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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

Saving Sight Recognizes Lion Becky Henderson

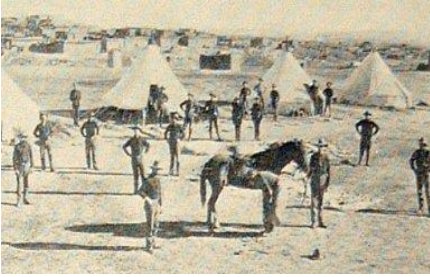


Left to right: PCC Al Blumenberg, CC Gary Curtis, Tamara Oberbeck, Lion Becky Henderson, PCC Don Noland

Lions in attendance at the second Council of Governor's meeting at Tan-Tara Resort were the first to congratulate Lion Becky Henderson. For over 15 years she's been out in the community screening children. She just recently screened her 50,000th child.

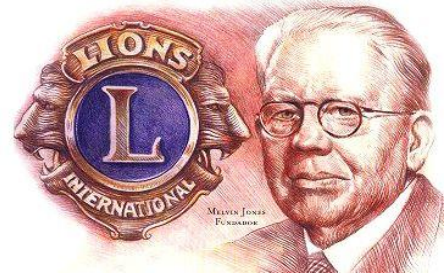
Congratulations Lion Becky!

47th Annual Melvin Jones Memorial Re-dedication Ceremony



Fort Thomas, Arizona

January 9, 2016
Fort Thomas, Arizona



January 13, 1879 - June 1, 1961

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

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

The Melvin Jones Memorial was erected and dedicated to honor the founder of Lions Clubs International Association in 1965. Each year an Annual Rededication Ceremony is held at the facility, the ceremony for 2016 will be held on January 9th. Every Lion is invited to attend this

special ceremony to honor the founder of our organization.

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

See special Invitation to join the celebration on page 3





Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial Foundation
P.O. Box 163 - Fort Thomas, AZ 85536 - 928-485-9493



JOIN US FOR YOUR RE-DEDICATION TO LIONISM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016 BEGINNING AT 10:30 A.M.
AT THE MELVIN JONES LIONS INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL
IN FT. THOMAS, ARIZONA

AND PLAN TO ATTEND THE LUNCHEON AT THE EASTERN ARIZONA COLLEGE
FOLLOWING THE RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY

EVERY YEAR AFTER THE HOLIDAYS FOOD BANK PANTRIES ARE NEAR EMPTY. THIS YEAR WE ARE ASKING OUR LIONS TO BRING NONPERISHABLE FOOD FOR THE LOCAL FOOD BANK. THE SAFFORD LIONS WILL HAVE A TRUCK AT THE SPIRE TO LOAD YOUR FOOD AND DELIVER IT TO THE FOOD BANK. LET'S FILL THE TRUCK AND SHOW THAT THE LIONS OF ARIZONA CARE.

GUEST SPEAKER INTERNATIONAL

*****2nd VP Naresh Aggarwal*****

BRING YOUR NEW LIONS AND HAVE THEM INDUCTED BY OUR LCI 2ND VP Naresh Aggarwal



YOU'RE NAME: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

DISTRICT _____

E-MAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

LUNCH COST (No later than December 30, 2015) \$25.00 _____

*****SORRY, NO LUNCH TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR*****

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MJLIM FOUNDATION
MAIL TO: PDG Les Daviet*P.O. Box 519* Laveen, AZ 85339-0519
Cell Phone: 602 525 2377 E-MAIL — lesdavietii@cs.com

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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 March Issue is February 28th, 2016

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

MD26 Lions 2015 Youth Exchange Program

William C. Chandler Lions Youth Camp is the name of Missouri Lions camp participating in Lions International "Youth Exchange Camp" program. The dates for our Youth Exchange program this year was June 29th – July 27th, 2015, and is for youths ages 17-21.



These youths started to arrive June 29th in St. Louis for their stay with first host families in the surrounding St. Louis area. Second host family stay started July 9th in other areas of Missouri. Week of July 19 - 26 youths enjoyed Camp Brim Shire in St. James.

For more information contact your district Opportunity for Youth Chairperson or PDG Lion Lisa Clinton lisa.wccinton@embarqmail.com or Lion Toni Mahoney tkmahoney54@gmail.com.

The application for this program can be found on the Missouri Lions State Website. missourilions.org



Commemorating a partnership of 70 years, Lions Day with the United Nations (LDUN) gives Lions the opportunity to discover how the UN and Lions together can continue to help those in need on a global scale.

At LDUN, held at UN Headquarters in New York City, approximately 500 Lions, UN diplomats and other key representatives discuss targeted humanitarian challenges in engaging panel discussions; celebrate the winners of the International Peace Poster and Essay contests and more.

Mark your calendar to attend the 2016 Lions Day with the United Nations on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

M1- DG Shellhammer
M2 - DG Joe Foster
M3 - DG John Deters
M4 - DG Tharran Gaines
M5 - DG Bruce Dugan
M6 - DG Craig Lehman
M7 - DG Alan Moore



MD-26 Convention Speakers 2016

District	Date	International Speaker	Convention Location
26-M1	Feb 26-28	Howard Hudson, California	West Plains
26-M2	Mar 18-20	Lewis Quinn, Alaska	St Louis
26-M3	April 1-3	Robert Libin, New York	St Clements/Bowling Green
26-M4	Mar 18-20	Melvin Bray, New Jersey	Chillicothe
26-M5	Mar 11-13	Jack Epperson, Nevada	Sedalia
26-M6	Feb 26-28	Bill Phillippi, Kansas	Springfield
26-M7	Mar 11-13	Richard Liebno, Maryland	Eldon
MD26	April 28-May 1		Springfield

Please note 26-M5 District Convention is only March 11-12, 2016

Hike for Cystic Fibrosis

My fellow Lions, I am happy to say that the Cystic Fibrosis Extreme Hike is now in the past and that I was able to complete the full 30.1 miles in 12 hours. Amazingly I am none the worse & tear other than a few blisters and tight muscles that have since healed.

I would like to thank the Lions clubs and individual Lions who supported me in this endeavor whether by monetary or moral support. Also; a special **Thank You** to Lion Sue Templeton of the Maplewood Lions for her embroidery work on the headbands for our two Teams. "Caleb and 30 Miles Hiking for a Cure"; he is a small Lion In stature but big in heart.



Lion Toni Mahoney MD26 Youth Exchange Chairperson

Missouri Lions All Star Football



“We Are Serving Today So Others May See Tomorrow”

The process for selecting players for the 2016 Missouri Lions All Star Football Game is underway. Letters have gone out to ALL of the high school coaches in the state of Missouri explaining the game along with resumes to fill out and send back to the Missouri Lions State Office with their suggestions of senior players they feel are All Stars. This letter does go to all coaches but if you know of players who are All Stars it is always a good idea to get in touch with the coach. A lot of coaches misplace this letter and/or forget to send their picks in for consideration to play on one of the best games in the state of Missouri.

Once players are nominated and coaches are selected, the Missouri Lions Athletic committee along with the coaches for the 2016 game will conduct a draft to determine who will play for the Blue and Gold Teams. It is likely that players who were teammates in high school will find themselves on opposing teams.

The selected players spend a week in Warrensburg practicing and becoming a new team. During the week the teams experience a program from Saving Sight to better understand their role in raising funds for those less fortunate than themselves. They also have an afternoon to spend with the veterans at the Missouri Veterans home in Warrensburg. This is one of the favorite afternoons for a lot of the players. The pictures below show some of the interaction between players and the veterans.



Of course, this all takes funding. This is where the Lions and Lions clubs play a very important role. The Missouri Lions Athletic Committee estimates that it takes \$750 per player to fund the project. Clubs are asked to help raise the funds by selling ads in the football program and /or donations from Lions and Lions Clubs. Even if your community does not have a player, we need your support to help raise funds for Saving Sight.

The game will be played in Warrensburg on Saturday, July 23, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. All proceeds from the All Star Football Game are donated to Saving Sight.

If you need further information, please contact your district athletic chairperson or myself and we will be glad to help in any way possible.

Remember, " we are serving today so others may see tomorrow".

PDG Ann Anderson
State Athletic Chairperson
Email: Anderson@centurytel.net
Phone: 816-583-2111

Missouri Lions Athletic Committee

District M1	PDG Casey Morris
District M2	DG Joe Foster
District M3	PDG Lisa Alexander
District M4	PDG Ann Anderson, PCC John Anderson
District M5	CC Gary Curtis
District M6	PDG Bob Dieckhoff
District M7	Lion Tim Wilbers, Lion Don Eggen

Applications for the Missouri Lions All State Band have just recently been sent out to the District Chairs. Now is the time to recruit students to participate in the 2016 Missouri Lions All State Band.





Missouri Lions Club Recognition Night

The Lions of District 26-M6 proposes a time of recognition for outstanding activities of Lions Clubs in Missouri. This activity, in the form of the Academy Award Show, will be scheduled during the hospitality time at the next state convention 2016. We will honor the clubs whose activities have been selected by presenting a small "Oscar like award" as we name the club and give a brief description of the activity.

**To enter your club into the recognition,
Please send us:**

Your description of your clubs activity
on a single sheet of paper,

Be sure to include:

- ~ Name of your club, ~ Mailing address,
- ~ Name of a contact person, ~ telephone number,
- ~ email address.

Deadline to enter: March 1, 2016

Send to: Springfield Host Lions Club
PO Box 3161GS Springfield, MO 65808

More information at:
www.molionsstateconvention2016.org



94th 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

The website has tons of information including:

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



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

☆☆☆ **WEBSITE** ☆☆☆
www.molionsstateconvention2016.org

☆☆☆ **FOLLOW US** ☆☆☆
on our facebook closed group page:
"Missouri Lions State Convention 2016"

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 or (417) 235-7337
- ★ State Convention Email Address:
2016molionsconvention@gmail.com
- ★ OR message us on our Facebook Page at:
"Missouri Lions State Convention 2016"

VIP



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.



Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service

President, Vice President, Board Members, and Trustees

During the Second Quarterly Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service meeting the President and Vice Presidents, Board Members and Trustees had a great brainstorming session. If each Lions Club could encourage their members to pledge a monthly donation of \$10 we would not have a waiting list of patients.

So here is the challenge: Club reward incentives are being developed for Lions Clubs who have a 25% level of members donating \$10/month or greater. Each donor Club will receive a level 1 incentive reward. Better yet, Lions Clubs with a 50% level of members' participation will receive a level 2 incentive reward. Best of all Lions Clubs with 100% members donating \$10/month or greater will receive a top level incentive, a personal visit from CEO Lions Brad and the great satisfaction of knowing what a difference your participation can make.

Just think of the difference in the quality of life you could make for a patient who is losing their eyesight or hearing. A small pledge from many of our Lions across the four state areas could make a huge difference in almost eliminating the waiting time for corrective surgical procedures.

The forms are on the page 12. Take the time to start your members donating to make a positive difference in the lives of families that we help. What better gift than the gift of sight or hearing?!

If you need additional information or forms please contact Mid-South at

930 Madison Ave Suite 101

Memphis, TN 38103

Phone 901-543-5466

888-546-6042

e-mail: info@midsouthlions.org

Website: www.midsouthlions.org

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Booster Club Application



As a Lion you are an owner of Mid-South. Your personal investment in the Champions Level of the Booster Club will help insure that the miracles of Mid-South will continue.

All donors will receive a Booster Club pin and other amenities

The pediatric clinic At Hamilton Eye Institute

Just complete the form and return it to the Mid-South office or visit our website www.midsouthlions.org

For your convenience, we have developed a new Champions Level that does not require any reminders or renewals. Plus it gives you the opportunity to donate monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually through a bank draft or credit/debit card.

Your secure donation can be processed through this form or through our website at www.midsouthlions.org. All contributions are tax deductible.

DEBIT AUTHORIZATION (CHAMPIONS LEVEL FORM)

I authorize Mid-South Lions to initiate debit entries to my account indicated below and the financial institution named below, to debit the same to such account for \$ _____

MONTHLY QUARTERLY
 SEMI-ANNUALLY
 ANNUALLY

I acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions must comply with all provisions of U. S. law.

YOUR BANK _____
ROUTING# _____
ACCOUNT# _____

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until Mid-South Lions has received written notification from me of its termination in such time and manner as to afford Mid-South Lions and the Financial Institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

PRINT NAME _____
SIGNATURE _____

IF USING BANK DRAFT, PLEASE ATTACH A VOIDED CHECK TO THIS CREDIT CARD USERS PLEASE COMPLETE FORM →

To join, choose your annual level of participation and complete the form below, or join through our website at www.midsouthlions.org

Enclose your check or VISA, MasterCard or Discover number and/or Champions Level info and return to Mid-South Lions
930 Madison Ave Suite 101
Memphis TN 38103

CHAMPION LEVEL
 RENEWAL
 FIRST TIME BOOSTER

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY ST ZIP _____

AMOUNT OF ONE-TIME DONATION
 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250
 \$500 \$1,000
 OTHER _____

LIONS CLUB _____
(if applicable)
CRED CARD# _____

EXP DATE _____
SIGNATURE _____



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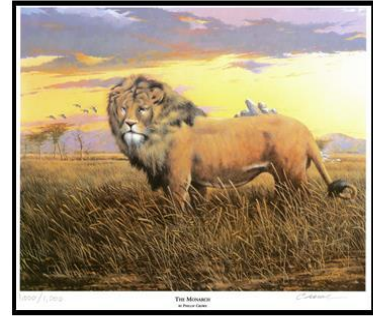
Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service is a joint project sponsored by Lions in Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee.



“The Crusader & The Monarch”

The actual prints are professionally produced on museum quality paper and expertly framed.

“The Crusader” by Holly Tilley and “The Monarch” by Phillip Crowe
 Commissioned by Mid-South Lions,
 signed & numbered limited edition
 Actual size is 11” x 14”
 (Image size is 7” x 10.5”)



Order Yours Today (Allow 4 weeks for delivery)

	<u>Quantity</u>
Special Price for each artist signed & numbered print	\$ 75 _____
With commemorative Mid-South medallion	\$ 100 _____
Framed and single matted Print	\$ 175 _____
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GET BOTH PRINTS FRAMED WITH MEDALLIONS ONLY	\$375 _____
PLUS Packaging and Shipping (safety packed, FedEx Ground)	
PLEASE ADD \$30 _____	

Cash, Personal checks and Credit Card payments accepted.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ Requested Print number (if available) _____

Credit Card: VISA MasterCard Discover EXP Date _____

Card number: _____ CVS # _____

Signature: _____

Send your check or credit card number with this application to:
 Mid-South Lions; 930 Madison Ave. Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38103
 For more information call: 888-546-6042 Also available online at : www.midsouthlions.org

GREAT GIFTS FOR THE LION IN YOUR LIFE!



YOU ASKED FOR THEM, NOW THEY ARE HERE!



Mid-South Lions cards available. What a great gift for anyone! One card features our new “The Crusader” and the other features “The Monarch”. You can get these personalized on the inside or back cover for anyone on your holiday gift list. Great stocking stuffers! They are professionally printed, with envelopes and boxed for easy wrapping. There are 10 cards in each box and are economically priced at only \$10 per box. **CALL THE MID-SOUTH OFFICE FOR YOURS...OPERATORS ARE STANDING BY! 888-546-6042 EXT. 13. WE NEED YOUR ORDER BY DECEMBER 15 FOR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!**

Lion Leaders “You are Invited” to the 2016 Lions Leader Weekend

Lions please read the letter below from **Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service President PCC Matt Webber** inviting Lions to the **2016 Annual Lions Leader Weekend** in Memphis, TN. Lions will tour the Mid-South facility located at the Hamilton Eye Institute, University of Tennessee in Memphis, TN.



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 10, 2016
 FRIDAY 4/15 ONLY
PLEASE ENCLOSE \$105 CHECK OR CARD #
CARD # _____
EXP DATE _____

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 4/15-16
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 15-16, 2016 IN MEMPHIS!

Please look over the enclosed 2016 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,

PCC Matt Webber, Mid-South Lions President 2015-2016

Find information for **Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend** by visiting www.midsouthlions.org.
Additional Information can be obtained by contacting: Mid-South Lions; 930 Madison Ave. Suite 101, Memphis, TN 38103. Phone: 888-546-6042

Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Services

2016 Lions Leader Weekend April 15 and 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!

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

LION LEADERS WEEKEND
APRIL 15-16, 2016
5 PM Friday till 3 PM Saturday
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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



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

ENCOURAGE YOUR CLUB TO SEND
SOMEONE PLEASE!

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



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

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

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

Mid-South Lions
Leaders Weekend
April 15-16, 2016
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 2016 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. Let our Past Presidents, Trustees, Officers and Staff show you how to bring light, sound and hope to those in need from your area.



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



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 11 to receive a full refund.



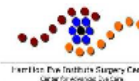
Consider the Benefits

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
- * Info on Hearing
- * 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 Hamilton Eye Institute Surgery Center for helping Mid-South provide MIRACLES!

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

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



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



2015-2016 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
December 5, 2015	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
January 30, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Ramada Oasis, Springfield, MO
April 9, 2016	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
April 15-16, 2016	Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend	Memphis, TN
April 28-May 1, 2016	State Convention	Ramada Oasis, Springfield, MO
June 25, 2016	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Saving Sight, Columbia, MO
July 22, 2016	All-Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
July 23, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
October 29, 2016	Council of Governor's Meeting	Country Club Hotel, Lake Ozark, MO
To Be Announced*	USA/Canada Forum	Omaha, Nebraska
May 4-7, 2017	State Convention	Tan-Tar-A, Osage Beach, 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
2020	International Convention	Singapore

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

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From District 26-M1

Dixon Lions Club

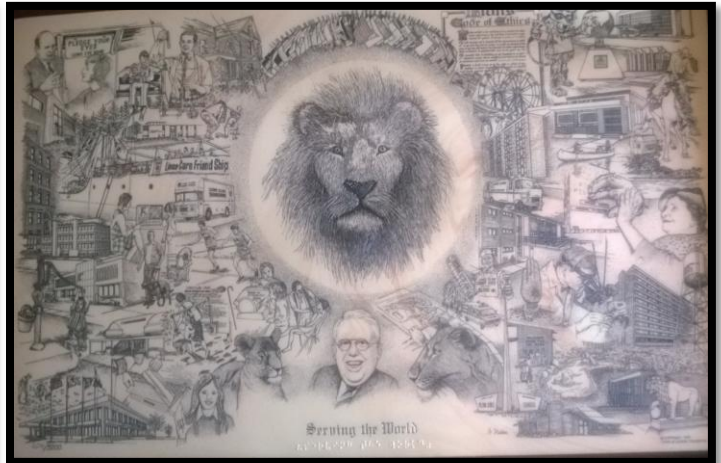


Environmental Community Project



Cow Pie Festival

Houston Lion's Club 75th Anniversary



Robert and Alma Thomas with etching ↑



SIKESTON LIONS ANNUAL CHILI & SUPER DOG DAY ↑



Lions in District 26-M1
Remember our Veterans.

Fort Leonard Wood Christmas Gift
Drive provided gifts for more than
800 children.



Fort Leonard Wood Lions



Celebrating 50 Years!

We invite everyone to join us on January 30, 2016.

Contact Lion Wendy Williams at Wendetta@centurytel.net

The only Lions Club headquartered on a military base in the world!

CONGRATULATIONS!

From District 26-M2

House Springs Lions Club Annual Christmas Parade

House Springs Lions Christmas Parade
December 12, 2015

Line up on church lot at 5 pm.
 Parade starts at 7 pm.
 For more information contact
 Kim at 314-422-8788
 kimmpat@sbcglobal.net



**The theme is
 "A Neighborhood Christmas."**

Important

Please register your float or group at the
 Lions Hall on
November 22 from 10 am to 3 pm
 or
December 3 from 6 to 9 pm

10/29/2015 09:23
**Bring canned goods. We donate them to
 3 pantries in our area.**




Registration is \$15 per group.

Webster Groves Lions Club

The Webster Groves LIONS
 Invite you to have

Pancakes with Santa!

Saturday morning, December 12th
 9:30 to 12:30
 Hearsh Room at the Hauken House
 1255 South Rock Hill Rd.
 * Limited parking *

Enjoy Buttermilk Pancakes and Sausage
 Milk and Hot Cocoa

Bring your camera for a picture with Santa!
 Fun with stickers!
 Decorate cookies!

Adults and Kids over 13 - \$6
 Kids - 3 thru 13 - \$4
 Under 3 - FREE !!!

St. Louis University Lions Club Installation of 30 new Lion Club members

With all you saved on
 Black Friday...
 We are sure you can
 afford a Lions Club
 membership!!





Chesterfield Lions Club

Save Christmas tree Lot
No trees left for 2015

Lot will return in 2016

From District 26-M3



Above: Pictures of District Governor John Deters as he travels to Lions Clubs throughout his District, providing guidance for those Lions Clubs and recognition for Service by outstanding Lions.

From District 26-M4

TIS' THE SEASON...

To Support The LIONS Virtual Food Drive Challenge!

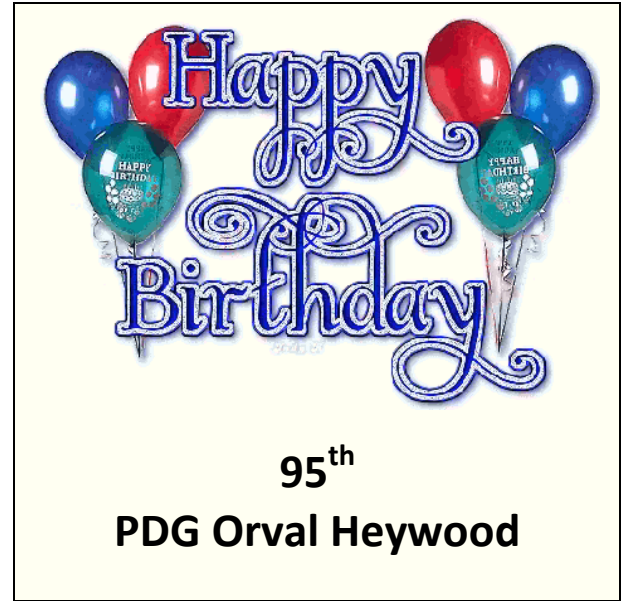
The Lions in our District are combining efforts with Harvesters Community Food Network in a *Virtual Food Drive Challenge* to help end hunger in our areas. Please make a donation today! The challenge starts December 1 and ends on January 16, 2016. Remember that every \$1 donated to Harvesters provides 3 meals, so please give generously and help us win the "Lions Virtual Food Drive Challenge"!

To make a donation please visit Harvesters, <http://MoLionsChallenge.Harvestersvfd.org/>

You can make a difference by joining us in the fight against HUNGER, "Click It - To - End It"!



Maryville Host Lions Club



PDG Orval Heywood celebrates his 95th Birthday on October 15, 2015.

From District 26-M6

Marshfield Lions Club "Auction Fundraiser"



Lebanon Evening Lions Clubs

Leader Dog Pictures from Lion Simon Westerfield



Lebanon Host Lions Club

WANTED

Your Unwanted Neckties



*With Lion Animal Patterns
And
With Lions Logo*

(Solid silver, gold, blue, and purple are welcome, too)
(Have plenty of regular print ties)

Lion Elaine Crump plans to make a Lions Necktie Quilt to be used as a fundraiser for a Lions project for 2017.
Need by Dec 31, 2015

Send to: Seymour Lions Club, attn. Lion Elaine Crump,
P.O. Box 235, Seymour, Mo 65746



Lebanon Host Lions Club
3rd Annual "Bags" Tournament
December 12, 2015 | 2:00 p.m. | Cowan Civic Center - Lebanon, MO.

Double Elimination Bracket Play
Doubles: \$25 / Person - Singles: \$20 / Person
Juniors: \$20 / Person
Corporate - Competitive - Recreational - Junior Divisions
*Divisions of play will depend on registrations

LEBANON
MISSOURI



Details: Marsha Kimrey - 417.533.3837 or Deryl Wilson - 417.532.4642
Registration Deadline Dec. 12 - 1:00 p.m. - Doubles Teams Consist of Two Players

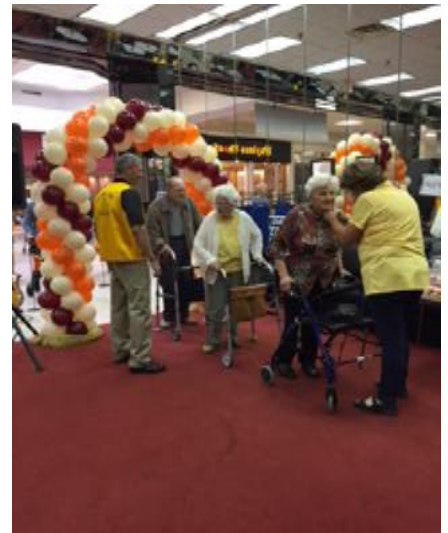
From District 26-M7



2nd VDG Lou Ann Hathcock ↑
Teaches her grand daughter
“Community Service” as they ring the bell for Salvation Army



Jefferson City Evening Lions host a “Senior Prom”



Jefferson City Breakfast Lions Host “A Night at the Mouse Races”



The mice ran wild as the JC Breakfast Lions hosted their annual mouse race. The evening was fun for all ages. The children were able to check out the racers before the event got underway. The club provided hot dog, chips, cookies, pretzels and peanuts in addition to beverages of all kinds. The unpredictable mice made their way over obstacles set up in their lanes and the crowd cheered on their favorites.

We change lives by saving sight.®



Gentry's Story

Glaucoma is an eye disease most commonly associated with the elderly. High intraocular pressure, often occurring with advanced age, causes damage to the optic nerve and slowly limits peripheral vision.

Gentry came into the world completely blind. Born with congenital glaucoma, Peter's anomaly (causing a cloudy cornea), and a protruding left cornea, Gentry had her first eye surgery when she was just two days old and received her first cornea transplant at one month to reconstruct her left eye and correct corneal cloudiness. Today at the age of four, she's overcome more than 20 separate surgeries and five cornea transplants, including a prosthesis.

In spite of every obstacle she's faced, Gentry is a happy pre-kindergartner, enjoying friends and her first year of school. That Gentry dances, plays, reads, and draws just like other kids her age, is an achievement of modern medicine and her parents' enduring support. As Gentry's mother Becky put it, "It's amazing where we started at compared to what Gentry's able to do now."

Gentry's snowman artwork (above right) is featured on Saving Sight's holiday card this year.



Though she had never encountered donation or transplantation before her daughter's birth, Becky knows how important the the gift of sight is to people of all ages and has written to the loved ones who donated the gift of sight to Gentry in order to express her gratitude. "She has the chance to see like everyone else," she said.

Recently, her own family was directly impacted through the tragic death of a cousin, and because of Gentry's experience, eye, organ, and tissue donation were important to the family's legacy.

To see a video on how Gentry's life has changed, scan the qr code at the right with your smartphone.



saving-sight.org/gentry-holiday-2016

Thank You for Your Support!

On behalf of the people 'We Serve', including Gentry in the story above, thank you to the following clubs for their donations made to date during the 2015-2016 fiscal year (July 1 to October 31). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri. Gifts marked with a (+) indicate a special gift to the Lions Volunteer Center.

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more

Concord Village Lions - \$10,000
PDG Association of 26-M5 - \$5,000
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$3,000 (+)
Jonesburg Lions - \$2,000
Paris Lions - \$2,000
Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000
Wardsville Lions - \$2,000

Lions Patrons

Clubs donating between \$1,000 and \$1,999

Missouri Lions MD 26, Missouri All-Star Football Game - \$1,500
Adrian Lions - \$1,000
Creve Couer Lions - \$1,000
Farmington Lions - \$1,000
Hamilton Lions - \$1,000
Harvester Lions - \$1,000 (+)
Jefferson City Evening Lions - \$1,000 (+)

Lions Benefactors

Clubs donating up to \$999

Alma Lions
Auxvasse Lions
Brazito-Honey Creek Lions
Brookfield Lions
Camdenton Lions
Columbia Host Lions
Cosby Lions
El Dorado Lions
Galnesville Lions
Gallatin Lions
Gilman City Lions
Gower Lions
Granby Lions
Higginsville Lions
High Hill Lions

Jefferson City Breakfast Lions
Jefferson City Capital Lions
Jonesburg Lionesses
Kansas City Red Bridge Lions
Lamar Lions
LBOMB
Malden Lions
Mayview Lions
Mexico Host Lions
Missouri Lions 26-M2
New Florence Lions
Salisbury Lions
Stover Lions
Valley Lions
Weston Lions
Missouri Lions 26-M6



Recent Haywood Snipes Society Inductees

PDG Gary Clarkson - M3 Sight Gifts (+)

Tammy Blackford & Denny Formann - Concord Village Lions



Cornea Donation Report 2015-2016 Fiscal Year-to-Date October 31, 2015

	Corneas for Transplant	Long-term Preserved Cornea Grafts	Sclera Grafts	TOTAL
Illinois	15	0	0	15
Kansas	153	1	3	157
Missouri	227	0	9	236
Other USA	199	14	7	220
Total USA	594	15	19	628
International	412	0	7	419
Total Surgical Tissues Distributed	1006	15	14	1047

Cornea Transplant Data Trends from Previous Fiscal Years*

	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15
Illinois	145	141	118	90	87	89
Kansas	275	339	339	369	358	291
Missouri	729	737	760	706	679	635
Other USA	836	735	532	692	662	735
Total USA	1985	1952	1749	1857	1786	1750
International	884	953	626	721	985	1042
Total	2869	2905	2375	2578	2771	2792

*Entire year data reflected

Vital Tears Autologous Serum Eye Drop Patients

	Illinois	Kansas	Missouri	Other USA	Total USA
Vital Tears Patients	2	3	74	3	82

Vision Screening Program Report October 2015



KidSight

	Current Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/15 - 10/31/15		Previous Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/14 - 10/31/14	
	Screened	Referred	Screened	Referred
District M-1	4,839	320	2,800	207
District M-2	7,123	320	5,538	315
District M-3	4,236	263	3,476	229
District M-4	2,667	99	2,802	126
District M-5	2,451	112	2,292	165
District M-6	5,878	513	4,916	465
District M-7	1,783	100	1,585	82
Kansas	0	0	21	1
Total	28,977	1,727	23,409	1,590

Healthy Vision Screening

	Current Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/15 - 10/31/15	Previous Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/14 - 10/31/14
	Screened	Screened
District M-1	74	0
District M-2	49	254
District M-3	43	211
District M-4	13	0
District M-5	106	176
District M-6	200	25
District M-7	0	54
Total	485	720

Screened: number of children or adults screened for vision problems by Saving Sight technicians and volunteers.

Referred: number of children or adults identified through the screening process to be high risk for vision problems. These people were then directed to see an eye doctor for professional examination and treatment.

Detailed screening listings and information available at www.saving-sight.org/calendar.