4,600

Louisburg Lions - \$100.00

Republic Lions - \$100.00

Seymour Lions - \$1,900.00

Springfield Evening Lions - \$100.00

Springfield Host Lions - \$600.00

Springfield Queen City Lions - \$725.00

## **District M7**

Hurricane Deck Lions - \$853.00

Jefferson City Capital Lions - \$125.00

Jefferson City Host Lions - \$3,000.00

Lohman Lions - \$350.00

Millersburg Lions - \$2,000.00

Tipton Lions - \$500.00

# KidSight Impact Report

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

YTD			
District	Screened	Referrals	Screening Events
M1	6,405	497	128
M2	12,220	742	208
M3	8,980	658	196
M4	5,528	221	136
M5	7,025	377	164
M6	10,785	948	183
M7	3,280	213	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>54,224</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>1,083</b>

Learn more about KidSight at [www.saving-sight.org/KidSight](http://www.saving-sight.org/KidSight)

## Life Changed by KidSight



When they received a KidSight referral to take their son Rylan to the eye doctor, Sheila and her husband responded right away. They took him to a doctor who confirmed the KidSight screening results. Since getting glasses to prevent amblyopia ("lazy eye"), Rylan's parents and teachers have noticed a big difference in his school work. "His teachers say he pays attention more," said Sheila. "He gets his work done much faster."

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

