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Loving Individuals Offering Needed Services

Lions Club International Chicago Centennial Celebration

Lions all across the world prepare to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Lions Club Internal Organization in Chicago, Illinois; the place where it all began. Lions can still make arrangements to attend but fees will be increased since the deadline has passed.



Lions attending the Chicago Centennial Celebration have many activities to choose from during the convention week. Special events include the following activities:

- Three Plenary Sessions
- International Parade of Nations
- Motivational Speakers
- International Show
- Installation of the 2017-2018 LCI President



Chicago is a perfect setting for you and your fellow Lions, Lionesses and Leos to come together in "The City Where It All Began." Located on the banks of Lake Michigan, the Windy City is one of the top convention destinations in the United States. Its unique history, Midwestern hospitality, gourmet restaurants, colossal skyscrapers, and world-class shopping are just a few of the reasons why Chicago has something for everyone.

The Chicago convention also offers a unique opportunity for you to visit LCI's International Headquarters in Oak Brook, just 30 minutes west of the city, where you will be able to take a self-guided tour of headquarters, get your picture taken, and meet our many staff members who will be there to welcome you.

Lions Club International Service Projects

New for LCI Chicago Convention! Lions and Leos are invited to serve in the same community as Melvin Jones did 100 years ago. Hands-on opportunities, such as urban farm gardening, beach and river clean-ups, hygiene kit assembly, and food bank packing sessions will be available throughout convention. **Pre-registration along with a US\$25 non-refundable payment is required and space is limited.**

International Parade of Nations

Our spectacular Parade of Nations is on Saturday, July 1, 2017. An estimated 10,000 Lions from over 120 countries, many in native dress will march through the streets of Chicago.

International Show

All registered convention attendees are invited to attend the International Show on Saturday, July 1.

Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon (SOLD OUT)

Ticket Information

This event is sold out and tickets are not available for purchase. Please visit the Registration Booth onsite at the McCormick Place Convention Center in Chicago to see if any tickets are available due to late cancellations.

Past International President/Past International Director/District Governor / Past District Governor Banquet

This annual banquet will be held on Monday, July 3 from **8 - 10 PM** at the Hilton Chicago Hotel.

- All current and past District Governors are invited to attend. All Past International Presidents and Past International Directors are invited to attend.

Registration Fee:

- April 1, 2017 through onsite registration, the fee is US\$200.




Use the following website information to register for the 100th International Lions Convention
<http://lclcon.lionsclubs.org/EN/attendees/index.php>


LCI Official Hotels in Chicago




- Guests at LCI's delegation hotels will have free shuttle transportation to all official convention events. Booking your hotel through LCI helps us keep convention fees low.
- Lions will be assigned to their delegation hotels on a first-come, first-served basis through January 13, 2017
- After January 13, Lions can choose their delegation hotel or a hotel based on rate or location (*subject to availability*).
- In addition to at least one adult registration fee, a hotel deposit in the amount of US\$200 per room is required to make a reservation. The deposit is not the daily rate but will guarantee the reservation. The deposit will be credited to your guest folio at check out.
- The deadline for group refunds of hotel deposits is May 1, 2017.
- The deadline for individual refunds of hotel deposits is May 1, 2017. Failure to cancel by this deadline will result in the forfeiture of your hotel deposit.





**COME, CELEBRATE
CHICAGO - 2017**



MARCH 2017



- A celebration of 100 years of service
- Welcome Home to Chicago
- June 30-July 4, 2017
- Parade July 1, 2017
- Marching on State Street
- Your Kind of Town!

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See you in Chicagoo

" Volunteerism is the answering of a calling, an inner drive to be part of something great to bring something good to the world through some gesture, great or small."

Centennial Celebration

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BE A PART OF
100 YEARS OF
Celebration
as 2017 marks the
Centennial year of
Lions Clubs International



President's Message

Dear Lions and Leos,

We're on our way to serving 200 million people per year by 2021—and we'll reach that incredible goal by adding great new ways to serve! We're introducing a **new global service framework** that builds on our first century of service and our history of serving sight.

Our new service framework focuses our efforts on five service areas: **vision, hunger, the environment, pediatric cancer and diabetes**. It gives Lions and Leos new ways to meet emerging humanitarian needs in their communities and around the world. As always, your club will decide how to best meet your community needs.



Want to learn more? Watch our inspiring [service framework video](#) and visit the [service framework webpage](#) today!



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



Earn Awards for Welcoming New Members!

Dear Club President,

Did you know that the average Lion serves 70 people each year? That's why inviting new members is one of the most powerful ways to impact your community.

I noticed that as of January 31, your club has not inducted a new member this Lion year. Will you make it your goal to induct at least one centennial Lion before June 30, 2017?

Recruiting new members has never been more rewarding. Lions who sponsor a new member this year will earn a limited edition **Centennial Sponsor pin and certificate**. If your club inducts at least three members in one Lion year (and they remain active for two years), your club will be recognized as a **Premier Centennial Lions Club**.

[Learn More about the Centennial Membership Awards.](#)

For more resources to help you recruit new members, visit the [New Members Toolbox](#). Thank you for committing to expand the service impact of your club and of Lions Clubs International!



Very truly yours,
Chancellor Bob Corlew
Your International President



USA Leo Leadership Foundation

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Dear Lions, Leos, and Friends of Lions,

In our centennial year, we are investing into the future of Lions Clubs—our Leos. Our Leo Club Program started here in the United States almost sixty years ago and today continues to flourish with more than 1,600 clubs. These clubs have served almost 800,000 people with over 6,300 service activities, and they are not stopping anytime soon.

Our Lions family calls us to reach for the impossible as part of our centennial celebration. With this in mind, we have united to encourage and inspire our Leos to be the great change we need for Lions' continued success. Our vision is a USA Leo Leadership Forum that will convene annually every August, starting in 2017.

From all over the U.S. and its territories, our Leos share a common set of values. They serve with enthusiasm, constantly striving to make positive, sustainable change to our communities. They inspire their peers and share their talents with those in need. They make an impact on our Lions and reinvigorate our lifetime commitment to serve in this organization. These values give our Leos the power to make profound impact, and with us on their side there can be no limit.

Our forum will provide Leos with leadership training and seminars about the Leo Lion transition. Moreover, we will offer fun activities so Leos can inspire and learn from each other and later bring home their newfound knowledge and share it with their clubs. This forum aims to make a demonstrated commitment to our Leos that we believe they are the future of Lions.

As a supporter of the Leo Movement, we hope you may consider donating any amount, from \$50 to \$1,000, to the USA Leo Leadership Foundation. Your generous donation will help our foundation forward our mission of better supporting our Leos through our annual leadership forum. As a sign of our appreciation, all donors will be recognized as a Founding Member of the 1st USA Leo Leadership Forum on our social media, webpage, and during the forum.

Our Leos are already the hands and feet of Melvin Jones' vision, but with our help they can make the impossible, possible.

Yours in Lionism,

Pablo M. Romano

PABLO M. ROMANO
President

Annette Cooke

ANNETTE COOKE
Secretary

2017 Missouri Lions State Convention



Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Missouri



For the Missouri Lions State Convention, the link to the website: <http://molionsstateconvention.org> and the link to the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/815121281926056/> These links will be valid for all future state conventions, as they were created this as a generic site that can be reused by all future host committees.

2017 Missouri Lions Convention

The 2017 Missouri Lions State Convention Host Committee has been busy working to create an amazing Centennial Celebration and state convention.

To get the fun started, we will be setting sail on the Tropic Island yacht for a relaxing cruise on Lake of the Ozarks. The cruise departs from the dock just below Building A at 8:00 p.m. and will return at 9:30p.m. Thursday, May 4. Cost of the cruise is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are required and space is limited so please make your reservations by emailing 2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com. A cash bar will be available. Let's kick off our Centennial Celebration with some fellowship and fun!

Friday night will include the Hospitality event showcasing the incoming District Governors. Also included in the Friday night festivities will be the Silent Auction in support of LCIF - our foundation. If you have items to donate, please contact Judy Schaeperkoetter at judydmark@fidnet.com.

We have great plenary and breakout sessions planned. To view the full agenda, please visit the website: <http://molionsstateconvention.org/Schedule.html>

The Lions of Missouri Centennial Celebration wouldn't be complete without a service project. This year at the convention there will be TWO opportunities to fulfill the motto "We Serve". Friday, May 5th from 1 - 3pm and Saturday, May 6th from 2 - 3pm we will be recycling eye glasses for Saving Sight and Respectacle. Reach out to the Lions in your club, zone and District and bring all your donated eyeglasses.

A special thanks goes out to Diamond Pet Foods for being a major corporate sponsor of the Missouri Lions State Convention. We also thank Central Bank for their sponsorship of this event.



The 2017 State Convention Host Committee looks forward to the fellowship and fun that will be offered at this Centennial Celebration. To stay up-to-date on the activities of the state convention, please visit the website:

<http://molionsstateconvention.org> or the Missouri Lions State Convention Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/815121281926056/>



District 26 M7 Lions invite you to the
95th Annual
Missouri Lions State Convention
 at Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach, MO
 on May 4 - 7, 2017.

We look forward to celebrating
 100 years of Lions Clubs
 with you at Tan-Tar-A. Just mail in
 your registration to the right or
 register on-line at
www.molionsstateconvention.org.

Don't forget to make your reservation
 with the hotel at www.tan-tar-a.com
 or call 1-800-826-8272.

We will do the rest to make your
 weekend trip a celebration to remember.



2017 Missouri State Lions Club Convention Registration

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Lion Leo Guest Name (As wanted on badge) _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ - _____ Email _____

District _____ Club _____ Title (PDG, PCC, President, etc.) _____

Special Dietary Needs? ____ Yes ____ No Details: _____

Mail registration form & payment to:

Lion Janice Bonnot 4873 Woodhaven Drive
 Jefferson City MO 65109

Checks payable:

Missouri Lions 2017 State Convention
 (No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2017)

Questions contact:

PCC Jeff Hilke at (573) 690-8272 OR
2017missourilionsconvention@gmail.com

Hotel Information:

Everyone is responsible for securing their own
 lodging. See the back cover for more information.

Convention Fees Per Person:

Registration: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Luncheon: \$15 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$20 x _____ = \$ _____)

Banquet: \$30 x _____ = \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$35 x _____ = \$ _____)

Total: \$ _____
 (After 4/1/17: \$ _____)

Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute

*What do you want to be when
you grow up, young Lion?*



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. AND, grow up to be a Lion Leader...**

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

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

Need more information? Contact:

Lion Ed McCormick
e-mail: pidedmc@aol.com
or
Lion Craig Donecker
e-mail: craigd@littlegiantfittings.com



GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

When: July 21 – 23, 2017

Where: Northwest Missouri State University,
Maryville Missouri

Registration Fee: \$175 per attendee before May 1
\$200 per attendee beginning May 2
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.

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*
- *Leading Effective Meetings*
- *Managing Your Time*
- *Motivation*
- *Project Management*

BONUS!!!

Graduating the GPLLI program meets one requirement for
completion of the Master's Program of Lions University.
Check out www.lionsuniversity.org

We Serve



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GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

- 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 21-23, 2017. Registration is from 9:00 a.m. to noon, Friday, July 21. Adjournment and checkout is by 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 23, 2017. Lunch on Friday, July 21 is at 12:00 noon.
- WHERE** Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri
- COST** US\$175 per attendee if received by the Registrar on or before May1, 2017. Cost increases to US\$200 beginning May 2, 2017. Registration covers 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 David Stoufer.

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 Registrar PID Gary Fry at fygj35@msn.com or 515-967-4645.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE INSTITUTE

15TH ANNUAL GREAT PLAINS LIONS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE
Sponsored by the Lions of Multiple Districts 5, 9, 17, 26 and 38
Northwest Missouri State
Maryville, Missouri
July 21-23, 2017

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\$175 if received by the Registrar by May1, 2017, and must accompany the registration form. Beginning May 2, 2017, the base fee increases to US\$200. Make checks payable in US funds to GPLLI and, along with the registration form, mail to Registrar PID Gary Fry, PO Box 606, Mitchellville, IA 50169. 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 Northwest Missouri State. 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 21st and check out must be completed by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 23rd. 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 Gary Fry, Registrar, PO Box 606 Mitchellville, IA 50169 or 515-967-4645 or fryg35@msn.com.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

We are asking for the following information in case of an emergency arising during the 2016 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: _____



Leadership Trends

INFORMATION AND TIPS FROM LCI TO LIONS
Regional Lions Leadership Institute



[2017-2018 Regional Lions Leadership Institute](#) application packets are now available. Multiple districts and Single Districts are invited to apply for funding in an amount up to US\$10,000 for first and second time applicants and then up to US\$7,500 for those that held 3 or more institutes to support local leadership training efforts.

To receive detailed information, including a funding request application, please e-mail us gl@lionsclubs.org To qualify for consideration, all 2017-2018 Regional Lions Leadership Institute Funding Request Applications must be received by the Leadership Division no later than **April 30, 2017**.

Lions Clubs Centennial Commemorative Coin on Sale Now!

In celebration of a century of humanitarian service, Lions Clubs worked with the United States Mint to produce a limited edition 1 ounce professionally crafted silver dollar coin. This coin is a limited edition. Only 400,000 will be created. Once sold out, no more coins will be made. Each coin is packaged in its own beautiful presentation case and includes a certificate of authenticity. Purchasing this historic Lions Centennial keepsake supports the life-changing work of LCIF. For each coin sold, USD\$10 is authorized to be paid to LCIF. This represents a USD\$4 million opportunity to improve the lives of people in need through LCIF initiatives around the world.



Fun Facts

A lot of behind-the-scenes work went into creating and releasing our limited-edition Centennial Commemorative Silver Dollar Coin this year. Here are 5 fun facts about the coin!

1. The process of creating the coin from concept to finished product took nearly 6 years!
2. Sandy Spring Lions Club (Maryland, USA) proposed the idea.
3. The "Lions Clubs International Century of Service Commemorative Coin Act" was signed by former President Barack Obama on October 5, 2012.
4. The coin's design pays homage to LCI founder Melvin Jones and the association's international family of Lions.
5. Coin sales offer an opportunity to improve the lives of people around the world, with US\$10 authorized to be paid to LCIF for each coin sold – up to US\$4 million.

The Centennial Commemorative Coins may have taken 6 years to create, but they are only available for a limited time. Buy yours today and celebrate Lions' Centennial!

2016-2017 Missouri Lions Council of Governors



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Lions Logo Refresh

In nearly 100 years of use, the Lions logo has changed and evolved. But it has always stood for the same idea:
We Serve

1916: This first Lions logo reveals the organization's early ties to the Masons.



1918: Note the visual pun in this early logo: a Lion and a club.

1920: This rendering with monogrammed L and back-to-back lions is the basis for the logo today.



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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 June 2017 Issue is June 15th, 2017

Submission of an article or subject material before the printed submission date does not guarantee the topic will be published in any edition. All materials submitted for publication in the Missouri Lion should be free of any possible copyright infringement issues and should not contain any hidden negative symbolism. *the Missouri Lion Editor*

Messages at Busch Stadium: "Happy 100th Lions Clubs!"



The baseball season is underway, though the Cards are struggling.

At this point, I've started doing the messages at Busch. Research has not produced results regarding Kauffman Stadium for the Royals.

To increase the number of times "Happy 100th Lions Clubs!" will appear, you can go to https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0ahUKEwig1OPagazTAhUr7IMKHVLXDEQQFggjMAA&url=https%3A%2F%2Fmsecurea.mlbb.com%2Fstl%2Fbam-forms%2Fbirthday-messages&usg=AFQjCNFw4MexkYO23B-hPGMK3g_7J2FjIA&sig2=5GHiq5DHFJwARlqhRtVWNA and fill out the form.

After your first game (if not on the first round of the form) the "auto-fill" options should pop up. Unfortunately, the auto-fill doesn't work for your birth date. Notice where you enter your birthdate, you can uncheck the box about receiving notices from the site.

The number of characters is limited to 24. That is why I'm putting "Happy 100th Lions Clubs!", since it is 24 characters and is pretty easy to read. I can't figure any way to use the Centennial word, because you lose out on the rest of the message, like if you did "Happy Centennial Lions" it could be mistaken for some High School team somewhere.

When you're done and push "submit" it will do the "congratulations" page. To do the next game, you can push the back arrow and you'll be back to the search page with link and start again.

At this point, I've done for the home games through April.

Thanks for all you do and see you soon!

Lion Dave Baldwin (573) 579-7060

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MORE MIRACLES:



***JUNE 2-3, 2017
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING
"GIVE THE GIFTS XXV" DINNER & AUCTION
HAMILTON EYE INSTITUTE
HQ HOTEL COMFORT INN DOWNTOWN***

Lions Clubs are encouraged to donate items for the auction. Items can be given to 1st Vice President PDG Walter Hamer or to Mid-South Lions Sight and Hearing Service Missouri Trustee Lion Jennie Mosher. Funds raised from this auction provide the "Gift of Sight or Hearing" to many needy people throughout Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi or Tennessee.



Hamilton Eye Institute



Bring your SILVER and GOLD to celebrate 25 Years of Service... and FUN!



TERRI & LANCE WALKER

Our Award Winning Auctioneers

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Mid-South Lions

"Give the Gifts" XXV Dinner & Auction
Also benefitting "Mission to Guatemala"



**Saturday, June 3
6 PM at the
Hamilton Eye Institute**

ALSO Benefitting "Mission to Guatemala" Pediatric Ophthalmology Surgical Mission!

The Moore Pediatric Surgery Center provides charitable surgical care for impoverished children in a safe, professional environment with support from The Shalom Foundation and US Mission Teams.

Pediatric ophthalmologists from the Memphis area annually go to Guatemala for this purpose.

In partnership with Mid-South Lions, this event will "Give the Gift" of sight to hundreds of children who have no other access to eye care.

Choose to get your table today and invite your friends to help so many people who have no other choice but blindness.

Silver Anniversary Edition "Give the Gifts XXV" Dinner and Auction

will give you an opportunity to celebrate 25 years of an event to provide funds helping Mid-South Lions provide comprehensive sight and hearing care to mid-southerners who have no other alternative.

There will be great feasting and fellowship, all while helping the sight and hearing impaired PLUS there will be great competition for each Silent and Live auction item.

Join us for the celebration and festivities—you'll be giving the precious gifts of sight and hearing to those in need.

You can take home as many items as you like...as long as you're the top bidder.

Join us for the Silver Anniversary Celebration!

LET THE CELEBRATION BEGIN: SILENT AUCTION 6:00 PM

OUR 25TH SILENT AUCTION TABLES BEGIN CLOSING AT 7:00 PM

THE SILVER ANNIVERSARY FEAST DINNER & LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

NO ANNIVERSARY IS COMPLETE WITHOUT CAKE
DESSERT SERVED AT THE END OF THE LIVE AUCTION

HERE'S TO THE NEXT 25 YEARS
CHECK OUT BEGINS AT THE END OF THE LIVE AUCTION

For detailed information www.midsouthlions.org

Order Form

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Lions Club name (if number): _____

Quantity:
_____ Individual Ticket, \$100 each
_____ Table of 8, \$800
_____ Table of 8 plus full page program ad, \$900

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____
_____ Check (enclosed)
_____ Credit Card (write credit card number & Expiration Date below): _____

Exp Date _____

I can't attend, but I'd like to give the gift of sight or hearing by donating \$ _____

Mall Order forms to:
Mid-South Lions
830 Madison Avenue, Suite 101
Memphis, TN 38103

Mid-South Lions is a federally registered 501c3 not-for-profit

MID-SOUTH LIONS SIGHT AND HEARING SERVICE



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
AT THE MEMPHIS HILTON**

**OUR GUESTS OF HONOR WILL BE
2016-2017 LIONS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
BOB AND LION DIANNE CORLEW**



2017-2018 Missouri Lions Calendar

Date	Event	Location
May 4-7, 2017	Missouri Lions State Convention	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO
May 7, 2017	Council Administrative Budget Mtg.	Tan-Tar-A Resort Osage Beach, MO
June 2-3, 2017	Mid-South Lions Quarterly Meeting	Memphis, TN
June 3, 2017	Saving Sight Board Meeting	Columbia, Mo
June 3, 2017	Mid-South "Give the Gift of Sight Auction"	Memphis, TN
July 21, 2017	All Star Football Banquet	Warrensburg, MO
July 22, 2017	Council of Governor's Meeting	Warrensburg, MO
July 22, 2017	All Star Football Game	Warrensburg, MO
August 17-19, 2017	1 st VDG Leader Dog Visit	Rochester, Michigan
September 15, 2017	Mid-South Lions Golf Tournament	Olive Branch, MS
September 16, 2017	Mid-South Celebrates 75 Years of Service	Memphis, TN
September 29- October 1, 2017	Leader Dog All Missouri Lions Visit	Rochester, Michigan
October 28, 2017	Council of Governor's Meeting	Camden on the Lake Lake Ozark
November 17-18, 2017	Mid-South Quarterly Mtg.	Grand Plaza Hotel Branson, MO
January 27, 2018	Council of Governor's Mtg.	Doubletree Westport, St. Louis
March 2-3, 2018	Mid-South Quarterly Mtg.	Clarion on the Lake, Hot Sp[rings, AR
April 13-14, 2018	Mid-South Lions Leader Weekend	Memphis, TN
April 26-29, 2018	State Convention	Doubletree Westport, St. Louis
June 1-2, 2018	Tentative Mid-South Quarterly Mtg.	Memphis, TN
July 21-23, 2017	Great Plains Lions Leadership Institute	NWMO State University, Maryville
September 21-23, 2017	USA/Canada Forum	Portland, Oregon
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
June 26-30, 2020	International Convention	Singapore
June 25-29, 2021	International Convention	Montreal, Quebec Canada

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Update from Leader Dog

As a Puppy Raiser for LeaderDogs for the Blind, I constantly encounter people who don't understand the importance of their behavior around a 'dog in training'. They may be fully aware that they shouldn't interfere with a 'Working Dog', but this is 'only a puppy, what could it possibly hurt?'. From the time we receive the 7-week old puppy, they are learning the rules of the world they will be living and working in. Every single encounter is 'training' of some type, good or bad. What you may think is just an opportunity for you to coo over a cute little bundle of fur may, in fact, totally undo weeks of work by the raiser.

I feel absolutely privileged to be a 'Puppy Raiser'! Part of my responsibility as a puppy raiser is education of the public. I recently ran across this article online and am sharing it with you with full permission of the author. Holly Bonner is the mother of two and the creator of her own website "Blind Motherhood". I was struck by how applicable this article is, not only to the 'working' guide dog, but also to the 'puppy in training', no matter how young they are at the time. Enjoy; if you see yourself in these lines, I understand. I, too, find it difficult to ignore adorable puppies, that's how I got into this project!. Just remind yourself how incredibly important these dogs are to the individuals with whom they are partnered and show your respect for the working team! Always, always, always ask before contact with the dog, even verbally.

For more information about Holly Bonner and to visit her website, please visit

www.blindmotherhood.com. Thank you to Holly for allowing me to share her article with you:
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When you're working with a guide dog, you will encounter many different kinds of people. While most of these individuals have the purest of intentions, few of them realize how their actions can pose a serious safety hazard for both you and your canine partner. Here are eight potentially hazardous types of people I've frequently encountered as a guide dog owner.

1. The Kissing Bandits-You'll never actually see these people, and not because you're blind or visually impaired. These sneaky characters like to lurk amidst the shadows. The only indication of their presence comes in the form of the annoying kissing, smooching and other face-sucking sounds they make in a persistent effort to get your guide dog's attention. A "Kissing Bandit's" misguided display of affection is dangerously distracting for both you and your guide dog! Trust me, my dog does not want to kiss you. I don't want to kiss you! Neither she or I have any idea exactly where your mouth has been. Please go home and smooch your own pooch and let us get back to work.

2. Nostalgics-Prepare yourself for story hour! Seeing your beautiful guide dog will undoubtedly cause some lovers of your breed to take a stroll down memory lane. "Nostalgics" will stop you dead in your tracks enthusiastically wanting to share stories about their dearly departed "Buddy" or "Lassie" or "Spot." They will spare no small detail from the time they first laid eyes on their canine companions to every gut wrenching moment leading up to their passing. As someone who has

owned and lost many dogs prior to being matched with Frances, I feel for these people, really I do. But when you've got a toddler crossing their legs in desperate need of the potty, you'll need to gently cut these conversations off and keep it moving.

3. Ninjas-They may not be dressed in black, but "Ninjas" definitely know to sneak up on a blind person. You won't "see" them coming. Chances are you won't even hear them coming. They will ignore any "do not pet" markers on your guide dog. They won't care they are in harness. These people believe they are above asking permission when it comes to touching your dog. What "Ninjas" want most in the world is to lay their hands on those furry faces or kiss you working dog's wet nose. The best way to combat a ninja is by giving them a dose of their own medicine. Once bent over or on their knees talking to your dog, grab your harness and maneuver around this perpetrator. "Sorry, my dog is working, got to go!" Evaporate into the night and never look back.

4. The HR's-Do guide dogs get sick days? How about vacation time? "HR's" (short for Human Resources) are overly concerned with labor laws relating to your canine's work responsibilities. These people will inundate you with questions, sometimes deferring right to your dog for a response. (FYI, Frances won't answer.) "Are you getting enough rest?" "Is momma's route too stressful?" "Do you need a spa day at the groomers?" "HR's" are relentless and won't give up until you've convinced them your guide dog is well-fed, loved and respected as your partner. When I come in contact with an HR, I quickly whip out my cellphone. My screen saver happens to be a picture of Frances in a tiara; proving once and for all that my dog is absolutely treated like royalty when she's off duty.

5. Smartphone Zombies-Get off your cell phones, people! While guide dogs are trained to help the blind avoid obstacles on the street, nothing is more unpredictable than a bobbing and weaving "Smartphone Zombie." Zombies like to walk face down, noses pointed towards their smart phone screens. They rarely look up at the world around them, preferring texting and emojis to human contact.

One memorable smartphone zombie incident occurred on a cold, December night as my guide dog Frances and I were en-route to my local hospital for a doctor's appointment. As Franny lead me towards the front door of the building, she stopped midway, indicating something was in our path. I extended my hand to find she was alerting me to a wheelchair that had been left outside. That's when it hit me. Literally. A woman walking with her cell-phone crashed right into me. The phone falling into my coat, right down my cleavage. Yeah, how's that for awkward.

"You didn't see me coming?" she snarled.

"No, I didn't see you; I'm blind." In my head I was thinking.... Umm. Hello? Woman with a guide dog here.

There was no "I'm sorry," or "Are you OK?" All the young woman said was, "Well, give me back my cell phone." I removed my glove and fished out her phone from inside my jacket. She grabbed it from my hand as if nothing had happened, and went right back to texting. I looked down at Frances and shook my head.

Despite your dog's years of training, be prepared to walk into a couple of these hazardous individuals during your partnership. Don't worry about apologizing for the mishap. Zombies will usually ignore you and your dog entirely

and continue focusing on their digital world. Take a page from their book and blog, tweet or Facebook about their deplorable behavior later! (How do you like me now, hospital parking lot Smartphone Zombie lady?)

6. Interrogators-You're walking with your guide dog when your cell phone rings. You remove your phone from your coat pocket and take the call. That's when the interrogator appears. "Excuse me, did I just see you answer your phone?" Yes, yes you did. "But how can you do that if you're 'supposed' to be blind?" If you're feeling patient that day, feel free to subject yourself to a lengthy discussion with this "Interrogator" about variations in visual acuity and accessibility features on smart phones. Some will appreciate your candor and may even become more educated as a result of your efforts. But prepare yourself! Other "Interrogators" will continue to question the validity of your disability and why you need a guide dog in the first place. Excuse yourself from these conversations. Take the high road, stay classy and remember there are some folks out there who choose to make it their job to interrogate the world.

7. The Flea Circus-When groups of small children see me working with Frances, they usually begin to bounce up and down. Enter the "Flea Circus." Kids have two reactions to dogs. They either love them, anxiously trying to pet them, or they are completely petrified, running away in sheer terror. As a blind mom of two toddlers, I know kids can be difficult to manage. They will absolutely test your patience with their overabundance of tenacity and curiosity. However, it's up to a child's parents to teach them proper dog etiquette, and I'm not just talking about guide dogs.

No child should be permitted to run up and touch a dog they don't know. Every dog is different and not all of them can be trusted to tolerate children. As a guide dog handler, I know my dog has been trained to work around kids. That does not negate the fact that I don't want my dog touched when we are working together, especially when I am trying to manage my own two daughters in public.

8. Puppy Play-daters.-Let me set the scene. You're about to cross an extremely busy intersection. You and your dog are in sync, intently focused on the sounds and flow of traffic. All of sudden you hear yappy barking headed in your direction. Enter the "Puppy play-dater." "Oh, hey. Can you see me? This is my dog Precious, she just wants to say hi to your dog." "Precious" has now snapped to the end of her leash, dragging her overzealous owner behind.

"Can you please hold your dog back?" I ask.

Badly offended, the owner continues to babble, "No, no really, she's just playful."

"Puppy play-daters" fail to realize the immense importance of a guide dog's health and safety. The blind rely on our canine partners to get us where we need to be on a daily basis. If Frances gets hurt, my entire family suffers. Please control your "precious" dog and pretend my canine partner and I aren't even here. If we're in the mood to play, we'll head to the dog park!

Being a guide dog handler is a delicate balance requiring an immense amount of concentration by both handler and dog. Working with Frances has made me extremely mindful of her safety and my own. While I'm always open to educating others about Franny and my work together, there are times when people's interactions with us can potentially put my family in danger. Don't become that hazardous individual for a guide dog team. Respect the working relationship and remember your actions, however well-intentioned, could inadvertently cause us harm. And please, if you're walking, stay off the cell phones!

From District 26-M1

Patton Lions Club



PATTON LIONS CLUB @ THE PATTON SADDLE CLUB

Saturday Nights starting March 25th, rest a tune (free admission)
 April 6th & 22nd
 May 6th & 20th (RACING + A CURE)
 June 3rd & 17th
 July 1st, 15th (Benefit for the North Bollinger County FF Aux) & 29th (Meadow Height Booster Club Benefit Race)
 Aug 12th & 26th
 Sept 9th & 23rd
 Oct 7th & 21st (Nolan Weber Benefit Race)

Got a Lawn Mower to Race?
 If it passes track inspection, you can race it!

Gate Opens @ 4 PM
 Time Trials @ 4 PM
 Racing @ 6 PM

Gate Admission \$ 5 per vehicle. Proceeds to Patton Lions Club (racers fees separate)

Concession Stand by the Patton Lions Club

NO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION ALLOWED ON PREMISES



Camp Brimshire



Sikeston Annual Chili Dinner

Perryville Lions Club Hosted 26-M1 District Convention



Sikeston Lions Club



"Taking a Break "

Perryville Tornado Cleanup



79th Annual PANCAKE DAY



Wednesday March 22nd 2017
 40-424 - Diering 1000 N. W. 7300 E.
 A.C. Brown Annex Building
 Tickets - \$9.00 - Reservations - \$15.00



West Plains Lions Organize "Back the Blue"



Lions cleaning up after tornado



Cape Girardeau Noon Lions

79th Annual Pancake Day

"Back the Blue" was a 4 club joint venture, a festive banquet with ~ 150 attending plus 3 state representatives.

From District 26-M2

Get yer Irish up

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY & COMEDY SHOW

Presented by **South Side Lions Club**
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST GYMNASIUM
 4200 Delor St. (63116) 2 blocks east of Gravois Ave.
 Doors open at 7:15 PM – Show at 8:00 PM



Corned Beef Sliders and Irish Chatzkees Available
 Hats Pins Beads

\$25 per person
 prepaid reservations required - tables of 8
BEER and Snacks Included

SPECIAL AFTER SHOW PARTY WITH:
 IRISH MUSIC SING-A-LONG
 IRISH JOKE CONTEST AND OTHER SURPRISES

More fun than a barrel of green monkeys – it's the place to be!

Contact Lion Gus Heck for reservations:
 314.910.2452 or AHeckJr-PE@SBCGlobal.net



UNION LIONS CLUB INFORMATION NIGHT

Monday, May 8, 2017
6:00 P.M.
 Hagie's (back meeting room)

The Union Lions Club is welcoming new members.
 Join us for fellowship and a complimentary dinner.

You'll meet the current members of the club.

In addition, you'll hear about the following:

- Mission of Lions Clubs International
- History of Lions Clubs International
- History of the Union Lions Club
- Union Lions Club Current Programs
- Union Lions Club Current Activities

HOUSE SPRINGS LIONS RIDE FOR KID SIGHT

Poker Run



MOTORCYCLISTS FIGHTING BLINDNESS
 Care Welcome

SUNDAY 6/11/2017
 Registration 9:30am

Kickstands up at 10:27am
 6482 Hwy. MM House Springs, MO. 63051

Stops to be announced soon

\$ 25.00per Includes:

- Free T-Shirt (first 50 riders)
- 1 Poker Hand
- Dinner & Beer after ride
- Live Music after ride by Texas Folk and CO.

Paul 636.384.6656
 Cyndi 314.805.8157




Missouri School for the Blind

open house

Sunday, April 30 • 4-8 pm

everyone welcome!

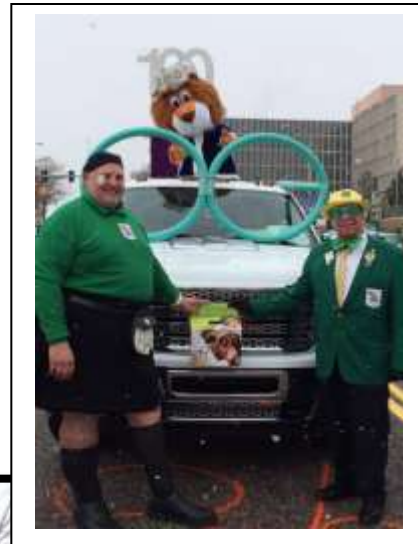
- Tours •
- Demonstrations •
- Musical Performance •
- Silent Auction •
- Dinner**



For more information, visit www.msb.dese.mo.gov

Reservations strongly recommended. For questions or to RSVP,
 e-mail Carlie.Lee@msb.dese.mo.gov, or call 314-633-1562

*Cash and checks only **Dinner: Children 10 and under \$5, Adults \$10



parade <https://www.facebook.com/MehlvilleLionsClub/videos/10155096088166465/>
 and <https://www.facebook.com/georgewinkeler/videos/1021064362486515/>

From District 26-M3

Harvester Lions Club



Moberly Lions Club



**Special
Olympics**



These "Special Olympics" are sponsored by Columbia 20/20 Lions Club, MU Campus Club, Hartsburg Lions Club, Columbia Community Lions Club, Columbia Host lions Club and Rock Bridge Lions Club



**MU Campus
Lions Club**
"We Serve"

"It is the vision of the MU Lions Club (chartered May 2014) to foster a sense of community between the Mizzou family and the citizens of Columbia and to instill in Mizzou students the importance of giving something back."

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From District 26-M4

Grant City Lions Club




Liberty Lions Club

**↑ St. Joseph East Side Lions Club
Is working on a local Braille Trail**

**WHERE THERE'S A NEED
THERE'S A LION**

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SINCE 1917



District 26-M4 Convention

Saturday, March 18, 2017
Comfort Inn & Suites
Chillicothe, MO

Larry Boeltcher District Governor	Ron Campbell 1st Vice Governor	Richard Warner 2nd Vice Governor
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LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

12TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 9, 2017

PARADISE POINT GOLF-SMITHVILLE

CHECK IN: 11:00 AM—SHOTGUN START: 12:30

PRIZES

1st & 2nd Place Teams

Closest to Pin

Longest Drive

Last Place

Team Entry: \$180.00—Individual Golfer: \$90.00 2 Person Scramble
Includes green fee, cart, range balls, lunch & beverage

To Enter, complete form below and send the form plus entry fee to: Liberty Lions, P O Box 936, Liberty, MO 64069

Single Golfers welcomed...will be teamed with another Single Golfer.

Player Name	Tel./E-Mail



LIBERTY LIONS CLUB

Ron Lacey—816-883-8670

Tom Bailey—816-792-3359

Fax: 816-781-1291

Email: relacey99@att.net or
tbailey33@att.net

From District 26-M5



LEETON LIONS CLUB
"BIG GREEN EGG"
RAFFLE

Be ready to celebrate the 4th of July in style!

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT:

Big Green Egg
The Ultimate Cooking Experience
OVER \$800 RETAIL VALUE

OR CONTACT A LIONS MEMBER

TICKETS: \$5 EACH
6 FOR \$20

DRAWING HELD JUNE 14 AT THE WEST CENTRAL MISSOURI ALL STAR BASEBALL GAME

THE LEETON LIONS CLUB IS A 501(C)(3) NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANIZATION
leetonlionsclub@embarqmail.com

Leeton, Missouri Lions



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THERE'S A LION

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SINCE 1917

LIONS INTERNATIONAL



HOLTS SUMMIT LIONS CLUB

Plant Sale

116 EAST HILLCREST
HOLTS SUMMIT, MO

April 29 & May 13

8:00 AM TO 12:00 PM



From District 26-M6



Painting in Springfield, MO




ANNOUNCING!
 The 8th Annual Ava Lions Club Walk/Run for Sight is to be held on Saturday, May 13 2017.

Event is to be held at the Cross Point Church ¼ mile west of Highway 5 on "Y" Highway.


Along with our Sight Programs, portions of the proceeds will go to benefit selected local charities.

Get your registration form right inside!
 Registration form also available at the Lions Club, located at 309 N. Jefferson Street on Monday nights from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

Ava Lions Club Walk/Run



Zumba for Sight
 Saturday, April 29, 2017
 Saving Sight
 \$10 Per person (\$5 for 12 & under)



At Seymour High School Gym
 625 E. Clinton Ave. Seymour, MO

- Doors open at 9:00 AM
- Vendor Shopping & Silent Auction starting 9:00 AM
- Zumba begins 10:00 AM - noon

Sponsored by: Seymour Lions Club
 Proceeds going to: Saving Sight

- Donate your used glasses & hearing aids
- Gift Bags
- Silent Auction
- Lions Clubs & program
- Vendors Booths
- 2 Hrs of Zumba
- Come With! Shop with Zumba

Seymour Lions Club



Republic Lions Club
 4th Annual Auto Show for Sight
 SATURDAY, MAY 20th
 JR Martin Park • 500 East Hines St. • Republic, MO



SILENT AUCTION & 50 DASH PLAQUES
 Presenting Sponsor: **O'Reilly AUTO PARTS**

Spectators FREE FREE Parking

CLASSES

1. 1959-62 Stock	12. Street Rod
2. 1965-62 Modified	13. Special Interest
3. 1963-72 Stock	14. Street Machine
4. 1983-72 Modified	15. Custom
5. 1973-80 Stock	16. Late Model
6. 1973-80 Modified	17. Survivor 1980 & Older
7. 1986-Now Stock	18. Trucks 1940-1972
8. 1986-Now Modified	19. Trucks 1973-Now
9. Rat Rod	20. All Mustangs
10. Art Car	21. All Categories
11. All 45-54	

JUDGED SHOW

Early Registration: Cost \$10
 Day of the Event: Cost \$10

Awards: 3 PM
 Vendor Booths Available

Bring a gently used pair of glasses and receive a FREE Drink!

For More Information Contact Allen (417) 384-3852 or Tim (417) 838-1823

All proceeds go to the Lions Eye Sight Program, which helps fund low vision children and seniors with a FREE eye exam and glasses if needed.

Republic Lions Club

LEBANON HOST LIONS
 PRESENT THE 2ND ANNUAL...
LUCKY DUCKY RACE

DATE: SATURDAY MAY 6, 2017
 TIME: 1:00 PM
 WHERE: BENNETT SPRINGS HATCHERY during "KIDS FISHING DAY"
 28142 MO 64-3 LEBANON, MO



\$1000 IN CASH PRIZES \$500 FROM HATCHERY

1 DUCK \$5.00
 QUACK PACK \$20 (5 DUCKS)

YOU CAN PURCHASE A DUCK AT:
 LEBANON PINE CENTER, 210 W COMMERCIAL STREET
 BARNES CHOCOLATE, 262 E 4th STREET
 QUESTION? CALL 417-532-9818

Lebanon Host Lions Club



Kimberling City Lions Club preparing for a "Chili Dinner"



Ava Lions Club Rebuilds

August 2016 the Ava Lions Club which was approaching nearly 80 years of service made a call to District Governor Lewis Carnes to ask for help to rebuild their club. Two Guiding Lions were assigned to help recruit new members from Ava/Douglas County to bring this Lions Club back so they could once again be very active within their community.

Rebuilding an existing Lions Club is different from going out in a community to start a new Lions Club. A Lions Club which has been around for many years often has certain issues which if allowed to continue over time can bring an active club to its demise.

The Ava Lions held an open house December 1st, 2016 to recruit new community members to their club. During the open house attendees learned about Leader Dog and new advances for blind people with a presentation by Lion Wendy Jackson from Vision Rehabilitation center of the Ozarks. The community also learned about the local Lions through multiple publications in the area newspaper and local radio broadcasts.

Today we are very happy to report the rebuilding team has recruited 7 new members to the Ava Lions Club. The picture below: PDG Peter Frantzen inducts 3 new Lions into the Ava Lions Club on April 3rd, 2017. Four new members were inducted by Lion Jennie Mosher at the April 17th meeting. The Ava Lions Club has gotten the attention of their local community and will continue to increase their membership.



Pictured from left to right:

President Richard Sturgeon, Lions Bob Sorensen, Garith R. Dedmon, PDG Peter Frantzen, Lion Ken Mendhall, and Honorary Member Barbara Mendenhall.

Pictured from left to right:

Lions Kay and John Weisbrod, Richard Salgaro, Bob Sorensen, Jennie Mosher, Joe Koloski and Ava Lions President Richard Sturgeon.



From District 26-M7



Hermann Lions Club Celebrates 86th Anniversary



Lake Ozark Lions Continue Tradition

For the sixty-fifth year, the Lake Ozark Lions Club was a major sponsor of the School of the Osage *Pun Ga Har Jo* or "Dance Stomp" (translated from the Osage Indian language). The Lions join with the school's Parent Teachers Association to provide a Spring Prom for the school's students from Freshmen to Seniors.



State Representative Lion Justin T. Alferman presents Lion Dorothy with her Centennial Membership pin.



**Auxvasse Lions Club
Dedicates Historical Pavilion** ↑

We change lives by saving sight.®



Active Four-Year-Old Corrects Anisometropia Thanks to a KidSight Vision Screening

Whether it's dashing across the field after a soccer ball or tapping out beats on the drums, four-year-old Hudson likes to be in the thick of the action. He also has a great imagination, enjoys art projects that involve coloring, cutting and taping things together and is already beginning to recognize words and letters in books. With his great eye-hand coordination and early ability to recognize letters, his parents Matt and Emily were surprised when a KidSight vision screening at his daycare identified Hudson may have a vision problem.

"I am a physician and this is something we still would never have caught without the screening because his one eye sees so well," said Emily. "We took [the screening results] very seriously and got [an eye exam] scheduled in the next month."

Their eye doctor determined Hudson has anisometropia, where the vision in one eye sees clearly and the other does not. "As a physician I know that the brain 'turns off' the image from the eye that doesn't see well," said Emily. "If this is not addressed by the time the child reaches early grade school, it becomes permanent."

Hudson was prescribed glasses to correct his vision and his eye doctor will determine if patching is necessary to further strengthen his eye after an 8-week trial period. "Hudson will have depth perception because he was identified through this program at an early age. While I believe Hudson still would have learned to read and write without intervention, he would have had more difficulty and the lack of depth perception would impact all areas of his life," said Emily.

Hudson is doing well adjusting to his glasses and loves the style he picked out. He does a good job



of remembering to put them on in the morning and is proud of the positive reinforcement he has gotten from friends and teachers at school.

"We feel so grateful to our daycare for participating in this program and for the Saving Sight program itself. Please know that the program is working!" said Emily. "Without the program, Hudson's vision problem would have gone undetected until it was too late. Thank you for this sight saving service."

Emily and Matt urge other parents to get their children's vision screened and to act if a possible vision problem is detected. "Not only is it important to go to the eye doctor to follow up, it is important to go NOW," said Emily. "Don't wait until summer vacation or when the big project at work is done. There is a limited window of time during which interventions can still work for some eye problems."



Thanks to the support of generous donors, Saving Sight's KidSight program provides free vision screenings for children. You can help prevent vision loss for children like Hudson by supporting our work at kid-sight.org/give.

We change lives by saving sight.®



Wayne Henderson Fund Helps Protects Children's Vision

It was in the 90s when Wayne Henderson, Past International Director of Lions Clubs International, learned about a new technology from a presentation at St. Louis Children's Hospital. The cameras he saw could detect risk factors for possible vision loss in children. Instantly recognizing the potential of this new technology, Wayne became the driving force behind a screening program across Missouri to identify children at high risk for possible vision loss. That program is the KidSight Vision Program.

To honor her now late husband, Wayne's wife Becky started screening children for the program in 1999, after retiring from a 31-year career with the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Becky has now screened over 60,000 children. "If we can help correct a child's vision before they ever get to school, we have done such a great service," Henderson said. "These young people are the future of our country, so they need all the help and support we can give them. To know that for some children wearing glasses their sight was saved because I took the time to do a screening, that's special."

After 18 years of service as a KidSight volunteer Becky has chosen to retire from her volunteer position in June of 2017. In an effort to honor Becky and Wayne, KidSight has created the Wayne Henderson Fund. Named after her husband Wayne (at Becky's insistence) the new fund is designed to continue the good work the Hendersons have done for the children of Missouri. No child should endure a lifetime of vision loss that could have been prevented with a simple screening. Even though KidSight screens 68,000 kids across Missouri each year, more than 300,000 Missouri children under the age of 5 go unscreened every year. It is our hope that with Lions continued and increased support and other funding sources, together we can ensure every child in Missouri is screened for common causes of childhood vision loss.

The fund represents a great way for Lions clubs and members to recognize Wayne, Becky and their outstanding example of Lionism.

Call or email the Director of Development, Tim Russell at 314-584-1713, trussell@kid-sight.org or visit kid-sight.org/henderson-fund to donate.

Your Contributions are Critical to the Work We Do!

On behalf of the people 'We Serve', thank you to the following clubs for their donations made to date during the 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017). These gifts help us provide sight-saving services in communities throughout Missouri.

Sight Saver Award

Clubs donating \$2,000 or more

Cape Girardeau Lions - \$2,000	Lions International of Missouri MD26 - \$8,525
Columbia 20/20 Lions - \$2,000	Owensville Lions - \$2,000
Concord Village Lions - \$10,000	PDG Association of 26-M5 - \$5,000
Jefferson City Host Lions - \$4,000	Webster Groves Lions - \$2,000

Lions Patrons

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

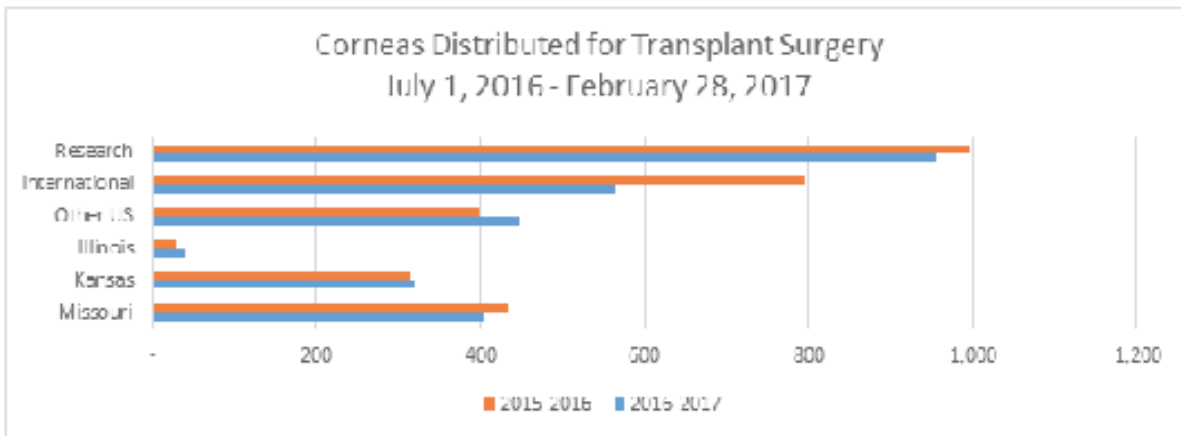
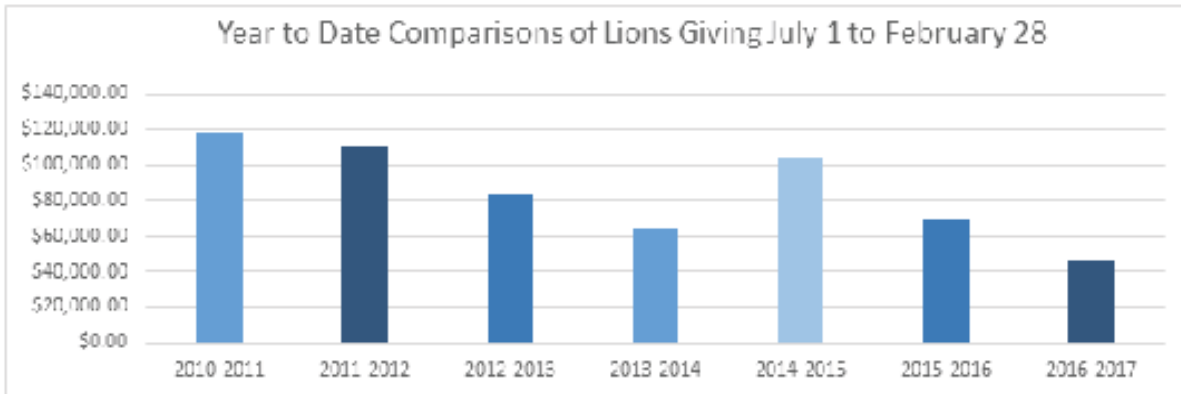
Boonville Lions - \$1,320	Lake Winnebago Lions - \$1,000
Bowling Green Lions - \$1,000	Lexington Lions - \$1,000
Chesterfield Lions - \$1,500	Linn Lions - \$1,000
Creve Coeur Lions - \$1,000	Paris Lions - \$1,000
Hamilton Lions - \$1,000	Platte City Lions - \$1,000
Hermann Lions - \$1,000	Sedalia State Fair Lions - \$1,000
Jefferson City Evening Lions - \$1,000	St. Joseph East Side Lions - \$1,000

Lions Benefactors

Clubs donating up to \$999

Alma Lions	Macon Lions
Auxvasse Lions	Malden Lions
Branson-Hollister Lions	Marshall Lions
Cape Girardeau Evening Lions	Maryville Pride Lions
Charleston Lions	Mayview Lions
Farmington Lions	Meramec Heights Lions
Fenton Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M2
Fort Leonard Wood Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M2
Graham Lions	Missouri Lions District 26-M4
Granby Lions	Moberly Lions
Green City Lions	Moscow Mills Lions
Harrisonville Lions	Neosho Lions
Hartsburg Lions	Nevada Lions
Higginsville-Lafayette Lions	Old Monroe Lions
Holts Summit Lions	Orrick Lions
Huntsville Lions	Patton Lions
Independence Host Lions	Pleasant Hill Lions
Independence Noland Road Lions	Raymore Lions
Jefferson City Breakfast Lions	Salisbury Lions
Kansas City Red Bridge Lions	Savannah Lions
Kansas City World Outreach Lions	Smithville Lions
Kennett Lions	St. James Lions
Keytesville Lions	St. Joseph South Side Lions
Knob Noster Lions	Tipton Lions
Lamar Lions	Weston Lions

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